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TRAINS WRECKED, MANY KILLED BY MEXICANS

HUNDRED AND FIFTY PEOPLE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN DURING HOLDUPS NEAR MEXICO CITY.

Laredo, May 16.—Mexican bandits burned 150 passengers today in one car, wiped out the train guard and wrecked a train carrying nearly 1000 persons at Ayusco, near Mexico City, it is reported. It is understood many of the survivors reached Mexico City. Earlier reports said five Mexicans were killed; that an American named Hill was robbed of \$500 in gold when Zapatas wrecked a train between Palmar Gonzales and Queretaro, Friday. No Americans were injured. All were robbed except Charles Douglas. It is believed the reports refer to two different wrecks.

William Rosendale, of Chicago, arrived at Eagles Pass with the details of the wreck. He reported \$20,000 were taken from the express car, and that a Carranza paymaster was robbed of \$36,000 in paper. Rosendale took refuge in Mr. Douglas' private car which the bandits did not molest. He said Douglas had \$20,000, 000 in new Carranza currency. Burned trestles caused the wreck. The engine and tender plunged into the gap but the main part of the train remained on the rails. Zapatas immediately swarmed about the train shouting, "Viva Villa." They fired at windows and lined the passengers up and robbed them. A coal car took the survivors to Cellaya. The bandits fled when they heard of fighting near by.

MR. DARBY HERE.

Well Known Race Horse and Business Man Recupercating.

After having been in California this winter seeking improvement for his health, F. Darby, for 15 or 16 years in business at Huntington and for the past six years a resident of Boise, is now in La Grande in company with his wife, visiting the John Hannan and Frank Pike homes. The families are life-long friends. Mr. Darby is one of Eastern Oregon's best known men. In addition to a reputation as a keen businessman, he has become known as a horse fancier and this spring one of his fast nags is in Mexico doing the circuits there with good success. Mr. Darby is quite ill, but always perks up on mention of a race horse and likes to talk of that sport. The Darby family enjoys coming to La Grande but no more so than do their La Grande acquaintances to have them drop in.

HURT IN AUTO WRECK.

Duncan McLean Severely Injured in Motor Accident.

Wallowa, Or., May 15.—Duncan McLean, of Wallowa, received a number of bruises and one or two ribs may be broken, and Thomas Dill, of Enterprise, received a severe cut on the face, when an axle on the automobile driven by Sheriff Edgar Marvin, of Enterprise, broke as the party was coming down Smith mountain, six miles northwest of Wallowa, late Friday evening. Mr. McLean is the Republican candidate for assessor, and Mr. Marvin is the Democratic candidate for re-election as sheriff. They had been out in that part of the country doing campaign work.

Sale of Shingle Bolt Timber.

The District Forester, Portland, Oregon, has just approved the sale of two thousand cords of shingle bolts to the Erb Mill & Timber company of Maple Falls, Washington.

The timber from which the bolts will be cut is situated in Sec. 1 and 2 T. 39 N., R. 7 E., on the North Fork of the Neokasak River in the Washington National Forest. The price paid by the company is \$1.00 per cord. The timber will all be cut this year and will be milled at the company's plant at Maple Falls.

FAVOR IN PENDELTON.

Ed Wright's Candidacy in Umatilla County Looking Good.

Pendleton, May 16.—(Special).—The race Ed Wright of La Grande is making for Public Service commission from this district is meeting very favorable consideration in Pendleton. His aspirations are largely supported, and men in touch with affairs say there has been a decided trend toward Mr. Wright during the past few days.

Fruit Trees Damaged.

White Salmon, Wash., May 15.—Weather of all kinds prevailed in the White Salmon valley the past week and fruit trees, which were in blossom were damaged. Two inches of hail fell at Mountain Brook and on Burdoin Heights. In the districts around town the moisture was in the form of cold rain. The vegetables on the flats below town grown by Japanese were frozen.

IRISH FARMER CAUGHT REBELS

CASEMENT'S REBELLION IS SPOILED BY PLEBIAN.

Irishman, With Deep Brogue, Tells of Discovering Rebel Landing.

London, May 16.—John McCarthy, a farmer, upset the plan of Roger Casement's Irish rebellion, it was revealed at the trial today. McCarthy, who is not in the secret service, caused the Knight's capture.

He testified in a rich brogue saying he was walking on the beach near Tralee and noticed a boat floating toward shore. He saw fresh foot prints; becoming suspicious he notified the barracks.

The police scattered along the coast and found Casement in an old fort where he gave the name of Richard Norton and protested his arrest.

APPEALED CASE SETTLED.

Union County Case Decided by the Supreme Court Today.

Salem, May 16.—The Supreme court today handed down a decision in the case of J. L. McMasters vs. A. C. Ruby, appellant, in which a decision was appealed from the Union county court to quiet title. The lower court was reversed in an opinion by Justice Burnett.

Salmon River Resident Passes Away

Dallas, Or., May 13.—William J. McDonald, aged 58 years, was buried here yesterday. He was a resident of Salmon River, but died at the home of his son, W. O. McDonald, in this city, where he was visiting, after a few days' illness with pneumonia. He is survived by a widow and the following children: Ralph E. and William O. McDonald, of Dallas; John L. McDonald, of Oregon City; Mrs. Ethel Crandall and Miss Mamie McDonald, of Salmon River and Mrs. Lucy Chaffis, of San Francisco.

Teachers Inspect Normal School.

Monmouth, Or., May 15.—The teachers of Polk county, under the direction of Superintendent Reynolds, spent the day Saturday visiting in the state normal. School was held in the library to permit the visitors to view the work, and each employed his time in the department in which he was most interested. About 40 teachers were present. In the afternoon a short program was held, at which time President J. H. Ackerman gave an instructive address and talks were made by Superintendent Reynolds and some of the visiting teachers.

DRINK CONSUMPTION CUT.

Figures Show Achievement of Dry Law.

Portland, May 15.—Oregon during 1916 will drink not more than 5 per cent as much intoxicating liquor as it did during 1915.

That is the achievement of the present law allowing personal shipments of liquor as against its widespread sale over saloon bars, according to Arthur M. Churchill, chairman of the legal committee of the Committee of One Hundred, who has analyzed the public records of shipments into the state and compared them with known sales of liquor under the old regime.

Mr. Churchill believes the April shipments may be taken as showing the average monthly importation and consumption of liquor in the state under the present law. In saying that liquor drinking has decreased 95 per cent, he is allowing for somewhat increased importations, as it is known much liquor bought before January 1 is still unconsumed.

The amount of whisky shipped into Oregon during April is valued at \$18,410. This is but 7.5 per cent of the former average monthly consumption.

Based on the April shipments, the annual valuation of the beer consumed in Oregon hereafter will be \$60,720. That is but 1.9 per cent of Oregon's former annual beer bill.

Exclusive of wine, the total liquor bill of the state during four years is estimated at \$6,063,328. If the April shipments may be considered indicative of the balance of the year, the total under prohibition will be \$281,641, which is 4.6 per cent of the former total expenditure for intoxicants, not including an estimate of \$500,000 for wine.

HERD OF CATTLE MAY LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL BATTLE

San Antonio, May 16.—Carranzistas today threatened to cross the border at Douglas to retrieve 3000 cattle because Americans refused to pay Mexican export duty. De facto troops were threatening to drive back stock when the American force appeared. The Mexicans decided to remain on their own side of the line. General Davis, in command at Douglas, discredited reports of an imminent clash. Customs officials are guarding the cattle awaiting inspection. Consul Calles has sent a protest to Washington.



Representative Thomas D. Schall is lead about by a page of the House of Representatives assigned to that work. The representative is unable to find his way without his aid.

CHURCH UNION MINISTER IS MEETS FAVOR GIVEN SENTENCE

METHODIST QUADRENNIAL IS WILLING TO UNITE.

Within Four Years the Matter Will Be Definitely Settled.

Saratoga, May 16.—Bishop Cranston was named today to head a commission arranged terms of a union between the Methodist, Episcopal church and the Methodist Church South. The report of the commission will be submitted to the Southern Methodistists in two years and the Northern Methodistists in four years. The conference adopted the report endorsing the union.

Sawmill Plant Is Sold.

White Salmon, Wash., May 15.—The Swan-Hamman Lumber company's sawmill was sold last week to J. W. Dickey and J. W. Millsap. Sawing operations will be rushed to take advantage of the water supply for fluming the lumber down the mountain to the railroad tracks. The mill will turn out a large quantity of fruit boxes this season.

Business Girls to Form Club.

Centralia, Wash., May 15.—At a meeting to be held in the Commercial club rooms on Wednesday evening, the Business Girls' club will be organized, the purpose of which will be to work for the improvement of civic conditions of the city. The organization will be along the same lines as the Women's Civic club, recently organized.

Rabies Is Spreading.

Canyon City, Or., May 15.—Four dogs were recently killed in the Long creek vicinity, which were afflicted with rabies. The rabies epidemic in that neighborhood is becoming a serious matter, making it necessary to keep a close watch upon all animals.

OLD SOLDIER BURIED.

H. L. Shafer Laid to Rest in Summerville Yesterday.

Yesterday the funeral of the late H. L. Shafer, who died at Sixth and G. streets Saturday night, was held from the Henry chapel with interment in the Summerville cemetery. Mr. Shafer was a G. A. R. veteran and his comrades paid their last respects to his body and memory in a fitting manner yesterday.

GERMANS TO HIT AT RIGA BY 2 ANGLES

KIEL FLEET SAID TO BE EN ROUTE TO ATTACK THE SEA-PORT TOWN.

HINDENBURG IS UNUSUALLY ACTIVE IN EASTERN LINES

Indicated that Austrians and Italians Are to Enter a Serious Conflict and Each Prepares for the Move—Communique at Rome Outlines Something of Past Two Months.

Paris, May 16.—General Marchan has been killed at the front, dispatches declared today.

Copenhagen, May 16.—It is reported Germans are preparing to launch a sea and land campaign against Riga, which, it was deemed was due to fall last year. The Kiel canal fleet including the latest super dreadnaughts, has sailed for Riga, and at the same time Von Hindenburg's forces in the east on land have been manifesting activity. The Kiel fleet has unobstructed sailing into the Riga bay, it is presumed.

TYROL AREA ACTIVE.

Austrians Abandon Roverto and Prepare for Strong Attacks.

Rome, May 16.—Austrians have abandoned advanced positions at Roverto, evidently expecting a strong Italian offensive at Trent. The villages have been cleared of non-combatants. Three hundred thousand Austrians have concentrated on the Tentino-Tyrol front, and are dragging guns to the mountains and constructing rock barriers. Italians are improving the positions at Roverto while artillery is wrecking the Austrian defenses as fast as constructed, it is said, and a communique detailed two months' operations including the recent Isonzo offense. It is also announced here that Austrians are reinforcing Germans at Verdun.

Italians have captured 2100 men, two field guns and 15 machine guns, and destroyed 18 aeroplanes.

EYES BEING TREATED.

Mrs. Kenneth Evans Will Undergo Thorough Treatment.

For the purpose of having an X-ray examination of her eyes, Mrs. Kenneth Evans has gone to Portland to remain for a time. She has not been in good health recently and it was thought best to have her in a lower altitude for a time.

MRS. MILLIGAN DEAD.

Mother of Boy Recently Murdered Succumbs at the Noon Hour.

After being critically ill since the date of her son's murder, Mrs. George Milligan died today noon. While in poor health when the late Mr. Breckinridge was killed by robbers in Southern Idaho, the shock aggravated the case and her life has been continuously dispirited of since.

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wisler of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, of Hilgard, and other relatives arrived at the bedside shortly before death reached Mrs. Milligan.

From Medical Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waldrup are down from Medical Springs, the cause of their visit being the serious illness of Mrs. (Waldrup's father, Henderson Clark.

Injunction Asked to Stop Road Work.

Dallas, Or., May 13.—As the result of a meeting of the farmers unions of Polk county at Smithfield a few evenings ago, suit has been filed in the circuit court here to enjoin the Polk county court from proceeding with certain proposed road and bridge improvements in Independence. In the complaint, which is signed by J. K. Sears, a farmer of McCoy, it is alleged that the proposed improvements, which include the removal of a steel bridge, the making of a long fill, the construction of a concrete bridge and the building of three miles of hard-surfaced road, will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and that it cannot be done without exceeding the legal limit of the county's indebtedness unless all other road work in the county is neglected and abandoned.