

HUERTA REIGN READY TO FALL ANY MOMENT

UNCLE SAM MARKS TIME UNTIL EXPECTED CRUMBLE ACTU- ALLY OCCURS.

REBEL ARMIES STRENGTHEN

One Reason Uncle Sam Has Deferred Recognition of Huerta Government Is That Rebels May Overthrow the Present Administration Momentarily —Several Governors Leading Forces

Washington, July 21.—The government of Huerta in Mexico is doomed and its overthrow is expected hourly. This information was furnished from authoritative source and is in the hands of the government, it is stated by a person in authority. This is the reason the administration will not recognize the Mexican government.

It could not be learned if the information was from the American consuls or a private source. Unconfirmed reports were circulated here to the effect that Ambassador Wilson was summoned to Washington to explain the quotation in which, it is alleged he criticized the Wilson administration because of its failure to recognize the Huerta government.

That Huerta's government is tottering and is to fall is authoritatively learned in the tenor of the confidential advices received it is believed from the American consuls and other agencies in Mexico. The advices state that Governor Carranza of Coahuila and Governor Presques of Sonora are steadily advancing against the federalists and that followers of Huerta are deserting their homes in large numbers.

Rebels Closely Watched.

The Washington administration is investigating the intention of the constitutionalists in their struggle with Huerta. Ambassador Wilson will arrive here from Mexico City, Thursday or Friday and it is not expected that he will return.

ARGUMENTS COME IN.

Friends and Foes of Commission Government Will Air Opinions.

One the eve of the date when the proposed commission form of charter should go to print several have taken advantage of the opportunity given by the city council and will submit arguments for and against the charter. This will delay publication of the charter slightly but for a time it was evident that none wished to avail themselves of the argument privilege. These arguments will be attached to the charter proper and when printed will be mailed or sent out in some convenient and expeditious manner to the registered voters.

Mulhall on Stand Again.

Washington, July 21.—Martin Mulhall, who has been before the senate insidious committee for a week past, today resumed his testimony in the lobby investigations. Former Congressman Wilson, of Indiana, who Mulhall declared, received aid from the Manufacturers association during his gubernatorial campaign in 1908, was present.

Most of today's letters reviewed Mulhall's activities at the close of the 1908 campaign and the opening of congress in December, 1908.

Whole City in Movies.

Veronia, Italy, July 21.—Contracts were formally closed today for what is believed to be the largest and most expensive moving picture production ever undertaken. The city of Veronia itself has leased to the cinematograph company the ancient arena which compares almost in size, picturesqueness and antiquity, with the coliseum at Rome.

For the score or more of productions that are to be staged in the arena, the cinematograph company has already engaged 1,000 performers including nearly all of the best moving picture artists in Italy. Sixty lions also have been secured for the production together with an assortment of tigers, leopards and other wild animals that

would shame many of the American municipal zoological parks.

The first production to be staged will be "The Last Days of Pompei." For a portion of the scenes the entire company will be transported to Naples in order that some of the scenes may be taken on the actual site of Pompei, at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. The company will later produce a number of other historical films of similar nature.

Stores May Close the 23rd.

A petition circulated by a few business men this morning among the business men in general, resulted in liberal signatures to a petition to close on the day of the Cherry fair and pioneer meeting in Cove. Some agreed to the plan by stipulating the noon hour as closing time but no specific hour has been agreed upon, the impression prevailing that in many instances it was to be for all day. Many of the grocery stores, clothing stores and markets are included in the list of signatures.

MANY THRILLS DURING RACES

REMARKABLE PROGRAM OF SPORT PREPARED.

Roman Races, Chariot Contests and Cowgirl Races on the Program.

A program of sport crammed full of excitement has been rounded up by C. M. SeCor originator and sponsor for the big afternoon of fun at the fair grounds next Sunday. He has just returned from Ontario and intermediate points, having induced two motorcycles to enter the endurance race to Baker and return, and also arranged for splendid track events. The afternoon will see a program substantially as follows:

Start of endurance race.
Chariot races with eight horses.
Relay races of eight horses for men.
Relay races of eight horses for women.

Roman race, featuring Corbett, a local daring horseman of wide renown.

Cowgirl pony race.
Running high hurdle race for amateur men.

Cowboy pony race.
Two bucking bulls, said to be the best in the state, and bucking contest.

Harness races will be interspersed during the afternoon and the ponies will perform in one or two running races. Mr. SeCor induced a bunch of Baker horsemen, about to head for Vancouver, B. C., to postpone their trip and come here. Some fast Union and La Grande runners will participate in the turf events and local horses augmented in number and class by other eastern Oregon standard bred stuff, will be seen during the afternoon. It will be an all-afternoon affair with not a dull moment.

Flags and Guides Posted.

Next Friday Mr. SeCor will post red flags 50 yards away on either side of rough or sandy stretches in the endurance race course between La Grande and Baker. Sign boards will be posted at frequent intervals so that there will be no occasion for trouble over taking the wrong road. The riders will take one road from North Powder to Baker and return to North Powder by another but all must stop five minutes at Baker Commercial club where the Baker businessmen will take the exact time of arrival and telephone it to La Grande so that handicaps can be deducted here and exact standing of contestants at the half-way mark made known. Lemonade will be supplied the athletes and baths provided.

Entries Close Tomorrow.

The entries for the endurance race close tomorrow but checks and entries showing postmark of Tuesday will be accepted, if the letters arrive on Wednesday morning.

Texas Legislature Convenes.

Austin, Tex., July 21.—To pass a law regulating the direct election of United States senators as provided for in the last amendment to the Constitution, the Texas legislature convened in special session today. Other legislation which will be asked by Governor Colquitt will be a law governing the management and control of the state prison system; passage of an appropriation bill, and consideration of a score of minor matters.

Debs Is Ill.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 21.—Debs, the socialist leader, is today confined to his bed suffering with acute lumbago.

PEACE LOOMS PROBABLE IN BALKAN WARS

BULGARIANS MEET WITH PEACE CONFERENCE TO END ALL STRIKE.

ADRIANOPLE IS OCCUPIED

Permanent Peace Agreement Said to Be in Sight Following Meeting of Delegates at Nish, Serbia—Bulgars Said to Have Allowed Turks to Enter Adrianople Without Resistance.

Bulgaria, July 21.—The Bulgarian delegates opened the preliminary peace negotiations at Nish, Serbia, today, and it is believed that a permanent peace agreement is in sight.

Greeks Occupy Petzovo.

Athens, July 21.—It is officially reported that the Greeks occupy Petzovo after routing the Bulgarians. The losses on both sides are reported to be heavy.

Adrianople Re-occupied.

London, July 21.—Following the rumored re-occupation by the Turks of Adrianople, the Porte sent out formal note to the powers demanding Turkey to participate in the forthcoming peace negotiations on equal terms with the warring Balkan states. The note protested against the Bulgarian atrocities charging that the Bulgars needlessly burned the Black Sea villages putting the inhabitants to indiscriminate slaughter.

Reports Not Confirmed.

Despite the Turkish claims the re-occupation of Adrianople by Turkey is unconfirmed. The reports come from Rome, Sofia, Constantinople and elsewhere. They said the Bulgar garrison of 2000 did not resist the Turkish advance.

YOUNGSTERS ON TRIP.

Journey to Minam and Week's Camp There Started This Morning.

A roughing it de luxe trip in which Father Driscoll of the local Catholic church is master of ceremonies, and George Hennessey, official music maker and commandant of the haven provided for the boys in the shape of St. Peter's chapel car, started this morning with about 20 young boys on the "troupe". The camp will be struck at Minam and fishing is to be the chief attraction. When weather is bad the cozy car, St. Peter, will afford protection from the weather.

Rader's Check Arrives.

Vice President R. W. Ritner of the Pendleton base ball club, has received from C. A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago American league club, a check for \$750, that being the consideration involved in the purchase of Donald Rader, the Buckaroo infielder. Rader secures \$250 of that sum. He will join the White Sox this week. In his leaving, Pendleton loses one of her best players.

Sale of Road Only Rumor.

The Canyon City Eagle says that there is a rumor going around to the effect that the O.-W. R. & N. Co. has purchased the Sumpter Valley railway. The officials of the little road deny the truth of the story but there are some circumstances that lend authenticity to the report. The developments during the next few weeks will tell the tale.

LETT KNAPP TOPPLES OVER DEAD

Lett Knapp, aged about 60, fell dead at the O.-W. depot about 9 o'clock this morning. Heart disease was the cause. The body was pronounced dead before a conveyance could be secured at the depot and the remains were taken immediately to the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors.

The deceased has several relatives here and was himself one of the best known early settlers of the south section of La Grande. He was a brother of Chas. Knapp, an uncle of Horace Knapp, and a brother of Mrs. Rachael Hills. For the past several years he

Recall of Seattle Mayor May Follow Recent I. W. W. Riots

Seattle, July 21.—With socialists and industrialists preparing to reopen headquarters, enemies of the mayor are urging recall against him for failure of the police to suppress recent riots and his action in the placing of the city under riot law. There is a feeling of unrest and some demand an investigation. The mayor has issued a long statement defending his action. Explaining the attitude of the police, the mayor said the police held off by orders of the chief, who decided it was

better to avoid bloodshed than prevent destruction of property.

Seattle Mayor Replies.

The mayor says had it been some big department store that was sacked or a bank, there would have not been much talk about hushing it up. Libraries and meeting places of the people must be protected as much as the property of the wealthy. The saloon keepers who defied the mayor's orders as to the closing order, will be treated in the municipal court today.

CALIFORNIANS ENTER PROTEST

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION AT SEATTLE ASKED.

"Socialists Oppose Violence But Defend Rights," Is Message.

Los Angeles, July 21.—Following telegram of protest was sent to president Wilson, by Thomas Williams, secretary-treasurer of the socialist party in California: "Socialism is opposed to violence, whether practiced by a mob or resorted to by a government to suppress free speech. Stability of government is threatened when employees take license from intemperance and speech of a superior officer and endanger life and property. One million Americans believe in the red flag and its international emblem of peace and brotherhood. To deport all these would be a herculean task. The disgraceful scenes at Seattle do more to discredit our government than all the mouthings of irresponsibles. We urge federal investigation and ask you to take immediate steps to prevent a recurrence of this deplorable incident."

Denver Socialists to Test Law.

Denver, July 21.—With all licenses permitting socialists and industrial workers to speak in the streets revoked, George Falconer, a socialist leader announced that he had arranged for a street meeting tonight to bring a test of the case in the courts. It is understood that the socialists national headquarters are back of Falconer. He later intimated that he might start a case of national importance. Chief of Police O'Neil has arranged extra police in the block for any attempt at demonstration. No trouble is anticipated.

Mediators In Session.

New York, July 21.—The new federal board of mediation met today to consider the differences of the conductors, trainmen and officials of the eastern railroads. It is understood that the managers are prepared to withdraw eight of their demands on the employees. It is said the trainmen are determined not to enter negotiations unless the railroads withdraw the demands. The only work of the board today will be the formal drafting of the trainmen's demands for submission before the board of arbitrators.

Japan Awaits Diaz.

Tokio, July 21.—The greatest interest is being manifested in the reported intention of General Diaz of coming to Tokio as a representative of the Huerta government. All the newspapers comment on the move and nearly all diplomats see an ulterior move in Diaz' coming. Some believe that Huerta is politely sending him into exile while others predict he is coming to negotiate the Mexican Japanese alliance.

NEW SCHEDULE IS BIG CHANGE

CONTEMPLATED ACTION TO GIVE MORE TRAINS.

Plan Afoot to Put Milwaukee Trains Over O.-W. Line Soon.

La Grande will get a noon train from Portland after August 3, if plans now under consideration by the O.-W. mature. Local O.-W. officials today said that so far as was known now, the announcement coming from Portland as to the scheme of the new trains, whereby Milwaukee equipment will be run on the so-called Harriman lines twice daily would be carried out. The new arrangement of affairs gives La Grande a train earlier in the morning than No. 6 arrives at present but removes the fast mail train, it having been consolidated with No. 6. Another train will arrive from Portland about noon.

The plan, it is understood, is to consolidate the fast mail train, No. 10, leaving Portland at 6 p. m. for Chicago, with No. 6, which leaves for Chicago at 8 p. m. The new train, which will operate as No. 6, will leave Portland at 6:40 p. m. It will be a high class train in every particular carrying electric lighted steel sleeping cars and an observation car. The equipment will be furnished by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road as the train will run over the Milwaukee line east of Omaha. This will provide La Grande with its first experience with the big yellow Milwaukee cars. The train will arrive in Chicago about 9 o'clock on the night of the third day after leaving Portland.

The running time of No. 5, its west bound companion train, will not be changed, as it now makes the run from Chicago to Portland in 72 hours, arriving here at 11:50 p. m. Its equipment will be improved, however. Milwaukee cars will be handled on this train also.

The new train will leave Portland at 12:30 in the morning and do local business along the O.-W. R. & N. main line. It will carry through sleepers to Salt Lake City and to eastern points via the Denver & Rio Grande, a sleeper for Yellowstone National park and one for Baker. It will pick up Spokane and Boise sleepers.

The west bound companion to this train will be No. 9, which arrives at Portland at 7 o'clock in the morning, bringing the eastern mail. Arrangements probably will be made to have this train pick up the Salt Lake City cars at Pocatello.

It is understood that the new service will be established virtually as here outlined.

Shoe Men Meet.

Philadelphia, July 21.—The National Shoe and Leather Finders' association, composed of a membership that includes most of the prominent shoe manufacturers of America, opened its five days' convention here today with the meeting of the executive committee. Several thousand shoe men from St. Louis, Boston, Brockton and other "shoe cities" and representing both the wholesale and retail parts of the trade attended the formal opening of the convention this afternoon in the Bellevue-Stratford. Mayor Blankenburg will officially welcome the delegates to the city tomorrow at the first business session at which formal reports from chairmen of committees will be submitted. The afternoon will be given over to boat rides on the Delaware and sight seeing trips about the city.

WILSON BACKS PLAN TO HELP NICARAGUANS

INTER OCEANIC CANAL ONE PLANK OF PROPOSED PRO- TECTION POLICY.

WAR ICE NOT AN INCENTIVE

President Wilson Elaborates on His and Bryan's Plan to Protect Nica- ragua. Comments to Aid American Republics as Much as Possible—Europe Considered.

Washington, July 21.—Unqualified approval of the plan that the United States should extend a protecting wing to Nicaragua was voiced by the President today. He told the newspaper correspondents at the weekly interviews that while the powers might view the plan with suspicion the United States "in the long run" must demonstrate that it doesn't contemplate the occupation of Central America, but desires to assist in its progress. The president said the first principle was the protectorate plank now pending in the senate contemplating of an option to build a trans-oceanic canal. The general scheme he said, constitutes a broader policy for all the republics in Central America.

Not a General Policy.

The president warned the correspondents that the Nicaragua proposal doesn't mean a "general policy" in Central America. The United States, he declared, wishes to adopt that particular plan which is best suited to the countries dealt with, adding emphatically that all plans must be submitted first to the republics for approval. The president made it plain that the United States would not adopt any plan not thoroughly acceptable to the countries involved. He also declared that he favored Bryan's proposal that the Platt amendment under which the United States would become a virtual protector of Cuba, be inserted in the Nicaragua treaty.

UNION BOY HURT.

Gun He Was Cleaning Explodes, Wounding Lad of 15.

Union, Ore., July 21.(Special)—A serious accident occurred at the home of Adam Wool Saturday evening when his fourteen-year-old son, George, shot himself with a .22 rifle. George was trying to fix the gun, which is a single barreled affair, when the cartridge exploded and the bullet struck him in the fleshy part of the thigh in the front part of the body. Dr. Law was called and on examination found that the bullet had not injured the bone and the young man is resting easy at present. The only danger now is from blood poisoning and there is very little danger of that.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Griggs had the misfortune to fall from the hayloft the other day, breaking one arm and dislocating the other. The little fellow will have a long and painful siege before his breaks heal.

First Tomatoes Picked.

A. B. Cherry, manager and proprietor of the La Grande Floral company, Saturday picked his first crop of tomatoes grown out of doors, this year. The tomatoes were planted May 5, and caught a frost a few days later that killed about 20 per cent. Of course the ones picked Saturday were not sufficient in number to justify going to market with them, but Mr. Cherry is convinced that he will have bright, big tomatoes ready for the market shortly and have all picked and sold before the frosts. It has been the experience of amateurs that tomatoes could not mature before fall frosts but Mr. Cherry has found a solution—early planting.

Twenty-five thousand aster blooms are commencing to break at the Adams avenue gardens and some have already attained full bloom. This makes an immense garden of beautiful asters.