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FEDERALS AND REBELS AT TAMPICO HANG PRISONERS IN VIEW OF THOUSANDS

American Official Pleads In Vain For Mercy--American Ship Crews See The Hangings

Washington, Dec. 13.—In full view of the American fleet and other vessels lying in the harbor of Tampico, and of thousands of residents of Tampico, the federals and rebels alike, hanged all of their prisoners of war today. Admiral Fletcher sent an officer ashore with a vain protest in the name of humanity, and then notified Washington by wireless of what had happened.

Admiral Fletcher's protest against hanging prisoners of war at Tampico and the threatening attitude of Rebel General Villa which he assumed towards wealthy Spaniards of Chihuahua City, has made the Mexican situation critical. The Spanish ambassador filed a formal demand for the protection of Spanish subjects. Secretary Bran communicated with Carranza and Villa and made it clear to the men the most emphatic terms that the United States would hold them responsible for the safety of all foreigners temporarily held by them. The army transport Sumner left here today for Tampico with rations for refugees. She is scheduled to arrive at the latter place Monday.

Fletcher Reports Denied.

Mexico City, Dec. 13.—Sir Lionel Carden, British ambassador to Mexico City, gave the following exclusive interview to the United Press, today: "The story received from Admiral Christopher Craddock, British naval

commander in Mexican waters, to the effect that Admiral Fletcher had stopped the fighting about Tampico last night, is absolutely false. No such message was received. It is untrue in every particular."

From semi-official sources it was learned that the story was disseminated for the purpose of discrediting Wilson. The story is supposed to have come from interests inimical to the chief executive.

Tampico Situation Bad.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 13.—The situation about Tampico is worse today. Fighting continued in the harbor and around the city and the federal gunboat is still shelling the lines of the rebels. The rebels are trying to repair the railroad to bring more artillery from Victoria to offset the guns on the federal gunboat Bravo. On the other side strenuous efforts have been made to re-inforce the federals. Admiral Fletcher commanding the English fleet in Mexican waters, ordered all Americans from the city. Foreigners are safe, according to a wireless message received from him by the state department.

Assessors Will Meet.

A meeting of all assessors in the state has been called for next Thursday and Friday at Salem for the pur-

CONWAY CLAN FOUND GUILTY ON 5 COUNTS

LAND SWINDLERS WHO OPERATED IN UNION COUNTY CONVICTED TODAY.

UNION COUNTY INVOLVED

Tom Conway and Frank Riche Found Guilty in Portland Today of Swindling in Land by Fraudulent Use of the Mails—Union County Witnesses Largely Helped to Convict.

Portland, Dec. 13.—J. T. Conway, Frank Riche, general manager and president respectively of the Oregon Inland Development company, who were charged with misuse of the mails in exploiting Union County and Central Oregon lands, were found guilty by a jury in the federal court, on all five counts of the indictment. The trial lasted three weeks and took in the testimony of over one hundred witnesses. The accused have been given 30 days in which to file an application for a new trial.

Conway and Riche dealt in lands that lay in Union county near Summerville and Elgin. A big majority of the witnesses called in the case were from Union county where the men had dealings in one way or another with the Union county people. The Eastern Oregon lands involved in the troubles were almost entirely in Union county and the men are found guilty of exploiting land that was either worthless or didn't exist at all, although some of it was said to be fairly good land.

pose of outlining the business for the coming year. Assessor Couch of Union county, will attend the meeting.

MATERIAL TURNED OVER.

Street Superintendent Relinquishes All Material to New Man.

After having been employed as street superintendent for several months, Charles McCrary today relinquished all material and equipment of the street department to the city engineer, who henceforth will be the street superintendent. Mr. McCrary spent the last few days of his administration in putting the city engineer in touch with the location of material and equipment, and Engineer Neal now has the department in hand.

RUFUS W. GAYNOR.

Son of Late Mayor Gaynor, Who Brought Father's Body Back.



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Two Addresses And Much Music Program Feature

Commencing promptly tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and again at 7 in the evening, the Methodist church dedicatory services will be carried out. La Grande is fortunate in having been favored with the presence of Dr. T. C. Iliff to deliver the dedication speeches, for he is a steam engine of energy and though close to 70 years, and has a characteristic style of speaking that knits him to his audience instantly. He has several friends in La Grande whom he knew in Colorado points, and each of these friends are much elated at the opportunity to hear the reverend gentleman again.

The church stands ready today and the citizens of La Grande are to gather at the big institution tomorrow.

MORNING WORSHIP.

Beginning promptly at 10:00 A. M.

Prelude—The Evening Star, Wagner (From Tanhauser)
G. H. Armstrong.
Coronation—By Congregation.
Prayer—Rev. A. G. Lane, Pastor Presbyterian Church.
Solo—Recessional, De Koven
Prof. E. E. Arant.
Scripture Lesson—Rev. R. E. Close, Pastor Baptist Church.
Solo—To Him that Overcometh, Brackett
Miss Olive Massee.
Responsive Lesson—Led by Rev. Beaty, Island City.
The Gloria Patri—By Congregation.
Offertory—Prayer, Gullmant
G. H. Armstrong.
The Heavens are Telling—(From the Creation) Haydn
The Choir.
Sermon—Dr. T. C. Iliff.
Doxology—By Congregation.
Benediction—Rev. C. E. Quinn.
Postlude—Marche Pontificale, Lemmens
G. H. Armstrong.
7:30 P. M.
Prelude—At Evening, Dudley Buck
G. H. Armstrong.
"Hark, Hark, My Soul" Harry Rowe Shelley
By Choir.
Solo—O, Dry Those Tears, Del Riego
W. Homer Maris.
Duet—One Sweetly Solemn Thought, Ambrose-Schmecker
Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams.
Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers
By Congregation.
Prayer—Rev. J. W. Miller
Solo—"Fear Not, Ye O Israel," Dudley Buck
Mr. L. D. Howland.
Scripture Lesson.
"The Day is Ended" Bartlett
By Choir.
Offertory—"Adagio," Rheinberger
G. H. Armstrong.
Sermon—Rev. C. A. Edwards.
Formal Dedication of Church—Dr. T. C. Iliff.
Doxology—By Congregation.
Benediction—By Pastor.
Postlude—"Grand Chorus," Dubois
G. H. Armstrong.

EIGHT-STORY HOTEL PLANS ARE COMPLETE

FOLEYS TO START BUILDING EARLY NEXT SPRING IS THE PLAN.

ENTRANCE FROM CHESTNUT

Cupola of Three Stories to Give a Promenade and Excellent Room Facilities—Second Floor Provided With Three Banquet Rooms and Suites With Sample Rooms.

Plans and specifications for the new Foley eight-story hotel have arrived. Likewise a sketch of the proposed building is on display. When completed this new addition to La Grande's buildings will make the Foley corner look like a metropolis transplanted to a city of 7,600. The new building will face the five-story Foley office building on Chestnut street.

Work is to begin on the new building in the spring and rushed to completion. Bids are to be advertised January 1 and the building will represent an outlay of approximately \$150,000.

From the vestibule on Chestnut street, entrance to the lobby proper will be reached and the dining room, office room, jewelry room and other necessities of the first floor, will be in close touch with the corridor. The mezzanine floor over the rotunda, will afford facilities for the ladies' waiting room, writing room, promenade, etc. On the second floor will also be provided three banquet rooms, with fitting names, one being outlined for a Dutch room and the others to be indicated by appropriate cognomens. The second, third and fourth floors are to have corner suites provided with parlors, and the second floor is to have suites with sample rooms attached. Twenty-two rooms are provided for the rest of the floors up to the eighth which is to have 42, being the cheaper class of rooms. High grade showers and baths of all sorts will be located on each floor. Promenade on Cupola.

A three-story cupola is to rise above the eight-story building and on each of the floors of it will be provided elegant rooms and around the 12th story is to be constructed a commodious promenade.

In the basement, in addition to the heating plant, are to be barber shops, tailoring shops and affiliated businesses, while on the Adams avenue front will be provided three store rooms, one of which is to be occupied by the bar. The new portion is to extend along Adams to the present location of the La Grande Electric works and up to that point the present structure will be torn down.

The removal of the main entrance to Chestnut street requires patrons of the grill to pass through the corridor to gain admission to the edibles department.

P. A. Foley and J. E. Foley, the builders, have returned from Portland where architects have just completed the plans and specifications and advertisements for bids for construction are to be issued soon and erection started with the break of spring.

GIFT IS PRESENTED.

Y. M. C. A. Has Royal Scroll as a Feature for Reading Room.

When the Y. M. C. A. is complete, the reading room will be equipped with a royal scroll, of which several have been purchased by individuals in the past few days. A representative of the company handling the instrument presented the Y. M. C. A. with one last evening. It pictures in highly colored plates the story of the Bible and some of the master paintings.

TEAL COMING TO LA GRANDE TO AID LOCAL TIMBERMEN

J. N. Teal, one of the leading traffic attorneys of the northwest is to be in La Grande next Monday when he will address and advise the Eastern Oregon Lumbermen's association which meets here on that date in regard to the Plummer gateway question. The meeting was set for today but because Mr. Teal could not be here on this day, the meeting was postponed until Monday. At the coming meeting the lumbermen will form an association as a branch of the Northwest Association of White Pine Manufacturers.

MRS. COE DIVORCED AND THE JUDGE LECTURES HER STERNLY

Portland, Dec. 13.—Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, a prominent Progressive, was today granted a decree of divorce from his wife, Viola M. Coe, by Circuit Judge McGinn. Mrs. Coe is an influential society woman and a prominent suffragette. Judge McGinn severely censured the wife, asserting she had cunningly devised a scheme to strip her husband of his property.

BANDIT STILL AT LARGE.

No Trace Found of Express Car Robber and Murderer.

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—No trace is found today of the lone bandit who fatally shot a Wells-Fargo express messenger, James Arnold, and robbed the express car of a Southern Pacific Sunset Limited near Marahan, escaping with \$4,000.

BAY BRIDGE PLANNED.

Washington, Dec. 13. A bill granting Allen C. Rush the right to con-

struct a suspension bridge across San Francisco Bay to Oakland or Berkley, was today introduced in the senate by Senator Works of California.

SAM ANDREWS ILL.

Taken to Hospital Where He Is Suffering With Appendicitis.

Sam Andrews of the Golden Rule company, was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital last evening for an operation for appendicitis. He is in a serious condition.