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GEN. PERSHING TAKES OVER MEXICAN RAILROAD

LINE COMMANDEERED 3 DAYS AGO BUT SECRET KEPT BY ARMY CHIEF

El Paso, March 23.—Zack Cobb, American collector of customs this afternoon exhibited a telegram from Governor Enriquez at Chihuahua stating he had just shaken hands with Herrera and said that General was loyal to Carranza.

El Paso, March 23.—General Pershing has taken control of the Mexico Northwestern railroad south of Casa Grandes. It is reported he is transporting infantry toward Madera in an attempt to get behind Villa while Dodd's cavalry pursues Southward.

General Bertaini has reported that 200 Americans went southward from Casa Grandes to Madero on the military train. It is learned Pershing took it over three days ago but kept the action secret. It is unofficially learned the Americans will begin sending provision trains over the Mexican Northwestern from Juarez within a day.

Troops Guarding Line
Cavalry is protecting the railroad while Pershing is using it. It is believed Carranzistas gave permission.

Aviator Still Missing
Lieutenant Gorrel of the aviation corps, is still lost somewhere in the desolate country around Casa Grandes, it is officially stated.

Wireless information says there is no trace of the aviator.

Aviation Corps Has Weakness
General Funston is uneasy about the aviation mishaps and characterizes the work of the squadron as very poor.

He carried meagre rations and only one canteen of water. Field wireless operations were resumed today.

Plot Is Reported

The police claim to have information that a plot of 200 Mexican strength, exists for the purpose of burning and looting El Paso. Eleven suspects have been arrested, including a brother of General Herrera, former Carranzista leader, who is reported to have deserted for Villa. Little news is given out of the affair. Concerning the Herrera affair, General Funston said that while there was no confirmation of the reported Herrera revolt, he had taken precautions toward meeting any aggression along the border.

The opinion is entertained here that if Herrera joins Villa the international situation may become so complex that the Villa pursuit will be regarded incidental.

Colonel Feltran, representing Carranza, received no report last night concerning the reported Herrera revolt. He laughed at it as a "border rumor."

Absence of official dispatches to the contrary, reports are generally credited when they say that Herrera and 2000 men, and Colonel Cano with 900 men, have joined Villa.

Carranzistas have persistently denied stores of numerous desertions.

WHY DON'T YOU REGISTER TODAY?

But little more than a month is left in which to register for the Primary Election. The registration books will close April 18th.

Every voter must register. This means those who registered at the last election, as well as all others. If you have not registered with the County Clerk or one of his duly authorized Registrars since the first of the year, you are not registered for the coming primaries. Do not confuse city elections and registrations with those of the county and state. They have no connection.

Registration has been very slow. Unless voters attend to the matter at once a rush is promised for the last few days before the books close.

Why not register today at the Court House, on in the afternoons at Judge Phyllis' Office, Secretary Land & Saving company.

The permanent registration law is now in effect. Once registered under this law you will not be required to register unless you move from your precinct. DO IT NOW.

TWO HOTELS SOLD

Salem and Portland People Buy Into Hotel Business

J. M. Staley, of Salem, has succeeded E. E. Myres as proprietor of the Savoy hotel. Mr. Staley has taken charge and his family arrived this morning. He is an old hotel man and has been in that line of business in Salem and Albany the past eight years. Mr. Myres, the retiring landlord, has had charge of the Savoy for several years past and makes the change primarily on account of Mrs. Myres' health, it being the intention to seek a lower altitude. Mr. and Mrs. Myres will leave shortly for Warrenton, on the lower Columbia.

Mrs. T. Phillips and Mrs. H. Winters have purchased the furniture and equipment of the Montana rooming house in the Slater building on North Fir street from Mrs. E. E. Shaffler. The Portland ladies are here now and have taken charge of the place. The former proprietress has moved her family to Ninth and Washington, where they will occupy a residence.

FANCY REWARD MAY BE POSTED

BILL TO THAT EFFECT PUT BEFORE THE HOUSE

"Delivery of Villa's Body" Aim of Scott Resolution

Washington, March 23.—Representative Scott has introduced a resolution authorizing President Wilson to offer \$50,000.00 reward for delivery of Villa's body to American military authorities.

CO-OPERATION EXTENSIVE

Government and O. A. C. Work Duplicating Efforts

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, March 23.—The co-operative arrangement with the U. S. department of Agriculture by which all extension work in Oregon is administered through the extension service, has gone far to eliminate duplication of effort and has brought about a more economical and effective working plan and a more sympathetic understanding between the Department of Agriculture and the College officials," says Director R. D. Hetzel in discussing College Extension work. "The funds used in this co-operative work supplied by the Department of Agriculture were distributed so as to aid in support of several lines of work as follows:

"Teaching and distributing publications; Movable Schools and Farmers' Courses, including Farmers' and Home Makers' Week; Boys' and Girls' Club Work; lectures, field demonstrations and personal advisory work; salaries; labor, stationery and small printing; postage, telegraph, telephone, freight and express; supplies; tools, machinery and appliances; scientific apparatus; and traveling expenses.

"Extension work in Oregon has become firmly established. Its service is called for by a large part of the farming population of the State, and some of the officers of the strongest farm organizations have expressed themselves in favor of this work."

College Extension Farmers' co-operative agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture helps Oregon farmers.

MEEKER SCHEME ENDORSED

City Commission Heartily Supports Movement For Appropriation

Hearty endorsement was given last night by the City Commission to the Ezra Meeker plan of perpetuating "Pioneer way" which leads through La Grande and is already crudely marked with a monument in the south part of town. City Recorder Lee Warnick was instructed by resolution to inform the Oregon contingent in Congress that the La Grande Commission urges the appropriation of necessary funds to perpetuate the highway over which pioneers traveled to the Golden West. Similar action is being taken by other cities along the way.

HIKERS HAVE TROUBLE

Walla Walla Elk and Bride Have Trouble After Leaving Here

Equipped only with a roll of bedding and a marriage certificate, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gray, newly married, arrived in Baker yesterday from Walla Walla, a distance of approximately 132 miles, covered in eight days' walking. They went through La Grande a couple days ago. The young couple are on their way to their homestead 100 miles beyond Salt Lake City, and estimate that they still have 684 miles of tramping before them.

How they lost their way when within 15 miles of Baker, after leaving La Grande, walked in mud up to their knees, forded streams waist deep, ate camp cooking and regarded empty barns as palatial sleeping apartments, was blithely told by Mrs. Gray, who declared that she had gained 15 pounds and more than twice that number of freckles since starting on the trip.

The hike is the outcome of a one-sided dare made by friends in Walla Walla.

Mr. Gray is an Elk and registered in La Grande while here; up to this point they had but little grief with keeping the road, though they encountered snow.

ESTIMATES DELAYED

While Figures Are Ready, Final Sanction Is Not Given

Contrary to expectations the City Commission didn't, last evening, pass final judgment on the adjustments of costs on North Second street, but adjourned the session to meet Friday evening. The assessment ordinance is drawn and necessary resolutions germane thereto are written but the final sanction of the commission hasn't been given. The adjustment, made unofficially thus far, are identical with the forecast made in the Observer a day or two ago.

CLOVER SEED HIGH

Lawns Will Be Rehabilitated At Considerable Expense This Year

While blue grass seed is about normal, lawn clover seed is high this year and those who put off until this spring the matter of refurbishing their lawns find that it will be costly to plant clover seed.

Garden seeds are about the same as last year, and grocers are handling large quantities even this early, it being desirable to plant various sorts of seeds in March.

DO YOU WANT THIS BRIGHT LITTLE WAR ORPHAN?



Borivei Savitch

It is just possible that if you write a nice letter to Frederick C. Howe, commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island, New York City, he may give you this little Serbian, who is an orphan because his father was killed fighting for his country, and his mother committed suicide through grief. She told passengers on the Ionia the boy was born in the United States, and she had taken him to Greece to see his father. There she learned he had been killed. Coming back on the liner she jumped off the ship, leaving the boy to the passengers. He is four years old and too young to understand his position. The commissioner of immigration is trying to find a way to keep him in the United States.

HALF MILLION RUSSIANS BEGIN ASSAULTS ON VON HINDENBURG

"A BUSINESS MAN FOR PRESIDENT"

"The business man in politics" is soon to be exemplified, when the boom of T. Coleman du Pont of New York and Delaware for the Republican presidential nomination will be formally launched.

Mr. du Pont is said to desire the presidential nomination. His friends believe he has a chance and they are arranging the second choice support for him. He will go into the convention, it was asserted today, as the "favorite son" of Delaware.

T. Coleman du Pont



ENORMOUS FIRE TOLL TAKEN

Chicago, March 23.—Three big fires in 36 hours—fires that ravaged major portions of Paris, Texas, Nashville and Augusta, running hand in hand with destructive windstorms, make up part of the toll of death and destruction of property this week over a territory that embraces most of the United States.

Laid Waste In Fire
Augusta, Ga., March 23.—Flames sweeping Augusta were controlled at noon today, after burning more than a square mile, including 10 business and 20 residence blocks.

Three thousand are homeless and the loss is estimated at \$5,000,000.00. Several firemen were injured.

Fatality At Nashville
Nashville, March 23.—The fire which burned over 36 blocks in east Nashville last night burned itself out today at a property loss of a million and a half. Hundreds are homeless. One negro perished.

A full list of big fires the past few days is:

East Nashville, Tenn., 35 blocks destroyed, loss may reach \$1,500,000.

Copper Hill, Tenn., chemical plant, loss \$1,000,000.

Paris, Tex., three dead, one missing, 8000 homeless, loss from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Prairie fires in Kansas and Missouri covered a wide area and caused heavy damage.

Augusta, Ga., fire in business section and residence part, loss \$5,000,000.

Storms Halt Ships
San Francisco, March 23.—Ocean steamers are unable to enter San Francisco bay today because of a terrific gale which roughened the bar.

STICK TO ALDER STREET

Petition for Vacation of Two Streets Denied in Part Likely

While final action hasn't been taken, it seems likely that the Grady petition for vacation of parts of Alder and Walnut street will be denied in part. City Engineer Neil has examined the proposition and has reported recommendations setting out that Walnut and the alleys might be vacated with no harm to anyone, but that Alder street should be left open that stock may be driven to the stockyards via that street without using the more heavily-traveled thoroughfares. The recommendation was accepted by the commission last evening.

PLAN FOREIGN BANKS.

Middlewestern Financiers Undertaking Ambitious Schemes.

Chicago, March 23.—Middle western financiers today were planning the establishment of American banks in foreign countries as an aid to extending the overseas market of enterprising manufacturers. Arrangements are already being made for establishing one in South America. Illinois capital will be largely interested. John J. Arnold, vice president of the First National bank of Chicago, de-

clares that it probably will be located in Buenos Ayres. It is planned to locate the parent bank of these foreign branch banks here, as the most convenient point for the financial and industrial interests of the middle west. From twenty to forty million dollars, it was estimated, will be subscribed by from 20 to 30 middle western bankers, to back the proposition. The Federal Reserve board already has recommended to congress that the bank act be so amended as to permit member banks of the federal reserve system and the federal reserve banks to subscribe for and hold stock in institutions organized for the purpose of doing a banking business in foreign countries.

TAFT VISITS AMES.

Ex-President Will Spend Three Days With I. A. C.

Ames, Ia., March 23.—Crowds of students and townspeople welcomed former President William Howard Taft when he reached here over the Northwestern railroad today to spend three days with the faculty of Iowa State college and deliver lectures of government and citizenship to the student body. President R. A. Pearson and the faculty deans met Mr. Taft and escorted him to the college, where an informal reception was held.

As a professor of Yale the former president has delivered a series of lectures at different educational institutions and now comes to Ames at the request of president Pearson, an old friend.

WOMAN LAWYER PRACTICAL

Mrs. Stephens of Automobile Drive Fame, Practicing Law

Chicago, March 23.—Mrs. Florence W. Stephens, 29-year old Chicago feminine lawyer, who drove to Chicago from Montana, 1,300 miles, in her automobile, passed the Illinois state bar examination and now is ready for practice. Mrs. Stephens isn't going into the profession because of other women members of her family have been lawyers, but because of the necessity of earning a living for herself and daughter, Marie.

"The fact that other women members of my family have been lawyers hasn't much to do with my entering the profession," Mrs. Stephens said today. "The law is no feminist fad with me. My daughter is eleven years old, healthy, rough on clothes and has a future to be looked after."

Mrs. Stephens even admits that the law is dry, but that can't be a hindrance to a woman who has to work, she says. Mrs. Stephens is a native of Circel, Montana. She studied law in Montana until a year ago. She was graduated from the Hamilton college of law with honors.

Mrs. Stephens' mother, the late Mrs. Letta M. Hawley of Brookings, Mont., practiced law for many years there. Her mother's mother also was an attorney.

REAL MOTIVE OF ACTION IS WELL GUARDED

SOME THINK IT IS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE VERDUN CAMPAIGN

HARDEST FIGHTING AT POINT SOUTH OF DVINSK

German Wedge There May Be Thorn in Allies' Side and Tremendous Movement In the East Deemed By Some To Be Threat and Prevention Against German Spring Drive.

London, March 23.—A half million Russians under Kuropatkin are assailing Von Hindenburg's Germans along a 150-mile front today. Petrograd announced this morning that the attacks have dented the German line in six places, and it is unofficially reported that the battle is the most furious 40 miles south of Dvinsk.

Purpose Somewhat Vague
It is not determined today publicly whether this smash is the beginning of a great Slav offensive or merely demonstrations to relieve the pressure against Verdun. The Post's Petrograd correspondent declared the commencement of a great Russian move is on.

Tremendous Forces Available
It is declared Kuropatkin has a tremendous force at his command. Others thought the attack is an attempt to remove a dangerous German wedge near Dvinsk, and to remove threat of a German offensive there this spring.

Germans Push Forward
Northwest of Verdun the Germans are striving to capture dominant heights at Avocourt. Bavarian troops have gained a foothold on Hurecourt hill.

Paris Claims Presented
Paris, March 23.—Paris this morning claimed gains and capture of some prisoners near Fayenhaye. Berlin claimed the capture of strong positions southwest of Hancourt, but the French deny this.

STREET MADE DUMP

Property Owners File Objections to Use Put Upon Street

If property owners who have officially objected to the city officials have the situation sized up correctly, certain citizens are making North Ash street, or parts of it, into a dump ground, and tree trimmings and other objectionable refuse is being thrown upon the thoroughfare, the complaint says. Manager Lafky is investigating.

Today's Oddest Story

San Diego, Cal., March 23.—Mr. Lazarus of biblical note has nothing on Anselmo Sosa of San Diego. About 1903 he mysteriously left his wife and disappeared. In 1910 his wife had him officially pronounced dead by the court and she took his property and married again. Anselmo, upon hearing that he was dead, returned from Mexico to get his property. In 1915 the court declared Anselmo alive again. Now comes word from Santa Ana that Anselmo is dead once more. They say they've got the corpse, but the court will see it before another move is made.

Peculiar Facts About People
London, March 23.—Ex-Secretary of War Garrison is popular with the London public, according to the public barometer, the movie theater. Within a few days after Garrison resigned his portfolio on account of differences with President Wilson, his picture was appearing on the screen in almost all the London moving picture theaters. Invariably the crowds, whether in the West End or East End, cheered the American vociferously.