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BELIEF PREVAILS PUNITIVE EXPEDITION HAS COMMENCED

CENSORSHIP SO CLOSE THAT NEWS AGENCIES CAN LEARN BUT LITTLE FROM BORDER.

San Antonio, March 15.—Officials confirm reports that cavalry fighting is going on in Mexico. Gen. Funston has admitted Colonel Dodd's cavalry has probably crossed the border. The place of crossing is 90 miles from Columbus, out of communication with concentration points.

El Paso, March 15.—Military censorship is thrown so closely about the border country that it is impossible to ascertain troop movements. Many firmly believed the American expedition had actually started. Censored Columbus dispatches from the United Press correspondent told of preparations to establish a base of operations. Railroad switches and bridges are being built by army engineers but troop movements are not mentioned.

Mormons Reported Safe

Bishop Hurst has reported the Mormon colonists have arrived safely at Casa Grandes, saying Villa is hovering in the vicinity.

Palomas Is Reported Deserted

Consul Garcia announced Carranzistas have evacuated Palomas, south of Columbus, and General Bertani is leading 1000 troops toward Guzman. Garcia denied the report Carranzistas occupied Hachita, New Mexico. Reports over railroad telegraph wires said a Villista band looted homes on the outskirts of Hachita. Police here were misinformed that a large Carranzista force had captured the town. All is quiet there. It is not reported whether American troops clashed with the raiders.

It is reported the American expedition has started from Culberson's ranch into Mexico, but no confirmation is obtainable.

Troops Ready To Leave Columbus

Deming, N. M., March 15.—American troops have not crossed the border into Mexico, automobiles arriving from Columbus at noon declared. Camp is broken, however, and the expedition is ready to move at a minute's notice. It is unofficially reported Carranzistas' garrison at Palomas has revolted and declared for Villa, and that mutinous troops have started toward La Ascension.

ASHWILL A CANDIDATE.

La Grande Attorney Files at Salem for Republican Nomination.

Salem, Ore., March 15.—Eugene Ashwill, an attorney of La Grande, has filed his papers making him a candidate for the Republican nomination at the May primaries for the office of district attorney.

New Railroad Arrives

A recent arrival in railroad circles made his initial appearance Monday. He is a male and weighs 114 pounds and has established headquarters in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swart, this city. His father is a trainman, his grandfather, a train dispatcher, his great-grandfather a telegrapher and station agent for generations innumerable. Therefore the young man's claim of being a "railroader" will go unchallenged.

New Hupmobile Agency

Chas. Wilson and his son "Bill" Wilson have secured the agency for the Hupmobile for Baker, Union and Wallawa counties. They received today one of the new 1916 model cars which they are exhibiting with pardonable pride to their friends. In the meantime this Hupmobile is also open to the most critical examination by those who may have the purchase of a standard car under consideration.

Shipping Stock by Express.

Last night two horses from Huntington consigned to Wallawa arrived in La Grande in the regular express car. The horses were taken from the car at the railroad warehouse and placed in a livery barn overnight and again put in the express car on the branch line train this morning. The east bound express also sent to Idaho this morning a cow and a calf. But these were in a crate and the shipment was less novel than that of the two horses. This is not a competition between the express company and Uncle Sam's parcels post, but the fact is that for short distances animals can be shipped as advantageously by express as by paying the full charges on a stock car.

JACKSON HEADS BOAT LINE

Portland, March 15.—H. A. Jackson has been appointed general traffic manager of the Great Northern Steamship company succeeding Cal E. Stone who becomes passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern at Spokane.

DEATH OF JOHN FLENNER

Deceased Was Former Minister of Methodist Church.

John Flenner, pioneer Methodist preacher, journalist and lecturer, died in Boise yesterday aged 65 years. He left the ministry 27 years ago following a church investigation instigated in the Methodist conference which was held in La Grande. While the charges, that of conduct unbecoming the ministry, were not fully sustained, Rev. Flenner resigned and immediately became associated in newspaper work in the office of the Idaho Daily Statesman.

Mr. Flenner appeared at the Chautauqua at Riverside Park three years ago and will be remembered by La Grande people by his recitations from the Hoosier poet—James Whitcomb Riley.

Begins Plowing Today.

Talk about your early birds, or getting up in the morning before the sparrows, or trading the beds for lanterns, listen to this, Jack McCarty began plowing today on the Foley land in the valley and will plant the tract to alfalfa and barley.

Show People Visit La Grande Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. George Engesser are in La Grande on a visit with Mrs. Engesser's brother, C. M. Devere, the well-known local theatrical man. Mr. and Mrs. Engesser are at the head of a musical theatrical company which has recently been touring the east and middle west and have taken a vacation from the road of a few weeks in order to make this visit. Their baby is ill.

A SUSPECTED LYNCHER TAKEN

WILL PROBE BAKER LYNCHING AT WHITNEY.

Grand Jury and Detectives At Work In Mysterious Case

Baker, March 15.—Charged with complicity in the lynching of an unknown man near Whitney in July, 1914, William Whitaker was arrested yesterday in Pine Valley by Deputy Sheriff Garlinghouse and will be brought to the county jail today. Two others suspected of participation in the same crime will probably be indicted by the grand jury and taken into custody within a day or so.

The arrest of Whitaker and the trip of the grand jury to Whitney was the climax of a long effort on the part of the authorities to ferret out the mystery of the Whitney lynching and a detective in the employ of the county has long been at work on the case, posing as a miner and getting in close touch with the guilty parties, it is said, even leaving Whitney with Whitaker and going to Pine Valley, where the prisoner has been for some time. It is understood that the other two parties under suspicion are well known residents of the Upper Burnt river section, and their arrest will be something in the nature of a sensation.

Baker, March 14.—A move which authorities believe will unravel a mystery of nearly 20 months' standing, was taken this morning, when the Baker county grand jury, accompanied by District Attorney C. T. Goodwin and Sheriff R. P. Anderson, left for Whitney, to probe the lynching of an unknown man, which occurred in the summer of 1913. Sensational disclosures, it is intimated, will follow the report of the grand jury.

It is believed that at least two days will be taken in weighing the evidence as no less than 47 subpoenas for witnesses, most of them from Whitney and the upper Burnt river country, have been issued. Deputy

MEXICANS AVER AMERICANS INSTIGATED VILLA RAID UPON COLUMBUS PURPOSELY.

Mexico City, March 15.—Carranzistas have asserted that well-laid plans to force American intervention in Mexico have been defeated by President Wilson when he accepted the Carranza military reciprocity proposals. Carranza knew these plans.

Financial Backing Known. He believes that the Villa raid on Columbus was financed by American interests seeking intervention.

Bands Play Today. Patriotic demonstrations occurred today again following the announcements that differences are all settled. Military bands played and paraded, playing national airs.

Growers to Elect Directors.

Hood River, Ore., March 14.—At the primary meeting of the Apple Growers' association, Saturday, the following candidates, 11 of whom will be elected at a meeting to be held in April, were nominated for the board of directors: P. S. Davidson, O. B. Nye, R. H. Wallace, H. F. Davidson, J. C. Porter, Oscar Vandervilt, A. G. Lewis, W. B. Dickerson, C. A. Reed, Walter Kimball, E. R. Unnamaker, C. E. Copple, A. D. Ramsey, A. C. Staten, E. H. Shepard, J. E. Hall Jr., A. F. Bickford and E. W. Birge. The first 10 named are members of the old board, of which, according to the by-laws, six new members must be elected. Nine old members, however, may be elected.

Despite the unsettled conditions met with in the apple market of the country and the European war, the reports made by managers of the organization were satisfactory, and the meeting was characterized by greater harmony than is frequently the case with local fruit growers' assemblies.

MET WITH SEVERE ACCIDENT.

Ernest Zaugg, of Mt. Glen, Struck With a Heavy Sledge.

Mt. Glen, March 15.—(Special.)—Ernest Zaugg, who lives south of Mt. Glen, was painfully injured yesterday evening by being struck in the head with a heavy sledge. The accident happened while he was holding a post to be driven by his brother. The sledge flew off the handle and struck Ernest in the head. He was taken to La Grande in an unconscious condition and several stitches were required in sewing up the wound. It was several hours before consciousness was regained but it was found that there had been no fracture and early recovery is expected.

On Big Nevada Ranch.

Jerome Foley is now on a big Nevada ranch, according to a letter received by his father this morning, and is taking to the outdoor work in a happy manner. He is down near Elko on the Adam Patterson ranch where thousands of head of cattle are looked after, requiring quite a colony of people.

At the Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders of Chicago and Dr. Nibley of Portland are spending a few days at Hot Lake. Mr. Sanders recently finished the promotion of the Grants Pass sugar factory and has associated with him in the work F. S. Bramwell of La Grande.

Pendletonian Moves to Grande Ronde.

George Temple of Pendleton has pooled interests with his brother Dr. Temple in a 240 acre tract which is a portion of the E. W. Oliver place and has a cor of implements and stock ready for shipment from Pendleton to take to the farm. By this move an old Pendleton resident becomes a citizen of Grande Ronde.

Sheriff Robert Nelson went to Whitney yesterday to make sure of the witnesses.

The investigation is the result of a secret search for evidence as to the identity of the lynching party, which has been prosecuted by District Attorney Goodwin for the past five months. Detectives spent weeks in Whitney gathering information, before the evidence was thought conclusive enough to be submitted to an indicting tribunal.

The lynching took place midway between Whitney and Audrey in July 1913, supposedly as the result of a complaint made by the 12 year old daughter of J. B. Hardman at that time living in Audrey.

MORE TROOPS RUSHING FROM EASTERN LINE

MACEDONIA AND SERBIA ARE DRAWN UPON TO SUPPLY MEN FOR FRANCE

INTERIOR CITIES IN GERMANY FEEL BOMBS

Situation in Verdun District Seemingly Little Changed With Counter Claims Leaving Reader In Quandary—French Claim More Pretentious Than That of the Germans.

War news in Elipitome.

Geneva, March 15.—Austria has recalled her minister at Lisbon, and has handed the Portuguese ambassador at Vienna has passports. Rome affirms war has actually been declared on Portugal, in sympathy with German declaration of war few days ago.

London, March 15.—Allied aviators have raised Essen, Munich, Gladbach, and other towns, an Amsterdam dispatch says. The Krupp works at Essen were attacked.

Athens, March 15.—It is reported that large forces of Germans from Macedonia and Serbia have been rushed to the Western front.

Near Neuve Chapelle Berlin said cappers dynamited the British position with occupants.

London, March 15.—Delivering the most violent attack on Premier Asquith since the war, Sir Arthur Hamam, before the House of Commons called him "Only a professional politician."

New York, March 15.—The Evening Post has asserted it had confirming information that Admiral von Tripitz had either resigned or was about to resign. The latest Berlin dispatches reported Von Tripitz ill.

Paris, March 15.—French counter attacks have resulted in the capture of several trenches at Hill 265, northeast of Verdun, a communique has declared. The French hold Bethincourt, Deadman's Hill and Cumierres Woods despite strong tution.

Germans have made no attempt at other infantry attacks between Bethincourt and the West bank of the Meuse last night.

Cannonading is continuous on the right bank of the Meuse toward Woivre. Elsewhere it is reported the district is calm.

German Claims Victories

Berlin, March 15.—Silian regiments have penetrated further into French lines southeast of Beth incourt, taking 1000 prisoners, headquarters have announced. Four French counter attacks on the west bank of the Meuse were repulsed. The French patrol at Vosges mountains has been repulsed. Artillery fighting on the east bank of the Meuse is reported.

Burglar Gets Prison Term.

Chehalis, Wash., March 14.—Harry Harding yesterday pleaded guilty to robbing stores at Winlock, Dykeman, who presided in the Lewis county superior court to relieve Judge A. E. Rice. Harding was given from one to 15 years in the Monroe reformatory. Harding pleaded guilty to robbing stores at Winlock, Castle Rock and other places south of Chehalis.

Hurd Wants Seat at Lawmaker.

Eugene, Ore., March 14.—C. J. Hurd, state deputy of the grange, market master of the Lane County Pomona grange and member of the legislature in 1913 from Lane county, is circulating his petition for nomination as representative on the Republican ticket.

To Meet in Roseburg.

Roseburg, Ore., March 14.—The Oddfellows' Grande Lodge of Oregon will be held in Roseburg May 16, 17 and 18, the same dates as the annual Strawberry Festival, held in celebration of the ripening of the Douglas county strawberry. The lodges of Douglas county will take care in the entertainment of their brethren from over the state, a Douglas county association helping the local Oddfellows' lodges.

NEW WAR SECRETARY WHO WANTS MORE MEN



Newton D. Baker

Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland and chief lieutenant of the late Tom L. Johnson, has been appointed to succeed Lindley M. Garrison as secretary of war. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. He always carries one of the old Latin or Greek classics in his pocket. Mr. Baker is forty-four years old and a lawyer. He was a former student under President Wilson when the latter was an instructor at Johns Hopkins. He went to Cleveland from West Virginia in 1902, where he was born. He became a lieutenant of the late Tom L. Johnson at the time the latter began his fight for a three-cent street-car fare in Cleveland, and was Johnson's right-hand man throughout all of his turbulent campaigns. He was elected city solicitor at the time of Johnson's first mayoralty triumph and was reelected four times, winning even when Johnson was finally defeated. With the passing of Johnson, Baker became the leader of the local democracy and was twice elected mayor. He declined to be a candidate for reelection last fall and retired to practice law, Jan. 1.

J. S. MITCHELL ANSWERS CALL

PIONEER OF '66 DEAD AT MT. GLEN

Funeral of Well Known Citizen To Be Held Tomorrow

Mt. Glen, March 15.—(Special.)—J. S. (Simpson) Mitchell died at his home near Mt. Glen at 5 o'clock yesterday evening at the age of 73 years. Two years ago Mr. Mitchell suffered an attack of paralysis and his death is due to a nervous breakdown complicated with the former ailment. Simpson Mitchell was one of the pioneers of this valley. He was born in Macon county, Missouri, and came with the other members of the family to Grande Ronde in 1866 and most of the time has made his home on the farm near the foot of Mt. Emily until the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, three sons and a daughter. The sons are Hawkins Mitchell, of La Grande; William, of Island City and Archie, of Mt. Glen. The daughter is Mrs. Wm. Nibarger, of Island City. Mrs. Wm. G. Hunter, of Island City, is a sister of the deceased.

The funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) the cortege leaving the home at 11 o'clock a. m., and the funeral services and the interment will be at the Ackles cemetery.

La Grande Firm Incorporates

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Salem for the East Bay Land company with a capital stock of \$5000. The incorporators are O. H. and E. H. Cash and J. B. McKennon, all of La Grande.

Operation Gives Relief

Mr. and Mrs. A. Behrns, of Summerville, have returned from Portland where Mrs. Behrns underwent an operation for relief from a stomach ailment of several months standing. Recovery was very rapid and permanent relief is believed to have been attained.

SENATE ADOPTS FULL STRENGTH ARMY MEASURE

AFTER PROLONGED DEBATE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS' CONTINGENT DESIRED

Hoke Smith Only One to Stand Out Against Full Army Bill in Debate, But Votes For It—Plan to Bring Island Forces, Seasoned to the Tropics, Springs Up.

Washington, March 15.—The Hay-Chamberlain resolution increasing the size of the regular army to full strength of 100,000 has been adopted by the senate. It provides an immediate increase.

Hoke Smith was the only senator opposing the resolution during the debate. He proposed an amendment making the enlistment terms two years.

Unlimited debate proceeded until Senator Gallinger demanded a vote. Then it passed unanimously.

Senator Sherman introduced a resolution suggesting withdrawal of American forces in the Philippines and said these men are especially adapted to the Mexican campaign—experienced in tropical climate and guerrilla warfare.

STUDENTS PATRIOTIC.

Former La Grande Boy among Students' Organization.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. March 11.—Thirteen representative students organized to agitate for voluntary military drill Thursday night and will issue a call to the male students in the next few days. President Campbell and several of the faculty favor the movement toward voluntary drill.

A former La Grande boy is among the 13—Kenneth Bartlett, son of Attorney and Mrs. E. W. Bartlett now of Estacada.

At its annual meeting the first of the year, the board of regents appointed a committee to consider the matter and A. C. Dixon of Eugene, chairman, has written Senator Chamberlain in Washington for suggestions.

Colonel C. C. Hammond of the Oregon Coast artillery is behind the movement and desires that the students form a company or two of artillery.

Under such an arrangement the students would receive guns and uniforms from the state in addition to the use of the new Eugene armory for drilling purposes. The university would also undertake to offer courses in tactics and military theory.

"If it goes through, as I hope it does, I will be among the first to enlist," said Professor N. C. Grimes, secretary to the president, this evening.

Professor E. S. Bates of the faculty committee is favorable and will report to the faculty colloquium March 21.

For some months the question has puzzled faculty and students, but this movement on the part of the students has convinced local authorities that Oregon will have drill in a short time. Students who are behind the movement are enthusiastic and regard success as inevitable. They are:

Edward Harwood, Fred Heithausen, Harold Treigilas, Kenneth Robinson, Don Newbury, Jim Sheehy, Ray Staub, Tom Campbell, Kenneth Barelet, Charles Dundore, Walter Grebe, Robert Earl and Charles Prim.

Rate on Mixed Lots Reduced.

Salem, Ore., March 14.—Hereafter the rates of the Southern Pacific on mixed carloads of lime, plaster and cement will be the same as on straight carloads, according to an announcement made by Public Service Commissioner Miller. Heretofore the company has charged a higher rate on mixed carloads of these products. Announcement has also been made by the commission that the Southern Pacific has agreed immediately to install electric signal blocks on its line between Oswego and Portland.