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CAPT. MARKEE HEAD OF HOME

Many Complaints of Management Says Governor

OLCOTT AS USLA IS OBSTINATE

New Head Popular in Grand Army Circles—Has Had Experience in Soldiers Home in the East.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 4.—W. W. Elder, commandant of the Oregon Soldiers' Home at Roseburg for the last 12 years, will be removed October 1. He will be succeeded by Robert C. Markee, of Portland.

Removal of Mr. Elder came at a meeting of the board of control yesterday, Governor Withycombe making the motion. State Treasurer Kay voted with the governor for Mr. Elder's removal, while Secretary of State Olcott registered his opposition.

In making the motion for Mr. Elder's removal, Governor Withycombe said he deemed a change would prove to be for the best interests of the institution. "I have received many complaints from persons familiar with the conditions at the home," the executive told the other members of the board, "and believe we should make a change. Mr. Markee is well known in Portland and indormed highly by the old soldiers."

Mr. Olcott Condemns Move.

Secretary Olcott was emphatic in his declarations to the board that he believed Mr. Elder should be retained, asserting that if, as he had heard, the removal of Mr. Elder was due to charges which had been made against the commandant's daughter, that she had received pay from the state while employed elsewhere, he could not condemn the action enough. He said that an affidavit made in connection with the charges against the young woman had been refuted in another affidavit by the same person.

"I have the utmost contempt for the methods of character assassination which Mr. Elder's enemies seem to have adopted," remarked Mr. Olcott. "I know of nothing against Mr. Elder for which he should be removed. I consider that Mr. Elder has been a model commandant. He has conducted the home in an efficient manner, decidedly different from experiences with that institution before he was at its head."

Daughter Not Involved.

"I want to make it plain," replied the governor, "that this charge has nothing to do with any charges that may have been made against Mr. Elder's daughter."

Captain R. C. Markee, commandant-elect of the Oregon Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, is a Union soldier who marched with Sherman to the sea and who cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Markee lives at 618 Prescott street and is engaged in the jewelry business on the East Side.

Captain Markee has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for more than 30 years. He

was born in Harrison county, Ohio, June 20, 1845, and moved to Illinois in 1849. He was brought up on a farm located with the scrip given his father for services rendered to the United States in the war of 1812. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Markee enlisted in Company A, 34th Illinois Infantry, and it was with this regiment he marched with Sherman to the sea, and then on to Washington. In 1870 Miss Lucy Churchill, of Moores, Clinton county, New York, became his wife.

The charge at the Roseburg home will not be Captain Markee's first in that he was identified with the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill., for more than 20 years. Six years ago he came to Oregon and for a time lived at Forest Grove. He is a member of Sumner Post, No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic.

BRITISH DEMAND REJECTED BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The contention of Great Britain that the United States should insist that merchantment as well as passenger carriers should be warned before being torpedoed by submarines, will be rejected by this government. It seemed likely that America will accept the concessions made in the memorandum submitted by von Bernstorff, as fully satisfying the demands for a modification of the submarine warfare. This is stated authoritatively as the latest tentative decision of the administration. It involved a sudden change of opinion, as the suggestion was that the United States would insist that the same treatment be accorded liners which were freighters.

OUT OF DEBT DAY CELEBRATED

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, burned last night the mortgage which symbolizes payment of all indebtedness by the Panama-Pacific exposition. The ashes were cast to the winds from an airplane by Charles Niles, during an illuminated flight. "Out of Debt Day" visualized the history of the exposition, its significance and its achievements by means of pageantry.

PEACE MOVE TO COME THIS FALL

Another Winter Campaign not Wanted by Belligerents

POPE HOPEFUL OF AMERICAN INFLUENCE

Rumors of Peace Move Excite British Public, But No Confirmation Can Be Secured.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The late fall or early winter may see the American move toward peace, this intimation came from a high official. The peace appeal from Pope Benedict to the president is not expected to bear fruit immediately, but with the lull in the fighting which is anticipated with the approach of winter, the president it is understood, thinks the time may be ripe for some definite action. The president will make no reply to the peace note of the pope presented by Cardinal Gibbons. It is authoritatively stated, and no answer is required. The acknowledgement of the receipt of the message from the pope will be delivered to the cardinal, and unless the Vatican or His Eminence make the communication public, it is not to be published here.

Pope Is Hopeful.

President Wilson will continue to get all information obtainable through American diplomatic officers abroad regarding the attitude toward peace of the nations at war.

In Catholic circles here it was reported last night that the pope was hopeful that the United States might make an effort to get the warring nations to sign an agreement to enter into a peace conference. Leading Catholics usually well informed regarding affairs at the Vatican expressed belief that the financial condition of the principal belligerents would force them to consider peace proposals before the opening of another winter campaign.

Interest was shown in official circles in a statement made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a letter sent to an organization known as the Friends of Peace, that labor leaders

were keeping in constant touch with workmen in the nations at war. Gompers added that the American Federation of Labor at the proper time would do everything possible to aid in the accomplishment of peace. Mr. Gompers has seen President Wilson within the last week, but he refused to say whether the question of peace had been discussed. He said that the communication from the leaders abroad were naturally of such a confidential nature that he could not make them public.

Peace Rumors Not Confirmed.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—In high official circles here it is learned authoritatively that recent rumors of peace have no foundation in any step taken by the British government or in any statement issued here from authoritative sources.

Rumors of peace overtures originating in the United States are exciting considerable interest here, both among the general public and in official circles, but no confirmation could be secured for reports that the British government had been sounded in this connection.

Although no representative of the government would place himself on record on the subject of the peace rumors, the following expression was given from a high official who declined permission to use his name:

"I am inclined to believe that Germany is making some move in the direction of peace, but I can state that England has absolutely no intention at the present time of making any concessions."

"If a suggestion of peace terms should come from the United States, it would be received here with the same attention that is always given any communication from that country with which we have so much in common. However, anything done must be done in absolute concert with our allies."

Recent events in Russia have had absolutely no effect upon this determination. As for Germany's action in regard to her submarine policy, it cannot be said that it will result in any modification of Great Britain's food blockade, which we contend is perfectly legal. If we become convinced of its illegality, we will suspend it at once."

Mrs. W. T. Wright and Miss Fannie Campbell leave Tuesday for Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco where they will spend several weeks visiting with friends and attending the two exhibitions.

SHARP CLASHES ON MEX. BORDER

Uniformed Mexican Soldiers Fight American Soldiers

RANCHMEN AND COWBOYS ORGANIZE

All Bridges and Power Plants Along The Border Line Are Strongly Guarded by Soldiers.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 4.—The fighting along the Mexican border is rapidly changing from hunting unorganized bandits, to an armed clash between uniformed soldiers of the United States and Mexico. Twelve Mexicans, all wearing the uniform of the army of Carranza, crossed the international border line today at daylight, and encountered a detachment of Americans near Madera. A short battle followed and 7 of the invaders were killed before the surviving five fled. Almost at the same hour Mexican soldiers fired across the border at a company of Texas rangers near Cavazos. The rangers fired back and it is believed that some of the Mexicans were hit. Captain McCoy hurried from the mission with reinforcements of United States cavalry, fearing the Mexican soldiers who were in superior numbers would attempt to invade again. There were no American casualties thus far.

Cavalry Sent Out.

United States cavalry and infantry and posses of county officers and citizens last night continued the search through the section of country 11 miles from here where two Ameri-

cans were murdered Thursday.

The list of bandit dead stood at six last night, though others probably have been killed and not reported.

A detachment of the 12th United States cavalry early last night engaged in a short fight 12 miles north of here with four Mexican bandits, one of whom was killed and three others captured. None of the cavalrymen were injured. The prisoners were taken to San Benito.

This information was brought in an official dispatch last night.

Concerted plans by federal, state and county authorities, aided by hundreds of ranchmen and cowboys, to exterminate or drive the marauders out of the border country, were organized.

Two hundred cavalry and infantry commanded by Captain H. S. Hawkins, of the Third cavalry, are guarding the old Allee stage coach road, and the railroad leading into San Benito. Detachments of men have been placed at every bridge and crossing and virtually every irrigation and power plant in this section is being guarded.

Brush Full of Dead Mexicans.

MONTGOMERY, Mo., Sept. 4.—"The brush is full of dead Mexicans everywhere—probably 200 or more lying around," wrote Early Donaldson to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donaldson, of Montgomery, who made public the letter here last night. It was dated August 22 and declared "things are safe enough."

Donaldson was killed yesterday by Mexican bandits near Brownsville.

Soldiers on Way to Border.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 4.—The Nineteenth U. S. Infantry, first troops of the Second division to get away to the Mexican border, left here last night. Four companies will go to Del Rio, while six companies will be added to the garrison at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

The Fourth infantry left today for Harlingen and the Sixth cavalry will follow on Tuesday.

WORK TO BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE

Kendall Representative to Be in Active Charge

TITLE TO MILLSITE STUMBLING BLOCK

Appeal to Supreme Court Will Not In Any Way Hamper Work Of the Right of Way Committee.

According to a letter received in this city this morning from S. A. Kendall, the work of the survey for the right of way of the Roseburg and Eastern railroad will be resumed not later than September 15. Superintendent... is on his way to Roseburg and as soon as he disposes of several private matters which are demanding his attention he will come to this city and take active charge of the work.

According to Councilman Clark, chairman of the executive committee for obtaining the right of way for the railroad, the committee is waiting only for the blue prints which give the definite route before beginning the active work of obtaining deeds to the property. At present the plans have been made out for the route to a short distance past Dixonville, although the line has been surveyed to Oak creek. The committee has been working for some time in an effort to secure for some time in an effort to secure title for the mill site and at the present time have obtained considerably over two-thirds of the stock and expect within a short time to obtain the remainder. As soon as this problem has been disposed of it is expected that work on the construction of the saw mill will be begun and rushed to completion so that it will be able to take care of the tim-

ber that will be brought over the railroad.

A letter from Engineer von Planta a few days ago states that he is ready to return to this city at any time and is waiting orders from Mr. Snyder to commence work.

Although an appeal to the supreme court in the case of John Hunter vs. the City of Roseburg was made a short time ago it is not expected that it will in any way hinder the work as the decision will undoubtedly sustain that of the circuit court.

BRITISH BLOW UP TURKISH BRIDGE

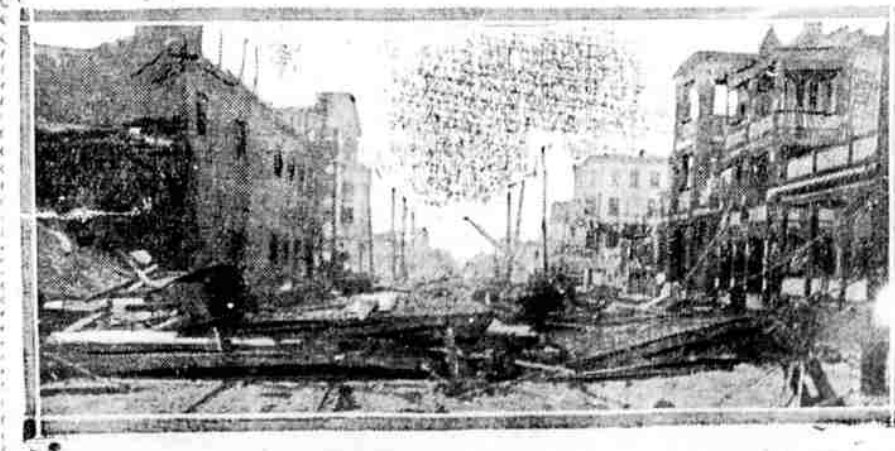
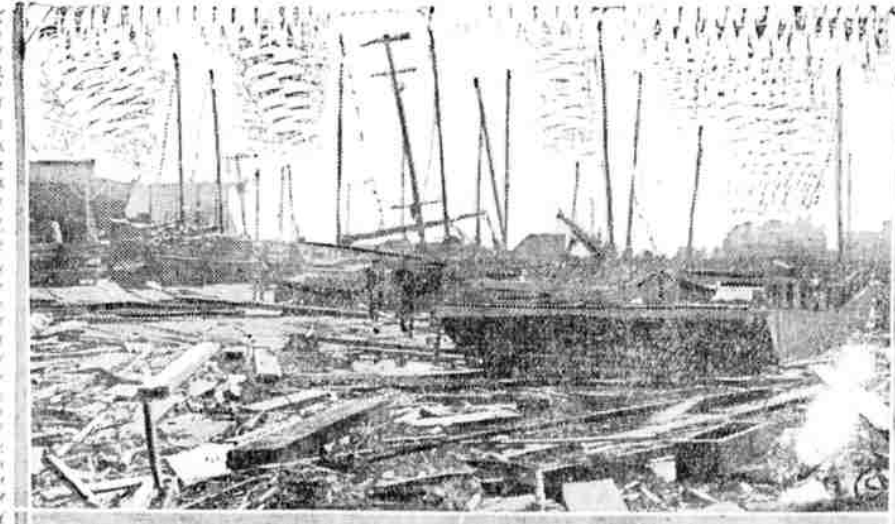
ATHENS, Sept. 4.—Several men from a British submarine succeeded in blowing up a span of the important Gebz railway bridge, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Constantinople. Patches reported. The feat of the British submersible and its crew was a daring one, as they had to thread their way through the Turkish mine fields. The members of the crew who planted the dynamite under the structure returned to the submarine undetected, and the vessel returned to its base.

MANY RUSSIANS MADE PRISONERS

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—(via London.)—General von Fensler's forces stormed the fortified Russian bridge head at Friedrichstadt, after a battle of ten days' duration. It is announced. The Germans took 3262 prisoners. At West Villan, the Russians have made several vain attacks during the past 24 hours. The fighting continues around Grodno, but the Russians are said to be in retreat toward the east with the Germans in pursuit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferber left this afternoon for Oakland where they will visit with friends for a few days.

Where Heart of Texas Hurricane Dealt Death and Destruction



AT TOP—WRECKAGE IN GALVESTON SHIPPING DISTRICT, SHOWING BOATS AND BARGES WASHED UP ON THE SHORE. AT BOTTOM—STREET IN GALVESTON'S FASHIONABLE BEACH HOTEL DISTRICT AFTER THE STORM. FROM SIDEWALK TO SIDEWALK IT IS FILLED WITH RUINS OF HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

FIVE CHILDREN DIE IN FRISCO FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—The bodies of five children, four of them burned beyond recognition, were recovered from the ruins of the St. Francis girls' directory which was destroyed by fire early this morning. The identified child was Katie O'Brien aged five. One of the others is believed to be Elizabeth O'Brien, aged 14, her sister. There is a possibility of more children being missing as there were a number of children in the institution. The survivors were marched to safety by the sisters. Sparks from the chimney, or a short electric circuit, is believed to have caused the fire.