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Cabinet Again Stands Pat Against Carranza

Washington, May 12.—Burden of further negotiations regarding the withdrawal of American troops is on Carranza. The Cabinet has no reply to Carranza's demand for a withdrawal request it is expected. Carranza's demand for a withdrawal request it is expected. Carranza's demand for a withdrawal request it is expected.

Obregon told Gen. Scott he couldn't write an agreement placing Carranza in position of consenting to the expedition's stay in Mexico. Columbus, May 12.—Withdrawal of the advanced expeditionary force is in full swing today. Motor trucks are assisting the American strategic retirement. Though Dublin has been mentioned as the southernmost point of the expedition, officials believe it to be Namiquipa.

Infantrymen are finishing entrenchments around Columbus and two companies of New Mexico militia are expected there shortly. El Paso, May 12.—After negotiations between Gen. Scott and Obregon were broken, Obregon has ordered Trevino and 10,000 troops to region opposite Big Bend, it was learned today. It is believed the purpose is to prove the defacto government is able to control the land situation before Washington negotiations are open. Obregon is enroute to Mexico City.

INSPECTION OF LANDS.

Applicants for Homesteads in Hope for Favorable Report.

Canyon City, Or., May 11.—Thomas G. Sherman, of Washington, D. C., who is in charge of forest land appeals, will visit the Malheur national forest soon to examine the lands in Logan valley, and determine the advisability of throwing them open subject to homestead entry.

During the past three years more than thirty homestead applications have been filed for land within the valley, all having been rejected by the secretary of agriculture upon the recommendation of the local forest officers, who contend that the lands in Logan valley are non-agricultural. The applicants, however, persisted, and a petition signed by over 300 residents of Grant county was forwarded to the secretary, setting forth facts showing that Logan valley was more valuable for agriculture than for forest purposes.

There are several "squatters," who have made extensive improvements in land within the valley, and maintain their homes thereon, waiting and hoping that the government will some day allow homestead entries upon the land.

GRAIN SUFFERS.

Present Indications Do Not Warrant More Than 75 Per Cent of Crop.

Pendleton, May 12.—That the growing grain of the county is suffering from the heavy rains and the recent cold weather seems to be the pretty general opinion among farmers. One man who has made a trip over the county, declares that present indications do not warrant the expectations of more than a 75 per cent crop. Others, however, take a more optimistic view and believe the grain will come out all right providing normal weather soon prevails.

Judge J. W. Maloney, who farms on the reservation, declares he has never seen the grain look worse at this time of the year. He states that there are spots of very healthy looking grain but that, right alongside, will be other spots where the grain is much shorter and of a yellowish appearance. In fact, he says, many fields show more of this yellowish grain than they do of green.

The heavy rains of February and March not only soaked the ground but also packed it hard and the best cultivated fields seem to have suffered most. The cold weather, too, is holding the grain back.

GIBBS FUNERAL HELD.

Large Concurrence of Friends Pay Last Tribute to Young Man.

This afternoon railroad brotherhoods in large numbers, and friends in general, paid their last tribute to the earthly remains of Fireman B. E. Gibbs who died yesterday morning after a short illness, at the age of 35 years. The funeral was held from the Henry chapel, and the attendance was unusually large, all the orders having liberal representations at the ceremony.

Banner Bowen Gibbs was born in Pella, Iowa, July 18, 1881. His family came to Portland in 1885 and he was graduated from the Portland schools. In 1909 he affiliated himself with the O. W. and was a member of the B. L. F. & E. and was second from the top for promotion when his death occurred. He leaves to mourn his loss a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gibbs, and a sister, Mrs. L. A. Saunders of Portland and a brother, W. O. Gibbs, of Pullman, Wash.

ALARM WAS FALSE.

Smoke Pouring Out of M. & M. Building Came From Furnace

When Dr. H. M. Bouvey discovered a lot of smoke pouring out of the windows of the M. & M. basement he naturally concluded there was a fire and notified the department. The paid and volunteer departments turned out and after a careful search of the basement found no blaze but learned that the furnace had become clogged and smoke came out of the plant in the wrong direction. This was early last night.

ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

Executive Committee to Have Meeting at Baker Tomorrow.

John Girdler, president, and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, secretary, of the Eastern Oregon division of the Oregon Teachers' association, will go to Baker tomorrow to attend an executive committee meeting prior to the track meet.

Various school branches will gather in Baker tonight and tomorrow, including the Teachers' association, the oratorical contest competitors and the track meet.

Liquor for Sacrament.

Hood River, Or., May 12.—The official report turned in to County Clerk Kent A. Shoemaker by the American Express company at Cascade Locks, shows that 48 quarts of liquor were received there during the past month. All the liquor was labeled as wanted for sacramental purposes. Seventy-seven packages of wet goods were received by the local express office for April.

CUMMINS IN OREGON NOW

ROSEBURG HEARS TWO AD DRESSES IN DAY.

Leaves for Eugene to Further His Presidential Campaign.

Roseburg, May 12.—Senator Cummins arrived in Roseburg this morning. He spoke at the Antlers theatre to a big audience. Later he addressed the Soldiers' Home, delivering a tribute to the Veterans.

He left at two o'clock for Eugene where he speaks tonight. Senator Cummins is stumping the state for his presidential nomination.

POSTOFFICE NEEDS PAINT.

Federal Inspector Johnson Recommends Improvements.

Federal Inspector J. C. Johnson, who was in La Grande recently from Pendleton, has passed up to the department the recommendation that the federal building in La Grande is entitled to a new coat of paint. This puts the matter in a working groove which will finally bring the improvements to the building that have been suggested. Postmaster Bragg recommended the coat of paint as a preliminary and this is now approved by the regular authority. "But the work may not be done right away," states Postmaster Bragg. "The federal building at Baker was in about the same shape and a year ago the work of repainting the building was approved and it was only in the past few days that the actual work has been put under way."

Lands Nearly All Classified.

Canyon City, Or., May 11.—The forestry office at John Day, headquarters of the Malheur national forest, has received notice of the classification by the secretary of agriculture, as forest land, of 1,050,547 acres within the Malheur forest. This practically completes the classification of lands within the boundary of the forest. About 853 acres are left for a more intensive examination before being classified. The land is not suitable for agricultural purposes, according to the secretary of agriculture, because of the broken topography, poor soil, adverse climatic conditions and abundance of rock outcrops. Lands within this project are not subject to homestead entry.

FOURTH SHIP ORDERED.

Portland to Turn Out Another Big Ship for Pacific Trade.

Portland, May 12.—Contracts to build the fourth 8800-ton steamer was signed today. It is to be delivered in 18 months.

Collect a Car of Rags.

Ashland, Or., May 11.—A unique campaign has been inaugurated by the Ashland Civic Improvement club. The club women have made an appeal to their members and friends to save rags; they expect to collect a carload here. The financial return is to be added to the club treasury.

ASQUITH NOW IN DUBLIN TO PACIFY IRISH

ADMITS ATROCITY OF THE MURDER OF IRISH EDITOR WITHOUT TRIAL.

PROTEST AGAINST THE EXECUTIONS POURING IN

Congress Hears Resolution of Protest—Believed Asquith Will Be Able to Pacify the Irish People—Has Sanctioned Executions Thus Far Save That of the Editor.

Dublin, May 12.—James Connolly and S. McDiarmid were executed this afternoon. It is officially announced.

London, May 12.—Premier Asquith arrived in Dublin today to take charge of the situation which is admittedly growing more serious and has ordered postponement of court-martials of rebel leaders pending outcome of a conference with officials. It is urged that Sir Maxwell speedily inquire into the shooting of Editor Skeffington without trial, which has aroused the deepest indignation. Thousands of messages protesting against further executions have reached Asquith. Agreeing the killing of Skeffington was atrocious, the premier approves the execution of the 14 rebel leaders. He intimated McDiarmid Ceant, who signed the Republican proclamation would be executed. James Connolly, general rebel leader, already wounded, will probably be executed.

Newspapers differ whether or not Premier Asquith will attempt to establish home rule on the present visit. He expressed hope of finding a way to conciliate hostile Ireland.

Washington, May 12.—Representative Dyer has introduced a resolution asking congress to formally denounce execution of the Irish rebel leaders. He asked the House "to express horror of American people at summary executions of Irish patriots who followed the inspiration of the American revolution in attempting to erect a republic."

Search of Missing Son.

Hood River, Or., May 11.—T. A. Doer, of Beardstown, Ill., father of L. F. Doer, the young man who several weeks ago disappeared mysteriously from the ranch of Thomas Asher, of the Neal creek district, has arrived here to prosecute a thorough search for his son. The father thinks the son may have wandered away while suffering from a temporary mental affliction. Several years ago he became lost following a mental aberration as the result of an attack of typhoid fever.

HOW A PRESIDENT DIGS A HOLE FOR A TREE



You may see by this photograph how President Wilson handles a spade to dig a hole for a tree. He dug the hole Tuesday, April 25, at Princeton, on the Lincoln Highway to plant a tree there. While he dug before an audience of persons who knew more about digging than any president—except for the one in the highway was named for—many persons laughed at his efforts. And he laughed too.

FRENCH PREMIER'S WIFE CARING FOR SOLDIERS.



Mme. Viviani.

Mme. Viviani, wife of the premier of France, has become a nurse of wounded soldiers as her contribution to the war. She works daily in French hospitals.

THUGS AMUCK IN SPOKANE

TWO HOMES RAIDED AND WOMEN ASSAULTED.

Big Posse in Pursuit of Fiend at Spokane.

Spokane, May 12.—Just 24 hours after a thug had entered the home of Mrs. Morris Martin, bound, robbed and assaulted her, the same man went to the home of Mrs. James Stephens this morning and duplicated the crime in every particular. He bound and gagged her, looted the house and threatened to kill her if she sounded an alarm before a half hour. The police were delayed.

A large posse is searching the surrounding woods.

At Hillsboro Home.

Hillsboro, Or., May 12.—Mrs. Jennie K. Haines, widow of the late Francis A. Haines, died at an early hour yesterday. The body was removed to Portland today for burial by the side of her husband. Deceased was 74 years of age and had lived here for many years, moving from Portland. She was prominent in affairs of the M. E. church and of the local W. R. C. She had been in failing health for several months. There are no children and no near relatives living here.

COVE DAMAGE NOT SEVERE

CAREFUL SURVEY REVEALS TRUE STATUS.

Cherries Hit Hardest—Strawberries May Not Suffer Much.

With apparent end of the cold snap in sight, fruitmen, especially at Cove, have been able to forecast very definitely what the fruit prospects for the year are. After careful surveys, the following seems to be the exact truth in the matter:

Main damage was to cherries, striking some growers almost wholly complete, and others not at all, making a total loss of 30 per cent for Cove, which is less than was feared.

First-bloom strawberries killed. This may not harm the output, as strawberries bloom for about 30 days, and comparatively few blooms were out.

Prunes and apples are unhurt, pears are practically safe. Peach plums are generally killed.

Because of the tremendous harm done to apples and other fruit throughout the big centers, it is believed fancy prices will prevail and that the net returns to growers will be equal to that had there been a full crop everywhere, in that prices will be better. In isolated cases however, growers are complete losers, but the general returns refer to the valley as a whole.

Judd Geer, well known fruit expert is over from Cove today and verifies the above surveys.

Fathers Question Sunday Clubs

Baker, May 11.—City Attorney McColloch was yesterday instructed by the city commissioners to draw up an ordinance regulating the conduct of pool and billiard parlors and card rooms in the city on Sunday. While the details of the ordinance were left to the city attorney, it was suggested that the ordinance allow playing from noon until 7 p. m.

The matter of conducting clubs, such as are being conducted here, was discussed and expression of opinion by the officials was that they are not legal under the terms of the Sunday closing law. One expressed it thusly: "The club proposition is inconsistent with the ordinary conduct of the place. On Sundays they are made club rooms, supposedly for the exclusive use of members, but during the week they are conducted as public places. Under the law, they would have to be on the same basis at all times, not a club on Sunday and a public place on week days."

University Girls' Teams Train.

Columbus, O., May 12.—Co-eds at Ohio state university have taken up baseball. Today the co-eds are in the midst of spring training and the league is being formed. Twice a week the co-eds squad of 40 girls crowds the varsity ball team off the school diamond for a batting bee and run 'round the bases. "The tomboys show up best," said Miss Margaret Hammett, coach. "They can throw straight and aren't afraid to stand up to the plate. The average girl, however, badly as she may bat or throw, knows how to coach."

AUSTRIANS CLAIM LOSS VIA U-BOAT

ADRIATIC SEA SCENE OF DISASTER—VICTIM NOT WARNED IS REPORT.

ENGLISH REPULSED BY GERMANS SAYS BERLIN

French Lay Claim to Considerable Gains and Deny That They Ever Considered Retiring From Forts Northwest of Verdun—General War Situation Not Seriously Changed.

Berlin, May 12.—A revolution has started in Lisbon, says a wireless from Granada, Spain. It is said the troops mutinied and burned the ar-

Berlin, May 12.—(Wireless to Sayville)—The Austrian passenger liner Dubrovnik said to be unarmed, was submerged in the Adriatic without warning, dispatches declare today. Germans Set Back.

Paris, May 12.—Two German attacks aiming at recapture of Wednesday's trench gains by French, have been repulsed during the night. It is officially denied that the French once contemplated retreating north west of Verdun. The communique claims two days after the battle opened, General Decary ordered every point held at all costs.

English Forced Back. Berlin, May 12.—Germans stormed and captured several British lines southeast of the Hornsea line, re-puted, it is officially announced. They captured 120 British and several machine guns. Counter attacks were repulsed there.

RECORD PRICE PAID.

Wool Price Estimated Between 26 and 30 Cents.

Pendleton, May 12.—What is believed to be the largest price paid in the Pacific Northwest for wool was given today to Smythe Bros. and the Pendleton Sheep company for the major portion of their 1916 coarse wool clip. Incidentally, the sale, which amounts to about a quarter million pounds, is believed to be the largest of the season of Oregon wool.

The purchasers were the American Woolen Mills and the deal was made through Alex Livingstone, their buying agent. Mr. Livingstone has just reached Pendleton and this is the first purchase he has made this year in Oregon. He concluded a deal in Shoshone, Ida., on his way here, taking the 900,000 pool there for which he paid 30 cents. The price of the transaction here was not made public but Smythe Bros. disposed of their clip last year for 26 cents and Dan Smythe admits that the price this year is the largest his company has ever received so it may safely be assumed that he was paid somewhere near the price which the Idaho growers secured.

The Pendleton Sheep company is owned by Smythe Bros. and Herbert Boylen of Pilot Rock. The clip this year, Mr. Smythe says, is larger than last year's, for the reason that the two companies are handling more sheep though the individual yield is smaller. The wool sold was Lincoln half blood stuff of good quality. They still have left the fine wool and the coarse wool at the Heppner ranch.

BRIGADIER COMING.

High Official of Salvation Army to Inspect Work Done Locally.

Brigadier Brewer of the Salvation Army, with headquarters in Chicago, accompanied by Colonel Scott of Seattle will visit La Grande next Monday, the 15th.

Brigadier Brewer is secretary of the Young Peoples work west of Chicago.

A splendid service will be held in the Army hall on Monday at 4 p. m. for the school children.

In the evening at 8 o'clock a Junior demonstration will be given. Also enrollment of Juniors. Brigadier Brewer and Colonel Scott will preside.

MORE HINDUS HANGED.

Corvallis Student and Seattle Collegian Die for India's Cause.

San Francisco, May 12.—Rem Chandra, editor of a Hindu revolutionary paper, has announced news of more executions of rebels in India. He said Vishnu Ganesh Pingle, a former student in the University of Washington and S. Lal, a former student at Oregon Agricultural college had been hanged.