

# REVISERS SEEK MIDDLE GROUND IN LEAGUE FIGHT

## Would Reiterate Unimpaired Power of Congress to Make War.

Washington, July 19.—Altho administration leaders, both in executive and senate circles, discount the possibility of President Wilson accepting any reservations in the ratification of the peace treaty and league of nations covenant, some of the republican senators who have told the president that a majority will favor interpretative reservations are discussing what middle ground may be found on which the opposing forces may unite.

The administration senators continue to stand firm on their claim they will have the votes to pass the treaty without change and say that as they will make their fight on that basis they do not care to compromise what might happen if they failed to muster them.

Meanwhile republicans who favor the league of nations idea, but have told the president some reservations will have to be made, are working on plans which they feel will be acceptable.

**Republican Proposals.**

If the president is making any effort to sound out the entente powers on possible reservations, as has been reported, none of the usual channels of the entente embassies in Washington is being used and there is no evidence to support that theory.

Discussions among republicans seem to range around the following tentative set of reservations:

That nothing in article 10 shall be construed to obligate the United States to enter without a declaration of war by congress.

That nothing in the covenant shall in any way impair the Monroe doctrine or curtail the nation's prerogative of administering it as a purely national policy.

That it shall be understood that in accepting the covenant, the United States does not subtract from its sovereign right to determine purely domestic problems such as immigration and the tariff.

**RE-NEGOTIATION FEARED.**

These and other reservations of similar character, designed to give additional guarantees of the right of independent national action without vitiating the fabric of the league, might satisfy, it is argued, a considerable group of republican senators who are favorable to some sort of a peace league.

Their sponsors argue the propositions thus put forward do not run counter in any way to the professed tenets of the administration. Administration leaders declare these very propositions already are either set forth with efficient clearness in the covenant, or else are the natural corollaries of the league principles.

Objection to such reservations as expressed from the administration point of view is that they might necessitate re-negotiation, encourage other nations delay and confusion and, finally, endanger the whole league plan. President Wilson is said to have described the present political status of Europe as a field in which it may be very difficult to carry on such a re-negotiation.

**Held to Be Contract.**

Consequently, administration forces are determined to make a fight for unreserved ratification. Senator Pittman, of Nevada, democrat, of the foreign relations committee, outlined this position briefly to the senate several days ago and will speak at greater length on the legal aspects of reservations next week. He takes the position that the treaty must be considered in the light of a contract, and not a word can be added or erased without the consent of the other parties.

Opposing that view, some of the republicans generally favorable to a league hold that treaty procedure is a less exact science than contract law and reservations merely calculated to set forth the senate's interpretation of certain clauses could be attached without sending the covenant back and re-opening negotiations.

# PERSHING UNNAMED IN PROVISIONAL BILL; FITS HIM AND MARCH

## Matter of Precedent Also Established, Putting Him Above Rival.

Washington, July 19.—President Wilson's recommendation that the highest titles of service be bestowed permanently on Generals Pershing and March, Admirals Sims and Benson, was followed, today, by introduction of bills for that purpose with chairman of the house military and naval committee.

Chairman Kahn, of the military committee, did not name General Pershing or General March in the bill he presented, but so identified them by their records as to make them the only ones eligible to permanent ranks as generals. He believes that technically the president should make the appointments with senate confirmation.

The Pershing bill would repeal "any provision that would enable any other officer of the army to take rank or precedence" over him.

Chairman Butler, of the naval committee, named Admirals Benson and Sims in his bill, which would direct that they "shall not be placed upon retired list, except upon their own application."

Secretary Daniels will appear before the naval committee Tuesday in favor of the Butler bill.

# Dr. Nelson Returns; Was Elected Coroner But May Not Qualify

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Cut Bank, July 19.—Dr. R. G. Nelson who has seen active service overseas for the past year has returned to Cut Bank where he will resume his practice. Dr. Nelson was commissioned a captain while in the service. He was chosen as county coroner when Glacier county was created but it is not known whether he will qualify or not. T. B. Bomboy, undertaker, is now filling the position.

# WIRELESS FONE GIVES SERVICE ON FIRE LINES

Missoula, July 19.—R. B. Adams, telephone engineer of districts 1 and 6 of the forest service, returned to headquarters here, today, and reported that experiments he has conducted in the Selway forest with the wireless telephones have proved a success.

The purpose of the trial was to determine whether the telephone would prove a benefit to the service in a country covered with dense forests and whether the current would carry the messages across high mountain ranges.

Mr. Adams established a combined receiving and sending apparatus connecting the Mud creek ranger station in Montana with the Beaver Ridge lookout station across the Bitter Root mountains in Idaho, an airline distance of 11 1/2 miles. The distance between these points by the shortest possible route thru the passes of the range is 30 miles.

"So far as forestry officials at headquarters know," said Assistant District Forester F. A. Fenn, in charge of land here, "this is the first actual demonstration of the feasibility of using wireless telephony in localities separated by a high mountain range."

Officials are specially gratified in view of the fact that the service is as great aid in the speedy location and information which it makes possible in forest fire fighting.

# WEATHER

Observations at 6 p. m., July 19, for the preceding 24 hours.

Place	High	Low	Pre.
Great Falls	84	44	..
Calgary	76	44	..
Chicago	82	72	..
Havre	80	50	..
Helena	80	48	..
Kalispell	78	46	..
New York	82	68	1.0
St. Paul	80	64	..
San Diego	72	66	..
Seattle	76	56	..
Williston	84	52	..

**Weather Conditions — Pacific Slope, Northwest and Canadian Northwest.**

Temperatures are higher generally in the Rocky Mountain and upper Plateau regions and in the north Pacific coast states. In Montana early morning temperatures were comparatively low, going to as low as 40 degrees in southern part of the state but the rise during the day was rapid. Showers have occurred during the past 24 hours in southern Utah, central Colorado, South Dakota, southern Alberta and in the extreme eastern Montana. Clear skies prevail throughout the west tonight.

**MONTANA FORECAST.**

Fair Sunday and Monday; somewhat warmer Sunday.

# LONDON LANES

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monument, added color to the striking scene.

King George, from his seat on the scarlet dais, had a clear view thru a colonnade of ornate white pylons reaching far more than a half mile to the admiralty arch. The troops marched past the reviewing stand to the music of dozens of military bands.

**Americans in Fine Form.**

The Americans led the procession. It was 12:30 o'clock when they came marching with spry step and smart precision that would have gladdened the heart of a West Point commandant. As the Americans approached the stand, King George and all others, including Queen Mary, the aged queen mother Alexandra, and Princess Mary, rose. The king, in the uniform of a field marshal, kept his hand to his visor in rigid salute until General Pershing, had ridden by. The American troops wore compliments on their formation. The bayonets of many were decorated with flowers and small Union Jacks.

**U. S. Contingent Larger.**

The 15,000 paraders camped at Kensington garden yesterday and last night. They were drawn from the British, American, French, Italian, Belgian, Japanese, Polish, Rumanian, Portuguese, Serbian, Siamese and Czech-Slovakian armies. In the line of march the contingents were arranged in alphabetical order, the Americans leading. The Americans, led by General J. J. Pershing, marched in three battalions of 33 officers and 1,100 men each. Belgium had in line 440 officers and men, led by General Gillian; France was represented by 990 men and Italy by 835. There were five officers and 50 men for each of the other allied nations.

Behind the allied section came Vice Admirals Beatty and Keyes and other high officers of the grand fleet, with a naval contingent of 4,000 men. Then came one thousand men from the mercantile marine and 500 women from various war services.

**City Has Holiday.**

Next came Field Marshal Haig and his staff, leading 5,000 British troops of every branch of the service. All the dominions had forces in line. It had been feared that Canada would not be represented, because so few Canadian troops were left in London. At the last moment, however, a detachment was collected, and it took part in the parade.

Following the parade, London, which enjoyed a special business holiday, gave itself up to merry-making. As proved by armistice week dancing is the most favored way of celebrating. The authorities provided four huge areas for dancing on Hyde Park green and Regents Park, old-time country dances being featured.

**Great Day of Song.**

Elsewhere in the city military bands gave concerts and pageants and scenes from Shakespeare were given by theatrical clubs. A chorus of 5,000 singers, under the auspices of the League of Arts, gave a feature entertainment, the singers being clad in picturesque victory costumes. Tonight the Imperial choir appeared in a peace and thanksgiving performance in Hyde Park. This organization numbers more than 10,000 singers. The public was provided with the words of songs to be sung and was asked to join in the patriotic numbers. Fireworks ended the day's festivities.

Fish handlers and workers on the wharves at St. Johns, Newfoundland, have been granted an all-round increase of 25 per cent in their wages.

# NEW NAVAL POLICY LAUNCHED IN VAST MARINE SPECTACLE

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The roadstead was busy with them. Black decks stockers tolled and black smoke clouds rose over the fleet.

Gradually the stir died away. Boat after boat was hoisted, dripping, to its jacks fastened to their tasks of lashing and making all ship-shape aboard for the voyage.

**Scene of Orderly Hurry.**

Ashore little groups of wet-eyed women, sailors' wives or sweethearts, crowded the dockheads to wave good-speed.

At 8 o'clock the bugles called softly from the fleet. The hurrying white figures in each wide deck were suddenly still. It was "colors" and as the strain of the distant bands rose and fell on the breeze, aloft and ashore, men in the white of the navy or in army khaki stood rigidly at attention facing the bright flags flung from every mast in the grey fleet.

In a moment all was hurry again. The sun picked out the brass work of the ships to set it glowing. It caught and colored strings of flags from yard arms, lighted the gleaming boards of semaphores on high bridge-ends, helped jacksies with waving arms send jerky greetings to comrades on other ships. The blinding blue flicker of the day's light "blinking" in here and there. The men of the fleet were talking now and messages criss-crossed each other all up and down the long line under the shifting smoke pall.

**They're Off!**

Promptly at 8:30, a destroyer stole slowly out from its place in line behind the battleships. A double string of six of the New Mexico, where Admiral Rodman's four-starred flag flapped lazily above the hooded top of the tall cage mast, showed that the order had been given to begin the voyage. The destroyer swung toward the sea, slipping smoothly down the channel. Another followed and then another, spaced at perfect intervals. They formed a lane toward the sea, drawn up in two columns.

First to leave her anchorage, the flagship New Mexico circled slowly and swung into the water lane between the destroyers. In her wake came the Missouri, New York and Texas steamed down the moving lane, the tenders closed in behind and the whole fleet moved off across the bay to the open.

Once at sea, the destroyers formed a triangle about the battleship divisions and steamed in double columns inside this protection at a 12-knot gait. At sea, also, somewhere along the line the great dreadnaughts Idaho and Arizona kept the outer edge of the fleet. The scout cruiser Birmingham, flagship of the active Pacific destroyer force.

**Formidable, But Not All.**

Formidable as the fleet looked steaming out on the voyage that will end for some of the ships only after a call at Honolulu in mid-Pacific, it represented only part of Admiral Rodman's force. The destroyers he took out with him were but a quarter of those he commanded, which contains much valuable government timber.

**WINDS FAN IDAHO FIRES INTO RAGING INFERNOES**

Spokane, July 19.—Fanned by strong winds from the north and west, the forest, two fires in northern Idaho have sprung into infernos and are raging unchecked. Calls for additional men have been sent out, with some success.

One fire is on Bear creek, near Enaville, 18 miles west of Wallace. It started this morning and is giving untold trouble to 50 men who are combatting it. Forty men additional are on the way to assist. The blaze has burned over 200 acres, mostly of the "burn" of 1910. This fire is on the Couer d'Alene forest.

The second serious conflagration, not yet under control, is on Hoshup mountain, on the Kaniku national forest, between Priest River and Sullivan. While only from 50 to 100 acres has been burned over, according to Supervisor Howard Flint, the blaze is a most threatening one and may bring disaster to Supervisor Flint's record of not having lost an acre of merchantable timber thus far this season. A call has been sent out for 25 more men.

The fire near Wallace, which for a time was serious, is under control, but is being watched closely by residents of the city.

**FIRES AT BOZEMAN SUBDUED.**

Bozeman, July 19.—The fires in the Bear Trap canyon and on Ross peak in the Bridger range are under control, according to the reports from the forestry department in this city.

**IRISH PRESIDENT COMING TO BUTTE MONDAY; TOURS THEN**

San Francisco, July 19.—Eamon De Valera, president of the provisional Irish republic, and his party will start for Butte, on Monday, and will go from there to New York, it is announced. The Butte visit is in answer to a promise made to local Irish leaders there by De Valera.

Plans for a systematic tour of the country later were being formulated and will be announced upon his return to New York, De Valera said.

**BIRTH.**

Special to The Daily Tribune.

Geraldine, July 19.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Hilger avenue, July 12, a daughter.

**New Storm Center.**

Slight headway is being made against the Nigger gulch blaze, according to reports received, today, while the Rock creek fire reported yesterday, was caught immediately and is now under control. Numerous small fires have been reported during the last week in the Lolo forest, coming so rapidly that it is impossible to place crews on all of them.

In the Couer d'Alene forest, the Steamboat fire is burning in timber lands of great value. The Pend Oreille forest, where for a few days the situation was unusually quiet, has developed into a storm center. The Mount Hall fire on the Canadian border has burned over both forks of Mission creek, with 65 men fighting it from the south end. The Ruby creek fire has burned over about 630 acres, with 36 men battling the flames there.

The Park river fire is the most serious in the Pend Oreille forest, having covered 5,000 acres. This fire, which has been burning for about ten days, has crossed north over the divide and is threatening the Fall creek drainage,

# COMPENSATION ACT WILL BOOST PRICE OF LIGNITE COALS

## Mine Operators at Williston, N. D., Predict Substantial Boost to Consumer.

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Williston, N. D., July 19.—The price of lignite coal will receive a substantial boost here this fall as a direct result of the workmen's compensation act, Williston mine operators declared today. The Williston Coal & Ice company, employing 20 to 25 miners and a half dozen ice harvesters is asked by the state to pay \$1,869 to the workmen's compensation fund.

"This tax is excessive and is more than mine operators can bear without increasing the price of coal," J. A. Husebye, president of the company, said today. "In our case it means almost \$75 for each man we employ. It is possible we may also be forced to increase the price of ice before the season closes."

N. B. Ludovese, president of the Black Diamond Coal company, declared that he will refuse to pay the tax and that the state will have to sue him to get the money. "We are not financial kings operating mines in North Dakota and are no more able to stand such an excessive tax than any other business man in the small towns of the state," Mr. Ludovese declared. He said the assessment is practically double what it was last year.

Extensive curtailment in the lignite coal mining industry is seen by mine operators here as a result of the doubled rate for the compensation fund. They point out that the demand for lignite coal grows less as the price goes higher. "If the price of lignite means that of anthracite coal people will buy anthracite when it is available," one dealer said. Lignite is not so convenient to handle for heating and cooking purposes as eastern coal.

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