

# INDIAN PLEADS FOR FISH RIGHTS

### Aged Chief Recalls Treaty Made With the Governor of Washington in 1855.

## CHEERED BY LEGISLATORS

### Protests Against Disregard of Pact Which Recognized Right of Indians to Take Salmon in the Yakima River.

Olympia, Wash.—Sixty-six years ago in the spray of Prosser falls, an Indian chief and the then governor of Washington respectively pledged their people to abide by a pact. This pact recognized the perpetual rights of the Yakima tribe to fish where from time immemorial the red man had taken his salmon.

The Indians had been reluctant, saying to Gov. Isaac I. Stevens, "but when you are dead, who will bear witness to your promises?" And the governor had replied:

"I pledge the Americans to keep the promises as long as the mountains stand, as long as the sun shines and the river runs."

Calling upon these mute witnesses and summoning the spirits of the dead, Chief Menlock of the Yakimas has just made a speech of protest at the whites' violation of that treaty, in the state senate chamber here, which is the most dramatic recorded in its annals.

### Boy When Treaty Was Made.

And that speech, which would do credit to the historic orators of his race, with its sharp challenge to the white man's honor, bids fair to correct a wrong the Indians had hitherto borne in silence.

Menlock was a boy when the treaty was made. He had stood attentively beside his father on that occasion. Today he is 80, and wrinkled. Much water has run over Prosser falls since then, and the salmon have dwindled. Also, the whites have enacted fish and game laws which conflict so with the treaty of 1855 that Menlock was recently arrested for taking salmon from the Yakima river.

A few days ago Chief Menlock and other tribal leaders, together with their wives and children, appeared at the imposing state lodge of the white men at the state capitol here to protest. In their feathered and beaded trappings and scarlet blankets they projected a vivid picture of the past into the busy legislative councils as the chief rose to speak in dignified protest.

### Calls Upon Spirits.

"My heart is glad today," said Menlock with solemn mien and somber tongue, "because you have said you would listen to what we have to say. It makes me feel that you want to do right by my people whose privileges have been taken and who are sick and sad for being deprived of the food which has given them health and strength."

and upon those witnesses which Governor Stevens himself invoked to testify that I speak the truth—for the white-topped mountain still stands and the river still runs over the falls where the salmon in season come to leap.

When the old chief sat down among his people the assembled legislators broke into a storm of approving cheers, and the senate committee which has the Indians' case under advisement immediately went on record as favoring the claims of Menlock and his folk, as included in a bill already introduced.

"White men," said the chief as he marched away, "are not so much dishonest as they are sometimes short in memory."

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### Carpenters Accepted Cut in Wages.

Seattle.—Union carpenters voted to voluntarily accept a 12 1/2 per cent reduction in their wage scale. The new scale, \$7 for eight hours' work, became effective immediately.

### U. S. TRADE INCREASE

Report Shows Record-Breaking Foreign Business in 1920.

Exports to the Leading Allies in the War Fell Off Sharply, Says Commerce Department.

Washington, D. C.—Increased trade with Germany, South America, the Orient, West Indies and North America accounted in large measure for the record breaking foreign business of the United States in 1920.

A compilation of American exports and imports last year by countries, issued by the department of commerce, shows that exports to Great Britain, France and Italy fell off sharply. Those countries, however, increased their shipments to the United States, as did practically all the other important nations.

American trade with the four principal South American countries—Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay—totalled approximately \$1,044,000,000, as compared with \$917,000,000 in 1919. American exports to these countries increased more than \$100,000,000 during 1920, totalling \$457,000,000, whereas imports from these countries increased only about \$25,000,000, the total being \$587,000,000.

Trade with Germany during the year nearly quadrupled, aggregating \$400,000,000, but fell far short of that before the war. Exports to Germany reached \$311,000,000, against \$89,000,000 the year before, and imports from that country totalled \$92,000,000, as compared with \$10,000,000 the year before.

American trade with Cuba alone in 1920 exceeded \$1,200,000,000, increasing nearly \$500,000,000 when compared with 1919. Exports of \$515,000,000 to the island republic showed an increase of \$247,000,000, while imports of \$721,000,000 from the republic presented an increase of \$303,000,000.

Spain was the only principal European country which increased its purchases of goods in the American market.

### SNEEZE, STUDENTS GET GATE

Offenders in Boston School Sent Direct to Physicians for Examination and Treatment.

Boston.—Sneezing in a classroom at Massachusetts Institute of Technology draws the gate for the offender.

Orders from Dr. George W. Morse, head of Tech's new medical department, instructed members of the faculty to send sneezers and coughers directly to the school clinic, where they can be taken care of.

The epidemic of infectious colds, the order says, has brought the doctors to this drastic step. Not only those who give audible evidence of the possession of a cold through a cough or a sneeze, but even those who, perhaps through an over-red nose, apparently are in the grip of the thing are to be sent to Doctor Morse.

### CHEROKEES FORGET OLD ROW

Indian Nation Reunited After Split Over Slavery at Time of Civil War.

Talequah, Okla.—Tribal differences dating back to the Civil war, when the powerful Cherokee Indian nation broke into factions over the question of slavery, were wiped out here when several hundred delegates met and unanimously elected Levi Gritts of Muskogee, a full-blood, as principal chief. Levi Cookson, a mixed blood, living near Gore, Okla., was chosen assistant chief.

For the first time in the history of the nation white men, members through intermarriage, sat at the con-

### and voted. Many of them were able to speak Cherokee and the proceedings frequently were halted while translations were made.

### SPEED CRAZE HITS INDIA

Three Cartloads of Motorcycles Arrive at Jellalabad for Dispatch Service.

Bombay.—Life in Afghanistan is speeding up, writes a frontier correspondent of the Times of India.

Three cartloads of motorcycles have recently arrived at Jellalabad for Prince Kasir Jan, the director of communications, who intends to organize a dispatch rider service throughout the country.

Orders have been issued by the Amir's government for contracts to construct macadamized roads through the country to the capital, and for the importation of automobile vehicles. Firms are also invited to establish woolen mills and sugar refineries at Kabul, the capital.

### Seeks to Calm Married Life.

Seattle, Wash.—Justice of the Peace C. C. Dalton announced his purpose to establish a court of domestic relations for adjustment of family troubles under the Washington "lazy husband" act and cases of desertion and non-support.

It will be the first domestic relations court in Washington.

### Mennonites to Settle in Mississippi.

Winnipeg.—An agreement has been concluded between representatives of an American land syndicate and H. M. Knussen, representing Mennonites of Manitoba, Canada, whereby they will purchase 125,000 acres in Mississippi for colonization, a newspaper in Winnipeg has announced.

### PREDICTS GLASS AUTO ROADS

Englishman Declares That Five Years Hence Speed of Autos Will Equal That of Railroad Trains.

London.—"Five years hence there will be 2,000,000 motor vehicles in England instead of 750,000 as at present," said Lord Montague at a meeting of the Institute of Transport.

He said the width of many of the most used roads would have to be doubled, that roads would be built of semipermanent materials like concrete or glass and that the average speed of autos would equal that of railroad trains.

### Wild Geese Broke the Wires.

Providence, R. I.—A large flock of wild geese which flew into telegraph and telephone wires and demoralized its signal system, held up traffic on the Pascoque branch line railroad for several hours. The flock was volplaning into a pond near the railroad tracks when it came in contact with the wires, breaking them and throwing them against high-voltage power wires.

### CHARGES 2,933 CASUALTIES

Report Says Japanese Killed or Wounded This Number of Koreans.

Shanghai, China.—The Korean Red Cross in Shanghai has made public a statement charging that Japanese forces killed or injured 2,933 Koreans on Chinese soil in Manchuria from Oct. 9 to Nov. 5 last year. The number of houses and dwellings said to have been destroyed is 1,982, the number of churches burned twenty-five and schools nine. Philip B. Lob, head of the Korean Red Cross, said the record had been compiled in six counties.



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