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## FALSE REPORT ISSUED FROM MEXICO CITY

DANGER OF IMMEDIATE WAR IS NOT REAL ONE INDICATE LAST REPORTS.

## O'SHOUGHNESSY IS SAFE

Reported Demand by Huerta That the American Representative There Leave Mexico City or Recognize Huerta Is Found to Be False—O'Shaughnessy Himself Confirms the Contrary.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The report that Charge d'Affairs O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City has received pass ports and has been ordered to leave Mexico, is officially denied at the White House. In a dispatch to Secretary of State Bryan, it is stated that O'Shaughnessy received the medicos of foreign ministers and gave a repudiation of the entire story. Washington officials are greatly relieved at O'Shaughnessy's denial.

If he is forced to relinquish his post it is admitted that the safety of the Americans there will be jeopardized. The story was accepted implicitly at the time the first reports came. The first intimation that it was untrue came from an unofficial dispatch from Mexico City, via Galveston, and which quoted John Lind as saying that Mexico's note had not contained a demand for recognition. A subsequent unofficial message stated the Lind report had been confirmed. Then O'Shaughnessy's denial followed.

The president early today received a cablegram from O'Shaughnessy stating that he himself had authorized the denial of the report. With the reports of war discredited matters in Mexico are again normal today. The origin of the scare is puzzling the administration.

## Replacing Rails On Walla Walla Line.

Pendleton, Aug. 19.—Work which is now being done on the O.-W. R. & N. tracks between Pendleton and Walla Walla, is taken by many people in both these cities and throughout the valley to mean that the O.-W. R. & N. expects to send its heavy trains from Portland to Spokane over this line instead of up the river route as at present.

The improvement in the track on this line includes replacing the old 65-pound rails by those weighing 80 pounds to the yard.

Several crews are now working near this city, putting in the rails and intimation has come from reliable sources that when this work is completed, which will be some time during the late fall, many of the eastbound trains which now go up the Columbia and Riparia line, will pass this way.

## Flies at 5 Cents a Pint.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 18.—Four million dead house flies were bought at the rate of 5 cents a pint today by the Harrisburg Civic club, this being the close of the swatting prize contest for this season. The number is only a fraction of those killed as a result of a civic club's campaign.

Ella Marie Kriedler won first prize of \$2 for the largest score, turning in 144 pints, for which she got \$3.75 because she had won. Second prize of \$1 was won by David Peter's with 21 pints.

More than 213 pints of flies were turned in.

## QUEEN OF BULGARIA.

Pleas With Roumania Queen to Check Invasion of Bulgaria.



Fish Will Be Delayed.

Word received from Game Warden Finley is to the effect that the fish car must make three trips into Southern Oregon before coming here and that it will be fully two weeks before the car can reach La Grande with Union county fish.

## LANE DUE AT WHEAT TOWN

## PENDLETON TO GIVE ELABORATE ENTERTAINMENT.

Train to Beach Pendleton at Four This Afternoon Is Plan.

Portland, Aug. 19.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane and party departed early today for Eastern Oregon, where they will pass the day viewing the west Umatilla irrigation extension. He arrives at Pendleton this evening.

Pendleton, Aug. 19.—(Special)—Following an all day inspection of the Umatilla project and the proposed west extension, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane and party will arrive in Pendleton this afternoon at 4 o'clock. This was the word definitely received over the wire yesterday morning from Portland and upon its receipt, plans for the entertainment of the distinguished official were immediately made by the special committee of which Col. J. H. Raley is chairman.

The plans of the committee are as follows: The secretary and his party will be met at the depot by a committee and they will at once be taken in autos for a tour of the Umatilla reservation and the big wheat lands. At 7 o'clock a banquet will be tendered him in the grill of the Hotel St. George and after the banquet an informal reception for the public will be held at the rooms of the Pendleton Commercial association.

Synopsis of Plans for Receiving Lane. Arrive in Pendleton at 4 p. m. today. Will be received by committee in autos.

Party to be taken on trip to reservation and wheat lands.

Banquet in Hotel St. George at 7 p. m.

Reception for public at Commercial club after banquet.

Secretary leaves Pendleton at 1:50 a. m.

## HARRY THAW PRISONER AT CANADIAN CITY

CHIEF OF POLICE CLAIMS TO HAVE ARRESTED FLEEING MANIAC.

## PASSENGER TRAIN HALTED

Letters Addressed to Harry Thaw Are Found on Person Suspected to Be Man Who Escaped From Mattewan—Prisoner Steadfastly Denies He is Thaw, Until Finally He Admits His Identity.

Coaticooke, Quebec, Aug. 19.—Harry K. Thaw has been taken at Coaticooke, Quebec, if the advices given out by Chief of Police Bourdeau are correct. Thaw escaped from Mattewan yesterday.

Because the prisoner, taken from a train which was stopped this morning and searched by officials for a man answering the description of Harry Thaw, had in his possession letters addressed to Thaw, Chief of Police

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## SULZER-GLYNN FIGHT ENDING

## SULZER GRADUALLY LOOSENING HIS FOOTHOLD.

Pay to Sulzer Supporters Will Be Discontinued at Once.

Albany, Aug. 19.—The termination of the gubernatorial confusion is expected soon. The legislature is expected to recognize Glynn as governor and the canal board is expected to do likewise. Payment will then be discontinued to the state officials remaining loyal to Sulzer. The postoffice will also be induced to deliver the official mail to Glynn.

Sulzer insists that he will not forfeit his powers but that he will not act on any important matters. He refused to indicate whether he would notice the action of attorney general in recognizing Glynn.

## Railroad Strike Settled.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Peaceful relations between the Southern Pacific and its conductors, trainmen, engineers and firemen have been established. Commissioner Hanger, of the federal board of mediation and conciliation has arranged a settlement. By the terms of the agreement the conductors, trainmen, engineers and firemen, who are by seniority entitled to fill the vacancies on the steam roads will receive the same consideration on the electric lines and the same rate of pay will extend to both roads.

## Overlanders Going South.

A party of four people and one girl leaving Birmingham, Wn., for Southern Utah points, passed through La Grande today traveling by horse team. A prairie schooner and a light rig carried the travelers and except for the dry area between The Dalles and Pendleton the company had but little trouble.

## ADJOURNED MEETING ON THURSDAY TO CLOSE BID

TAXPAYERS TO MAKE BIG BEVY OF PAVING DECISION DURING THURSDAY MEN ASSEMBLE FOR ARGUMENTS

ANOTHER BIG CEMENT CUT. Growing directly out of the paving competition that a few days ago reduced the price of cement 40 cents to the barrel where applied to the paving of Spring street, came another slash today in cement prices when Sam D. Mungan, a Boise contractor, offered Portland and Utah cement at \$2.35 a barrel, instead of former prices standing at \$2.85. Furthermore the cut applies not only to Spring street but is applicable to the huge reservoir the city is about to build and will save hundreds of dollars. Still further, it is presumed that other cement companies will have to come to the Mungan quotations. The tremendous slashing in cement prices is a direct consequence of the paving war.

If the present unofficial plans are carried out, the final selection of a paving for Spring street will come on Thursday night instead of Wednesday evening. This plan has been proposed by several of the councilmen and generally endorsed by the people affected. It is not so much that the Spring street job is large but that there is keen competition for different pavings. One of the eleven specifications must be selected and there is no question but what the people will make the selection. Here is the present schedule of events:

Open the bids Wednesday evening; have property owners on hand to get the nature of the bids; let the council adjourn until Thursday evening when the property owners will have had time to study the bids. The contracts can then appear at the council chamber before the property holders—not the council—and explain the merits of their paving and retire. In this way the property owners can not only have the bids before them but have the verbal explanation of the different types of paving. The property owners can then hold a caucus in the council room Thursday evening, cast a vote and make recommendations to the council. The council can then close the deal. This plan will facilitate and expedite matters it is generally argued.

"The adjourned meeting should be held Thursday evening as the contractors are under a heavy expense and all cannot win," today remarked Councilman F. D. Haisten, who through personal letters was largely responsible for the mobilization of the different paving concerns here. "The

Sam Mungan, a Boise contractor, who bids on any grade of paving; Harry Morrison, a Boise representative of Dollarway, which E. W. Greiger dubs Dolley Varden—; O. C. Finkelburg, vice president of the Parrot Brothers Construction and Engineering company of Baker, and chief engineer of the Thief Valley Irrigation project, and who is a concrete pavement man; E. W. Greiger, the Salem contractor, who builds concrete pavement; A. C. Moffat the Warren Construction company agent, and Joseph Hunter, a Dollarway agent make up the squad of runners in the little sprint that will be gotten away from the stretch tomorrow evening and remaining in running until the night following. A batch of others are coming tomorrow morning if telegrams and letters have it straight. Of these men, several are new faces, but Greiger was here a few days ago and deemed it advisable to return again today from his Salem headquarters; Hunter has been here several days. All aim to remain until the smoke has cleared away.

The Elosa representative didn't arrive this morning and it is now doubtful that he will come at all it is said.

None of the men have anything particular to say today. The latest arrivals are absorbing brain matter on the specifications—this applies principally to the contractors who do not confine themselves to any one brand of paving.

All are rehearsing the dialogues that will come up Thursday evening as the word has gone out that there will be no argument before the council meeting Wednesday evening. Even on that auspicious occasion it is probable that the representatives will have to curb their utterances to mere praise of their own system and not malign or impugn the merits of any other system.

sooner the bids are let the less the expense of these people will be; it is only fair to them, and the property owners can agree as well on Thursday as Friday night."

## READ THE CHARTER.

In this issue of the Observer is a section of the proposed city government by commission charter. Sections of it will be run from time to time to fully converse each reader with the salient facts of the new government scheme. A section is printed today on another page.

## DIGGS BLAMES MISS WARRINGTON

"Couldn't Shake Her" Is Plea Made By Defendant Diggs Pleading His Own Preservation

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—"I was unable to shake the woman off." That in his own words, summed up the defense of Maury Diggs as to why Miss Warrington was discovered living with him in the bungalow at Reno, after the arrest of Caminetti and Diggs with Miss Warrington and Miss Norris. In two hours of uninterrupted testimony, Diggs tried to impress the jury that the assertions and in-

situations of Miss Warrington had practically dominated him and that having cast her fortunes with him she refused to be shunted aside, he testified, even though he pleaded business ruin and family ties and an impending prosecution by his wife and father through the juvenile court. He sought to place upon Miss Warrington the responsibility of inducing Miss Norris to accompany the three.

## LATE FIGURES PLACE NUMBER OF DEAD AT 68

FORTY OUT OF ENTIRE HUMAN FREIGHT LOAD ON BOARD REACH SAFETY.

## DEATH LIST IS GROWING

Wreck of Ship Sunday Details of Which Were Hard to Get Indicate Death List Is Sixty-eight at Least—Another Steamer Nearby Saved Many—Accident Occurred Off June Juneau.

Seattle, Aug. 19.—Sixty-eight now appear to have been lost on the California. Of the 76 passengers only 43 were saved. The crew numbered 75. Advices say but 40 were rescued.

Seattle, Aug. 19.—The latest information of the wreck of the steamship California in Ganabier bay, 17 miles from Juneau, has made no reduction in the list of the dead and missing. It is believed that 76 passengers were on board when the ship struck the rock and slipped into the water. Forty-three of the passengers were rescued by the Jefferson, which was near by and caught the S. O. S. signals. Seven members of the crew are unaccounted for and this brings the total loss up to 49.

Among the dead whose bodies have been recovered are:

- Mrs. A. Birnbaum.
- Mrs. Stella Reardan.
- Mrs. Clara Van De Lass.
- John Van De Lass.
- Miss Lillian Ward, Seattle, daughter of Edward C. Ward, assistant manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship company.
- Mrs. Nellie B. Ward, mother of Miss Ward.

Four unidentified women.

Following is a partial list of the missing, who are believed to be dead:

- Miss Anna L. Cassidy.
- Miss May Dixon.
- W. A. Dwyer.
- Blanche Fridd, Monmouth, O.
- Minette E. Harlan, Monmouth, Ore.
- Leslie Hobro, manager of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's office in San Francisco.
- J. Holman.
- Miss Alice Johnson.
- Lillian Norman.
- Nick Pittulas.
- Miss Reardan.
- Mrs. C. E. Spithill and child.
- Ben A. Wade.
- Miss Wilson.

Members of the crew dead: Fourth Officer I. Anderson. Wireless Operator D. C. Perkins. Deck Officer N. Lawson. Deck Officer L. Mezzene. Waiter P. Smith. Waiter J. Clark. V. Waiter B. Madiger.

## Explosion In Mexico City.

Mexico City, Aug. 19.—More than 100 persons were killed at Tacubaya, a suburb of Mexico City today, when an explosion occurred which was caused by the collision of a car of iron with a car of dynamite on the street. The explosion occurred in a thickly populated district and the victims were mostly women and girls. The adobe houses within a radius of 500 feet were leveled to the ground. Thirty bodies have been recovered.