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MEDIATION PROPOSED

MEXICAN AND AMERICAN ENVOYS LIKELY TO SETTLE DISPUTES

SCHEME WITHOUT FULL ARRANGEMENT AS YET

Northern Summer Resort Thought Likely Meeting Place of the Commission—Serious Battle Under Way in Durango Between Two Factions.

Washington, July 12.—A Mexican-American commission will be appointed by the respective governments to settle the Mexican problem it was learned today from authorities close to the Carranza government. Details of the plan are incomplete, but meetings probably will be held in some northern summer resort.

El Paso, July 12.—A battle, still raging at last report, was opened at Sombrerete, Durango, with a Carranzista attack. Garcia is leading the Carranzas and Generals Contreras and Obregon are heading the rebels.

Following this office news from Trevino came unconfirmed rumors that Villistas captured General Ignacio Enriquez, whom Obregon sent to relieve Trevino.

PRISONER REVENGEFUL

Man Arrested in La Grande Recently Promises to Get Even.

Baker, July 11.—Vowing that he would "get even" with the officials who he declared "railroaded" him, Frank Watson, arrested in La Grande on a charge of cashing two forged checks in Baker last week, was bound over to the grand jury this morning by Justice of the Peace F. L. Hubbard, bond being set at \$500.

Ben Gentry, an employe of the Pastime cigar store, was the only witness for the state, telling of having cashed a \$4.50 check, later found to be worthless, for Watson. The prisoner had previously been identified at the Taylor-Knobel store as having cashed a spurious check for \$4 at that establishment.

Watson's defense consisted merely in an insistent avowal of his innocence.

GETS A HOMESTEAD.

Walla Walla Man Picks Up a Place That Had Been Discarded.

Sam Hawkins, of Walla Walla, made final proof at the land office today on a homestead of 120 acres on Wolf creek, 25 miles south of La Grande. This tract had been filed on in 1888 but the claimant abandoned it.

Not long ago Mr. Hawkins was in the North Powder section peddling books when he ran across an acquaintance, reputed to be a relative of Jesse James. This acquaintance told Mr. Hawkins about the piece of land and that it was vacant. The Walla Walla man lost no time in making the necessary filing and also sent post haste for his wife and "kids" and they proceeded forthwith to erect a cabin and they never left that piece of ground for a single minute for 14 months. Now they have the making of a good farm of 120 acres within the boundaries of Union county and which has lain idle, vacant land upwards of 30 years.

Held Under \$250 Bonds.

As a result of preliminary examination before Justice of the Peace Williams Ray Simpson is held to await the action of the grand jury under bonds of \$250 on the charge of larceny from a warehouse. His brother, Cecil, who was arrested at the same time, was dismissed. The alleged theft was that of taking eight pairs of rubber boots, fire hose nozzle and three sawettes from the warehouse near the intake of the Beaver creek pipe line.

POLAND SORELY PRESSED.

President Wilson May Appeal to Belligerent Nations for Aid.

Washington, July 12.—President Wilson may personally appeal to ruling monarchs of belligerent nations to save Poland from starvation.

AUTO KILLS BADGERS.

Ed Reiland Drives Machine Over Bevy of Animals.

While trouble shooting for his garage near Summerville last evening Eddie Reiland ran into a bunch of badgers and killed two simultaneously. One fore wheel struck one and a rear wheel another at the same time.

GERMAN PEOPLE ARE READY TO DEFY MR. WILSON'S DOCTRINES

(BY CARL ACKERMAN)

Berlin, July 12.—Overthrow of Imperial Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg and unlocking the German submarines within three months is predicted by supporters of Admiral von Tirpitz—who from the first wanted to ply the submarine warfare mercilessly—unless President Wilson acts against the British blockade. Conservatives and annexationists have joined in the forecast. It is said America's opinion will be disregarded.

The fight to oust the Chancellor has now grown to such proportions that it overshadows the allied offensive in public interest. Attacks have grown bolder since the appearance of Prince Buelow's book "Deutsche Politik". The Chancellor's friends still hope Wilson will take a stand against England, thus strengthening Hollweg's position. Americans here believe Hollweg will emerge triumphant, however.

ALLIED CLAIM NOT SO GREAT

DISPATCHES FROM OFFENSIVE LINES REDUCED

While Gains Were Made, Advance Was Less Than Yesterday

London, July 12.—A party of Irish fusiliers penetrated the German trenches at the strongly fortified position southeast of Loos and remained 20 minutes, killing many Germans and retiring with slight losses. Germans regained some lost ground between Trones and Mamet, but other attacks were defeated with heavy losses. Gen. Haig has reported this afternoon.

Seaforths successfully raided the Hopenzollern redoubt, two miles north and forced a portion of the German trenches, killing many of the enemy, destroyed several machine guns, successfully bombarded dugouts and returned with prisoners.

U-Boat Kills Woman.

London, July 12.—Enemy submarine bombarded Seaham harbour, in Durham, killing one woman, the war office has announced.

Germans Advance At Verdun

Berlin, July 12.—At Verdun front Germans have advanced to the region of Souville and Lauffe, taking more than 2000 prisoners. The French attacks at Champaign and southeast of Rheims, were repulsed.

COTNER HOME DAMAGED.

Fire Starting From Flue Ignites Ceiling and Walls.

Late last evening the fire department was called to Greenwood and R streets where fire was rapidly destroying the Ben Cotner home. The fire began from a flue hole directly opposite the one receiving the kitchen stovepipe, and the heat from the kitchen stove was sufficient to ignite the wallpaper touching the tin cover on the living room flue hole from whence the stove had been removed. The damage to furniture will be about \$150, and the house in the vicinity of \$300. The department was required to pour considerable water into the building and had to make a game fight to control it. There is some insurance.

"Citizens should take warning from this incident," said Fire Chief Mackey after the fire. "Frequently we have fires which started in that way—the people in the house are not aware, often, that in such cases the paper should be cut away from the tin covering the flue hole, and this will very greatly reduce the dangers of fire."

BLISS JUNIOR CHOSEN

Republican Party Treasurership Falls to C. Bliss

New York, July 12.—Cornelius Bliss, son of the late treasurer of the National Republican committee was today named in his father's old post and will direct the financing of the Hughes campaign.

Started His Letter "Dear King"

London, June 19.—(By Mail)—Addressing King George in a letter as "Dear King" a disgraced British "Tommy" found a way to get back into the army with neatness and despatch. The soldier, whose name is withheld, was discharged with dishonor while serving in India. He later met a minister who talked him into reforming. An attempt to rejoin the army was fruitless because of his bad record. Then he penned a note to the King. An official notice tells the sequel to the story: "After great gallantry in no man's land, in France, between the trenches he died trying to save others."

JOHN DIETZ MAY GET HIS PARDON

WISCONSIN BOARD WILL CONSIDER QUESTION

Notorious Cameron Dam Defender Likely To Be Released From Prison

Madison, Wis., July 12.—Maybe they'll free John Dietz, "the Defender of Cameron Dam." His application, it became known today, will be considered at the forthcoming meeting of the Wisconsin Pardon Board.

The five year fight of Mrs. Dietz has thus far resulted in the commutation of his sentence from life to twenty years. She may now win his immediate freedom. It was to save her from injury when she was about to become a mother that Dietz gave up the battle in the barricaded cabin in the Wisconsin woods and surrendered to the authorities in 1910.

Hundreds of letters have been pouring into Gov. E. L. Philipp's office since it was announced that application for a pardon was filed, from influential citizens of the state asking that the board of pardons give Dietz his freedom.

Dietz, a pioneer settler in the wild country near Winter, Wis., had his first difficulty with the authorities when he attempted to prevent the Chippewa Lumber and Boom company from using Cameron Dam in transporting their logs. Dietz claimed it was on his farm and demanded payment for the logs the company sent over the dam.

The lumber company procured an injunction against Dietz in 1904. The sheriff never was able to serve the injunction. Fortified in his little log cabin on the Thornapple river, Dietz successfully evaded the authorities.

On May 10, 1914, a posse set out

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Submarine Bremen Is Now In Atlantic

QUARANTINE ORDERS SENT OUT BY STATE

LA GRANDE, UNION AND NORTH POWDER WILL BE MADE COUNTY'S STATIONS.

ALL CHILDREN FROM THE EAST PUT UNDER TESTS

Final Program of Combatting Eastern Epidemic of Infantile Paralysis Will Be Drafted at Portland Saturday—Authorities Here Already at Work.

New York, July 12.—From infantile paralysis epidemic which already has cost the lives of nearly 300 babies, may come a cure for the dread disease. Health Commissioner Emerson has announced a conference of physicians will probably result in "important development." It is reported one physician has succeeded in isolating a germ and scientists are now determining a proper course of treatment.

Union county, along with other counties of Oregon, is to be put under strict supervision of state and district health officers to prevent importation of infantile paralysis from the east where the disease is right now running wild in a most virulent manner. Quarantine stations will be established at North Powder, Union and La Grande and all families with children from the east detaining at any point on the mainline will undergo strict examination and careful surveillance for a period of 30 days for symptoms of the disease. The quarantine will be established at North Powder under the direction of Dr. Irvine, at Union under the direction of Dr. Myers and all points between Hot Lake and Kamela, and branchline points, will come under the supervision of Dr. A. L. Richardson, city health officer and state district health officer. There will be formulated at Portland next Saturday a complete program of quarantine by state health officers from all northwest states, such as was announced in the Observer yesterday. David N. Roberg, board secretary and state health officer, yesterday evening advised Dr. Richardson of the preliminary

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AUTOS FAVORED OVER NEW BABES

ENGLISH VISCONTRESS ANALYZES BIRTH RATE.

"Babies and Autos Don't Go Together, So Babies Sacrificed" She Says.

London, June 19.—(By Mail)—Babies refuse to come into a world full of automobiles, for the simple reason that new automobiles usually are more welcome than new babies. Babies and autos don't go together. Muriel Viscountess Helmsley gives this explanation for the falling birth rate in England. Autos, according to the viscountess, create an appetite for amusement and, as babies furnish little amusement, in the twentieth century way of thinking, they are considered an interference with the pleasures that the automobile affords. Viscountess Helmsley says further: "The lamentable decline in the birth rate is due to the selfishness of women. They feel that with increasing family ties they may be unable to maintain their social status, while at the same time they might find their outdoor activities crippled. The craze for amusement has been a growing deterrent to family life, but with the limitation of gasoline supplies by the military and the partial suppression of automobiles, the problem ought to adjust itself."

WOMEN FIGHT WITH SPIRIT

BITING, STRIKING AND HUGGING CHARGED.

B. M. Rogers Home in North La Grande Scene of Rumpus.

Echoes of the spectacular neighborhood fistfight in North La Grande yesterday afternoon were heard in municipal court this afternoon. Witnesses told how about a half dozen women and a boy became involved in a hair-pulling, fist-fighting, arm and neck biting fracas that kept the police hot on the trail for several hours. The first legal phases came to a focus today when Mrs. Coverdale, with four children and whose husband has left her, was arrested and tried on a disorderly conduct charge. Though she had no money to bail herself out yesterday evening, but was allowed to go on her own recognizance.

Fights Own Battle.

She employed no attorney. When the city had rested its case this afternoon she conducted her own examination. She is a young woman, Mrs. Jesse McIntosh said that she and Mrs. Bennett were sitting in their homes nearby when the trouble started, Mrs. McIntosh going to the street and asking Mrs. Coverdale if it was true she had "gossipped about her." The witness said the defendant admitted it and Mrs. McIntosh proceeded to advise her that she wouldn't have her name run down. The witness is now talking:

"She hauled off and poked me in the mouth and then I slammed her beside the nose. The next time she knocked me one in the stomach that tipped me over into the B. M. Rogers yard. Prior to that we had been in the streets."

Mrs. Bennett corroborated her.

Mrs. B. M. Rogers, in whose yard most of the fight took place was the first witness called by the defendant. The defendant and the witness were each talking at the same time, generally, and it was difficult for the court to keep pace with the discussion but the drift of things was that the defendant didn't hit the McIntosh lady first, as stated, and that throughout the whole procedure the fight was in the yard. Mrs. Amos and her mother Mrs. Rogers finally separated the fighting women it was claimed, but a Rynearson boy is accused by the Roger family of having called Mrs. Amos and others vile names. Arms and neck were bitten and eyes blackened. It is hinted that the present case is but a beginning that there will be a liberal airing of the spectacular battle before the echoes are finally gone.

Pushmobiles Wanted

There will be a section for pushmobiles and handsome prizes will be awarded for best turnouts.

The defendant's friends said four women and a boy were trouncing Mrs. Coverdale at the same time.

Has Contract at Joseph.

Contractor H. E. Roskamp left today for Joseph where he goes to build a handsome bungalow for Attorney Schupp of that city. Mr. Roskamp has erected a number of the new structures in Joseph within the past year or two.

Marketing Experts Here

Prof. W. S. Brown and Prof. Hurd, interested in the joint proposition entertained by O. A. C., the federal bureau of marketing and the fruitmen in general, were in La Grande this afternoon meeting fruitmen and further promoting the general scheme upon which they are at work.

LANDING DAY KEPT SECRET BY OFFICIALS

"ABOUT TWO WEEKS HENCE" IS NEAREST APPROACH TO ARRIVAL TIME.

DEUTSCHLAND HURRIES PREPARATION TO RETURN

Ambassador Bernstorff Will Officially Visit the Whip Tomorrow and Congratulate Captain—Spectacular Dash Under English Ships Expected.

Baltimore, July 12.—The Bremen, a sister ship to the merchant submarine Deutschland, is now at sea, the United Press has learned officially. It is a carefully guarded secret as to when and where she will dock, except she expects to reach this country within two weeks.

High administration officials denied reports the United States will ignore a protest from Allies regarding the Deutschland. They declared America will watch carefully and be deeply interested in any Allied action.

Ambassador Bernstorff will inspect the Deutschland tomorrow and congratulate the captain and crew. The owners indicate the Deutschland will not carry Americans on her return trip, though offers of \$5000 have been made for a passage. The Deutschland won't lose time in returning to Germany either. Immediately after completing unloading her precious cargo and reloading, she will hasten to Norfolk, complete cargo and start home at the earliest possible moment. Her dash under the Allied cordon of ships will likely be as dramatic as the sudden appearance Sunday from the depths.

MARINES RESTORE PEACE

Revolt at Santo Domingo Completely Subdued.

Washington, July 12.—Living up to its reputation as the greatest single factor for peace in America, the United States Marine Corps, with the loss of a few men killed and wounded, has quietly and effectively quelled the latest revolt in Santo Domingo, and, without time lost in undue parley has forced the rebel chiefs to lay down their arms and return to peaceful pursuits, according to late advices from Monte Cristi.

United States Marines now control the entire island on which Haiti and Santo Domingo are situated, and that control was gained without serious fighting or great loss of life it is claimed, because of the thorough preparedness of the marines for the business at hand and their knowledge of the people and their ways.

WAS MADE TO MARRY.

Parents Thinking Groom Rich Forced Girl to Wed Him.

Baker, July 11.—That she was forced to marry when a mere girl by her parents, who thought that her prospective husband was wealthy, was the statement made this morning by Mrs. Mae E. Taylor of Cornucopia, testifying before Referee F. L. Hubbard, in her suit for divorce against James W. Taylor. She declared that the wedding had taken place in 1905, in Stephenson, Wash., and that after a period of abuse from her husband lasting over several years, she made her escape from him a year ago, being assisted by Taylor's daughter by a previous marriage.

She said that her husband had choked her on one occasion, and had threatened to kill himself, when threats of violence against her failed. Judge Anderson granted the decree as requested, giving Mrs. Taylor the custody of her eight year old daughter, Florence.

GROUT PLACE BURNED.

Place Now Owned by Henry Nurte, Completely Destroyed.

Fire destroyed the Henry Nurte home, better known as the George Grout place, at 5:30 this morning. With the exception of a few pieces of furniture the home and contents were a complete loss. Insurance on the home amounted to \$1350.

Mr. Nurte bought this place a few months ago from George Grout, the new settler coming from the Willamette valley.

While the origin is not definitely known, it is believed that sparks from the kitchen stove ignited the roof.

AUTO PARADE IS POPULAR

Thirty-two businessmen on two sides of one block, yesterday afternoon agree to put decorated automobiles in the parade which will officially open the grand prix Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, on the 22nd of July. The committee with A. V. Andrews, Ted Ludlam and J. G. Snodgrass at its head, have set their mark at 200-200 cars and floats there must be in this parade.

A moving picture man is to be here on that occasion and will picture the parade and probably allow the populace to see the parade later on the screen. One of the foremost floats to be put into the parade, so far as known, will be the Arcade float upon which elaborate plans and work is to be expended. Automobiles, and more automobiles, is the desire. If the owner finds it impossible to decorate his car elaborate he is asked to nail on a flag at least, and fall in line

SCORES ENTER LAND LOTTERY

The land drawings at Spokane are attracting many Union county people. Large numbers are already there from Imbler and La Grande especially, and more are going constantly. John Ruby, a switchman, has gone to Spokane, and tonight F. D. Hobbs, Section Foreman Hamlin and E. C. Happersett, other railroaders will take their departure. Ray Williams and a group of Imbler people go Saturday night by auto. The car inspection department here has sent some seekers after government land, and clerks, businessmen and others in large number from the county at large are already on the scene.

The drawing closes July 22, and those who go late have as good chances as those who register early, it is contended.

One carload of landseekers left today and another goes early tomorrow, catching today's group at Walla Walla. In the car that went today were A. S. and Enoch Johnson, L. J. French, H. C. Street and C. H. Scranton. Bud Froman drives a car containing Messrs Cox, Mr. Froman's brother and a friend from Boise, leaving early tomorrow morning. From Walla Walla they will go into Spokane together.

Engineer Frank Jackson contemplates having a chance in the winnings.