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ENGINEERS' RUN CHANGES NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST ENGINES, AT LEAST, WILL RUN THROUGH TO HUNTINGTON.

MUCH INDECISION IN PROPOSITION APPARENT

First Engine to Go Through Will Be On. on No. 4 Leaving Portland Saturday Evening—Families Remain Here Until Final Decision Is Reached—Conference on This Week.

Number 4, leaving Portland tomorrow evening, will be the first train to be operated with Pilot Rock Junction as the new passenger engine terminal instead of La Grande. Such, at least, is the program now. The order effects some half score engineers, but what the final disposition will be of the matter is today unknown. In fact there are numerous details that will be worked out tomorrow.

It is generally understood that no final agreement has been reached between engineers and the officials. It is practically certain however, that for a few days, more especially Sunday, the engineers will receive their engines at Pilot Rock and run through La Grande to Huntington and back to Pilot Rock Junction.

Neither side has definite announcements to make in the matter, and it is not likely that any will be made until some time next week. None of the engineers have moved to Pilot Rock Junction however. Prolonged conferences have been under way between engineers and higher officials for several days. The committee from local engineers, is still in Portland.

RIDDELL CASE LAST.

Third of Famous Group of Alleged Swindlers Now on Trial.

Concerning the H. H. Riddell case which is now on trial in Portland, and to which several La Grande men have been called as witnesses, the Elgin Recorder recites:

Deputy U. S. Marshal Fuller was in Elgin two days this week summoning witnesses to be on hand at the opening of the trial. Among those served with subpoenas were O. E. Ryder, W. A. Hackett, F. E. Smith, C. P. Gannett, Jack Wisdom, Nathan Parks and Frank Fine. All will depart on this evening's train except F. E. Smith, who owing to business pressure will be notified when wanted.

Readers of The Recorder will remember that Messrs. Conway and Richet, members of the company, were tried and convicted two years ago last November. At that time it was known that Riddell would be brought to trial but the case was not set until a few days ago. Riddell served as attorney for the company.

While Elgin has derived much publicity from the affair, Elgin lands are not directly in question. The Oregon Inland Development Co., purchased various tracts of lands throughout the state known as the Veason lands. Later it developed to the officials of the company that the Veason lands were not what had been represented. Part of these lands had been sold to other parties without either the officials of the company or their clients having seen the same. Later, several of the buyers visited the holdings and discovered they had been bilked. Officers of the Oregon Inland Development Co. then acquired title to various tracts of land in the vicinity of Elgin with which to make good their original representations through the U. S. mills. Veason had died and no recourse could be obtained through that source. But before the officials of the O. I. D. Co. could right conditions they were arrested, with the result as above stated.

Boy Ward of State is Sentenced.

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 13.—Fredrick Brown, an escaped inmate from the state training school, who was recently arrested in Seattle for the burglary of the Berman clothing store and two other stores in this city, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the Lewis county superior court yesterday, and was sentenced by Judge Rice to a term of from three to fifteen years in the state reformatory.

County Chamber of Commerce.

Tillamook, Ore., Jan. 13.—At a meeting of business men at the courthouse Tuesday night it was decided to form a Tillamook Chamber of Commerce, a county organization, to promote the interests of this section of Oregon. The new organization will absorb the Tillamook Commercial club. The permanent organization will be formed Monday, January 24.

TEXANS ORGANIZE FORCE TO AVENGE MASSACRES

While Congress Debates, Martial Law Prevails in El Paso--Situation Critical

Washington, Jan. 14.—Declaring for Mexican intervention, Senator Works, of California has introduced a resolution holding that responsibility for American action in Mexico rests on congress and not on the President. Acrimonious debate on the "watchful waiting" policy followed. The British embassy is preparing to ask the state department for information of the administration's intentions of action in Mexico. Mexico City has reported a British subject was killed recently at Chihuahua and strikers elsewhere are damaging British property.

COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR SCHOOL

LOCAL PEOPLE WILL ASSIST O. A. C. DIRECTORS.

Eastern Oregon Men and Women Banded to Make Week Big Success.

The Eastern Oregon Farmers' and Home-Makers' Conference week is taking shape rapidly. Yesterday was a busy day with conference meetings of country and towns-people who will have to bear the burden of the work in making this a success. A number of committees were appointed and work has begun in earnest. The executive committee includes all chairmen of other committees.

Executive Committee—Prof. R. D. Hetzel, director; Fred Currey, secretary of the Commercial club; C. D. Huffman, master of Pomona grange; E. S. Norris, county president of Farmers' Unions; Mrs. Geo. Gilbert, president of Neighborhood club; Mrs. Fred Schilke, Mrs. F. M. Lowe, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, vice-presidents of Eastern Oregon Parent Teachers' association; Mrs. H. S. Brownton, Parent Teachers' committee; Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Parent Teachers committee; Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Eugenic committee; Geo. Young, Transportation

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DEATH FROM PARALYSIS.

Thos. Mason Aged 74 and Resident of Elgin is Dead.

Thomas Mason, who was nearing his 74th year and had been a resident of Elgin for the past eight years, died at the family residence west of Elgin Sunday evening as a result of paralysis, says the Recorder. Deceased suffered a stroke about 16 months ago from which he partly recovered, but lasted only a few days after the second stroke.

The funeral services were conducted at 10:30 Tuesday at the residence by Elder G. E. Mayfield and the remains were interred in the city cemetery.

Thomas Mason was a native of England, having been born in Bron-ton, Yorkshire, February 4th, 1842, and was therefore 73 years, 11 months and 5 days old at the time of his demise. He came to America in July, 1867 and became a naturalized citizen in 1869, while residing in Wisconsin.

In the fall of 1869 he moved to Iowa, in which state he was married to Miss Margaret A. Montague, June 21, 1873. To this union were born seven children, two of whom preceded him to the grave in his infancy. The five who survive him are Samuel, Mary F. Clark, George M., and Edward T., of Elgin, who were present at the time of his death and Frank of Hudson, Kas.

Old School Celebrates.

Bloomington, Ind., Jan. 14.—The 96th anniversary of the founding of Indiana University will be observed by alumni and former students here today. January 20th is celebrated as Foundation Day.

STORK INTERCEPTED.

Caused Postponement of Sentence of Embezzling Postmaster.

Portland, Jan. 14.—Judge Wolverton in the federal court today postponed until July 3rd the sentence of Lloyd Hyatt, former postmaster at Telocasset. Hyatt entered a plea of guilty to embezzling and the stork intervened in the passing of sentence, the defendant having received a telegram announcing the birth of a child in the family.

Hyatt confessed to having embezzled between \$1500 and \$1700 during the time he had charge of the Telocasset postoffice from April 1910 to August 1914.

He is said to have been over-ambitious to boom the town of Telocasset and he used the funds entrusted to him to carry a number of town lots, as well as to give credit to home-owners who traded at his store. Hyatt was indicted by the grand jury in December, 1914, and upon his having made a plea of not guilty, his trial had been set for today.

HUERTA'S BODY HELD PRISONER BY UNCLE SAM

FAMILY SURROUNDS CORPSE OF DEAD EX-MEXICAN GENERAL-DICTATOR.

CAREER STORMY YET OF ADVANCED TYPE

Long Service in His Country Marked by Much Bloodshed—Lived Under Several Regimes in Mexico, and of Late Months Has Been a Prisoner in America Under Indictment.

El Paso, Jan. 14.—His corpse virtually a prisoner, of the United States, General Huerta lies dead today, surrounded by his family. Death came at 8:30 last night.

General Victoriano Huerta, who left his stamp ineradicably upon Mexican affairs, was born in the role of "iron man" in the village of Colotlan, Jalisco, Mexico, December 23, 1854. Indian blood coursed through his veins and marked him with the fierce stolidity that Mexico came at last to fear. The spirit of the soldier seemed ingrained. From early boyhood the love of fighting, the thrill of arms, was upon him.

So it was that he got a military training in the military academy of Chapultepec from which he was graduated in 1876. In the brief schooling he had previously, and throughout his military course, he proved himself thirsty for knowledge and an apt pupil. From his humble start as an ordinary Indian in the humble Jalisco village, Huerta won his way by virtue of shrewd maneuvering, untiring efforts and brilliant military efforts to the post of Mexican president. The United States at last forced him out, but not until he had hurled scorn at the administration and refused for some time to depart.

When he did go it was with the cold, dignified pride of a man who had tasted power, and who, even in defeat, would not admit that he had been crushed.

His early career included eight years on the Mexican military map commission, ten years (1890-1900) on the general staff, and several years in Sonora, spent in suppressing the Yaquis.

Huerta's successes in quelling revolts brought him to the attention of President Porfirio Diaz. He mounted the military ladder rapidly, and was finally made general of a brigade. In 1902, however, Diaz became distrustful of Huerta and for several years the Indian soldier was passive in national affairs. From 1907 to 1910, having obtained leave of absence from his military duties, Huerta practiced his profession as engineer at Monterey.

He was then brought back to the Mexican capital to suppress revolts, and later escorted President Diaz to the coast after the latter's resignation, May 25, 1911.

Huerta then entered the services of President Francisco I. Madero, who succeeded Diaz. In 1912 Huerta was sent by Madero to quell a threatening revolt headed by Pascual Orozco in the state of Chihuahua. He gained distinction through his defeat of Orozco and for a time basked in the favor of Madero.

When internal dissension caused the Reyes-Diaz revolution, in Mexico City in February, 1913, Huerta was in command of the federal troops, but later joined forces with General Felix Diaz and was the prime mover in a plan to make Madero prisoner and force him to resign. A formal resignation was obtained from Madero and Vice-President Pino Suarez on

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FOR PAN AMERICANISM.



George E. Roberts, former director of the mint, and now assistant to the president of the National City Bank, the largest bank in the United States, if not in the world, was one of the speakers before the Pan American congress in Washington. His bank has recently opened branches in South America, and what he had to say about financial and trade relations between the United States and the Latin republics was interesting to the members of the congress.

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RUBE WISSLER CANCER VICTIM

VETERAN CONDUCTOR DIES AFTER OPERATION.

Funeral Will Be Held in Pendleton, Probably Tomorrow.

R. T. Wissler, the well known O. W. R. & N. passenger conductor, died at the St. Vincent hospital, Portland, yesterday afternoon at three o'clock following a surgical operation for cancer of the stomach.

Mr. Wissler was 52 years of age and had spent about twenty years in the service of the railroad. For the past six years he has been a conductor in the passenger service between Pendleton and Huntington, and was one of the company's most valued officials.

Mr. Wissler and his family formerly made their home in La Grande until he was elevated to the passenger service when he took up his residence at Pendleton. He is survived by a wife and four children and by a sister, Mrs. Mattie Milligan of North La Grande.

Mr. Wissler was made a conductor in this city in 1901 and a few years ago went to Pendleton for the passenger run. In point of service he was the fourth oldest man on the run. Unaware apparently of the nature of his malady, he continued at work although toward the last was a mere skeleton. He has been out of service but a few days.

Ted Buehler, head of the Conductor's brotherhood here, went to Pendleton today noon to take charge of arrangements for burial.

Weather Moderates.

Portland, Jan. 14.—Cold wave showed a few signs of abating today though the weatherman has promised it will gradually get warmer. A train on the Tillamook line is stalled on the summit of the coast range unable to move today. More provisions have been rushed to passengers and crew. There is less ice on the Columbia and some steamers are able to move. Several are frozen in. Camas is without water because of the freeze up.

FLOUR PRICES ADVANCE.

Increase of 25 Cents Per Barrel Announced in Portland.

Portland, Jan. 14.—Millers have announced an advance in all grades of flour of 25 cents a barrel. In Portland and the Puget Sound the new price is \$5.40.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

Von Pappen Accused of Having Incriminating Evidence on Person.

London, Jan. 14.—Foreign office has announced documents taken from Von Pappen showed he paid \$1,800 to the German consulate at Seattle for Werner Horn who attempted to dynamite the international bridge. The payment was made before the attempted dynamiting.

TRAINMEN OF ENGLAND MAY START STRIKE

OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION TAKES SHAPE OF THREATS FROM UNION.

GOVERNMENT ADMITS A SERIOUS DILEMMA

Miners Have Also Voiced Objection, Threatening to Strike if Forced Into Army—Want Wealthy Classes to Exhaust Their Means Before Labor is Called to Fight.

London, Jan. 14.—The National Railwaymen's union has defied the government to enact the conscription bill. The executive committee hinted an immediate general strike of transportation lines is due if the bill is passed. They have introduced a resolution saying: "Unless the government is prepared to confiscate wealth of privileged classes for more successful prosecution of the war, railroad workers will resist to the utmost most any confiscation of men whose only wealth is labor power."

The government is considerably concerned over this and the miners' adoption of anti-conscription resolutions. Premier Asquith has conferred informally with cabinet members and it is rumored, is trying to amend the bill to eliminate miners and railroaders, from its operation.

KAISER'S STATUS PUBLIC.

Officially Signed Article Cites Condition of Rules.

New York, Jan. 14.—In response to inquiries regarding the actual status of the Kaiser's illness, Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg has enabled the United Press the following:

"Berlin, Jan. 14.—(Copyrighted)—His Majesty has received guests every evening. He meets, in audiences, ministers of state and officers of high rank for daily conferences. The Kaiser walks in the palace gardens when the weather permits. He has never been confined to his bed, and will very shortly resume his customary activities."

(Signed) Von Bethmann-Holweg.

Cettinje Occupied.

Vienna, Jan. 14.—Austrians have occupied Cettinje, it is officially announced. Troops have entered the city, which was unharmed, and are pursuing the defeated enemy. The populace remained calm.

Armistice Reported.

There is no confirmation of the report that Montenegro and Austria have reached an armistice.

DANCE CANCELLED.

On Account of Storm the Gaiety Club Will Not Meet Tonight.

Due to the prevailing storm today, there will be no meeting of the Gaiety Dancing club this evening. The date has been set for a week from tonight.

British Lieutenant Wins a Bride

London, Jan. 14.—One of the real romances of the war will culminate soon at Amsterdam in the marriage of Lieut. H. G. Rawlins, Bournemouth, Eng., formerly of Seattle, Wash., to Miss E. De Jong. At the outbreak of the war Lieutenant Rawlins, living in Seattle, enlisted at the office of the British consul there. Returning to England, he was commissioned an officer in the Royal Naval Division and went to Antwerp with Winston Churchill's naval brigade. Rawlins met his future bride in the military hospital at Amsterdam after his brigade was forced to retreat into Holland. The hospital was in charge of Dr. De Jong, who often brought his comely daughter to visit the wounded. It was love at first sight when she saw Lieutenant Rawlins.

Why He is not the King of Greece

London, Jan. 14.—Fate only, it became known today, prevented the Earl of Derby, present Director of Recruiting, from being in the royal shoes of King Constantine of Greece. In 1862 Prince Otto of Bavaria, then King of Greece, was forced to abdicate. In 1863 the Earl of Derby, Prime Minister of England and grandfather of the present Earl, was offered the Hellenic throne. He refused it. Had he accepted, the British Director of Recruiting today would be the King of Greece.

Oregon Flour to New York

Albany, Ore., Jan. 14.—A car loaded with 40 tons of flour—was shipped from the Red Crown mill of this city direct to New York yesterday. A. W. Bowersox, manager of the mill, says that this is the first time in 17 years that he has been in the business in this city that such a shipment has been made to New York. He says his shipments have been made to various other parts of the world, however.

WATER CRISIS IS AT HAND

La Grande's water supply is sorely pressed to meet demands upon it. Excessive snow, and seemingly careless waste of water in homes in protection against frozen pipes, seem responsible for a condition that is really serious. Hoping to eliminate much of the drain on the reservoir where the supply has dwindled to a few inches, city officials last evening asked the O-W to cease using city water. This was done but mechanical breakdowns in the shops necessitated return to city water. Workmen are endeavoring to remedy that fault as soon as possible. The Palmer Mill pumps, by arrangement, are relied upon to keep the emergency pumps going, but because the mill is closed for repairs, fuel is insufficient to keep the boilers hot without hauling the wood a considerable distance. A large crew of men is doing that now.

"We are convinced that during the cold spell people are allowing their faucets to run nights. Hence at the first of next month we will read all meters in town and users must pay everything above the minimum since the last reading." This is the declaration of Water Superintendent Hoyt.

"Like in most northwest towns, the severe cold spell and excessive snow have curtailed the water supply and it is up to the citizens to be as saving as possible to conserve the water for home use and for fire protection. The people do not seem to realize the matter is important."

CHILEAN DIPLOMAT RESIGNS

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Chilean ambassador, Suarez has resigned, assigning personal reasons. What is behind the resignation is not revealed.