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PRESIDENT CALLS ON HITCHCOCK

DISCUSSES POINTS OF TREATY THAT HAVE COME INTO DISPUTE IN DEBATE IN SENATE

CONFERS WITH REPUBLICANS

Imparts Information About Shantung Settlement; Says Some Constructions of Pact Evident Misinterpretations.

Washington, July 18.—President Wilson talked over the peace treaty with four more republican senators at the White House Friday and later he went to the capitol and discussed the entire senate situation with Senator Hitchcock, leader of the administration forces in the ratification fight.

The republican senators asked for information about many features of the treaty and Senator Hitchcock told the president of other points that have come into dispute during senate debate. At the end of the day of conferences, Mr. Wilson told a group of correspondents he was satisfied that to reach a solution it was only necessary to "clarify counsel."

There had been many misunderstandings about the treaty, the president said, adding that some of the constructions placed on it seemed to him evident misinterpretations.

Senator McNary, Oregon, one of the republicans who went to the White House, said first impressions about the Shantung settlement had been softened by his talk with the president. While Senator Capper, Kansas, said Mr. Wilson had given him much new and pertinent information on that subject. Senators Kellogg, Minnesota, and Kenyon, Iowa, the others who saw the president, declined afterward to talk. Senator McNary has been a supporter of the league of nations, while the others have not taken a definite stand regarding it.

"I found myself practically in ac-

cord with the president regarding the principles of the league," said Mr. McNary, "though I had, and still have, certain opinions regarding the effect of reservations. I shall announce these opinions in my address next week in the senate. Regarding Shantung, the president possesses facts which soften first impressions of the provision."

"The president was very ready to give information about the negotiations, Mr. Capper said "and he has a great deal of it, especially regarding Shantung, that is to the point. However, I have not changed my opinion that certain reservations are necessary in ratifying the treaty."

Senator Hitchcock described the president as feeling "very cheerful" over the senate outlook, though he said Mr. Wilson did not discuss what the republican senators had said at the White House. The Nebraska senator said that he had told the president it was assured that the treaty could not be amended.

Another Message Expected.
One result of Friday's conference was to strengthen the report that the president soon might send to the senate a special message regarding Shantung. Some of the White House callers during the past two days have gained the impression that some sort of declaration on the subject certainly would be forthcoming, and opinion, seemed general that it probably would take the form of a senate message, perhaps delivered by the president in person.

WOODEN SHOE ERA PROMISED IN U. S.

New York, July 15.—Within the next 12 months the clatter of wooden shoes will be heard down Broadway or Fifth avenue, according to Weldon Harrison, shoe manufacturer.

He predicted that the increase in the price of leather would result in the coming of wooden shoes for all classes. An ordinary pair of shoes will be worth about \$20 by July, 1920, he said.

DENY GRAMMER APPEAL FROM DEATH SENTENCE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Lincoln, Neb., July 16.—The supreme court today denied the appeal from the district court of Allen V. Grammer sentenced to electrocution for the alleged participation in

the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lulu Vogel, in Howard county in July, 1917. Unless the governor interposes Grammer will be electrocuted September 19, 1919.

Grammer and Alonzo B. Cole were convicted of the murder and given a death sentence in Howard county. The cases have been appealed several times. It was charged that Grammer hired Cole to kill Mrs. Vogel, who was found dead.

Cole was granted a respite a month ago by Governor McKelvie, pending the supreme court's decision in the Grammer case. He will now be electrocuted at the same time as Grammer.

RECOMMENDS SIX-CENT FARE FOR OMAHANS

Lincoln, July 16.—The supreme court of Nebraska in an opinion handed down Wednesday reverses the state railway commission in the application of the Omaha & Council Bluffs street railway company for an emergency rate to be charged for street car fares. While the court sets no specific amount to be charged, it suggests that 6 cents for a single fare and 10 tickets for 55 cents should be an emergency rate pending an investigation as to the earnings of the company. The court in its opinion says:

"The fundamental inquiry in fixing rates of a public service utility always is: What rate is necessary in order to yield a reasonable average return on a fair valuation of the property for rate-making purposes—such a return as will not discourage but will attract the investment of capital in the utility."

"Under the constitution and laws of this state the state railway commission has a wide discretion in these matters."

"A situation due to an unexpected rise in prices and wages, which makes it altogether probable that the past and present rate is insufficient to yield a revenue which will pay that fair average return which the law requires, although not constituting what might technically be denominated an 'emergency,' may, when shown, be sufficient for the allowance by the commission of a temporary rate, limited to the time required for making an investigation and finding of the facts. If it should happen that the temporary rate so fixed is too high, the condition may be rectified in the order fixing the rate after investigation."

MEASURES TAKEN TO REDUCE COST OF FOOD IN FRANCE

Paris, July 15.—Four definite measures intended to reduce the cost of living were decided upon at a meeting of the cabinet. A commissioner was appointed to execute the ideas agreed upon.

The four plans were: "Clemenceau" or "Vilgra" food selling booths in Paris will be doubled in number and others will be established in other centers of population.

Cheap restaurants to supply meals at fixed prices will be started in Paris and in the provinces, under control of the ministry of supplies. All war stocks of foodstuffs will be sold to the public, chiefly through co-operative societies.

A special service already effective in the ministry of supplies will seek to curb illicit speculation in foodstuffs. A bill pending in parliament contains provisions supplementing existing laws against speculation and increased penalties.

4,000 STRIKE BUT GIVE NO REASON

Chicago, July 15.—About 4,000 employees of the McCormick works of the International Harvester company have struck. No demands were made on the company, according to a statement issued. About 2,000 employees of the plant remained at work, and other plants of the corporation were not affected.

"The average hourly wage at this plant has increased 114 per cent since June, 1914," the statement said. "In the absence of information to the contrary the company is inclined to attribute today's action to the prevalent spirit of industrial unrest rather than to any specific cause."

CAPTAIN SPURNED HER DIVORCE PETITION SAYS

Clark, July 15.—Mrs. Bertha Soltby Morgan, wealthy Californian, has filed a petition for divorce from her husband, Roland F. Morgan, a captain in the British army.

The Morgans were married in Bakersfield, Cal., in 1911. Mrs. Morgan alleges in her petition that her husband repeatedly spurned her pleas to live with her. When he joined the British army Mrs. Morgan followed him to Europe in an endeavor to re-establish their home, she asserts.

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DANCERS TO AID COURSE OF HISTORY AT COLUMBIA

New York, July 15.—Whirling devishes and dancers from the east will take part in one history course at Columbia university, beginning with the summer session, under the direction of Vahan H. Katenderian, recently secretary of the Racial Advisory group at Washington. This is the first time that instruction of such kind has been attempted.

DECIDE TO LIFT 10 PER CENT TAX ON SODA WATER

Washington, July 16.—Repeal of the soda water tax was decided on by republican leaders of the house. The decision will be referred to the ways and means committee, which will draft a repeal measure. Some leaders predicted the tax which levies an impost of 10 per cent on soft drinks and ice cream would be repealed within a month.

Investigation of the postoffice department was understood also to have been discussed by the republican steering committee, without a final decision.

Immediate attention, the steering committee decided, would be given

3,600 UNDESIRABLE ALIENS ARE HELD IN U. S. FOR DEPORTATION

Washington, July 17.—Lack of ship space and the high cost of transportation may necessitate assignment of a special steamer to deport 3,600 undesirable aliens held in this country, Anthony Caminetti, commissioner general of immigration, testified today before the house immigration committee.

"State institutions which are temporarily caring for these people are clamoring to be rid of them," Mr. Caminetti said. "But I do not want to send them to Europe individually or in small groups when the cost per man would reach about \$800, as compared with \$200 or \$300 in normal times."

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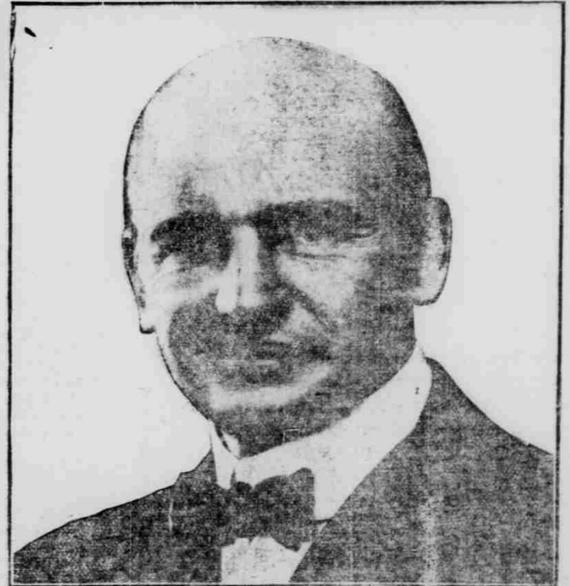
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