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DISASTROUS FIRE AVERTED IN HEART OF UNION

Union, March 13.—(Special)—Union's business center was seriously threatened with complete destruction by fire shortly after 3 this afternoon which for a time seemed beyond control of three streams of water from the fire department, gutted the Centennial hotel, soaked and ruined much of the stock belonging to the stores owned by Mr. Lucas and Mr. Bolles. The fire broke out in the Centennial hotel, an old landmark in this county, coming presumably from the kitchen, but its origin is undetermined. With a heavy wind blowing the entire block was doomed, until by diligent work

the department gained the upper hand and at 4 o'clock the fire was completely under control. The department kept the blaze within the walls of the old hotel building.

Confectionary goods in the Lucas store, and the cigar stock in the Bolles' store are out in the street, badly damaged and losses will be very heavy to them.

It was by the narrowest margin that the entire business section of the town escaped, for once beyond the Centennial building, the rest would have been beyond rescue.



GEORGE C. CREEL.

With President Diaz on his death bed, as reported, a successor to the aged ruler is found by many in Mr. Creel. During the past few days this gentleman has suddenly come into the limelight, and to stay, if Mexican press reports have the right conclusions.

PLANTING GRANDVIEW ADDITION

Procuring Water Facilities and Planting Trees to Start Soon.

Grandview addition is to be planted to orchard at once. A good water system is to be put into working order simultaneously. This addition is located just east of town at the end of the macadam road.

LOCAL PEOPLE MARRIED.

Lizzie Pugh and Lester Chapman United in Marriage Yesterday.

Miss Lizzie Pugh and Lester E. Chapman, both of this city, were married quietly yesterday at the home of George O. Chapman, 2212 First street, Rev. L. W. Gowen officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have a large number of intimate friends and acquaintances in this city.

PROTEST FILED BY TOWNLEY

MORE COMPLICATIONS ARISE IN FAMOUS CASE.

Land Office Will Hold Proof Pending Decision of Department.

Another chapter on the famous Townley-Loudermilk dispute over the 80-acre tract of land near Hot Lake, Oregon, claimed by each, was enacted today when Cochran & Cochran, as attorneys for the state of Oregon, and also W. J. Townley, fled with the officers of the local land office a written protest against the reception from Loudermilk on tomorrow of a communication proof, advised for that date. Announcement was made at the land office that the proof would be received and held here, pending the decision of the secretary of the interior on Loudermilk's appeal from the decision of the commissioner of the general land office, which was adverse to the homestead claimant. If Loudermilk loses before the secretary the proof will not be of any benefit to him; but if he should be able to finally win his case in the land department, it is supposed that he expects to stand on this proof, so that he can leave the land occasionally to work out.

RESUME DURKEE MINING.

Pendleton Man Expects to Take Up Work in Durkee District.

T. W. Ayers of Pendleton passed through yesterday on No. 6 on his way to Durkee to look after the Gold Coin mine of which he is manager. The Gold Coin is placer and Mr. Ayers thinks that water will be plentiful this season as there was plenty of snow at the head of the ditch. The giant pumps are in readiness for operation, and if things prove favorable this company will make big cleanups this year. The Gold Coin stock is principally owned by Pendleton parties who are very wealthy and if other money is needed to operate the mine or build more water ditches the same can readily be secured.

CONGRESS PROBE OF WAR SCARE PREDICTED

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTERS ANTICIPATE SUCH ACTION BY LA FOLLETTE CROWD.

ROOSEVELT GIVEN SALUTE

Details of Administration's Version of Mobilization Will Be Forced Into Publicity to Forestall Congressional Inquiry, Say Rumors Today—Money Interests Thought to Have Planned the Mobilization.

Washington, March 13.—Plans to forestall a congressional attack on President Taft as the result of the maneuvers in the south are being considered today by the administration supporters. In order to avert a resolution of inquiry, the war department will probably announce the details of the administration's version of the causes of the mobilization. It is understood La Follette is preparing a resolution inquiring whether or not the troops are mobilized to aid Wall street.

ROOSEVELT AT BIG CAMP.

San Antonio, March 13.—Favorable haste, shown in recruiting the 8th and 11th cavalry regiments and the visits of Colonel Roosevelt, made plenty of excitement in camp here today. Regiments are below normal strength and each will be joined tomorrow by 500 recruits en route from the north. Officers predict both regiments will start southward soon after the arrival of the recruits and start scout work soon after the arrival of General Wood tomorrow or Wednesday.

PRESIDENTIAL SALUTE FIRED.

Roosevelt visited the camp shortly after midnight and was welcomed by Major General Carter, commanding. The presidential salute was fired in the colonel's honor after which he inspected the camp. Before leaving for Austin Roosevelt addressed the school children of San Antonio.

ZION CITY AGOG WITH THRILLS

OVERSEER VOLIVA HAS HAD A STORMY TIME OF IT.

Politics Have Entered In and Voliva May Go Tomorrow.

Chicago, Ill., March 13.—When Zion City passed from the hands of the federal court into the control of Wilbur Glenn Voliva last week it was believed that the trials and tribulations of the famous community founded by the late "Elijah" Dowle were about ended. The ending of the receivership through the payment of \$700,000 by Voliva's brokers was accepted as the beginning of the long promised "new era," under which Zion's factories and business enterprises are to yield great dividends to the citizens.

But Overseer Voliva, whom Dowle designated as his successor shortly before his death, has found his path a thorny one. Ousted from Zion City, sued for debt and thrown into jail have been included among his experiences since he assumed the leadership. Overcoming all obstacles and rising superior to all difficulties, Voliva finally succeeded in gaining financial control of the \$1,350,000 property of the community.

And now he has to battle for political control of the little city, without which his spiritual leadership and financial authority will avail him little. The matter will be settled in the primary election in Zion City tomorrow. Upon the result depends the question of Voliva's supremacy. The political campaign between Voliva and his opponents has been one of extreme bitterness. Voliva is charged by his political foes with having threatened terrible punishment to all members of Zion who voted against him. Despite the alleged threats the opposition is keeping up its fight to the last and expresses confidence in bringing about Voliva's overthrow at the polls tomorrow.

FILES ON HOMESTEAD.

Frank Brown of this city today filed on a homestead, making the application at the local land office.

REBELS ANSWER DIAZ EDICT IN LIKE TERMS

INSTEAD OF ENDING TROUBLE SPEEDILY IT SHARPENS THE MEXICAN WAR.

MANY KILLED YESTERDAY

No Quarter Will Be Shown Federal Troops by Insurrectos and Diaz's Men—Twenty-One Federal Troops Shot Yesterday where Only Five Met Their Death.

Mexico City, March 13.—General Madero, announcing the insurrectos, especially the eastern division, has given orders to give the federal troops no quarter, according to couriers from Cuernavaca, and the dictum comes in full of President Diaz's orders to shoot down the rebels on sight.

Another reason advanced for this stringent order is the suspending of President Diaz's personal guarantee of provisions of the Mexican constitution.

The entire Fourth cavalry is now camped near here and two troops arrived last night. Scouts report insurrectos are gathering on the hills south of Juarez.

DRASTIC ORDERS INEFFECTIVE.

Mexico City, March 13.—That the determination of President Diaz to exterminate the revolution, will result in even more drastic steps that mere suspension of a personal guarantee of provisions of the constitution was the general belief here today. It was expected that the order refusing civil trials to persons charged with destruction of property would end depredations, but reports say today that lawlessness still exists, despite it.

TWENTY-ONE KILLED IN BATTLE.

Rebel Loss Light in Fight Yesterday—More Fighting Promised.

Huchuca, Ariz., March 13.—General Blanche today said the battle at Agua Brelita yesterday was merely a test of strength and that the real battle would come today or tomorrow. American physicians who attended the injured yesterday, this morning placed the casualties at 21 dead and 15 wounded on the federal side and a rebel loss of two killed and three wounded. The United States troops were lined up on the border yesterday watching the fight and were in readiness for an emergency.

RANGER FIRED UPON.

Captain Wheeler of the Texas rangers reported today that he had been fired upon by Federal troops while rounding up horses on the Mexican side. He escaped to Douglass.

CREDITORS BRING PETITION.

Referee Hodgkin Presented With Petition in Rankin Proceedings.

A petition to abandon certain mortgage property in connection with the W. F. Rankin estate of Enterprise, bankrupt, was presented to Referee in Bankruptcy John S. Hodgkin today by several of the creditors in the proceedings. The amount involved by this petition is about \$8,000 and the mortgage reads \$9,500. Rankin, who is a sawmill and planing mill man of Enterprise went into bankruptcy last November.

IOWAN LIKES THE WEST.

Prominent Business Man Visits Union and Wallawa Counties.

W. H. Lake and wife, of Bedford, Iowa, and L. B. Payne came in yesterday on the branch from Enterprise. Mr. Lake is a prominent business man in his home town and this is his first trip west of the Rocky Mountains to visit with Mr. Payne and he said yesterday that he was awfully disappointed on account of being called home on account of sickness as he was very anxious to see more of the northwest and study conditions as eastern people looked on this country as the place to build homes and no doubt in the future his state will furnish some very desirable citizens to Union and Wallawa counties. He and his wife were accompanied home by Miss Della Carr of Colfax who is in poor health. Mr. Payne will return home this morning to Enterprise as his large real estate business keeps him very busy at this time of year.

FIREMEN SHOOT NEGROES WHO RUN ENGINES

BITTER STRUGGLE BREAKS OUT MOUNTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE QUEEN & CRESCENT LINE.

ELEVEN ALREADY KILLED

Mountaineers Blind Firemen in the Demands for Recognition Over Negro Firemen—Two Deputy Sheriffs Already Killed—Sharpshooters Pick Off Colored Men Who Take Out Trains.

Somerset, Va., March 13.—The death toll is 11 and near a score are injured as a result of a strike on the Queen & Crescent railroad. Traffic here and at Chattanooga is at a standstill. The strike resulted from refusal of the railroad to give assurance to white firemen that they would have preference over negroes in promotions. The dead included nine negro firemen and two deputy sheriffs.

Five negroes were killed yesterday in an engine cab by sharpshooters who picked the men off as they passed along the road. Four negroes and two deputies were killed last night in a battle near Glenary, Tenn. The mountaineers today served the railroad with an ultimatum that unless the negroes were discharged, officials will be killed and bridges dynamited.

MOUNTAINEERS HOLD UP TRAIN.

Cincinnati, March 13.—Armed mountaineers held three Queen & Crescent freight trains near Kings Mountain, Ky., at 1:20 this afternoon. The telegrams stating the news ask for deputies to come to the scene and run the mountaineers down.

Officials and civil authorities foresee a great amount of bloodshed as a result of the trouble. The mountaineers think little of the road in any event and local officials along the route are in great alarm lest they be shot down in revenge for what the higher ups of the road order carried out in the way of employment policies. The firemen have liberal support from backwoodsmen who have come to the stations and are ready to carry on the fight to the finish.

EASTER PROGRAM ARRANGED.

Local Commandery Invites Pendleton and Baker Neighbors for Event.

Commanderies of Pendleton and Baker have been invited to be guests of special honor at an Easter day program to be arranged by the local commandery, Eastern Oregon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. A committee consisting of W. J. Church, C. E. Cochran, C. T. Bacon, N. Molitor and Howard Davis has been named to prepare a program for the occasion. Nothing will be spared to make the event attractive in every way. The place of conducting it, and the details of the program have not been worked out up to date, but will be consummated in time to be given due publicity in time for the gathering of Knights.

EASTERNEER BUYS ORCHARD.

Without Seeing Tract St. Paul Man Buys Ten Acres at Allee.

Without seeing the land or surrounding territory and buying entirely on recommendations of a friend who had happened across the orchard tract planted on what was the Pennington ranch near Allee, a man named John P. Drews has purchased ten acres of orchard through the La Grande investment company. Three letters closed the deal. Mr. Drews is coming out to see what he has purchased a little later on.

FISHER TAKES OFFICE.

Ballinger Will Stay in Office Until New Man Familiarizes Himself.

Washington, March 13.—Walter Fisher, the Chicago attorney, took the oath of office as secretary of the interior today. Ballinger will remain until Fisher is familiar with the duties and he will then go to Seattle for the purpose of preparing his suits for stander.

CRUISERS REACH SAN DIEGO.

San Diego, March 13.—The cruisers Maryland and West Virginia arrived today. This places the California, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Troop Ship Buffalo, Maryland and West Virginia under Admiral Thomas' command here.

TARIFF REVISION SESSION MAY BREAK LONG SESSION RECORDS

Washington, March 13.—These days are sad days for the new democratic ways and Means committee. All they are supposed to do in the next two months is to change the entire system of tariff framing, grant hearing to interested parties—that is, constructively speaking, raze the tariff wall, build a careful revenue—only structure in its place; "bone" up on dreary piles of statistics of imports, manufactures, cost of labor and transportation and finally bring into being a successor of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

It took the republican ways and means committee practically a year to accomplish the present tariff law—and the democrats must do the same work in two months, if they can. But they lack a majority in the senate, and are handicapped by a republican administration in charge of the executive departments, and there is a big chance that Taft, a strong proponent of the present tariff, may veto their measures even if they succeed in jamming the proposed schedules through congress.

In light of these obstructions, leaders on both sides are almost unanimous in the opinion that the extra session will not end before October. It is known that "Uncle Joe" Cannon has made arrangements to remain in Washington until November. There is too, a strong possibility that the coming session may establish a rec-

ord. The extra session of 1909 lasted 144 days—and the present record of 166 days made in 1841 may go by the boards in 1911 with a 200-day session.

A democratic caucus has already determined in favor of a schedule by schedule revision of the Payne law. This means that the ways and means committee can concentrate their energy by taking up a schedule at a time and get each schedule through congress before tackling another. By this system will delay the final repeal of the Payne law, it is believed that it will have a less drastic effect on the industrial world than a brand new tariff law.

It is probable that the democrats will hold Taft's pet measure—the Canadian reciprocity in abeyance or will tack it on to their schedule by schedule program. This it is argued, will gain Taft's support to revision and prevent him from vetoing the democratic tariff measures. Should the latter proposition obtain it is probable that reciprocity will be held up until a few new tariff propositions have been put up to the president and the republican senate.

All in all, the democrats are preparing to make things interesting for Taft and the senate. They hope to widen the breach between the Old Guard in the senate and the progressives, and in other ways to embarrass the republican leaders.

CORPORATION TAX CONSTITUTIONAL

Washington, March 13.—The constitutionality of the corporation tax law was upheld by the United States supreme court today. Justice Day read the decision. All judges concurred in the decision.

It affects 15 different federal court cases throughout the country, affecting corporations engaged in real estate, mining, manufacturers, insurance and merchandising.

MILLIONAIRE INJURED IN PARIS.

William Lee, Missourian, Shoots Himself in Paris Hotel.

Paris, March 13.—William Lee, of Missouri, and a millionaire, shot himself in the hip this morning in a crowded cafe in a fight with a man named Morris who said something about Lee's woman companion, an actress. Lee drew a revolver and fired twice, the second shot entering his hip when Morris forced Lee's hand down.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LABOR FEDERATION.

Victoria, B. C., March 13.—Representatives of the various trades unions throughout the province assembled in this city today for the first annual convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor. The sessions will last several days and will be devoted to the consideration of numerous matters of importance to the cause of labor.

HOLDUP AT OGDEN.

Two Men Hold Six Fellows at Bay While Safe is Rifled by Them.

Ogden, Utah, March 13.—After holding six men at bay, two masked bandits rifled the safe of the Reed hotel at daybreak and escaped with \$700. Half an hour later two suspects were jailed but the money was not located. The holdup was in the heart of the city.

JAW CUT AWAY BY CANCER.

Elgin Man on Way to Recovery With Half of Lower Jaw Gone.

With half of his lower jaw cut away by the removal of a cancer, Herman Muller of Elgin returned to his home today. Mr. Muller is 71 years of age, and has been at the Grande Ronde hospital for about three weeks, having undergone an operation for cancer of the face in which it was found to be necessary to remove one half of the lower jaw as well as a large growth. Perfect healing has taken place and his physician, Doctor Hall states that there is good reason to hope that a permanent cure will result.

COURT PAYS RESPECT.

Session Takes Recess in Respect to Late Circuit Court Bailiff.

A recess was taken this afternoon from noon until 2:30 by the circuit court now in session, out of respect to the late L. B. Stearns, the court bailiff who died suddenly Friday morning. The session was resumed after the funeral services had been held at Cove this afternoon. The case of three alleged box car robbers occupied the attention of the court today.

LUMBERMAN VISITS ELGIN.

P. S. Robinson of the Wenaha Lumber company, returned today from Elgin where he has been on a business trip for his company.