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SKY CLEARING OF WAR CLOUDS SAY MEDIATORS

ONE HOWEVER IS PESSIMISTIC
AND THINKS INTERFER-
ENCE WILL NOT AVAIL.

NO AMERICANS HURT IN LAST THREE DAYS

Funston Lands in Inner Harbor Amid
Loud Cheers of Both Americans and
Mexicans—"Americans Coming to
Safety, one Advantage" Says Bryan
—Huerta Must Resign Says Wilson.

Washington, April 28.—"We can only say that the outlook is hopeful, and that premature publicity might spoil everything," was the extent of the information from the Argentine, Brazilian and Chilean mediators. "The sky is clearing," said Mr. Bryan, "and in the meantime we are getting our people to safety."

It was learned this afternoon that one of the three mediators regards the situation as hopeless, despite other optimistic attitudes. Which one of the three it is could not be learned. The mediators are waiting for a signal. When these have been submitted, they will begin their work of reconciling them. It is admitted that this is likely to prove a most difficult task, owing to the stubbornness of Huerta.

If Mexico can develop a strong man just now, it is admitted something can be done. If this is not done and the entire matter rests with Huerta, he will not accede to the first proposal, namely that he resign.

The President made it clear yesterday that only the absolute abdication of Huerta will be listened to. This is going to be the likeliest point of the whole affair and one that will cause most haggling. The country is in no frame of mind to parry on this point and it is "get out or get thrown out."

Conditions Much Improved.
Washington, April 28.—The Brazilian Minister to Mexico City has informed Secretary Bryan that during the last three days not a single American was slain, and none endangered. Only one was arrested during that time in the capital. One arrest was made in the city of Agua Calientes, but this was made under judicial procedure, with no connection with the outbreak. "I have full assurance," added the minister, "that all foreigners will be allowed to leave the city whenever they please."

More Soldiers Landed.
Vera Cruz, April 28.—The transports carrying Brigadier General Funston and the fifth army brigade have entered the inner harbor. Americans who were on shore naturally cheered. But what is more significant, many Mexicans, to the number of several thousand, cheered as lustily as did the Americans. It was thought that the bluejackets would evacuate the city when the regulars arrived, but the marines are scheduled to remain in the city. Admirals Badger and Fletcher and General Funston held a conference but no intimation of the subjects that were discussed, is given out.

It is understood that only a part of the troops with Funston's brigade will be landed at first.

Fined for Fighting.
Ed Leacy was yesterday afternoon fined \$10 in municipal court for fighting.

THREE AMERICANS WHO WERE THE FIRST TO FALL IN MEXICAN INVASION.



From Left to Right—John Schumacher, of Brooklyn, Geo. Poinsett, of Philadelphia, and Daniel A. Harrerty, of Cambridge.

Skirt Train Mooted Topic

CHECKERS AND CARDS ALSO DI-
VORCE THEMES.

FAMILY TROUBLES ARE BIG

Divorce Proceedings Unique for Range
of Evidence Taken.

Judge Knowles is hearing evidence in the divorce suit of Elbert Hollister vs. Hattie C. Hollister. The grounds are cruel and inhuman treatment. The evidence covers a wide range of subjects—from charges of an ingovernable temper, inability to play cards and checkers, improper insinuations and incriminating remarks, irascible temper at the plaintiff's refusal to eat some of the food cooked for him, to a question of whether his grandmother wore a train on her dress or a sweep skirt. This last question came up relative to an agreement of the suing parties with the grandparents of the plaintiff, according to which they were to live in the house of the latter and bear half the expense and the labor. The defendant complained that she was compelled to do most of the work owing to the long appendage to the dress of the grandmother.

This was the topic for much discussion between the attorney for the plaintiff and the judge. It was up to the judge to either take judicial notice of the two situations and decide whether the appendage constituted a train or a sweep skirt, or take additional testimony to find out. For a time this seemed to be the question at stake, and after much discussion Judge Knowles decided that he could not take judicial notice of such a situation and that therefore other evidence would have to be admitted to clear up the matter.

The plaintiff however, constituted himself an expert in this particular and informed the court that it was not a train but a sweep skirt, that it served to sweep the floors of the house, and that therefore his grandmother was performing her duty, as per contract.

Depositions are to be taken before the judge hands down a decision in the matter, which will delay the outcome for several days.

Strangers Jailed.

L. W. Bickford, giving his address as New York, and John Fitten, claiming to be from Montana, were yesterday evening found guilty by Justice Williams on a charge of being intoxicated while on a mainline train. They were fined \$25 each.

PORTLAND GIRL DIES IN FIRE

PRETTY GIRL OF 15 SUFFOCATED
AFTER FALL.

Other Inmates of Rooming House Es-
cape Without Mishaps.

Portland, April 28.—Apparently stunned by a fall and blinded by smoke, pretty Leone Prueitt, aged 15, suffocated today in a fire that gutted her mother's rooming house. Others escaped without serious inconvenience. The loss was very nominal.

MINSTREL PLANS READY.

Train to Leave Tomorrow Night at
Seven for Stock Show Town.

Everything is in readiness for the Elks minstrel show which is to be given in Union tomorrow night for the benefit of the Union Stock Show to be held early in June. A special train will start from La Grande at 7 p. m. and will return sometime after the dance is over, which follows the performance.

Nearly all of the tickets have been sold and a full house is assured. The girl who succeeds in selling the most tickets for this affair will be the queen of the horse show. Competition was keen and tickets sold like popcorn on the Fourth of July. "Those going should be on hand," say the committeemen, "not later than 7 p. m."

CHILDERS RESTAURANT SOLD.

Two Boise People Take Over Restau-
rant on Depot Street.

L. H. Clark and M. H. Steele of Boise have purchased the Home Restaurant on Depot street owned by Frank Childers. The Boise people intend to continue the policy of employing only white help and said today in interviews that they would spare no means nor pains to make the establishment up-to-date in every way. Both have had much experience in the restaurant business, they say and come to La Grande because they have heard so much favorable comment about La Grande.

The official opening by the new firm will take place tomorrow noon, when they will be prepared to take care of the wants of the patrons of this community.

MINE HORROR DEVELOPS.

Beckly, West Va., April 28.—Two hundred and 34 men are entombed in the New River collier shaft at Eccles, following an explosion this afternoon. It is believed all are dead.

Troop Papers In La Grande

GOVERNOR SENDS PETITIONS
HERE FOR SIGNATURE.

DRILLING TO BE DELAYED

Organization of a Regiment Under
Recruiting Officer Under Way.

Petitions which, when properly filled out, will insure for La Grande a troop of cavalry in case it becomes necessary to send volunteers into Mexico, are now in the hands of Mac Wood, president of the city of La Grande. The petitions were sent here by Governor West and were turned over to the city president by Manager Lafky. They are similar in every respect to those which are now in Pendleton. Men who can ride, and who understand horses, are wanted. Recruiting Officer Busy.

Pendleton, April 28.—For those who want to form a provisional cavalry troop in Pendleton for the purpose of serving in Mexico if called there is an opportunity now open. Such a troop is being formed here under the guidance of O. O. Koepfel, who arrived here yesterday from Portland for the purpose.

Mr. Koepfel is a man with a creditable and extensive military experience. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and was cadet major during his college days afterwards serving as commandant there. During the Spanish war he was a second lieutenant of an Ohio regiment and served in Porto Rico, taking part in the capture of Guyama. He was in command of his company much of the time in Porto Rico and served as military governor of the district of Barros under the peace protocol. After the war he commanded a national guard company in Ohio and moved to Oregon in 1909. Mr. Koepfel has been engaged in work where he has investigated mortgage securities.

Coming here last evening Captain Koepfel declared he was working in connection with Lieut. Hennessey of O. A. C. and with Captain Tibbitts of Portland. He came up to get a line on the situation. He said he did not want to try to form a troop here if some local man expected to do so, but was assured no active steps were being taken here and was encouraged to go ahead.

C. K. Cranston, a veteran of the Oregon national guard, is thinking of joining the troop also as first lieutenant under Captain Koepfel. During the next three nights the two men will be at the Commercial club rooms

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF MINES WANTED

BILL TO CONDEMN ROCKEFEL-
LER HOLDINGS INTRODUCED
IN LOWER HOUSE.

PURPORTED TO BE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY TO ACT

Clashes Taken Place in a Dozen Dif-
ferent Localities of the Strike Zone
Today — Machine and Rifle Fire
Used by Militiamen to Dislodge
Strikers—Number of Slain Big.

Washington, April 28.—Following a prolonged conference with Secretary of War Garrison, the President has ordered six troops of the United States cavalry of Fort Russell, Wyo., into the Colorado strike zone to restore order. At the time of the troops arrival, a proclamation will be published calling on all disturbers to law down their arms and go home. It will be, in effect, a reading of a riot act.

Washington, April 28.—Government ownership and operation of Rockefeller's Colorado mine is proposed in a bill that has been introduced in the House by Congressman Bryan of Washington. The measure declares that the President as chief of the army, shall use the federal troops to restore order in the Colorado coal field strike and enforce respect for law. It authorizes the attorney general to begin condemnation proceedings to obtain the stock of the mines held by Rockefeller and his son, together with such other stock as will give the federal government full control.

Fighting Going On.
Trinidad, April 28.—Armed clashes between striking miners and militiamen are taking place in a dozen towns in Colorado. Seven national guardsmen have been reported killed yesterday at the McNally mine near Walsenburg, and today 200 militiamen are sweeping down on the strikers with a fierce rifle and machine gun fire, and a number of them have fallen, according to reports.

The number of today's slain is said to be three guards and five strikers, but this report has not been verified. The battle at the Hecla mine is still on, but owing to the fact that the wires are down no report has come from there this morning.

No details of this battle have been received by anybody, but it is certain that 200 miners have attacked the stockade, and that it is being defended by Sheriff Buster and a score of guards.

The troops will not work under the instructions of the state authorities, but directly under instructions coming from the secretary of war.

It is charged that many deputies and the militia commander are in the employ of the operators.

from 8 o'clock until 10 and will discuss the matter with any one interested. Captain Koepfel is also taking steps to get into touch with buckaroos and others from this section of Eastern Oregon. He wants from 150 to 200 men to list themselves ready for service if needed. No drills will be held or any formal enlistment gone through with unless a call comes. So no one will need give up any position or lose any time through joining the troop.

CONVENTIONS BRINGING 250 TO LA GRANDE

TWIN-STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONVENTION CONVENES
TOMORROW NIGHT.

TWO OTHERS TO FOL- LOW MAIN GATHERING

Men and Women of National Rep-
utation Will Participate in the
Three Gatherings to Be Held in
La Grande—Alexander Will Come
Thursday—Program for First 24

COMING CONVENTIONS IN EPITOME.

Twin-state Sunday School convention, embracing all Oregon east of Cascades. Prospective attendance, 150. April 29 to May 1. Boys' convention, embracing same district, meets May 2-3. Prospective attendance 50. Girls' conference, embracing same territory, meets May 1 and 2. Prospective attendance 50. Total expected attendance 250.

La Grande, from tomorrow night to Sunday will be the mecca of several hundred Eastern Oregon people, convened to transact the business of the annual twin-state Sunday School convention, and to listen to addresses on that work by men and women who have national reputations for efficiency. Tomorrow night the Sunday School convention takes up. The western half of the state has been in session in Albany this week, and many of the best speakers from there will attend this one. Dr. H. L. Boardman of Walla Walla will be the principal speaker Wednesday night but on Thursday the famous John L. Alexander of Chicago will be here. The Methodist church will be the location edifice for the main convention, the Presbyterian church will be headquarters for the girls' conference with Mrs. C. H. Upton as the chairman, and J. D. Rudd as chairman of arrangements for the boys conference Robert Eakin of the law firm Crawford & Eakin is general chairman. The boys will have headquarters in the Baptist church.

Appended is the Sunday school convention program up to and including Thursday night. The Friday sessions will be detailed tomorrow.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Registration session at church.
4:30 Registration and assignment of delegates, committee at the church shake hands and get acquainted.
7:30 Opening song service, conducted by Jesse M. Jones, convention leader.

8:00 We Welcome you in Behalf of the City, Prof. John Girdler, La Grande. For the churches, Rev. Edwin B. Fyke, D. D., La Grande. We thank you, Mr. A. L. James, State Vice-President, Baker. Special music.
8:40 Address, "The Sunday School and Citizenship," Dr. H. L. Boardman, Walla Walla.
Offering, Announcements, Benediction.

Thursday Morning, April 30.
School of methods, (three sections).
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