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# FORM LEAGUE TO FIGHT WAR

Peace Promotors Organize to Prevent Armed Conflicts-Severe Storms in Missouri and

Kansas,

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Berlin .-- Dr. Anton Meyer-Gerhard, who is here with messages from the German embassy at Washington bearing on the German-American situation, has had a short conference with Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, under secretary of foreign affairs and Count Montgelas bead of the American section of the office. Gottlieb von Jagow, minister of foreign affairs, participated in part of the deliberations. The nature of Doctor Meyer-Gerhard's report has not been disclosed, but after the conference Doctor Zimmermann expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with the prospects of an amicable settlement of the German-American difficulty.

Storms in Kansas and Missouri. Kansas City .-- Fifteen lives were lost, a score of persons were injured and property damage estimated at a quarter of a million dollars was done by a terrific wind, hall and electrical storm which centered in Missouri and Kansas Friday morning. The heavy fall of rain-ranging from two to five inches-turned many small creeks in the affected district into turbulent streams which extended their waters over lowlands and sent the rivers to which they are tributaries on rapid upward spurts. All points in the Kansas river valley and along the Missourl river from Kansas City to Jefferson City are in possession of government warnings of impending floods.

# LEAGUE TO FIGHT ALL WARS

## Peace Promotors Ready to Adopt Any Measure.

Philadelphia .- Within historic Independence hall on the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill-there was formed an organization whose object it will be to promote the creation of a league of nations with a view to preventing wars or, at least, to lessen the possibilities of armed conflict. The name adopted by the organization after some debate was "League to Enforce Peace, American Branch." Former President Taft who presided over the conference for a part of the time, was elected permanent president and. in addition a long list of representative American citizens were named as permanent vice presidents. A permanent executive committee was selected with instructions to take all measures accessary to promote the objects



Former President Makes Prophecy at College Commencement-Brit-

## Ish Aviator Killed

# by Fail.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington .- Formal notice that the United States mail pouches destined for Sweden had been broken tampered with has been submitted to the state department by W. A. Ekengren, the Swedish minister, with a redelivered to Secretary Lansing a letgovernment, reciting instances of inin violation of the provisions of the treaty stipulations.

## Killed by Aeroplane Fall.

Paris.-Lieutenant Reginald A. J. Warneford, who gained fame recently by blowing to pieces a Zeppelin over Belgium, and whose exploit won for him the decoration of the cross of the Legion of Honor, was killed Thursday by the fall of an aeroplane at Buc. France. Lieutenant Warneford was piloting the machine, which had as a passenger Henry Beach Needham, the American writer, who also was killed. Lieutenant Warneford and Needham fell from a height of 500 feet.

TAFT SEES PERMANENT PEACE

# RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA, CHIEF

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA A farmers' union has been organ

ized at Murdock. Wisner has voted \$40,000 for a new high school building. Omaha will have some spectacu-

lar auto races July 5th. Hastings Methodists will erect a

new \$50,000 church edifice. Over fifty per cent of the farmers around Valparaiso own autos.

Work has begun on Kimball's new \$20,000 fireproof grade school house Nebraska schools will celebrate the state's semi-centennial March 1, 1917.

Monday, September 6, will be children's day at the Nebraska state fair. Norfolk is making a fight on the punch boards and other gambling de-

vices. The little town of Laurel is making plans to secure electric light for that place.

One thousand cases of strawberries were shipped from Brownville in one day recently.

Hastings wants Billy Sunday to stop off there one day and "rassle" with conditions that exist. Seven farmers of the Diller vicinity

marketed over 4,500 bushels of wheat the first part of last week. The Captain Harris house, at Ord. valued at \$10,000, was badly damaged by fire, caused by lightning.

The Plymouth school board has en gaged John Ashton of Giltner for principal during the coming year. The state convention of the P. E. O. met at Fullerton last week with over a hundred delegates in attendance. Oscar Hornyak feli down the elevator shaft of a buiulding at Fremont

and received possibly fatal injuries. Seven head of horses belonging to E. Myer at Oak were killed by lightning during a severe electrical storm last week.

A local labor bureau has been instituted at Humboldt for the purpose of conserving the time of employer and laborer.

More than 600 members of the State Traveling Men's Association attended the annual convention at Omaha last week.

The cold, damp weather has cut the prospective watermelon crop to an alarming degree, and growers look for a big shortage.

A stratum of the rare earth forming the basis of "Denver mud" has been discovered by laborers digging sewer trenches at Lincoln.

Rev. R. W. Taylor, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Osceola, has accepted a call to the Parkvale Presbyterian church at Omaha.

Fanny Gerelick, a 14-year-old Omaha girl, has the distinction of being the best writer out of 15,000 children who took the test in that department. Seven hundred automobile receipts have been issued already by the county treasurer of Polk county. It is estimated that there are over 900 cars. Mrs. A. C. Bell was perhaps fatally injured and a number of people were hurt when a circus tent blew down in a rain and wind storm at Erickson. Glen Welton, 18 years old, sustained

a compound fracture of the right leg and minor injuries when he fell from a Burlington train as it was pulling caused untold damage and destrucinto the Lincoln yards.

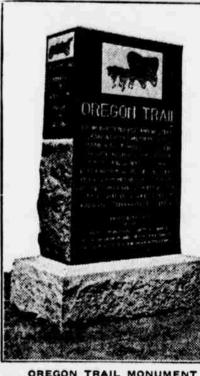




San Francisco Said to Be Headquarters for Activity-Flood

### Creates Havoc at Riverton.

Western Newspaper Union News Service Washington. - General Venustiano Carranza, original leader of the Mexican constitutionalist movement, is face to face with a situation that may eliminate him as a factor in Mexican politics unless he yields to the dictation of his commanding general, Alvara Obregon, and other high officers of his army. Official advice reveals that four of Carranza's cabinet ministers had resigned and that General Obregon was insisting on their retention as well as the dismissal of the members to whom they are opposed. Word also came to the American gov-



OREGON TRAIL MONUMENT OREGON TRAIL MONUMENT Which was unvelled at the intersection of the Oregon trail and the Meridian road near Hebron, Neb., May 24. The marker is of ruby red granite, over eight feet high and three and one-half feet wide. The citizens of Hebron and Thayer county made elaborate arrangements for the un-veiling and in spite of the drenching rains more than 2,000 adults and children took part in the ceremony.

ernment that General Jose Maytorena. the Villa commander in Sonora, objected vigorously to the possible landing of American marines to rescue Americans in the Yaqui valley, indicating that he would regard such action as a hostile invasion.

# Flood Causes Much Damage.

Riverton, Neb .- The highest water in Riverton ever known Saturday tion here. Over half of the towns-The village of Johnson is without people were routed from their beds at daybreak, to find Thompson creek entering their homes. A waterspout at 3 o'clock near here was the cause. The steel wagon bridge went out at daylight and lodged against the Burlington bridge, backing water onto the town so fast that the people were forced to fly for rescue without even taking their clothes from their homes. Water entered the new school building and stood three feet deep on the school grounds.

Ancient Artisans in Africa.

The question has often been asked: Was there any earlier race in occupation of the area in Africa at present held by the Bantus? In Man W. H. Beech reports that in the Kikuyu country some ancient pottery has been said to be the work of a people called Gumba, who displaced the Miathoachiana. cannibal dwarfs.

These Miathoachiana are now be lieved to be earth-gnomes, skilled in the art of iron working. Mr. Beech, with some amount of plausibility, suggests that they were possibly bush men, pygmies, or both, and that they were a local indigenous race of the stone age who used flint implements often found in the Kikuyu country. The Gumba are said to have made pottery and to have taught the Kikuyu the art of smelting. They may have been pre-Bantau Hamite invaders: but of this there is no evidence and the legend may tend to show that the first discovery of iron was made in Africa.

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## Sympathetic.

Meeker-Poor man! Bleeker-To whom do you refer? Meeker-The chap who is going to marry my former wife.

Bleeker-But I thought he was rich. Meeker-So he is-poor man!

#### A Gentle Hint.

The Grocer (to new customer)-Did you find your last order satisfactory, madam?

Mrs. Housekeep-Fairly so. But next time I wish you would send us stronger coffee and weaker butter.

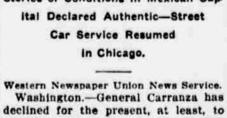
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### Its Outcome.

"Who won at the tea fight?" "Nobody. It was a drawn battle."-Baltimore American.

## At the Club.

"So our proposal was laid on the



accept overtures for peace in Mexico by the Villa-Zapata faction. Three such offers have gone unanswered. The open in England and their contents latest was transmitted through the medium of the United States without comment. A few days ago the convention assembled in Mexico City, over quest for appropriate action. The which Francisco Lagos Chazaro preminister called at the department and sided, formally presented to the Brazilian minister, as the representative ter, written on instructions from his of the American fovernment, for transmission to General Carranza terference with mail from Sweden through diplomatic channels a proand pointing out that such acts were posal for a thirty-day armistice, during which arrangements could be made world postal convention and of other for establishing a provisional government.

Chicago Street Cars Run Again.

Chicago .- Normal service on Chicago elevated and surface car lines was resumed Wednesday after an all night session of railway and labor representatives and a council committee headed by Mayor Thompson had agreed on arbitration . The elevated lines resumed service soon after the announcement of the agreement, but it was several hours before anything like a normal schedule was in operation. Representatives of the unions and of the companies expressed satisfaction of the settlement of the trouble that had inconvenienced the traveling pub-

the league.

#### Bulgaria to Remain Neutral,

London. -- Conflicting reports are afloat concerning Bulgaria's attitude. According to the Paris Matin, negotiations between Bulgaria and Turkey under German auspices are about to result in the cession to Bulgaria of the whole right bank of the lower Maritzau, including a portion of Adrianople, which would give to Bulgaria a railway from Dedeagatch to Mustapha Pasha. This, of course, if true, would mean that Bulgaria would remain neutral.

Washington .- The Yaqui Indians. according to state department advices have declared war on Germany, Mexico and the United States. Their declaration of war on Germany, the advices said, was because a German colonist, a crack rifle shot, defended his home in the last Yaqui raid with remarkable success and much disaster to the raiders

San Diego, Cal.-Peril of American settlers in the Yaqui valley of Sonora state brought orders for the dispatch of three cruisers for the west coast of Mexico and authorization to Admiral Thomas B. Howard to land an expeditionary force if he thinks best. The flagship Colorado sailed first, under orders from Washington carrying three companies of the Fourth regiment, United States marine corps under Major W. N. McKelvy.

Former Nebraskan Dies in Denver. Fremont, Neb.-A telegram has reached the firm of May Bros., wholesale grocers, announcing the death at Denver of Lew May, well known Nebraskan. Mr. May was clerk of the last territorial legislature in Nebraska. He was in business in Fremont for many years and then removed to Omaha. From Omaha he went to Denver sixteen years ago. Mr. May was well known as an ardent student of the fish industry and was regarded as an authority on the subject.

Leaves \$1,500,000 to Suffrage New York .- An inventory filed here of the property mentioned in the will of the late Mrs. Frank Leslie showed that nearly \$1,500,000 will be turned to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt for se of the suffrage cause. The will Leslie, who had the title of the de Bazus, left cash and valued at nearly \$1.800,000 ed that all but about \$300,given to Mrs. Catt to be at her discretion, the heing that the suffrage

Prephecy of Former President at

## Wellesley Commencement. Wellesley, Mass.-Prophecy of a

permanent peace was issued by former President Taft at the commencement exercises of Wellesley college at which 294 seniors received their degrees. called, he said, for the purpose of trying to end the present war, but of dismay be made at the conclusion of hostilities.

#### Being Held for Investigation.

Scottsbluff, Neo .- Dan Jordan, alleged father-in-law of Joseph Layton. Layton's wife and Mrs. Jordan are being held for investigation in regard to the death of Layton, who was shot and instantly killed at his home Sunday night. Two revolvers have been found, one an automatic with which it is believed the shot that killed Layton was filed. A number of unused cartridges were found near the house. Mr. Layton's aged mother and his brother arrived for the funeral.

Rome .-- Pope Benedict has sent a formal protest to the Austrian government against the reported arrest of the Italian bishop of Trient. Dispatches received here said the bishop was interned at Innsbruck.

Forty Passengers Were Saved. Winona. Minn .- Forty passengers of the excursion steamer Frontenac from Lacrosse, Wis., were rescued when the boat collided with the Burlington bridge over the Mississippi river. The boat sank in twelve feet of water.

Reservists Going to Italy. Philadelphia.-The Italia line steamer Ancona sailed from here Monday for Naples with 400 reservists of the Italian army. The Ancona will stop at New York where more reserves will be taken aboard.

#### Must Furnish a Safeguard.

New York .- The honor and safety of the United States have been jeopardized by the failure of "our public servants" to provide adequately for defense in war, said Charles J. Bonapart, former attorney general, in an address before the national security league here. "The peril against which we could furnish a safeguard may well become imminent within months," said Mr. Bonaparte, "and there is the greater reason to demand an immediate remedy because so much time has been so culpably lost." sul to Rome.

lic for several days.

STARVATION IN MEXICO CITY.

Stories Told of Conditions in Mexican Capital Declared True.

Galveston, Tex .- Three hundred and ninety refugees, of whom 284 are Americans, were brought to Galveston Speaking particularly of a peace meet- by the United States transport Buford ing to be held next week in Philadel- from Vera Cruz, Tampico and Tuxpam. phia, Mr. Taft said it was called for They are comfortably quartered on the the purpose of finding some means to ship while she undergoes a five days' make war less profitable. It was not quarantine. Information from the refugees brought by a few government officials who had charge of the expedicussing an international treaty which tion and were allowed to land to make their reports is to the effect that every story told of the starving population

in Mexico has been a true one and that men, women and children are dying daily of starvation, not only in Mexico City but in hundreds of the smaller towns of the republic.

London.-A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says reports received from Cologne state that the recruits of the 1916 draft who were ordered last week to prepare for service, will be summoned to the colors at once instead of in October, as had been proposed.

Washington .- Ambassador Page at London has forwarded with a complete report of naval experts who examined the American steamship Nebraskan. fragments of metal found on the ship which are said to strengthen the conclusion that the ship was torpedoed and did not strike a mine.

Relief for Serblan War Sufferers. New York .- Madame Slavko Grouitch, wife of the Serbian permanent secretary for foreign affairs, who has just returned from a two months' lecture tour of the country to raise funds to relieve war sufferers in Serbia, announces that she had raised between \$60,000 and \$70,000. Madame Garouitch intends to return to Serbia about July 1 to learn first hand the needs of the stricken country. She expects to return in November and will go to San Francisco.

Nebraskan is Consul to Rome. Washington .- William F. Kelley of Lincoln, who was named as consul to Rome, is closing up his affairs here to go to his post. Mr. Kelley will go to Lincoln in a few days to attend to some private business there and expects to sail for Italy in about a month. Mr. Kelley came to Washington as private secretary to Secretary Bryan and later was made assistant solicitor of the department. One of the last official acts of Secretary Bryan was to sign Mr. Kelley's commission as con-

adequate fire protection and for this reason and several others the citizens there are agitating the question of installing a waterworks system.

The Dempster Manufacturing company of Beatrice, has turned down an order from European allies, refusing to consider a proposition to furnish them with arms and shrapnel.

The mill dam of S. F. Gilman at Valentine was swept out in a cloudburst early last Sunday morning. The electric light and pumping stations were wrecked and the city left without water or light.

Marguerite Tharpe, a 16-year-old Omaha girl, is under arrest charged with attempting the life of her father, Ell Tharpe, by closing the doors and windows and turning on the gas while he was sleeping in his room.

The National Mail Carriers' association will hold its ressions at Omaha in September.

Mrs. Nina Workman, whose husband was electrocuted by a live electric wire at Lincoln some months ago, has been granted a mothers' pension. She has four children, the youngest being but 15 months old.

Prominent educators in the Seventh Day Adventist church from Washington, D. C., and elsewhere and church workers from the central and western parts of the United States and Canada will meet in convention at College View July 9 to 17.

Frank Hedge, a young man living near Seward was seriously wounded when a rifle he was cleaning was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through his wrist and entered his right lung.

A police officer at York, who shot three times at Frank Elliott, a young man of that place wounding him in the leg, will be prosecuted by County Attorney O. S. Gilmore of York county, on the advice of the state legal department.

Over 1,000 tennis experts are expected to attend the state meet at Lincoln during the week of July 26. Dr. James R. Haggard, for several years one of Lincoln's prominent physicians, was found dead in his bed at

the Central hotel. After two years of labor and expenditure of some \$200,000 the drainage ditch along the Nemaha river in Johnson county has been completed.

One hundred and seventy-two young men and young women, representing the largest class ever turned out by the Lincoln high school, received diplomas at the forty-second annual commencement exercises of the school last week

# RECRUITING FOR THE ALLIES.

San Francisco Said to Be Headquarters of Activity.

San Francisco .- Agents of the de partment of justice are investigating alleged recruiting in California for the allies in the European war. The main office of the supposed recruiting agents is in San Francisco. Franz Bopp, consul general for Germany in San Francisco, is said to have supplied information upon which the in vestigation is based, but Bopp denied this. On good authority it was stated that some of the investigators had found no trouble in enlisting.

#### Some Hall at Wilcox.

Wilcox, Neb .- A heavy hall storm that swept this district Friday night did considerable damage to crops. Hailstones as large as baseballs broke out all the north windows in the town.

Scottsbluff, Neb .- After three days' search of the Joseph Layton farm a Winchester rifle was found concealed under the hay in the upper part of the barn. This was the missing gun and it contained a discharged shell, the bullet from which is believed to have been the missile that sent Layton to his death. Mrs. Jordan, supposed wife and accomplice of the accused man, it is said, threw the box of unused cartridges into a vault and this led to the conviction that there was a rifle somewhere about, although neighbors had never seen it used.

Navigation opens on Missouri.

Omaha .-- Coming up from its home at Glasgow Mo., 500 miles, the power boat Julia, pushing its barge, tied up at the levee at the foot of Douglas street Wednesday forenoon, Playing by a brass band sent down by the river navigation committee of the Commercial club, and tooting of the club's siren whistle greeted the boat and drew several hundred people through the rain to the levee. Captain Stevens. owner of the boat, a typical Missourl pilot and skipper, was given a great many glad hands.

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