

INVASION OF MEXICO DRAWN NEARER

American Citizens Again Struck By Foreign Bullets

THOUSANDS VIEW BATTLE FROM HOUSE TOPS. DOUGLASS SCHOOL HOUSES RIDDLED BY REBEL BULLETS.—RED CROSS REMOVES DEAD AND WOUNDED—FEDERALS REPULSED AT TWO IMPORTANT CHARGES THIS MORNING—YANKEE TROOPS READY TO ACT.

Douglas, April 17.—Promising to take Agua Prieta from the rebels or leave his dead body on the field, Ronaldo Diaz, a nephew of President Diaz led 1,000 federals to an attack on the town this morning. Action was started at 6:30 when two machine guns were brought into play. These were silenced after an hour. Later the first federal attack was repulsed.

Federal Charge Repulsed.
Shortly before 8 o'clock 200 federal infantry charged but were driven back leaving a dozen wounded on the field. At 8 o'clock the firing fell off and five ambulances manned by the Red Cross society raced across the line to bring the wounded into Douglas. At 8:30 the main body of the Diaz forces came up and threw out a semicircular wing. Rebels lined to conform in pits 500 yards from the federals. At 9 o'clock the rebels began firing. Many bullets from federals went over Douglas. A shower fell among the American cavalry horsed and ready at the boundary. One rider's hat was pierced, and then Captain Guajot ordered them to shelter behind houses on Fifth street.

At 9:30 the first ambulance with the wounded was brought into this city. Spectators are on housetops and over 2,000 people are on roofs watching the battle, which was resumed soon after the federals' first repulse.

Federals Lose Another Charge.
At 11 o'clock Lopez said 14 rebels were killed. He said he believed at least 50 federals were dead. Firing fell off again at noon and it is believed the federals were repulsed the second time.

American troops drove the citizens back from the danger zone.

American School Houses Riddled.
No attempt is made to keep school. The second street school is literally riddled with bullets. A number of missiles struck the Seven street school house.

The American custom officials fled from the custom house and are refugeed in a ditch.

At 10:30 the second ambulance brought in more wounded. The ambulance men said the rebels seemed to be more than holding their own.

Newspaper Man Hurt.
Oscar Goll, a newspaper man of Tombstone, Ariz., was shot in the side of the head by a stray bullet from the Agua Prieta fight and only slightly wounded. Bullets also struck the re-

idences of several citizens.

14-Year-Old American Hurt.
This afternoon there is only desultory firing. The federal loss is estimated at 50 killed and insurgents at 20. Jack Hamilton aged 14, of Na-o, Arizona was the first American wounded in Douglas. A half mile from the lines a spent bullet slightly wounded him.

Yankee Troops Stand By.
Governor Sloan was on the line watching the battle today. He had summoned the militia who are ready to help the regulars in case intervention is necessary. When the firing fell off at noon the rebels commandeered all the liquor in Agua Prieta and dumped it in the street.

Diaz Out of Soldiers.
Mexico City, April 17.—Indications that the revolution is growing beyond control of the government is seen today in posted notices for volunteers. All men between 18 and 45 are called to the colors and offered 50 cents daily.

Invasion Draws Nearer.
Washington, April 17.—Expecting news of the big battle at Agua Prieta both Secretary of War Dickinson and General Wood were early at their desks. They admitted that the course of today's fight would largely decide the future course to be pursued by the United States with regard to the rebellion. Members of the administration openly profess satisfaction that Diaz's call for volunteers is interpreted as a confession to his inability to cope with revolt and believe it brings intervention decidedly nearer.

MANGLE SAFETY ATTACHMENT.
Cherry's New Laundry to Further Protect Employees.

Today the Cherry New Laundry received an attachment for the flat work ironer which automatically stops the mangle when any obstacle passing through raises it a certain distance. This insures safety for employees and renders the injuring of a hand an impossibility in this machine.

Wool Schedule Fixed.
Washington, April 17.—Wool won't go on the list in the democratic tariff revision this session. Leaders of the party here today agreed on reduction of forty to fifty per cent in duty on manufactured wool and fifty per cent in raw wool. Members of the ways and means committee announced that this decision has been reached.

TINY BABY SHOT ACCIDENTALLY BY FATHER AT HOME IN PERRY

Shot down, accidentally, by a .22 caliber Winchester, the bullet plowing its way through the abdomen, puncturing the intestines at 10 different places and leaving two gaping wounds in the abdomen, one in front and one behind, little Miss Mathson, the 22-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Mathson of Perry lies at the Grande Ronde hospital this afternoon in a condition which can hardly be anything but ante-death stages. The pitiful affair happened at the Mathson home in Perry yesterday about noon, when the father reached for the rifle hanging on the wall. In some way—the distracted father cannot explain how—the gun was discharged the barrel ranging downward and the little tot had wandered near the father, child-like, to study the weapon, when the accident occurred. The bullet

struck just to the right and a trifle above the nipple, ranging downward at a sharp angle, and emerged in the fleshy part of the hip. Doctor A. L. Richardson was called and had the suffering infant removed to the local hospital where an operation was performed yesterday afternoon. Two gaping wounds in the abdomen and 10 large punctures of the intestines were stitched.

This forenoon the little girl had rallied even better than was expected but it will be remarkable if the little child recovers.

The accident was so distressing that the father, who was in no wise to blame, is shocked beyond description. It was one of those affairs, apparently, which occur when least expected and always at a time when the greatest harm is done.

Oicott Takes Office.
Salem, April 17.—Ben Oicott took oath of office today as secretary of state in place of the late F. W. Benson, who will be buried at Roseburg tomorrow.

Oicott said there will be no change in the working force of the office.

SEND IN YOUR ANSWER.
The time for sending answers to the "Knowledge contest" does not close until Tuesday night and answers will be announced Thursday. If you are not among those who have already sent in an answer send one. You have until Tuesday night.

ELGIN RECORDER EASTER DAY IS SOLD TODAY CELEBRATED

OLD-TIME REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER MAN TAKES IT.

Retiring Editor Still Uncertain as to What He Will Do.

Elgin, April 17.—(Special)—E. F. Flagg, formerly of St. Helens, Ore., and last winter clerk of the senate, today closed a deal for the purchase of the Elgin Recorder. Mr. Flagg assumes management at once and L. B. Tuttle, the retiring editor, has not yet outlined his future line of business.

The Elgin Recorder, though independent, was of democratic tendencies, and the new owner will turn the nose of his newly acquired publication into republican channels. Mr. Flagg is an experienced newspaper man and will confine his efforts to catering to the local field with a weekly publication. Tuttle, who built up the paper from little or nothing, will like remain in Elgin for the present, at least.

BOX CAR CASE ON TRIAL.
Case Involving Alleged Misdeeds of Two Prisoners Heard Today.

A trial involving the robbing of a box car in which fracas the two Murphys as the men are known, were tried a time since when the jury disagreed, was brought up in circuit today and not only railroad employes but detectives and attorneys are much interested. Witnesses who are said to be of the same class of citizens as the two defendants are alleged to be are to be on the witness stand for the defendants. Strintuous effort to have the men convicted will be made by the O.-W. detective forces.

One of the Murphys is said to have served a long term in Minnesota.

Twenty-Five Drowned.
Operto, Portugal, April 17.—Twenty-five were drowned today when the Spanish steamer San Fernando sank off Cape Finisterre.

The German steamer, Portima picked up four survivors.

John S. Huyler.
Millionaire Manufacturer and Philanthropist of New York.



John S. Huyler, millionaire manufacturer of New York, is known in church and educational circles as a liberal contributor to philanthropies of various sorts.

VISITING KNIGHTS DISPLAY Splendor, Religious Observances and Entertainment Mark Day.

Characterized as the most gorgeous and radiant fraternal parades and elaborate entertainment ever given a fraternal organization in Eastern Oregon, and, too, classed as a revelation, in a way, to a greater per cent of the visiting lodgemen the Knights Templar annual Easter services held in this city yesterday have been scrooled on the records of history.

Jupiter Pluvius hid himself for the day and the sun reigned supreme—balmy beams shone down on the helmeted lines of marchers reflecting the splendor of the plumed helmets, the epauletts, the swords and the girdles of gold and silver. One hundred lodge men were in line after the formation at the depot on the arrival of the special Pullmans at 9:25 and the first of the three parades of the day occurred at that time, the La Grande contingent in similar uniform as the visitors, and the La Grande band escorting the knights to the local asylum. Shortly afterwards the same procession marched to the high school building where the auditorium was packed with Easter worshippers and where calla lilies decked the rostrum and where, too, Easter gowns and Easter bonnets added color and fashion to the occasion. The impressive ritualistic service conducted by Acting Eminent Commander Church and Prelate N. Molltor foreran, with appropriate blending of anthems and orchestral renditions, the sermon of the day, Rev. W. S. Seemann, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered an address which ranks high as a literary and theological production—simple yet eloquent and forcible. The chief and apparent reasons why civilization believes Jesus Christ arose from the grave were reminded to the audience in such a way as to not only be appropriate to the occasion but to supply a chain of evidence that sets at naught the mutterings of disbelievers. The well known truth was handled with concise arguments and the East fact was all the more apparent at the close of the address—an address which is seldom equalled in La Grande.

Secret Work in Afternoon.
Eminent Commander Baile of Baker was chief of ceremonies later in the afternoon when the degree of Malta was conferred at the lodge asylum.

Once More in the Sunlight.
Late in the afternoon the admiring public again gazed with complimentary eyes on the brilliant spectacle and that was when the banquet was served at the Foley grill. An elaborate menu, with mountain trout one of the important courses, the dinner progressed informally under the personal direction of P. A. Foley. The dinner, too, was up to the standard of the entire program during the day.

Toasts Follow Dinner.
Post-grandial speeches were few numerically, but rich in thought, wit and humor. Thomas Taylor, of Pendleton, a past grand commander of the order, was the first to respond to Toastmaster C. E. Cochran and felicitations, growth of the order and its

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THEY ARE OFF! FAIR CANDIDATES BEGIN GAME OF BALLOTS

Interesting Competition Begun for Trips to Portland Rose Festival and to N. E. A. Convention at San Francisco

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 1
This district comprises the city of La Grande. The four ladies residing in La Grande who at the end of the contest have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

HUFF, RUBY, Seventh and L streets	12,723
COTNER, EVA, 2,908 Oak street	1,122
WILLIAMS, MRS. FRED W., Box 804	1,004
GARRICK, NELL, Care Isls theatre	1,001
PRICE, NELL, Care Telephone office	1,001
DAVIS, ADA, 1818 X avenue	1,001
SNOW, ALICE 1410 Z avenue	1,001
COMBS, FRANKIE, 1901 D. avenue	1,001
KENNEDY, Zapha, 1418 Washington avenue	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 2
This district comprises all of Union county except La Grande. The four ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

ROBERTSON, ZELLA, R. F. D. No. 2, La Grande	3,861
BROCK, NETTIE, Flora	3,001
KEEFER, STELLA, Imbler	1,151
RUSSELL, BETHEL, Elgin	1,097
ARNOLD, MABEL, Elgin	1,001
SMITH, BESSIE, Elgin	1,001
VAN DE VANTER, MRS., Medical Springs Stage Line, Union	1,001
WILSON, EVA, Union	1,001
CHATTIN, VIOLET, Summerville	1,001
WOODELL, ETTA, R. F. D. No. 1, Summerville	1,001
HART RUTH, Hilgard	1,001
KELLY, BESS, Cove	1,001
VAN HOUSEN, HAZEL, Allicei	1,001
HERFORD, BELL, Telocaset	1,001

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 3
This district comprises all of Wallowa county and Pine and Eagle valleys. The three ladies of this district who, at the end of the contest, have received the most votes will be the guests of the Observer at the Portland Rose Festival.

EVANS, MINNIE L., Wallowa	1,001
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PRIZES REGARDLESS OF DISTRICTS.
The three candidates who, at the end of the contest have more votes than any of their rivals, may, at the expense of the Observer, extend their trips on to San Francisco.

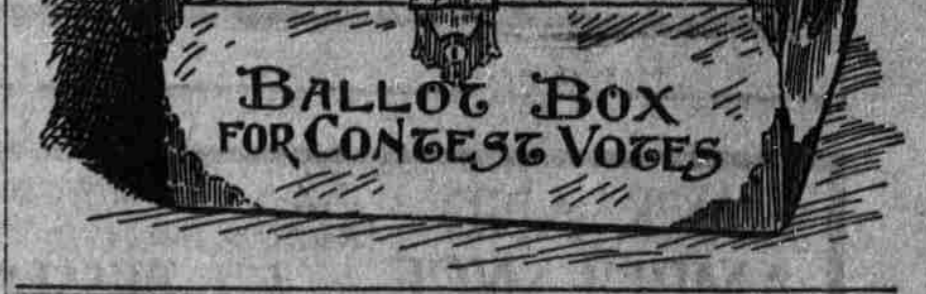
The four candidates who range next in standing, regardless of districts, will be entertained at the Hotel Gearhart, Gearhart Park, By-the-Sea.

All winning candidates will be given side trips to all points of interest in and about Portland; and will be taken to the leading places of amusement and recreation.

Instead of taking a trip, any winning candidate may have music lessons to the value of \$50 or a scholarship in Whitman college; in the Baker City business college or choice of several other colleges. In lieu of the San Francisco trips scholarships valued at \$100 will be arranged for, in case exchange is desired.

The most exciting and fascinating game of the season has begun—the game of gathering newspaper ballots. The worthy opponents so far enlisted are lined up in friendly battle array

This is the opening score. Opposite each name are the votes that have been cast for the candidate. The figures are lined up in friendly battle array



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