

## AMERICANS ARE STILL IN PURSUIT

### MEXICAN GOVERNMENT PRO- TESTS AGAINST THE PUN- ITIVE EXPEDITION.

### PLANS OF DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE CHANGED

Aviators Are Subjected to Great Danger, On Account of Being Compelled to Fly Low—In Hot Pursuit of Two Bandits Supposed to Be Companions of Those Captured.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MARFA, Aug. 21.—As soon as it was light enough this morning to follow the trails the American punitive expedition continued the bandit chase for the third day. One column picked up the hot trail of two bandits who are believed to be the companions of the two captured late yesterday afternoon by Captain Leonard Matlock.

The aviators' work is now extremely dangerous because there are few landing fields in Mexico. It is necessary to fly close to the ground and this affords the bandits the opportunity to fire on them. Many narrow escapes have been reported.

Flyers leaving here today carried Associated Press dispatches to drop for each cavalry troop, giving them the news from the outside world.

### MEXICO MAKES PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Mexican ambassador here has been instructed by his government to protest to the state department against the dispatch of American troops across the border and to request their withdrawal, according to a statement issued in Mexico City yesterday.

### NO ACTION AT PRESENT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Mexican protest against the punitive expedition and the request for immediate withdrawal of the American forces was made to the state department today. There is no announcement but the indications are that the Mexican protest will not hasten the withdrawal of the troops who are on a hot trail. It is not expected that they will return until the bandits have been captured or the trail has become cold.

### ASK MEXICANS TO COOPERATE.

MARFA, Aug. 21.—Colonel Langhorne, American army commander in the Big Bend district, has suggested to the Mexican authorities that General Pruneda, the Mexican commander, and the Americans co-operate in pursuing the bandits.

## NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH BY MOB

### WAS ACCUSED OF ASSAULT ON FARMER'S WIFE.

Body Was Taken to Scene of Crime and Swung to Tree in Churchyard.

LOUISBERG, N. C., Aug. 21.—Walter Elliot, a negro, alleged to have assaulted a farmer's wife, was shot to death by a mob which later took the body to the scene of the crime and swung it to a tree in the country churchyard. The mob had taken the negro from Sheriff Kearney.

### President Disclaims Power to Issue a Peace Proclamation

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The president has not the power to declare peace by proclamation, nor could he do so in any circumstances to take such a course prior to ratification of the formal treaty by the senate.

President Wilson so wrote Senator Fall, replying to one of twenty written questions which Senator Fall had presented at the conference held on Sunday.

### Heavy Fine and Im- prisonment Favored For Profiteering

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Amendments to the food control act imposing a fine of \$5,000 and two years imprisonment for profiteering, were favorably reported by the house agricultural committee.

### MARTIAL LAW IN HUNGARY

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 21.—Martial law has been proclaimed throughout all of Hungary, a Budapest dispatch states.

## C. M. HUMPHREYS RETURNS HOME

### REPORTS CROPS GOOD EAST OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Delegate to Knights of Khorassan Convention Surprised at Low Prices in East

C. M. Humphreys, of the U. S. National Bank, has returned from Peoria, Illinois, where he attended the Imperial Council of Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan Mr. Humphreys had the honor of being a member of the Ways and Means committee of the Imperial Council and will make a full report to the temple here of his trip within a short time.

Mr. Humphreys observed, while on his trip, that several towns the size of La Grande are using artesian wells to supply their water and that the system seems to be quite a success. Particularly is this true of Savannah, Illinois, in which place Mr. Humphreys looked into the water system quite thoroughly.

He also reports that hotels and restaurants are charging about fifty per cent less for meals than they are doing in the west and the western delegates were quite surprised when they discovered that they could get an excellent meal for fifty cents. In the large department stores they could hardly believe that merchandise could be so reasonable compared with western prices.

Mr. Humphreys says that east of the Mississippi the crops look fine but that in Montana the crops are burned by fire and drought.

### ENGLISH ESTIMATE OF AMERICAN TROOPS

Regiment Following Pershing in Peace Day Celebration Effected Press Comment.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

London, July 21.—The provisional regiment of the American soldiers who followed General Pershing in the Peace Day procession was the first sample of American fighting troops to march in London. Other organizations seen here had been on their way to the battlefields, while those men were returning.

"Here were the Americans in steel helmets, marching in companies eight abreast with bayonets fixed," said the Daily Express. "They were as jovial as any when the procession halted, for a time, but while they marched their faces were as serious and as immobile as the graven images. They made a profound impression on the on lookers. Their marching was Roman in its iron sternness and precision."

"A magnificent regiment it was," said the Daily Telegraph. "Young men all of them and the quintessence of the alert and lithe Khaki clad and in brown steel helmets they looked most workmanlike."

"How magnificently they marched, swinging past in perfect alignment, with a long, easy stride, heads held high and shoulders squared," said the Daily News. "They are greeted vociferously with good cheering as I ever remember having heard in London."

"There was a grim, indomitable look about Pershing's men," said the Daily Sketch, "an effect greatly heightened by their shell helmets, and it made all the more wonderful the burst of clear color which followed as their massed banners came by. Old Glories, along with the rest, held American fashion so that the fabric flew freely and no shred of color was lost. The cheering of the crowd turned at the sight to a great 'Ah, of delight.'"

"Except for the passing of the massed colors of the Guards with their laurelled staffs, it was the most picturesque moment of the procession."

"'Good old Yanks' thus are the Americans affectionately if somewhat familiarly greeted," said the Morning Post in its story of the procession.

### ARGONAUTS SAIL IN HISTORIC BOAT

NOME, Alaska, July 14.—Twenty-nine weather bronzed explorers, hailing from every quarter of the globe and bound for some mysterious gold country of northern Siberia, left here tonight aboard the sailing schooner Coaco, once the property of Robert Louis Stevenson.

Fears were expressed by Nome residents before the boat left that it would not be able to get through into the Arctic Ocean as reports received here recently said the Bering Straits were still blocked with ice.

Members of the ship's company said they were bound for some point in a vast uninhabited territory lying along the Arctic shore of Siberia between East Cape and the Lena river. They would not divulge the exact location of their destination.

The party is known as the Northern Mining and Trading Company and is led by S. L. McQuirk, a mining engineer of Hamilton, Texas, president of the company. A. L. Johnson, another member of the party, is vice-president. Captain C. L. Oliver is master of the adventure ship.

With the exception of the destination there is little mystery about the expedition, McQuirk said before leaving. He asserted that the party possesses certain knowledge about the country for which they are heading and are aiming to explore the section and find what it contains. No rich gold strikes are expected, he declared.

The Coaco may be sent back from the north this fall, after landing her passengers at their destination.

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## E. S. NORRIS HAS A SEVERE LOSS

### FARM NEAR SUMMERSVILLE COM- PLETELY BURNED OVER

Million Feet of Standing Timber is also lost—No Insurance on Property.

Mr. E. S. Norris, the farm implement dealer, suffered a serious loss from the forest fires this week. His farm north of Summersville, formerly known as the Childers place, was completely burned over and everything destroyed. The house, barn and all outbuildings were swept away and in addition to that there was a body of standing timber estimated to contain a million feet, also burned.

There was no insurance on any of the property and the loss is a very severe one.

Mr. McCullum, a neighbor, on an adjoining farm, also suffered the loss of his house, barn and outbuildings.

### OMSK GOVERNMENT REPORTED WEAKER

TOKIO, Aug. 21.—The Omsk government is reported to be weaker owing to the Bolshevik advance and the desertion of Siberian troops. It is understood that the gold reserve and archives will be transferred eastward to Irkutsk.

## AVIATOR IS LOST ON THE BORDER

### LIEUT. WATERHOUSE MISSING FROM ROCKWELL FIELD FOR TWO DAYS.

### TWO PLANES PREPARE TO MAKE A SEARCH

It is Not Known Whether the Missing Man Made Descent On the Mexican Side of the Line, But Both Sides Will Be Searched—Was Member of Border Patrol.

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## CONGRESSMEN IN SQUABBLE

### DIFFICULTY ARISES OVER THE SPRUCE INQUIRY.

Representative Lea Threatens to Denounce Representative Frear in the House.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SEATTLE, Aug. 21.—Representative Lea, of California, Democrat, charged that Representative James Frear, of Minnesota, Republican, was "brow-beating and insulting" at the congressional inquiry over spruce production. Frear was questioning Colonel E. P. Stearns, an assistant of Colonel Lea, Lea said he would denounce Frear on the floor of the house.

### MASKED BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN

NASHVILLE, Aug. 21.—Four masked bandits held up the Louisville & Nashville passenger train from Cincinnati to Montgomery, Alabama, between Columbia and Pulaski early today. The robbers carried off the mail pouches. A posse is in pursuit.

### WEATHER REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—For Oregon, fair, gentle west winds.

### JUSTICE MEETED TO SAILOR HOLD-UPS

LAREDO, Aug. 21.—Work has been received that Carranza police have arrested the robbers who held up the American sailors from the Cheyenne near Tampico, in July.

An official report says that seven of the Mexican bandits were put to death by Carranza authorities. They had property of the sailors in their possession when taken.

## FOREST FIRES ARE NO BETTER

### TWO SAWMILLS BURNED, LOSS OF ONE BEING \$15,000.

Dry Creek Region Quiet Last Night, and the McKenzie Sawmill is Still Standing.

The fire situation around Union county seems to be little better, from the reports which have come in today. In the Summersville region most of the effort today was made in trying to save the William Pieper place, which has been in grave danger since Saturday. A big fire had started on this side of Dry creek and was heading for Summersville, while the main fire has swept on down towards Elgin.

The main stand is being taken on the E. Fisher farm, next to the A. J. Colt farm. The fire was quiet the first part of the afternoon, but about 3 o'clock a light breeze began blowing which was starting the fire into action again. Should the fire jump the plowed ground on the Fisher place, the fire-fighters who have returned to their homes, will be called again.

Only the farmers in this district were working this afternoon. Thus far, the Dave McKenzie mill has been saved.

In the Elgin country there are also several fires and the Wisdom mill, 12 miles southwest of Elgin, was destroyed some time Tuesday evening.

Another sawmill belonging to the deputy game warden on Indian creek on the east mountain, has been destroyed, with a loss of \$15,000.

Early this afternoon another fresh fire had started in Deal's canyon back of La Grande. People living in the districts which are endangered by the fire are making frantic efforts to get their places insured but the fire companies have refused while danger lurks so near.

### AMERICANS AND GERMANS IN CLASH

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 21.—A collision between German and American sailors Tuesday, at Neufahrwasser, resulted in the wounding of several civilians and one German seaman, a Danzig dispatch states.

### CROWD BLOCKED CAR MOVEMENTS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—A crowd of 500 striko sympathizers blocked the passage of street cars and jeered and stoned the crews. They were dispersed by the police.

## CITY PROCEEDS TO BUILD DAM

### FOLLOW ENGINEER'S RECOM- MENDATION ON INTAKE.

Commissioners Agree to Allow Parking of Cars on Adams After Business Hours.

The first definite step toward improvement of the city's water system since the city put a special engineer on the job was taken last night at the meeting of the board of city commissioners, when they decided to proceed with the building of the new dam which the engineer recommended be installed at the intake on Beaver Creek. L. C. Kelsey, the engineer, is expected to arrive in the city again in a few days and by the time he is here to supervise the job the materials and supplies necessary for building the concrete dam will be taken to the intake. The present dam allows a great quantity of water to get away every day and it is the opinion of the engineer that the new dam will help the situation very materially.

### Improve Septic Tank.

The commissioners also decided to go ahead with the installation of a chlorinator plant at the septic tank, which will satisfy the objections of some of the families living along the irrigation ditch into which the tank discharges that the sewage is discharged from the tank in such condition as to be very offensive. The installation of the chlorinator at the tank will require the construction of a concrete basin 10x20 feet and 6 feet deep and a small house to protect the chlorinating plant. The work on this will be commenced at once.

### Street Paving Ordered.

A petition from citizens living on M avenue asking that a hard surface pavement be laid down from Fourth street to Cedar street was granted, and another petition asking for similar work in the alley between Adams and Jefferson avenues from Chestnut to Fourth street was granted. The city attorney was instructed to create improvement districts for the performance of his work.

### Parking Rule Changed.

A slight alteration in the recent parking ordinance, passed to keep cars from remaining parked on Adams avenue for a longer period than thirty minutes was made upon the presentation of a petition from a number of business men and citizens asking that the rule be changed so as to allow cars to be parked on Adams after business hours and for periods longer than half an hour, if desired. Parking of cars on side streets after night has been found to result in too many thefts of articles from cars and even of the cars themselves.

### Ministers Meet Board.

A delegation from the Ministerial Association came before the board.

## CHARGED WITH FIRE NEGLIGENCE

### PROMINENT MEN OF THE STATE ARE ACCUSED.

Claim is Made of Failure to Extinguish Camp Fires While On Mount Hood.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—Elton Watkins, deputy federal district attorney, has filed information charging Dr. W. J. Fenton, Rep. J. D. Frys, of Corvallis, Roy J. Jacobs, deputy collector of customs in Portland, and L. A. Winkler, manager of a big department store, that they let a camp fire burning in the Oregon mountains, force on Sept. 10, 1918, in July.

## VAST AREA OF TIMBER SWEEPED OVER

### FOREST FIRES LEAP OVER TOPS OF TALL FIR TREES NEAR ALBANY.

### MILLIONS OF FEET OF LUMBER DESTROYED

Several Hundred Men Are Fighting the Flames—If Warm, Dry Weather Continues, Damage Will Be Much Greater—Hammond Lumber Company Endangered.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 21.—Millions of feet of timber have been destroyed by fires which leap over the tops of tall fir trees. A tract of timber 2000 acres in extent has been swept over by a fire two miles east of Albany.

If the present warm weather and winds continue there will probably be a much greater loss to the Hammond Lumber company.

## BIG FEATURES FOR LABOR DAY

### AIRPLANE STUNTS WILL PRO- VIDE THRILLS FOR ALL.

Various Committees Busy Arranging For the Big Events Staged During the Week.

Members of the various committees are busily engaged in posting lithographs and placing advertising cards and posters announcing the various events to be staged here during the week beginning Labor Day, September 1. Of course, the big day will be on Monday, for that is when the special program of events will be held at the Fair Grounds, also it is the first exhibition of the army flyers, and the opening of the big street carnival. Both of these attractions will be here the entire week however, and labor men, feeling that they have provided attractions of exceptional interest to citizens in this section, are widely advertising the events. The committees expect to complete the advertising work by next Sunday night.

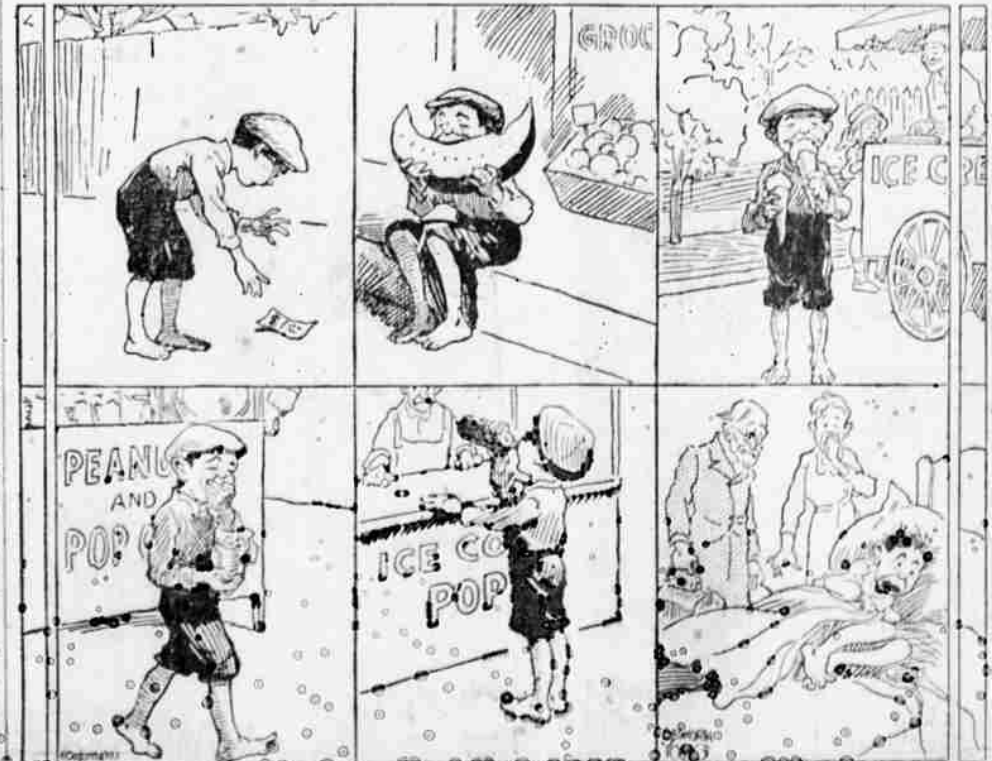
Regarding the flights made by the aviators who are positively going to be here, the following news item from a Washington paper, where they were giving exhibitions, furnishes interesting reading:

"Just to show that falling in a parachute several thousand feet in no way dampened his natural Irish ardor, Sergeant Cadden maliciously remarked after his second trip Saturday that 'he was going to clean up on the pilot. First he lands me in a graveyard and then in a pig pen.' But his remark was tempered with a grin and the pilot still seems to be in good physical condition, so Sergeant Cadden's threat does not seem to be carried out.

"Dropping in the Watkins parachute, which is a prize-winner because of its safety, is not the sort of a thing done by most of us after each meal, but Sergeant Cadden seems to be embarrassed by the fact that people insist on admiring his nerve and grit for performing the feat. His first drop was made Saturday afternoon, when he landed in a most suggestive place, the graveyard, being brought to town by an auto. Nothing daunted, he again made the parachute flight the same evening. The wind swung him from side to side and in circles as he hung a mere speck at the end of a rope attached to the yards of silk that make up the parachute. Opening almost immediately, the parachute hung for a moment or two, moving toward the ground only slowly, and then seeming to reach another strata of air, it descended more rapidly, bringing Cadden to the ground on the other side of the landing field in a pig pen," he says. After Cadden has made a safe landing, the pilot of the plane, Lieut. Hoyt, did some breath-taking stunts, being the Indianapolis turn, the no-dive, and other stunts which the uninitiated called flip-flop. Many people

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### The End of a Perfect Day



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