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ADMINISTRATION POINTS OUT CAUSE FOR WAR SCARE

While Mexico is Chaotic, United States will Keep Close Guard—Combining Profitable Maneuvers with Business—Mexican Minister Disputes Cause

Aboard President Taft's Private Car, near Mount Alto, Ga., March 10.—The forces of the United States standing army are ready to invade Mexico at the "first necessary cause for action." The army will check any secessionary movements by the people of Lower California and will prevent destruction of American property, prevent filibustering and patrol the border and lastly will practice both land and sea maneuvers at the same time.

The administration makes no further attempt to conceal the real reason of the mobilization of troops on the border. It has admitted that the army may soon be aiding President Diaz to suppress the insurrection. President Taft and the Mexican ambassador, De La Barra, have decided on plans whereby the United States and Mexican troops will act together and the United States will not hesitate to invade Mexico if it seems necessary, to aid Diaz.

It is said moneyed interests have been among those who appealed to the United States for aid. The investments of Americans in Mexico is a billion and a half dollars, largely secured through concession granted by Diaz. The chief holders are the Morgan-Guggenheim interests, the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the Wells-Fargo Express company, while Americans have much railroad holdings.

British interests aggregate a half-billion dollars.

TAKES ISSUE WITH TAFT.

Mexican Minister Disputes Grounds for Mobilization of Troops.

New York, March 10.—Taking direct issue with President Taft, Mexican Minister of Finance Limantour today declared there existed no excuse for American intervention in Mexico. He said Mexico under no circumstances would consent to an interference. In the statement he said conditions in Mexico were improving the last two days and denied that Diaz was sick. Presence of American troops will have a salutary effect on the revolutionists, he said.

SAN ANTONIO A BIVOUAC.

Monster Camp Rapidly Assuming Shape in Texas Town Today.

San Antonio, March 10.—Rapidly taking on the appearance of an armed camp, troops and cavalry are arriving on all trains. Major General Wilkinson, chief of subsistence, today took charge of the gigantic task of feeding the soldiers. The camps are being pitched rapidly and many army officers are of the opinion that the chief reason for the hurried movement has been to test the efficiency and ascertain how quickly the mobilization may be made.

is obtained from the rate sheet published some time ago: From Atlanta, Ga., \$46.95; Baltimore, \$49.75; Tennessee points \$46; Ohio points about \$37; Wisconsin \$33; Minneapolis \$35; St. Louis \$32 and Missouri river and common points \$25. This includes Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Council Bluffs and a dozen other Missouri river district towns.

PARLIAMENT SATISFIED.

Canadian Lawmakers Will Confirm the Agreement Soon.

Ottawa, March 10.—The reciprocity agreement with the United States will be confirmed by parliament as soon as it is possible to reach a final vote on the decision, reached by a caucus of Liberals last night. When Canada ratifies it, it remains for the United States to take action.

WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED.

Only Two Killed by Explosion That wrecks Entire Wisconsin Town.

Kenosha, Wis., March 10.—Only a few buildings are left standing in the town of Pleasant Prairie today as the result of an explosion of 150 tons of dynamite in the Dupon Powder works plant. Engineer Joe Flynn and an unidentified man were the only ones killed.

PARK DAM NOW COMPLETED

WATERS BACK UP TO THE BRIDGE AT RIVERSIDE.

Boating Course Supplied with Water and Two Bridges Done.

All work has been done on the dam harnessing the waters of the Grande Ronde river at Riverside park, and the water is now backed up in the boating course and back to the bridge giving fine boating facilities. The work was completed yesterday.

The dam is made up in three parts: on the La Grande side the dam is made of earth and is five feet high, running out to the spill-way which is 232 feet wide and will pass four feet of water over it. At the north end of the spill-way is a timber crib nine feet high and is the last link in the dam and is made solid to withstand the current of the river which centers at that point. Under the wooden crib is the sluiceway to freshen water in the boating course through the park.

The boating course is a big feature of the park. It meanders about the natural wood, with a course ten feet wide and two feet deep and local canoeists are anxiously awaiting the season when canoes will be in order. Four concrete arches will span the course and two of these have already been constructed by Engineer Darley. This marks the beginning of the end of improvements at the natural park site and La Grande will be supplied with park facilities such as few cities enjoy.

Jackson Ready for Guest.

Jackson, Miss., March 10.—Ex-President Roosevelt will be in Jackson tomorrow, and extensive arrangements have been completed for his reception and entertainment. He will arrive at an early hour in the morning and will remain in the city until 1 p. m., when he will leave for New Orleans. The chief feature of his visit will be an address before the commercial club. During his stay in the city he will be the guest of Governor No. 1.

College Officers Confer.

Columbus, O., March 10.—The association of Ohio college presidents and deans met in Columbus today for its 15th annual conference. The meeting will last two days and will be devoted to the consideration of numerous matters relating to college administration, student life, and the course of study. President Alston Ellis of Ohio university occupied the chair at the initial session of the conference today.

START CAMPAIGN FOR 2 ANNUAL ATTRACTIONS

ELEVEN DASHES INCLUDED IN PRESENT PROGRAM RUNNING CHAUTAUQUA WEEK.

ONE MORE DAY IS ADDED

With Hauley and a String of Splendid Numbers, the Program Committee Closes Its Contracts for Second Annual Event—Commence Campaign for Ticket Purchases Next Monday and Keep at It.

The Chautauqua Numbers. The complete list of attractions for the Second Annual Assembly of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association is as follows: Ex-Gov. J. Frank Hanly of Indiana, the Williams Jubilee Singers, Dr. Gabriel R. Maguire, African explorer, DeWitt C. Miller, lecturer, William Sterling Battis, interpreter of Dickens, the Apollo quintette and bell ringers and the Sadler company as represented at the season of 1910.

Compilation of numbers for the second annual chautauqua in this city has just been completed by the board of directors and Secretary W. D. MacMillan announces the commencement of a campaign for tickets next Monday morning that will be kept going continuously until the guarantee fund has been reached. The announcement of numbers runs hand in hand with the counter announcement that the chautauqua will continue one day more than last year, including 11 days in all. This is in obedience to the decision of the directors last year that the ticket cost would be reduced or more numbers added. An entire day's program has been tacked on the program, making 11 days of splendid numbers. The chautauqua will commence on July Fourth.

In contrast to the Ashland chautauqua which started some time ago, the La Grande association commences with a clean sheet. Its first was a financial success in that the anticipated shortage in expense did not occur—due to the consistent management and the liberal public support. With the same management assured for this year and a better program than last year now contracted for, the management will go forth next Monday morning again soliciting the unstinted support of last year.

Tickets will sell at \$3.00 for the season.

Relief for Famine Sufferers.

Seattle, March 10.—Laden with 3,000 tons of provisions the United States transport Buford is off for China to distribute relief among the famine sufferers of that country. The provisions were contributed by organizations and individuals in many parts of the country and were carried to Seattle free of charge by the railroads. The local arrangements were looked after by the Seattle chamber of commerce.

History Teachers in Session.

Washington, March 10.—The annual convention of the Association of History Teachers of the middle states and Maryland began in this city today and will continue over tomorrow. At today's session the association discussed a plan for an annual pilgrimage to Washington by the school children throughout the country.

Fights Scheduled for Tonight.

Pal Moore vs. Young Sammy Smith, 10 rounds, at New York city. Tony Ross vs. Morris Harris, 10 rounds, at Rochester, N. Y.

REBELS IGNORE PRESENCE OF YANKEES

AMMUNITION AND ARMS SUFFICIENT TO LAST THE REVOLUTION TO THE END.

ATTACK ENSENADA AT ONCE

While American Are Warning Frontier Troops Revolutionists Smile at the Prospects for Advance on Ensenada at Orders Are Effective.

Ensenada, March 10.—"If the United States insists upon interfering in Mexico we will shoot the same as we would," said Librado Rivera, chief director of the rebels who are directing the Lower California revolt from this side of the border. "There is a fight between Mexicans and everyone of our army in Lower California and we will fight the United States to the bitter end."

New York, March 10.—That the Mexican rebels have all the arms and ammunition needed, was stated today by Gustavo Madero, a brother of the revolutionary leader. He said the feeling among the revolutionists is that America has a right to put up a wall of soldiers on the frontier but that it will not hinder the insurrectos in the least and will make no particular difference with them. They have all the arms and munitions of war needed to carry on the campaign indefinitely.

Ensenada in Danger.

Mexico, Mexico, March 10.—Acting under orders of General Loyva the insurrectos here are today packing their belongings preparatory to moving on Ensenada, a town centering the insurrection troubles this week.

ALASKA TOWN IN GRIP OF FIRE

BUSINESS SECTION OF TOWN IS ALREADY DESTROYED.

Two Thousand Men Fighting to Save the Balance of the Place.

Juneau, Alaska, March 10.—With the entire business section wiped out and the Treadwell mine closed today the entire force of the Douglas district comprising 2,000 men, have been turned to the work of saving the rest of the town of Douglas. A high wind is raging and it is impossible to send help to the island until the wind has abated. The place has a population of 4,000 people and the damage by fire originating last night is terrific already. There is not much hope of saving the balance of the town for the fire has spread from the business district to close in residences.

Celebration at Waycross.

Waycross, Ga., March 10.—Many visitors are in Waycross attending the big census celebration and carnival. The entire city is gorgeously decorated. The program of attractions is an elaborate one and includes automobile races and aviation contests among its principal features.

Taking Son to Portland.

J. A. Baker of the Elgin Hardware company came in on the branch today with his son Joseph, who he is taking to Portland for an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Baker will remain in Portland with the boy until the effect of the operation is ascertained.

BAILIFF STEARNS SUCCUMBS IN FEW HOURS

ILLNESS COMING AT 10 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT PROVES FATAL THIS MORNING.

SAW LINCOLN SHOT DOWN

Death Overtakes Court Bailiff While on Duty at the Court House—Family Rushing Here—Court Officials and Attorneys Deeply Grieved—Deputy Sheriff Lindgren Keeps Death Watch at Bedside.

Hale, hearty and active last night and dead at 8 o'clock today is the untimely final appended to the life of L. B. Stearns, circuit court bailiff, on duty at his post when death overtook him just a few minutes before 5 o'clock this morning, and lessens the number of living men and women who witnessed the horrifying spectacle of seeing President Abraham Lincoln shot down in the Ford theatre.

Mr. Stearns came over from his Cove home Monday to be present at the opening of the March term of circuit court and resumed his duties as bailiff, a position held by him for several terms. He was well and active until last evening when he confided to Deputy Sheriff George Lindgren that he was not feeling well and decided to go to his room. He occupied a room in the court house with Mr. Lindgren, to be on duty for night work when occasion demanded it. Little was thought of the matter at that time but shortly afterwards Mr. Lindgren discovered the bailiff was critically ill. A physician was called and Mr. Lindgren kept an all-night watch. Shortly after 7 o'clock, Mr. Lindgren found his patient sinking rapidly and just before 8 o'clock got into communication with the family at Cove, but daughter, Mrs. Frank Dougherty, will relatives have been notified. The youngest in the family is Miss Maud Stearns who lived at Cove with her father and she is already in the city. Ed Stearns of Pasco will arrive as soon as trains can bring him and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Dougherty, will come from Prosser, Washington.

The sudden death was a decided shock to the court officials, attorneys and jurors—all were attached to the bailiff—and the fact that he was about the court room last night at the late sessions and down town last evening, adds all sadness to the fact that he lies cold in death today.

Predecessor Died Suddenly.

It is a peculiar fact that Mr. Stearns predecessor died suddenly while holding the position of court bailiff. It was Mr. William Hancock, also of Cove, who, about two and a half years ago was taken suddenly ill while on his way home to Cove, to spend a day or two while out on duty as court bailiff, and he passed away suddenly. Mr. Stearns, also of Cove, was named to succeed him in less than three years died even more suddenly than did his predecessor of the same office.

Civil War Veteran.

Mr. Stearns was a member of the civil war brigade and drops one from the survivors of that struggle. One of the saddest moments in his life was his unfortunate privilege of being an attendant in the Ford theatre when President Abraham Lincoln was shot down. Attached to the president as a soldier and civilian, he was particularly grieved at the horror enacted in the theatre at the time. Mr. Stearns was about 75 years old.

Unique Subject.

Tomorrow evening the well known Ford A. Ellis, minister of the Central Church of Christ will speak upon the subject, "The Laborer and His Condition." Mr. Ellis will endeavor to show the relation of the present condition in Mexico and the official attitude of Uncle Sam to the labor.

ARMY GAME WILL BE COSTLY

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS STARES BIG EXPENSE IN THE FACE.

Cost of Present Mobilization Runs Over \$7,000,000 at the Lowest.

Washington, March 10.—The democratic congress, pledged to economy, must bear the brunt of the deficiency appropriations of several millions to defray expenses of the present army mobilization. The cost to the government to move its army to Cuba was \$6,500,000. The present maneuvers will prove more costly as four times as many troops are involved in the movement.

EVERETT HAS COUNTERFEITERS.

Ten Dollar Gold Pieces Being Turned Out, the Police Say.

Everett, Wn., March 10.—Secret service men are investigating the report that counterfeiters are working here and have a plant making \$10 gold pieces. One man has been arrested as a suspect.

LIKE "OUR TOWN."

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. P. Jones Buy Property on North Fir

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. P. Jones, who have been looking over the city for several weeks yesterday decided that La Grande looked good enough for them to make a home in it and through the George H. Currey real estate agency bought the P. M. Kelley residence on North Fir street, the consideration being \$1,575. This is close in property and will never be worth less.

COLONIST RATES COMMENCE

FIRST IMMIGRANTS DUE HERE IN ABOUT TWO DAYS.

Local Railroad Company Officials Expect Big Traffic at Once.

Colonist rates, intended to bring such numbers of immigrants to the northwest as has never been equalled in previous development eras, became effective all over the United States today and within two days the first trainload of immigrants will reach La Grande. While tickets can be bought in the east to any point on the O-W it is the history of such rates that a big majority go directly on to the full limit of the ticket rights and then gradually drift back. This year it is known however that several parties will head direct for La Grande. One party is coming from Oklahoma, consisting of 18 families, and comes with the well-defined notion of remaining in this valley. Others from other sections are also headed this way.

The influx to the northwest will supersede anything in history of its kind, agree railroad officials who are in touch with the demand for information of the northwest, and the letter writing days will also bring results. The O-W is prepared, along its entire route, to handle the immigration with dispatch and while trains from the east may run slightly behind time, extreme effort to maintain schedule runs will be made by the local corps of officials and employees.

Local real estate men are prepared to distribute literature and do all in their power to swing a just quota of the influx to the Grande Ronde. An idea of the totness of the rates