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WARDOGS PLOW WAY SOUTH AT A 12-KNOT PACE

LATE DEVELOPMENTS AT WASHINGTON HAS NOT CHANGED FLEET'S COURSE.

MEN ABOARD ARE MUCH ELATED OVER JOURNEY

Admiral Badger is Mum to Correspondents but Wireless Telegrams Tell of Good Weather, Enthusiastic Excitement Aboard, and Prospects of Reaching Tampico Harbor.

Washington, April 16.—Huerta's agreement to salute the flag has not been cause for changing the course of the fleet thus far this afternoon. The ships are still steaming south at a late hour.

On Board Battleship Arkansas, April 16.—(By wireless via Cape Hatteras.)—Under clearing skies the battleship fleet is steaming southward. Admiral Badger has ordered a 12-knot speed and it is estimated that the fleet will reach Tampico Wednesday noon. Crews are enthusiastic about the trip.

By Secretary Daniels' orders, Admiral Badger is refusing to answer questions of correspondents concerning the Mexican situation.

Pacific Fleet Active.
Washington, April 16.—Secretary Daniels has ordered Assistant Secretary Roosevelt now at San Francisco to take personal charge of the Pacific fleet's movements in connection with the Mexican situation. Daniels' instructions were for the fleet to rendezvous at San Diego preparatory to the mass movement on the Mexican waters.

KNIGHTS NAME DELEGATES.

State Convention in May to Be Attended by Local Knights.

At a regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus last night, delegates to the state convention which will be held at Portland on the 15th of May, were chosen. These are Grand Knight M. B. Donohue and District Deputy J. H. Pearce. Fred L. Meyers was chosen alternate to Mr. Donohue and J. A. Hadaller was chosen alternate to Mr. Pearce. The coming convention is going to be an important one for Knights of the state, because of various matters that will go to the National convention this summer which is to be held in an Eastern City. "The order has increased with leaps and bounds and has done incalculable service for higher education and the furtherance of science and art," said a local K. of C. today. "Just recently the order turned over to the Catholic University of Washington the sum of \$500,000 as an endowment for that institution, which will entitle the order annually to fifty scholarships in that great seat of learning," he continued.

TO BUILD NEW HOME.

Mrs. Roxey McCoy Will Erect Boarding House Home on Second.

A residence to cost \$4,000 will be erected by Mrs. Roxey McCoy this Spring and Summer at her property, corner 2nd and Wash. Mrs. McCoy will have ample room to accommodate boarders and the home will be built to conform with that plan. W. C. Kelley has the contract.

HUERTA WILL SALUTE COLORS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

"Mother Jones" Given Liberty

UNEXPECTED FREEDOM GIVEN NOTED AGITATOR.

RELEASE NOT EXPLAINED

Was to Have Appeared in Court by Judicial Mandate Tomorrow.

Denver, April 16.—"Mother" Jones was today released from Walsenburg jail where she was held incommunicado since March 22. The Supreme Court recently ordered General Chase to produce the old lady in court here tomorrow, but instead he ordered her released today. No explanation is given for the unexpected move on the part of the militia toward the miners' staunch friend.

KNIGHTS' SPECIAL FIXED.

Special Train Will Leave at 6:45 Promptly, This Evening.

Knights of Pythias of this city are going to invade Union tonight in much the same manner that Admiral Badger is swooping down on Tampico, but with Pythian friendship uppermost, rather than bloodred banners flying, when aboard a special train, they will visit the sister castle hall. Union sent an invitation some time ago to have La Grande represented, but so general was the invitation's acceptance that a special train is required to handle them. The train leaves at 6:45 promptly, returning after the degree work and entertainment are ended.

WHITE CHERRY CROP SELLING

SIXTY DOLLARS PER TON CONTRACTS SIGNED.

Expected That 1914 Crop of White Cherries Will Be Big.

White cherries, Royal Anns principally, are meeting ready market this year, contracts being signed by buyers for maraschino cherry factories meeting with ready willingness to close contracts at \$60.00 per ton. Until the last year or two Grande Ronde cherry growers have found the white cherry a decided drag on the market but since the Oregon Packing company and other concerns found that they made very desirable maraschinos, the demand has been still.

D. M. Clark, local representative, has contracted for 100 tons of the Cove-grown cherries, 75 tons here and will, he anticipates, bring the total contracts to 500 tons the amount consumed last year for that purpose. The barreling process will take place at both La Grande and Cove this year, in contrast to last year when the Cove cherries were hauled here and barreled.

Kay Decision Out.

Salem, April 16.—Circuit Judge Gal-laway today upheld the contention of the governor that state treasurer Kay has no authority to retain possession of 8000 school fund notes, aggregating \$6,000,000. The judge held that the treasurer was the sole custodian of the funds but he drew the distinction between funds and the evidence of funds. Notes are only evidence of funds.

ANSWER FROM UNCLE SAM MUST BE GUARANTEED BEFORE HUERTA WILL DO PENANCE FOR INSULTS

Government Officials Are Thrown Into Quandary But Offer Will Probably Be Accepted "with restrictions"

Washington, April 16.—President Wilson has instructed O'Shoughnessy to tell Huerta that he accepts the latter's offer to salute the flag of the United States; that according to naval precedent, the United States ships will return the salute. It is said this ends the crisis, unless the Mexican and the United States Congresses disapprove. The President previously implied that Huerta's offer of exchange of salutes was acceptable; that is, he said precedent provided that the salute, fired as an apology, should be returned.

Washington, April 16.—Huerta is willing to salute the American flag on the condition that the salute will be returned by the American ships. Acting Chairman Shively of the senate foreign relations committee admitted this afternoon that he had been officially advised that this answer to

the demands of the United States would be transmitted today through Charge d'Affairs O'Shoughnessy. "This stipulation," he said, "is merely a request that the usual forms be complied with. Of course, if the Mexicans salute, we salute in return. This however does not constitute recognition of Huerta as official head of the de jure government. Its recognition is only of the de facto government, just as our demand was recognition of the defacto government. There is no de jure government in Mexico to recognize. I suppose Huerta's compliance with the demands of the United States will leave us in the same position as before. In fact I can't think of any other way in which the situation can work out, if Huerta

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Congressman Manahan Starts Inquiry Into Grain Exchanges



REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MANAHAN of Minnesota led a fight in congress for an investigation of the grain exchanges of Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago. Farmers' co-operative associations in Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska were especially interested in the outcome of the inquiry by the rules committee of the house. It was alleged that the exchanges controlled prices to the disadvantage of the producer.

Sandhill Crane Become Menace

VALLEY FARMERS SEE FIELDS RUINED BY THEM.

BIRD STRONGLY PROTECTED

Thousands in One Flock Often light on One Field—Damage Great.

Sandhill crane are developing into a pest to farmers of Grande Ronde Valley. Although protected by the federal game laws, the huge bird is devastating acre after acre of wheat fields in this valley, and, being protected, display super-animal instinct and display great bravado. Thousands of them are often seen on one farm, and every spear of what they touch is ruined for they pull it up by the roots. So serious has the pests become that farmers are hastily compiling petitions and memorials to congress to have the law changed. Unless the birds decide to migrate, much damage will be done. Farmers aver that without exaggeration it is safe to say that as high as five thousand have been known to light on one field in a day.

Farmers have adopted precautionary methods. They shoot off shotguns in close proximity to the birds without firing at them, thus scaring them away only to light on adjoining fields.

State Game Warden Evans was in the city last evening and Deputy Lefel conferred with him about the crane question. The game department suggests that farmers scare the birds away without killing any, which in itself is a temptation for the big specimen of the bird family is choice meat.

PARTY WORK PLANS DRAWN

REPUBLICANS AND PROGRESSIVES START EARLY.

Preliminary Gossip Points to Prospective County Chairmen.

With the burst of speed shown just before the bars fell on candidates yesterday evening, to get enough precinct committeemen into office to have good working machines in Republican and Progressive circles of the country, and the Democrats able to write in enough committeemen at the primaries to insure a country central committee, it becomes apparent that organized local campaigns along party lines will be carried on between the day of the primaries and the election in November. Republicans got the greater number on the ticket but the Progressives have enough, and the Democrats assert they will write in sufficient men to allow organization of an active committee immediately after the primary. Even at this early date, gossip is predicting heads of each party here. The Republicans will choose a chairman to succeed W. J. Church, and G. O. P. gossip has it that because of the geographical and commercial center of La Grande, one of the seven committeemen from here will land the chairmanship. Among these seven the local plum—if such is—lies, probably, between J. H. Pearce and Colon R. Eberhard, though neither is admitting that he particularly wants the job. J. H. Pearce was virtually the state central committee

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COXEY AT HEAD OF UNEMPLOYED ON TO CAPITOL

RIDES WITH WIFE IN RICKETY PHAETON DRAWN BY LONE MULE.

STAGED SAME STUNT IN CLEVELAND'S TIME

Large Concourse of People Turn Out to See Spectacular Parade of Unemployed—Son Rides Pony Behind Phaeton—March May Be Impeded by Officers.

Massillon, Ohio, April 16.—Riding a rickety old phaeton drawn by a mule General Coxey at the head of two hundred men, today started on his long heralded march to Washington, D. C. Hundreds witnessed the start. He was accompanied by his wife. His eleven year old son rode in the rear of the phaeton on a pony.

This is the second performance of General Coxey of the same character as this one. During the second administration of Grover Cleveland, Coxey moved on Washington and made an inflammatory speech from the steps of the capitol building, in which he spoke against the vaulting wealth of the money barons and the poverty of an increasing army of men who could not get work for love or money. It is said the phaeton in which he made his first trip is the same one in which he is making the present trip.

It is not known whether he will be permitted to repeat the performance at Washington which he staged in 1897, but there is some talk of intercepting the march at the city limits of Washington.

FORMER LA GRANDER HONORED

J. P. Leavitt Given Important Post at Tacoma, Washington.

Political distinction has fallen on John P. Leavitt, a former La Grander and a brother of Lee and Ted Leavitt of this city. Mr. Leavitt was named county commissioner at Tacoma, and will devote his entire time to the office.

Mr. Leavitt left La Grande several years ago, but is well known here by older residents. He was born in Oakland, but came to Oregon early in his life, and shortly after his marriage in Hamburg, N. Y., came to Puyallup and settled in business there. He was elected mayor in 1913.

Tacoma papers predict much success for Mr. Leavitt in his political capacity.

Street Assessments Litigated.

The levy of assessments for the improvement of Fourth street was the subject of a legal action to review the proceedings in the circuit court yesterday. Some of the property holders along that street have contested the levy as being improper. Turner Oliver is representing the property owners. Jno Hodgins is representing the city, and Jerry Rusk is taking care of the interests of the Warren construction company. Judge Knowles has taken the case under advisement.

April 18 Is Fireday.

Salem, April 16.—Calling upon the people of the state to co-operate in taking action to prevent needless and destructive fire, the governor today issued a proclamation setting aside April 18 as fire prevention day.