

TAFT AND SENATE SHIFT INVASION RESPONSIBILITY

UP TO CONGRESS REBELS DRIVEN AFFIRMS TAFT; SENATE BALKS

PRESIDENT TAFT MORE OPTIMISTIC THIS AFTERNOON, IT IS BELIEVED.

SURRENDER TO AMERICANS WHO GUARANTEE HUMAN TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

DIAZ ORDERS ELECTION

Striking Decision in Favor of Rebels Is Seen in Orders From Mexico City to Order a New Election—Only Solution—Peace Negotiations Have Been Commenced by Government.

Washington, April 18.—Intervention is up to congress. President Taft has decided he won't send troops across the border without congressional authority. He believes senators and congressmen are familiar with the situation and that it will be unnecessary for him to call the matter to their attention.

The belligerents yesterday fired across the boundary ignoring the American order. Taft is ready to act but congress seems unprepared to take the step which probably will mean war with Mexicans and insurgents combined.

Long Conferences Held.
Preceding the cabinet meeting called today to discuss the Mexican situation, President Taft conferred at length with Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee. No statement concerning the conference was given out, but it is believed that the president thinks intervention is near.

Propose Mutual Border Zone.
Informal notice was received at the white house today that Mexico would soon advise the United States of "a definite restrictive policy on the border." The official note is expected this afternoon. It is believed Diaz will suggest that the United States agree to a mutual zone of 10 miles wide on the border. The insurgents will probably be consulted as to the proposal.

Senate Refuses Responsibility.
Washington, April 18.—After a conference with the president, Congressman Sulzer, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, and Senator Cullom, his conferee in the upper house, declined to accept the responsibility in the Mexican situation. Senator Cullom said the senate will not act unless the president sends a special message. Taft is more optimistic this afternoon as the conditions are more favorable at Douglas and less of cause for intervention.

DIAZ ORDERS ELECTION.

Mexico City, April 18.—Simultaneously with President Diaz's submission to congress of pending peace negotiations, a bill calling for a new general election will be submitted this afternoon.

Diaz' authorization of the election bill indicates his realization that its passage is the only possible hope for peace with the insurgents. Foreign Minister de La Barra admitted he had been communicating with Gomez at Washington, regarding peace with the insurgents.

Bush Is President.
New York, April 18.—B. F. Bush, was this afternoon elected president of the Missouri Pacific.

VAST INCREASE IN VALUE OF LANDS

GOVERNMENT CENSUS FIGURES AT WASHINGTON SHOW OREGON HAS ADVANCED FAST

INCREASE IN VALUE LARGE

Slight Per Cent of Farmers Are Non-White—Increase in Values of Farm Land Alone and Farm Lands and Buildings Creeps up to the Millions in Ten Years—Other Facts Given.

Washington, April 18.—(Special)—Census Director Durand issued today the first official statement from the census bureau relative to the agricultural statistics of the state of Oregon collected at the Thirteenth Decennial United States census, April 15, 1910.

It is based on a preliminary comparative summary submitted to the director by Dr. Le Grand Power, chief statistician of the division of agriculture in the bureau of the census. This summary shows, for both the census of 1910 and that of 1900, the reported total value of farm land, buildings and implements and machinery; total acreage; improved acreage; average acres per farm; average value per acre of land and buildings alone, the aggregate expenditures for labor and fertilizers. It also distributes the total numbers of farms according to color of farmer; specified character of tenure; whether held free or mortgaged by owners; and by certain acreage groups.

The director gives notice that the summary's figures are subject to revision later, owing to the fact that a number of farms whose returns are incomplete will be included in the final tables. These additions will not, in all probability modify any of the amounts or rates contained in the present statement.

The census of agriculture was taken primarily for the purpose of obtaining an accurate inventory of all classes of farm property existing on April 15, 1910; a complete exhibit of farm operations during the year ended December 31, 1909; and a statement of the number and value of domestic animals in cities and villages on April 15, 1910.

Statements relative to acreage and yield of crops and the domestic animals of Oregon will be issued by Director Durand as soon as the tabulation of this data has been completed. It is pointed out in the statement

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REAR ADMIRAL OF MANILA FAME VISITS HERE

CONSPICUOUS FIGURE IN NAVAL CIRCLES GREETED RELATIVES IN GRANDE RONDE.

RANKS NEXT TO DEWEY

Rear Admiral Corwin H. Rees Arrives From Walla Walla to Visit Cove and La Grande Relatives—Will Be Here Thursday—Battle of Manila Bay His Last Important Engagement.

Rear Admiral Corwin H. Rees, retired, a conspicuous figure in the navy was in La Grande last evening, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clarke, on his way to Cove to visit his brother M. B. Rees whom he has not seen in 37 years, and next Thursday will return to La Grande to again visit with his niece, Mrs. John S. Clark, 1609 Sixth street. Ranking next to Admiral Dewey, the distinguished naval officer holds a unique position in naval circles.

Early in September, 1910 Admiral Rees was retired, ending an active career in military and naval annals. He fought with the volunteer army during the civil war and participated in more than 30 land battles and subsequently took an active part in the Spanish-American war as an officer of the navy.

Figured in Battle of Manila.
During the battle of Manila Bay in 1898, Admiral Rees was executive officer of the Olympia, Admiral Dewey's flagship. The famous battle was the last of his long string of engagements, land and sea, but active service was maintained nevertheless. Later he commanded the monitor Monongahela and afterward was captain of the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard and finally was commandant of the Honolulu naval station. He has had more sea service and less shore duty than any of his contemporaries.

Returns Here Thursday.
After visiting with his brother M. B. Rees of Cove until Thursday he will come to La Grande to talk over old times with his niece, Mrs. Jennie Clarke. Shortly, he will leave for the east again.

Accompanied by Walla Walla.
The admiral was accompanied to La Grande last night and to Cove today by his nephew Dr. Frank W. Rees of Walla Walla. The party was met here by Sherman Rees of Cove and were his guests today.

Cove Man An Inventor.
David C. Layhe of Cove has invented and secured the patent on a computing yard stick. With this stick the dry goods merchant can quickly compute the cost of fractions of a yard of goods. Experts declare the device to be the simplest and most useful measuring stick that has gone to the patent office.

Patrons of this Newspaper Will Decide Personnel of the Party to be Entertained—Nominate a Candidate and Make the Competition Interesting.

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.

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| HUFF, RUBY, Seventh and L streets | 13,032 |
| COTNER, EVA, 2,008 Oak street | 1,122 |
| WILLIAMS, MRS. Fred W., Box 804 | 1,064 |
| GARRICK, NELL, Care Isis theatre | 1,001 |
| PRICE, NELL, Care Telephone Office | 1,001 |
| DAVIS, ADA, 1313 X avenue | 1,001 |
| SNOW, ALICE, 1410 Z avenue | 1,001 |
| COMBS, FRANKIE, 1201 D avenue | 1,001 |
| KENNEDY, ZAPHA, 1418 Wash. ave. | 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.

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| ROBERTSON, ZELLA, R. F. D. No. 2, La Grande | 8,661 |
| VAN HOUSEN, HAZEL, Alicel | 7,001 |
| 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 |
| WOODDELL, ETTA, R. F. D., No. 1, Summerville | 1,001 |
| HART RUTH, Hilgard | 1,001 |
| KELLY, BESS, Cove | 1,001 |
| HERFORD, BELL, Telocaset | 1,001 |

CONTEST DISTRICT NO. 3

This district comprises all of Walla walla 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.

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| EVANS, MINNIE L., Walla walla | 1,001 |
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PRIZES REGARDLESS OF DISTRICTS.

The three candidate 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.

Miss Bess Kelley of Cove, is the one and only central operator for Cove and connecting telephone lines, the central station being in her mother's home. Fidelity to calls and evenness of disposition cause Miss Kelley to be held in high regard by her patrons. They will be glad to help her with contest votes in order thereby to provide her with a summer vacation trip at the expense of the Observer.

The citizen who nominated her said: "We deem this a most fitting way to show the young lady proper appreciation for her painstaking work for us." Miss Kelley may not find much time to get out over the country to collect votes, as she assists with both the housework and the support of the household for several children. Her father, Mr. J. F. Kelley, one of the early settlers of Cove, died 11 years ago, leaving her mother, Mrs. Mae Kelley, with a family of six small children to bring up. Cheerfully and courageously, Miss Bess Kelley discharges her duties towards her brothers and sisters and her mother.

The scholarships in music, as well as the trips offered as prizes, attract Miss Kelley to the contest, for she is anxious to become a good musician. She is now taking lessons. At the end of the contest, if she is among the prize winners of Union county, Miss Kelley may call for lessons in music instead of a trip to the Portland Rose Festival and San Francisco.

Auto Plays Pranks.

An automobile that was standing in the residence district yesterday and its motor suddenly became active starting the machine without a driver. In snaky curves it wound around the road and ran very close to a lady's porch. Forgetting that the machine was lifeless the lady rushed out and swung her apron high in the air as if to frighten it from her premises. Later the owner captured the outlaw car and little damage was done.