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PROTECTION IS DEMANDED BY OIL MAGNATES

OPERATION OF WELLS AT TAM-PICO IS INTERFERED WITH

DEMAND IS MADE OF SECRETARY BRYAN

Huerta Has Given Orders That No Vessel Be Allowed to Clear from Mazatlan—This Is Taken to Mean That Trade Relations Are to Be Stopped at Once.

Washington, May 8.—Despite official denials, it is learned that Admiral Mayo has asked through Admiral Badger, that United States troops occupy oil territory about Tampico. It is stated he wanted them for the purpose of protection.

Daniels has submitted a report of the situation to the cabinet. The diplomats heard today that two of the wells had been burned yesterday and that others are threatened.

A delegation of oil men, with properties in Tampico, called on Secretary Bryan and demanded protection. The Mexicans, it is stated, threatened both Englishmen and Americans, who wanted to resume work on the oil fields. It is not hinted what action the state department is going to take relative to this matter, but it is common belief that neither Bryan nor Wilson favors protection of the oil men.

Huerta Denies Clearance.
Admiral Howard has reported to the navy department, that Huerta has ordered that no American vessel be permitted to clear from Mazatlan. The message is dated yesterday. The message also stated that General Obregon the rebel commander, had agreed to the establishment of a neutral zone in Mazatlan. He promised to protect noncombatants and foreigners.

The message declared that Many Americans on the inside of the rebel lines did not care to leave. Mexican vessels are likewise forbidden to clear from American ports. The order indicates that Huerta wishes all trade between Mexico and the United States stopped.

VERA CRUZ VICTIMS COMING.

Bodies of Bluejackets and Marines to Be Brought to New York.

Washington, May 8.—Daniels planned to sail at midnight tonight on the Mayflower, to join the cruiser Montana, carrying bodies of bluejackets and marines who were killed during

HUERTA THREATENS TO SEVER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, May 8.—The threat of Huerta to withdraw from the mediation proposals and the recommendation of Admiral Mayo that troops be landed at Tampico to guard oil property, has brought about a crisis in the Mexican affair. Huerta's note took the form of a protest against the

Three Year Old Boy Runaway

MAIL CARRIER'S HORSE GALLOPS DOWN JEFFERSON.

NEIGHBORS ARE BREATHLESS

Accident Averted When City Employee Halts Speeding Steed.

What might be termed a remarkable incident took place yesterday afternoon when the horse of David Stoddard, hitched to the mail cart, which he uses on his route, ran down the Island City road into town with the three year old son Carl, holding on.

Mr. Stoddard had driven into the yard and stepped into the barn for an instant, when the little fellow got on the cart, took hold of the lines, and started out through the gate at a trot. The horse followed the daily route of Mr. Stoddard and proceeded to town. Mr. Stoddard, on coming out of the barn, noticed the horse gone and immediately went to the road to discover what had become of it. He saw to his amazement the horse going down the street at a stiff trot. He started out to overtake it, but the horse would gallop and kept well in front.

Mr. Bridges was just then coming from his farm in the country and people on the road stood in the doorway and indicated by signs that something had gone wrong. Upon learning that a horse was running away with a small boy riding behind it, and holding on for dear life, he speeded his auto to its full limit in an effort to head off the galloping animal.

When the horse had gotten near the Frank Phy home on Jefferson Ave., and Mr. M. Foster, an employe of the city heard the screams of Mr. Stoddard, he ran into the path of the speeding horse, caught it by the bridle and brought it to a stop.

The little fellow had not let go his hold, and lucky for him that he did not, for the speed at which the horse was going would have thrown him violently to the ground and caused him to suffer severe injuries. Nothing was broken and the horse had sustained no injuries. It was in all respects a fortunate happening.

the occupation of Vera Cruz. The Montana is off the capes of Virginia and is expected to reach New York Sunday afternoon. She has a convoy of the battleships Wyoming and Tennessee.

LEAGUE BEGINS SUNDAY.

La Grande, Elgin, Cove and Imbler Teams to Play.

Beginning the season in dead earnest Sunday, Elgin and La Grande ball team will meet at La Grande and Cove and Imbler teams will meet at Cove in the first contest of this season's schedule. Manager McCormick

discretionary authority given to General Funston, to advance the American lines beyond Vera Cruz to the water works. The dictator averred that this amounted to a violation of the terms of the armistice. He practically intimidated the mediators, that he might break off the negotiations, if the protest is not regarded

THREE SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS WHO WILL MEDIATE IN WAR



DON DOMICIO
AMBASSADOR OF BRAZIL.

These are the representatives in the United States of the "A. B. C." powers of South America—Argentina, Brazil and Chili. They will act as the mediators between the United States and Mexico in an attempt to settle the war. One great difficulty to be faced by the three is the fact that their governments have not recognized Huerta as president of Mexico, and thus their dealings with him must be through other governments which have recognized him. However, the fact that they are the most powerful South American nations is expected to make Huerta pay more attention to them than he would to Europeans.

DON RENULO
MINISTER OF ARGENTINE.

The meetings will be held in Niagara, Canada, at which representatives of Huerta and the United States will be present. Carranza has not joined the move and will not be represented. The latter is of the opinion that before the mediators have gotten fairly started on their work by the 15th of this month, he will be in possession of Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, and Tampico, three of the principal garrisons forming protecting points outside of Mexico City. While the refusal of Carranza has not stopped or impeded the work of the South American mediators, it has necessarily restricted it.

asserts that the colts are in fine form and, the Elgin manager voices the same expression about his bunch. The La Grande game will be played in the fair grounds at the usual hour and a large attendance is anticipated.

100 POUND LIMIT OPPOSED.

Portland Chamber of Commerce Is Not in Favor of Increase.

Portland, May 8.—Taking the position that such an increase would be a virtual confiscation of the express companies business, the trustees of the Portland chamber of commerce has unanimously voted to oppose the bill pending in Congress, to increase the parcel post weight limit to 100 pounds.

APPLE CROP HEAVY.

Olympia, Wash., May 8.—Promise of heavy, and in many instances, record breaking apple crops in Eastern Washington, are made by Assistant Commissioner Morrison, in charge of the horticultural division of the state department of agriculture.

MINISTER REPORTED DEAD.

Moheno Said to Have Disappeared When Resignation Was Refused.
Vera Cruz, May 8.—Refugees from Mexico City said there was a rumor of the death of Senor Quirodo Moheno, minister of commerce and industry. Some reports had it that he had committed suicide, when Huerta had refused to accept his resignation. Others said he died of an unknown cause, and was quickly buried. None of the rumors have been confirmed.

CITY FINANCES ARE IMPROVING

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY CITY MANAGER.

Dog Licenses Have Increased in Number and Many Dogs Shot.

The city manager's report for the week ending May second, shows routine business, and a steady, healthy growth of the city's finances. Following is the report in full:

The treasurer collected \$411.05 street assessments and interest, \$289.25 water rents and \$30.00 license fees. Received April turnover from the recorder amounting to \$1,128.64 and \$17,000.00 from the manager in full settlement with ex-treasurer, Ray W. Logan. Paid warrants and interest thereon in the sum of \$5,198.53 and paid interest on Imp. Bonds to the amount of \$439.84.

The engineer established grades on X, Y and M Avenues, assisted in surveying Y. M. C. A. lots. Drew preliminary plans for O Ave., retaining wall, set grade and line for walk and retaining wall on Main Ave. Inspected Jefferson Ave., pavement and the repairs necessary owing to moving the warehouse over it. Worked on the preliminary assessment of the new sewer district north of the railroad shops.

The fire department had one call to a brush pile at the west end of "M" Ave., 12 men out. Will need a

long ladder and some way to handling it.

The recorder collected \$34.86, sewer assessment and \$4.15 interest on it. Fines were \$25.34 including \$15.34 realized out of Sommers assignment of wages on a \$25.00 fine. Forfeitures \$20.00 and \$1.50 for feeding county prisoners, \$2.50 for 5 building permits, \$8.35 for Septic tank farm. Issued one dray license and one picture show license, made turnover of \$1,128.64 to City Treasurer for month of April.

The Water Department spent \$25.88 repairing and cleaning meters, \$2.87 reading meters and \$5.75 on taps.

The police made 14 arrests, fines and forfeitures \$45.34 and \$1.50 collected for feeding county prisoners. In the above was Sommers' fine of \$15.34.

The pound master has killed quite a few dogs, licenses for dogs 147. The street superintendent spent \$79.57 cleaning streets and \$72.25 for grading up 36 blocks of dirt streets not counting the foreman's time.

The ex-treasurer paid the city \$17,000.00 in full of all claims of the city.

The city manager has completed the task of sorting the ordinances and making an index of same.

Class Choses Speakers.

Students who will graduate from the La Grande High School met last evening and selected Walter M. Pierce to deliver the commencement address and Rev. Drahn to preach the Baccalaureate sermon.

Returned from Wallowa.

Harry Bartmess returned yesterday from Wallowa, where he has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson.

"FOR ONE OR TEN YEARS" IS MINE UNION SLOGAN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTES NOT TO CALL STRIKE

"REMAIN AT WORK" IS OFFICERS EDICT

Plan Is Conditioned Upon Federal Government Properly Protecting Miners—In Event This Is Not Done, Miners Will Change Tactics—Fight Is to End, If Need Be.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 8.—In a statement caused to be given out by the executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America, it is announced that there will be no strike involving half a million men or all the men in the United States, in sympathy with the miners strike and trouble in Colorado.

The committee decided that it would be better for the men in other states to remain at work, in order to finance the Colorado fight, for one or ten years." The statement added, "if we don't receive proper protection from the federal government, this policy might be changed to meet the exigencies of the situation."

Labor men are convinced this is going to be a fight to death with capital and unless they get a fair show from the federal government, they will lose out.

Must Surrender Arms.

Trinidad, May 8.—A proclamation ordering everyone not connected with the regular army, to surrender their firearms between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. tomorrow, was this morning issued by Colonel Lockett. The order applies to individuals, firms, dealers, corporations and associations.

Aged Pioneer Dies.

Mary A. Prescott, aged 67, died last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August P. Nelson, 1707 Walnut street. Mrs. Prescott was a pioneer resident and saw many of the changes that have come about since her coming to this valley. Her loss is mourned by the following children: Austin F. Prescott, an enlisted man in the U. S. army, stationed at Texas City, Texas; Sherburn N. Prescott, of Weiser Idaho; Mrs. Ella Oliver, Cedar Edge, Colorado; Frederick L. Prescott, of Grant county, Oregon and Mrs. Jessie P. Nelson, of La Grande. Two children have preceded her to the great beyond.

McAdoo On Wedding Trip.

Washington, May 8.—McAdoo and his bride are thought to have gone to some point in Massachusetts, or to the bridegrooms summer home on the Hudson. He was last accounted for in College Park, Maryland, where he took the President's private car for the north.

Road Drag Tried Out.

Members of the commercial club this afternoon tried out the King road drag on Gekeler lane. The road is said to be in tip top condition for the drag and good results are anticipated. Active work is under consideration for the future.