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RETREAT MAY BE CUT AWAY TO AMERICANS

FORTIFICATIONS ON EXODUS
ROUTE REPORTED TO BE
REALITY

AMERICANS HURRY AWAY

Crushing Defeat of Federal Forces
Reported From Northern Mexico—
Government Not Concerned Over
Disquieting Rumors From Mexico
City Today—Wilson Will Outwait
Huerta

Brownsville, Tex., Nov. 19.—Five
thousand rebels under Gonzales crush-
ingly defeated a federal force of 3000
defending Victoria, capital of Tmaul-
pias state. Forty rebels were killed
and 300 federal slain. Rebels shot or
cut down every prisoner they got.

El Paso, Nov. 19.—Should America
attempt intervention it would find a
vast army of regular and rebels meet-
ing them at the borderline. The mobil-
ization of Mexican troops in the north
is worrying army officials.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Late this af-
ternoon it is the rebel and not Huerta's
activities that is worrying the admin-
istration. Hourly great force is placed
against Wilson to allow shipment of
arms that the warring factions may
exterminate each other. Several of
the powers are today sending warships
to Mexican waters.

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—No signs of
a change in the situation here is vis-
ible today. Huerta still sits tight. The
program for the meeting of congress
tomorrow is unchanged, and the edict
from President Wilson that he would
not recognize it, remains uncancelled.

Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy
at Mexico City said today he wouldn't
go to Vera Cruz and didn't expect to
receive instructions to leave the cap-
ital unless Huerta handed him his
passport. Foreigners who have re-
mained in the city until today are hur-
rying their departure. News that
Pace Del Macho on the railroad line
between here and Vera Cruz is being
strongly fortified has added consid-
erable fear that the road may be cut off,
making impossible escape to those who
are here now in case of emergency.

Administration Unperturbed

Washington, Nov. 19.—There is no
sign of perturbation visible in admin-
istration circles over the news from
Mexico. The president is understood
to believe matters will take a satisfac-
tory course automatically, assuming
that no overt act of violence against
the foreigners will occur under the
Huerta regime. It is the president's
view that he can outwait the dictator.
The administration officials made it
plain that continuation of unofficial
negotiations with Carranza, the rebel
leader, depends upon furnishing for-
mal credentials to Hale that they can
terminate immediately the present
government. It is stated that they will
not take action to recognize the rebels
immediately.

Carranza Is Moving
Nogales, Son., Nov. 19.—Carranza
and his constitutional cabinet were to
leave Nogales for Hermosilla, the cap-
ital of Sonora, on a special train at 2
o'clock this afternoon, according to a
statement of a member of the rebel
junta. Carranza's negotiations with
Hale have been abandoned, it is ru-
mored.

MARKETS POTATO CROP

Toy Young Goes to Chicago With Sev-
eral Carloads of Spuds

Toy Young, a Chinese gardner of
this city, who farm a la white man, has
gone to Chicago with several carloads
of potatoes. He contemplates getting
a good market for them there, and
hopes to realize a neat profit on his
output.

Autos And Messengers To Care For Visiting Crowds

All Teachers Must Report At Commercial Club Up-
on Their Arrival Here

Final orders of instructions to visit-
ing school teachers who come to La
Grande commencing Sunday evening
to attend the state convention of
teachers, have been prepared and
throughout the eastern part of the
state teachers should follow a few
simple rules that will get them to
their rooms with dispatch and with
ease. All teachers are to go to the
commercial club on the fifth floor of
the Foley building immediately on ar-
rival in the city. At the commercial
club, rooms will be assigned and
checks issued to auto drivers and to
those who have any appreciable dis-
tance to go, autos will be provided
and messengers taken from the high
school student body will guide the
teachers to their accommodation quar-

ters. Secretary Joe Williamson and
City Superintendent Girdler are solici-
ting the services of about 30 automo-
biles, but in addition there will be an
ample service of messengers so that
each teacher will be guided to quar-
ters with no loss of time or energy.
The teachers will come on Sunday
evening, Sunday night, Monday morn-
ing, from east and west, and Monday
at noon as well. The Wallowa dele-
gation of 100 or so will come Sunday af-
ternoon at 4:30, according to the pres-
ent plans.

The reception Monday evening at
Rex hall is to be a social affair of
note. The teachers are to be received
there, with good fellowship, music
and dancing.

ARMY-NAVY GAME SEAT RUSH ON

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Ten thous-
and tickets to the Army-Navy foot-
ball game to be played at the Polo
Grounds here November 29, were pu-
on sale today. They were quickly
gobbled up. Three times that num-

ber could have been sold to the most
spectacular athletic event of the year.
Special precautions have been taken
to prevent the usual New York way
of permitting speculators to buy up
great blocks of seats to turn over to
the public at highway robbery prices.

ILLINOIS HONORS ABE LINCOLN

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 19.—The
whole of Illinois paid homage to the
memory of Abraham Lincoln today,
following the request of Governor
Edward F. Dunne that the fiftieth
anniversary of Gettysburg day be ce-
lebrated by every citizen by the read-

ing of the Gettysburg speech. The
exercises were held this afternoon
at the Tomb of Lincoln. Colonel
Clark E. Carr, of Galesburg, who
heard Lincoln deliver the memorial
address, and Mayor Brand Whitlock,
delivered addresses.

INLAND WATERWAYS FAVORED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 19.—
"The South's interest in a Completed
Inland Waterway," was the subject of
today's principal address before the
Atlantic Deeper Waterways Associa-
tion which is holding its annual con-
vention here.

Representative John H. Hull, of
North Carolina, was the speaker. He
pointed out the great benefits which
such a completed waterway will
mean not only to trade and industrial
work of the South, but also to the
North. It will mean, he declared,
more strongly connecting New Eng-

land with the South. Such a great
Inland waterway he declared would
mean that the vast industrial pro-
ducts of Massachusetts and other
New England states could be trans-
ported by water to the Pacific Coast
via the Panama Canal the entire way
inland, with the exception of the com-
paratively short trip from the Gulf
of Mexico coast to the canal. All
danger to which shipping along the
coast is subject, he pointed out, would
be entirely eliminated when it took
the "inside route."

Other papers were read on "The
Rivers and Harbors Work of Con-
gress," "Aid in Inland Navigation,"
"Engineering Development of the
Atlantic Coastal Waterways." Each
address was followed by five minute
discussions of the subject. Adjourn-
ment was taken at noon, when the
delegates, and accompanying visitors
visited the warships in St. John's
River and the huge ostrich farm op-
erated by the Jacksonville Board of
Trade. At the second session today
Mayor Frederick Donnelly, of Tren-
ton, N. J., discussed "The Connecting
Link across New Jersey." A "Get-
together dance" and reception was
scheduled for this evening.

COLONEL GAILLARD.

Member of Engineer Corps
Who Served in Panama.



WILLIAM ALLISON ILL

Wife in Portland at Bedside of Ailing
Flour Maker

William Allison, the La Grande flour
maker and wheat buyer, is seriously
ill at Portland. He was sent to the
lower altitude a few days ago, and
Monday night Mrs. Allison was sum-
moned to Portland as her husband was
considerably worse. He is suffering
with asthma.

Doctor Sells Potatoes

Dr. P. A. Lillie of Cove has just re-
turned from a trip to Texas points,
where he disposed of several carloads
of potatoes. The price was profit
making.

'DUST BOSSES' SLOGAN WILSON HAS ADOPTED

CONFERENCE WITH MCCOOMBS
FRIDAY TO BE FIRST STEP
THAT WAY

NEW YORK FIGHT CENTER

After the Conference McCoombs Will
Make Public His Plans to Oust the
Bosses From Democracy and Will
Start in With New Yorkers—Mc-
Coombs Anxious to Be Chairman
Again

Washington, Nov. 19.—President
Wilson's first move to exterminate
bosses from democracy is expected to
be made Friday when he is scheduled
to discuss the party's program with
Chairman McCoombs of the national
committee.

McCoombs wants to remain chair-
man and announced that if he does he
plans eliminating bosses. After Fri-
day McCoombs promises to make pub-
lic the statement of his plans in New
York.

If McCoombs enters in to a fight
with the bosses in New York, it is stat-
ed he will have to support Governor
Glynn, Mayor-elect Mitchell and Ma-
lone.

WALLOWA CALVES BOUGHT

Warren Chandler Distributing Wal-
lowa Herefords in Union County

Wallowa bred Hereford bull calves
in considerable numbers are being dis-
tributed in Union county by Warren
Chandler, the cattle buyer. The calves
are purely bred and are in demand
by the particular breeder of this
county, and were revised by Hector
McDonald.

Mr. Chandler has rapidly developed
his Portland stock show stuff. He
has a carload of show stock now in
the process of feeding for the big
Portland show in December, and in
addition to the carload which will be
entered in carload competition, he is
grooming one animal for the fat stock
show ring. Both classes are doing
well, and it is believed Union county
will again carry off desirable prizes
in the show. There is little that ad-
vertises Grande Ronde stock more ef-
ficiently than a good display at the
Portland stock show, especially when
the display is of topnotch nature.

ALUMNI TALK TEAM

Possibility of Open Date on Thanks-
giving Revives Fever

Football fever is brewing in alumni
camps today, following the possibility
of an open date on the high school's
part on Thanksgiving day. Last year
the alumni gave the high school a
trouncing and think they can repeat.
Nearly two score old-timers and was-
ters have the fever and a game may
yet materialize.

Toronto Stock Show

TORONTO, Ontario, Nov. 19.—One
of the most pretentious live stock
shows ever held here opened today at
Exhibition Park, with entries from all
over Canada and many sections of the
United States competing. In conjunc-
tion with the live stock exhibition the
much heralded dog show opened. Dr.
C. A. White of Chicago, is judging the
Boston terriers and Thomas Grisdale,
of New York, is judging the Bull dogs.
James Mortimer is in charge of all
other breeds including Airedale ter-
riers.

Unitarians Adjourn

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—After a ses-
sion lasting three days, the Unitarian
Conference of the Middle States and
Canada, adjourned here Monday, many

"Dry" Land Now Fertile

NORTH POWDER HILLS PRODUC-
ING GOOD GRAIN

CHANGE MARVELOUS

What Until Recently Was Considered
Waste Land Now Productive

North Powder, Or., Nov. 19.—(Spe-
cial)—Almost like opening a new do-
main has been the taking up of dry
lands around North Powder in the
last year. The difference in this and
a new territory is that the home-
steader already has his bridges and
schools built, his community organ-
ized and towns running. Seemingly
overlooked, this dry land laid open
until the last twelve months, when in
fact there is no better investment in
the whole country a \$20 an acre.

Homesteads now dot the entire
country east of this city and between
here and Telocaset and those who
farmed the past year certainly made
good, as the amount of grain they are
marketing proves.

Around Telocaset, where once the
general opinion was that nothing but
sage brush would grow, now appears
carefully tilled grain fields. East of
North Powder, where the foothills
were supposed to be barren, large
yields of grain have been marketed
this season.

Farmers' Warehouse Busy

One of the busiest men in three
counties is W. L. Goff, local manager
for the Farmers' Warehouse in this
city. While all farmers are not mem-
bers of the union there is a sufficient
membership to keep this warehouse
filled to overflowing and the strings
of teams daily unloading, and at the
same time the number of freight cars
being loaded for export tells the
story of the new system of marketing
farm products, which is fast taking
shape over the entire country.

Wheat and hay are moving and the
question of getting sufficient cars has
been a problem of late.

SUICIDES BY ODD METHOD

UNKNOWN MAN DIVES INTO
PASSING TRAIN

Engineer Hilman Sees Stranger Sui-
cide—Brains Spatter Engine

As No. 18 approached Pendleton
last night an unknown man plunged
headlong into the pilot of the fast
moving engine and succeeded in get-
ting killed. From all appearances this
seemed to be his intention. When the
train was about four car lengths away
from him he gradually approached the
track and shading his eyes from the
strong light of the headlight, dove
into the pilot and came to his end. His
brain was shattered by the impact
with the engine, and hung between
the bars of the cowcatcher. George
Hilman was engineer on the train and
saw the man come from the ditch.
But not thinking he meant to throw
himself in front of the moving train,
could not, owing to the extremely
short distance, shut down the engine
and prevent the accident. He stopped
the train and the remains of the man
were picked up and taken to the
station and put in the baggage room
to await the coming of the coroner.
He is said to have been well dressed
and apparently of middle age. It is
supposed by some that he might have
been an inmate of the asylum, since
the accident occurred about four and
a half miles from the city, but this is
only a supposition.
As he carried no identification card
or letters of any kind it was impossi-
ble to identify him.

delegates will remain over until to-
morrow for a sight-seeing trip of
greater New York.

OLD COUNCIL MAY DISSOLVE AFTER TONIGHT

THOUGH NOT FINAL SUCH A
PLAN WAS DISCUSSED AT
LENGTH BY MEMBERS

OLD SYSTEM OF LONGAGE

Probable That Council Formed in 1885
Will Dissolve This Evening and
That the Commission Will Take
Over the City With Council as Ad-
visory Board for a Time

It is likely that tonight will see the
dissolution of the La Grande city
council which has governed La Grande
since 1885. While there is no set
program for tonight's meeting of the
council, it is generally believed that
the retiring council and the new com-
missioners will agree on a tax levy
and that with the passage of the ordi-
nance fixing the levy, the old council
will round up other business matters
hanging over—so far as possible—
and let go of the reins. The program
is not a set one, however, and may
vary from this outline. If the council
does surrender to the commissioners
tonight, the commissioners will like-
ly take up any matter of much im-
portance until the first of December,
at which time it will compile a finan-
cial statement of obligations up to
and including November 30. The is-
suanace of a financial statement at
that time will allow accurate knowl-
edge of what the commission has to
do in the retirement of debt.

Some question seems to prevail still
about the tax levy, and just what the
figures will be. It is practically cer-
tain that the finance committee will
recommend a levy of 18.5 mills, as the
commission desires. As has already
been pointed out in the Observer, 8.5
mills are absolutely necessary—can
no more be dodged than the council
can fly. The remaining 10 mills are
to retire warrants, or in other words
to run the city. But neither the coun-
cil nor the commission can use these
10 mills to pay for this year's or next
year's running expenses, but for war-
rants outstanding, beginning with the
oldest serial number. Consequently
the 10-mill levy will have to be used,
not to run the city next year, but to
take up warrants issued in 1912—not
even this year. The warrants issued
in 1912 amount, roughly, to \$40,000
and the 10-mill levy will raise on an
assessed valuation in the city of a
little over \$3,000,000, about \$33,000,
leaving some of 1912's warrants still
outstanding and all of 1913's, too.

The crying need for a bond issue to
wipe out all the outstanding debt with
sinking funds to pay off the bonds at
5 per cent instead of paying 6 per
cent on outstanding warrants, be-
comes every day more essential and
taxpayers who would rather pay 5 per
cent than 6 per cent and have the city
on a cash basis in the meantime, are
now urging immediate action on a
vote. Slight amendment to the char-
ter, at which time other minor correc-
tions could be made, would be neces-
sary before such a course was taken,
but the longer the commission and the
council and taxpayers in general study
the proposition, the more embarrass-
ing grows the financial situation, and
practically without a dissenting voice
every official in power and near
power, sighs out the prayer for a
debt-removing bond issue.

The Second street subway will no
doubt come up for further considera-
tion this evening in addition to the
other matters, and if the program is
carried out as it is now generally dis-
cussed, the council and commission
will swap jobs tonight, the council
continuing to act as an advisory board
until some inkling of the detail matter

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