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## MEXICO WILL TOLERATE NO MORE PUNITIVE FORCES

### HORSE ORDER TOTALS 50,000

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT WILL ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO SUPPLY MILITIA

### NEW YORK AND ILLINOIS TROOPS CALLED FIRST

"Considerable Number" Says Funston Needed at Once to Maintain Border Duty from Gulf to California—Carranza Will Tolerate No More Punitive Expeditions.

Washington, June 20.—Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, has requested Secretary of War Baker to assign him to a position of active duty. He said he felt obliged to make the request. He now occupies the department commandship of the east.

Mexico City, June 20.—"If the United States wishes war with Mexico, she will have to begin by invading our territory," Carranza told a delegation of teachers who visited him. "We won't tolerate sending any more punitive expeditions across the border even on the pretext of hunting bandits and assassins."

San Antonio, June 20.—General Funston has announced that the quarter master department has been ordered to purchase 50,000 horses and mules for the militia, to be assembled at various stations throughout the country. The department will advertise for bids immediately.

"Considerable Force" Wanted. The war department has asked General Funston to indicate how many thousand militiamen will be needed immediately. It is said he has wired for a "considerable force" but declined to state the exact figures. It is believed he asked for 65,000, or perhaps more.

Long Line Contemplated. The troops will be distributed from the Gulf of Mexico to California brigades. It is believed New York and Illinois guardsmen will receive the first orders. Some will be held at San Antonio for reserve.

Congressional Action Deferred. Washington, June 20.—Fearing it will be construed as a warlike act, the war department today withdrew temporarily its request that congress pass a resolution authorizing the use of militia in Mexico.

Americans Leave Capital. Special Agent Rodgers, at Mexico City, has wired Lansing that he arranged a special train to take Americans from Mexico City tomorrow. The message carried news of the first anti-American demonstration there. He said it didn't take a serious turn. Anti-American feeling at Saltillo is so intense several Americans and Englishmen were forced to take refuge in the British consulate. The demonstration occurred after Consul Silliman had departed to Eagle Pass it is reported.

Another American Killed. Brownsville, June 20.—The body of William Brown, a cattle buyer, was found on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, a bullet hole through his head. He apparently had been dead several days. Passengers reported Americans at Corralvo mines have been murdered. This is unconfirmed. Excitement continues at Matamoros.

Auto Through Snoqualmie Highway. Seattle, June 19.—The state highway through Snoqualmie pass, in the Cascade mountains, is open, the first automobile having gone through from Seattle to Lake Keechelus yesterday.

### LA GRANDER ON CHAUTAUQUA

Coming here in Chautauqua, Sunday, June 25th, both afternoon and evening. Mr. Sigurd Nelson, basso, with the Fillion trio. Mr. Nelson possesses a voice of warmth and power. He has had much success as a church and concert soloist, also having taken prominent parts in opera last season. He is a native of this part of the country, having spent his earlier days at Perry, and La Grande, Oregon.

### TELEPHONE CHESS MATCH WITH COVE

TWO TEAMS TO MATCH WITS AND SKILL

Moves Communicated Over Telephone—Each Club Acts as a Unit.

Telephone chess will be played tonight with La Grande and Cove artists at either end of the telephone. A. the Cove Amusement club players will direct play at Cove, and each move will be transmitted by telephone to the Y. M. C. A. where the La Grande players will direct moves as counter attacks come over the telephone. These two clubs have had several close-range matches but this will be a unique contest in that the contesting teams will be some 18 miles apart.

Steep Logging Road on Columbia Kelso, Wash., June 17.—The Wisconsin Logging company, operating on the Columbia river near Midway, will soon be hauling logs over what is claimed to be the steepest logging railway incline in the world. To reach a high mountain top covered with timber an incline was built which has an average pitch of 50 per cent. The incline is about three-fourths of a mile long and cars loaded with logs will be snubbed down by a donkey engine. To make the load secure the choker line will pass entirely around the load of logs on every car.

### 3 AGENCIES IN ONE SHOP

HAYNES, GRANTS AND FORD CARS HOUSED.

Chas. McCrary Leases Lewis Building in Which Is Garage.

In line with plans made reality today, La Grande, Grant, Haynes and Ford agencies will be grouped in the La Grande Garage building. Chas. McCrary, Haynes and Grant agent, has leased the building from Bird Lewis now occupied by Ford Agent Hug, but Mr. Hug will remain, likely, for the present at least, and the building will house the three agencies.

Interest Continues in Arcade Baby Contest.

In spite of the inclement weather the interest in the baby contest being staged at the Arcade beginning tomorrow night are carefully grooming their offspring in an effort to capture the prize. A grand rush has been on first past several days at the for the photo, where the pictures of Towne who are to be shown on the babies at the Arcade are now being taken. The fact that no item of expense is attached to prizes are being that many valuable prizes are being offered has created a great deal of excitement, and when the babies are shown tomorrow night it is expected that the contest will be out in force.

Shop Fire Conquered.

Fire in the Flemming blacksmith shop Saturday night did slight damage. The fire department pried open the doors and extinguished the flames by the use of chemicals without much difficulty.

Will Attend Convocation.

Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, of this city, leaves tomorrow morning on an early train for Baker where he will attend the annual Eastern Oregon convocation of the Episcopal church, this diocese.

Mills Funeral Tomorrow.

The remains of the late John Mills who died suddenly in Portland a few days ago, will be brought to La Grande for interment. The body is scheduled to arrive here on the early train tomorrow morning and the services will be held at the Masonic cemetery, at the graveside. All friends of the family are invited to be present at that time.

Bids for Road South of Bend Opened

Bend, Ore., June 19.—Bids for the construction of a portion of the Dalles-California highway out of Bend south toward La Pine, were opened Saturday afternoon under the supervision of Deputy State Engineer Cantine, of Salem. No awards were made, but the recommendations have been submitted to State Engineer John H. Lewis for his consideration and awards will be made by the state commission. The specifications call for clearing, grading and construction of culverts on the 12-mile stretch south from Bend, which when completed, will cost approximately \$20,000.

### SAUCY NOTE SENT TO CARRANZA BY WILSON

EPISTLE BOLDLY AND BITINGLY UPBRAIDS DE FACTO GOVERNMENT FOR NOT CO-OPERATING IN CATCHING BANDITS, FOR CURTNESS AND DISCOURTESY, FOR ENCOURAGING BANDITRY, AND PLAINLY WARNS MEXICANS ATTACKS OF AMERICANS WILL LEAD TO "GRAVEST CONSEQUENCES."

Washington, June 20.—After receiving the government's reply to Carranzas note, Ambassador Arrendondo cancelled an engagement with Lansing this afternoon. No reason is given.

Washington, June 20.—Secretary of War Lansing has published the text of the note to Carranza, flatly refusing demands for the withdrawal of United States troops. It is the curtest note President Wilson has yet sent. It threatens Carranza "with gravest consequences" if he attacks Americans. The message exorciates Carranza's failure to co-operate, and resents the brusqueness of the former note. "The defacto government ceased to ignore obligations to protect American rights and chase bandits, and, the United States would surely be lacking in sincerity and friendship if it didn't frankly impress upon the defacto government that an execution of the threats made by Mexico will lead to the gravest consequences," said the diplomatic job in the note.

The note bluntly told Carranza that Uncle Sam cannot recede from a settled determination to maintain her national rights and prevent further raids across the boundary. It recites a score of such instances. Then, too, it charges Carranza with indifference and that he even encouraged bandits. The note further resents discourteous tones in the Carranza demands.

Seaside-Astoria Highway to be Opened. Seaside, Ore., June 19.—Plans have been completed for the formal dedication of the Seaside-Astoria highway on Thursday, June 29. The dedication exercises will be held under the direction of the Astoria Automobile club assisted by Seaside people. It is expected that fully 350 automobiles will be filled with people traveling to Seaside over the new highway and after taking part in the exercises will have a picnic and sports. Two bands will furnish music.

Broken Arm Result of Skidding Auto. Toledo, Ore., June 19.—Mrs. Fred Taylor of this place, has a broken arm as the result of an automobile accident here yesterday. Her husband, who is a one-armed man, purchased a new car Saturday, and yesterday while rounding a sharp curve

between Toledo and Siletz the car skidded out of the road and rolled down a high embankment turning completely over. With Mr. and Mrs. Taylor in the car were Mrs. Fuller and her two children and Anthony Brown. Mrs. Taylor was the only person injured. The car was badly wrecked.

Spotted Fever Attacks Visitor At Hood River.

Hood River, Ore., June 19.—Mrs. J. W. Davis, wife of a Glens Falls, Idaho, physician, is recovering here from an attack of spotted fever. Mrs. Davis is the first local patient to suffer from the malady. She was bitten by a Rocky mountain tick several weeks ago and was seized with the fever while she and her husband and children came here on a motor trip.

### LA GRANDE MILITIA IS CONSIDERED BY ADJUTANT

Adjutant General White, at Portland, and Governor Withycombe, at Salem, have jointly taken under advisement the request from La Grande citizens to permit organization of a militia company here at once. Answer from Governor Withycombe to that effect reached La Grande last evening.

La Grande will likely help send volunteers into service in Mexico if the present indications materialize. The event of an open rupture, several men about La Grande are ready to enlist if no such facilities are available here. Some advance the opinion that no company will be organized here unless an Eastern Oregon battalion is formed. It is understood in Oregon complement of companies is fully, just now rounds up recruits, and to organize a company in La Grande is would be unwise, either however the adjutant may have a scheme up his sleeve and until either he or the chief executive are heard from the matter stands status quo—but that several youngsters will enlist with other companies in the event a company is denied, seems today sure.

Baker Ready to Fight.

Baker, June 20.—Baker county soldiers are ready to serve at the Mexican border just as soon as needed. No direct call for soldiers for duty on the Mexican border has been received here, according to E. A. Kirkendall, formerly of the U. S. Cavalry which saw service in the Spanish-American war, and until the appeal is issued direct, nearly 100 veterans in Baker county, will remain here, he believes. When the call is received direct, however, the veterans will be ready to respond to their country's needs, although some are now drawing pensions for injuries, he says.

Members of the old militia company here will have to go to Portland if they desire to join the nearest company in the state. C. H. McCulloch, captain at the time the local militia disbanded, announced today. There are at least 50 ex-militiamen, he said, who will be anxious to see service in Mexico, if actual hostilities begin.

### DAUGHTER OF HUGHES AS COLLEGE GRADUATE



Daughter of Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president, as she appeared at the graduation exercises of the National Cathedral School for Girls, Washington, D. C. Miss Hughes is second oldest of Hughes' three daughters. She may enter Wellesley next year.

### FOREST FIRE FORCES FORM

UNITED ACTION TO FORESTALL LOSS TAKEN.

Lookouts, Wardens and Patrolmen Selected Last Night.

Near approach of the time when forest fires are likely, brought about an important meeting of the Union-Wallowa Counties Fire association yesterday evening. Patrolmen and lookouts were selected and steps taken to rehabilitate telephone lines to outlying districts for alarm and co-operation purposes and to slash out trails guaranteeing easy access to various areas where forest fires are subject. The meeting was an important one and rounded out many affairs although patrolmen for Union county were not entirely selected. Directors of the association who attended included G. E. Hayden of Enterprise, J. T. Williamson and George Stoddard of La Grande, Geo. Palmer.

Joner Trump of Promise, who is warden of Wallowa county and Lowell Williamson, warden of Union county were in attendance. Likewise were J. W. Carper, a patrolman of Promise and John G. Wray a patrolman of the Wallowa territory. Q. A. Trump was also named a Wallowa county patrolman. Ellis Williamson was picked for upriver patrol duty but other patrolmen in this county have not been named. Frank (Abe) Perry of Island City will be lookout at the summit of Mt. Emily this year from whence, with instruments, he will be able to detect and locate incipient fires. This phase of the fire protection in this vicinity is one of the most vital. By the use of instruments he can detect, and locate with approximate accuracy, just where the fire is and with the complete telephone and wardens in any locality even before patrolmen who are nearby can discover the fire. The great height of the prominence allows the lookout to peer down upon an immense territory—the great majority of timber areas in the two counties. There is probably not as complete a forest fire fighting system in the state as prevails right here.

Will Build Towers.

A 40-foot tower will put the observer higher than the average tree-tops. There is at present a small one near the Blumentstein cabin, but the directors purpose to build the new one higher and locate it on the very summit. Furthermore the telephone line at present runs only to the Blumentstein cabin but it is proposed to build it on to the peak, a distance of two miles and a half.

Tool Boxes Ordered.

There will be tool boxes placed at such needed points as may be found expedient and in that will be first aid to fire fighters—tools that are convenient and needed in fighting fires. Trails will be built, and telephone wires generally improved and extended where needed. The addition to equipment for lookouts there similar to the one on Mt. Emily.

Starbuck Boy Bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Starbuck have purchased, through the Security Land & Savings company, a one-acre tract equipped with a neat bungalow, lying near the Flouring mill.

### AUSTRIANS CHECK SLAVS

ALLIES ADMIT STUBBORN DEFENSES ALONG STYR NEAR KOLKI.

### ITALIAN DRIVE DENTED BY SMASH FROM RUSSIA

German Dispatches Tell of Strong Russian Attacks North of Pripet but Also Claim They Have Been Unsuccessful—Prisoners Tell of Plans Going Astray.

Berlin, June 20.—Strong Russian attacks southeast of Logishini and North of Pripet are announced this afternoon. Slavs suffered heavy losses in other attacks along the Styra, near Kolki, which were unsuccessful. Germans attacked successfully South of Smorgon and near Tanozyn, capturing a few prisoners and machine guns.

Ambitious Scheme Frustrated. London, June 20.—It is admitted here the Austrian defense is more stubborn and Tuotons are counter attacking spiritedly east of Lemberg, using ejectors and many shells. Austrian prisoners admit they were brought from the Italian front and rushed into action.

Bucharest dispatches indicated the Russian offensive has arrested the Austrian drive into Italy and frustrated an ambitious scheme of Austro-Germans for a conquest of southern Russia.

Keen Voting at Cove.

Cove, June 20.—(Special)—Keen voting, which brought out a brisk vote, characterized the school election here yesterday. Walter Murphey was elected from a big field of aspirants. May Stearns was chosen clerk.

Union, June 20.—(Special)—W. Halsey was elected to succeed L. L. McKennon was chosen yesterday as school director. There was no contest. Harry Dickson was elected clerk.

Alicel, June 20.—(Special)—W. R. Leadbetter was chosen school director in a quiet election here yesterday.

Perry, June 20.—(Special)—Due to the fact Leon Perry recently resigned his position, there were two directors to elect here yesterday. A small vote was out and Norman Stoddard and Henry Rher were named. Horace J. Nelson was again chosen clerk.

Summerville, June 20.—(Special)—William Park was unopposed for school director here yesterday.

Elgin, June 20.—(Special)—W. R. Underwood was yesterday chosen to the school board of this district.

PERRY CITIZEN DEAD.

"Grandpa" Hermann Succumbs to Kidney Troubles.

Grandpa Fred Hermann, aged 77 years, died last night at Perry at 9 o'clock. During the 10 years Mr. Hermann had lived in this vicinity he has suffered considerably with kidney trouble. He was operated upon a little over a year ago but didn't seem to get much relief. He is survived by the widow and four sons and three daughters. A. G. Hermann, a North Fir street merchant, is a son, and in Iowa, Gustave, Amos and Julius make their home. The daughters who are Mrs. Emma Osler, Mrs. Gusta Sasse and Mrs. Belia Patterson, also live in Iowa.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Bohnenkamp chapel in this city. The deceased had a large number of friends and the bereaved family has the sympathy of both La Grande and Perry people.

Perry Man Buries Mother.

Perry, June 20.—Geo. Dixon returned Sunday morning from southern Idaho where he was called to the death bed of his mother.

Knights of Columbus Initiate

Centralia, Wash., June 19.—The local Knights of Columbus had a busy day yesterday as hosts to a gathering of knights from all over this section of the state. During the afternoon the degree work was had in the I. O. O. F. hall and last evening a banquet was served in the Commercial club rooms. Visiting knights were here from Tacoma, Olympia, Hoquiam, Aberdeen, Chehalis and South Bend.