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OREGON WEATHER
+ Fair tonight, cooler east +
+ portion; Saturday fair, with +
+ gentle westerly winds.

AN ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE
The already complicated problem of the peace treaty becomes still more intricate and perplexing by the addition of the special "agreement" with France which the president is to submit to the senate.

This tentative agreement provides that the United States shall be bound to "come immediately to the aid of France in case of any unprovoked act of aggression directed against her by Germany." A similar agreement has been drawn up between France and Great Britain. Thus America and Great Britain, if they ratify this pact will stand together as guarantors of French safety against any possible attack hereafter like that of 1914.

Many Americans who are ardent advocates of the league will hesitate against any such binding pledge to stand as the defender of a particular country.

It is argued that this is an obligation that would devolve upon Britain and America anyway under the provisions of the league of nations. It is intended, clearly enough, simply to reassure the French, who will have more faith in such a direct pledge than they seem to have at present in the league. From the American standpoint, however, it is open to the objection that it appears to constitute a definite alliance with a particular country, thus being opposed to the oldest and strongest diplomatic tradition of the United States.

Americans generally have taken the stand that the only thing which will make foreign alliance tolerable is an alliance with all foreign countries at once, such as the league of nations contemplates. That would avoid the rivalries and special interests bound to grow out of any alliance with an individual nation or a limited group of nations, which is the thing against which George Washington delivered his celebrated warning.

There is no question as to the American attitude toward France. The United States would probably be glad to fight for France again, if need arose, for the love and gratitude they bear that country. It would probably be true again, too, as it was in this war, that in defending France we should be indirectly defending ourselves. But it is doubtful whether the nation is ready to give a formal pledge to this effect.

William Jennings Bryan says of the proposed agreement with France:

"I am not in favor of an alliance with any country. An alliance would discredit the league of nations. It would proclaim lack of faith in the effectiveness of the league and would be a destructive force working from within against the perpetuity of the league."

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"Let allied unity continue," says Lloyd George. Amen to that! United we stand; divided, Germany would laugh at us, evade all her responsibilities and plot new robberies and conquests.

The trouble with Holland is that she imagines she's hostess to the ex-kaiser, and thinks she ought to live up to the traditions of national hospitality; when as a matter of fact she's only the temporary custodian of a fugitive from justice.

Yes, there is "honor among thieves"—such honor as thieves are capable of. The German war-makers are all standing together now.

"The cost of living will go still higher," says a dispatch. Probably true—but not news!

Seeing as Well.

By a Frenchman's invention as a language student hears a word spoken by a phonograph he also sees it appear on a printed roll in conjunction with its translation in his own tongue.

Long-Felt Want.

A species of cactus growing prolifically in Algeria has been made by French scientists to yield 14 per cent of sugar and about 60 per cent alcohol.

FERRYDALE

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Hussey and family spent the Fourth on Williams creek with Mrs. Hussey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pence. They had a family picnic on the creek.

Mrs. Whitfield, of Grants Pass, is spending a few days in this vicinity visiting and looking after business interests.

Miss Myrtle Ford and Miss Beulah Hussey left Wednesday for Woodburn to attend the Church of God camp meeting being held from the 10th to the 20th.

M. L. Griffin and family, after spending the Fourth in Ashland, returned to their home Saturday.

Ferrydale was quite a popular picnicking dale the Fourth. Several cars came from Grants Pass, two Merlin picnicking parties and the Ferrydale Sunday school spent an enjoyable Fourth on the river. The Pickett creek district had a picnic and dance in the evening.

Chas. Grey was at E. C. Neeley's butchering Monday.

Mrs. Neita Wallace returned from Ashland Sunday.

Ernest Briggs and Joe York were in the neighborhood Wednesday. D. S. Robertson and family returned from Ashland Sunday.

Frank Thompson was in the vicinity Wednesday.

Homer Hasty and family spent the 4th at the Pickett creek ferry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cochran, Pearl Green, of Merlin, and Mr. McCloud, of Portland were calling at E. C. Neeley's Friday evening.

Mrs. Marie Fried and daughter, Virginia, of Portland, are visiting Grandma Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Briggs returned from Eugene Wednesday, where they had spent the past week.

Olive and Mary Grace Sober, of Ashland, Roy, Herbert and May McCallister, and Ralph Moore were calling at the home of G. H. Griffin Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Hussey and Mr. and Mrs. Falvy were at Grants Pass Tuesday afternoon on business.

Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Geo. Jones, Wilda Griffin and Mr. Knoblock, were Merlin visitors Monday.

FRUITDALE

Carlotta Wiseman spent the week end with Anna Neilson.

J. H. Harris and A. Bauer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris in Grants Pass Sunday.

The William Williams family spent the Fourth at Ashland and had a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cramer, little girl and brother in law, of Fort Jones, Cal., visited Mrs. Cramer's mother, Mrs. Alonzo Jones, Saturday. They motored through and had been at Ashland three days for the round-up.

Mr. and Mrs. George Slover, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Roat and two little girls, of Grants Pass, and Henry Droulette and Glenn Hamilton visited the Neilsons and assisted in a wildly musical evening Tuesday.

Thirty-four of the Fruitdale people had a community dinner at Riverside park the Fourth and from all appearances enjoyed the fine dinner immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neas, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nazor visited Mrs. Fred Roper Tuesday evening.

FORDS HAVE 89 PER CENT

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"Yes," he answered.
"You are not a member of the national guard?"

"No, sir."
"Nor any other military organization?"

"No, sir."
A financial statement of the earnings of the company in 1914 was identified by the witness. His testimony showed that in 1903 the Ford company started with \$50,000 in cash and Mr. Ford's model of a cheap automobile.

A \$50,000 corporation was founded. Mr. Ford holding 51 per cent of the stock. In 1914, the financial statement showed, the net profits were \$30,338,454.

Attorney Alfred Lucking, of counsel for Ford, objected to discussion of the financial statement as irrelevant, and Mr. Stevens replied:

"They have been making great of their so-called educational or sociological work and division of profits. My purpose is to show that on \$50,000, the actual capital invested, the company earned \$30,000,000 in 1914, and that therefore to call what they give employees profit sharing is mere humbug."

When Mr. Liebold took the stand, Mr. Stevens resumed his hunt, interrupted a month ago, for the international flag which it is alleged Mr. Ford, having been quoted as remarking that all national flags would be succeeded by a world-brotherhood flag had designed.

"Have you got that flag with you?" demanded Mr. Stevenson of Mr. Liebold.

"What flag?"
"The flag Mr. Ford said should take the place of the Stars and Stripes."

"I don't know anything about it."
"Our information," said Mr. Stevenson, "is that that flag was taken a month ago or so from the motor car plant to the tractor plant and then by mistake was brought to Mount Clemens, where it disappeared."

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Simple Methods of Cleaning Laces.
Styles for spring, in blouses and sheer frocks, show a return to hand-sewing and to hand made laces—known as "real" lace—and thus distinguished from machine made laces.

Some machine made laces do not suffer by comparison with the hand made article and both varieties are worth caring for. Ordinary laundering is out of the question for them; they must be handled carefully. Now that the touch of real lace is a mark of style and of distinction in dress for spring, valuable heirlooms will either have to be sent to the cleaner or cleaned at home, in order to reappear in midlady's outfit for the new season.

Lace should be soaked before it is washed. Prepare the water for this soaking by adding a teaspoonful of borax to every two cupsful of boiling water used. When the soiled lace has soaked a few hours or overnight in this water it will wash easily.

Make a lather of hot water and any good soap. Take the lace from the water in which it has been soaked and place it in the soapy water, squeezing it, as if it were a sponge, until it is clean. If the water becomes very dirty prepare a fresh supply and squeeze the lace in it. Then rinse in clean cold water until all the soap is removed. If after this process the lace still has a grimy look it may be boiled. To boil lace put it in a jar and cover it with cold water and pour into this water a little melted white soap. Stand the jar in a saucepan with water enough to half cover the jar, put the lid on the pan and boil for two hours.

Lingerie laces may be ironed by pressing them under a thin clean muslin and finally pulling them out with the fingers. They must be thoroughly dried by ironing or they will roughen up afterward. Ironing will serve for the heavier and sturdier laces but some fine and fragile varieties are washed and dried by the following process:

Wind the soiled lace round a good sized bottle, and then cover the bottle with thin muslin, tacking it on. Fill a kettle with cold water, shaving into it a good-sized piece of white soap and place the bottle in the kettle. Boil for an hour. Pour off the soiled water

and add fresh, repeating the process until the water remains clear. Remove the bottle and rinse in several clear cold waters. Take off the muslin and let the lace dry on the bottle. If a little stiffness in the lace is desirable, dip it in skimmed milk. Then fold the lace in a damp cloth until ready to pin out.

Lace may be pinned out on an ironing board or on a wooden drum which is first covered with cotton wadding and over that with white muslin. Pin the lace along its straight edge, setting the pins close together and at equal distances apart. Then pin out each picot separately. If the lace dries before it is all pinned down, dampen it slightly. Use non-rustable pins, choosing fine ones for tiny picots and larger ones for heavier laces. When lace is old or fragile, or very much soiled, it should be soaked for several hours in pure olive oil before washing.

Julia B. Starnby

To Look "Paintable."

When a woman wants to look "paintable," which is the artists' word for picturesque, she wears black velvet. No texture holds such charm of color in its weave as velvet. It drapes into exquisite folds, softens every line of the body and enhances every contour of the face. A beautiful complexion finds its most effective foil in velvet. Black is the most popular choice of the picturesque velvet gowns which are seen on the most stunningly dressed women. Next in favor comes brown with a running to seal and occasionally golden or tobacco brown. With a brown shade of velvet, kolinsky trimmings are very much used. The golden brown tones of this fur merge beautifully into the shadows of the velvet.

Black in Lingerie.

New French lingerie has in most instances a touch of black, either in lace or ribbon, and many striking and unusual colors and color combinations add interest to the latest creations. Some all-black sets are to be seen.