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## COMPROMISE TREATY NOT FOR WILSON

PRESIDENT WILL AGREE TO NO CONCESSIONS IN THE VER-SAILLES DOCUMENT

## HOLD G. O. P. "RESPONSIBLE"

Stand Taken by the Chief Executive Again Brings the Treaty and the League of Nations to Front

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson's statement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind," and would make no move toward disposition of the Versailles peace treaty, but would continue to hold the senate republicans responsible for delay in the ratification of the document, today, again brought the treaty and the league of nations to the front in congress.

## CHRISTMAS TREE TRADE HIT BY OLD H. C. OF L.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 15.—Christmas trees will cost more in the San Francisco district this year, according to H. L. Bemiss, assistant executive of the Oakland boy scouts. After a survey of the region he said there was no fir or spruce trees available from Contra Costa, Alameda or Santa Clara counties and that the Christmas trees this year must come from the Sierras.

## EUROPEAN DISEASE HITS OREGON APPLES

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 15.—European apple canker, called the worst fruit tree disease in Europe, has been found on Oregon apple trees, reports Dr. S. M. Zeller, assistant plant pathologist at the O. A. C. experiment station. The new disease appeared on red cheek apple trees in the Willamette valley, and on bismark, bellflower and delicious trees in the coast district. It is also appearing on the native oak, and every effort should be made to prevent its spread. Dr. Zeller says. Newtowns, spitzenburgs and other leading valley varieties are evidently not susceptible.

## CONTROL OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN ENGLAND

Carlisle, Eng., Dec. 15.—A campaign for the nationalization of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor was inaugurated a few days ago at an important trade union and labor conference here.

J. H. Thomas, member of parliament and general secretary of the Union of Railway Men, supported a resolution urging all labor parties and trades councils to demand the extension of the principle of state ownership and control of the liquor trade to the whole country.

Mr. Thomas said he believed there was no evil like the "drink evil." "Is there any man or woman," he asked, "who would dare to suggest that our experience during the war would justify the state in letting the drink traffic and the public house return to the old system?"

Prohibition, he said, was an alternative to adoption of the brewers' bill. It was time, in his opinion, for the government to deal boldly and comprehensively with the question.

"If you want to keep the drink problem free from politics," he declared, "if you want to take a vested interest out of the region of politics, you can only do it by taking the drink traffic out of the hands of private ownership."

## POET-WARRIOR TO EVACUATE FIUME

Italy to Have Complete Sovereignty Over Port, and Provisions of London Treaty Will Be Enforced

Fiume, Dec. 15.—Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fiume by d'Annunzio's forces and occupation by a contingent of regular Italian army. Italy is to have complete sovereignty over Fiume. All provisions of the treaty of London are to be carried out under terms of a compact signed by d'Annunzio and Premier Nitti, according to d'Annunzio's press representative.

## HEALTH SERVICE IS SAVING FOR STUDENTS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—That thousands of dollars are saved the students of the college annually by the health service is indicated by a report which shows that office calls for each month averaged 1500. Last week they numbered 380, the largest number for a single day being 91. The college physician also calls on patients where necessary.

At the rate of \$3 for daytime calls and \$5 for night calls and correspondingly high prices for dressing wounds and performing minor operations, it is estimated that the service is saving \$100 every day. The students pay approximately the price of one call for health service for the entire year.

## STATE COMMERCE CHAMBER MEETING IS POSTPONED

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—The meeting of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has been postponed till December 29th.

## TREATY WILL MAKE OF DANZIG A FREE CITY

Danzig, Dec. 15.—The "Free City of Danzig," as it is to be when the peace treaty comes into effect was enjoying quite a boom until the allies' blockade of the Baltic came into operation. However, as the blockade affects only German shipping, it probably will not bear heavily on this port for the reason that allied and neutral countries are plying a brisk trade with it.

Preliminary to Danzig's transition, Germany is turning over to the city the government works here, including the big navy yard, railway shops, artillery and rifle plants, aerodromes, barracks and libraries. These, under the terms of the treaty, are to be divided between Danzig and Poland, and the transfer to the city is being carefully watched by Polish residents. They assert that it is being made by Germany now in order that the city government may be in actual possession of the properties when the time comes to divide them with Poland.

The treaty is somewhat vague as to the basis on which the division is to be made, and the Poles say that Germany, hopeful of regaining Danzig eventually, will aid the city in every possible way to secure the lion's share.

When the first of the manufacturing establishments was taken over, an effort was made to eliminate Polish employes and substitute German. Appeal was made to Polish officials and they, by threatening to cut off the city from the foodstuffs it receives from Polish farms, succeeded in keeping the Polish workmen in their jobs.

English financiers are opening banks here and neutrals have been busily engaged for months in establishing various enterprises, chiefly shipping.

## SUPREME COURT HOLDS ANTI-BOOZE LAW GOOD

Constitutionality of War-Time Prohibition Act is Upheld by The Nation's Highest Court in Decision Rendered Today, Holding Measure Valid

Washington, Dec. 15.—The war-time prohibition act was held constitutional in a decision rendered by the supreme court of the United States today.

In deciding the question the court dissolved the injunctions restraining revenue officials from removing about 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey from bond. The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of congress, Associate Justice Brandeis said, in reading the decision. The court held the constitutional prohibition amendment binding on the federal government as well as on states and preceding state laws.

Constitutionality of the war time prohibition laws was attacked in the supreme court in three different appeals. One came from Kentucky where the former statute was held invalid. Two came from New York where both acts were sustained.

Beside the millions of dollars invested in brewery and distilling plants the decision affects approximately 60,000,000 gallons of whiskey valued alone at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000 according to internal revenue officials' estimates. The cases of the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company of Louisville, Ky., and Brytogs, Blum.

& Company of New York were virtually identical and resulted from efforts to compel the government to release whiskey from bond. The third case, an appeal of Jacob Ruppert, a brewer of New York, involved authority under the acts to manufacture beer containing 2.75 per cent alcohol.

In arguing the cases before the supreme court on November 20 and 21, 1919, Elihu Root and others appearing in opposition to the prohibition acts contended that war-time prohibition was unconstitutional because congress had no power to prohibit the sale of intoxicants within a state except under its war power which had ceased; that the act conflicted with the fifth constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking of private property without just compensation and that the war had terminated, making the act obsolete and invalid. It was also contended that the Volstead law (the prohibition enforcement act) by fixing one half of one per cent as the maximum amount of alcohol in beverages, established a new standard for intoxicants. Mr. Root also contended that the constitutional prohibition amendment allowed liquor dealers a "year of grace" to enable them to readjust their affairs to meet changed con-

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## NO ZERO WEATHER IN GRANTS PASS DISTRICT

How the Grants Pass district is favored in this question of climate can be readily seen from a study of the weather map of the past week. When practically every point in the great northwest was recording below zero weather, at no time did the thermometer here approach nearer than within two degrees of zero. Friday night two above was the mark, and last night there was only 17 degrees of frost, or 15 above zero. Today the weather is coming back to itself, and the snow is fast melting, with every indication of an approaching chinook that will no doubt cause the creeks and streams of the coast country to run banks full. There is a heavy fall of snow in the hills, though there is not enough on the valley floor in the immediate vicinity of Grants Pass to cause any run-off of the surplus. Here it is being taken into the ground as fast as it melts. The blanket of snow was a wonderful protection to the grain and other crops that had been planted, and no damage will be occasioned to them from the frost.

## COMMITTEE OF FIVE NAMED BY EXECUTIVE

Salem, Ore., Dec. 15.—Ben W. Olcott, acting governor, today appointed Leslie Butler, Hood River; Sidney Graham, Portland; C. L. Hawley, McCoy, and Del Dinsmore and Dr. T. Thoraldsen, Portland, a committee of five to represent the state at a conference in Portland on December 22nd to inquire into the question of increasing rates for injured workmen under the workmen's compensation act, which was given as the main reason for calling the legislature January 12th. Five members of the committee are yet to be named by the Oregon industrial association and five by the state federation of labor.

## INDICTED MAN IS ARRESTED AT YREKA

Sheriff Lewis has returned from Yreka, Cal., where he went to take charge of Paul Sands, who had been arrested there upon an indictment returned by the Josephine county grand jury. Sands was returned to this county by the sheriff.

The indictment against Sands charges him with forgery in connection with the issuance of a deed to a chrome property in the Illinois valley. Sands and Kelly had been owners of the property, each holding a half interest. When Kelly entered the service, Sands gave a quit claim deed of his own interest in the property to other parties, his contention now being that he claimed only a half interest. A deed is on record, however, purported to have been signed by Kelly, deeding Kelly's interest in the property to Sands, and it is this deed over which the contention now develops.

A reward of \$25 had been posted by Josephine county for the apprehension of Sands, and this will now be claimed by the sheriff of Siskiyou county, who took him into custody.

## KEEP ALASKAN RAILWAY OPEN DURING WINTER

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 15.—Attempts are to be made to keep the government railroad between Seward and Anchorage open this winter.

Snowsheds were built along the line last summer to keep the track free of snow which last winter slid down in such great quantities that operation was halted for several months.

Trains operate between the two points regularly during the summer. Seward and Anchorage, about 100 miles apart, are both on the "ocean end" of the railroad the government is building between Seward and Fairbanks, the metropolis of the interior of Alaska.

## YACHT GREY DUCK IN THE BAHAMAS

Wireless Announces the Arrival of the Little Vessel Missing for Two Days With Company of 20

Miami, Florida, Dec. 15.—Radio messages announcing the arrival of the yacht Grey Duck, at the Bahama Islands, has apparently cleared away the doubt relative to the safety of the vessel which carried David W. Griffith, motion picture director, and a company of 20 film actors and actresses. A search has been in progress for the party for the past two days, as it was feared the little vessel had gone down with all on board.

## NO-IRISH HOME RULE BILL THIS SESSION

London, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons today that no Irish bill would be introduced this session in parliament, but promised to outline a measure in a statement Monday.

## PREDICTS RECEIVERS FOR RAILROAD LINES

Washington, Dec. 15.—Two-thirds of the railroads of the country will be in the hands of receivers a month after return to private control, unless congress enacts effective railroad legislation, Senator Cummins told the senate today in urging speed for his railroad bill.

## BULL KILLS KELSO MAN

Kelso, Wash., Dec. 15.—John Joseph Kilkelly, 80 years old, a farmer living a short distance from Kalamia, was gored to death Thursday night by a bull.

## WHO OWNS OIL WELLS LOS ANGELES PROBLEM

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Three oil wells located in a street, adjacent to Elysian park here, which the city proposes to pave, have brought up a knotty problem.

City Attorney Stephens has ruled that the city possesses only the right to use the property for street purposes and that the wells under the street are private property. But he has not ventured an opinion as to how the owners are to get their oil if the city puts in a concrete and asphalt pavement over the wells.

## GERMAN STEAMSHIP TO RESUME OVERSEA TRAFFIC

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Hamburg-American line is about to employ the newly acquired steamship Daelfsen in the service which it has started in cooperation with the American Kerr Line for trade with West India and Mexico, it is announced. The Daelfsen will be the first German steamship to resume the regular over-sea service.

## PEACE CONFERENCE GETS GERMAN REPLY

Paris, Dec. 15.—The German delegation today handed Germany's reply to the entente note to the peace conference secretary.

## NO MEASURE OF HOME RULE TO SATISFY EXTREMISTS

Dublin, Dec. 15.—The Cork City Women's Unionist Association have passed a resolution protesting against any breach of the legislative union with Great Britain and declaring that events have shown that no measure of home rule within the empire will satisfy the extremists or put a stop to political agitation in Ireland.

## 90 PER CENT COAL MINERS ARE AT WORK

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FUEL ARE REMOVED AND INDUSTRY BECOMES NORMAL

## FOREIGN SHIPS NOW SAILING

Vessels Had Been Tied up at American Ports Since the Coal Shortage Became Acute

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Restrictions against the use of coal made necessary by the recent strike of the bituminous coal miners were removed today, and industry throughout the country approached a normal basis again. Regional fuel directors, however, continue to exercise supervision over the distribution of coal. From nearly all coal fields came reports that fully 90 per cent of the miners were in the mines today and production would again become normal.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Restrictions against supplying coal to foreign ships were relaxed by the railroad administration to permit hundreds of foreign vessels to depart. These ships had been tied up since the coal shortage became acute.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—Officials of Washington locals, of the United Mine Workers, in convention here today, voted to instruct striking coal miners in Washington to return to work immediately.

## NO RANSOM PAID FOR RELEASE OF FRED HUGO

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 15.—Fred Hugo, of El Paso, an American ranch manager, who was kidnapped by Villistas near Musquiz, Mexico, several days ago, was released, with no ransom paid, advices say.

## WINTER WHEAT AREA IS 38,770,000 ACRES

Washington, Dec. 15.—The winter wheat area sown this fall is 38,770,000 acres, the department of agriculture announced today. The crop condition for December was 85.2 per cent normal.

## ADOPT POLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The union of German people in Poland has issued a protest against the sudden introduction of Polish as the sole official language in all territorial districts which were formerly Prussian. The union demands that both languages shall be employed in public affairs, at least for a few years during the period of transition, and it expresses the hope that its desires in this respect will be supported by the entente and by neutrals.

The protest states that when the Prussians took over the country in 1815 the Polish language was retained in all public affairs, while now the Poles, by the sudden introduction of Polish as the only language, are doing enormous harm to the vital interests of 2,000,000 Germans.

## RAILROAD MEN GET TIME AND HALF FOR OVERTIME

Washington, Dec. 15.—Under an agreement between the railroad administration and four brotherhoods announced today, time and a half for overtime, slow freight service, became effective December 1st.