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FUNSTON ASKS FOR MORE TROOPS TO HOLD LINES

Aviator Bowen Seriously Hurt "Somewhere in Mexico"--Few Clashes Are Reported.

San Antonio, March 21.—General Funston has asked the war department to give him more troops so he could adequately protect General Pershing's "dangerously thin" lines of communication. He refused to make public the number of troops needed, preferring to have Washington furnish that information.

El Paso, March 21.—General Parahing wireless to headquarters at Columbus today that Carranzista forces yesterday severely defeated Villistas in a pitched battle. Villa retreated to the Santa Clara mountains.

General Gavira, commander at Juarez at noon today had heard nothing of the outcome of the Namiquipa engagement, of which it was said last evening:

"Colonel Canos' Carranza forces engaged bandits led by Villa at Namiquipa at 4:30 this afternoon, according to a dispatch to General Gavira, the Juarez commander. The result was undecided when the dispatch was sent. Namiquipa is in the Guerrero district, Chihuahua state. Canos had 900 cavalry, which two days ago encountered the Villistas at El Valle, who fled without fighting."

Believe Villa Surrounded
A Carranza statement this morning said: "It is only a matter of time now until Villa will be taken, dead or alive. Wires are down but we have reason to believe Villistas are entirely surrounded by Americans and Carranzistas."

First Airman Hurt
Lieutenant Bowen, an aviator, was seriously injured "Somewhere in Mexico," it is announced. His airplane fell while he was scouting. This is the first time an American aviator has been injured while on active service. Bowen joined the expedition from San Antonio.

The army probably will take Bowen to Columbus. Six other aviators will remain with the expedition. It is not reported if Bowen's machine was completely destroyed or not, and the exact cause of the accident, or whether the airscouts sighted Villistas, are matters kept secret.

Carranza Wants Information
Washington, March 21.—Carranza has asked America how many soldiers compose the American expedition now hunting Villa. The American consul, Quezretaro, forwarded the question. It is expected the state department will reply that the forces are only sufficient to capture Villa, and that the government doesn't intend to pursue operations thereafter.

The President and his cabinet agreed proposals in Carranza's protocol for conduct of the Villa hunt, are satisfactory.

The department will probably send a message to Carranza today answering the conduct of operations against Villa hereafter under the protocol.

Funston Is Cheerful
San Antonio, March 21.—"On the

maps it looks as if Villa is in hot water," said General Funston today. "The next few hours may tell the story. We mustn't forget he is still free and has liberal room to move about in a big country where he knows every trail and cowpath."

General Funston stated there was joy among the Mormons when they were rescued. General Funston said "We found the natives friendly everywhere. Carranzistas are showing every indication of friendliness."

HOE CHARGES ARE PROVEN CORRECT

WILLIAM HALE FINED \$100 FOR ATTACKS

Defendants' Innings End When State Case Is Won By Prosecution

—Civil Case Up

The heavy tide in favor of defendants at the present jury term of circuit court was broken yesterday when District Attorney Eberhard, representing the state in the case against William Hale, of Summerville, reversed the quite prevalent action which in civil cases he had taken an active part and secured a conviction of Hale on a lesser charge, that of assault and battery. Hale waived time to be sentenced, and was this morning sentenced by Judge Knowles to pay a fine of \$100, which is to be paid in 10 days. The original charge was assault with a dangerous weapon, which witnesses for the state claimed was a hoe broken over an old lady's head.

The court is today engaged in the trial of the civil case brought by Attorney L. Denham of Elgin, against the Eastern Oregon Co-operative Telephone Association, now in course of reorganization into the Union county Telephone Co., for about \$600 on account of non-payment of alleged legal and clerical services as attorney and secretary for the company some time ago. The defendant admits some liability to Mr. Denham, but resists his full demands. A large number of Elgin witnesses are here.

The case of Young against Mills, involving the possession of some property near Telocaset is up for tomorrow.

INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORK.

Exhibition Given at Mt. Glen School House This Morning.

The representatives of the O. A. C. industrial extension department gave an exhibition at Mt. Glen school house this morning. Although the roads are not in very good shape for traveling in that vicinity there was a good attendance and the exhibition was highly appreciated. The party returned in time to take the noon train for North Powder where a similar meeting will be held. Those who left this morning were School Superintendent Ivanhoe and Miss Helen Cowgill, of O. A. C. At North Powder, they will be joined by Prof. M. C. Maris, who has been working in the interests of the industrial club work near that locality. They will all return to La Grande tonight.

WEISER JUDGE IN CITY

Undergoing Treatment—Prominent Fraternal Man

Probate Judge Ben. F. Edlin of Weiser is at the Foley this week while taking treatments for a serious malady. Judge Edlin is a prominent Knight of Pythias and Odd Fellow, and while here brother lodgemen are assisting to make his visit in La Grande as pleasant as possible under the conditions. He is taking chiropractic treatments from Doctor Darland.

LODGEMEN TO WORSHIP

Rev. G. L. Clark Will Preach Especially to K. of P.s April 2d

Red Cross Lodge No. 27 last evening accepted an invitation from Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church to attend Sunday evening services April 2d, in a body. Rev. Clark, himself a member of the order, has once before held a similar service and both he and the lodge are anxious that it become an annual affair hereafter.

HEAD OF BRANCH OF WAR WHICH FELT FIRST ACCIDENT IN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.



Captain Benjamin D. Foulis is chief of the "Flying" squadron seeking Villa's nest. One member of the squadron was seriously hurt this morning, "Somewhere in Mexico."

Captain Foulis, has ten officers under him who comprise the "fliers" of the squadron, and the eighty troops completing the detachment. Most of them are veteran aviators. Several participated in the flight of the First Aero Squadron from Fort Sill, Okla., last November, when the squadron was transferred to Fort Sam Houston.

The squadron uses biplanes, with motors of from 80 to 100-horse power. Each machine weighs about 1,350 pounds and will carry 450 pounds, or an observer with each pilot.

COMMISSION CUTS ONE THIRD OFF NORTH SECOND CHARGES

When the time comes, and the time will probably be tomorrow night, the city commission will proceed to reassess property owners on North Second street on a compromise basis in which one third the original cost of the macadamizing of North Second street, and one third the accrued interest, will be lobed off by the commission.

The Observer is unable to say today if that compromise will be satisfactory to the property holders, who are reported to have signified their intentions of compromising at several occasions. The interpretation they will put upon the compromise will be determined after a meeting of that group of men and women.

The City's Proposition
After hearing and weighing the evidence pro and con, the commission determined that two-thirds of the original cost is a fair and adequate adjustment for settlement. Upon that basis the following figures are determined:

Original assessment on that street was \$14,318.54. Two-thirds of that amount is \$9,545.69 which is the compromise amount the property owners are asked to pay. This reduction leaves \$4,772.85 of the original assessments for the city to pay out of the special tax levied last fall for this purpose. In addition to those principal assessments there is a large item of interest to care for. Two-thirds of the interest accruing since the first assessment was made, December 30, 1912, is, by the adjustment, charged to the property owners. The interest on the property owners' part will be six per cent upon their two-thirds from December 30, 1912, to date, or about \$1800. This leaves about \$2200 interest to be met by the city. The total amount to be paid by the property owners is about \$11,345 and the total to be paid by the city is about \$5,672. The outstanding warrants amount to \$14,318.54 and the accrued interest amounts to about \$4,000; total obligation, \$18,500. Had the property owners met the original assessment without question they would have paid the \$14,318.54, and after four years of fighting and after the settlement offered them, they are to pay a few dollars more than \$11,000.00, and have had the use of the street nearly five years.

Under holdings in Portland, Salem and other cities of the state, the city is held liable for the upkeep of the street for a period of 10 years from date of assessment, which in this case, is the present year, not the year the street was built, as no further assessments can be made on the property owners for a period of 10 years.

HOUSE AMENDS HAY BILL.

President Given Greater Powers Under Amended Measure.

Washington, March 21.—The House has amended the Hay's army bill and empowered the President to call out regular reserves in case of war, or threatened hostilities. The effect will permit an increase of the army of 60,000 men without awaiting congressional action.

The House defeated Kahn's short term enlistment amendment 113 to 108. Democrats were solidly against it.

Was Pioneer of Baker County.

Baker, March 21.—Word was received in Baker today of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, aged 85 years, a pioneer of Eastern Oregon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, three miles west of Pleasant Valley Saturday night. Mrs. Elliott has been ill for several years, and her death was not looked for.

Ulster County Gazette Again.

W. H. Van Louven, of the Fir St. meat market, also has a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, which carries the date of January 1800, mention of which was made yesterday.

AUSTRIANS GIVE WAY TO CZAR'S HAMMERING

Uscieczvo Bridge Abandoned After Six Months' Defense--Germans Are Gaining Ground.

Petrograd, March 21.—Russian troops occupied Ispahan Sunday, Teheran advices today said.

Berlin, March 21.—Capture of French positions 10 miles north of Verdun, and northwest of Avancourt, with 2532 prisoners and a quantity of booty is claimed.

Berlin, March 21.—Austrians have evacuated the Uscieczvo bridge head, Vienna has admitted. The positions were defended for six months against heavy Russian attacks. This is on the South bank of the Dniester river, 35 miles northwest of Czarnowitz. A fire blasted a breach 300

yards wide. Vienna reports said today. Colonel Planch has decided to evacuate and destroyed the trench. Small detachments with their wounded, gained the south bank of the Dniester in boats, but soon the enemy's concentrated fire made crossing impossible. Austrian sappers and dragoons fought through Uscieczvo and joined the Austrian troops established on the heights north of Zalezczyk.

Enemy Cruisers Engaged
London, March 21.—Four British destroyers engaged three German destroyers off the Belgian coast yesterday, the admiralty has announced. Two Teuton ships were struck. Four British sailors were wounded before the German admiral stated the Teuton destroyers scored several hits and then the British vessels fled.

Germans Gaining Ground
Paris, March 21.—German attacks have gained more ground on the west bank of the Meuse, it is officially admitted. Assaults were renewed last night on the Abancourt-Milincourt line. Germans occupied the southeastern part of the Milincourt road. The attacks, however, lacked power. Heavy bombardment and liquid fire preceded the infantry assault. Elsewhere the Verdun front is quiet.

RINEHART SEEKS TOGA

Former La Grande Man May Seek Marion County Judgeship

Salem, Or., March 20.—Possibilities of T. A. Rinehart entering the Democratic primaries for the nomination for circuit judge, and E. R. Jingo and Grant Corby for the nomination for district attorney, were seen at the Democratic rally held here Saturday afternoon. Rinehart was formerly state land agent, and has always been active in political affairs. Jingo has been appointed district attorney, having been appointed by former Governor West. Corby is an attorney in this city. Addresses were made at the rally praising the work of the Democratic administration.

BRIDGE THREATENED

Straw Stack and Other Obstructions Form a Jam

Henry Davis and his assistant, Mr. Courtney, are out at a new steel bridge near Alicel, known as the McKennon bridge, and their object is to dislodge a floating straw stack and some other accumulation which has lodged against the bridge.

The bridge itself is intact and is in no danger from the prevailing high water, but the approach to the bridge is impassable on account of an overflow and the bridge is of no use as long as it cannot be reached. The bridge piers are all right and the only danger is that which might result from a further piling up of debris. In this section overflows are frequent whenever the water rises to an unusual height and this condition also helps some in the present case as the force of the current in the river is reduced. It is expected that the obstruction will be dislodged in some way or other, but the condition of the road leading to the bridge depends altogether on the stage of the water in the river, and on this account the bridge will probably not be used for quite a while.

Trusty Escapes On Way From Work

Salem, Or., March 20.—Cornelius Mowerson, the trusty who escaped from the penitentiary on Saturday evening, was still at large today. He was employed with other convicts on the farm, and made his escape while being returned to the prison. He was serving a term from Malheur county for larceny.

WHEAT HEADED FOR GULF

B. F. Webb went to Hot Lake today to superintend the loading of 5000 bushels of wheat which will be shipped in bulk to Louisiana. In addition to this there has been a lot of 50,000 bushels sent to the same destination from the vicinity of Alicel. The wheat from Hot Lake is from the Hill-Collidge-McKennon ranch. All this Grande Ronde grain is for export by the Gulf route. It is consigned to Westwego, which is virtually a suburb of New Orleans and is the wharf and dock quarters of that city. The grain is handled by a Portland firm of buyers who are represented by Mr. Webb.

CHEHALIS FARMER BURNED.

Chehalis, March 21.—L. Metcalf, a farmer, was burned to death when fire destroyed hotel Randle this morning. The building and contents were total loss.

Non-Partisan Tariff Is Urged

Salem, Or., March 20.—A resolution favoring a non-partisan tariff commission was passed by the Salem grange at its meeting here Saturday afternoon. It will be forwarded to the Oregon delegation in congress. Fifteen new members were admitted. They were: Judge Chas. L. McNary, Mrs. Belle McGilchrist, Mrs. Marie Birdsall, Mrs. H. J. Workman, F. F. Townsend, Malcolm M. Gilbert, L. M. Gilbert, John W. Yates, Frank Hrubetz, Geo. Swegle, Robert C. Paulus, Ivan G. McDaniell, John W. L. Smith, Mrs. R. T. Smith, and W. M. Smith.

MEN CONDUCT GRANGE

Women However Sing "Don't Mortgage the Farm" At Meeting

One of the most interesting meetings among the Grange records was held at the Grange hall on March 18, the men having complete charge of the meeting. The forenoon was occupied with the regular business of the Grange, and a class of two was duly initiated in the first and second degrees.

Dinner was served by the men and when the meeting was taken in charge by A. P. Davis (State Grange Delegate), acting as lecturer.

The ladies were called upon to sing "Do Not Mortgage the Farm". The program:

Art of Cake making—Benj. Gikeler
What has the Grange accomplished—C. D. Huffman.

What I would do if I were a married woman—Edward Jasper.
How can the Grange be more beneficial—W. R. Jasper.

Short talk—Mrs. Ivanhoe (County Supt.)
"The Mocking Bird" rendered by Prof. Clarence Redhead and his whistling quartette.

Forty years ago—Edward Jasper.
Discussion among the ladies:

How can the Grange Bulletin be improved so as to be more beneficial to the order. Led by the regular lecturer, Mrs. Anna Holman.

The Union County Pomona, will meet with Blue Mt. Grange on Saturday, March 25, 1916.

NO CHAIRMAN NAMED.

Republican Committee Adjourns Until April With no Action.

Chicago, March 21.—Without selecting a temporary chairman, the committee arranging the Republican national convention adjourned today. They probably will name the chairman at the next meeting in April.