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TROOPS WILL STAY SOUTH

IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL NOT PART OF PROGRAM TENTATIVELY ADOPTED.

MEXICAN PATROL ON BORDER ALSO PROVIDED

While Definite Terms of Tentative Settlement With Mexico Have Not Been Made Public, Reasonable Authoritative Information Says Pershing Will Remain in Mexico.

New London, Sept. 21.—The Mexican-American commission has nearly completed a settlement of the border patrol problem.

The tentative program provides that General Pershing remain in Mexico for the present, but an additional clause provides that Carranzistas assist the border patrol. The exact terms are not revealed.

The United Press has received positive assurance that the plan contains no immediate withdrawal recommendations.

General Bliss must approve the program before Washington and Mexico City can approve it.

Villa's Chihuahua activities do not affect the situation.

PRISONERS CREATE RUMPUS

Baker Officials and Citizens Alarmed for a Time

Baker, Sept. 21.—Prisoners in the county jail stirred up quite a rumpus last evening when placing an improvised torch in the window of the cage on the top floor of the courthouse, they started an outcry that was heard for several blocks. Hearing the cry of "fire" for a distance of several blocks, hundreds of people were soon on the scene and the flickering light from the torch did make it appear as if the entire interior of the jail was ablaze. Sheriff Anderson and deputies, together with city police officers, arrived at the courthouse at about the same time, and when they were heard coming up in the elevator the prisoners took the torch from the window and put it on the floor of the cage, where the officers found it.

The loud outcries included "murder," "fire," etc., which were plainly heard outside and which no doubt gave rise to the story of the double tragedy.

The prisoners all maintained silence as to who perpetrated the stunt, their only statement being that they wanted to have a light and that as the electric lights were off they did the best they could.

KIDNAPING PLOT UNEARTHED

Nation-Wide Blackmailing Scheme Included Murder in Category.

Washington, Sept. 21.—An agent of the department of justice has disclosed a plot to kidnap and murder Frank Croker, an important nationwide blackmail witness. Croker has fully confessed regarding the crime syndicate's workings.

ELEVEN PRIVATES DROP OUT

Desertions Occur During Long Hike Border Troops Undertook.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 21.—Eleven privates deserted from the 12th private division during the march from San Antonio to Austin. Recruiting officers jailed the men and they were sent to Fort Sam Houston this morning.

CHICAGO AWAITS PRESIDENT.

Democrats Arranging to Conduct Auditorium Meeting Soon.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—President Wilson plans to make a campaign speech here in October. Democratic headquarters have announced that they have virtually decided the President is to speak in the Auditorium.

NATION'S BIGGEST REVIEW ENACTED

El Paso, Sept. 21.—Twenty-six thousand militiamen and regulars formed in a column 20 miles long, marched past the reviewing stand for seven hours, making the greatest infantry division review in American history. General George Bell and Major General Clement reviewed the troops.

ALONE HE BAGS 22 AEROS.



CAPT BOELKE.

Captain Boelke of the German aerob corps has brought down 22 allied aeroplanes. He always goes up alone, acting as pilot and operating mounted guns.

PRIMARY EXPERT IS ON PROGRAM

Government Educational Bureau Representative Secured for Teachers' Meeting Here.

Good fortune perches on the efforts of the program committee of the Eastern Oregon division of the State Teachers' association. The officers of the association, drafting the program for the big convention to be held in La Grande this fall, have successfully negotiated with Florence Fox, of the department of education to be in La Grande during the three days of the convention. Not only will she be heard by the teachers, but Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, secretary of the association, announces that an evening will be set aside for La Grande parents. Miss Fox is a primary department teacher and one who is widely recognized as an extremely expert and proficient. She will be in the Northwest but a relatively short time and the teachers of Eastern Oregon are fortunate in that they will hear her.

Car Shortage Investigation.
Portland, Sept. 20.—Official investigation of the car shortage situation began today, before the public service commission. Shippers assert that the lumber business, in particular, is handicapped through lack of cars. The hearing will probably continue several days.

Youth Dies in Harvest.

Moro, Or., Sept. 20.—Geo. Wrightson of Dell H. Wright, a farmer east of Wasco in the Hay Canyon district, was instantly killed this morning at the Wolford Belshe farm in the Monkland section.

He was mangled while placing the drive belt onto the separator.

Bridge Company Men Here.
George C. Sears and John Whitlove, connected with the Coast Bridge company of Portland, are transacting business in La Grande today.

BOMB CASE IS NEAR END

Defendant Billings Rests Rebuttal and Final Arguments Begin

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The Billings prosecution has closed its rebuttal and Prosecutor Fickert began his argument this afternoon. During the rebuttal the state called several witnesses to corroborate John McDonald, who swore he saw Billings leave a suitcase at the corner of Stewart and Market streets immediately before the explosion killed nine.

WOMAN IS A LAZY HUSBAND

Tacoma Man Promises to Overlook Shortcomings, Later on.

Tacoma, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Lydia Munce has been arrested as a "lazy husband." Her husband and a constable brought the woman home from Seattle, where she went after deserting three small children three days ago. The case against Mrs. Munce was dismissed when her husband agreed to receive her again.

DISTRESSED STEAMER IS SAFE.

Umatilla Reef Damage Proves to be Slight.

Seattle, Sept. 21.—A wireless received this afternoon said the five-masted schooner Inca was reported distressed off Umatilla reef last night, but reached the Strait of Juan De Fuca in good condition. She is proceeding to British Columbia.

CAR SHORTAGE EFFECTS HERE ONLY NOMINAL

WHEAT MOVEMENT BEGINS AND SITUATION MAY BECOME ACUTE SOON.

BAKER MILLS CLAIMING CRITICAL SITUATION

Big Mills of Union County Curtail Output Slightly, But They Have no Fear of a Shutdown on That Account, as Is Reported to be True in Baker County Just Now.

From one-third to one-fourth of the total cars needed to handle lumber out of La Grande this week are unobtainable, it is found after a survey of local lumbering conditions. But, although the companies do not have as many cars as they would like, mill men foresee no reason for closing down their plants for that reason, as is rumored to be imminent in Baker county. The Grande Ronde Lumber company mill at Perry is not running to capacity, although that is due to a shortage of labor in the timber, but the planing mill is curtailed in its output this week through lack of shipping facilities.

The Palmer Lumber company has been using open cars instead of inclosed ones, and for that reason has been unharmed to any appreciable extent. Small mills are reported to be feeling the lack of equipment.

At Baker it is rumored the mills are hard hit. Emissaries of the Oregon Lumber company and the W. H. Eccles interests have gone to Portland in person, and the Baker White Pine company has filed remonstrances with proper officers against the shortage of shipping equipment. Newspapers at Baker declare the crisis to be acute in some instances.

The Kiddle interests at Island City have felt the shortage up to this time in handling wheat and flour only moderately, but a heavy movement of wheat has begun and it is possible that the situation may become acute if no relief is offered. However, as stated, there has been no cause for serious complaint up to this time.

Railroad Defense Given

Portland, Sept. 21.—At the car shortage hearing today many Southern Pacific agents submitted exhaustive statistics showing lack of engine power, repairs and slow orders as contributory causes to the car shortage.

Government Expert Profuse In Praise of Water Supply

La Grande's water supply shed is given unstinted and unqualified praise by government experts. Dr. John Samuel Boggess of the government health department was in La Grande yesterday on a tour of inspection of municipal water supplies of Eastern Oregon. In company with Water Superintendent L. M. Hoyt he inspected the intake dam and reservoir. "Had the most expert men modeled a sample reservoir in clay and then hewed out of the mountains the facsimile, they could have done no better, or as well, as nature has done for you right here," exclaimed the expert, after viewing the reservoir. He cited the fact that wind whipping the dam itself supply doesn't touch the dam itself. The taste of vegetation which has prevailed in the water this fall he pronounced unimportant. He recommended that the reservoir be drained and chips and debris, certain to follow the construction of a new reservoir, cleaned out, and then, next year, he predicted, La Grande will have a wonderful supply of water. The shed, the reservoir and the dam site he pronounced the best he had ever seen. Absence of polluting matter was commended, and he declared the hewing out of the deep forest of a reservoir such as exists at Beaver creek was admirably done. On his return from the intake, Dr. Boggess was most profuse in his praise of the whole system, and expressed as a certainty the opinion that the vegetation taste prevalent has no harmful effects and will disappear when the reservoir is rinsed this fall.

Albany College Opened.
Albany, Or., Sept. 21.—Albany college opened Monday with the most flattering prospects in its history. Registration in all departments is above normal and the im-

Conscription Bill Passes

AUSTRALIANS MUST RATIFY SENATE VOTE

LOWER HOUSE PASSES COMPULSORY MILITARY LAW WITH GOOD MARGIN

SENATE'S ACTION WILL BE SIMILAR IS BELIEF

At Later Date People Themselves, Including Women, Will Vote to Ratify Measures Now Pending Before Law-Making Bodies—War Situation Changed But Little Today.

London, Sept. 21.—General Haig has reported that British advanced at a point south of Amers last night. Germans countered strongly against the New Zealanders, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Paris has reported that the French have captured two trenches at Thiaumont. They gained 100 yards at Vaux Chaptre woods. They took 100 prisoners.

French Balkan forces have advanced nearly three miles near the Monastir allies' left wing. Many prisoners were taken.

The Bulgarians vigorously countered the Serbians and entered Boreznica, but later were ousted. Bloody street fighting ensued.

Petrograd has announced that Russians captured 700 Germans in the Korythnza and took positions east of Pauterth, where 400 prisoners and six machine guns were taken.

Australia Has Conscription.
Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 21.—The Australian house of representatives has adopted conscription by a vote of 47 to 12.

The House measure merely provides and women's votes will probably decide it is considered certain the Senate will adopt a similar bill.

A national election on the proposition will be held within a few weeks and women's vote will probably decide whether they want to send husbands and sons to war, or not.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—An official statement has indicated Teutons are perfecting a new Roumanian invasion from the Northern frontier. They seized frontier heights on both sides of Vaulcan Pass and defeated Roumanians who recently drove 10 miles into Transylvania.

The Dobrudja battle is deadlocked.

proved financial condition assures a better record for the coming year. A field secretary will be appointed to look after the finances and new students.

RECRUIT STATIONS SHIFTING.

Captain Will Take Detail to Pendleton for One Week.

This evening a recruiting office detail of two men which spent six days on the branch line, returns to La Grande, while Captain Clark goes to Pendleton with a corporal for a week. The station here will continue to operate as before.

"Your Citizen C. E. Anderson, who returned from Plattsburg yesterday, voices accurate sentiments concerning the need of preparedness," declared Captain Clark last evening after reading an interview with the La Grande man who attended the big training camp. "Such sentiments and motives as expressed therein and such patriotism as reflected by his action, reveals that not all have neglected the question of national preparedness."

SPILLWAY JOB LET TO O'BRIEN

Bert O'Brien has been awarded the contract for lowering the spillway at Beaver creek dam a distance of three feet to reduce the pressure against the dam itself is reinforced with ed and these will be used later when the dam itself is reinforced with wood braces, in an effort to circumvent reconstruction.

Mr. O'Brien will start the project as soon as possible.

Bill Passes

WHITE MURDERER HANGED TO POLE

Olathe, Kansas, Sept. 21.—Fifty armed men stormed the county jail last night and broke down the iron doors, fired at Sheriff Carroll and otherwise created a riot to get Bert Dudley, white, who murdered Henry Muller and wife. Before the fire department could disperse the mob by turning hose on them, they had found their man. They took him a quarter of a mile to a railway and hanged him to a pole.

Ex-Governor Supports Prohibition.

Seattle, Sept. 20.—Former Governor Henry McBride and Republican candidate for the state of Washington, endorses the state's prohibition law just as it stands.

Says Wilson's Stand Blow to Labor.

Green Bay, Wis., Sept. 20.—In his address here today Charles E. Hughes flays the eight-hour railroad bill as a surrender to force. He says that a principle has been yielded and as a friend of the workingman the action was unpardonable. Mr. Hughes advocates arbitration as the correct principle and that such was abandoned in recourse to the eight-hour law. The course taken by the administration would lead to civil war, declared the nominee.

2 TRUE BILLS ARE RETURNED

STATUTORY CRIME CHARGE AND LIQUOR NUISANCE ACCUSATION DROPPED BY JURORS.

One of Two True Bills of Indictment Has Not Been Made Public—Others Local News.

Two true bills and two not true bills of indictment were reported at noon today by the grand jury called yesterday morning. One of the true bills has not been made public but the second was an indictment charging William Lovelace, a minor, with assault with intent to commit a statutory crime. He is already in custody.

The not true bills returned exonerated William Herzog of a statutory charge and Harry Bailis, James Hanson and C. K. White of a charge of conducting a nuisance under the prohibition law.

The grand jury is still in session.

Round-Up Drawing Many.

Some indication of the number of people who will support the Pendleton Round-Up which began today, is seen in the fact that 70 people went to the show town on last night's train and 46 more left this morning. This does not, of course, fully picture the La Grande attendance as the automobile is being drafted vigorously. Yesterday along actual count revealed 72 machines crossing the Kamela pass.

Students Laying Cement.

As a part of the schooling they will receive under Manual Training Instructor Mason, of the high school, a group of boys this morning began pouring cement into sidewalk frames previously built by them, for the purpose of constructing cement walks in the rear of the central school. Excavation, frame building to tamping of foundation, mixing of concrete, pouring and surfacing are all carried on by the pupils under Mr. Mason's direction. As soon as the class perfects itself somewhat in the science, walks will be built in front of the Central building.

"Sprat" Montgomery Hurt.

W. S. (Sprat) Montgomery was quite severely injured this morning while at work in the timber south of town. His hand was squeezed by his horse against a tree and the injury inflicted was of such extent as to require the services of a surgeon.

Bend Carpenter Commits Suicide.

Bend, Or., Sept. 21.—O. H. Haskette a carpenter who has lived here for the past year, shot himself in the head with suicidal intent Tuesday on the street and died in the hospital several hours later. His action is believed to have been due to an alleged estrangement from his wife, over which he had brooded for some time. Recently he had been drinking, but an acquaintance who met him a half hour before the shooting, saw nothing out of the way with the man. A sister is living near Monroe, and his mother is believed to live in Eugene, but her name is unknown here.

VIADUCT WILL DISPLACE OLD SUBWAY PLANS

MINOR DETAIL ALONE IS HOLDING BACK CONSTRUCTION OF BIG BRIDGE.

CITY'S PORTION HAS BEEN GREATLY CUT

Approach to Viaduct Will Begin Near Grandy Avenue on the South and at X Avenue on the North—Subway System Abandoned As Impractical. Quick Action Sure.

Construction of the Second street su way has been definitely abandoned and in its stead will be built a viaduct to care for traffic on North Second street. One minor detail alone stands in the way of immediate construction of the overhead structure, and, furthermore, the city's portion will be fully one-third less than if the subway plans were adopted. Just as soon as Commissioner McKennon returns from Portland, final decision will be reached, and, if agreeable to the O-W, contractors will proceed with the work post haste.

After years of negotiation the project is about to come to a head. The councilmanic form of government chose the subway and excavation was begun and a drainage sewer laid. That has been abandoned entirely as impracticable. Then Commissioner McKennon held out for a change to Third street instead of Second, but other commissioners persuaded him to change his mind. Then, with Second street alone left to deal with, the question of apportionment of expense came up, and after a time the bridge, with the city to maintain it. That was modified so that the company now wants the city to maintain the approaches only and to care for damages to abutting property. It is understood that Commissioners McKennon and Haworth want to obligate the city to no maintenance cost, but it is also understood that Manager Foley and Commissioner Palmer realize the city is making a good deal anyway and are willing to take the approach maintenance. The matter of caring for abutting property is now under consideration. In the last analysis, there remains only for the commission to reach an agreement with the railroad company on the maintenance of the approaches.

The plans as drawn for the project start a reasonable incline to reach the crossing span, almost at Grandy avenue on Second street. The south approach will be 440 feet long, the crossing span will be 22 feet in the clear and 150 feet long and the north approach will be 375 feet, coming to the street grade at X avenue. The span and approaches will be 20 feet inside with a wide sidewalk on one side clear of the drive-way.

The North Second street crossing is therefore nearer today a final solution than at any time since 1911-1912, when the subway was first broached.

Big Odds On Gov. Hughes

New York, Sept. 21.—Congressman Frank Doremus of Michigan, who is chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, telegraphed General Chairman McCormick today as follows:

"Alleged Wall Street betting odds do not disturb me. A Wall Street gambler three months ago was betting Roosevelt would get the Republican nomination."

National election wagering is in full swing. Hughes' money is plentiful in Wall Street and Wilson backers are increasing. Over \$50,000 were bet on Hughes today at odds of two to one.

George Ball Bailiff.

George Ball, not H. C. Ball, is the new grand jury bailiff. H. C. Ball was yesterday announced as being the new grand jury attaché.

BEAR HUNTER IS SUCCESSFUL.

Government Predatory Animal Slayer Bags One of Great Size.

Cove, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Clarence Richards, hunter on the Minan, has killed several bears lately, the last and biggest kill being a bear weighing 600 pounds.

The government has sent him two thoroughbred bloodhounds for the purpose of hunting bear, as the bears have been killing stock on the government range.