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HUERTA HURLS NEW DEFY AT UNCLE SAM BUT GETS EXPLICIT DEMANDS BACK

Administration Gives Him Until 6 Tomorrow Night to Agree to a Satisfactory Salute

Washington, April 18.—Huerta has hurled another defy at the United States and was as curtly given until 6 o'clock Sunday night to yield, if he didn't want to have force used against him. Huerta told O' Shaughnessy this morning that he wouldn't salute the flag unless the Washington administration agreed to return the salute, "gun for gun." O' Shaughnessy cabled the message to the state department.

President Wilson was golfing at the time with Bryan. Secretary Tumulty leaped into an automobile and rushed to the suburban club links where he found the president entering an auto to return to the white house. The president and Bryan got into the Tumulty machine and made mad speed to town. The two entered the white house together, and shortly afterwards Bryan hurriedly went to the state department. It was learned that he immediately wired Mexico City to refuse Huerta absolutely any such concession. The time limit was fixed and the orders made explicit.

Bryan said later that the administration's ultimatum was not that Huerta must salute the flag before tomorrow night but that he just agree to.

SEAMEN JOYFUL.

War Department Chiefs at Washington in Readiness to Act.

On Board Battleship Arkansas, April 18.—(Via wireless, via St. Augustine).—News that Huerta is quibbling over the salute matter, is received with rejoicing aboard the fleet. Hopes are entertained that the crews will see action.

Department Heads Busy. Washington, April 18.—War, navy and state departments from chiefs down, had a busy Saturday. Preparations for hostilities and for war are going on that, should firing commence, each department will be in shape to act promptly.

LAND APPLICATIONS MANY.

Land Office Rushed With Applications Due to New Land Laws.

One hundred and one applications for homestead so far this month have been made at the local land office. This means that 32,320 acres of government land has become subject to the rights and obligations of settlers, who, if proper improvements are made all other requirements relative to living on the land have been complied with, will own and hold by right of patent from Uncle Sam and in fee simple.

The land office business has been very brisk most of the spring and the following month will see added interest in this big land parceling. The reason for this is that the government has designated some 50,000 acres in Grant county for settlement, which will cause many people from various parts of the northwest and middle west to come here to make application. Applications will be entertained after May 1st for this land and the necessary literature will be sent on request when the applicant informs the local officers of the land department just where they desire to make settlement. Invariably many requests come in which this information is not given and this entails a large amount of correspondence. In making application the writer should tell the department here in what section and township the land is located which they intend to file. This will enable them to determine immediately from their plats of the land whether the land has already been filed on. Compliance with this necessary preliminary will speed up the work and will enable the applicant to get what he or she wants before some one else comes in with the requisite description of the land and "beats them to it."

WOMEN IN GUN CLUB.

Summerville Club Formed Last Night Has Distinction All Its Own.

The Summerville Rod and Gun club was formed last evening at Summerville with Deputy Game Warden directing the work. One hundred members will join. Application was put in for 50,000 fish.

The officers are: Alex McKinzie, pres.; J. M. Charote vice-pres.; D. R. McKinzie sec. and treasurer. Executive board, William Park, Lot Elmer, Charles Oswald and Robert Kennon.

The Summerville club has a distinction all its own. It is the first club of its kind in either Union or Walla counties to have ladies in the membership. Six joining last evening they being anxious to help foster the club's growing organization.

FREDERICK FUNSTON.

Brigadier General Commands Border Troops at Texas City, Tex.



this section in a manner never before attempted. We will print eight pages in this office and will no longer use the 'patent' insides which have been necessary in the past to give our readers a service to which they were entitled. Not only was the linotype necessary to accomplish this but also the press and folder recently installed.

LECTURES FOR NON-CATHOLICS

Seven Lectures Explanatory of the Teachings of the Catholic Church.

Tomorrow night Father T. J. Brady will begin a course of lectures for non-Catholics in the Catholic church to which all fairminded persons of any denomination are invited. Father Brady states he will not speak of any other denomination but will confine himself exclusively to the doctrines of the church. "None of us," he says, "or her feelings will in any manner be hurt, for he will explain only the position of the church and its teachings," said Father Brady. "These lectures are for persons who desire to know more of the church and any person wishing to ask questions may do so by writing same on a slip of paper and putting them into the question box which will be found at the church door." He requests that all questions be signed. No names will be made known.

PRUNE ORCHARD PROMISED.

Porcupine Rubs Needles Against House Door.

Mount Glen, April 18.—Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Nibberger returned from Idaho points where they have been engaged in the fruit and potato business for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Nibberger have 40 acres of choice land in this vicinity and have now come back to locate permanently on their farm. Mr. Nibberger will at once plow the soil and get it ready for use. It is his intention to plant several acres in Italian prunes which he says is a ready seller being always in demand. A new house is being planned and other improvements will be added.

H. S. Hendricks was awakened Friday night by a peculiar noise at his door. Fancying that it might be a night burglar he arose to discover for certain what the strange disturbance might be and found to his amazement a large porcupine was raking its bristles across the door. He notified his wife who held the light while Mr. Hendrick shot it.

August Erickson had an exciting time last Sunday when the coupling pin of his wagon came out while crossing a culvert. The horse became frightened at the incident and went down the road at a lightning gait leaving the body and the rear wheels on the wagon far behind in the road.

BULLET WOUND BRINGS DEATH.

Assailant Asserts He Shot to Prevent Robbery—Dead Man a Transient.

The Dalles, April 18.—As the result of a bullet wound caused by a revolver ball from the weapon of Bert Coombs, a farm hand, Jack Bain a transient, died today. Coombs asserts that he shot in self-defense when the latter tried to rob him. The case will be investigated. As there is little or no testimony on the state's side, outside of the shooting, and the arrested man stoutly asserts his innocence of the crime, the case presents some difficulty.

WILSON WILL TAKE PROBLEM INTO CONGRESS

IF HUERTA REFUSES TO ACT BY SUNDAY NIGHT PRESIDENT WILL "ACT" MONDAY.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED AT WHITE HOUSE

After Disposing of All There Is to Do Now, Wilson Goes to Join Wife at Resort—Statement Says Congress Will Get Tampico Affair Monday If Salute Is Denied.

Washington, April 18.—The following statement (official) was issued at the White House at 12:20 this afternoon:

"Huerta is still insisting upon doing something less than demanded or something less than will constitute acknowledgement of his representatives' error in indignities they heaped upon the United States government. The President is determined that if General Huerta has not yielded by 6 o'clock Monday, he will take the matter up with Congress Monday morning."

Beyond this statement, the administration had nothing to say while awaiting answer from Huerta. O' Shaughnessy is expected to deliver it this afternoon.

In view of the fact that no action can be taken until Congress meets Monday, President Wilson will go to White Sulphur Springs tonight. He is compelled to make this trip in person because his wife's health is in such shape that if he sent for her the nervous shock might act as a blow. He will be at his desk early Monday morning.

Army and Navy Ready. "Everything is ready to move at once if the need should arise in connection with the Mexican situation," said Secretary of War Garrison. The secretary intimated that Senator Sheppard's request that more troops be placed on the Mexican border will at once be complied with.

Army Birdmen Ready. San Diego, Cal., April 18.—Captain Cowan of the army aviation corps stated that he has five Wright aeroplanes and fourteen men ready for any emergency that might arise over the Mexican Embroglio. He added that they could be in the air at an instant's notice.

MANY PERMITS WANTED.

O.-W. Applies for Engine Water Supply from State Engineer.

Salem, April 18.—(Special).—During the quarter ending March 31st, State Engineer John H. Lewis issued 154 permits for the appropriation of water, including 8 permits for the construction of reservoirs. Under these permits it is proposed to irrigate 28,994 acres of land, develop 21,968 horsepower at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000.

One permit for the appropriation of water was issued to the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., of Portland for engine supply. They propose to divert water from Dry Creek in Sec. 18 Tp. 2 S. R. 36 E.

12-Mile Patch Planted.

Joe Campbell's ten miles of potatoes on the railroad right of way between here and La Grande last year aroused considerable talk and interest all over the county, many people watching the experiment of raising potatoes in this manner with great interest. The originator of the scheme evidently made a success of it last year, for this year he will have about 12 miles of spuds between Imbler and La Grande. Last year the yield was 3,000 sacks, and if the crop had been as heavy as is often the case in this section, it would have been much larger. Mr. Campbell still has some 900 sacks on hand and says that he has great hopes of getting an advanced price for them, although he has already disposed of some of them.

WANT GOOD ROADS CHEAP?

Will we have good roads? Will we? Will we fall in line and become boosters for a project that will help the poor horse drag some of the burdens of the world? Do we believe in saving energy? D. Ward King does and he is going to be here April 31 and May 1st and 2nd to show that the way to do it is not expensive. T. W. Larkin, Secretary of the Dennison Texas commercial club says of the new method: "The King drag is the greatest road machine I have ever used. It does the work as no other device can."

CARRIER NEEDS INVESTIGATED

INSPECTOR GOES OVER GROUND ON NORTH SIDE.

Sidewalks, Lack of House Numbers, and Streets Signed Noticed.

With the probability of adding another city mail carrier to the postoffice force to meet a demand of about 300 families now unserved by free delivery, an inspector from that department of the postal service is in La Grande today investigating conditions.

It is understood that his findings are these: That the section of the city to be served lies around the flouring mill, in the extreme east side and around the Palmer mill on the north side. That there are over three hundred families; that the city has failed to put up boards on streets designating names and numbers; That the houses are in many instances not numbered, a thing which is essential to free delivery. Also, that sidewalks in some places must be repaired and in a few localities new walks built.

These things do not have to be done before service is granted, but the department must know that in proper time they will be done.

According to those best informed the people of that portion of the city desiring extended service should appear before the city commissioners at once with a request for the improvements named and get the administration to endorse the plan. This will then be certified by the local postoffice which in turn will be sent up to the department with the recommendation of the inspector on the ground. Should be recommended favorably the service will be started giving La Grande four mail carriers instead of three.

Should this opportunity go by default it is hard to tell when the matter will be again brought up, and for that reason it would seem necessary to act quickly.

POUNDMASTER APPOINTED.

King Roe Will Look After Dog License Question for City.

King Roe has been named poundmaster and will look after delinquent dog owners. The total licenses issued to date is 63 and during the next week all those who wish to secure licenses will be asked to do so or take chances of losing their pets.

BALL GAME TALKED OF.

Likely That Imbler Will Be in the City to Give Workout.

Plans are laid for the opening ball game of the season tomorrow afternoon. Imbler, which has a team not to be grinned at this year, is coming in to give the home talent aggregation here a work out.

BUSH ESTATE RE-OPENED.

State Treasurer Kay Has Petitioned for Re-appraisal.

Salem, April 18.—State Treasurer Kay, who is charged with the collection of inheritance taxes, has petitioned the Marion county court for a re-appraisal of the Ashel Bush estate. The appraisement is over a million and a half, but Kay declared this to be much too low.

Mrs. Bull Back from California.

Mrs. H. A. Bull and daughter returned this morning from Southern California, where they have spent this winter. They will spend several months with Mrs. Bull's sons in Summerville, after which time they will return to their home here in La Grande.

MITCHELL SAYS ASSAULT IS ACT OF INSANE MAN

WILL RECOMMEND THAT HE BE PLACED IN MATTEWAN INSANE ASYLUM.

NAME OF SALOSHEIN GIVES WAY TO MAHONEY

"Rumsoaked Hobo, Sodden and Embittered" Is Characterization of Assailant—Mayor to Be Guarded by Bevy of Eight Detectives Day and Night—Polk in Good Condition.

New York, April 18.—The condition of Corporation Counsel Polk who was the unnamed target for Mitchell H. Mahoney, an embittered assassin, is entirely satisfactory. Mahoney was arraigned this morning for the shooting and charged with assault with intent to kill. It is believed he will be sent to Matteawan for the insane, as Mayor Mitchell, the intended victim of the shooting has recommended this course. "Mahoney, said the mayor, is a rum-soaked hobo, sodden and embittered. He is probably insane." Hereafter eight detectives are to guard the mayor day and night. "It was a close shave said he, and I don't propose to take any chances."

Mahoney yesterday gave Saloshein as his name, but this is now cleared up. He is clearly unbalanced it is said, and the mayor's recommendation is likely to land the irresponsible criminal in the asylum instead of the state prison or the electric chair.

FIRE VACATION LONG.

Sixtieth Day Without Fire Draws to a Close Tonight.

If no fire breaks out in La Grande prior to midnight, 60 days will have elapsed without a call. The longest run since the paid department went into office is 76 days.

ELK WILL BE LIBERATED.

Joseph, April 18.—(Special).—State Game Warden Cliff Evans has ordered released from the Bill Meadows reserve the 32 head of elk which had been confined in the 2,500 acre pasture for the last couple of years, and they will be allowed to shift for themselves. During their captivity a keeper who was paid \$85 a month was employed and the elk were fed at the state's expense. No doubt this action will do away with the establishment of a big game reserve near the head of the lake, which had been under consideration for some time.

Register Tonight.

The time is drawing to a close in which you can register conveniently. Last Wednesday there were but 12 registrations. If things do not pick up, said County Clerk Ed Wright, there is no use going down. Drop in at Jack Oliver's tonight after 7:30 p. m., and perform your duty as a good citizen. The requisite number of property holders might not be around when you come to vote and you will be left out in the cold. Don't damn the clerk, he is willing if you are.

Sommers Fined \$25.

J. H. Sommers was today fined \$25 for using abusive and obscene language in the French & Scranton store yesterday over a garnishee. He did not have the loose money but the city took an order on his wages due from the O.-W., where he was employed prior to the trouble yesterday. The trouble yesterday.

Oklahoma Struck by Tornado.

Tulsa, Ok., April 18.—One person was killed and several were injured in Southern Oklahoma, by a tornado early this morning. Many houses were torn from their foundations and many oil tanks were damaged.

Factory Inspector Here.

William A. Dalziel, deputy commission and factory inspector, is in the city today looking over his field.