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FUNSTON HAS HIS BRIGADE AT VERA CRUZ

GENERAL OF EARTHQUAKE FAME TO HAVE COMPLETE CHARGE.

ENTRENCHMENTS THROWN UP TO FOIL FEDERALS

Transports Reach Vera Cruz Earlier Than expected—Men at Once Land and Marines and Bluejackets Are Being Taken on Board—Natives Surrender Arms Quietly Today.

Vera Cruz, April 27.—Suddenly, late this afternoon, the work of landing Funston's men was brought to a halt, and many army men were returned to the transports. No one would admit that orders had been received to go slow, but this is the assumption.

Vera Cruz, April 27.—General Funston's brigade is landing. The transports arrived last night, earlier than expected. It is expected that the troops landing will be followed by blue jackets and marines going aboard ship again. The marine outposts have been extended several miles beyond the city limits and men are entrenching and mounting machine guns. An attack from General Maas is not seriously expected but it is considered wise to be fully prepared. Funston will be in supreme charge on land.

Natives are surrendering their arms. Hereafter anyone found in possession of weapons will be court martialed.

Federal Prisoners Transferred.
San Antonio, April 27.—General Bliss has received orders to transfer the 5000 Mexican federal soldiers and women held at Fort Bliss since their flight from Juarez, Ojinaga and other engagements with Villa, to Fort Wingate, New Mexico. Two troops of the 12th cavalry will make the transfer.

SNOW IN KAMELA.
Flurries Fall in La Grande During the Day—Fruitmen Like Weather.

Six inches of snow are reported to have fallen in Kamela last night and this morning. It is not likely that it will inconvenience traffic. Flurries of snow fell in La Grande and other parts of the Valley today noon. Fruitmen say the conditions favor fruit as it will tend to retard budding until after the frost period.

CHICKEN PIE PROMISED.
Diners Tomorrow Night to Be Fed With Fine Delicacies.

Offering bribes and presenting arguments hinging on chicken and chicken pie, A. A. Wenzel and E. E. Bragg, chairman and committeeman respectively of the Commercial club dinner arrangements tomorrow night, are reserving plates with good success today. The program will be short, the committee promising to have the program completed by 8:15. The dinner starts just as soon after six as possible.

H. C. Shropshire Dead.
Information has reached this city that Henry C. Shropshire, formerly a resident of this city, and who is well known here, died at his home in El Centro, California Saturday. Mr. Shropshire had resided in the latter

city for the last six years. Interment will take place in Arkansas. H. A. Shropshire of Hilgard, a son of the deceased, was notified Saturday morning and has left for that city. Other members of the family are scattered over the west, some living in Los Angeles, others in Curry county of this state.

Justice Marries Four Couples.
Justice of the Peace Williams has recently united four couples in matrimony. Yesterday at high noon Reginald L. Heryford and Ruth Peebler, both well known Union county people, were married by Justice Williams. On the 21st, Chas. Deerlove and Jesse Strober were united in marriage, and on the same day, at the home of Tom Plummer 1704 Spruce, Calven A. Chesser and Francis Plummer were married. Chas. E. Moon and Stella A. Frisch were married on the 23.

Special Aids Injured.
A special train was chartered yesterday evening by the George Palmer Lumber company to assist in saving the life of a Serbian laborer who had been hurt at Howard Creek by falling under a ballast car. Dr. Kirby of Elgin was sent to the scene on a speeder and later Vincent Palmer took a special train out of La Grande to bring the fellow to the Grande Ronde hospital. Though feet and legs are bruised and cut, he will probably survive.

Wood Contracts Let.
The La Grande school board has let contracts for the wood supply the coming winter. Two hundred cords to be used in Rivera and Greenwood schools, will be supplied by Pierson Brothers at \$4.25 per cord. James P. Halley will supply wood for the Central building, 800 cords, at \$4.50.

Goes to Telocaset.
E. S. Norris made a trip to Telocaset this noon in the interest of the co-operative association.

SCHOOL BOARD RE-ELECTS TEACHERS

Forty-five teachers of the La Grande teaching force have been re-elected, but it is expected that eight or ten of these will not accept, having other things in view. The teachers thus far re-elected are:

Girdler, John; Bonner, Esther M.; Bork, Edith; Buchanan, Lenore; Bullard, Nellie B.; Bunnell, Elizabeth; Carpy, Susan B.; Connor, W. V.; Deal, Susanna; Dryborough, Blanch; Edwards, Bell B.; Gannaway, Lelia; Ghormley, Ruth; Harris, Bert W.; Hershey, Janet; Holman, Minnie;

ELGIN TEAM DEFEATED.
High Class Brand of Ball Played at Elgin Yesterday Afternoon.

La Grande took the scalp measure of the Elgin Indians yesterday afternoon in a game replete with mid-season form. Final score, La Grande 5, Elgin 3. McInnis and Paddock opened for La Grande. "Heck" pitching beautiful ball for four innings. For lack of condition, he retired in favor of Oliver, who likewise put up sterling qualities from the firing box. In the meanwhile Oswald was not letting La Grande get far on hits. Both teams played mid-season form and the contest was very clean and fast. The La Grande line up was: Slate 1b, Garrity 2b, Craney 3b, Oliver ss, Murchison rf, McInnis p-cf, Childers lf, Paddock c, Oliver cf-p.

"A very nice game, sir; a very nice game," is the way Manager McCormick designates the playing yesterday.

Guild Dance Postponed.

Because the date interfered with the Elks' minstrel show in Union Wednesday night, the dancing party to be given complimentary to the Episcopal choir has been postponed.

HUERTA REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED MEDIATION OFFER FROM LATIN AMERICAN STATES

Conditions Throughout Vera Cruz and Mexico at Large Quiet Today

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED REFUGEES ARRIVE AT COAST

BRYAN ADVISED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES THAT HUERTA WILL ACCEPT MEDIATION--WILSON'S DEMANDS LISTED

Washington, April 27.—Practically all of the Latin American countries have united to formulate plans for the restoration of peace in Mexico. Forty-eight hours seemed a likely time in which to determine whether the United States must continue in its campaign of physical force or withdraw troops and marines from the southern republic's territory. Both Wilson and Bryan are hopeful.

They consider Huerta's willingness to accept mediation as a very encouraging sign. But even the mediators considered their task herculean. The first condition which Wilson demanded was the retirement of Huerta, next a full apology for the Tampico incident and other affronts in Mexico to Americans. Restoration of Constitutional government in Mexico is likewise among the conditions submitted for the mediators.

Bryan learned that the British, French and German legations in Mexico City were trying to persuade Huerta to accept mediation and accept the demands of the United States. The administration considered this most important. Favorable developments are looked for.

Huerta Losing Ground.
Vera Cruz, April 27.—Today's reports indicated an improvement in the conditions of Mexico City. In danger of attacks to Americans has abated. Refugees said opposition to Huerta is beginning to show itself. It is reported that Tampico merchants have requested that United States marines be landed as they fear an attack by the rebels, who have threatened to both capture and sack the same.

Washington, April 27.—Intimations from two different sources that Huerta has agreed to accept mediation have been received by Bryan, according to his own statement. He did not divulge the sources but hinted that the Spanish embassy was one of them.

Washington, April 27.—While not authoritatively informed that Huerta had accepted the offices of the Latin American countries in mediating, Secretary Bryan said he had received satisfactory advices, pointing to a settlement in Mexico. The Latin American diplomats had confidently expressed the opinion that Huerta would be glad to accept the opportunity to mediate to save his own face.

Federal Soldiers Killed.
Laredo, Texas, April 27.—The Mexican federals who attacked the garrison Saturday with five killed, and who set fire to Nuevo Laredo when they evacuated it, are reported to have attempted to cross the border at Minerva, where the border patrol is said to have driven them back with ten killed and twenty wounded.

This report has not been confirmed.

Washington, April 27.—A hundred and eighty Mexico City refugees, mostly Americans, arrived at Vera Cruz today, according to messages received from Admiral Fletcher.

"Baby Farms" Probe Resumed.
Chicago, April 27.—The Curran legislative committee, whose disclosures in investigations of alleged "baby farms" and orphanages created a storm of protest in Illinois several months ago, resumed its probe here today with more than 500 witnesses under subpoena. The subpoenas were based upon secret investigations of alleged charitable institutions throughout the state since adjournment of the legislature. Charitable societies are to be subject of a thorough investigation.

Baby Boy Dead.
Charles Beveridge, seven-weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beveridge of La Grande, died Sunday morning.

The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of C. H. Blystone, Rev. E. B. Fyke officiating. Bohnenkamp & Co., had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mr. Williamson Improved.
John T. Williamson who was operated upon at the Grande Ronde hospital several weeks ago, was removed to his home yesterday and is improving rapidly.

Building Rests On "Y" Property

WORK ON Y. M. C. A. TEMPORARILY HELD UP.

OFF LINE FOUR INCHES

Several Ways of Dodging Troubles Are Being Discussed.

The East Oregon Light & Power company's building is standing on four and one half inches of the Y. M. C. A.'s ground. This has delayed work on the proposed building, because this discrepancy will have to be adjusted before building will commence. There are several possibilities. One is that the Y. M. C. A. might sell four inches of ground to the light company; another is that the Y. M. C. A. might cut away that much from the wall of the power transmitting building, and the last that a party wall might be built between the two buildings. Whichever of these plans will be adopted has not yet been determined. For this reason work on the building has not been as rapid as Contractor Rush would like.

When G. H. Rush opened his mail box this morning he was somewhat surprised to take from it what appeared to be a small block of wood. It was not wrapped but had a small piece of paper, containing the address pasted to it, together with the stamp. A letter which accompanied it explained it was a sample piece of the bottom sash rail intended for the Y. M. C. A. and was sent to him that he might be able to fashion the other parts of the window accordingly.

BOARD URGES STORES CLOSED

BAND ASKED TO HELP IN ROAD DAY PROGRAM.

General Suspension of Business While King Is Here Is Plan.

The board of directors of the Merchant's Association of the city of La Grande has recommended that all stores and places of business be closed next Saturday afternoon to allow all persons of the city and those coming here to trade that day to attend the King road drag demonstration. The band has been asked to be out and play during the noon hour and the hour preceding the meeting.

There is to be a general suspension of business during the time of the meeting to allow everybody to attend the meeting. In case of rain the meeting will be held just the same as muddy roads are just the kind in which to make this demonstration. If the road is not muddy, it will have to be made so to do the work properly. Ladies are especially invited to attend.

D. Ward King's road drag is being put to the test and is proving to be the instrument that will make good roads. In an interview with Judge Henry this morning he informed a reporter that he had several of the drags constructed and that they are now in operation on the Gekler Road and on the foothill road between here and Hot Lake. According to Mr. Henry the drag is proving that it is going to be a revelation to men who are dreaming of good roads.

"Please make this point clear," said the judge, "that in the event it rains, the meeting will be held sure, for that is just the kind of weather for using this road drag. If it don't rain we

REGULARS TO INVADE COAL STRIKE ZONE

WILSON THREATENS TO BECOME ACTIVE IN ARRANGING STRIKE PEACE.

APPEAL TO ROCKEFELLER BY FOSTER IS A FAILURE

Militiamen Marching Toward Victorious Miners With Intent to Open Battle—Bloodshed is Sure to Follow—Mine Captured—Chairman Foster Calls on Rockefeller Jr.

Canyon City, April 27.—Two hundred and fifty militiamen under General Chase arrived at 9 o'clock and immediately started for Chadler to give battle to 800 armed miners who took possession of the Victor American Company mine Sunday. Bloodshed is almost certain to mark the meeting. The miners captured the mine after an all-day battle Sunday. Estimates of fatalities ranged from 4 to 54 known dead.

Peace Plans Fail.
Washington, April 27.—President Wilson today sent Chairman Foster of the congressional committee which investigated the Colorado strike, to New York to demand of John D. Rockefeller Jr., immediate action to end the strike. If Rockefeller had complied, which he didn't, federal troops would not have been sent to the coal fields. As it is, there is every indication that regulars will have to be sent to restore peace and keep order.

Nothing is Accomplished.
New York, April 27.—"Nothing accomplished" said Chairman Foster following his interview with Rockefeller. "I am not sure I shall make another attempt at Settlement," added Foster. "There is nothing of immediate promise in the air."

Confederate Memorial Unveiled.

Arlington, Va., April 27.—The handsome \$50,000 memorial monument erected in the Confederate section of Arlington, one of the nation's military burial grounds, today was unveiled and dedicated with solemn and impressive ceremonies. Col. Harvey H. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy in the second Cleveland administration, headed the organization which made the monument possible. Some sections of the monument were brought here from Rome.

Line Repairer Praised.

Chief Line Repairer Fred Harris left for Baker this noon on business connected with the O.W. Harris has the distinction of having saved the wires in the recent fire in North Powder for which officials of the company have commended him.

Martin King Is Back.

Martin King who has been in Alexandria, Nebraska, to attend the funeral of his niece, Miss Agnes Costello, who died recently in Wyoming, returned to resume his work as engineer with the O.W.

will have to drench the road to be experimented on with water tanks, for the drag is primarily a drag for roads when they are muddy. This enables the drag to make the surface smooth so that the water can run off rapidly."