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READ THE COVENANT

Since the League of Nations has unfortunately become the subject of bitter partisan controversy, it is difficult for any newspaper to discuss the subject without being suspected of undue influence of some sort. This newspaper may be pardoned, therefore, for simply reprinting without comment an editorial suggestion made by a big publication that is generally considered intelligent, non-partisan and genuinely American—the Saturday Evening Post. The editorial appears in last week's Post, and is entitled "Follow Your Nose." It says, in part:

"The official text of the Constitution of the League of Nations has been published by every important newspaper in the United States. Get that official text and read it for yourself, with plain horse sense. You will then see what ground there is for these senatorial bogeymen. It does not destroy the sovereignty of the United States. It does not and cannot infringe the Constitution of the United States, for that cannot be changed in any respect except in the manner which itself prescribes. It does not put our army and navy at the arbitrary disposal of anybody. It does not in the least restrict our freedom to protect ourselves from attack by Mexico or any other state. It does not leave us helpless to determine our own immigration policy. Any possible federation of nations must be essentially like a partnership among individuals. If the United States is going to assume that it can trust nothing at all to the good faith and common honesty of any of its prospective partners in the League, or to their desire for friendly relations with us, then any league is out of the question. If we can take no chance on international friendship we must turn vigorously to competitive armaments, with a million men and equipment ready for instant call and a billion a year for the navy. That is the choice before us. It is the most important question before the country and the world. It will be extensively debated. Picking flaws and magnifying them is to be expected. Keep the official texts and

read them over for yourself, with plain horse sense, not of course forgetting that the sincerity of the signatory powers is the essence of the contract."

If there is anything in experience, the Germans ought to be able to qualify as expert cabinetmakers before long.

Mines in Mexico are timbered with rosewood, and mahogany is so common that it is used for fuel.

Were the Germans jealous of the Salvation Army, that they turned all their warships into sinkers?

Lumber Mills Refusing Orders

Producers of west coast lumber are over-sold. Orders have exceeded production for the past two months. Mill stocks are depleted. Physical conditions of manufacturing properties necessitate such extensive repairs during July and August that heavily restricted immediate production is certain.

Notwithstanding the heavy volume of business booked and offering, the industry, as a whole, is not prosperous. Costs, held somewhat in check on a high level, through governmental regulation during war times, are again showing disposition to pyramid. The composite cost statement of 40 representative mills for the month of April, shows that the production of a thousand feet of lumber cost \$21.54. The composite sales report of the same mills indicate a return of \$20.68 per thousand feet, or, considering the bulk of the industry, a loss of \$86 on every thousand feet of lumber manufactured during the month of April.

The condition of the lumber industry shows that there is no likelihood of lumber being cheaper in the near future. Steel has advanced and cop-

per is advancing. The man who now holds up building operations awaiting a drop in prices, has a long wait ahead.

NOTICE

To ladies of the G. A. R.—Would like all to be on hand at the army at 9 o'clock a. m. the Fourth, as the parade will start at 10 o'clock sharp. Cars will be furnished. MRS. JENNIE SMALL, President.

Colorado Lake Dance

Colorado Lake is another new resort placed on the map today which is on the river from Albany somewhere near Corvallis. A big dance was staged for today and this evening.

Oregon Electric Helps

The Oregon Electric contributed its part today in celebrating by bringing a large number of people from the various stations both north and south of the Hub City.

Former Linn County People Here

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elkins of Portland, former Linn county people, were in the city today from Portland to celebrate with old acquaintances. Mr. Elkins is in the shipyards at Portland and was among the number of 10,000 who walked out on a strike at 4:45 late evening.

Loyal to Hub City

That Lebanon and Brownsville and way points are loyal to the Hub City

was evidenced this morning when three carloads of people consisting of more than 200 arrived and perhaps several times that number came in private conveyances during the day to assist in celebrating and extending a royal welcome to the returned soldiers.

Brownsville Shopper

Mrs. C. J. Wells of Brownsville was an Albany shopper yesterday. Mrs. Wells is a daughter of one of the first settlers of Linn county, Moses Zeebman, who took up a donation land claim north of Brown-

Decorates at Drain

Wesley Oakley of near Lebanon was an Albany visitor yesterday on his way to drain to visit with his family and celebrate the Fourth of July.

Geo. Howe Here

Geo. L. Howe of the firm of Howe Brothers of Brownsville arrived in the city last night to celebrate the Fourth. Mr. and Mrs. Howe and nephew will start Monday for a trip to Ranier Park and from there to Clatsop Beach. Mr. Howe has perhaps visited more places of natural and historic interest in the United

States than any man in the county, having made several trips over the United States and parts of Canada.

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