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WILLIES MAKE RECOGNITION TERMS STRICT

Delegates Must Guarantee Compensation for Losses; New Leader in Conference.

May 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The work of completing the terms of the proposed peace treaty today, with the promise of a rapid headway than heretofore.

The last few days have brought evidence of a more harmonious cooperation between the British and French delegations, and confidence is felt that the divergence in the British and French views can be bridged.

Barthou wishes to see the treaty in final shape before he returns to Paris for the purpose of starting the new plans to start the peace conference tomorrow.

While nothing has been officially communicated to the Russians as to the progress of the work, they have been able to keep in touch with what already has been decided by the powers, through publication of the details of the treaty. The impression obtained from quiet unofficial conferences is that the divergence in the views of the British and French delegates and soviet leaders, has been largely smoothed out.

Agrees on One Point.

The British delegation's draft of the Russian agreement resembles the French draft in one notable respect—the recommendation that the courts of arbitration to settle the disputed questions on the subject should be appointed by the supreme court of the United States.

The British draft concerning the settlement of the soviet and soviet governments will agree on specific sums shall cover all financial liabilities of the soviet government. France has expressed willingness to make concessions in this respect should be recognized by the soviet government.

Lloyd George, said today that he was greatly pleased with the attitude M. Barthou was manifesting.

Insist on Compensation.

The British draft relating to the settlement of the soviet government requires the soviet government to recognize the general principle laid down in the Cannes resolutions with regard to property rights. In cases in which the soviet owner is unable to return possession of the rights as they were previously, he shall be given the option of resuming use of his properties in Russia on terms not less favorable than under previous rights or shall be compensated the amount to be fixed by an arbitral tribunal.

Compensation for demands to property shall be paid according to the principles of international law.

New Leader Rises.

A new figure stands out on the scene of the conference. He is the Italian Catholic party, and the Italian, despite the fact that he has no official standing in the conference.

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EVENTS OF TRACK MEET ARE NAMED

The events of the Marion county field and track meet, to be held at the new stadium on May 20, were announced today through the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Each high school and grade school of the county will participate and there will also be baseball games between the championship teams of the two divisions.

The events will include the following:

100-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash, one mile relay (four men in each team), one mile race, mile race, pole vault, shot put, discus, low hurdles, standing high jump, and standing high jump.

The grade baseball game will be played at 2 o'clock, and the high school game at 10:30. The track meet will begin at 1 o'clock on the afternoon.

"Best" Manerud Visits

Manerud, former football and baseball star of the University of Oregon, was a business visitor in Salem today. Manerud, who is now engaged in business in Eugene, returned to Salem this afternoon.

War In China Result Of Personal Issues; Government Rotten

The bloody battles being fought today near Peking, China, are conflicts of military officers high in command. They are little private parties of Chang Tso Lin and Wu Pei Fu, generals who seek to further their own interest, and the Chinese people are not interested, according to J. C. Clark, of Shanghai, an authority on Oriental problems, who addressed Salem business men at the Commercial club this noon.

"The men who make up the armies," Mr. Clark said, "are given their food except when they find it elsewhere. There is no monthly payroll. Chinese soldiers don't really receive money at intervals."

Soldiers Boast Off

The Chinese soldiers, so called, are, Mr. Clark explained, a man who probably would be starving to death if he weren't a soldier. He is not interested in the outcome of the battle in which he is a participant. Frequently, Mr. Clark said, soldiers are bought off by the enemy on the eve of an important engagement.

"Chinese consider their government a necessary evil," Mr. Clark said, "and it is certain that the government has done very little for the people. If the government would place today the result wouldn't affect 90 per cent of the people."

Pin Faith on America

He added, "China's trouble today lies in its rotten political leadership. The Chinese have waited for 20 centuries for a real leadership—and it has never appeared."

America stands far higher with the Chinese than does any other nation, Mr. Clark said. China, he said, entered the world war simply because the United States did. Good will toward the Yankee is manifested everywhere in China, Mr. Clark said.

Money values in China change daily. "You find it necessary to read the papers each morning to determine what you're worth," Mr. Clark said. He exhibited a score of Chinese coins representing various amounts of money. The exchange problem is one of the greatest faced by the Orientals today, he said.

In Japan, Mr. Clark said, Blossom days, similar to those observed in Salem, are held. On these occasions, he said, the Japanese journey about far into the country to see the trees in bloom. Cherry blossoms are almost worshipped by the Japanese, he said.

TIDE OF BATTLE ROLLS CLOSER TO WALLS OF PEKING

Peking, May 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The battle for the possession of Peking was still continuing today with the advantage apparently going to the forces of General Wan Pei Fu, driving toward the capital from the south. Martial law prevails in the city.

Advices from the center of the fighting, 12 miles southwest of the city, were that General Wu was forcing the soldiers of General Chang Tso-Lin from Chang Sin Tien, and the tide of battle was rolling eastward toward the southern walls of Peking. Heavy gunfire broke out to the east of Chang Sin Tien at 9 o'clock last night, continuing intermittently all night.

Artillery firing in the sector south of Peking became more intense toward midnight and a small part of General Chang Tso-Lin army retreated toward the southwest walls of Peking, General Wu Pei-Fu's forces appeared to be developing their flanking movement on Chang's right wing, while the latter's troops were defending the Marco Polo bridge across the Hun river commanding the approach to Peking.

Artillery Active

Observers reported that Chang had seven batteries of three guns each, firing simultaneously, with trenches over the hills along the river 600 yards apart. General Wu has gone from Pao Ting Fu, his headquarters to Lulihbo to take charge of the drive on Peking. His forces are using shrapnel and machine guns.

Lulihbo is on the Peking-Hankow railway about 35 miles south of Peking and 20 miles south of Chang Sin Tien, on which General Chang Tso-Lin's right wing rests.

Assassination Attempted

London, May 1.—(By Associated Press.)—An attempt to assassinate General Wu Pei Fu, leader of the central Chinese forces, was made last Saturday, says a Peking dispatch to the Evening News today which said the report had not been confirmed.

The general was slightly wounded and his assailant captured and executed, the dispatch said.

Senators Inspect Area

Memphis, Tenn., May 1.—Inspection by a congressional delegation of flood conditions along the Mississippi river began today with the arrival of ten members of the house and two members of the senate to board the Mississippi river commission steamer Mississippi for a tour of the flood districts from Memphis to the gulf.

The delegation includes Senators Ransdell, Louisiana, and McKinley, Illinois, and Representatives Harbure of Colorado and Garner of Texas.

COMPTON AND LEWIS GUESTS AT BANQUET

L. H. Compton, retiring warden of the state prison here, James Lewis, the new warden, E. C. Halley, who becomes the new deputy warden, and Roy Kendall, principal keeper, were guests of honor at a farewell and reception at the prison Sunday night. Percy Varney, state parole officer, presided as toastmaster over a program which included a bagpipe solo by George Graham of Portland, district attorney for Multnomah county, vocal solos by Miss Bertha Alwin of Portland and short addresses by Ira Martin of Portland and Don Upjohn of Salem, members of the state parole board. Compton, who will leave Tuesday for Seattle to assume the management of the Hamilton Narcotic Institute, was presented with a beautiful gold watch by the officials of the prison and the convicts as a token of the esteem in which he was held at the institution.

BUSINESS MEN URGED TO ATTEND CHERRINGO

Salem business men were urged to attend the Cherringo, to be held at the armory on May 4, 5 and 6, that the Salem hospital building fund may as a result grow larger, by Carl Abrams who gave a short talk at the Salem Commercial club luncheon this noon.

"Every cent realized will go into the hospital fund. The cause is a worth one and is well worth your support," Mr. Abrams said. The Cherringo, conducted under the direction of Cooke Patton, is to have many worth-while features and you will enjoy yourself. It is up to you business men to assist in making the show a success."

AIR MAIL PILOT IS SUICIDE

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 1.—The body of T. O. (Top) Paine, 30, pilot in the Salt Lake division of the airmail mail service, who died late yesterday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound will be shipped to Everett, Wash., his former home, for burial, according to an announcement today. Paine's mother and father reside in Everett.

The flyer shot himself Saturday night with a revolver as the outcome of a family quarrel, police investigation developed.

Good citizenship demands care with fire. Play fair—put your fires out.

DAMAGE FROM FLOOD GROWS EVERY MINUTE

Survey of Havoc Done by Rushing Water Shows Thousands Homeless and Danger Increasing.

New Orleans, La., May 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The lower Mississippi valley today surveyed the havoc of the most disastrous flood in history while continuing its brave battle against the constantly increasing volume of on-rushing waters.

Scattered throughout the territory between Memphis, Tenn., and the Mississippi delta, and reaching at some points far back into non-level ground on both sides of the river, thousands are homeless, foodless and suffering from exposure, and untold numbers are suffering economic devastation as their energies go entirely to the fight against the rising water level.

Refugees Without Food.

Fifteen hundred refugees encamped at Harrisonburg, La., are reported to be practically without food, owing to interruption of rail traffic. There the situation is made more acute by the steady arrival of homeless.

Levee engineers and thousands of workers are preparing against another rise, expected within a few days. Meanwhile the problem of sheltering and feeding refugees was increasing seriously.

Thousands of volunteers continued a search for marooned families. Many residents in the black river section are 75 miles from dry land, and the fact that they can be reached only with launches and small boats present a serious problem to the rescue workers. It is estimated that ten thousand persons in this district must be cared for. A Red Cross station has been established. Shortage of tents and other shelter presents a difficulty. At Rhinehart, La., it is hoped to care for at least 5000 refugees.

There was reported to be a serious food shortage in Issaquena county, where a large area has been under water for six weeks and in the district around Yazoo City, Miss.

REGULARITY OF PETITIONS WILL BE DECIDED BY LOCAL COURT ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSERTS

The regularity of the recall petitions filed with Secretary of State Koser and directed against Public Service Commissioners Fred A. Williams and Fred G. Buchtel, will be tried out on the merits of the two petitions in the circuit court here.

This was made plain here this morning when Attorney General Van Winkle stated that he was now preparing answers to the two complaints filed by John H. Crawford, district attorney for Marion county and Roscoe P. Huest, Portland attorney, representing the Law and Order league of Portland, alleging fraud, misrepresentation and other irregularities in securing the names which compose the two petitions.

Denies Filing Made

In his answer the attorney general stated he would take issue with Carson and Hurst on the contention that the act of "depositing" the petitions with the secretary of state's office here on April 19 constituted the formal "filing" of these documents. In the complaint it is pointed out that the Buchtel petition on that date lacked 1500 names of a number sufficient to place his name on the recall ballot.

A general denial on "information and belief" will also be entered to the allegations of fraud and misrepresentation in order to bring the issue squarely before the court on its merits. The complaints allege that in the case of both petitions many of the names were secured through forgery and misrepresentation, that others are entirely ineligible and that the large majority of the names were secured to the petitions so long ago as to make them worthless and a violation of the spirit of the recall law.

Early Action Assured

It is expected that the answer will be ready this afternoon or Tuesday morning. At the time the court denied the petition for a writ of injunction to forestall the calling of the recall election Saturday afternoon both Judges Bingham and Kelly signified their readiness to expedite litigation over the recall petitions as much as possible so as to avoid unnecessary delays should the issue be presented to them in any manner.

Secretary of State Koser stated this morning that he would probably issue the formal call for the recall election this afternoon.

LONGSHOREMEN ORDERED TO STOP ALL PICKETING

Portland, Or., May 1.—A temporary restraining order directed against officers of the grievance committee of the longshoremen's union was issued today by Circuit Judge Tucker, barring picketing in the longshoremen's strike and placing all violence in contempt of court. The order was issued on application of the water front employers' union. A hearing to determine whether the order shall be made permanent was set for Friday morning.

Mayor George L. Baker today appointed a committee to investigate both sides of the strike of longshoremen which began a week ago yesterday as protest against an open shop announcement and a cut in wages.

CRAWFORD OUT OF FLAX ASSOCIATION

The resignation of Robert W. Crawford, plant manager for the Willamette Valley Flax & Hemp Growers Cooperative association, was accepted Saturday night at a meeting of the organization, according to A. C. Bohrnstedt, secretary, this morning.

Mr. Bohrnstedt would assign no reason for Mr. Crawford's resignation, stating that it was due to business reasons. Crawford was formerly manager of the penitentiary state flax plant.

PEMBERTON IS ELECTED HEAD OF MINISTERS ASS'N

Election of officers of the Salem Ministerial association took place at its regular weekly meeting this morning in the Y. M. C. A. Rev. H. F. Pemberton, pastor of the Jason Lee M. E. church was elected president; Rev. J. J. Evans, vice-president; Rev. R. L. Putnam, secretary-treasurer. The program committee as appointed this morning is composed of Rev. W. W. Long, Rev. W. T. Milliken and Thomas Acheson.

The association unanimously endorsed the clean-up and civic beautification movement which was presented by Fred Jobmann and which has received the endorsement of other organizations of the city.

Funds were voted to the extent of \$10 for the relief of starvings Russians.

KLAMATH FALLS MILLS REJECT BOARD'S PLAN

San Francisco, May 1.—Lumber operators of the Klamath Falls region announced today unanimous rejection of the recommendation by the Oregon state board of conciliation for an eight hour day, nine hour basis at an early date. It Operations will be resumed on a was stated.

AFFILIATED BANKS OF FORT BRAGG ARE CLOSED

Fort Bragg, Cal., May 1.—The First National bank of Fort Bragg and its affiliated institution, the First Bank of Savings, failed to open for business today. There is a reported shortage of \$170,000 in the funds of the First Bank of Savings. Both institutions occupy the same banking room.

One Did Ten Months; Other Served 5 Days; Booze, Morals, Issues

FALLS CITY FOLK ASK PARDON FOR HUSBAND SLAYER

Two men—Peter Sustar, of Scotts Mills, and Mike Whitney, of Portland—are out of Salem jails today. A fact on which there hangs a tale of justice.

Sustar, charged with having in his possession two quarts of liquor, was released this morning after he had served 10 months in the Marion county jail and had paid a fine of \$208.

Whitney, an alleged moral pervert charged with indecent exposure, whose 10-day sentence was to have expired this afternoon, was released five days ago "pending good behavior," after he had paid a fine of \$50, it was learned this morning.

Six Months—\$500

Sustar, a rancher, was arrested last June. Arraigned before County Judge W. M. Bushey, he pleaded guilty. Sustar, who had a bottle of liquor in his possession, was sentenced to serve six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$500. He declared later that he had been promised a light sentence if he would admit possession.

Whitney, a Portlander about 40 years of age, was arrested by the police 10 days ago. He was taken into custody after a little Salem girl, badly frightened, had complained to her mother of his actions. Whitney, who before Police Judge Earl Race refused to deny that his actions were as charged, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and to serve 10 days.

Alleged Pervert Released

On April 26, however—five days later—Whitney's sentence was suspended. A notation on the police court record of that day explains that "owing to the good conduct of the above named defendant and his having business in Portland, it is ordered by the court that the balance of sentence be suspended during good behavior."

Peter Sustar and Mike Whitney are free men today—a fact on which there hangs a tale—of justice.

BALLOT TITLE PREPARED FOR SINGLE HOUSE BILL

The ballot title for the proposed constitutional amendment which is being initiated by the People's Power league of Oregon, has been prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle and is now ready for circulation for signatures for a place on the November ballot.

Under the short title the proposed amendment will go before the voters as the "state government reorganization and proportionate occupational representation amendment." Its purpose as set forth by the attorney general is "to reorganize state government, vesting chief control in a legislature of only one house, elected in proportion to registered voters' occupations without political designation; representatives to elect governor from their own members with power to recall him; district attorneys, sheriffs and other peace officers subject to governor's orders for law enforcement; any representative authorized to question state officers in legislature during session; representatives elected by first, second and other choices by proportional representation method of single transferable vote; board created to make laws governing first election of representatives."

WILLIAMS WILL CONTEST RECALL

Fred G. Williams, chairman of the public service commission, will not resign to escape the recall which has been invoked against him but will "remain on the job" until his successor has been elected and qualified. Neither will he forego the duties of his office and the clamorings of a badly congested docket to make a campaign in his defense against the prospect of a recall.

Williams makes his position plain in a letter to Secretary of State Koser in reply to the official notice of the filing of the recall petitions.

"Inasmuch as I have recently announced my intention to retire at the end of my present term it seems to me that the taxpayers of Oregon should be called upon at this time for this expense of probably many of the citizens are not conversant with the situation," Williams' letter reads. "Whatever might be my personal preference as to the course of action I cannot in good conscience, without an expression from a majority of the electorate, do other than remain on the job until my successor is elected and has qualified."

MAN FINED \$250 HERE FOR POSSESSING BOOZE

A fine of \$250—or 125 days in the Marion county jail—was the sentence meted out today to Earnest Reynolds of Talbot by Judge G. E. Unruh of the justice court.

Reynolds, arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Walter Barber, was charged with the unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor.

Today Reynolds had not raised any money toward the payment of his fine and he was held in jail.

FEDERAL ROAD AID BILL IS APPROVED BY HOUSE

Washington, May 1.—By a vote of 239 to 51 the house today passed the Dunn bill authorizing an appropriation of \$65,000,000 for road building for the year beginning next July 1 and \$75,000,000 for the year thereafter.

BANK MESSENGER ROBBED

Oakland, Cal., May 1.—Six armed automobile bandits held up a messenger for the Central Bank of Oakland, in a residence district today and robbed him of \$12,000, which he was taking in a machine to a branch of the bank.

BIG OIL TANK VESSEL LOST; CREW LANDED

Steamer Whittier Goes Aground on California Coast; Salvage Held To Be Impossible.

San Francisco, May 1.—The tanker Whittier of the Union Oil company which went on the rocks at a point ten miles south of Point Arena last night, in a total loss, the company was advised by wireless. The steamer's cargo of 10,000 barrels of oil was lost also.

The crew of 26 got off safely in the small boats and will arrive in San Francisco tomorrow, the company was advised. The vessel's side and bottom were ripped so badly by the rocks that she settled to such an extent that salvage is impossible.

Bond for Eureka.

No details as to the exact cause of the Whittier wreck were received by the company up to 9 a. m.

The Whittier was carrying the oil cargo from Port San Luis to Eureka when she struck. It is presumed that she was feeling her way along in a fog.

The vessel was of the small draught type, built for the purpose of entering shallow harbor. She drew but 16 feet. She was valued at \$150,000 by the company and the oil cargo value was placed at \$15,000. Both are fully insured.

Cutter Races to Rescue.

In a race to save a crew of 15 men or more the coast guard cutter Shawnee was hurrying early today to the aid of the Whittier. The Whittier sent out S. O. S. calls shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Then she was silent.

Wireless calls for help found the Shawnee about 70 miles from the position given by the Whittier. It was said that the coast guard cutter could not reach the reef for five or six hours. At daylight no further word had come from the oil tanker. It was said the cutter was the only adjacent vessel that could get close enough to shore to be of assistance.

The last message reported received from the Whittier said: "On rocks. Operator ordered on deck. Calm; no wind."

DECLARE FLEET CORPORATION IS SUBJECT TO SUITS

Washington, May 1.—The emergency fleet corporation of the United States Shipping Board is not a governmental agency in the sense that it cannot be sued without its consent, the supreme court today decided.

The decision of the court was considered highly important by the government because of the number of cases pending before the corporation. The opinion was delivered in cases brought by the Sloan Shipyards corporation and others of the state of Washington, and the Astoria Marine Iron Workers of Oregon, contending the corporation was private, and by the corporation against Roger B. Wood, trustee in bankruptcy of the Eastern Shore Shipbuilding corporation, on the ground that as a governmental agency it was entitled to priority in the distribution of the bankrupt's estate.

The court reversed the first two cases, which had been decided by the lower courts in favor of the government, and affirmed the last case, which was against the government. Chief Justice Taft delivered a dissenting opinion and stated that Justice Clark and Van Deventer joined.

34 MARRIAGE LICENSES ARE ISSUED IN APRIL

The number of marriage licenses issued by the office of the county clerk during April far exceeded that of any previous month of the year. In January there were 23, February 20, March 24, and April 34.

The total number of licenses issued during the first quarter of 1922 was 99, this year's is 101.

Lumber goes up as forests burn down. Take time to extinguish your campfire.