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IMPROVEMENTS AT FIRE HALL BE MADE

Work is to be started at once in improving the entrance to the city fire hall in order to permit the fire apparatus to get underheadway in less time when answering alarms. The new fire engine is expected to arrive in the city about the 10th or 15th of August, work having been received that it will be shipped from the factory the latter part of this month.

This engine is longer and heavier than the present piece of apparatus, and also much faster. Even with the present truck the getaway is slow, owing to the fact that the truck pulls into a narrow street and must make a sharp turn before the engine can be shifted, and speed gained. The street is also crowded and now the truck descends a grade, hits a bump at the curb line and climbs to the center of the street.

The city is preparing to build a concrete runway from the entrance of the fire hall to the center of the street. The present runway will be joined about halfway so that the driver of the truck can start turning his machine before he reaches the sidewalk, and by the time he is into the street he will be well turned in which ever direction he desires to proceed. This will allow him to gather momentum from the time he starts out of the hall so that by the time the truck is straightened out it will be in high speed, saving several seconds on the getaway.

The concrete extension into the street will be broken only by a narrow ditch or gutter at the curb line to permit a flow of water. This, however, will be narrow enough that the wheels of the truck will pass over without a jar.

GENERAL WEYLER IS RAISING POWER

NEW YORK, July 21.—(By United Press.)—General Valerian Weyler, the Spanish governor-general of Cuba, whose regime at Havana was immediately responsible for the Spanish American war, has become the central figure of an army camorra in Spain, which wants to overthrow the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera. The former autocrat of Cuba is declared to be the only man who can save Spain from the destructive fascism of the de Rivera absolutists.

The loss of Cuba is not remembered against Weyler. Since the Spanish-American war he has engaged in politics to such advantage that he is now the real political leader of the old-time army chiefs. He is the only man in Spain who dares face Primo de Rivera. Last March Weyler was appointed president of the supreme war council, where he stands in reality, between de Rivera and the dictator's possible use of the army to overthrow the monarchy.

When Primo de Rivera made himself Spanish dictator last September, he was hailed as a national savior, largely because he promised to give the Spaniards a victory in Morocco. The conflicts with the Moorish tribesmen have been proceeding for many years without advantage to Spain and at enormous cost. Nothing has come of de Rivera's promise. Large sums of money have continued to be wasted in inconclusive fighting.

De Rivera has wanted to impregnate Spanish commanders for defeat in battle; but he has been defied successfully by military opinion which has felt such a course would be ruinous to Spain's honor. Spanish officers in Morocco, in addition, have become increasingly defiant of orders from Madrid. Colonel Franco, commander of the Foreign Legion in Morocco, recently refused to follow instructions to abandon his position. General Sanjurjo, who was ordered to arrest him, refused to do so, believing Franco to be right.

This contempt of de Rivera's authority affixed has been supplemented by increasing restlessness at home. The promised revival of Spanish prosperity has not been brought about. Spanish bankers are uneasy when requested to loan money to the government, because the de Rivera ministry has no legal authority to act for Spain. If it were overthrown in an antagonistic mood, a bill might be passed outlawing all degrees of the dictatorship, including financial transactions.

King Alfonso is known to have accepted de Rivera as dictator only because he did not care to risk his throne by a revolutionary defiance. The king has never been wholeheartedly in support of the new regime. Rather, his attitude has been that of a ruler holding aloof, but willing to allow any plan to be tried which might help the country out of a critical situation. Several times Alfonso has been urged to give the word for de Rivera's overthrow. But the king wants to keep his throne which ever party is in power. Therefore, he has backed away from overt condemnation of the dictatorship, taking refuge in the fact that he is a constitutional monarch.

Alfonso has personal faith in General Weyler, and the aged commander is noted for his loyalty to the royal family. Nevertheless, if Alfonso were to order General Weyler to arrest de Rivera, and assume the premiership, the nation might rise against a constitutional king who had himself assumed the dictatorial powers. Therefore, Alfonso must

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General Weyler, who is 85 years of age is too old to take the field in person in the event of civil war. Furthermore, he wants to save Spain from internal strife and is biding his time. Many youthful army officers have urged him to overthrow de Rivera on his own authority. But this is apparently far from the old man's thoughts. His army reorganization plans have been opposed by de Rivera, and Weyler is playing a waiting game of showing the dictator up as an incompetent, hoping to compel his voluntary retirement. If, after repeated urgings to resign peacefully, de Rivera still refuses to go, then may come the moment for decisive action.

COOLIDGE HONORS FIRST PRESIDENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Tribute to the memory of Washington was paid yesterday by President Coolidge, who interrupted his week end cruise on the Mayflower to visit Wakefield, Virginia, birthplace of the first president.

The president accompanied only by Mrs. Coolidge, his father, Colonel John Coolidge and his son, John, left the ship shortly after eight o'clock this morning, about 15 miles below the Colonial beach, Va., in a White House automobile which had been sent down from Washington, drove to Wakefield, a new deserted and isolated spot where only a marble shaft marks the birthplace of Washington.

Nearly an hour was spent by the president in the vicinity of the monument. Mr. Coolidge after reading the inscription of the simple shaft, stood uncovered for some time and then drove back to the little wharf to board the Mayflower.

Arrangements for the trip were completed several days ago, but no announcement was made and with the exception of the secret service men, no one was present during the visit of the president and his family.

Returning to the river, which is nearly eight miles wide at that point, a series of incidents happened which had not been arranged.

An outgoing tide had made it impossible for any of the Mayflower's small boats to approach near enough to shore to take the party aboard and the president of the United States literally was left "high and dry."

The nearest landing that could be used was at Colonial beach, a summer resort, and there the president and his family went by automobile while the Mayflower steamed up the river. The Mayflower to the beach town was unexpected and it was not until the yacht anchored and a launch put out that those ashore realized that a solitary automobile standing near the entrance to the bathing pier contained the president.

As soon as the news was flashed about, however, Mr. Coolidge was surrounded and nearly a thousand persons managed to reach the pier before the party could get aboard the launch. The president received quite an ovation and stood in the small boat waving his hat as it sped out to the Mayflower.

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GRAIN COMPANIES TO SELL HOLDINGS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 21.—Thirty-six grain companies of the northwest today offered to sell their entire holdings including 1,952 elevators in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The offer was made in a letter to G. E. Rafate, president of the Farm Bureau Federation and one of the leaders in the new grain handling company recently incorporated in Illinois to take over five of the largest grain firms in those holdings and in 22 terminal elevators in Minneapolis 12 in Duluth with the total elevator capacity approximating 29,000,000 bushels according to the grain companies announcement.

Representatives of all 36 companies, many of them with headquarters here, signed the letter, which also went to the board of directors of the farm bureau federation.

INDIANS CONSECRATE TWO LADS TO KEEP TRIBAL TRADITIONS

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The controversy arising out of the question of withdrawing two Indian children from school in the Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, for the purpose of teaching them the pagan rites and traditional customs of the Pueblo Indians has been branded a "tempest in a teapot," by Commissioner Burke of the Indian bureau.

Declaring the position of the Indian bureau had been misrepresented, Commissioner Burke expressed a belief that the question would be amicably settled before the new fall school term at the Taos Pueblo begins.

According to new information Mr. Burke has received, two Indian children between the ages of seven and ten are usually withdrawn from an 18-months period from modern educational instruction, to be taught the ancient rites and traditions of the tribe. As there is no written history of the Pueblo the purpose is to develop the children to become priests and medicine men, and enable them to pass on to succeeding generations by word of mouth the story of Pueblo life.

The instructions given the children, Mr. Burke said, deal not only with religious matters but also the history and materia medica of the Pueblos from the beginning of time, including the uses of herbs and their medicinal qualities. The boys are supposed to be connected, are not permitted to play with other children and sleep under guard of an elder Indian in the "estufa" or "kiva," a chamber built in or beneath the pueblo where secret religious ceremonies and tribal councils are held, and which is entered by a hole in the roof.

During their year and a half training, Mr. Burke continued, the boys are fed upon corn and corn products, squashes and other traditional vegetables. Meat from domestic animals is forbidden, such diet being confined to the flesh of wild animals, fish and wild birds.

Commissioner Burke has issued orders placing a ban on the holding by the Pueblos of their ancient religious ceremonies, and stated the government would not interfere in any way with them.

The Taos Pueblo is located 75 miles north of Santa Fe, on a small stream, and has a population of 618 Indians, the number increasing about 25 per cent in the last 20 years.

CONSUL MURDERERS SHOWN NO MERCY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MORRISTOWN, N. J., July 21.—No mercy will be shown those responsible for the fatal beating of Vice-Consul Robert Imhrle by a fanatical mob at Teheran, Persia, H. H. Topolkyon, acting consul general of the Persian government in the United States said last night at his summer home near Morris Plains.

"They will be promptly executed at the place of their crime and the execution may be witnessed by the American minister and his staff," the Persian representative added. Mr. Topolkyon declared arrests already have been made in the case and trial by court martial will take place immediately.

LOCAL MAN AGENT FOR BANDON LAND

H. G. Wilson, of this city, has been made the resident agent for 100 choice building lots at Bandon. These lots are in a section now being placed on the market and are said to be very desirable for summer homes. Bandon is rapidly coming forward as one of the most famous summer resorts of the state and real estate is rapidly advancing in price. Mr. Wilson has made several trips to Bandon recently to inspect the property, which is to be sold, and effort was made to get it into Hodega bay before it foundered, but after its pumps became clogged with coal dust the sea-ranger, which had the craft in tow, summoned the coast guardsmen and shortly after they had been taken off the barge went down.

GEN. SMEDLEY MAY BE ASKED TO RESIGN

PHILADELPHIA, July 21.—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, who was brought to Philadelphia from the United States marine corps by Mayor Kendrick to "clean up" the city will be forced to resign as director of public safety unless he "decides to listen to reason" it was learned by officials close to the general last night. Should he decide to "go alone" those officials said he would be permitted to remain until January 5, when his leave from the marine corps expires. He will be accused of being "out of harmony" with the administration.

Neither General Butler nor Mayor Kendrick would discuss the situation but other officials said he was aware of the "coming show down" and was prepared for it.

COAL STEAMER SINKS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—The barge Isaac Reed which was being towed from here to Eureka,

CHARGED 17 MURDERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
HANOVER, Germany, July 21.—Fritz Haarmann, known as the "vampire murderer," has been charged with 17 murders in an indictment just filed. The police believe they will be able to prove his guilt in at least eight cases. Numerous German newspapers reported in various parts of Germany are being treated as "vampire murderers."

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CABINET GRANTS AMNESTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BUDAPEST, July 21.—All persons involved in the sensational attempt to restore former Emperor Charles to the throne three years ago are to be granted amnesty. The cabinet decided to take this action on the proposal of Admiral Horthy, the regent. The grant will include Count Andrássy and Count Sigary, whose wife before her marriage was Miss Harriet Daly of Butte, Montana.

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THOMAS WOOLWINE H.L.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, July 21.—The condition of Thomas Lee Woolwine, former district attorney of Los Angeles, who has been suffering from a second attack of serious illness here within a few months was announced as most favorable this morning. He spent a comfortable night and his temperature and pulse were pronounced satisfactory by his medical attendants.

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