

# General Move For Peace Expected To Be Launched in Four Months

## FOOD SITUATION AND UNREST OF PEOPLE INDICATE

### POSSIBILITY OF ONE NATION BREAKING

Growing Conviction That Neither Side Can Win a Decisive Victory Will Lead to Peace Without Victory, Is Belief of President Wilson—Executive Cabinet Not Likely—Substance of Question Settled by July

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—A general peace move is to be launched within four months, is the belief expressed in diplomatic and official circles here.

It is declared that the acute food situation, with regard particularly to the central powers; unrest of the people indicates dissatisfaction toward the entire cabinet, and the possibility of one nation breaking under the strain, fosters a growing conviction that neither side can win a decisive victory, and will lead to a peace without victory, it is suggested by President Wilson.

It is thought that July 1 will demonstrate the success or failure of the submarine warfare.

### HIGH LINE DITCH WORK TO BEGIN

Dirt is to begin flying soon on the high line irrigation ditch, according to Mr. Cunningham of Pine Grove, who is in town today securing scrapers and other equipment.

The work is to be done by the private land owners in that region, a ditch to carry the water, which will be pumped, to extend from near Altamont to the Grimes ranch near the Oboe city.

The water is to be taken from the main canal by a pumping plant, which is to be installed. Mr. Cunningham says the work will start as soon as the weather will permit, the farmers doing the work themselves.

### GERMANY'S ACTION MAY STOP RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The torpedoing of the Norwegian ship Storstad may halt all Belgian Relief work.

Official confirmation of the attack has been received and relief work officials are discouraged, because Germany destroyed the Storstad in open seas which had been designated as exempt from attack.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Germany has unofficially protested against Americans administering Belgian relief. Chairman Hoover of the relief commission left today for Cadix, Spain, to make arrangements for work in Holland.

### LEAGUE TO GIVE IRISH PROGRAM

The Epworth League of the M. E. church will give a St. Patrick entertainment Wednesday evening, March 14th, in the parlors of the church.

Among the interesting features of the evening will be the appearance of the Great Hanes, with several new features in magic.

## KENO DITCH IS LEASED TO C.-O. POWER COMPANY

### AGREEMENT FOR TEN YEAR PERIOD SIGNED

Contract Made Last Month Whereby California-Oregon Power Company Is to Have Use of Government Irrigation Canal for Ten Years for Rental of \$1,000 Year—May Make Improvements.

The Keno irrigation canal has been leased by the government to the California-Oregon Power company for a period of ten years, according to a copy of a contract received today by R. E. Bradbury, a director of the Klamath Water Users Association. The contract was signed February 24, 1917, by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, and by Alex J. Rosborough, vice president of the power company.

The lease of this canal, which provides that improvements may be made by the power company also permits of the erection of a dam at the head of Link River, if the company elects, within two years, comes as a distinct surprise to the board of directors of the Water Users Association, as the members had received no intimation of the lease until the contract was received today.

What the ultimate outcome of the deal and the purpose of the government in leasing this canal to which the Water Users Association has contributed some \$40,000 for its upkeep and maintenance alone, is information which has not been conveyed to the association.

The contract reads: "The United States hereby leases to the company for a period of ten years from the date of this contract at an annual rental of \$1,000 per year, the Keno canal of the Klamath project

the right to use 815 cubic feet of water per second therein, in addition to the 305 second feet which the company now claims as successors to the Moore Brothers, and is using. "The aforesaid rental shall be payable in advance, the first of which payments shall be due at the date of signing this contract, and said lease shall be subject to the conditions hereinafter stated. The Secretary of the Interior shall have the right in his discretion to renew this lease of said Keno canal after the expiration of said ten year period for a further period of ten years, on the same terms."

The company shall be permitted to make such improvements in the Keno canal at its own expense as may be approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Any further improvements made by the company, the Secretary of the Interior expressly declares that the reclamation service shall bear one-half the reasonable costs, shall be a credit on account of the rental charge paid and payable up to the limit of such charges, and any additional amount of such one-half share shall be paid to the company by the reclamation service.

The agreement also includes a provision that the California-Oregon Power company may elect to construct a dam on Link River at or near the outlet of Upper Klamath Lake. The Secretary of the Interior is to be notified within two years from the signing of the agreement of their intention. Subordinate specifications and regulations are included in the agreement to apply if the company elects to construct the dam, which reverts to

## RAILROAD MEN BACK THE PRESIDENT

### "A Little Group of Wilful Men," Said the President



WILLIAM J. STONE, MO. JAMES A. O'BORMAN, N.Y. HARRY LANE, ORE. WESLEY JONES, WASH. WILLIAM F. KIRBY, ARK. JAMES K. VARDAMAN, MISS. ROBT M. LAFFOLLETTE, WIS. JOHN D. WORKS, CAL. ALBERT S. CUMMINGS, IOWA. EDWARD W. NORRIS, NEB. MOSES E. CLAPP, MINN. ASLE J. GRONNA, N.D.

This is the "little group of wilful men," according to the statement issued by President Wilson after the defeat of the bill directing him to arm merchant ships in the last hour of the session of the United States senate. Each of the men has an explanation of his own to the effect that he opposed the bill on constitutional or public grounds. And each in turn has offered his explanations for his action.

the government at the end of fifty years.

If the dam is constructed the company agrees to furnish electric power during the fifty year period for all pumping requirements for the irrigation or drainage of lands deriving their water supply from or in connection with the works of the Klamath project, or otherwise made part of the project within twenty-five miles from the town of Merrill at a rate of seven mills per kilowatt hour.

In the case of the power for the drainage of Tule Lake the charge for the power shall be seven mills per kilowatt hour between the hours of 4 p. m. and 11 p. m., and at the rate of five mills per kilowatt hour during other times of the day.

All such power shall be delivered by the company at its own expense wherever there is an installation for such pumping purposes of 100 horse power or more, for at least two years' business at an average load factor of at least 50 per cent.

This rate does not extend generally to pumping by private individuals, but only to pumping by the United States or by the Water Users Association or other successor in interest of the United States, or to organizations or individual pumping water to any lands of the project as described.

**Gerrue Pleads Guilty**  
M. C. Gerrue plead guilty in the circuit court this afternoon, and was given an indeterminate sentence of from three to twenty years by Judge Kaykendall.

## BIG FIRE RAGES IN LOS ANGELES

### GASOLINE EXPLOSION STARTS A CONFLAGRATION WHICH THREATENS TO DESTROY THE WEST SIDE OF BROADWAY

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—A gasoline explosion in a downtown hair dressing store this afternoon started a fire which threatens to destroy the west side of Broadway.

The fire has spread between Fourth and Fifth streets onto Hill street. Eleven firemen have been injured or overcome with smoke. Twenty women were rescued from the Occidental hotel by firemen.

A policeman and a fireman were nearly drowned in a basement filled with water, and were rescued only by the bravery of a comrade.

**Hobbs Case in Set**  
The Hobbs case was set for retrial on March 16th by Judge Kaykendall in the circuit court this afternoon. A new panel of jurors was also ordered drawn.

## HOPELESS LOVE OF BLIND GIRL

### PATHEPIC STORY OF THE BEAUTIFUL BLIND GIRL STIRS EVERY HEART TO SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE

Mr. George Kleins, whose name has become a household word all over this country since he first launched his marvelous photodrama production of "Q to Vada," is also sponsor for the beautiful six part photo drama, "The Last Days of Pompeii," which is announced for Saturday night at Houston's opera house.

This new production is a photo dramatization of Lord Bulwer Lytton's famous novel of the same title, and adheres closely to the text. The pathetic yet hopeless love story of the lovely blind flower girl Nydia is related in pictorial detail, and finds a sympathetic response in every heart.

All the wondrous beauties of the ancient city of Pompeii and its surrounding ruins, so thrillingly described in Bulwer's novel, are shown upon the screen, and comprise a series of pictures that are a delight to the eye at all times. "The Last Days of Pompeii," as produced by Mr. Kleins, ranks among the big photo drama achievements of the age.

## ORDINANCE FOR BOND WARRANTS WAS ADOPTED

### ONE MORE ORDINANCE TO BE PASSED AND CITY DONE

Special Meeting Is to Be Held Wednesday Night for the Introduction of Bond Ordinance, Which Will Be Last Formality of City, and Execution of Ordinance is All That Remains—Fourteen Day Time Is Up

The sale of the bonds is now entirely completed, since neither the bond house or the city has exercised their option under the fourteen day limit. The action taken last night by the council prevails over any option that might be taken by the city officials on the issue.

A communication from A. P. Davis of the United States reclamation service formally notified the council of the transfer of the Ankeny ditch to the city and the abandonment of the ditch from the Leavitt tract through the city by the government.

The Union Oil company's petition for a building permit to erect a storage station on Sixth street was withdrawn last night.

The initiative petition filed for an ordinance providing for the granting of a franchise to the Keno Power company last week with the police judge was introduced last night. It will come up again at the next regular meeting allowing the members of the council a week to investigate the petition.

A request from the Klamath Manufacturing company at Shippington for the use of 1,000 feet of fire hose, to be stationed near their plants while they are doing reconstruction and moving work, was presented and referred to Fire Chief Ambrose to be allowed under his discretion.

Mayor Crisler brought up the subject of supplying the city with a 65-gallon gasoline tank and pump, to be used at the city hall for the city fire engine and other purposes. It was laid over for a week for investigation and consideration.

## CARLINE OFFICIAL SHOT BY ITALIAN

### GENERAL MANAGER OF SPROCKLES COMPANIES STREET CAR SYSTEM SHOT BY MAN WITH A GRUDGE FOR ACCIDENT

SAN DIEGO, March 13.—William Clayton, general manager of the Sprockles' companies, owners of the local street car system, was shot yesterday afternoon by Lorenzo Bellomo, an Italian.

Bellomo held a grudge against the street car company over an accident in which he lost a foot six years ago.

## IN CASE OF WAR NOT HOLD STRIKE

### THE DANGER OF STRIKE NOW IS GREAT, HOWEVER

Meeting is to Be Held Thursday by Brotherhood Heads and Railroad Men in Effort to Settle Differences Peacefully—Railway Board of Conciliation and Mediation Will Renew Attempts—Plan Action Not Known

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Leaders of the four railroad brotherhoods, informed President Wilson today that in the event the United States is drawn into war there will be no strike on the railroads.

Assurances were given by the trainmen that they would stand by the president, but no assurances were given that a strike will not be called now.

A letter sent to the president said that the heads of the brotherhoods will confer Thursday with the railroad managers in an effort to settle their differences, and expressed hope that success will attend their efforts.

The railroad board of conciliation and mediation plans to renew the attempt to settle the railroad strike situation. It is not known what form the board's action will take.

The fear is expressed that should a strike come now the situation would be worse than would have resulted last summer. It is pointed out that a railroad tie-up might prevent the special session of congress called for next month.

## SIXTEEN YEAR OLD HAY USED

### STORED ON THE BLOOMINGCAMP RANCH IN NORTHERN PART OF COUNTY FOR JUST SUCH EMERGENCY AS EXISTS AT PRESENT

Hay that has been in a barn for sixteen years on the Bloomingcamp ranch in Wood River Valley is being used this year on account of the hay shortage, according to George Offield, local stockman, who has returned from a trip over the reservation and northern part of the county.

Mr. Offield reports that in parts of that district conditions are very bad and that some cattle owners are having the most difficult times in years.

The hay being used on the Bloomingcamp place has been stored in the barn for years, some for sixteen, and as it has been necessary, and what was not used saved for their 1,000 head of cattle for such an emergency as the present. It is now being used out at the rate of twenty tons a day.

**Home's Milder Approach**  
NEW YORK, March 13.—John Humbert, reported to be the man who made the bombs for the "Five" which were found in the house of the Holkes, has been granted a pardon by New York Governor.