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CANAL AT THE MERCY OF FOE SAY OFFICIALS

RECENT TESTS NECESSITATE A COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF WORKS.

FORTIFICATIONS RESULT

President and Other Officials to Witness New Test in February—Former Condition Left Panama Canal Locks at Mercy of Foe Who Could Destroy Them at Night Easily.

Washington, Oct. 17.—That secret tests last fall proved the fortifications about the Panama canal are worthless, was learned today following the announcement that the Atlantic fleet will assemble off Panama in February for new maneuvers to put the fortifications to another test.

Many government officials, including the president, contemplate attending these tests. It is admitted that the entire fortifications were reconstructed after the maneuvers last fall.

The tests, it is admitted, showed the enemy could draw a perfect map of the locks and fortifications and from fire control towers, open a fire at night. It was proved that approaching enemies could destroy the entire plant with ease in a night.

LOCAL WARRIORS HOME

Football Squad and Coach Return From Wallowa Last Evening.

Experience and the lack of it won and lost the game at Wallowa Saturday, from which contest the players and coach returned last evening. "Wallowa had a heavier and older and more experienced set of men and they showed it; still it was not a dishonor to be defeated by the team at Wallowa," said Coach Reynolds today. Football is a game of science and La Grande should have won if they had used more headwork at the proper time. They used a newer and more varied style of play than their opponents. I am much better acquainted with the different men now and there will be, in all probabilities, another change in the backfield. The latter has been slow both in head and foot work but this game gave the whole team a lot of experience and we are all confident that they will put up a better brand of football next Friday against Pendleton and they should be in tip top shape for the first game on the local field No. 7."

Too much praise cannot be given to Oliver, Kiddle, Leffel, Rosenbaum and Huff for the fine defensive game they played according to local fans who saw the game Saturday.

PICKLED CHERRIES MOVE.

Shipment to New York State Covers Distance In 14 Days.

A car of cherries owned and packed by the Oregon Packing company, is being loaded for shipment to San Francisco. Hereafter a car a week will be loaded by David Clark, local representative of the firm and shipped to distant points. The cherries are in first class condition and are selling well. A recent shipment to Poughkeepsie has reached that city in the record time of 4 days. There are in the vicinity of 20 cars still in the basement of the East Oregon company's warehouse, and will be shipped out as soon as possible.

VOLTURNO'S CHARRED HULK SANK ON OCTOBER THE 17TH

South Hampton, Oct. 27.—The sinking of the Volturno's charred hulk occurred on October 17th, seven days after the steamer caught fire and burned up amid sea claiming a great number of lives. This is the information received by wireless from the steamship Charlois today, which sighted the Volturno. The steamer's boat crew was sent aboard the hulk but the fire in the engines was out and bodies that had perished, were still lying on the deck, in the forecabin and in the engine room. The officers and men of the crew inspected the horrible scene in detail, and then went below and opened the seacock. Those aboard the Charlois witnessed the actual sinking of the ship, recites the wireless message received today.

DEATH CALLS DOCTOR LOGAN

THE DALLES PHYSICIAN HERE LAST WEEK DIES.

Brief Illness of a Few Days Ends Fatally to The Dalles Man.

Dr. Hugh Logan of The Dalles died suddenly this morning, following a very brief attack of pneumonia. Dr. Logan was in La Grande last week during the crisis in the illness of his grand son Hugh Logan, son of City Treasurer and Mrs. R. W. Logan of this city. While here he was in the best of health but on his return was seized with pneumonia. Yesterday evening word was telephoned to La Grande that Dr. Logan was very low and at 5 o'clock this morning word came of his death. A weak heart was hindered in its work by the sudden attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Logan left this morning on No. 17 for The Dalles to attend the funeral. The deceased physician was about 63 years of age and 60 of that number had been spent in The Dalles. He had many acquaintances in La Grande where he was a frequent visitor since his son has lived in this city.

APPLES SENT TO COLLISEUM

LOCAL SOIL PRODUCTS TO BE SENT EAST.

C. M. Riddle Instrumental In Packing Fine Exhibit for Show.

Products of the Grande Ronde valley will be on exhibit at the United States land show to be held at the colliseum in Chicago, from November 20th to December 8th. Secretary Williamson of the La Grande Commercial club was instrumental in bringing this about, by sending the specimen to the Portland Commercial club from where they will be forwarded along with other exhibits of the state to the national land show.

C. M. Riddle of May Park, participated in the good work by gathering and packing a shipment of choice apples, which started for their destination this morning. "It is to be hoped," said Mr. Williamson, "that the Grande Ronde valley will make up an exhibit next year, which will make the thousands of visitors to the land show realize that there is such a place in existence as the famous Grande Ronde valley."

WILSON WARNS OTHER NATIONS TO KEEP AWAY

UNCLE SAM WILL NOT BE IN CONQUEST FOR WESTERN TERRITORY.

SAME POLICY FOR OTHERS

At Mobile President Wilson Affirms That United States Will Not Seek Further Territory in Western Hemisphere and Also Makes It Clear That Other Nations Do Likewise.

Mobile, Oct. 27.—Flat declaration that the United States will never seek another foot of territory in conquest, was voiced by President Wilson at the opening of the commercial congress here today, at which he was the principal speaker.

"Not only will this be true of the United States but the United States must see to it that no other nation gains any territory in his hemisphere," he continued.

The president hailed the completion of the Panama canal as the emancipation of the Latin American states from foreign control.

The reception tendered the president by Mobile was warm. Thousands from all parts of state packed the streets when the president arrived. His program was changed slightly so that he could speak this afternoon rather than tonight. He returned at once to Washington.

MRS. SUSAN FITZGERALD.

Prominent Suffragist Who Comes From Boston.



ELECTION IN MEXICO NOT A HELPFUL ONE

CONDITIONS NO BETTER THAN THEY WERE. IF AS GOOD, THINKS ADMINISTRATION.

NO MAJORITY AT POLLS

Huerta Controls Congress and Can Now Call Another Election Whenever He Sees Fit to Do So—Matters Generally Conceded to Be as Badly Mixed as Ever If Not Worse.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Pleased as the administration is over the absence of rough tactics in connection with the election in Mexico yesterday, it candidly said today there is no improvement in the situation. Some officials think the matter is worse, as Huerta now controls congress. No doubt is felt that congress will help the dictator in any act of aggression he may decide upon in nullifying attempts of Americans to improve conditions there.

It is said positively that the administration at Washington will continue to refuse to recognize Huerta and will also dispute the legality or constitutionality of the new congress.

Vote as Expected. Mexico City, Oct. 27.—The election in Mexico resulted yesterday just as was expected of it. It is clear today that not enough votes were cast to elect a president, as a majority of all votes cast must be received by one candidate. The congressional candidates who received majorities were expected to declare themselves, Huerta approving. Then, once elected, and qualified to congress, they will declare the presidential, as distinguished from congressional, election invalid and ask Huerta to take the government which Huerta will also do. Huerta will remain in office until he orders another election which date will be whenever he sees fit or wants one.

There are three million voters in Mexico. The constitution requires one-third vote to make the election valid and there was nothing like this cast. The exact figures are not available for some days due to the disorganized means of communication. Reports indicate the election was generally quiet all over the country.

There was no semblance of disorder in the capital city. The polling places opened up at 9:00 o'clock in the morning and remained open until noon, when the attendants closed the booths until 3 p. m. At that time they were re-opened and closed finally at 5 p. m. From 3 to 5 officials, one of whom was designated "president", were in attendance at each polling place. These officials represented the various parties and assisted in the preparation of the ballot when necessary, but offered no coercion or suggestion as to how the applicant should vote.

The election officials appeared to be a representative class of citizens. So far as could be ascertained no government employees served in that capacity.

No Secrecy In Voting. The polling places, of which there were said to be 928, were located in the entrances of buildings generally, but in some instances were set up on the sidewalks or on corners of public squares. Each had a table on which were spread the tickets of the various candidates. From these the voter made his selection, signed, fold-

FARMERS HEAR BILLS TALKED

GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES GIVEN ATTENTION.

Tenor of Speeches Is That Though High Tax, Money Is Needed.

At the open session of the Farmers' union meeting in K. P. hall last Saturday, a number of speeches were made principally explanatory of the measures that are to be voted on November 4th. It seemed to be the object of the meeting to hear the measures discussed by those who were thought able to express an intelligent opinion about them and thus enable men and women to vote on each measure with added intelligence. Attorney John S. Hodgin, in an able speech spoke principally of the university appropriation bill, and the life which is hurtful to the highest school of education in the state. Speaking of the appropriation, he declared it to be his opinion that the appropriation asked for is high, and that the expenditure of nearly a million or over in the next year was an indication of extravagance. He did not oppose the measure calling for a specific sum to repair the buildings, of the one to erect needed buildings, if really needed, but was of the opinion that all told the university was asking too much of the taxpayers.

Mr. Hodgin is a graduate of the state university and spoke with much concern concerning an institution that is directly harmful to any school. Most of his remarks were leveled at the fraternities, whose mode of life often militates against scholarship, is undemocratic, and productive of snobbery and evil precedents. He declared it to be his opinion that many of the young men and women who attend the state university are not prepared for that school claiming that the standard of the university should be raised.

He devoted a word or two to the county attorney bill claiming that it was a proper measure and ought to be voted for.

Fraternities Help Poor Students. Joe Williamson, secretary of the Commercial club, then took the floor in defense of the Greek letter societies, claiming that at least 52 per cent of the members of the fraternities were earning their way through the school and that as far as he could see there were no traces of undemocratic spirit among economical living and companionship.

Having been a student at the university he spoke of the urgent need of new buildings, claiming that in

WHO'S THE HAPPIER?



—Bradley in Chicago News.

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