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SALUTE CODE MAY INVOLVE MORE TROUBLE

METHOD OF FIRING SALUTE MAY DEVELOPE INTO NEW COMPLICATIONS.

HUERTA REALLY WANTS WAR TO SAVE HIMSELF

Tampico Squabble Not Settled Yet Due to Hagglng and Quarreling Attitude of Mexican Dictator—Wants His Staff Officer Aboard When Salute is Answered.

Washington, April 17.—It has become evident that another serious complication has arisen over the Tampico incident, due to Huerta's hagglng about the firing of the salute and the acknowledgement of it by the United States. There are two points current. One is to the effect that the American salute be fired first or alternate with the Mexican salute. The other is that he demanded that the federal commander at Tampico be received on board the American warship designated to fire the salute, with all the courtesies due his rank.

It is stated that Bryan telegraphed O'Shaughnessy that the United States insists on the firing of the salute in strict conformity to naval custom with the American acknowledgement following the last Mexican gun.

War or Peace Possible. Peace or war between the United States and Mexico hinges on the whim of Huerta's will. He is vacillating and wavering, and interposing objections to the settlement of the Tampico incident in the hope of forcing the President's hand. Following a cabinet meeting Bryan was cheerful while the remainder of the cabinet was pessimistic.

Panama Canal Is Ready.

Panama, April 17.—With a view to a possibility of war between this country and Mexico, canal officials declared that warships can pass through the canal now at any time.

Huerta Wants War.

Mexico City, April 17.—Huerta wants war with the United States. This has been his object throughout his negotiations concerning the Tampico incident. He has been in almost constant conference with his cabinet and congress. It became known today that he wished war with the United States for the reason that he believes it will solidify entire Mexico to support his otherwise doomed government.

It is likewise known that Huerta would get better terms from the United States than he would from the Rebels, and for this reason he prefers to meet the Americans than the rebels who will murder him on sight.

ROOMING HOUSE FIERY GRAVE

New York, April 17.—Ten persons perished this morning in a fire which destroyed a six story rooming house in which many theatrical people and cloak models made their home. The panic was frightful. Men and Women fought to reach the fire escapes which were inadequate, and many were injured in jumping. The building is a total loss.

Students Will Sing.

The high school glee club will make its formal appearance Wednesday evening at the high school in a banquet program of music.

City Subsists Within Limits

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS NOT CONSUMED.

RECEIPTS TOO, ARE LARGER

At Present Ratio City Will Save Money at Year's End.

If the city administration continues its present ratio of expenditures, and keeps its receipts up to the record of the first three months, the budget year will close with considerable less spent in each department than had been set aside for it, and more receipts accrued than estimated. City Manager Lafky has struck a comparative balance for the end of the first three months, and the figures show the city is living within its visible means of support by a considerable margin.

The table shows all expenditures in all departments, as well as receipts, but in many instances these are fixed known quantities. Unknown receipts and unknown expenditures thus far made, showing first the amount appropriated by the budget and secondly the sum that will be expended at the end of the year if the same ratio of expenditure and receipts is kept up, follow:

	Budget appro.	Present ratio.
Water Dept.	\$6,000	\$4,486.86
Water Dept., Mat'	6,000	3,612.00
Recorder	3,000	1,591.35
Treasurer	1,800	387.03
Street Sprinkling	5,550	3,452.19
St. Construction	4,430	2,217.12
Lighting	8,100	7,949.40
Engineer	2,500	2,220.00
Fire dept. (salaries)	2,460	2,315.31
Fire dept. volunteers	685	420.00
Hose, supplies	1,215	580.41
Advertising	300	27.00
Fuel account	600.00	580.00

	Estimate for year	Received 3 months
Water rents	25,000.00	\$6,087.18
Licenses	14,000.00	1,530.00
Fines	1,500.00	668.50
Engineer percent-tages	1,500.00	1,234.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	755.00

Total \$104,900.00* 35,976.45*
*All items not included in details shown here.

COLONEL J. E. B. SEELY.

British Secretary of War Resigned Because of Ulster Trouble.



Photo by American Press Association.

MAYOR MITCHELL SHOT AT BY OLD MAN BUT AIM WAS BAD AND EXECUTIVE LIVES

Bullet Aimed at Mayor Strikes Companion in Chin Inflicting Severe But Not Fatal Wound

ASSAILANT ARRESTED BY THE INTENDED VICTIM

At the Crack of the Gun Mitchell Springs Upon Old Man and Bundles Him Off to Police Station

New York, April 17.—An attempt to assassinate Mayor John Purry Mitchell of New York City was made this afternoon. The shot was fired by an old man who later gave his name as David Saloshein. The assault occurred as the mayor was leaving the city hall. The bullet missed Mitchell struck Corporation Counsel Polk in the chin, striking the bone and passing out without doing a great deal of damage.

Mitchell Overpowers Fiend. Mitchell himself caught the assailant. He had just stepped from the automobile when the shot was fired, and with the shot jumped upon the assailant overpowering him and bundled him into his own automobile and rushed to the police station with him. Polk needed assistance, but later joined the mayor at the police station, and had his wounds dressed. An enormous crowd gathered about

the station but no demonstration occurred as the police was summoned there to preserve order.

Assaulter Badly Disheveled. Saloshein's clothing was torn and tattered and seemed to be a probable victim of a hallucination. He was weak and emaciated.

The mayor issued a statement to the effect that Polk's injuries would not prove very serious barring unforeseen complications.

H. Duncan a passerby was struck by the bullet before it glanced off and struck Polk's chin. The latter is not seriously injured. Hundreds witnessed the attack. Saloshein has given no coherent reason for the attack but it is intimated that it was provoked by the treatment of the unemployed in the city this winter, to which he took exception. He was likewise disappointed at not receiving an appointment.

VICTIM OF AUTO CRASH DIES AFTER SUFFERING FOR 24 HOURS

Baker, April 17.(Special).—Almost 24 hours to the minute from the time he was struck by an automobile Wednesday evening, William Wandersee succumbed to his injuries passing away at the hospital last evening at 8 o'clock. Only once after the accident was he conscious, and that shortly after, when he was first given medical attention at the hospital. Later he lapsed into a state of coma, and while reviving somewhat at intervals, never really realized anything. Close examination yesterday morning revealed injuries more serious than first indicated, a fracture of the skull at

the base of the brain, precluding any chance of recovery.

The deceased was proprietor of the State saloon, and had been a resident of this city since 1885, coming here from Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born in Germany and came to America in 1882. For a short time he was in Kansas, but Baker has been his home for nearly 30 years.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Johanna Hupke of Indianapolis, and a nephew, Carl Hupke of this city. It is probable that the remains will be shipped to Indianapolis for interment.

COUNTY WITNESSES CALLED.

John Neiderer to Testify Against Alleged Fraudsters.

Summersville, April 17.—(Special).—United States Marshal D. B. Fuller for the Eastern District of Washington was in Summersville yesterday to serve a summons on John Neiderer who is wanted as a witness in the case of the United States vs. R. G. Belden and A. E. Wayland charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Belden and Wayland the government says, made use of the mails to promote the sale of coal mine stock on a mine supposed to be located in Alberta, British Columbia, but which it is claimed does not exist. Mr. Neiderer received a communication from them in which they offered to sell him a block of the stock. A num-

ber of men from Milton and Free-water, Washington are likewise subpoenaed as witnesses in this case.

HOP DRIER BURNS.

Relief of Idle Industry and Chinese Riots at Cove Burned Up.

Cove, April 17.—(Special).—Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the hop drier on the Geer homestead, in which started the Chinese riots in the early 90s. The loss is not very extensive. Though usually used for fruit packing purposes, it was this winter being utilized as a chicken brooder room and it is believed that brooder stoves started the fire.

Rebs Pursue Defeated Federals. Torreon April 17.—Seven hundred federals are dead at Bonavides station but the federal body of six or

Compensation Act Chief Here

LAW BECOMES OPERATIVE IN JULY THIS YEAR.

FEATURES POINTED OUT

Cost to Employer Not Over 3 Percent of Payroll, Employee 1 of 1 Percent.

On a campaign of education, intended to advise both employer and laborer, of the features of the state industrial workmen's compensation act which becomes operative in July, C. D. Babcock of Salem is in La Grande to spend a few days. While it is impossible, he asserts, to see and converse with and explain to all the laborers in power-driven machinery plants, construction work in fact nearly all lines of work, Mr. Babcock aims to see as many as possible, and to call on as many employers as possible. He intends to spend several days in the city.

Relative to the features of the law, its applications and requirements, Mr. Babcock said in an interview today:

"The primary purpose of the act is to take from the courts the settlement of all disputes arising from injury to and the death of workmen, by providing a prompt, certain, and practically automatic system of compensation and relieving the employer of the burden of carrying liability insurance and defending frequent suits for damages.

"The law is optional but certain occupations enumerated in the law automatically come under the act unless written rejection of the terms of the law is filed. Any employer who has rejected the act may recall such rejection upon 30 days notice to the commission.

Assessments Paid Monthly.

"Contributions are due and benefits payable under the law beginning July 1, 1914. The contribution of the employer and employee for the month of July must be paid to the commission on or before August 15th and monthly thereafter on or before the 15th of the month following that for which contribution is made.

"The employer in Class A is required to contribute during the first year 3 per cent of his pay roll each

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GRAND DUKE DMITRI.

Czar's First Cousin Exiled For Love of Princess, an American.



STEAM ROAD SMARTS UNDER AUTO SERVICE

COVE THREATENED WITH ISOLATION BY UNION CENTRAL CURRENT REPORTS SAY

COVE PEOPLE ANSWER WITH COUNTER CLAIMS

Meeting of Commercial Club to Be Called to Consider Reported Threat of Company to Withdraw from Cove Unless Business is Thrown Its Way—Auto Service Cheaper.

Auto truck freight and passenger service such as conducted by Welmer Brothers between Cove and La Grande threatens to rob Cove of steam railroad connections with the outer world. The Central Railroad of Oregon, which plies between Cove and Union Junction has let it be known to Cove businessmen in an indirect way that Cove business support must be thrown to the railroad company at the expense of the auto service, on penalty of removal of the company's service into Cove. No official document to that effect has been sent to the Cove people by Manager Danklee of the company but the news is out in Cove nevertheless, and a meeting of the commercial club is to be called. The threat, couched as it was in diplomacy, and kept out of the records, has started trouble for the company in Cove it seems. Not alone is the commercial club there anxious to talk the matter over with the company manager, but it has other things to discuss with him.

When the company tapped Cove it built a shack that was to serve for a few weeks as a depot. It is still there and has been for four or five years. Cove people would like better depot facilities. Then there is the matter of express.

"Cove does a big express business" said a Cove business man today in a telephone interview on the subject, and we feel that the local company is not serving us right by charging 25 cents for all express hauls from Union Junction to Cove, even though the package comes prepaid from point of origination. Further more, no regular agent has been assigned to Cove, and that is much needed. We are willing to consider any complaint from the company as far as support is concerned—the railroad is much value to us—but there are some things that we think we are entitled to. The auto truck service is cheaper between here and La Grande than rail rates. We think we should patronize that which is the cheapest and best service. However, it is felt here that the commercial club will gladly meet with and confer with the company to take the matter up in detail.

The appeal for support veiled in terms of a threat, as the whole matter is considered in Cove, is considered to be in the eyes of those familiar with it, going to be a boomerang on the company. It is freely predicted that when the auto competition business comes up, counter claims will be fired at the railroad company.

The present truck service as operated by Welmer Brothers runs on the following schedule, in contrast to the rail services which reaches Cove late in the afternoon and returns to Union very shortly afterwards:

Leave Cove8:30 a. m.
Arrive La Grande9:45 a. m.
Leave La Grande1:30 p. m.
Arrive Cove2:45 p. m.