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Carranza's Reply Is Made Public

NAVAL BASE AT ASTORIA IS VERY URGENT

CONGRESSMAN HAWLEY POINTS OUT HOW BREMERTON MIGHT BE USELESS

HOUSE NAVAL COMMITTEE TAKES UP THE ISSUE

Invasion of Northwest Pointed Out as Possible Via Columbia and Once the Enemy Was in Control Couldn't Be Unseated—Naval Commission Will Inspect.

Washington, June 30.—Supporting the bill for establishment of a naval base at Astoria, Representative Hawley, of Oregon, declared before the naval committee today that every American vessel leaving Bremerton yards passes under guns of British forts.

"In case of war with England the Bremerton yard would be useless." He declared that the northwest, with an area as large as Germany, capable of supporting 60,000,000 to 70,000,000 people is in danger of occupation unless the mouth of the Columbia is strongly guarded. He said that if foreign troops ever occupied the territory, controlling the mountain passes they couldn't be dislodged. Congressman Padgett reminded Hawley the naval bill provides for a commission of naval experts to study the Pacific coast with the idea of establishing another base.

TROOP TRAINS UNAFFECTED.

Portland, June 30.—Railway Trainmen passed resolutions here declaring that if a general strike is called they won't stop movement of troop and supply trains.

George W. Kirchwey Retires

New York, June 30.—Most important among the faculty changes effective at Columbia university today is the resignation of George W. Kirchwey as Dean. Dr. Kirchwey has been a professor of law at Columbia for 25 years. He was dean of the law school for ten years ending in 1910. Dr. Kirchwey was appointed acting warden of Sing Sing penitentiary at the time charges were made against Warden Thomas Mott Osborne.

David Snedden, now commissioner of education for Massachusetts assumes the position of professor of education, having a seat in the faculty of education. Vocational and industrial training in his specialty. His class was Leland Stanford, '97.

Dam Half Full.

Caretaker Deal reports today by telephone that the Beaver creek reservoir is now half filled with water, and the big valve has been in only a couple of days.

Master Mechanic Langley Here.

Master Mechanic J. T. Langley, of the O.-W. R. & N., is here from Portland on matters pertaining to his department.

Attended Miners' Reunion.

J. T. Williamson arrived home yesterday evening from a trip to Sparta where he attended a reunion of the miners, both the real early ones and the ones who came later. It was a great gathering and Mr. Williamson says he enjoyed one of the greatest times of his life. He was among the very early gold-seekers in the old camp and knows them all. A more extended report of the gathering will be furnished by Mr. Williamson at an early date.

Sheep to Destroy Fire Menace.

Hood River, Or., June 29.—The last of a flock of about 7500 ewes and lambs, belonging to Shaniko stockman, has been shipped to Dee, over the line of the Mount Hood railway. The sheep will be pastured this summer on logged-off lands of the Oregon Lumber company by W. I. Kirby, a Dee rancher. The pasturing of the sheep in the logged-off district is welcomed by ranchers of the neighborhood. The animals eat clean the wild pea vines and other vegetation which in the late fall becomes a fire menace.

PEDESTRIAN IS HIT BY MOTOR

ONE QUITE SERIOUS ACCIDENT DURING YESTERDAY.

Another Was Minor and a Third Was Averted by Nimbleness of Woman—Arrest Made.

One quite serious accident, the echo of which is being heard in municipal court this afternoon, one minor one and another narrow escape, are portions of the great jam of automobiles on the streets yesterday. Last night a man named T. Johnson was knocked down, his clothes torn, his body lacerated, and otherwise bruised to such an extent that he is on crutches today when Ray Lewis, previously up in court for speeding, crashed into the pedestrian at Fir and Jefferson with his motorcycle. Johnson avows that the motorcycle driver swung around the corner while looking backwards. Johnson was able to notify the police in person and today the identity of the driver was discovered and his arrest followed with his trial booked this afternoon.

C. D. Huffman, in his auto, and a single team and buggy, had a very minor crash at Depot and Adams yesterday afternoon, and on Depot and Jefferson a car averted running down a woman simply because the woman was nimble enough to dodge. An older person in her place and circumstances would have been run over. It was such instances of accidents and near accidents that spurred the police to vigilance in stopping speeding and punish violators of the traffic ordinance.

"CANTS" GOING UP.

Increased Prices Tomorrow Expected—Many Fruit Lines.

Fresh figs came forward today to add to the varieties of food stuffs La Grande merchants will offer for sale tomorrow. At the same time more liberal shipments of loganberries appear and the berry lines now carried will include loganberries, blackcaps, raspberries, strawberries, mostly home-grown and currants. Peaches and plums are among the newer fruits put on the markets this morning. The vegetable lines carried include such articles as fresh shipments of Elgin tomatoes, head lettuce, turnips, carrots, beets, new potatoes, cabbage, string beans and peas.

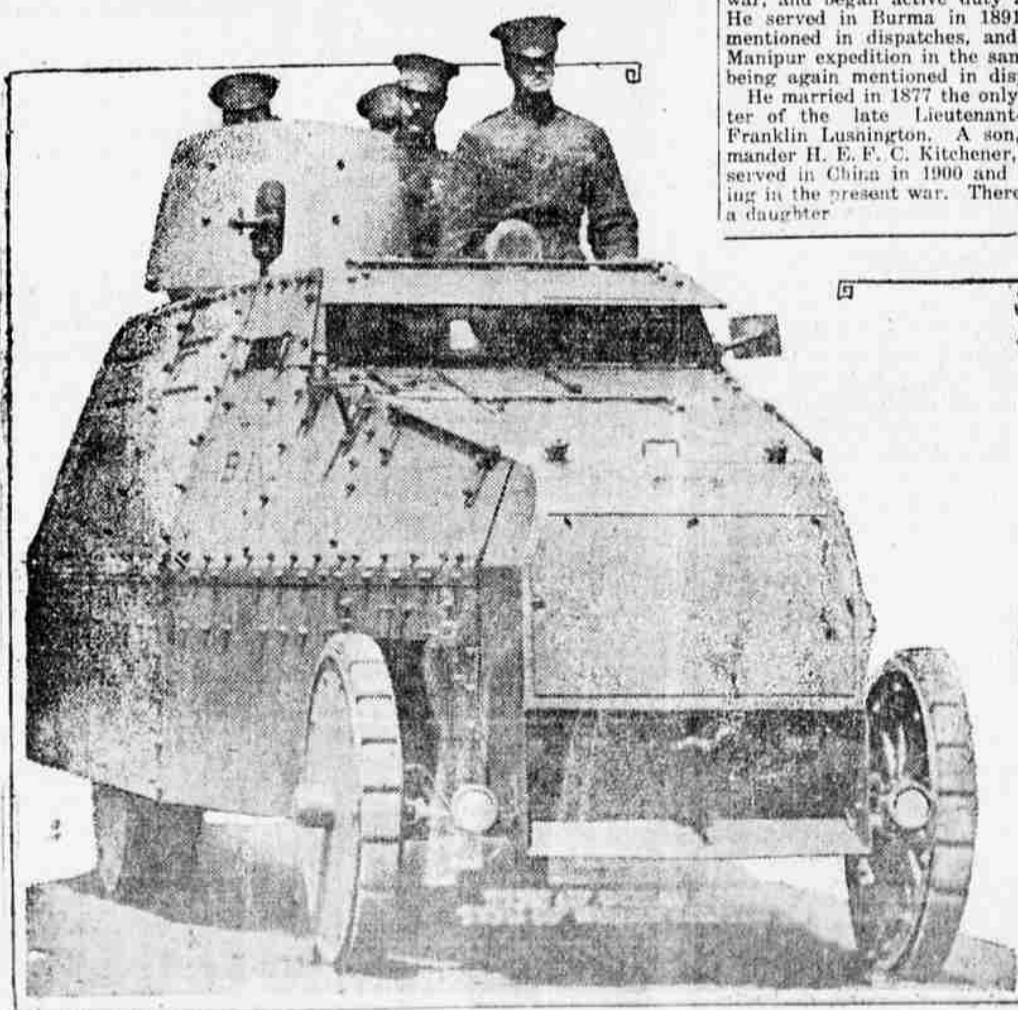
Cantaloupes are expected to increase tomorrow, the decline having seemingly reached its lowest point, for the year.

TEACHERS QUIZZED

Twenty-Six Applicants Wrestle With Test Questions

At the high school 26 applicants for teachers' papers are wrestling with various problems and tests as laid down by state authority. Sarah Riddle is assisting Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe in conducting the examinations.

UNITED STATES GUARDSMEN EQUIPPED WITH ARMORED AUTO.



Latest model of armored automobile, a part of the equipment of the national guard of New York state. The auto is armored along the line of similar war devices used in Europe, a turret at the top containing a gun, and will be taken by the guardsmen to the Mexican border.

TROOP WITHDRAWAL NOT REITERATED; DANGER OF WAR NOW LESS ACUTE

Mexico City, June 30.—The foreign office this afternoon issued a three-thousand word statement in reply to Secretary Lansing's note. It contains strenuous denial of many charges. Counter charges are made against the United States, but doesn't repeat a demand for withdrawal of American troops.

Replying to charges that Americans were murdered in Mexico he says Mexicans also suffered from depredations by her own bandits, and declares it was not reasonable to expect foreigners would be free from internal disturbances. It reiterates the declaration that every effort was made to punish everybody guilty of outrages against foreigners and says victims of the Santa Isabel massacre were fully warned that the country was infested with Villistas and they insisted on entering the danger zone despite the protests. The note declares Mexican authorities notified Americans several days before Villa's raid on Columbus that Villa was moving toward the border, thus giving the Americans ample time to safeguard her towns.

Mexico City, June 30.—The foreign office has practically completed its reply to the last American note and it may be given out late today. It is generally believed the reply will be pacificatory, relieving the possibility of war between Mexico and the United States.

Washington, June 30.—Secretary of State Lansing today told Mexican Agent Arredondo to speed up President Carranza's reply to the last American demand. He said frankly the patience of the United States is nearly exhausted and said he asked originally for an immediate statement on Carranza's attitude. Several days have now elapsed. Officials thought Carranza was delaying, hoping matters would calm down, while he framed and answer satisfactory to the United States.

Break Dangers Lessened

Only brief consideration was given the Mexican situation by the cabinet today. The President was anxious to catch a train to New York, where he speaks tonight.

Horses and equipment belonging to the American Carrizal prisoners were turned over to Americans at El Paso today. Some officials thought danger of war is waning fast. Nevertheless militiamen poured steadily southward. The administration is still preparing for eventualities. A United Press dispatch from Mexico City stating Carranza's reply was nearly completed and was pacificatory in tone, has buoyed hopes. Meanwhile congress continued setting aside the biggest military appropriations in the history of the nation.

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FOUR VILLISTAS HANG

Columbus Raiders Die With No Emotion Evident

Deming, June 30.—Four Villistas were hanged this morning for participation in the Columbus raid. They showed no emotion as they went to their death.

PIONEER AT CAMPFIRE.

Patriarch of Medical Springs District Will Be Speaker.

Hon. Dunham Wright, accompanied by his daughter, Grace Foye, and Fay South, daughter of a Medical Springs merchant, and Nesdon Foye, were in La Grande this morning on their way to Joseph. They attend the big Campfire there this evening and tomorrow will be present at the Pioneer reunion. At both events Mr. Wright will be a speaker. He will return to attend the Pioneer reunion here Monday.

TAUCHER IS ACQUITTED

Madam Galski Praises Jurymen for Releasing Husband

New York, June 30.—Capt. Hans Taucher has been acquitted of the charge of conspiring to inaugurate military movements against Canada, and to destroy the Welland Canal. Madam Galski, Taucher's wife, enthusiastically congratulated the jurymen.

NEW LORD KITCHENER IS 69

Elder Brother, Heir to Late British War Secretary, Also Warrior.

London, June 30.—The new Lord Kitchener, elder brother and heir of the late Secretary of War, who was Colonel H. E. C. Kitchener, is reported on his way home from Southwest Africa, where he has been serving in the campaign against the Germans.

Although 69 years old, the new Earl, who was born October 5, 1846, placed himself at the disposal of the government at the outbreak of the war, and began active duty at once. He served in Burma in 1891, being mentioned in dispatches, and in the Manipur expedition in the same year, being again mentioned in dispatches.

He married in 1877 the only daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Franklin Lussington. A son, Commander H. E. F. C. Kitchener, R. N., served in China in 1900 and is serving in the present war. There is also a daughter.

PIONEER DAY PROGRAM READY

EXCELLENT NUMBERS TO OCCUPY SEVERAL HOURS

Free Transportation to and from the Grounds for Pioneers.

One of the best possible programs stands ready for the opening of the Union County Pioneer Reunion session at Riverside park Monday morning at 10:30. The day will be filled with what unquestionably will be an interesting session. The grand finale to the reunion will come at night when the pioneers will see pictures of living and deceased early settlers thrown on the screen by a stereopticon. The visiting pioneers are urgently asked to remain over for the evening's number.

Campers to Stay.

The campers on the Chautauqua grounds are asked not to move in Monday so that the picnickers may have a big audience and plenty of fellowship. In the evening the attractions will of course have a big attendance but picnickers are to have seats reserved for them, so that none need stand.

Transportation Provided.

All trains will be met by the transportation committee and conveyance to the park afforded. Likewise, those who desire it, can meet at the Y. M. C. A. between 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. where conveyances to the grounds will be provided. They will likewise be safely conveyed home in the evening if they so desire it.

The program committee announces its complete list of numbers today. They will be as follows:

Hymn, "America"—Audience. Invocation—Honorable A. E. Eaton, Union.

Vocal Solo, Selected—Mrs. Edith Phy, Union.

Address—Hon. Dunham Wright, Medical Springs.

Address—Rev. C. A. Edwards, La Grande.

Announcements—President S. L. Brooks.

Adjournment for basket dinner. 2 p. m.

Ye Olden Time Concert:

(a) Annie Laurie

(b) Coming Through the Rye.

(c) Evalina.

(d) Johnnie Sands.

(e) My Grandmother's Advice.

(f) The Old Oaken Bucket.

Mesdames J. P. Graham, T. Williamson, Messrs. Wilford Robb, Paul Knautz, Orchestra accompaniment.

Vocal Solo, Selected—Mrs. T. J. Scroggin.

Quartet, "The Milk Maid's Song"—Messrs. Robb Knautz, Mesdames Robb, Graham.

Five Minute Talks—Prominent Pioneers.

Business Meeting. 7:30 p. m.

Songs, Selected—Elks' Quartet.

Solo, Selected—Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

Pictures of pioneers thrown on the screen. Story telling.

Special Announcements.

Coffee, tea and cream will be furnished at the rear of the auditorium free.

Those wishing transportation to town from the park should leave word during Monday at the park booth.

The L. D. S. ladies will serve dinner and supper at the park lodge for those who don't bring their lunches with them.

CONCERT SUNDAY AT 3:30

Elks' Organization to Render Program At Chautauqua

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the Elks' band will render a program at the Chautauqua park. The hour had tentatively been set for 7 o'clock, but it develops that the 3:30 hour is more satisfactory to program committees and more convenient to a majority of the band members, hence the switch in hours. The band hasn't given a concert at the park, under its present arrangement, and the appearance Sunday promises to be a great treat.

More Speeders Booked.

A group of residents of this city yesterday evening were added to the anti-speeding roll of fines. During the day disposition has been made of those booked in police court yesterday morning for various offenses, and today Ted Ludlum, George W. Hawkins, George Huntington Currey and Clarence Shores were put on the carpet, or are to be, as soon as convenient. Archie McCall established the fact that his tail light was accidentally out, and therefore he was not held to pay.

Veterans Grateful

Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. have asked the Observer to express for them, their kind appreciation of the many acts of courtesy expressed and extended to them—the free admission to the Chautauqua, free auto rides, picnics and other events given for them of late.

HINDENBURG JABS RUSSIA WITH ENERGY

FAMOUS GERMAN GENERAL IN AUGURATES OFFENSIVE SOUTH OF RIGA

KOLOMEA, A RAILROAD CENTER REPORTED WON

Admitting Serious Offensive From Riga to Dvinsk, Petrograd Counters With Claim That Russian Lines Are 10 Miles from Strategic Railway Center.

Paris, June 30.—Newspapers declare Russians have captured Kolomea.

Petrograd, June 30.—Germans have begun a series of sudden and violent attacks against Kuropatkins' entire front from Riga to Dvinsk, through Jacobstadt. It is believed Hindenburg is launching a German offensive in an effort to divert Russians from the Galician and Volhynian campaigns. Virtually all of Kuropatkins' forces are under bombardment. German raiding parties are harassing the Russian lines.

It is unofficially reported today the Russian lines are within 10 miles of Kolomea, a strategic railway centre. Western Front Bloody.

Paris, June 30.—A communique says Germans have shifted their attack to the west of the Meuse, assaulting near Avocourt with liquid fire. The attacks were repulsed with frightful losses. At one place Germans carried the first-line fortified works where all French occupants were buried. The French recaptured the position with a brilliant counter attack.

Germans are active on the Belgian front, but were repulsed. French artillery, supporting Belgian infantry, dispersed three reconnoissances near Niuport.

TWO DECLARED INSANE.

Steve Golden and Mike Bradley Sent to Pendleton Hospital.

Yesterday evening County Judge Phy and Dr. Graham pronounced Steve Golden, an elderly bachelor of the North Side, and Mike Bradley, insane, and directed their commitment to the Pendleton insane hospital. Mr. Golden has been suffering with the hallucination that someone seeks his life. Mr. Bradley has been in the hospital before and has been less well mentally than since he first was released.

New Vulcanizing Shop.

Mr. Ambrose Wright has installed a complete set of fixtures and appliances for vulcanizing tires and tubes, an industry which seems to fit the demands of the times. His whole outfit is new and guaranteed to handle jobs of this character. His shop is located at 1460 Adams avenue, adjoining the Garity blacksmith shop.

Oregon Goods Has Preference.

Salem, June 28.—A decided preference for Oregon made goods, provided quality and price are equal, is shown by the state board of control in awarding contracts for state supplies for the coming half year. The board meets twice a year to buy supplies for all the state institution and departments.

The recent fire at the penitentiary flax plant has necessitated the purchase of considerable quantities of building materials. About ninety thousand feet of lumber will be needed for repairs, and an award for this has been made to the Falls City-Salem Lumber company which submitted bid of \$1,430. The Spaulding Logging company bid \$1,449 on this item.

The new cement plant recently built at Oswego, entailing an outlay of approximately a million dollars, is the successful bidder for 415 barrels of Oregon manufactured cement at \$2.29 a barrel net.

The shops at the penitentiary are to be covered with new roofing, 285 squares being utilized. Half of the award went to the Munnell-Sherill company of Portland and the rest to the Western Roofing & Supply company of the same city. The price is \$2.22 a square and the product is made in Oregon. Other bids are being considered by the board and it is expected that all awards will be made today.