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REBELS DRAW SUPPORT FROM TRUST POCKETS

SUCH IS OPINION HELD BY HUERTA AND HIS CLAN AT CAPITAL.

TORREON'S FALL NOW BUT A FEW HOURS HENCE

Foreign Minister Mohna Expresses Opinion On Lifting of Embargo In Interview—Claims President Was At Fault—Thinks Trusts Are Behind Movement to Sell Arms.

Mexico City, Feb. 5.—"Huerta knows for certain that certain business concerns—what you call trusts—are helping the rebels with arms and money," said Foreign Minister Mohna in an interview today. "The raising of the embargo," he continued, "gives these trusts better opportunities to aid the rebel cause. Wilson is fighting the trusts at home but by removing the embargo he is playing right into their hands."

Aside from Mohna the Mexicans seemed to be forgotten and all interest is centering around the fighting that is going to take place in a day or two near Torreon and Tampico, and about the raising of the embargo by the president. Even in government circles much anxiety is felt concerning the fate of Tampico. Much less concern is felt for Torreon where the garrison is stronger, and which may be able to hold out against the rebels.

HOFF STANDS PAT.

Refuses to Recede From Stand Taken On Eight Hour Law.

In a letter to the Observer relative to the eight hour law as interpreted by him, State Labor Commissioner Hoff declares he is applying the law as he sees it. He says in his letter: Much adverse criticism having been made because of my determination to enforce the eight-hour law on public works the same as other laws, I desire to answer so that the work of the bureau, which is dealing with what is today the greatest question before the American people—the labor question, should not be hampered with wrong conclusions. The laws coming under my jurisdiction to enforce, like all laws are enacted by the people of this state, either directly through the initiative or by the legislature. I am not responsible for the same. When an act is passed it is either a good law, a faulty law, or no law at all. If a good law, it should be enforced for its value; if a faulty law, it should be enforced that the faults may be seen and cured; if no law at all, or its intent obscure, it is for the supreme court to decide. I believe all good men and women on sober second thought will realize that it is my sworn duty to see that the laws are enforced. "Trimming" by officers settles nothing. I should know what the law means and the people whom it affects should know what it means. It is my duty to enforce the labor laws, and I believe the right thinking people of this state, when they understand the situation, will back me up in doing so, but whether they do or not believing I am right, I shall go ahead.

Needle Found In Babe's Side

THIRTEEN-MONTHS-OLD CHILD SWALLOWS NEEDLE.

Red Spot Is The Clue

Shores Child at Cove Undergoes Peculiar Experiences.

A few days ago the 13-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shores of Cove, was ailing and they noticed an inflamed spot on its right side, and thought in some way a rib was broken. They poulticed the side to relieve the inflammation and the next morning were surprised to find a needle protruding about a quarter of an inch. They immediately took the child to a doctor and he pulled the needle out with a pair of pliers, and the little one is all right now.

The parents think the child must have swallowed the needle, but when they do not know. The needle came out between the two lower ribs.

Fred Meyers' Mother Ill.

Fred Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank, has been informed by wire of the critical illness of his mother who lives in Montreal, Canada. He will likely leave tonight for that place. He will travel as far as Chicago with M. J. Buckley, who leaves tonight for that city in his private car.

Merchant Visits Elgin.

Dave Clark, local commission man, went to Elgin this morning on business.

FARM EXPERT PREPARED TO AID FARMERS

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS TO BE HIS SPECIAL MISSION.

C. C. CATE, OREGON SOIL EXPERT HERE

Union County Now Equipped With a Farm Expert Who Will Devote His Sole Time to Assistance of Soil Tillers—Will Have Headquarters Here—Ready to Fight Pests.

Union county now has a full-fledged farm and agricultural agent. C. C. Cate, for many years intimately connected with Oregon soils and soil study, and a lifetime farmer, arrived last evening to occupy the position of Union county farm expert and will be at the disposal of every tiller of the soil with scientific knowledge to assist in the choice of rotation of crops, combatting soil problems, acting as county fruit inspector and general of the forces against orchard pests. One or two counties in Eastern Oregon have already preceded Union in the list of counties employing a farm expert.

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Striking New Picture of Zapata, The Scourge of Southern Mexico



Photo by American Press Association.

This is the newest and most striking picture of General Zapata, the so-called Atilla of south Mexico. Zapata and his rebel desperadoes are reported to be gradually advancing upon Mexico City. It was said that Zapata was in sympathy with the Constitutionalists, headed by Carranza, but no one can tell the exact truth of the matter, for Zapata has been now on one side and then on the other. He is the scourge of the southern part of the republic.

Second Schmidt Trial Opens



Photo by American Press Association. Rev. Hans Schmidt, murderer, who went to his second trial in New York today.

New York, Feb. 5.—The second jury which has been impaneled to try Hans

Schmidt, the ex-priest, for the murder of Anna Aumuller retired at 12:30 this noon. The former trial resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

Hans Schmidt had in mind before he was approached by an attorney to plead guilty to the charge of murder and have it over with. But there were elements of insanity in the case and he was advised to make a stand on the issue. It is thought the jury disagreed on this question of fact. Experts were questioned regarding this matter, some claiming that he was of sane mind while others that he was unbalanced. There is no intimation which way the jury will decide this second trial. The defense was the same as the first trial. The coroner's jury impaneled to look into the death of the murdered girl was composed of Vincent Astor and five other multimillionaires.

John Milton Hagey Dead.

The funeral services over the remains of John Milton Hagey of Hilgard, will be held at the Henry & Carr undertaking chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. All friends are invited.

Guild Ladies Pay Last Note

HONAN HALL IS NOW FREE OF ENCUMBRANCES.

Bishop At The Reception

Reception to Be Held at Honan Hall This Evening—Friends Invited.

Tonight a figurative conflagration is going to burn all that is classified as debt against Honan hall. The ladies of St. Peter's Guild will give an informal reception at Honan hall on Fifth street this evening from 8 until 10 o'clock. The event is to celebrate the paying of the last note against the building. Bishop Paddock will attend and give a talk on his recent trip to Panama, Central America and Mexico. All members and friends of the parish are cordially invited to be present to celebrate the passing of the debt against the new structure and to listen to the words that will be spoken. It promises to be an important evening for the Guild and also for the friends of the Guild ladies.

The church was built a little over two years ago and with the site and the building the Guild has been to an expense of \$8000. Now they have the property paid for.

Honan hall has been an immensely popular place. For some time the La Grande library was housed there, drawing hundreds weekly to the hall's door. The Commercial club was housed there for a while and many delightful gatherings were held in the main room and in the banquet room in the basement. The ladies' clubs of the city held their sessions there for a time, and always social affairs have had a center in the building.

Big Variation In Temperature.

Old Boreas Winter blew his breath into the valley last night and made many a one cover his ears. The temperature however, had not gone as low as the night before, and 15 above is the best that can be said of the hoary old man's performance. On the night previous many water pipes froze necessitating calls for plumbers. The maximum temperature was 40, showing therefore, a variation of 35 degrees during the day. The slushy snow has made travel with automobiles somewhat undesirable, inasmuch as the icy character of the highways would mean cut tires.

PRESENT TERM OF COURT WILL BE LONG AFFAIR

ENOUGH CASES IN SIGHT TO OCCUPY MOST OF THE MONTH IT APPEARS.

NORTH POWDER CASE IS BEFORE THE COURT TODAY

Two True Bills Returned By Grand Jury, and Big String of Witnesses Fills the Corridors—One Sentence Imposed Today—Peculiar Phase Develops In Present Trial.

That the present term of circuit court will develop into a long and important one, is apparent. The grand jury has returned two true bills, but a long list of witnesses crowds the corridors and it is safe to predict that the grand jurors have a big batch of bill to return.

With the docket already crowded with many cases of importance, some of which are going to be long and hard-fought and a big batch of true bills likely to come up from the grand jury room, there is every indication that the February term will draw out to be one of the most important terms, from a standpoint of cases tried and importance attached to them, in many sessions.

With the Newlin case out of the way, the court proceeded on its regular docketed cases, but is already behind time because of the unexpected length of the first case, and some cases now set for tomorrow have been postponed until a week from Monday.

German Citizen Sentenced.

Julius Keil, a German, unable to speak the American language, this morning pleaded guilty through an interpreter to the charge of robbing the Golden Rule store recently of clothing amounting to \$40. He was arrested at Huntington and returned here for trial, the grand jury returning a true bill against him yesterday. He was sentenced this morning to from two to five years in the penitentiary. Herman Roesch acted as his interpreter both at the arraignment and at the sentence.

Tom Mylin Arraigned.

Tom Mylin, who has been in jail much of the time for the past three months and who was out on parole last summer, and who broke jail only to be re-captured, was arraigned this morning on a charge of rape. He asked until tomorrow to plead and this was granted. Mylin was, a few weeks ago, let out on parole, and the

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TRUST CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, Feb. 5.—Prosecution of the Associated Press, under the Sherman anti-trust law, is demanded in a complaint filed with the attorney general by William Reick, of the New York Sun. The assistant attorney general was today assigned to the task of investigating the charge made by Reick. His action is aimed at

the morning branch of the association, which has no strong competitor. It is not believed that a serious attempt will be made to make the same charge against the afternoon service of the Associated Press, inasmuch as the United Press association serves more papers than the associated press does.