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ORGANIZE TO CONSERVE THE BIG REDWOODS

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CITIZENS DETERMINED TO PROTECT GIANTS OF WEST COAST

TREES OVER 1,000 YEARS OLD

Found Only in California and Southwestern Oregon; Greater Than Australian Monarchs

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 9.—Organization of state and national parks in Humboldt county, California, to conserve redwoods, the finest trees in the world, is the object of a strong campaign being carried forward by the Save the Redwoods league. Millions of years ago redwood trees covered all of Europe, Asia and North America. In this geologic age they are restricted to California and a fringe of southern Oregon.

There are two kinds of redwood—the sequoia gigantea, largest tree in the world, which grows in the high Sierras, and its cousin, the sequoia sempervirens, only slightly smaller, which is found along the California coast. The trees called redwoods are simply younger sequoia sempervirens, which allowed to grow three or four thousand years, would become 100 feet in circumference, and contain enough lumber to build a village.

To finance its plan of saving these redwoods, the league is seeking membership costing \$2. Many wealthy men have promised liberal subscriptions, and Professor Merriam said lumbermen were aiding the league in a liberal and cooperative spirit.

Efforts are at present being concentrated upon some 20,000 acres of giant redwood along the south fork of the Eel river and near Dyerville, Humboldt county, at the northern boundary of California. Already lumbering has attacked this stand of virgin timber, so that quick action is necessary. The state highway to Eureka runs through the middle of the grove, and it is hoped a state park can be created along this road, with a national park to each side beyond.

For the preservation of the timber along the highway \$60,000 already has been subscribed—\$30,000 by the supervisors of Humboldt county, and \$15,000 each by William Kent and Stephen T. Mather. The number of trees saved for the proposed parks will depend upon the amount of money obtained, and upon action by the state and national governments.

Addressing a Sierra Club gathering recently, its president, Mr. Colby, said:

"To allow this wonderful stand of redwood, the finest trees in the world, to be destroyed would be nothing less than a sacrilege and a crime. They are the tallest trees anywhere. The late John Muir, the famous naturalist, made a special voyage to Australia to verify this. He found the eucalyptus grew to 320 feet, but our own California redwood topped 350 feet."

ITALIAN HOPES FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT

Trieste, Oct. 10.—General Graziosa former commander of the Italian garrison at Fiume, left Trieste today for Rome on his way from Fiume, where he was sent to confer with Gabrielle d'Annunzio, whose irregular troops are now in possession of Fiume. Graziosa predicted an early solution of the Fiume difficulty.

PACIFIC T. & T. CO. REBUILDING LINES

Shortage of Workmen Delaying Repair Work; New Line Completed From Rock Point to Hill

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company have a crew of about 75 men building new lines in Southern Oregon. The company has just completed a new line from Rock Point to Hill, Cal., and are now building a new line from Wolf Creek to Canyonville. The company's lines in the Grants Pass section will be rebuilt during the coming winter.

C. H. Corson, local manager for the company, states that nothing less than 35-foot poles are being used, and 50-foot poles have been used through the Medford district. Trees along the line, that might endanger the wires through being blown down, are being removed and the system will be placed in the best possible condition for first class service.

"A shortage of workmen," says Mr. Corson, "is holding back the work at present, but we expect to continue rebuilding all through the winter."

Despite the high wages offered, men are not available, but with the coming of the rainy season and the laying off of crews on the highway work, the labor situation will be somewhat improved.

URGES PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR JOSEPHINE

Miss Jane C. Allen, state advisory nurse of Portland, was in the city today, the object of her visit being to interest the people of Josephine county in hiring a public health nurse. Miss Allen is working under orders of the state board of health. She came from Medford and today noon spoke at a Red Cross luncheon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, and after her speech it is understood that the local Red Cross organization was very much in favor of securing a public health nurse for this county.

Miss Allen states that six counties of the state have already hired nurses, and that seven more counties have decided to take the step, but thus far have been unable to secure nurses, so great is the demand. She urges that the people of Josephine county ask the State Tuberculosis association to send a nurse here at once. Such a nurse will be sent here free of charge to the county, for the first three months, her expenses to be paid with money derived from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seal money.

At the end of three months the people here would be in position to determine whether they wanted to engage a nurse permanently, but wherever the experiment has been tried out a nurse has been hired by the county.

These public health nurses are specially trained and are thoroughly competent to undertake the work assigned to them. They visit the schools, examine the school children, talk with and cooperate with the mothers on the health of their children, and give expert advice free on the care of babies. In this way much can be done to stamp out that dread disease, tuberculosis.

The Courier believes that the people of Josephine should put in an application for a county nurse, on the three months' trial plan. And in case such a nurse is hired permanently, the expense to the county would be very small. It is not the intention of these health nurses to intrude in homes where their services are not wanted, but their services are free to the taxpayers, and they stand ready to give free expert advice in all matters pertaining to health and the general welfare of the community in stamping out and preventing disease.

TRAIL OF AIR DERBY IS MARKED BY FOUR DEATHS

Test Being Made by War Department Proves That Planes [Are Far From Perfect—"Flying Parson" Leads West-Bound Pilots, Smith Leader in East-Bound

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—Another death, bringing the total of fatalities to date in the transcontinental air derby to four, was announced today by the army air service, and various minor accidents featured the day's developments in the great ocean to ocean dash.

Lieutenant E. V. Wales, in the eastbound flight, died near Saratoga, Wyo., last night, after having crashed into the side of a mountain during a snow storm. Previous fatalities were those of Major D. H. Crissey and Sergeant Virgil Thomas, killed at Salt Lake when landing, and Sergeant W. H. Nevitt, killed by his plane's fall at Deposit, N. Y.

Lieutenant B. W. Maynard, the "flying parson," leader yesterday of the westbound pilots, broke his radiator landing at Cheyenne, Wyo., but expected to get under way again this afternoon.

Captain L. H. Smith, leader of the eastbound fliers, reached Rock Island, Ill., at 11 o'clock today.

San Francisco, Oct. 10.—Lieutenant V. Wales, army transcontinental flier, died at a farm house near Saratoga, Wyo., yesterday, after running into a mountain snowstorm, the army air service announced today.

SAYS ALLIES' LOSSES HEAVIEST AT SOMME

Berlin, Oct. 10.—In defense of his administrative career as chief of staff of the German armies in 1915 and 1916, General Erich von Falkenhayn denies that German losses at Verdun were excessive. He declares they were under those of the enemy.

German defensive operations at the Somme, he declares, were effective under direction whereas only limited results previously had been achieved. The success of the English and French at the Somme, he claims, were possible only because of Austrian collapse which necessitated the dispatch of heavy reinforcements to the eastern front.

Von Falkenhayn declares the swift success of the Rumanian campaign which he commanded after his dismissal as chief of staff was due primarily to exhaustive preparations of the general staff before his retirement.

CAPITAL DECLARES STRIKES ANTI-SOCIAL

Washington, Oct. 10.—After an hour's recess today, the national industrial conference adjourned until next Tuesday. Meanwhile the general committee will consider proposals presented by three groups, capital labor and the public.

Opposition to collective bargaining and the closed shop were among the 12 fundamental principles outlined by the group representing capital and presented today to the conference. Sympathetic strikes, blacklists and boycotts were declared "indefensible, anti-social and immoral."

THE PRESIDENT

Washington, October 10.—President Wilson had another restful night and his physicians are satisfied with the nourishment he is taking, according to a bulletin issued today.

Minneapolis, N. Y., Oct. 9, Thursday.—Three aviators had been killed, four of the 62 originally entered planes had been put definitely out of the running and the status of several others remained unknown early today when the army's great transcontinental air race over a 5400 mile course between Minneapolis and San Francisco was resumed.

Undismayed by the fate that befel their comrades yesterday, pilots scattered out over the course from Minneapolis as far west as Chicago and from San Francisco east to Salt Lake City, were today up with the dawn eager to start the second day's grueling test.

Given flying weather as good as that yesterday, the leading planes from the east and those from the west should cross trails shortly after noon. Yesterday Lieutenant B. W. Maynard, the "flying parson," who led throughout the first lap, covered the first 840 miles that separate Minneapolis and Chicago at a two mile a minute rate of speed. Eleven fliers from San Francisco covered the 618 miles from San Francisco to Salt Lake City. Thus the leading fliers from east and west covered a total of 1458 miles and were separated this morning by only 1242 miles.

BERLIN ECONOMIZING ON ELECTRIC SERVICE

Berlin, Oct. 9.—Drastic lighting restrictions intended to save fuel were published today. No one may use more than 50 per cent of the quantity of gas or electricity consumed during the same quarter of the year 1916. Restaurants, cafes, hotels, concert halls and other places of amusement may use up to 35 per cent of that employed in 1916.

Street lighting is reduced to 30 per cent. Street cars are to be stopped at 10:15 p. m.

KAUTZMAN REFUSES CONDITIONAL PARDON

Portland, Ore., Oct. 10.—Ham Kautzman, former editor of a St. Helena newspaper, today refused to accept from Governor Olcott a pardon given on condition that he leave the state and refrain from newspaper work. Kautzman is serving a sentence in jail here on conviction of printing improper matter. His conditional pardon was issued yesterday.

RED CROSS HAS BIG JOB OVER IN SERBIA

Belgrade, Oct. 9.—Pressing need for relief work among the children of Serbia is shown in a report issued by the American Red Cross which states that of \$50,000 orphans and half-orphans in the country, only 1400 can be cared for by existing orphanages.

A considerable proportion of the orphans outside the institutions are cared for by relatives, most of them in reduced circumstances themselves. It is estimated that about 100,000 fall in this class.

NELSON PREFERS JAPAN TO GERMANY

Minnesota Senator Says Opponents to League Are Living in Past, and Paint Lurid Pictures

Washington, Oct. 10.—Senator Nelson, republican of Minnesota, pleading in the senate for a lasting peace, declared he could not sympathize with the sentiment of the league of nations opponents that would have this country crawl into a closed shell with no other label than the Monroe doctrine.

"Statesmanship which is oblivious to the importance of providing by all reasonable methods against the recurrence of war," said Senator Nelson, "and insists on standing still until war actually occurs, is short sighted, lives in the past, lacks a world vision and overlooks the fact that a world's war should result in a world's peace, and that such peace should be of a permanent character."

The senator charged that when all other arguments against the peace treaty failed, those who openly or covertly desired to defeat it, resorted to a scare about England and Japanese, "and paint in lurid colors the threatening dangers from them."

This was the favorite policy, he said, adopted by those who during the war sympathized with the enemy. There was a time not long ago, the Minnesota senator declared when the United States sent warships to chastise Barbary pirates without even a declaration of war, "while now when still technically at war, we grow nervous over the landing of a few American marines in a small part of the Dalmatian coast." This nervousness, he added, was like the greater nervousness manifested toward England and Japan.

"As to Shantung, while I am clear that it should be restored to China, and I believe it will be," the senator said, "let it be remembered that except for the war, Germany would have retained her hold on Shantung, and as between her and Japan I cannot see why any of us should prefer Germany."

OREGON WOMEN PRAISED FOR EFFICIENT WORK

Portland, Ore., Oct. 10.—The women of Oregon have received high compliments for their war work from the surgeon general of the army, who is greatly pleased with the showing made by the state in the training of reconstruction aides.

In a letter to President Foster of Reed college, the surgeon general declares that the women trained at Reed for service in army hospitals were superior, not only from educational and physical standpoints but from that of personality as well.

Among the 191 Reed women assigned to army hospitals all over the United States and in France are Alice Palmer of Medford, Alice Ueland, of Roseburg, who was assigned to Fort Sherman, Mabel Childs of Roseburg, who went to Fort McPherson, Ga., and Josephine Saunders of Grants Pass, who was sent to France.

Reed trained women served in 40 hospitals in this country, many of them as head aides. Men were also trained for war service at Reed in special courses conducted under government supervision.

POSTPONE STRIKE

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 10.—The strike of the street railway electricians called for today has been postponed until Monday, union officials here announced.

BIG BOMBER AT SACRAMENTO

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 10.—Lieutenant-Colonel Hartz reached Mather field from Medford, Ore., at 6 p. m. yesterday in his Martin bombing plane, carrying four passengers.

EUROPE STILL TORN BY FIGHTS AND TROUBLE

FRENCH, GERMANS, AMERICANS, RUSSIANS AND LETTS ALL FIGURE IN MIXUP

JAPS DENY SERIOUS CHARGE

Germans Violate Peace Treaty by Attacking Lettish Forces; French Major Shot in Germany

Copenhagen, Oct. 10.—British and French warships at Riga were cleared for action today, on account of the German attack on Lettish troops.

Paris, Oct. 10.—A French major and three soldiers were wounded in a riot at Sarrebruck, in occupied Germany, Tuesday, according to a dispatch in the Petit Parisien. The riot is said to have resulted from a labor demonstration against the high cost of living.

Paris, Oct. 10.—German troops attacked the Lettish forces on October 8, according to a protest received by the peace conference from the Lettish government. The allies have been asked to take decisive action against this "violation of the peace treaty" and compel the Germans to comply with the terms of the Versailles pact.

Tokio, Oct. 10.—Denial that the Japanese threatened to back the Cossacks against American troops in the recent trouble at Iman, Siberia, or that an apology was demanded by the Americans, was made by the Japanese general staff today.

Omsk, Oct. 10.—The American soldier who was recently shot and killed at Vladivostok by a Russian officer, has led to the demand by allied commanders for the removal of Russian troops from there, but a vigorous protest by the Omsk government led to a withdrawal of the demand.

HINDY A BURLY FIGURE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES

London, Oct. 10.—General von Hindenburg, once commander of the German armies, is now living on his Hanover estate, the quiet life he left to enter the East Prussia campaign five years ago, writes a correspondent. Absence of his uniform makes a big difference in his appearance. Wearing a short, rough coat and a Panama hat, and not very well cut trousers, his burly figure looks as though it were bursting out of his clothes. He looks like a bank manager or an ordinary German business man.

ENGLAND RATIFIES

London, Oct. 10.—King George today completed the ratification of the German peace treaty.

MONTANA STRONG FOR ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

Helena, Mont., Oct. 10.—J. M. Kennedy of Libby, secretary and business representative of the Roosevelt memorial drive in Montana says plans for the drive are progressing favorably and that the \$25,000 allotment of the state will be raised. T. A. Marlow of Helena is chairman of the non-partisan state committee.