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PACT MEETS APPROVAL OF MEXICO CITY

ONLY SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF SCOTT-OBREGON AGREEMENT EXPECTED.

FORMAL RATIFICATION TO BE MADE DURING THE DAY

Mexico City Announces that Mexicans Have Agreed to Dispensation of American Troops in Chihuahua and that Conference Agreements at El Paso Are to Stand.

El Paso, May 5.—General Pershing is believed to have definitely located General Villa, according to announcement from General Funston's headquarters this afternoon. The announcement is based on telegrams from Pershing but the details are secret.

Mexico City, May 5.—Carranza has accepted the American proposals as outlined in the Scott-Obregon conference, his secretary has announced. It is further stated that a satisfactory solution regarding the presence of troops in Chihuahua has been reached.

Formal Ratification Due. El Paso, May 5.—Obregon and General Scott are today expected to formally ratify an agreement covering operations of American troops in Mexico. Slight modifications by President Wilson and Carranza are expected but this wouldn't change the plans essentially. No further changes are anticipated and it is part of the agreement that they be published when signed.

WAR BULLETIN.

Paris, May 5.—Launching terrific attacks northwest of Verdun, following violent artillery action, Germans have captured advanced trenches at a few points, a communique admits. Elsewhere they were repulsed with losses.

South of Somme a German attack failed.

Zeppelin Destroyed.

Saloniki, May 5.—A Zeppelin intent upon raiding the allies' camps was destroyed here today. This is the second Zeppelin reported destroyed within 24 hours.

Austrians and Italians Fight.

Vienna, May 5.—Austrian torpedo boats clashed with an Italian squadron at the mouth of the Po river Wednesday while Austrian aeroplanes were bombarding Ravenna, it is announced officially.

FURTHER ACTION PENDING.

South Fourth Street Objectors' Attorney Predicts More Litigation.

That the cut made in assessments by the city commission on South Fourth street do not suffice, and that the objectors will vigorously continue prosecution of any assessments, is the belief expressed by Turner Oliver, counsel for the objectors, today.

It is expected they will continue their objection on the grounds that they believe the contract with the Warren people to have been void.

OLD INDIAN DIES.

Came to Yamhill County With Sheridan Before the War.

Willamina, Or., May 4.—Dick Cook, one of the oldest Indians on the Grande Ronde reservation in Yamhill county, near here, aged 91 years, and totally blind for the past 15 years, died on the reservation on Tuesday of this week and was buried from the Catholic church, which faith he had embraced many years ago. Cook was one of the first Indians to locate on what is now the reservation. He came here with Captain Phil Sheridan (later the famous civil war general) when Sheridan was in command of the U. S. forces in this section of Oregon territory, and Cook was one of that officer's most devoted followers and most enthusiastic admirers.

Before he went blind Cook was very popular with the population on the reservation, especially with the younger generation, as he was an expert shot with bow and arrow, and contributed much toward the entertainment of the tribe, especially on feast days. The old man in his later years was entirely alone, as he had no relatives left, but the members of the tribe and many of the whites were his friends, and he is sincerely mourned by a large circle.

Germans Bow to Wilson

BACKUP, HOWEVER, IS CONDITIONAL ONE

Berlin, May 5.—(Via Wireless to Sayville.)—Germany has yielded to practically every demand in the American submarine note. Every possibility of a break is apparently avoided, and at the same time, further demands upon the part of the United States upon England and her allies are made necessary in order to prevent Germany from "reserving complete liberty of decision." The backdown is complete but on condition America force English to observe fully the principles of international laws. The note fully concedes President Wilson's contentions that no merchantmen, whether freight or passenger, shall be torpedoed unless she resists or attempts to escape. Submarine commanders have received new orders meeting these demands.

Germany expresses implicit confidence that these orders be executed in good faith.

The note does not concede the Sussex was torpedoed, but says Germans are investigating further. It states "The government thinks it of little avail to enter into the details of the present stages of the affair, particularly because America omitted to substantiate the assertion by reference to concrete facts. Germany will only state she has imposed far-reaching restraint on the use of submarine weapons—solely in consideration of neutral interests, despite the fact these restrictions will necessarily be of advantage to Germany's enemies."

"England and the allies have never shown such consideration for the neutrals."

Expects U. S. To Act Decisively

"Germany does not doubt but that the United States will now demand, and insist, that England forthwith observe the rules of international law universally recognized before the war. Should steps thus expected to be taken by the United States not attain the object sought, that of having laws of humanity followed by all belligerent nations, Germany will then be facing a new situation in which she must reserve complete liberty of decision."

New Orders To Commanders

Germany notifies America that the following orders have been handed to submarines:

"In accordance with the general principles of visit and search, as well as destruction of merchant vessels, recognize international laws and such vessels both within and without the area declared to be the naval war zone shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives unless such ships shall attempt to escape or offer resistance."

Washington, May 5.—Although the cabinet met this morning to discuss the German note, no action is expected until the official text is cabled, probably tomorrow.

After the meeting there was no question about the situation being optimistic. President Wilson read the unofficial text to the cabinet. A final decision is expected late tomorrow after the official note is delivered. The cabinet refused to comment today.

Indians to Help Wilson

St. Paul, Minn., April 22.—Indians on the White Earth reservation are strong supporters of President Wilson the "Great White Father."

The reason, supplied by Warren F. Barr, former Alderman of Minneapolis and now a state insurance inspector, is because he married a lineal descendant of Pocahontas.

SPEED FIENDS QUIT QUICKLY

POLICE FIND NOTHING WRONG LAST NIGHT.

Campaign of Stringent Enforcement Will Be Continued However.

Docility reigned among auto drivers last evening. Announcement yesterday that the city officials were beginning to enforce the new traffic ordinance scrupulously seemingly had the effect of quieting speeding and other halting violations. Loaded for bear the police department went out last evening to stop infractions, but the drivers had stopped it themselves. That motorcycle policemen are to be put on in case it is necessary, is predicted.

"We found a sudden change in the behavior of men and women drivers last night," said Chief of Police Ardrey this morning. "Let us hope this spirit will be retained for we are going to keep it just where it is now."

Motorclub Lends Aid.

At its meeting last evening the La Grande Motorclub unanimously voted to assist the officers in enforcing the traffic ordinance in every possible way.

Wards to Plant Gardens.

Salem, Or., May 4.—With the view of giving the younger boys in the State Industrial School for Boys practical instruction in agricultural work, Governor Withycombe at a meeting of the state board of control yesterday afternoon suggested that they be allowed to raise gardens. Will S. Hale, superintendent of the school, said he would carry out the suggestion as far as possible.

Dr. Dellinger, superintendent of the State Tuberculosis sanatorium, advised the board that the institution was in need of a water system for irrigation purposes, and he was ordered to make further investigations before action will be taken.

Mrs. E. N. Hopkins, superintendent of the School for Girls, reported that the institution is full, and recommended the parole of two girls. The school now has a population of 46 girls.

STUDENTS SHOW CLASS.

Unique Student-body Undertaking Meets With Favor.

Student-body ingenuity had its inning today noon when an allegorical parade was staged by the "L" club, a body of high school athletes. Proceeds gathered from the contributions for advertisements of the business houses go to the athletic fund. Athletic Director Reynolds, Jess Andrews and others who engineered the affair met hearty co-operation from the merchants and the results were flattering. Sprinkled along the parade lead by the Elks' band, were several unique allegories, and nearly 100 girls were represented either by banners or otherwise, much to the edification of the large noon-day crowd that witnessed it. Some really clever ideas had been hatched up for the occasion. As a stunt, it was one of the best that the school has undertaken, and generous applause greeted the show. It was a good show, yes, indeed!

CITY OFFICIALS GET MORE WAGES

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS RETAINED.

Baker Voters Express Their Desire to Increase Pay of the City Commissioners.

Baker, May 5.—In no uncertain terms, the voters of Baker at the polls yesterday placed the stamp of their approval on the commission form of city government and not only declared themselves in favor of retaining the present form as against the present administration by voting an increase in salaries to Mayor Palmer, Commissioner Henry and Commissioner Whittier by a handsome majority. The result of the election was a complete triumph for the present administration and supporters of commission government and shows that Baker people are pretty well satisfied with the way city affairs have been conducted. It was in a measure a personal triumph for he mayor and commissioners.

A total of over 1200 votes was cast, one of the largest votes ever being cast in a city election. There was a slightly larger vote on the salary question than on changing the form. Supporters of all questions at issue were busy all day getting out the voters, and quite a number who had failed to register had their votes sworn in. Many ladies were among the voters at all the polling places.

The action of the voters in raising the salary of the official repudiated the vote a year ago last November, when they were out. The movement to raise the pay of the officials followed the tentative resignation of Mayor Palmer, who gave as his reason that the salary was not large enough to warrant him devoting his time. At that time a public meeting was called by President Welch of the Commercial club, although in announcing it, it was given out that it was not a club measure. It was decided to circulate a petition and later the Taxpayers' league asked that the question of voting on manager form be submitted on the same ballot. This was arranged by circulation of petitions asking for a vote on both questions at the same time. The result yesterday is an emphatic answer to both questions by the residents of Baker.

Commenting on the result last

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4 MORE IRISH REVOLT CHIEFS PUT TO DEATH

WILLIAM PEARSE REPUTED A SECOND TIME TO BE AMONG THE DEAD.

FIFTEEN ALREADY UNDER SENTENCE FOR REVOLT

Further Trials Progressing Is Word

From Dublin—Several convicted and sentenced to death penalty but later escape the worst—Edward Daly is dead.

Dublin, May 5.—Four more Irish leaders have been executed. Joseph Plunkett, Edward Daly, Michael O'Hannahan and William Pearse are the men executed in the last order.

Fifteen other rebel leaders have been condemned to death but their sentences have been commuted to 10 years' imprisonment.

On was sentenced to eight years and two others to 10. Further trials are proceeding.

2 BIG TRACK MEETS ON SAT.

HIGH SCHOOLS VIE AT ONE O'CLOCK.

L. D. S. Meet With Contestants from Eastern Oregon, Takes Up at 3 O'Clock.

If old Jup, keeps the rainbarrels plugged, La Grande will see two track meets tomorrow. Commencing at 1 o'clock sharp, the Baker-La Grande high meet begins at the Fairgrounds and at 3 o'clock, also at the Fair grounds, the annual L. D. S. field day will be held.

That the first annual dual track meet to be held between Baker and La Grande will be a mighty interesting one is an assured fact since the entries from the former high school have been received. Usually a dual meet is apt to drag on account of lack of entries but since Coach Williams of Baker is bringing 18 men and the locals are entering the same number, every race is going to be closely contested with possibly one exception when the home contingent concede the quarter mile dash to Landreth the speedy Baker man who has won that event for the last three successive years at the Eastern Oregon meet.

Baker has entered three men in every event but one, the half mile, and with the La Grande entries of three men in each event, the six men entered in all events should furnish plenty of competition. There will be 14 events and the relay, making a total of 131 points to be contested for. Lee Reynolds, captain of the 1915 O. A. C. track team will act as starter and referee, Jess Andrews local student manager will be clerk of course, A. W. Nelson, scorer, Jay Millinger and Dee Davis judges of the field events. The first event, the 100 yard dash, will start promptly at 1 o'clock.

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PLUME PARTLY BURNED.

Strawberry Growers Believe Fire Was Deliberately Set.

Hood River, Or., May 3.—The discovery of a partially burned bridge of the Farmers' Irrigation Co., one of the large water systems of the valley, by a ditch walker, has aroused the strawberry growers of the west side who think the fire was of incendiary origin. Four chords of the bridge, which carries the flume over the Hood river, were burned out for a distance of about four feet, 30 feet from the banks of the stream. The damage was discovered through the sagging of the structure. If a full head of water had been running in the main canal of the irrigation system the bridge would undoubtedly have gone down, and it would have taken several months to repair it.

The Farmers' Irrigation Co. covers the main strawberry districts of the valley. Berries demand a great deal of water, and had the bridge been destroyed an enormous loss would have resulted.

The bridge crew of the Mount Hood Railway company was rushed to the scene and it is stated that the repair work will be completed this week.

LEEVIES GIVE WAY; PEOPLE SEEK SAFETY

MUSCATINE, IOWA, HAS DISASTROUS FLOODS ON LOWLANDS.

FAMILIES ABANDON ALL TO SAVE THEIR LIVES

Hundreds Attempting to Save South

Muscatine from Destruction—Cattle Drowned and Houses Swept Away by Floods When Levees Along 12-mile Front Give Way Suddenly.

Muscatine, Iowa, May 5.—Twenty houses have been carried away and livestock drowned, trees uprooted and 20,000 acres of land inundated here today when levees 12 miles down stream broke.

Residents abandoned everything and are leaving.

Several miles of levees are doomed. Hundreds are attempting to save South Muscatine from destruction.

Economy of Nation Cuts Paper Cost.

Washington, May 4.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield's national campaign for salvage of old paper and rags has proved a success. The conservation of paper and rags has resulted in material reduction in paper prices, Redfield was informed in a letter from the president of a Holyoke, Mass., concern.

Although prices have not dropped to their former level, the letter said, there has been a reduction in the price of finished paper.

The Bureau of Standards announced today it is experimenting on a plan to remove paraffine from prepared paper so both may be used again.

One Guggenheim Sues Five

New York April 27.—A suit for \$10,000,000 for alleged damages, with William Guggenheim, of the Guggenheim family of copper mine owners, as plaintiff was filed in Court in Brooklyn today. The defendants, Isaac, Daniel, Solomon, Morris and Simon Guggenheim, contended through counsel that there was insufficient proof and asked for a judgment under which the action would be dismissed.

William Guggenheim alleges that his brothers concealed from him certain details about the affairs of the Chile Copper Mining Company and that he suffered a loss to the amount of \$10,000,000.

Justice Bennett reserved decision on the motion made by the defendants.

Lincoln Bests Romeo

Minneapolis, April 22.—What care I how poor he be? A hundred pounds will marry me.

What's in a salary, anyhow, so long as a man can write poetry, dance well and feel at home in the theater?

An unnamed girl in the College of Nursing asks the question in the course of her plans and specifications of an ideal man. Of course, this singular or songs and devotee of terpsichore must be an Apollo with broad shoulders and black hair, and he must be American-born. Further, deponent sayeth not.

Salary? Oh \$800 a year will do. That's incidental. An atmosphere of romance will make up for lack of a full treasury.

A composite of all the letters received indicate that Abraham Lincoln more nearly than any other American meets the girls' requirements of the ideal man. Movie idols have received scattering votes and Romeo is the choice of eight girls, but the great commoner from Illinois who was born and reared in a hovel, is the real hero.

Family Cat Blacklisted

Montclair, N. J. April 18.—Ninety per cent of the young birds are killed by cats, according to Louis Agassiz Fuertes, naturalist and painter, who spoke at a meeting held for the purpose of organizing an Audubon Club. Mr. Fuertes asserted that any attempt to encourage birds was perfect useless unless precautions were adopted to reduce the slaughter by cats. Not only the stray back yard cat is the enemy of the birds, Mr. Fuertes said, but the family pet as well. The most loving pet becomes a heartless marauder at night, and should be kept indoors after dark. Mr. Fuertes said that each bird has an individual note in its song, which can be recognized. He also said that the songs of birds were not always just a burst of gladness, but a necessary part of their life and development.



THEODORE MARBURG AND MRS. THEODORE MARBURG

Theodore Marburg, Jr., of Baltimore, son of a former United States minister to Belgium, has just arrived in the United States with one of the two legs he had before he left. He lost his right leg while in the aviation corps of the British army. He fell from a height of 200 feet. He was nursed by the Belgian Countess Geselle Vivario. Of course, he fell in love with her (just look upon her in the picture). So he made her Mrs. Marburg, and brought her back.