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HUERTA WINS CONFIRMATION OF HIS POSITION

UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND ENGLAND TO COMBINE TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

EMBASSAYS ARE AGREED

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy Refuses to Leave Ill-Fated City as Long as Husband Remains on Duty—Mexican Congressmen Bow to Dictator's Will.

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—In the event of an anti-foreign outbreak here, an international force of marines will be rushed here from Vera Cruz. This is the unofficial information that has been gleaned from reliable sources. The United States, France and England have agreed to act jointly in the matter according to information from the different embassies, in an effort to protect foreign residents. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy refused to leave the ill-fated city of Mexico as long as her husband remains.

In nullifying the late election of President Huerta yesterday, the Mexican congress finally acceded to the demands of the grizzly old dictator. Huerta not only confirmed thereby his present position, but congress explicitly confirmed him in his powers, until the next election which is to take place on the first Sunday in July, 1914.

PEACE DECLARED IN SIGHT.

Carranza and Huerta Said to Be Negotiating Concerning End.

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—It is learned from a reliable source that Carranza and Huerta are carrying on peace negotiations. This is a confirmation of earlier reports that had not been confirmed. The semi-official statement is to the effect that Carranza is to have a voice in the naming of a candidate for the presidency next July in the event that he will lay down his arms and aid the federal government in establishing peace.

Fierce Engagement Imminent.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—Federal General Mercado who led the flight from Chihuahua city, on entering Ojinaga, a border town where his soldiers took refuge as a result of the news that a rebel force was approaching, stated that a fierce engagement is imminent.

SANATORIUM TO BE TINTED

Work Will Improve Health Resort and Make It Attractive.

B. B. Nutter went to Hot Lake this noon to work on the tinting of the sanatorium. The work will require about two weeks to finish and will make of the famous health resort one of the most attractive watering places in the west.

Mrs. Pankhurst Ill.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Emmeline Pankhurst is in seclusion at her daughter Christabel's apartments. She is very weak from exertion and the effects of the hunger strike. Her friends declare that she couldn't survive another. Nevertheless the militant declared that she would return to London Monday and speak at an equal rights meeting even though it may result in her re-arrest.

Many Try for Band Leadership. Washington, Dec. 10.—Civil service examination headquarters here today sounded like a German band barracks. The toot toots and ta-ra-tas came from a score or more of "moosicers" who are candidates for the position of leader of the orchestra and band at the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga.

GUNMEN WERE IMPORTED, SAY CONGRESSMEN

MINEOWNERS ARE SCORED BY STARTLING ASSERTIONS BY LEGISLATORS.

WILL CAUSE INVESTIGATION

Michigan and Colorado Mining Men Will Be in Limelight of Investigating Committee if the House Rules Committee Acts.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A congressional investigation of the strikes in Michigan and Colorado mining districts was demanded by Representatives McDonald and Keating of those states. Before the house committee on rules the congressmen very dramatically told of the wrongs they said the employers perpetrated upon the men in both regions. From the remarks dropped by members of the committee it seemed likely that the inquiries would be ordered. Hundreds of professional gunmen who had previously been employed to fight in West Virginia mine strikes. Keating assured the committee, had been imported into Colorado. "Armed automobiles were bought by the operators which had gatling guns mounted on them," he said. The miners were warned not to call for their mail on pain of death.

Safety Workers Meet.

New York, Dec. 10.—Safety for the workers of the United States and what it means to their families and employers, the relationship between employer and employee, welfare benefit and compensation work, were some of the topics to be considered at the first international exposition of safety and sanitation which opened here today. Men and women prominent in these lines of work in every state in the union were present today. All forms of sanitation and hygienic systems for improving conditions in factories, workshops and the homes of workers will be presented by eminent authorities. There will be morning and afternoon sessions for three days.

Wilson Delivers Address on Phone.

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Wilson will remain in Washington today, but this evening he will deliver an address to the 600 members of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce who held their annual banquet there tonight. The president, seated at his desk in the executive offices, will talk into a telephone which will be connected with 600 telephones placed about the Rochester banquet board. This is the first time the president has attempted such an experiment, and he only did it after much pleading by United States Senator O'Gorman, after he had found it impossible through press of business to attend the banquet in person.

Prominent Ladies in Welfare Work.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, and scores of women prominent in governmental social circles planned to take an active part in the social welfare work to be undertaken by the Women's Clinic auxiliary, which opened its sessions here today. The auxiliary plans to care for workingwomen who cannot afford to go to hospitals or pay fancy prices to physicians.

Civil Service Exams Held.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Experts in "petrography" gathered here today to take the civil service examinations for a position in the bureau of standards. All a petrography expert has to know is to be able to determine the ingredients of usability of every kind of stone.

LEVEES BREAK AT RICHMOND TEXAS, CAUSING MUCH SUFFERING

Government Sends Supplies Of Blankets, Tents And Food To Stricken District

Roseburg, Tex., Dec. 10.—Levees at Richmond broke early this morning, flooding the houses of the town with four feet of water. The jail is inundated, and the prisoners were freed to assist in the rescue work of those marooned on house tops and on high spots of ground. Five feet of water is reported at Bay City and the crest of the flood is expected to reach the gulf by tonight. Much distress has been caused by the rupture of the levee and the loss of life will be throughout the entire section and no relief is in sight. The government has begun to send out relief in the nature of blankets, tents and food to the stricken district to alleviate as much as possible those stricken by this calamity.

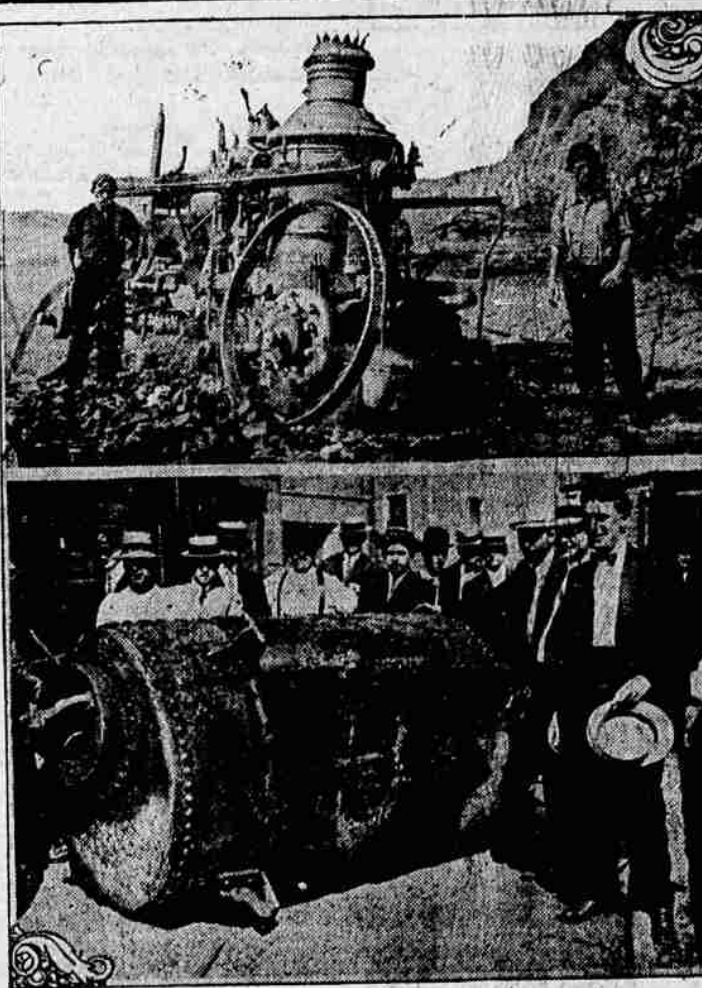
A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR ALL

Saturday, December 20, the Observer will send to every home in La Grande a neat, valuable and desirable Christmas gift in the form of the annual Christmas number. First and foremost the edition is to cover the field—reviewing the industrial growth during 1913, touching upon all subjects of interest to the citizen, and furthermore will pictorially tell the story of new buildings in this city during the past 12 months. Handsome cover pages will illuminate the edition. The wonderful expenditure in dollars and cents by the O.-W. in and out of La Grande this year will be graphically told, but that is not all; every principal industry of the city and valley will be touched upon so that La Grande people will be justly proud in folding the edition and sending it on to eastern friends in place of a descriptive letter. It will, indeed, be an edition worthy the name.

CITIZENS WAR ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Washington, Dec. 10.—Representing the Anti-Saloon league and the Women's Christian Temperance union, 2000 men and women assembled at the capitol and made demonstrations against the liquor traffic. Each carried petitions demanding the national prohibition of the liquor traffic through an amendment to the federal constitution. The petition was received on the steps of the capitol building by Representative Hobson of Alabama, author of one of the proposed amendments, and Senator Sheppard of Texas. Brigadier General Daggett led the anti-saloon forces and league members as they marched down Pennsylvania avenue waving banners and singing

Fire Engine Burns Up Fighting Blaze; Boiler In Freak Flight



Photos by American Press Association.

It is seldom that a fire spreads so rapidly that it burns up a fire engine that is fighting the blaze. That's what happened recently at a big conflagration in Jersey City, N. J., when four blocks were wiped out. The flames spread so rapidly that firemen were forced to abandon one of the engines before they were able to detach it from the hydrant and hook up the hoses. What the engine looked like after the fire had died out is seen in one of these pictures. The other view shows an immense boiler which blew up at the same fire. It went through the roof of the building where it was located and up many feet. It came down with such force that it bounded up again almost as high as the building. The queer thing about it was that nobody was hurt.

Senator Root Gets Honors

WORK IN CUBAN-PHILIPPINE TROUBLE REMUNERATIVE.

HAS A FINE RECORD

Long Career of Public Life Fittingly Crowned.

Christiania, Dec. 10.—Senator Root of New York, has been designated for the Nobel peace prize for 1912. The honor was conferred on him on account of the work he did as pacificator of the Philippines and Cuba and in the settlement of the difficulties regarding immigration between the United States and Japan.

This selection takes with it a handsome sum of money and an honor which is conferred on but few men. It is one of the most distinguished badges of merit which it is possible to obtain. It is not even second to the Royal Garter of England or the Cross of the Legion, the most coveted honor among Frenchmen, or the Cross of St. John. Friends of the New York senator are filling his mail basket with congratulations from all parts of the nation and from foreign nations. Senator Root is one of the ablest men in the senate today.

La'sies on "Common Sense" Diet.

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—A pickle, a pretzel and a dish of ice cream; that's what used to constitute the lunch of the average Cleveland high school girl. A pint of pure, tuberculin tested milk, a bowl of hot soup and a sandwich; that is the new menu of the majority of Cleveland high school girls for luncheon today.

Strict supervision of high school lunch rooms has worked the change from an unwholesome, digestion-destroying diet to a wholesome, and health-producing luncheon, without any appreciable increase in cost.

"We don't eat things because we ought to but because we like to," said Dr. A. E. Peterson, lunch room supervisor who brought about the change. "That's the theory we have been working on. It's the best psychology to get people to do a thing because it is a pleasure, not because they ought to."

"We made lunch room proprietors put in tuberculin tested milk in place of the milk with a lower per cent of butter fat, and got the girls to drink it by putting up attractive posters advising it. The hardest item to replace in the girls' menu was the ice cream. Here again we resorted to psychology and had sandwiches displayed in a tempting style, all the while discouraging the eating of ice cream at lunch. Needless to say the girls do better in their studies on the 'common sense' diet."

MEMBERS TALK ABOUT LAW

AGREE SHERMAN LAW SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED.

Not All Are Agreed Though Regarding New Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The president conferred with members of the house judiciary committee regarding anti-trust legislation. The meeting developed some differences of opinion among the members of the committee as to the character the legislation ought to take.

All of the members who attended this meeting at the White House, were agreed, however, that the Sherman anti-trust law should not be touched. Some members of the senate committee are of the same opinion as Secretary of Agriculture Houston, who a few days ago recommended that the Sherman law be amended and amplified.

UNCLE SAM SHOULD OWN PUBLIC WIRES

BURLESON SAYS THE COUNTRY DEMANDS OWNERSHIP OF ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES.

PRESIDENT IS CAREFUL

Would Mean a Big Change in the Administration of Things Throughout the Entire Country—Many Congressmen Favor New Scheme.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Ownership of the telegraph and telephone system is under serious consideration by the administration. Following a visit to the White House Senator Burleson of Texas, said: "There is a concerted demand everywhere for public ownership of telegraph and telephone systems. The administration will not act hastily, however, because the question is a broad one and requires much consideration. Both the president's and my own mind are open with regard to the wisdom of the move. We are investigating both here and abroad and expect to have something to say about the matter in my annual report."

It is said many of the senators are in favor of the scheme and will make strong efforts to have a bill introduced into the house at an early date. When it comes to this the adoption of the idea it is thought the administration will find a strong supporter in the secretary of state, who has nursed the idea for as many years as he has been in politics.

Memorial Planned.

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 10.—Led by Professor Edward Capps, head of the Greek department of Princeton university, educators of half a dozen states today are planning a memorial to Professor Harold Whetstone Johnson, late of the department of Latin of Indiana university and head of the "Big Eight" university athletic conference. The proposal is to establish a memorial at Indiana university, where Johnson was instructor in Latin for 17 years, and at Illinois college here where he was similarly engaged for 18 years previous.

The memorial will consist of foundations bearing Professor Johnson's name, the income from which shall be used for the purchase of classical books, each book to be appropriately marked; and also a commemorative tablet at each institution.

Recommends Centrifugal Pumps.

Goodland, Kans., Dec. 10.—That water can be pumped 60 feet economically for irrigation purposes and that the counties of western Kansas averaged more than 50,000 acres each in the "shallow water" region, where such irrigation would be practical, was the assertion today of State Engineer H. B. Walker before the national irrigation congress in session here.

Walker, who is secretary of the congress, recommended the use of the centrifugal pumps, with internal combustion engines burning the cheaper grades of oil.

Coal Miners' Institute Closes.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 10.—Improvement of the working conditions of miners in the West Virginia coal fields was the subject before the West Virginia Coal Mining institute which today closes its three days semi-annual convention. R. S. Ord was the principal speaker and led the discussion which followed his address.

German Steamer Grounded.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A wireless received today from the revenue cutter, Seminole, stated that the German steamer, Eckenburg was aground off the Frying Pan shoals.