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APPEALS FOR TROOPS COME FROM SOUTH

MANY COMPANIES ARE READY TO MARCH TO EL PASO

RECENT MANEUVERS ON THE BORDER MAY BE RE-ENACTED

Appeal From Governor and Ambassador at Mexico Answered by Taft Who Orders Troops Held in Readiness—Trouble May Become National-Wide in Mexico, Say Reports.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Orders were issued by the war department today warning Mexico that another "maneuver camp" might be established along the international boundary. The action is taken following messages from Governor Colquitt today and Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City asking that adequate protective measures be taken to guard American interests in case of revolutionary hostilities which endangered Americans or their property. Two regiments at San Antonio have been provided with marching rations preparatory for border duty if necessary. In all the United States has ordered 3,000 men from various posts to be ready to go to El Paso in case of an emergency.

Peace Is Abandoned.

El Paso, Feb. 3.—All hope for peace was practically abandoned today at Juarez. The revolutionists are preparing for a long siege and a battle with the federal troops. Following his defeat with the rurales yesterday, General Orozco is preparing for the defense of Chihuahua in case it is attacked by Anoní Rohas at the head of 400 rebels. Juarez has been chosen the provisional headquarters of the rebellion and the provisional president, Gomez, now in the United States, has been requested to come to Juarez and assume command.

Rejas says he will attack Chihuahua unless all political prisoners are released by the governor. It is reported that Gomez is in San Antonio. Rejas is a militant follower of Gomez. He was released from the Chihuahua prison yesterday after 90 mutinous rurales and rebel recruits fought the loyalists, killing five.

Taft Answers Governor.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—President Taft sent the governor the following message regarding the Mexican trouble, and replying to the governor's appeal for protection: "Telegram received. Have issued orders with view of meeting the difficulties at Juarez and have invited the attention of the secretary of war to the necessity of action."

The governor suggested that both sides in the embroglio be warned not to shoot across the Rio Grande.

Governor Harmon's Birthday.

Columbus, O., Feb. 3.—Governor Judson Harmon was 66 years old today and the occasion was marked by the receipt of many congratulatory messages from various parts of the country. Governor Harmon is the oldest of the several democrats who are prominently mentioned for the presidential nomination this year. He is four years older than Speaker Champ Clark, 11 years older than Governor Woodrow Wilson and 16 years older than Representative Underwood.

To Be Tried for Murder of Two.

Henderson, Ky., Feb. 3.—The case of Phillip E. Burris, accused of poisoning the Royster family at Robards, this county, shortly before Christmas, will be called for trial here Monday. Burris will be tried first on an indictment charging him with the willful murder of Henry Royster and Ret Davis, two of the victims of the poisoning tragedy.

WHOLESALE FIRM COMING AT ONCE

Allen & Lewis, Portland wholesale grocers, will equip and maintain a large wholesale house in La Grande.

Definite decision to do this was reached when L. A. Lewis, senior member of the firm, went over the grounds personally yesterday and closed the final details necessary to the bringing of the big institution to this city. It is not to be an ordinary distributing house such as is usually maintained at given points of the interior but is to be a wholesale house in every sense of the word. Larry Larrison, field representative for the concern whose headquarters are in Portland, will leave his field headquarters at Baker

and come to La Grande to take active and personal management of the big institution here.

Fowler Building Leased.

The wholesalers have leased the Fowler building for the present and will install the huge stock of goods there. Because of the fact that the added industry is so extensive in its scope and has so large a field to cater to, business men and commercial interests are greatly elated today. The deal has been under consideration for many months but dragged for various reasons and at times was not deemed to be progressing satisfactorily, by those not in close touch. Finally the situation reached a climax, resulting

in the leasing of quarters and the final decision to invade this field with a big wholesale house. The La Grande Institution will take over and supply all that field of Eastern Oregon including the Burns and tributary country, Idaho and Washington which was formerly supplied by the Portland house and gives a vast area in miles for the local plant. In view of this it would be impractical to put anything but a complete wholesale house here. It will be separate and distinct from the Portland house and the entire tributary territory will be fed from here. The new manager, Mr. Larrison, who is well known here, will quit the road and a new man take his place.

The deal means the bringing of many thousands of dollars worth of stock to this city, and means the shipping of carload lots to the city, alleviating the long hauls to Portland and back again on local rates. The new short haul rates ordered into effect by the state railroad commission recently probably was responsible for the consummation of the deal. Under the old rates there were no distributing rates effective in La Grande and the scheme was impractical. The new rates which lower the old ones materially, make it less expensive to operate a wholesale house here.

For some time past the company has had a small distributing stock here handled directly from the Portland house, but shipping connections between La Grande and the Portland headquarters are to be severed once the entire stock is put on the shelves here and the new institution opened. Aside from its principal features the venture of Allen & Lewis unquestionably means that La Grande will be the headquarters for other grocery concerns now centering in Portland. It is not amiss to guess that a year hence will find from one to two or perhaps three other big concerns establishing their Eastern Oregon wholesale headquarters in this city. The deal reflects the confidence the outside financial circles are placing in La Grande.

MURDERESS DENIES ACT

OI SEN NO LONGER ADMITTING THE CRIME.

Two Suspected Accomplices Blamed for Entire Affair.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 3.—Despite the questioning that lasted nearly all night and today, Wong Si Sam and Lew Soon, the Chinese arrested and charged with the murder of Seld Bing, are denying they had anything to do with the murder as charged by Oi Sen, the Chinese woman implicated in the case. Wong is calm and smiling, but Lew is nervous.

Oi Sen says she did not do murder and now says they cut Seld's throat and packed the body. The fight was an "affair of men," she said.

Lew is a San Francisco saloonman, and is Americanized.

Ice Blast Hits Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—An icy blast struck Chicago today. It is six below and is expected to go 12 below tonight.

"Better a Wee Bush Than Nae Bield"



HOOT MON!

The subject of this sketch was recently told by a taleman under examination, that a Misourian would be as fair a juror in a booze case, as would a Scotchman. The artist took advantage of the suggestion with the above result.

10,000 ACRES UNDER WATER IN 90 DAYS

SUC IS POSSIBILITY OF DEAL CLOSED LAST NIGHT

OLD SOUTH CANAL TO BE USED BY IRRIGATIONISTS

Arid Tracts Between La Grande and Cove to Be Watered by Flood Water This Spring—Officers Elected and Money Subscribed to Carry Out Project—Engineer Already in Field.

With a capital stock of \$50,000 subscribed, and engineers in the field running the final line for irrigation ditches to water 10,000 acres of semi-arid lands lying between La Grande and Cove, an auspicious completion of arrangements for extensive irrigation in this valley was reached yesterday evening when the promoters formed the La Grande Irrigation company. The company will irrigate hundreds of acres owned by members of the company and pave the way for cutting large semi-arid tracts of land into well-watered ten acre tracts.

The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, L. A. Lewis of Allen & Lewis, Portland, Marion H. Davis of Boise, J. D. McKennon, J. E. Reynolds and F. L. Meyers are the stockholders while the incorporators are J. D. McKennon, J. E. Reynolds and F. L. Meyers. These three men are also president, secretary and treasurer respectively of the concern with F. A. Harmon of the Baker company as vice president.

Will Use Old Right of Ways.

The company is based on the flood water irrigation scheme, and will use what is known as the south canal of the extinct Grande Ronde Reservoir company. The intake will be near the sugar factory and will run south, striking the J. E. Reynolds property near the Cove road and then run toward Cove, ending at the Barnett property now controlled by the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company. Right of ways will have to be secured from the intake to the Reynolds property but from there the company owns all the land along the right of way of the ditch. Because the old survey is used, it will not require much effort to locate the permanent line and the corporation engineer, C. T. Darley, is already at work making the final arrangements. Bids will be advertised for at once and the company hopes to commence the construction of its main canal by March 1st at the latest and complete it in two months. The canal will be five feet wide at the base and 21 feet at the top. It will carry enough water during the months of February, March, April and May to thoroughly saturate the semi-arid land sufficiently to insure crops during the dry season. Not only will the members of the company irrigate their own land but they will have water to sell.

There is no possible chance for a fall-down it is pointed out, as all the money necessary to finance the deal has been subscribed and the construction can be rushed to get much benefit from the late spring flood waters this year. It is the biggest irrigation scheme to come near to actual realization that has yet been brought up and at the present time, there is no known reason why from 9,000 to 10,000 acres of arid land between La Grande and Cove should not be under water this spring. It is a momentous move toward the cutting up of many-hundred acre tracts in this valley and in the end will mean the settlement of scores of 10 acre tracts where nothing but waste is seen.

Submarine Rescue Slow.

Portsmouth, Feb. 3.—Efforts to raise the submarine A3 in which 14 bodies lie, failed today.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DINNER SETS RECORD

WELFARE OF COMMUNITY IS FAVORABLY DISCUSSED

FUN STUNTS CARRY IMPORTANT ROLES AT DINNER

With Whirlwind Campaign of Fun Making and Community Boosts Evening Draws to a Close With Clever Stunt on Part of Ladies—Music, Dinner and All Is Top Note.

Effervescing with pointed arrows of satire and wit, bubbling over with co-operation elixir, last night's Commercial club banquet attended by 300 men and women became the parent of a new La Grande and a new Union county—Incidentally created a new commercial club that is to nurse the new-born community. From 7:30 until 11:30 300 guests doing homage to the junketers who recently returned from the Southern Oregon pilgrimage, were uproariously entertained with eloquence from post prandial speeches, interspersed with unique stunts that smacked of brains and wit. Most of the real amusement of the evening aside from listening to the speeches came from spontaneous prongs of satire hurled over Western Union wires at members of the party and known weaknesses or common-knowledge jokes were dug up and shouted with telling humor at the sufferers. Few escaped and in many instances the gridiron committee was resplendent with keen wit, wit that made life miserable for the recipients of telegrams. To add even greater luster and charm and spice, came the G. R. V's, which used in its actual meaning, stands for the Grande Ronde Valley club of original songsters. Strains adapted to popular airs were lullabies at speakers to heal gaping wounds torn open by the shafts of satire from the fun committee and at various times the warblers tingled the hair roots of speakers who had thrown life and pepper into their toasts.

Dinner Model Affair.

In the first place the dinner was beyond the fond anticipations of the most sanguine. Courses were served that lent a color of dollar-a-plate banquets and the Guild ladies have been fairly showered with congratulations, not only on the handsome quantity set before the diners for the very nominal sum but for the toothsome of the courses. The 300 or more guests were served in about 45 minutes and the decks were cleared for action. Between courses the messenger boys whetted humor appetites by delivering messages from here there and everywhere, and the audience was in proper mode to digest the solemn, sober thoughts and eloquence that emanated from the program makers for the speakers were not all prone to be frivolous and a great deal was said that was carried away in sober thoughts, to react for the betterment of La Grande and Union county.

Toastmaster a Master.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles is a pastmaster at the head of the table. In his own eloquent way he brought before the hearers the various speakers, but first he touched upon local affairs, painting a word picture of the community's beauty and asserted his belief in the future of Grande Ronde valley. President P. S. Robinson, the newly elected president of the Commercial club and king-pin booster, was the first speaker. Briefly he welcomed home the junketers and was followed by Attorney C. E. Cochran who responded for the pilgrims to foreign lands in a happy vein.

F. L. Meyers, who, by the way, already had several harpoons of fun pricking his skin, prefaced his pointed

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