

CITY MAY SOON BE SUED FOR \$135,000

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE TO RESUME WORK

ORGANIZATION WILL RESUME PROSELYTING

New Automobiles for Organizers to Be Shipped.

MANAGER IS PREPARING Movement Quiet in Oklahoma for Last Two Years.

Reorganization of the non-partisan league in Oklahoma, in spite of the recent conviction on a charge of conspiracy to teach disloyalty of A. C. Townley, its national president, will be begun within a few days, it was announced this morning by J. W. Houchin, temporary state manager.

The league has about ten automobiles in the state at this time for the use of organizers, it was stated by Houchin, and a number of others are expected to arrive here soon.

The league will endeavor to enlist as many Oklahoma farmers as possible in the league. Membership fees are \$10 for two years, and that amount includes a subscription to the Non-Partisan Leader, official organ of the league, and all other printed matter it issues.

The non-partisan league began organization work in Oklahoma about three years ago, shortly after the organization had succeeded in capturing the political machinery of the state of North Dakota.

A number of organizers were sent over the state in automobiles to enlist farmers in the movement, and backers declared they were meeting with much success. When war was declared in 1917, however, and attacks on the loyalty of members of the league were made, work in this state was abandoned. Little has been done now for more than two years.

Intensive Campaign for \$12,000 Here Tomorrow.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow morning three blasts of the fire siren will announce the opening of the \$12,000 Oklahoma City campaign for the relief of sufferers in devastated France.

Members of girls' clubs will sell tags at all theaters and public places throughout the day and evening. Four-minute speakers under the direction of Leonard Bailey will appear for the drive from the stages of all theaters. One local theater has secured the services of a vocalist who will sing the "Marseillaise" before each four-minute talk. The theater will be decorated with French flags. Representatives from all women's clubs and civic organizations will assist in the collection of funds.

Up to the present time more than one hundred unsolicited checks have been received through the mail at the city headquarters.

Something For Nothing It isn't very often that one is offered something for nothing—especially when the offer has no "string" to it—but The Times is offering its readers an opportunity to get the only existing accurate map of the New Europe, free.

This map is two feet by one and one-half, printed in nine colors and drawn by experts of the American geographical survey. A TWO-CENT STAMP for return postage, and a letter containing your name and address is all that is required to bring this handsome map to you—WITHOUT FURTHER COST.

Henry Ford, Peeved, First Admits And Then Denies That He's an 'Ignorant Idealist' as Charged

GERMAN PROVINCE DECLARES REPUBLIC

(By The Associated Press.) COBLENZ, July 16.—A republic has been proclaimed in Birkensfeld in the allied area of occupation. A provisional government was formed Monday and complete separation from Oldenburg proclaimed.

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO, INJURES 7 AT PURCELL

PURCELL, Okla., July 16.—Two men are reported killed, one fatally injured and six others severely injured when lightning struck a shed in which the nine men had taken refuge during a storm near Erin Springs, southwest of here last night.

WAR HEROES PAWN MEDALS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 16.—American distinguished service crosses and French war crosses won by American soldiers on the battle fields of France at a risk of their lives, are obtainable in New York pawn shops for the insignificant sum of \$5, it was learned tonight.

GRADY COUNTY VISITED BY VERY HEAVY RAIN

CHICKASAW, Okla., July 16.—Grady county was visited by a heavy rain last night. Corn and feed crops that were suffering for rain were saved and a bumper crop is assured. The rain was general over the entire county south of Chickasha and was accompanied by a high wind. A bad storm is reported at Lindsay, southwest of here. Two persons were killed and much property damaged, reports say.

ST. LOUIS BAKER PRAISES CANTEN

Miss Myrtle Mason who was passing through this city this morning received a surprise when paying a visit at the Red Cross canteen. She said that Mrs. R. T. Stuart served a meal to a soldier that would eclipse the efforts of a good restaurant. She explained that she was a Red Cross worker in the canteen in St. Louis, but that the workers there never attempted to give the boys anything more than peanut butter sandwiches.

SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE THEIR LOST BAGGAGE

Soldiers who have returned to their homes minus baggage which was lost due to movements incident to the military service now have an opportunity to locate it, according to Lieut. Harry S. Gerhart, by getting in touch with the lost baggage section recently organized in the transportation service, Washington, D. C.

PACIFIC FLEET IS TO LEAVE HAMPTON ROADS

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The Pacific fleet, under command of Admiral Rodman, will sail for its destination next Saturday from Hampton Roads, Va. After cruising down the east coast of the United States, through the Panama canal, thence along the west coast, and then a visit to the Hawaiian Islands, will arrive at Bremerton, Wash., September 15, it was announced today by the navy department in making public the fleet's schedule for the voyage. The fleet bases in the west will be at Puget Sound.

CREDIT MEN PLAN TO PROSECUTE 'FAILURES'

Reports of the five delegates to the national convention in Detroit, June 10 to 13, will be read at the regular monthly meeting and banquet of the Oklahoma City Credit Men's association in the Skirvin hotel at 6 o'clock tonight. Also a report of the investigation and prosecution committee will be given.

The delegates to the national convention were A. J. Crahan, vice-president; Eugene Miller, secretary; and W. L. Wier, F. O. Harris and E. L. Roarath of the board of directors.

The association has recently raised a fund of \$5,000 to be used in the prosecution of fraudulent failures, and this fund has just been turned over to the committee.

Witness Defines 'Idealist' as One 'Who Helps Others to Make a Profit'

Witness Defines 'Idealist' as One 'Who Helps Others to Make a Profit' Wilson's Speech Read.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 16.—

In a moment of petulance while on the witness stand today, Henry Ford, plaintiff in a \$1,000,000 libel suit against the Chicago Daily Tribune, admitted that he was "an ignorant idealist." Subsequently, he reversed his statement.

This was one of the alleged libelous charges made against him in the Tribune editorial, Attorney Elliott G. Stevenson, for the Tribune, had been asking questions to establish if possible that Mr. Ford as a matter of fact was ignorant. The witness said that he made the admission merely to stop the examination. Later when formally asked if he was an "ignorant idealist," the witness declined to admit it.

In the course of the examination Mr. Ford defined a traitor as "one who works against the government," an "idealist" as one "who helps others to make a profit," and evidently with Arnold Bennett (?) vaguely in mind, he depicted Arnold as a "writer."

Much time was consumed in reading President Wilson's preparedness speeches of 1916.

The things that Henry Ford thought and that his secretary, Theodore Delavigne, wrote for him, were again the topic of examination when Mr. Ford resumed the witness stand.

"Scarecrows" Were Agitators. Mr. Stevenson quoted the phrase "scare old scarecrow talk" and asked whom was meant. Mr. Ford returned his familiar reply, "Delavigne wrote that." He added that the "scarecrows" were the professional agitators for preparedness.

"Your position was that they were advocating preparedness in order to profit by munitions, yes?" "Over-preparedness, yes?" "Oh, you are still talking of 'over-preparedness.' I think you defined that yesterday as anything in addition to what we had in 1915 or 1916," he reminded the lawyer. He then referred to the use of the word "murderer" as applied by Mr. Ford to professional soldiers and those who make money out of war.

"Well, you were a murderer in 1917," suggested Mr. Stevenson. "Oh, no," replied the witness quickly. "That was during the war."

Questioned About "Treason." In the course of one of the Delavigne articles, for which Mr. Ford takes full responsibility, the term "bally-hoo" was used. Mr. Ford, being questioned, hazarded the guess

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CORN IN COUNTY THREATENED BY WARM WEATHER

Agent Says Rain Must Come or Crop Will Suffer.

MURDER CHARGES PLACED AGAINST TWO BROTHERS

Lowden and James Carle to Have Preliminary Soon.

Charges of murder in the first degree were filed against Lowden Carle, 26 years old, and James Carle, 22, the former the self-confessed slayer of John Newell Lessinger, by Robert Burns, county attorney, this morning. The information was filed with T. F. Donnell, justice of the peace.

Lessinger was shot about 4 o'clock yesterday morning, while endeavoring to capture the Carles, who were said to have been escaping with a load of hog stolen from the Lessinger dairy, 250 West Tenth street. The shooting occurred on Grand boulevard, near Tenth street. The Carle brothers are being held at the county jail.

The confession said to have been made by Lowden Carle does not lessen the charge placed against his brother, James, Burns said this morning. Both will be held on the charges filed this morning. He characterized the shooting as one of the clearest first degree murder cases in the county in recent years.

A preliminary hearing on the charges filed this morning will be held the first of next week, Burns said. Setting the date for a preliminary hearing is being delayed pending the funeral of the slain man.

Lessinger's body is being held at the Hahn undertaking company. The funeral will not be held before Sunday, it was said today. Arrangements for it are pending the arrival of a sister, Mrs. Lessinger, from California.

POSTPONEMENT OF BOND VOTE NOT PROBABLE

Voters Know Minds Now, City Commissioners Say.

Despite suggestions that the special bond election scheduled for July 29 be postponed, the city commissioners will let the date stand. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce bond committee said this morning that too little time remained in which to set before the people the necessity for voting the bonds. It was predicted that the proposed issue will stand a better chance if postponed for two weeks.

The commissioners replied that a postponement would involve no little expense in the way of publication and expressed the opinion that they might as well let the people vote their sentiment at the appointed day. The necessity for the improvements depending upon the bonds has been long felt, the commissioners said, and that the voters probably know their minds now.

Forest Fires in Idaho. BOISE, Idaho, July 16.—Forest fires raging on a fifteen-mile front threatening millions of government, state and private timber, continue here today in the Thunder Mountain district. Gov. W. B. Davis has wired Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, pleading for assistance from the federal government in fighting the flames.

45 War Brides on Transport. NORFOLK, Va., July 16.—The transport Matsonia arrived today from France with 3,214 officers and men, forty-five war brides, two war children and one mother-in-law. This ship left Brest July 6. Troops aboard included Arkansas casualties.

CITY PLACED ON WILSON'S LIST

C. B. Ames Says President Will Probably Speak Here.

Oklahoma City was on the itinerary for President Wilson for his tour in behalf of the peace treaty when C. B. Ames, assistant attorney general, left Washington, Ames said this morning. Ames is in the city on a short business trip. He said that the itinerary was only temporary but that he had no reason to believe Oklahoma City would be scratched off the list at a later date.

WILSON ASKS SENATORS TO PAY HIM CALL

House Leaders Included in Invitation to White House.

Owen Included in List; G. O. P. Leaders Also.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, July 16.—President Wilson today took steps to smooth away at least part of the friction existing between the legislative and executive branches of the government. He directed that invitations be sent to the democratic and republican leaders of both the senate and the house to visit him at their convenience at the White House. The president will urge that this invitation be generally accepted. It is the object, White House officials said, to have all senators and representatives get into touch with the president, explain their grievances, if they have any, and see whether personal contact will not wipe out many differences which actually have no apparent reason for existing.

Republican Leaders Included. All of the republican leaders, including Senators Lodge and Knox are to be included in the invitation. Whether they come or not will be entirely up to them. However, so far as the president is concerned, administration officials said today that he is very anxious that all causes of friction be removed and everything possible be done to get the United States back on a peace footing in all branches of the government.

The first senator invited under the new rule was George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon. Senator Chamberlain has been at odds with the president since the early days of the war when they disagreed over the manner in which the senate military affairs committee, of which Senator Chamberlain was chairman, conducted certain of its investigations into army matters, notably the air service.

Chamberlain Agrees To Go. Senator Chamberlain was called on the telephone and announced he would be very glad to come to the white house at once to see the president. White house officials said that until the president had had the opportunity of placing himself fully and unreservedly at the disposal of every member of congress the plans for his proposed western trip will be held in abeyance.

Owen Is Invited. It was pointed out in administration circles today that so far as the

Young American Woman Said To Have Aided U. S. Agents To Foil Hun Plot in Mexico

BUENOS AIRES, July 16.—A beautiful young American woman played a highly important part in the uncovering of the German plot to involve Mexico and Japan in war with the United States, as revealed by the newspaper letter two years ago, the Zimmerman La Nacion declares.

La Nacion asserts that it received full information of how the United States secret service obtained copies of letters relating to the conspiracy, from a man who was until recently in the American secret service. He was a trusted agent of the American state department, the newspaper declares, and trailed the German agents acting as intermediaries between Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, in Berlin, and the German minister to Mexico, von Eckhardt.

According to the La Nacion, the United States secret service first picked up the trail of a German agent, who was acting as intermediary, and finally brought about his arrest in New York. After he had been interned on Ellis Island, Ambassador Bernstorff obtained the services of a pretty young German girl, who was to go to Mexico City on a Dutch passport, ostensibly as a tourist, but in reality as the carrier of important confidential information to Von Eckhardt, regarding the German plot against the United States.

The girl was stopped at Laredo, Texas, La Nacion asserts. The state department let the word spread about that she had merely been refused en-

BEER SALE WILL DEFEAT DRY LAW, WHEELER SAYS

Anti-Saloon League Officer Suggests Changes.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Authority of congress to fix one-half of one percent as the maximum alcohol content of beverages in prohibition enforcement legislation is clear, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the anti-saloon league, declared today before the senate judiciary sub-committee in answering recent statements of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for brewers.

"To allow the sale of 2 1/2 percent beer," said Mr. Wheeler, "would keep alive the liquor trade and defeat the purposes of national prohibition."

Congress Possesses Power. Thirty-three prohibition states and thirteen local option states, Mr. Wheeler said, have laws limiting alcohol in beverages. He challenged Mr. Untermyer to produce any court decisions denying congress or state legislatures the right to make definitions.

Mr. Wheeler told the committee prohibition advocates were not asking that possession of liquors bought by such as the president, be prohibited. He adds, however, that they were suggesting amendments to limit the amount of liquors which may be stored in private residences, so as to prevent homes from becoming speakeasies.

Another amendment advocated by prohibition leaders, Mr. Wheeler said, is a provision for seizure of liquors in homes where it is sold illicitly. "Bootleggers will maintain their homes as headquarters without such legislation," said he.

Amendments Urged. Two other amendments were urged by the witness. To prevent bootlegging he asked that the committee add a clause making mere personal and physical possession of intoxicants—such as the presence of a bottle in an individual's pocket—unlawful.

Mr. Wheeler also asked for sweeping search warrant powers, suggesting that seizures be authorized without a warrant, or at least that warrants be issued without requiring testimony in support of requests. Otherwise, he said

WALKER TO STAY, IS CAPITOL RUMOR

That Art Walker, chairman of the corporation commission, will follow the suggestion of Governor Robertson and recall his resignation from the commission was reported at the capitol this morning among close friends of Walker.

Unless he reconsiders his action Walker is scheduled to retire from the commission on August 1.

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As a matter of fact, says La Nacion, she was held incommunicado and the young American woman, who was married, was given the German girl agent's credentials and introduced to Mexico City. There she represented herself as the emissary from Bernstorff and was employed as confidential secretary by the German minister. It was while acting in this role that she obtained possession of the documents that were subsequently given publication from Washington, creating world-wide sensation.

Correspondence seized by agents of the state department in 1917, just before the United States entered the war, revealed the existence of a German plot to embroil the United States in difficulties with Japan and Mexico. The correspondence consisted of letters from Zimmermann, then foreign secretary in the German cabinet, to von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico, who was to sound the Mexican government on the scheme.

Zimmermann subsequently issued a statement, admitting authorship of the letters and justifying his action on the ground that the United States apparently was about to declare war on Germany and that he was attempting to keep her military resources engaged on this side of the Atlantic. Both the Mexican and Japanese governments denied knowledge of the conspiracy.

How I Became a Chamber Manager CHARLES E. HALL, Manager of Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—Haven't you often wondered how certain men came to occupy their present positions, what circumstances caused them to be bankers or lawyers or doctors? The Times during the next two weeks will tell the reasons underlying the choice of professions made by prominent Oklahoma City men.)

"It was all luck in my case," C. E. Hall, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, explained, as he told how he had happened to wind up behind a chamber of commerce desk.

When Hall got out of high school he applied for a position at an employment bureau in Rochester. He was sent to a chamber of commerce as office boy. Shortly after he was discharged for spoiling a \$350 book-let put out by the chamber. He then worked as sales agent for a printing machine company and later for four years as a newspaper reporter.

During his experience as a reporter he covered the chamber from which he had been discharged and was able to do the officers a good turn frequently. On the strength of his work as a reporter he was rehired and the change clinched his fate. He was made an assistant manager and in the course of time worked up to his present position as manager of the Oklahoma City chamber.

GRAIN BUYING PROBE IN STATE IS SCHEDULED

Kansas City Man to Investigate Alleged Unfairness.

Upon the request of John Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture, D. P. White of Kansas City, special representative of the United States grain corporation, arrived in Oklahoma City this morning to make an investigation of alleged unfair practices on the part of wheat buyers in Oklahoma.

Reports have reached Mr. Whitehurst of unfair grading and unfair prices, and these reports, it was stated, are to be investigated by White, who will remain in the state for the next sixty or ninety days.

Investigations made by the field men for the state department of agriculture, who have been keeping a close watch on the threshing situation, it is said, reveal that a great majority of the wheat buyers are conforming to all the regulations of the United States grain corporation.

In many sections of the state buyers are paying from 3 to 6 cents a bushel more, over the government guaranteed price in order to get the wheat, according to reports to the agricultural department.

U. S. NOT PLANNING TO INTERVENE IN MEXICO

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CITY SEWAGE RUINS LAND, IS DECLARED

Owners of 27 Tracts Present Claims for \$5,000 Each.

ANOTHER BOND ISSUE

Million Dollars Needed, Says Mayor; Suits Likely.

Failure to dispose properly of sewage may cost the city dearly, it developed this morning when twenty-seven persons owning property along the north Canadian river filed claims with Commissioner Mike Donnelly for \$5,000. The claimants are represented by F. A. Rittenhouse of Chandler.

In the claims it is alleged that sewage from this city during the last few years has damaged the property of the claimants to the extent of \$5,000 each. Rittenhouse asks that the claims be referred to the city commissioners and that he be apprised of their decision.

To Disallow Claim. That the claims will be disallowed was stated by Mayor Walton and Commissioner Donnelly. Action on the claims will be made at the meeting tomorrow. It is expected that the claimants will sue for the judgment following their disallowance.

All but four of the claimants are residents of Jones City. Two Oklahoma City men—Lloyd Kimmel and C. T. Harris—are included.

Mayor Walton said the rendering of the claims is a serious matter for the city, as there is little doubt but that sewage has not been lawfully disposed of. Some time ago, he said, the state health department asked that measures be undertaken to dispose of it.

With the filing of the claims Mayor Walton said this morning the need for two disposal plants is imperative. Two plants, he said, are needed badly, one in the north part of town and the other in the east. The city executive estimated the cost of the two plants at \$1,000,000.

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DIRECTORS WANT BOND PUBLICITY

Chamber Suggests Public Be Informed on City Budget.

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Troops Patrol Hamburg Streets. LONDON, July 16.—Fresh German orders broke out in Hamburg, Germany, but the harbor has been occupied and the streets are being patrolled by government troops, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today. The program of the German cabinet is expected to be announced at Weimar tomorrow.

Boston Car Men to Strike. BOSTON, July 16.—Failure of the national war labor board to meet demands of the Boston street car men's union resulted today in orders being sent to all street cars in the Boston elevated. The men were told to be ready to go tomorrow morning.

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LOCAL FORECAST—Fair weather tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES. 10 p. m. 81 5 a. m. 73 11 p. m. 77 6 a. m. 72 12 midnight 74 7 a. m. 72 1 a. m. 73 8 a. m. 72 2 a. m. 73 9 a. m. 72 3 a. m. 74 10 a. m. 73 4 a. m. 74