

CORVALLIS TO DEFEND TITLE CLAIM IN G.P.

NORTHERN ELEVEN UNDISPUTED ON CHAMPIONSHIP CLAIM IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

INVADERS CLAIM STATE TITLE

Win for Locals Would Give This City Strongest Bid for State Championship in High Schools of State

Corvallis high school this morning accepted the offer of the local high school for a post-season state championship football game to be played here next Saturday.

This game is the outcome of negotiations for a championship clash to give the local team an unquestioned test of ability with a worthwhile goal in view. The local Chamber of Commerce made the match possible by its challenge to any state contender, issued through the Morning Oregonian, in which it expressed its confidence in its team and guaranteed financial support.

Corvallis immediately wired acceptance of the challenge through William H. McMaster, principal of the Corvallis high school. The acceptance was taken under advisement until Corvallis' claim could be substantiated. The northerners thereupon challenged the two other claimants in the Willamette, but this challenge was refused, and the Oregonian for December 7 carried a cut of the team and the claim to the state title.

This concession of honors to the Corvallis team in the north makes the coming contest the most vitally interesting ever played in Southern Oregon. Grants Pass has the strongest team in its history, this year, and to win on Saturday will put this city on the map as having the best claim to the state championship.

Coach Allen reports that all first-string men have recovered from injuries and will be in top form by the end of the week.

AMERICAN BANKING INTEREST IN CHINA

Tokio, Dec. 8.—Referring to the recent arrangement of an American-Chinese joint banking corporation with a capital of \$10,000,000, the Kohsai News Agency says that this enterprise may be regarded as foreshadowing the opening of economic activity by the United States in a post-war commercial and industrial campaign in China.

It adds: "It is obvious that with the aid of the American financiers the northern military group of China will be enabled to carry out a policy favorable to their interests in the future, which will eventually affect the interests of the southern group. There is no doubt that the handshaking of the American and Chinese bankers in the establishment of an American-Chinese bank lays the foundation for joint operations of American and Chinese capitalists in the economic development of China in the future, a matter which calls for the keen attention of Japanese business men who are closely interested in the economic development of China."

COSTS SOMETHING TO RIDE ON VIENNA STREET CARS

Vienna, Dec. 8.—Street car fares have been increased to one crown. Before the war the fare was 16 hellers, (a heller is one-one-hundredth of a crown.)

MIDDLE WESTERN TRAINS CANCELLED

Hundreds of Trains Taken Off and Others Ordered Off in New England States Wednesday

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Hundreds of passenger trains have been withdrawn from the railroads of the country today, mostly through the middle west, south and southwest. Orders have been given in New England for the cancellation of nearly 300 trains Wednesday.

NO DECISION FROM SUPREME COURT ON WAR PROHIBITION

Washington, Dec. 8.—No decision regarding the constitutionality of the war time prohibition and Volstead enforcement act was rendered today by the supreme court. There is no indication as to when a decision will be handed down.

JAPANESE SUFFER AS COTTON ADVANCES

Tokio, Dec. 8.—Japanese cotton yarns are soaring skyward. The prices ruling in the market have set new high records in the spinning industry of Japan, and even threaten to exceed the record figure in the world's market. The present quotations, if left unmodified, will soon tell on the welfare of the Japanese public who are already suffering from the advance price of cotton piece goods.

The government is taking the situation seriously and recently dispatched officials to Osaka, the most important center of the spinning industry to investigate the cause of the recent advance and to recommend measures for regulating prices. But the measures taken by the government so far have produced no effect and quotations are still advancing.

The current prices have reached such a figure that weavers can derive a large margin of profits by manufacturing textile fabrics with cotton yarns imported from abroad. One large weaving concern in Osaka has already ordered large quantities of fine yarns from the United States and thick yarns from China. This is the first importation of foreign cotton yarns by Japanese spinning concerns.

PEACE ARMY 300,000 MEN, 18,000 OFFICERS

Washington, Dec. 8.—A peace time regular army of 300,000 men and 18,000 officers was decided upon today by the house committee sub-committee framing the army reorganization bill. The strength of the combat troops was fixed at 52,000.

SUGAR IS BECOMING ALCOHOL SUBSTITUTE

London, Dec. 8.—Prohibition in America has helped materially in raising the prices of sugar two cents a pound in England, according to the economic experts. This is the way the situation is explained:

Since the American has been cut off from his cocktails he has been consuming prodigious quantities of candy, and has been drinking oceans of nondescript but sugary concoctions which are vended over the soda fountain bar. At least such is the observation of his British brethren. In other words, the American is making sugar a substitute for alcohol. Because of this the United States has less sugar to export, and because there is a general shortage of sugar throughout the world anyway, England cannot get what she wants and consequently has had to raise the price.

ALLIES MODIFY GERMAN TERMS OF PROTOCOL

INDEMNITY FOR DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN FLEET TO BE MEDIATED AT THE HAGUE

OTHER FEATURES ELIMINATED

Signing of Protocol by Germany Will Make Effective the Release of German Prisoners

Paris, Dec. 8.—The allies have consented to modify some of the terms of the protocol, putting the peace treaty into effect, to which Germany objected.

The clause providing for indemnity for the destruction of the German fleet at Scapa Flow has been modified so as to ask the Hague tribunal to mediate. The understanding is that other features to which Germany objected have been eliminated.

The signing of the terms of the protocol makes effective the means for the immediate release of German prisoners now held by the allies.

NO EXPEDITION AGAINST SPALATO AND LAIBACH

Fiume, Dec. 8.—Gabriel d'Annunzio assured a correspondent of the Associated Press yesterday that he is not preparing an expedition against Spalato and Laibach. He gave his word of honor that the statement was true.

CALL OF FEDERAL JURY HELD TILL TOMORROW

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—The assembling of a federal grand jury summoned to investigate the alleged violations of the Lever act, anti-trust laws, by miners, operators and coal dealers, in connection with the coal strike, has been postponed until tomorrow.

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Mr. Palmer said that while other government agencies during the past year were rounding out their labors incident to war, his department found itself only half way through its scores of investigations and litigated questions. Countless hundreds of claims growing out of the war have been made against the government, he said, and must be fought through the courts. Cases in which the government seeks to recover funds paid out through error or fraud provide another source of supply for litigation. Alleged infringement of patent rights by the government in its manufacture of war materials as well as similar claims arising

ACCEPTANCE BY MINERS 'HOPED' TO END STRIKE

PRESIDENT WILSON LOOKS FOR CONCLUSION OF CONTROVERSY ON TUESDAY

SECRECY SURROUNDS PROPOSAL

Plan for Settlement Was Submitted to Acting President Lewis Late Saturday Afternoon

Washington, Dec. 8.—Hope for settlement tomorrow of the "controversy between miners, operators and the government" is expressed in a formal White House statement. The statement said the president "hoped there would be a settlement Tuesday of the controversy through acceptance by the miners of a plan for definite settlement proposed by President Wilson, which proposal was submitted to Acting President Lewis by Attorney General Palmer Saturday night." Secrecy still surrounds the president's proposal.

There were persistent rumors that the president's proposal was that the miners accept for the present the 14 per cent advance proposed and that the final adjustment of wages and working conditions be left to a commission appointed by the president. Some assurances are said to have been given regarding the personnel of the commission.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Republican leaders from every state in the union are arriving in Washington today to confer on candidates, previous to a meeting of the national committee tomorrow, which will select the time and place for the 1920 convention.

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BOMB IS CAUSE OF FIRE IN STEAMER

Boat Carried Load of Non-Union Stevedores From Seattle to San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Fire broke out in the main bunkers of the Norwegian tramp steamer Terrier, which arrived here Friday from Seattle. With the aid of a fire tug the fire finally was extinguished. It was thought by the police to have resulted from the placing of a fire bomb in the vessel's hold. Powder experts have been called in to determine the nature of a piece of fuse found extending down from the main hatch into 80 tons of coal which was placed aboard the vessel yesterday.

The Terrier had been loaded by non-union stevedores. The police expressed the opinion that a fire bomb may have been placed in the vessel by union stevedores in connection with the present labor troubles on the waterfront.

BRITISH SELL U. S. GOODS IN BALTICS

London, Dec. 8.—British interests are purchasing American goods to sell in the new Baltic states as part of their plan to "get in on the ground floor" commercially when turmoil in that part of the world ceases.

The American Chamber of Commerce in London understands that Esthonia has sold to Great Britain its exportable surplus of timber for the next 18 months in return for supplies which Great Britain can not now produce and which are being purchased in the United States in order that the contract may be carried out.

It is pointed out that 40 per cent of Russian exports normally pass through Lettish ports. The chamber strongly advises American business firms to try for some of this business.

RESTRICT USE OF FOOD AND LIGHTS IN VIENNA

Vienna, Dec. 8.—The authorities are beginning to deal more severely with offenders against the lighting and food acts. For using an excess amount of electric current four prominent restaurants and one big hotel have been cut off from current altogether for a period of weeks. One big hotel has had its restaurant and dining rooms closed for one month because it had on hand an excessive amount of food.

EPISCOPAL SPEAKER IN WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—John L. Etheridge, diocesan campaign chairman of the \$42,000,000 nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal church, after making a whirlwind tour yesterday of the Episcopal churches in Portland with a four minute talk in each of the leading churches, left last night for a dash to Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Roseburg and other points.

First Mr. Etheridge spoke at Oregon City. His next scheduled stop was to arrive at Grants Pass at 8:22 a. m. today. Between that hour and 2:43 when he was to leave for Medford, local leaders of the "nation-wide campaign at Grants Pass planned to arrange meetings for him. The schedule of the former noted liberty loan leader provided for his arrival at Medford at 4 p. m., when he is scheduled to speak at an evening meeting. At 8 p. m. his plans provide for leaving for Ashland where he speaks at a nation-wide meeting.

Then he is to dash back to Medford, arrived at Roseburg at 1:40 p. m. Tuesday where the Rev. H. R. (Continued on Page 3)

WILSON WOULD ACT ALONE IN MEXICAN MUSS

HOLDS THAT IN HIM ALONE IS VESTED AUTHORITY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION

PRESIDENT IS RESPONSIBLE

Chairman Lodge Says Committee Will Take No Further Action in Matter

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson would be "gravely concerned to see any such resolution pass congress," he wrote Senator Fall today, referring to the Fall resolution introduced in the senate requesting the president to sever diplomatic relations with the Carranza government.

"It would constitute a reversal of our constitutional practice which might lead to very grave confusion in regard to the guidance of our foreign policy," he wrote.

President Wilson expressed confidence that he had the support of every competent constitutional authority in the statement that the direction of the government's foreign affairs, is assigned by the constitution to the chief executive and to him alone. When this letter was received Chairman Lodge of the senate foreign relations committee, after conferring with Senators Fall and Brandegee, announced that no further action in the Mexican situation would be taken by the committee. "We wanted to help," he said, "but now the entire Mexican situation goes to the president. The responsibility is upon his shoulders; let it rest there."

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today prepared a letter on the Mexican situation for transmission to Senator Fall, one of the committee conferring with the president last week and who introduced a resolution asking the president for the severance of diplomatic relations with Mexico.

WILDVILLE DITCH COSTS NEARLY \$10,000

The annual meeting of the Wildville Irrigation company will be held on January 8, 1920. This company lost their dam on the Applegate river early in the spring before the irrigation season had fairly started and the loss in crops for the season to the farmers along the ditch is estimated at about \$8,000. The company which is composed of the land owners of that district have, during the summer, extended the ditch a mile further up stream, to the Dutcher place, to take the water from the bed of the stream, thus avoiding the necessity of a dam. The ditch work has nearly all been completed but there remains the placing of 125 rods of metal flume, which is on the ground ready for placing. The expense of the work amounts to nearly \$10,000.

ALEXANDER AND EMMA MUST RETURN TO RUSSIA

New York, Dec. 8.—Federal Judge Mayer today dismissed writs of habeas corpus obtained by Alexander Bergman and Emma Goldman to prevent their deportation to Russia, and declined to admit them to bail. He announced in court that the government planned to deport them within two weeks.