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MEXICANS TURN DOWN ALL MEN SUGGESTED

AMERICAN ENVOYS MEET WITH DISAPPROVAL.

BRYAN STILL BELIEVES CHOICE WILL BE MADE

Niagara Falls Meeting is Drawn Out and Lagging Because Representatives of Mexico Will Not Agree to Support any Man Suggested for Provisional President.

Washington, June 15.—The mediators and envoys in session at Niagara Falls are having a hard time to find a man for provisional president of Mexico. It is learned through administration sources that no agreement to a successor for Huerta is in sight and apparently the conference is up against an obstacle that promises to be difficult to move.

Every man suggested by the American envoys for the head of the Mexican republic to displace Huerta has been promptly turned down by the Mexicans in session.

Secretary Bryan today expressed his confidence that a choice would ultimately be made.

Cleveland Studies "Big Sister Movement."

Cleveland, June 15.—A "Big Sister Movement," to help solve the social workaday problems of Cleveland girls in the ranks of the employed took its initial step today when Miss Alice Douglas, minimum worker, left here for Chicago to study conditions there under Miss Marie Lawrence, Chicago's original "Big Sister."

Later Miss Douglas will return to Cleveland and put the movement in full headway. In addition, Miss Douglas, aided by other prominent social workers, will seek to have every city adopt some plan to aid the working girl.

The movement will embrace clubs and other places to attract girls of the department stores and factories who now frequent public dance halls where they are always confronted with attendant dangers.

Work Is Begun Today on McKinley Memorial.

Niles, O., June 15.—Work was to begin today on the construction of a \$200,000 memorial for the late President McKinley on the site of his birthplace here.

The building will contain an auditorium seating 1,000 people, a public library, a McKinley relic room, an assembly room for war veterans and quarters for public officials. The money was provided by popular subscription.

Printing Pressmen Are in Session.

Rogersville, Tenn., June 15.—Resolutions approving the House of Representatives in exempting labor unions from prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust act, were expected to be presented here today when the annual convention of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America opened.

Spanish War Veterans Hold Annual Reunion.

St. Louis, June 15.—More than usual interest was manifested today in the opening here of the four-day encampment of the Spanish-American War veterans of Missouri, because of the Mexican situation.

Features of the encampment will be a military parade of 56,000 men tomorrow evening and a military ball Wednesday evening. The Military Order of the Serpent will also hold a small convention.

Insurance is Disputed.

An interesting case is in the process of argument in the circuit court in which Geo. Curry seeks to recover certain funds alleged due him from John Simpson on a contract made when the latter bought a two-acre tract from the Curry real estate firm.

When the deal was made, the defendant in the case, agreed to build on the land a house to cost not less than \$500 and insure it in the name of Mr. Curry. The house was built but, instead of taking out the insurance in the name of Mr. Curry, Mr. Simpson took it out in his own name it is said. The house burned down and the insurance company made settlement through the La Grande Investment company, local agents, and Mr. Curry sues to recover \$500 as per contract.

An attachment was issued by Eugene Ashwell representing Mr. Curry and John S. Hodgkin, for the defendant seeks to dissolve the attachment on the ground that the plaintiff has brought the wrong kind of action and that service of process was not according to law.

The case presents some of the intricacies of the law of procedure and may be a long drawn out affair.

BLOODIEST OF PRESENT SIEGE

REBELS LOSE HEAVILY IN BATTLE LAST NIGHT.

Federal Defenders on Alert and Used Machine Gun Effectively.

Mazatlan, June 14.—(By Wireless)—The rebels again attacked Mazatlan last night and were repulsed in the bitterest conflict of the present siege. The Federal defenders were alert and as soon as the enemy got into action mercilessly mowed them down with a rain of fire from the rapid machine guns. While the rebel loss is not known it is believed to have been very heavy.

Saved From Gallows Man Is on Trial.

Denver, June 15.—Saved from death when he was in the shadow of the gallows, Oscar Cook, once convicted of murdering Patrolman William McPherson in a saloon at Valverde, a suburb of Denver, today was to go to trial for a second time in the criminal court.

After waiting a year and a half for death in the county jail here, Cook was saved by the Supreme court of the state recently when the verdict of guilty was set aside on technical grounds.

On March 10, 1912, Cook and Edward L. Siewald were alleged to have entered the saloon of A. J. Loyd, in Valverde, intending to hold the place up. Loyd resisted and was shot down. McPherson was also slain when he rushed to the assistance of the saloonist. Several prisoners in the county jail and the state penitentiary have been contributing what funds they could raise to the defense of Cook.

Prince of Wales Lays Cornerstone.

London, June 15.—Cornerstone laying being one of the principal duties of English royalty, the Prince of Wales made his debut in this capacity today.

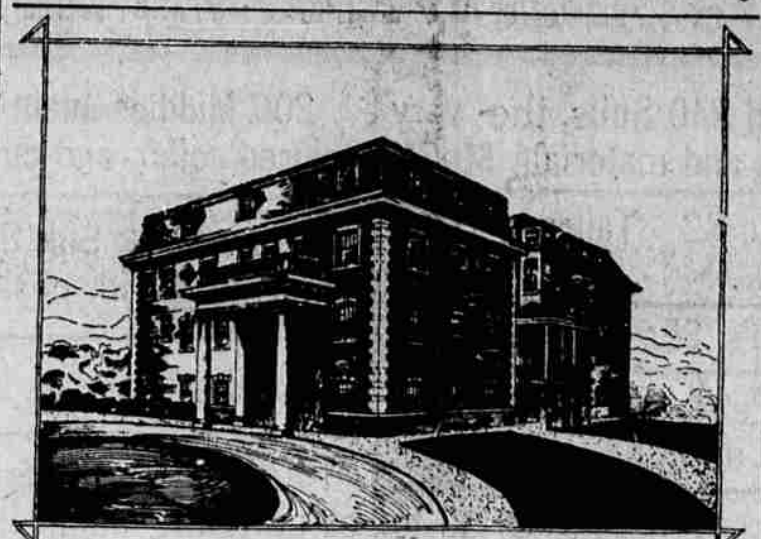
With the usual solemn formalities he put in place the foundation of St. Anselm's Church, Kennington Cross. It was the first time Prince of Wales had played the leading part in any public function. He and his father had each contributed \$5,000 toward the building fund of the church.

British Parliament Reconvenes.

London, June 15.—After a recess since May 25th, when the Home Rule bill passes the House of Commons, Parliament today reconvened. The Home Rule bill is now in the House of Lords where it is not expected to be given its second reading before June 22nd.

There was today little doubt that the Lords would adhere to their determination not to pass the bill despite the fact that it will automatically become a law even though the Lords turn it down.

Big Hospital Annex To Be Built As Soon As Excavation Is Ready



The Grande Ronde Hospital as it will look when annex is finished.

Excavation work is under way for the new \$15,000 annex to the Grande Ronde hospital in this city. The addition is to face south and will be 68 feet and eight inches one way and 37 feet four inches the other.

The first floor is to have five rooms, a doctor's room, a reception room, a dispensary and office and four private rooms.

The second floor will contain one large ward, three private rooms with baths, a matron's room, toilet, linen rooms and closets.

The operating room for minor surgical cases will be on the third floor. In addition it will have three private rooms with baths, a large ward, closets, toilets and linen rooms. The fourth floor will be taken up

with the nurses rooms, a commodious sleeping porch, closets and linen chests.

The structure is to be of brick concrete and will correspond to the old portion of the building. It will contain a new electric elevator of the latest type, and will be in all respects model and complete. It is scheduled to be finished by the first of September. G. H. Rush has the contract.

These additions in facilities have been made necessary by the rapidly growing patronage of the local institution, its field being not confined to Union and Wallawa counties alone but to all Eastern Oregon.

Contractor Rush will commence construction of the annex the day that the excavation is completed.

RACE COMMANDS MUCH INTEREST

BOOSTERS FIND TOWNS ARE GREATLY INTERESTED.

One Piece of the Course Has Not Been Finally Selected.

Annual motorcycle race boosters yesterday spread publicity for the big meet which takes place here next Saturday and Sunday, in a long trip that took them to Hot Lake, Union, Telocaset, North Powder, Haines, Wingville and Baker. At Union, North Powder, Haines and also at Baker they found a great deal of enthusiasm prevalent and riders are coming from each of these places. At every town hundreds will watch the progress of the race. Baker is sending a big delegation of riders and also a big delegation of spectators.

Barring too much rain this week, the course will be in excellent shape. There will be practically no dust a week hence, and the course, so far as chosen, presents no bad pieces of road—at least won't when the present roughness occasioned by the recent rains, is worn down. The only undecided piece of the course is from La Grande to Union. There are three possible routes, to be selected later. The foothill, Hempe and Phyl's Point courses are subject to use by the drivers. Tracy Hollister, last year's winner, rode over the course on an Indian yesterday and has the situation well in hand for this year's race. Other motorcycle drivers who rode to Baker on their machines yesterday included Slagle, Vehrs and Bullis.

RESERVE BOARD MEMBERS NAMED

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson today sent the following nominations of members of the Federal Reserve Bank Board to the Senate:

Charles Hamlin, now assistant secretary of treasury, for two year term; Paul Warburg of New York, for four year term; Thomas Jones, of Chicago, for six year term; W. G. Harding, of Birmingham, Ala., for eight

DEATH ENDS A LONG ILLNESS

FORMER LA GRANDE BOY DIES AT BAKER.

Iver Johnson Lives for a Year With Broken Neck.

After being unable to move more than his throat muscles for nearly a year, and bed-ridden more than a year, Iver Johnson, formerly a La Grande boy, died at Baker Saturday evening. A year ago June 9, Mr. Johnson was hurt in the natorium at Baker, physicians saying his neck was broken. He lived in a state of paralysis for months, but was able to talk much of the time. As his illness progressed he grew weaker, and gradually wasted away. A month ago he was seized with complete paralysis—he could open his mouth, and that was all. His constant confinement to his bed created bed sores, and at the time of his death he had little skin on his body except that which was on his face.

Johnson will be remembered as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson who lived in North La Grande for a number of years, and less than two years ago moved to Baker. The deceased and his brother worked at the Palmer mill and were members of the Palmer baseball team. Johnson was 19 years old. He was a brother of Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp of this city. Several young men from La Grande went to Baker today to attend the funeral of their former chum which is to be held at 4 o'clock today.

RANCHER BUILDS FINE HOME.

William Condit is Completing Seven Room Residence on Ranch.

The finishing touches are being added to the new home of William Condit, who lives up the Grande Ronde river, and in a few days the Condit will be "at home" to their numerous friends in a handsome seven room residence fitted with all the modern conveniences. Mr. Condit owns one of the best ranches in the upper country.

Politician Visits La Grande.

W. A. Williams, a politician of state size who never runs for office and has no political ambitions other than to make a Fourth of July speech to accommodate his friends occasionally, spent yesterday in La Grande. He was on his way home to Portland from his ranch in Wallawa county. "I have no dope sheet this year, said Mr. Williams, "I am going to vote for Republican candidates as usual but aside from that the game is too complicated for me to make a guess. I have just returned from Wallawa county where my farm looks good and the crops are dandy." Mr. Williams observed Flag Day with the Elks yesterday.

GOVERNOR TAKES HOLD AT BUTTE

BAD CONDITION PREVAILS IN THE MINING CITY.

Firearms and Liquor Put Under Ban While Trouble Is Brewing.

Butte, June 15.—Governor Stewart and Attorney General Kelly arrived early today and will take personal charge of the strike situation. This became necessary following the riots of Saturday between factions of the Miners' Union. Conditions are some quieter today but situation is still regarded as critical. Up to noon the governor had not called out the militia, but he said he was holding the troops in readiness. All saloons remain closed and hardware stores have been warned not to sell firearms or ammunition. Work in the mines is partly resumed.

Balloon Still Unheard From.

Portland, June 15.—The balloon, Springfield, with Roy Donaldson as pilot and Wilbur Henderson as aide, are unheard from this afternoon. The gravest fears for safety of the men is felt. A searching expedition leaves Portland this afternoon. Probably a half dozen automobile loads of men will take the trip, among whom will be a number of experienced mountain travelers. They will go to Bull Run, thence up Sandy river canyon in an effort to discover their whereabouts.

Governor Goes on Vacation.

Salem, June 15.—Governor Oswald West left this afternoon for a week's vacation. He will fill a number of lecture engagements on prison reform.

Benson Gains Ten More Votes.

Salem, June 15.—The county clerk of Clackamas county has advised that an error in the primary count in that county gives Benson ten more votes in the supreme judge contest. With this added to Benson McNary only leads by two votes. Official recheck of tally sheets of all counties is to be made.

Butcher Evans Wedding.

Saturday afternoon, June 13th, the wedding of Ralph W. Butcher and Minnie J. Evans occurred at the Baptist church, Rev. R. E. Close, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who are well known farmers in the Iowa district of the Grande Ronde valley. The groom is a mechanic who also resides in the same district.

The newlyweds will make their home in the valley.

WILSON SIGNS TOLLS BILL AT 11 A. M. TODAY

LONG FIGHT OVER THE PANAMA CANAL IS NOW ENDED.

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE IS AFFIXED BY PRESIDENT

Two Factions of Democratic Party Now a Certainty — Opposition to Tolls Bill Never Has Given in — President Begins Troublesome Part of His Administration.

Washington, June 15.—Promptly at 11 o'clock President Woodrow Wilson signed the Canal Tolls bill.

This brings to an end the long controversy which has wrought considerable dissension throughout the country and which, it is believed by many, starts the present administration on its most troublesome portion yet experienced.

The Democratic minority in Congress never gracefully gave up the fight against this bill and it is looked upon here as a presidential measure that was forced through by the chief executive with the aid of several Republicans.

President Makes Charges.

Washington, June 15.—A sensation rivaling the one which followed President Wilson's charge of existence of an "insidious lobby" in Congress was precipitated today when the chief executive himself charged that a combination of business interests is behind the agitation to compel Congress to adjourn without enacting any legislation regarding the trusts.

Declaring that to delay anti-trust legislation for several months would be keeping the country in the mean time in a state of uncertainty which would be the worst possible thing for national business interests, the President announced emphatically that he would not consent to Representative Underwood's plan for immediate adjournment of Congress until after consideration of the anti-trust program. So far as business is concerned, the President told the correspondents, that there is abundant evidence present to show that the so-called business depression is a manufactured hope used in compelling delay. He made the plain and open charge that a combination of business interests are behind such an effort but assured those present that the effort was doomed to defeat. "Business really," said the President, "is in a perfectly healthy condition. There is much unnecessary delay in disposing of the canal tolls repeal bill." He is convinced that not the least part of the delay is due to the desire to tie up the anti-trust legislation which he intends to insist shall be put through as planned.

Colonel Talks Home Rule.

London, June 15.—Colonel Roosevelt lunched with Foreign Secretary Grey today. A few prominent English Liberals were also guests at the luncheon. It is reported that Irish Home Rule was the principal topic discussed by the colonel.

TRIAL JURY SITS.

Statutory Charge Up for Trial Before Circuit Court Today.

Trial jurors were called to duty today and a state case against Geo. Powell, on a statutory charge, is up for consideration. A jury will be selected this afternoon some time it is expected.