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UNION CAPTURES LA GRANDE

ESTRADA UP TO LAST DITCH

BLUEFIELDS MAY BE INVADIED BY REVOLUTIONISTS AND THE FOREIGNERS FLEE

SOUNDS OF RATTLE REACH CITY

Bluefields and its inhabitants, numbering many Americans and other foreigners, may be pillaged by invading army—Battle has been in progress for three days—Danger of Rebel Victories is Great.

Bluefields, May 25.—Estrada, the revolutionary leader, is in his last ditch, fighting specially to prevent the capture of the customs house overlooking Bluefields. The position is the key to the city. Gunners have been duelling since yesterday. If Madriz succeeds he will probably ask the commander of the American gun boat Paducah for permission to enter Bluefields. If denied, Madriz will probably attempt to enter by force. The fall of Bluefields seems inevitable, although it is reported Madriz' charges have been repulsed.

The American residents have been assured protection by the commander of the Paducah.

The sounds of battle can be heard here. Many foreigners have gone to their consulates for protection. The Paducah holds the key to the situation as it is the only power that can prevent pillage. Commander Gilmer is firm in his stand that the troops cannot enter the city and a clash between Madriz and the advance guards of the Madriz army is not likely.

Skirmishing has been on for three days. Heavy losses have been reported by couriers.

New Orleans Wants Exposition

New Orleans, May 25.—Headed by Governor Sanders of Louisiana and a dozen other state officials of the Louisiana legislature, en route to Washington today, in an eleven car special to fight for the selection of New Orleans as the site for the proposed exposition celebrating the completion of the Panama canal, which San Francisco wants.

Will Have Quiet Wedding.

New York, May 25.—Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the railroad wizard and Charles Cary Ramsey of Buffalo, an artist and sculptor, will be married tomorrow at the Episcopal church at Arden, the Harriman county seat. Owing to mourning for E. H. Harriman, the wedding will be a quiet affair.

Explosion at Seattle.

Seattle, May 25.—The plant of the Hitt Fireworks company blew up this forenoon at Columbus City, a suburb. None were killed and but two were injured, according to the latest reports. A fire followed which burned the debris and all the fire departments responded to the alarm but did not arrive until a half hour later. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Curtiss After Prize.

New York, May 25.—Glenn Curtiss, the aviator, left for Ploughkeepsie today to select a safe landing place for one stop the experts will make in an attempted 143 mile flight from Albany to New York, in an effort to capture the \$10,000 prize offered by the New York World. Under the terms of the prize offered, he will be allowed two descents. He has built an aeroplane

Attempt to Raise Dry Dock.

Manila May 25.—A corps of divers is working on the sunken dry dock, Dewey. It is predicted that it can be raised. It is impossible to determine the cause of the accident, but is now believed to have been caused by the negligence of employees in leaving the valves open.

CRY FOR MEN.

Yakima District at Loss to Solve Labor Problems There.

North Yakima, May 25.—Representatives from nearly every village in Yakima, Benton and Kittitas counties are assembled this afternoon at Toppenish where an effort will be made to plan a campaign that will bring laborers into the Yakiman valley immediately. The situation is critical as the peach crop will soon ripen.

Hundreds are also needed for hop training and other orchard work and soon the wheat crop will need more. Merchants and business men are at a loss to know where to secure the workmen.

SCRIBER TRIAL HEATED

WALTER PIERCE AND ATTORNEY McMAHON CLASH.

Attorney Attacks Character of Pierce and at Recess Men Clash.

Portland, May 25.—A furor was created today in the trial of Scriber the La Grande banker when Attorney Alexander McMahon, one of the attorneys for the defense, examined Walter M. Pierce, former president of the Grande Ronde Electric company, in rebuttal.

McMahon asked several question derogatory to Pierce's character regarding acts of Pierce while he was head of a company and also while clerk of Umatilla county. The questions were over ruled.

At the non recess McMahon and Pierce had a heated conversation in the hallway but there were no blows struck.

The state will close its rebuttal this afternoon and arguments will probably be commenced tomorrow and the case go to the jury.

JUNE JURORS DRAWN.

Complete List of Those Who Will Act as Jurors for June Term.

Jurors for the June term of the circuit court were drawn today. The list of jurors follow: R McKenzie, of Summerville; James McClure, Ladd Canyon; Dunham Wright, Cove; C G Wyatt, Elgin; Henry McGoldrick, of Imbler; J A Gaskill, Alicel; J A Pitcher, North Powder; A H Sullivan, Starkey; C J Forssell, Union; Wm Hazlewood, Elgin; W J Church, La Grande; Jas Goble, Medical Springs; John Collier, La Grande; C A Hill, Telocaset; W A Haggerty, Union; W A Hugg, Elgin; L J Hughes, Union; E H Shaw, Island City; Jas Peach, La Grande; Leland Mackay La Grande; J Van Buren, La Grande; W H Morelock, Elgin; J A Graybeal, Kamela; Wm. Eubanks, Summerville; W J Townley, Union; John McNeelan, Island City; E Polack, La Grande; D A McViers, Hilgard.

DERAILMENT ON D. & R. G.

Eighteen Hurt But None Killed in Wreck on Seaside Railway.

Cuchara Junction, Colorado, May 25.—Eighteen persons were injured today when two coaches on the Rio Grande were derailed here. A broken rail is supposed to have caused the accident.

ALFONZO'S LIFE CAUCUS BY G. O. IN DANGER P. TONIGHT

ANARCHISTS ADMIT BOMB OUTRAGES WERE PLANNED AND EXECUTED BY THEM

INSURGENTS BOLT AND WILL NOT ATTEND PARTY CAUCUS TO DISCUSS MEASURES.

NATION-WIDE REVOLUTION LIKELY POSTAL BANK BILL CHIEF BONE

Anarchist Editor Jailed Because he Admitted Bomb Outrages Were Planned by His Cult—Alfonso's Life in Danger at Hands of Organized Anarchists—Consternation Spreads Among Inhabitants.

Madrid, May 25.—The king's body guard was doubled today following the revelation of a plot to assassinate King Alfonso and Queen Victoria. The plot was discovered after the death of Callemayer, the anarchist, who was injured by the premature explosion of his own bomb. He suicided and afterwards the police ransacked his room and gathered evidence showing that the plans to kill the rulers were still under way. The police are worried, and believe that an anarchistic uprising foreshadows revolutionary action.

Barcelona, May 25.—The barracks here and vicinity are filled with additional troops in anticipation of a revolutionary outbreak. Reinforcements arrived at the time of several anti-government demonstrations in the streets today.

The editor of the paper "Land of Liberty," an anarchist, was jailed this afternoon, following the publication of the assertion that the recent outrages here and at Madrid were planned and consummated by the anarchists.

The statement relieves all doubt as to the existence of a plot to kill King Alfonso.

The editor has caused consternation among the authorities, many of whom believe that this foreshadows a revolutionary movement.

Regulars Will Agree on What Phases of Postal Laws and Postal Bank Bill will be Supported by Them—Insurgents Will Stay Away Even Though They Intended to be Present Postal Bank Reconstructed.

Washington, May 25.—Tonight's caucus, which was expected to include all republicans will not be attended by the insurgents. The Postal Bank bill will be considered and an agreement will be made as to what provisions the regulars will support. The bill was recommended by the house committee on post offices and post roads and will be taken to pieces and reconstructed and new features added.

At present the bill has only the features requisite for a formation of a postal savings bank and it is unlikely the measure adopted by the senate recently. A republican representative said. "The present house measure is purely a savings bank measure. Only two factors are included, the government and the depositors. Tonight politics will be added as was done in the senate where the bill includes a third party—bond holders—and others.

It was learned today that the insurgents are trying to keep Cannon as speaker until the end of the session so they can use him as an issue in the congressional campaign this fall. It will not be a new experience for the speaker as he has been an issue before, but there will be new angles this time, making the regulars uncomfortable.

The fact that the insurgents expect the support of Roosevelt is one new factor which politicians declare indicate that the insurgents are fighting with considerable certainty.

Fear Another Industrial War.

Wenatchee, Wash, May 25.—Charles Foster and E. W. Roe, representatives of the Industrial Workers of the World, as Spokane are in jail today refusing to work or eat and the city is disturbed by the prospect of repeating the recent Spokane war between the police and the Industrialists. The men came here to enlist laborers in the organization to secure a wage increase and were arrested Sunday evening while holding a street meeting, on the complaint of the Salvation Army workers whose street services were disturbed. On Monday there were fined \$25 and costs to pay or work. Since then they have refused to eat. They have threatened to have 200 men come from Spokane to fight it out until released.

DEEP MYSTERY GROWING

UNDERTAKER ERICKSON ADMITS HE WROTE FAKE MESSAGE

Letter Was Sent on Request Embodied in a Letter to Los Angeles.

Portland, May 25.—The mystery of the disappearance of Mrs. Hannah Smith, the Swedish widow, deepened today following the admission of E. E. Erickson, the undertaker, that he wrote the fake telegram signed Hannah Smith, sent from Los Angeles to her niece Mrs. Aaan Harper. The police of Los Angeles secured a letter Erickson wrote to a friend here requesting the friend to send the telegram. District Attorney Cameron is investigating the letter here now. She dropped from sight May 8. Mrs. E. Boden, a friend, alleges that Erickson owed the widow \$12,000, which Erickson denies. Mrs. Boden says that the widow has asked him many times for the money but she did not get it.

AN INNOVATION.

State Editorial Association Will be Given a Royal Welcome.

An innovation in the meetings of the State Editorial Association will be introduced this year when the annual gathering of the pencil pushers is held in this city. A meeting of the executive committee was held in Portland Sunday and there the invitation was accepted to hold the business session on board a special train to be run out of Baker City over the Sumpter Valley railroad. The train will leave Baker City in the morning and the entire day will be spent in viewing the fine scenery and noting the development work that is being carried on in the district.

The meeting is to be held in this city June 17 and 18, and arrangements are being made to give the newspaper men the time of their lives. Not only will the doors of Baker City be thrown open to them, but the business men of La Grande will also entertain them for a day following the session here. They will be taken in automobiles over the Grande Ronde valley and in the evening a dinner will be served at the commercial club. Wherever they may go they will be shown the great resources of this section of the state.

During the progress of the convention addresses will be made by William Pollman, mayor of Baker City; George Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune; John F. Carroll, editor of the Portland Telegram; John Delinger, editor of the Astorian; Charles H. Fisher of the Eugene Guard, and Editor Ireland of the Wasco Observer. —Baker Herald.

GUESTS CARRY GOOD WILL

UNPRECEDENTED SCENE ENACTED DURING DINNER HOUR WHEN NEIGHBORS MET

BRING UNLIMITED ENTHUSIASM

Unbuilding of Union County is keynote of Addresses that Follow Dinner—Hotel Corridors Suddenly Resemble Convention Hall With Unbounded Feeling of Good Fellowship Prevailing Always.

Unfettered enthusiasm, fountains of good will, community uplift and advancement, flights of oratory, widened acquaintanceship, and four hours of unbounded good fellowship are only some of the features attending the visit in La Grande today on the part of 40 business men of Union who are on the last lap of a tour of the Grande Ronde valley to meet their fellow county inhabitants and to exploit the coming horse show at Union.

At noon, under proper escort, the caravan of eight automobiles carrying the 40 Unionites, reached La Grande and were escorted about the city. The main event of the visit was the scene at the Foley hotel where the headquarters had been established and where La Grande and Union met on grounds that border no evil for the welfare of the community.

Has Color of Convention.

Portland's Imperial hotel was never filled nearer to capacity in the old fashioned political convention with delegates than was the Foley today, and in some respects there was a resemblance between the scenes of the old political war days enacted in Portland and other convention cities and the scene attending the visit at noon. However, the chief resemblance is the spontaneous enthusiasm. It was not a jockeying, selfish crowd that filled the corridors of the Foley from one to two when the dinner commenced, seeking honor for one and defeat for others, but a wildly enthusiastic aggregation of Union business men shaking hands and conversing with an equally enthusiastic aggregation from La Grande and working for the advancement of the county towns. The scene was one to delight the heart of the booster and positive good will will accrue from the visit.

Never in the history of La Grande has a more "enthusiastic bunch" invaded the city. It was the purpose of the local business men to show the visitors all the courtesies they might ask for or expect and expected to see a jolly good crowd but the unbounded degree of booster germs that have been inoculated into the Union crowd was astonishing.

Music Enlivens Occasion.

Enthusiastic voices during the progress of the banquet, rose the strains of the local orchestra which the local businessmen provided for the occasion. Hungry as the visitors were, they could not refrain from discussing the questions of so much importance to them, one with the other.

Auto Caravan Placarded.

The caravan of autos was placarded with streamers announcing the fact that the Union stock show occurs on June 3d and 4th. "Union Commercial Club" and other streamers decorated the automobiles.

Forty from Union and 50 from La Grande sat at the tables. The Union people present were:

F A Bidwell, flour manufacturer; J L Overton, lumberman; E G Kauter, banker; Thos Braser, capitalist; M F

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LAY IT TO THE COMET.

