

ARE ON THE 'HOT TRAIL' IN MEXICO

PRISONERS BREAK JAIL YESTERDAY

ONE MAN RECAPTURED AFTER SHORT CHASE BUT OTHER ELU- DED DEPUTY SHERIFF.

BELIEVE FUGITIVE HID IN THE AL. RAY HOME

Man Recaptured Is Thought to Have
Been Hit By Bullet From Deputy
McElroy's Automatic, But Denies
That He Was and Also That He
Was Ever Out of Jail.

One of two prisoners in the
county jail who made a break for lib-
erty late yesterday afternoon in
what the sheriff's force believe was
supposed to have been a wholesale
jail delivery is still at large today
and is believed by the officers to
have left town on a freight late last
night. The second one of the pair was
captured by Deputy Sheriff McElroy
after a short chase and today deter-
minedly maintains that he was never
out of the jail. Robert Packard, 18
years old, who was one of the four
men taken into custody and charged
with the theft of L. M. Jensen's car
and burglary at Union is free. The
escape from the jail was made short-
ly after five o'clock.

Seven prisoners who have been
confined in the jail for several weeks
had been allowed customary freedom
in the corridor of the jail for a short
period of exercise during the after-
noon. It was when Deputy McElroy
went in to lock them in their cells
again that they made their break.
The jail is very inconveniently ar-
ranged, except from the prisoner's
standpoint, the steel cage into which
the cells are built being set in the
center of the room, about four feet
from the walls on three sides and on
the fourth considerably closer, with
a flue running up beside it and pro-
jecting so far that a space of only
about eight inches remains between
it and the cells. This flue is farthest
away from the door to the jail.

Doors Delay Sheriff.

As McElroy entered the jail he
walked straight to the cell doors and
asked if all the men were inside. He
received an affirmative answer, but
he could see only four men from
where he stood, he moved around the
corridor to the right to make sure
that no one was hiding farther
around. The flue at the other corner,
projecting so near the cell he was
sure would prevent any attempt at
escape from that side. As he walked
around the corridor, however, he saw
one man and heard the sound of oth-
ers making a break for the door.
They had succeeded in making the
squeeze past the flue and were out
the door before he could get near it
or get a chance to shoot although
he had his gun in his hand. They
slammed the jail door as they went
out the rear door of the courthouse
slammed it shut also, and then they
sprinted across the lawn toward the
main part of town. Mr. McElroy had
to stop to lock the big door, to pre-
vent the escape of the third man in
the corridor and by the time he had
reached the corner of the court house
outside the men were at the street.
They separated there, one running
toward the school and the other
straight through a yard immedi-
ately across from the court house and
then down the hill.

Fires at Moving Man.

The Deputy meanwhile had been
expecting to see them, after his
shots at them had been unheeded,
and he then fired to hit them, taking
off the man who ran towards the
school. He believes he hit him in the
fleshy part of the hip, for the man
suddenly clasped his hand to his hip
and this stopped. He refused to ad-
mit that he was hit, though he was
white and limping when the deputy
reached him. He will be examined
today to determine whether or not he
was hit, as the sheriff believes he is
trying to conceal it so as to bear out
his rather attractive contention that he
did not try to escape.

Second Man Held.

The second man, meanwhile, was
seen over the hill and out of sight.

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Dr. H. L. Underwood Leaving Here to Locate In Vancouver, Wash.

Dr. H. L. Underwood, for many
years a doctor in this city, has just
been notified that he has been
awarded the commission of Major in
the Medical Reserve. This comes as
the result of the work Dr. Under-
wood has recently done in the ser-
vice, as he has been absent from La
Grande for eight or nine months,
stationed in the South and later in
the East in the Medical Corps service.
Since returning from the service,
Dr. Underwood has opened office at
Vancouver, Washington, where he
expects to remain permanently. His
wife, Dr. Dora Underwood, and his
children, expect to remain here for
the coming year after which they
will join him and make their home
in Portland, Oregon.

WEATHER FORECAST.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—For Ore-
gon: Fair and warmer Wednesday,
except near the coast; gentle westerly
winds.

FIRES SURROUND WHOLE OF VALLEY

STODDARD MILL ON WHISKEY CREEK IS DESTROYED.

Forest Ranger Sees No End, Unless It Rains, Until Snake River Is Reached.

A forest fire Saturday morning
destroyed the mill on Whiskey creek
belonging to David L. Stoddard. No
one was at the mill at the time of the
fire and little could have been done to
save it as the fire had been raging on
Whiskey creek for over a week and
spreading rapidly.

The mill, which was formerly the
Lewis mill, was but recently purchased
by Stoddard and was only installed in
its present location last spring.

The last reports from the Whiskey
creek region is that the fire is spread-
ing in all directions. The farmers who
have pasture lands in this region have
all been called to look after their
stock. In several instances, homes
have been saved with great difficulty.

The Dave McKenzie mill below
Summerville in the Dry creek region
on the Summit road, came near meet-
ing with disaster Saturday afternoon
when a high wind whipped into a roar-
ing blaze the fire which has been
burning in the lower end of the valley
for the past few weeks. Had the wind
not turned at the critical time, the mill
would have not been saved. The farm-
ers of the Summerville region turned
out Saturday evening in an attempt to
check the blaze, and today's report
was that the fire was turning back
towards the valley.

The large fire which can be seen on
the mountains above Cove started
some time Saturday near Jenkins' mill
in High Valley and has been burning
very rapidly since. It has now reached
the little Minam country. Men have
been sent out from Union and today
another call came in, and 25 men were
despatched to the scene of destruc-
tion. The wind turned the fire yester-
day, so that now it looks as though it
were going into new territory.

The forest ranger for that district
says that unless rain comes there is
nothing that will stop it until it burns
to the Snake river.

TENNESSEE MAN HEADS THE N. E. A.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 19.—Ed-
ward Alberts, of Gallatin, Tenn., was
today elected president of the National
Editorial Association.

CARNIVAL IS POSTPONED

The carnival attraction which the
Young People's Society of the Epis-
copal Church had been planning to
hold tomorrow evening has been
postponed and arrangements made
to hold an ice cream social in its
stead. The social will be held on the
lawn of the church and all friends of
the society and church are invited to
attend.

Punitive Expedition Started As Soon The Two Aviators Were Released

FULL LINE OF COMMUNICATION MAINTAINED, AND ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR PUR- SUIT OF BANDITS, WHO ARE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS RENTERIA.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CANDELARIA, Texas, Aug. 19.—

Troops of the Eighth cavalry crossed
the Mexican border at 8:40 o'clock this
morning pursuing the bandits who
held Aviators Davis and Peterson for
a ransom of \$15,000 in gold.

Davis and Peterson accompanied the
troops, acting as their guides. Avia-
tors are co-operating with the cavalry
as scouts to locate the bandits on the
Mexican side, flying over the Ojinaga
district south of Candelaria.

DAVIS AND PETERSON, SAFE.

MARFA, Aug. 19.—The two Ameri-
can aviators, Lieut. Davis and Lieut.
Peterson, were brought back to the
American side of the border. They
had been completely confused in their
directions and thought that they were
on the American side all the time.
They were not mistreated but had been
threatened with death.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 19.—

Captain Matlock, of the Eighth cav-
alry, who was sent alone last night to
pay the ransom, outwitted the bandits,
paying only half of the \$15,000 and
then demanding that the prisoners be
produced. When they came both
jumped astride a horse and escaped.

BRITISH FLEET IN BIG FIGHT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 19.—The rein- forced British fleet concentrated against the Kronstadt naval port of Petrograd and the Kronstadt is re- ported to be burning. The Kolchak submarine depot ship, Viatka, was sunk in an engagement several miles northwest of Kronstadt.

BOTH SIDES HAVE LOSSES.

HELSINGFORS, Aug. 19.—The Bol- sheviki battleship Andrea Pervosna, the battle cruiser Petropavlovsk, one transport and one guard ship were sunk during the engagement with the British fleet in the Gulf of Finland Sunday. The British are reported to have lost three motor boats, eight of- ficers and three men.

Captain Matlock brought back \$7500
dollars.

Major General Dickman, command-
ing the Southern department, today
instructed the officers to pay the band-
its the full ransom as stipulated with
them by the United States govern-
ment.

EXPEDITION IS AUTHORIZED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The
American punitive expedition into
Mexico is being conducted with the
full knowledge of the authorities here
who have been holding the announce-
ment until the American aviators were
safe. Secretary Baker said the troops
crossed on the specific instructions of
the war department.

HAVE ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT.

MARFA, Texas, Aug. 19.—Troops
swept across the border pursuing the
bandits who are under the leadership
of Jesus Renteria. Adequate com-
munication lines support the troops.
Pack trains carried field wireless for
use when out of touch with the avia-
tor scouts.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—In its

diplomatic aspect the punitive expedi-
tion is an expedition "on a hot trail,"
and does not take the character of an
act of war, being merely to punish the
bandits.

HEAVY LOSSES AT SILVERTON

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

DAMAGE WILL REACH OVER HALF MILLION.

Large Force of Fire Fighters In the Mackenzie Section, Where Sit- uation Is Improved.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Aug. 19.—The loss in equipment and cut timber caused by the Silverton fire is estimated to be from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Eight hundred men are fighting the fire. Five camps have been wiped out com- pletely.

A hundred and sixty men are fight-
ing fire in the Mackenzie country,
where the situation is better. Most of
the fire in the Umpqua forest have
been controlled.

Cass C. Henderson, a Former Resident, Died at Hot Lake Sanatorium

Cass C. Henderson, who was for
more than 30 years a resident of Pilot
Rock, died Saturday morning at 8
o'clock at the Hot Lake sanatorium,
following an operation for stomach
trouble. Members of the family were
present when he died.

While living near Pilot Rock, Mr.
Henderson farmed extensively, and
later lived in Helix and Pendleton be-
fore moving to Union, where he had
made his home for several years. His
mother, Mrs. Emma L. Henderson, re-
sides in Pendleton.

He was born in Brownsville, and
was 47 years of age. He is survived
by his mother, his wife and four small
children, the latter being Pearl, Opal,
Lavada and Cass, Jr.
Mr. Henderson was a member of the
Artisans and of the Methodist Episco-
pal church. He owned valuable farm-
ing interests in Unatilla and a wheat
and alfalfa ranch in Union county.

WILL ASK CHANGE IN PARKING RULE

CAR OWNERS WANT MACHINES ON MAIN STREETS AFTER 6.

Argument Is That Theft of Articles In Automobiles Is Becom- ing Too Common.

With a petition signed by many car
owners a committee will appear be-
fore the city commission at its meet-
ing, asking that the parking laws be
changed so that cars may be left on
the main business streets after 6
o'clock in the evening and on Sunday.

It is argued that everything left
in the cars by owners who park their
machines on side streets of evenings
are stolen, and added to that is the
recent record of stolen cars which has
become very startling to all car own-
ers and has caused more than one to
put on private marks on the machines
and some have invested in the lock
which prevents a stranger manipulat-
ing the car.

That the petition is justified there
is little doubt and the most ardent
advocates of removing cars from Ad-
ams avenue agree that in the evenings
and on Sundays there is no good
ground for enforcing that portion of
the ordinance. However, as the Ob-
server understands the public pulse,
it is generally agreed that the cars
should remain off Adams avenue dur-
ing business hours.

TREATY WITH FRANCE DOES NOT CONFLICT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The sen-
ate judiciary sub-committee decided
that the proposed treaty by which the
United States would aid France in the
event of an unprovoked attack by Ger-
many was not in conflict with the con-
stitution.

PASSED OVER WILSON'S VETO

HOUSE SUSTAINS DAYLIGHT RE- PEAL BILL.

Measure Now Goes to Senate, Where Supporters Say It Will Receive the Required Support.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The re-
peal of the daylight saving law passed
over the President's veto in the house
today by a vote of 223 to 101, seven
more than the necessary two-thirds.
The repeal now goes to the senate
where supporters claim to have a victory.

NO RECEPTIONS FOR GERMAN PRISONERS

Official Orders in Occupied Zone For- bid Demonstration that Would Cause Erection

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN GERMANY, July 27. (Correspon- dence of the Associated Press.)—

Public receptions and meetings plan-
ned by civilians in honor of return-
ing German prisoners of war are not
to be allowed in the American occu-
pied area, notice of this fact having
been sent to the authorities of the
local government. The German Red
Cross has been collecting funds for
several months in preparation for
the home-coming of thousands of
Germans from France and England.

A recent order by Major-General
Henry T. Allen, commander of the
American Forces in Germany, quotes
a letter to the Ober-President of the
Rhine province as follows:

"While sympathizing fully with
the natural desire of the German
people to accord a welcome to the
returning prisoners of war, neverthe-
less in view of the fact that the
military occupation must continue
until the treaty of peace is ratified
by the Allied governments, and par-
ticularly in view of the necessity of
preventing any semblance of disorder
which might compel a resort to
disciplinary action, the commanding
general directs that you have regis-
ters-presidents of Coblenz and Tri-
er notify the population of their re-
spective districts that the reception of
returning prisoners must be limited
to personal and family receptions,
and must not be made the occasion of
official receptions, processions or any
other public assemblies.

"This will not, of course, be con-
strued to prevent the Red Cross au-
thorities from serving refreshments at
railroad stations."

MANY GERMANS WILL EMIGRATE

MEXICO CITY, July 26.—Leo-
poldo Ortiz, for the past three years
representative of Mexico in Germany
and Austria, has returned to this
country and in an interview with El
Universal declared that great pre-
parations are under way in Ger-
many for wholesale emigration to Latin
America.

IN DEER FROM ALASKA

Mrs. Kay Smith, wife, has recently
returned with her husband from Alas-
ka, in the city to visit her mother,
Mrs. J. M. McCall, and other rela-
tives and friends. Mr. Smith is a
government engineer whose work
takes him to Alaska during the sum-
mer months. They are now located
near Sitka, Alaska.

Returns From San Francisco

Chase Bohmkamp returned on No.
4 today from a business trip to San
Francisco.

GREATEST CONFERENCE IN HISTORY

PRESIDENT SPEAKS FREELY OF THE WORK OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

UNANIMOUS VOTE OF NATIONS NECESSARY

President Does Not Believe League Will Give Japan Unreserved Rights In Shantung—League of Nations Was Drawn Largely From Plans of the British.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Presi-
dent Wilson told the foreign relations
committee that he could see no rea-
sonable objection to interpretations of
how the United States accepts the
league of nations, provided such in-
terpretations did not form a part of
the formal ratification itself. He de-
fended Article Ten. He made a
lengthy statement at the conference.

UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Today's
conference is unprecedented in Ameri-
can history. The President discussed
the treaty and answered questions,
and gave a stenographic transcript to
the public. The inside details were
handed out verbatim.

The President intimated that the
league of nations would prevent Japan
from assuming any complete sov-
ereignty over Shantung.

The President said the plan for the
league of nations was built from a
plan drawn by the British committee,
later including the ideas of General
Smuts. He said for a moral asset he
thought it would be given to the
United States not to participate in
the German indemnity. He had sug-
gested that it should not be done, but
this does not refer to pre-war claims
like the sinking of the Lusitania.

The President disagreed with Sec-
retary Lansing's opinion that Japan
would have signed the treaty regard-
less of whether it contained the Shan-
tung provision. Referring to Article
Ten, he said the council could only
advise, and as the action must be
unanimous, the vote of the United
States will be necessary for any ques-
tion affecting it.

SHOE INQUIRY IS APPROVED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—A resolu-
tion directing the federal trade com-
mission to investigate the cost of
shoes and to determine the cause of
the increased prices was adopted by
the house today.

MUSICIANS' DANCE TOMOR- ROW NIGHT AT REX HALL

The first dance to be held under the
auspices of the La Grande musicians'
union will take place in Rex Hall to-
morrow (Wednesday) evening. The
musicians of the city have but recent-
ly organized themselves and this first
dance is expected to be but one of
many like events which shall warm
the hearts of the musicians toward
each other and toward their friends.
A feature of the dance tomorrow night
will be the continuous wafting of soft,
dreamy airs out over the spacious ball
rooms for two orchestras have been
arranged for and they will keep the
crowd constantly on the go all the
evening, one striking up as soon as the
other has finished. Dancing will start
at 9 o'clock and will continue until 12.

RETURNS FROM A SHORT TRIP TO PORTLAND

H. Conkey, of the United States
National Bank, returned this morn-
ing from Portland, where he had been a
business visitor for a couple of days.

