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## UNITED STATES DELAY HAS INJURED LEAGUE

WAR ALMOST CERTAIN, SAYS CORRESPONDENT, IF RATIFICATION DOES NOT COME.

For more than a month I have been revisiting Europe, have been listening to views from all parts of the continent, have been observing conditions, studying politics and following the press of all these countries, writes Carl Ackerman. My chief conclusion is now the conviction that the United States today has it still within its power to minimize the possibilities of another world war. With the league of nations functioning, there may still be wars. Without the league, wars are certain, and furthermore it is certain America will be involved.

Through the tremendous potential power and moral influence of the United States the league may succeed. Everything depends upon two words, "will" and "may." That the United States cannot prevent the league from making some progress and exerting some influence in the parliaments and among the belligerent statesmen of Europe, is obvious. It does not seem possible now for America wholly to defeat the league's possibilities, for despite America's indecision and the opposition of the United States senate and reactionary European statesmen; despite the present world reaction against any form of international co-operation, the league of nations is today hard at work planning and preparing for its future responsibilities.

Thirty-one nations, counting the British Empire as one, have officially joined the league. Within a short time, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Denmark and Holland will increase the number to 36. With the exception of the United States and a very few Central American countries, Russia and former Central European states, every other nation in the world has both confidence and hope in the league.

Before reporting on the status of the league today and the attitude of the public and governments toward that body I wish to emphasize one point: While America's stubborn refusal to join the league has not killed it, still the senate's opposition has to its credit the following accomplishments:

1. The senate's antagonism has aroused and strengthened all reactionary European dislike of any organization which seeks to change the existing order.

2. It has given immeasurable prestige and influence to all the forces of militarism in every European country.

3. It has given all those who believe in secret diplomacy time to entrench themselves in all governments, so that the task of bringing about changes in diplomatic methods is now confronted with seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

4. As a result of the senate's delay over ratification, world-wide sentiment in favor of the league and an international desire for some peace organization has become solid. After the peace treaty was signed it would have been a comparatively easy task to start the world on a new road of diplomacy but now that task will be staggering.

5. America's hesitancy has caused the great majority of people in Europe to lose faith and confidence in the United States.

### AUTO HITS BANK

Driver Loses Control of Engine and Runs Car Into Westside Bank.

D. Ernest Lyon, a former employe of the Sloan Shipyard Corporation, came near having a serious accident on the West Fourth street hill. Just as he started down the hill, the engine began to run wild and to avoid a probable plunge into the bay, he steered the car into the high bank on the south side of the street. He, and a companion, escaped injury, and the car was not damaged to any considerable extent.

### CARRY SUFFRAGE BY SINGLE VOTE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 10.—The West Virginia legislature ratified the federal suffrage amendment late this afternoon. Final action on the amendment was taken by the senate in adopting the resolution of the house of delegates by a vote of 15 to 14.

The vote of Senator Jesse A. Bloch of Wheeling, who made a hurried trip from California to Charleston to vote on the amendment, was effectual in breaking the deadlock between pro and anti-suffrage forces. Senator A. R. Montgomery was not permitted to vote, his seat having been declared vacant.

### RETAILERS OF STATE FORM ORGANIZATION

PLAN TO SPEND \$200,000 YEARLY TO IMPROVE SERVICE AND AID CO-OPERATION

A State Retailers' Association was formed in Seattle Wednesday by delegates from various cities and towns of the state, the purposes of which are to improve the quality of service rendered to the public through the promotion of better co-operation and understanding among retailers, and between retailers and consumers. It is proposed to develop this improved service by an intensive campaign having for its object the creation of a better and more efficient system of distribution, based upon research and service. The association will aim to bring the retailers into closer relationship for the frank discussion of those problems vital to the upbuilding of trade relations.

Olympia men present as delegates to the association were:

C. H. Bowen, of Barnes & Bowen, Mitchel Harris, of Harris Dry Goods Company; H. H. Jackson, of Jackson Bros. Furniture; Noyes Talcott, of Talcott Bros.; C. A. Rose, of Rose-Neppel Auto Company.

George A. Phillips, president and general manager of the Palace department store of Spokane, is president. B. C. Beck, of the Bon Marche, Seattle, was elected first vice president; Frank Cardwell, of Pomeroy, second vice president; C. W. Rhodes, Tacoma, treasurer, and Z. Y. Coleman, Toppensish, secretary. The officers were vested with the powers of an executive committee. The plan of organization contemplates a number of meetings, to be held at the call of the chair, after a state-wide drive for membership has been made.

CHRISTIANIA. — Norway's mercantile shipping business with the United States has received a big impetus since the war by reason of the fact that European markets are no longer able to supply the country's needs. New York and other American ports are now taking the place of Hamburg and London as the principal outlets for the overseas trade of the Scandinavian countries. Moreover, a great many American export firms have established branches and agencies in Norway.

### INVITE SENATOR JOHNSON

Republican Solon and Voter for the Carlyon Bill Asked to Speak.

A resolution was passed by the McLane Grange at a meeting held Thursday night to invite Senator Lon Johnson to speak in the Grange hall. At the last session of the legislature Senator Johnson voted for the Carlyon highway bill, and is now touring the state in the interests of the black top people. At McLane the Grange members are all for Carlyon, but in all fairness, they are anxious to hear what Senator Johnson has to say in criticism of his vote.

### COMMERCIAL AIRPLANE IS NOW A REALITY

"Pony Blimp" the Type Used—Will Be Exhibited at San Francisco Aero Show in April.

The first lighter-than-air ship ever built solely for commercial use has been sold by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company to a Kansas City airship syndicate. Delivery will be made March 16, following exhibition at the New York aero show.

The ship is called a "pony blimp" because it is probably the smallest practicable dirigible ever constructed. It seats two passengers, has a speed of 40 miles an hour and a range of about 400 miles. Its "ceiling" is about 6,000 feet.

The Western syndicate has not declared what use will be made of the airship, but some of the commercial uses for which it is adapted are, aerial mail transportation, harbor, coast guard and forest patrol, wheat and oil survey, aerial photography and map-making, express carrying and for advertising purposes.

The "pony blimp" type of airship was developed following the change from war to peace-time activities of the huge Akron plant, where more than 1,000 balloons have been turned out. Developed primarily for the sportsman, the little ship has a variety of commercial uses. It will probably be the forerunner of the transcontinental and transoceanic types the company may build later.

But 95 feet in length, 40 feet in height and 28 in diameter, the "mid-gut of the air" has a gas capacity of about 35,000 feet. The motor is four cylinder, 16 valve, 40 horse power, mounted as a "pusher." In trials the ship was found to have extraordinary maneuverability.

New features are the ability to land on water, easy demounting of car and rudder, also special mooring harness by which a few men can handle the ship on landing.

With firm faith in the future of airway travel, the company has near completion another "pony blimp" of tractor type, which will be shown for the first time at the San Francisco aero show in April.

### NEW OWNERS OF CLOVERFIELDS FARM

Mr. and Mrs. James H. P. Bates, Late of New York State, Are Now Citizens of Olympia

Mr. and Mrs. James H. P. Bates, the latest addition to our citizenship, arrived in Olympia Thursday noon, and are now established at Cloverfields farm, the estate of the late General Hazard Stevens, the brother of Mrs. Bates, of which property they are now the owners. Mr. and Mrs. Bates left New York in a snow storm and blizzard, and their journey across the continent was a veritable wintry one, with snow covering the country most of the way. On reaching the Cascade mountains they were greeted by a snow storm which greatly enhanced the grandeur of the scenery.

At Chicago their train, the Pennsylvania Limited, quick train for the special benefit of business men, was over three hours late, in consequence of which they received a refund of \$6.48, which sum helped to defray the expenses of the day spent in the "Windy City."

Among the most interesting scenes of their trip was the ride through the Wenatchee valley, lined on either side for miles with pear and apple orchards. Last year 12,000 carloads of fruit were exported from Wenatchee.

On next Tuesday the Pomona Grange meets at Alert Grange. One of the main topics of discussion for the lecturer's hour will be reasons why the labor unions and the farmers can or cannot combine for mutual assistance to each other.

A large attendance is expected and several other matters will come up for discussion and action.

### WOMAN'S CLUB OBSERVE 37TH ANNIVERSARY

Thirty-seventh Birthday Celebrated By Large Number of Members and Guests.

The Woman's Club celebrated a most delightful anniversary Wednesday evening at the club building with a large number of guests and members present. A sumptuous repast was provided, and at 6 o'clock they proceeded to the enjoyment of breaking bread together.

Addresses were made by Governor Hart and Miss Jennie Moore, the only charter member of the club in the city. There are only three of the charter members living now, two of them residing in California, and Miss Moore is the third. Mrs. Mowell also spoke, and all three of the addresses were replete with entertainment and instructive thought, as well as reminiscence of the club life of the city.

An unusually fine musical program was given, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### DRUGGISTS MEET

Prigmore & Sears Inaugurate Plan to Inject Enthusiasm Into Business.

Prigmore & Sears, who operate a chain of drug stores at Olympia, Centralia, Chehalis and Aberdeen, have inaugurated a monthly get-together meeting for the purpose of better acquaintance between employe and employer and to create an enthusiastic interest in their business affairs.

Last night a meeting was held in Chehalis, where all the stores were represented. After the business meeting a "feed" was served in the store, with George Sears, manager of the Chehalis store, as toastmaster. The Olympia store was represented by Carlton Sears and Roy F. Davidson, Robert Teachout, Aberdeen, and John Larsen, Chester Riddell and Ben Hodge, Centralia.

The April meeting will be held in Olympia with a banquet served in the store.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

F. R. Klumb Heads Organization—Adolph Schmidt, Martin Gottfeld and F. R. Klumb Win in Contest for Trustees.

The election of three new members to fill expiring vacancies in the board of trustees for the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday created little interest among the members. Five were nominated, with three to elect. F. R. Klumb headed the list, with Adolph Schmidt and Martin Gottfeld receiving the next highest vote.

The board of trustees met following the vote counting to organize the new board and to elect officers for the year. F. R. Klumb was chosen president; Thomas L. O'Leary, first vice president; C. A. Rose, second vice president; Noyes Talcott, treasurer. H. B. Fultz, who has served as secretary for the past year and a half, was retained for that work.

The annual meeting of the Chamber will be held next Tuesday night, at which time a full attendance is expected. The reports of the various officers and a review of the year's work will be a feature of the session.

LOUISVILLE, Ken. — A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney-general of the United States, in addressing the general assembly at Frankfort on radicalism, said: "We cannot reform character by legislation; we cannot deport ideas. We must combat false ideas by argument, and make American character by education. But, before argument can persuade or education reform, there must be instilled respect for our institutions, the laws must be obeyed and order maintained."

### TACOMA TEACHERS ASK INCREASE IN WAGES

Asking substantial advances for all teachers, a committee from the Federated Teachers of Tacoma's public school system have requested increases in wages of the school board.

The teachers ask that the automatic annual increase, now \$60, be raised to \$120. A flat increase of \$360 for classroom instructors and \$480 for supervisors, principals and heads of departments in high schools is sought. The committee asked that the minimum for grade teachers be placed at \$1,200 and the maximum at \$2,100, the minimum for high school teachers, \$1,500 and the maximum at \$2,400. A maximum for principals is placed at \$3,000. Charles T. Miller, chairman, presented the scale on behalf of the committee as a whole.

### WASHINGTON OLDER BOYS' CONFERENCE

MEETS TONIGHT, UNDER DIRECTION OF Y. M. C. A. AND WESTERN WASHINGTON S. S. ASSOCIATION

The clans are gathering for the Washington Older Boys' Conference, which is to be held in this city today, Saturday and Sunday. Already delegations from Hoquiam and Aberdeen had arrived early this morning and the others are scheduled to reach here during the day.

Ben H. Schmidt of Seattle, conference director, has been here for the past two days arranging for the meeting. He is ably supported by Secretary Burwell of the local Y, who has had the big task of superintending local arrangements.

Places have been secured for practically all the boys, and all will be cared for with truly Olympian hospitality.

The first session will be the banquet this evening at the Methodist church. Following is the program: 6 o'clock. Banquet at Methodist church.

Y. M. C. A. Band, Benj. R. McClelland, director.

Sing, led by Frank Clark. "Who's Who and From Where?" Washington's Boys, Gov. Louis F. Hart.

Echoes from Everett Conference: Cliff Christianson, Everett; Eugene Tupper, Snohomish; Bob Bachelder, Everett; Dwight Thomas, Seattle.

Speeches: "Welcome from Churches", Rev. Charles True of Godsell. "Welcome from the Fellows." Chas. Tyler.

Response, Tacoma Fellow. "We're Here," E. L. Gregory. "Hello, Fellows," Mrs. Jan Morris Ellis.

Appointment of committees. Address, "Leaders I Have Known," Hermon P. Williams, Tacoma.

Saturday forenoon, afternoon and evening is well filled with events of importance — devotional meeting, commission meetings, business sessions, movie, stereopticon, etc.

Sunday morning's session will be held in the United Churches, and the evening session at the Methodist church.

The speakers and leaders for the Conference are:

Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis, vocational guidance expert, of Portland; Miss G. N. Foote and Geo. B. Cole, of Seattle; Frank G. Moran, of the Moran school, Rolling Bay; Bert Mitchell, recently returned from Vladivostok; Sid Jones, Rolling Bay; Rev. Hermon P. Williams, of Tacoma; Frank Clark, Rolling Bay; J. G. Gerwick, Olympia, and commission leaders.

The local chairmen are: E. H. Burwell, general chairman; Dr. L. Masemore, treasurer; J. G. Gerwick, secretary; Denton Elberson, recreation; Maynard Duxbury, entertainment; Mrs. G. H. Uhler, banquet; R. B. Brown, publicity; Fred Christopher, reception.

Former State Printer E. L. Boardman was an Olympia visitor this week.

### DISABLED EX-YANKS TO DRIVE TRACTORS

SHORTAGE OF MEN QUALIFIED TO OPERATE POWER MACHINERY.

A new and important addition to the labor supply in the field of tractor operations is "on the way." A significant means of relief for the service responsibilities of the tractor dealer is likewise in immediate prospect.

Uncle Sam is recruiting and training disabled soldiers as farm mechanics. And "farm mechanics," for all its breadth of application, means, as the federal officials sense it, pre-eminently tractor operators and tractor repairmen. Uncle Sam has demonstrated to his own satisfaction that a man, even though lacking the use of one hand or one leg, may, with proper training, qualify as an ideal farm mechanic and hence plans are pushing ahead to mobilize a force of specialists who will be the best paid men on the farms because they will be the most valuable men in the farm crews.

The interest and activity of the national government in this constructive undertaking is expressed through the federal board of vocational education, the primary responsibility of which, just now, is to fit to earn a livelihood the returned soldiers and sailors who, as a result of the toll of war, are disqualified for the occupations that they formerly followed.

Uncle Sam Supervising It. The federal board is not to conduct the educational institutions that will train the "reconstructed" soldiers as experts in power farming. That will be left to state agricultural colleges and established tractor schools. But the federal board will recruit the farm mechanics' prospects, will formulate to some extent the standard sources of instructions to be followed and will, in a sense, supervise the education of the men.

From the standpoint of the well being of the tractor industry one of the most gratifying and encouraging features of this project for building up an organization of skilled mechanics on the farms is the manner in which Uncle Sam has been literally pushed into it.

With a view to affording every opportunity to disabled soldiers, sailors and marines to "find themselves," this federal board for vocational education is working in close co-operation with the office of the surgeon-general of the war department and the bureau of medicine and surgery of the navy department. The policy is to allow no disabled man to leave the hospital until everything possible has been done to restore him to physical health and strength, but it is sought to utilize the period of convalescence to familiarize the patient with all the avenues of profitable and congenial employment that will be open to him when he again strikes out for himself.

And They're Crazy to Learn.

In the canvass of the men in the hospitals and rest camps it has been no surprise that boys reared on the farms or whose war experience was in an automotive sphere have displayed keen interest in the farm mechanics program. What has proved impressive is the proportion of soldiers and sailors without special qualifications whose interest has been focused in this quarter.

One explanation vouchsafed by the officials is that there were in the army many men of mechanical bent who did not have an opportunity to work at it during the war. Another is that the very considerable number of men who, as a result of their war experience, want jobs in the open, favor the farm mechanic proposal.

Uncle Sam in his new role of instructor in farm mechanics will not tell the "graduates" what pay they should receive on the farms, nor will he attempt to dictate to farmers or ranchers what wage they should pay. The officials who are directing the project tell privately, however, that they feel that a competent farm mechanic should be worth, anywhere in the country, a wage of not less than \$75 per month with keep, if unmar-

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