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TOWNS ARE IN TERROR OF BULLETS

MOUNTAIN WARFARE IS STILL RAGING OVER SEVEN MILE FRONT.

GUERRILLA WARFARE WORST SINCE THAT OF LAST MAY

Federal Troops Have Been Requested And Are Held in Readiness at Camp Sherman, Ohio; Policemen Are Unable to Cope With the Serious Situation in the Small Valley.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 13.—The mountain warfare which raged yesterday and through the night over a seven mile front in West Virginia and the Kentucky coal strike region, was resumed with vigor today. Heavy firing was reported at McCarr, Ky., the eastern end of the trouble zone, and at Merrimac, W. Va.

Yesterday's outbreak, the worst since the Matewan battle of last May 19, in which ten persons were killed, had all the appearance of a prearranged attack, according to accounts of the fighting.

The towns under fire are within seven miles of each other and lie in a narrow valley on the banks of the Tug river, which separates West Virginia from Kentucky. The firing came from the mountains on both sides of the river.

Concentration in Mountains. They concentrated, therefore, in the mountains on the West Virginia side, while county officials here got in touch with officials of Pike county, Kentucky, in an attempt to obtain cooperation in routing the attackers.

Terror reigned in the towns in the zone of fire as night fell and it was feared that the authorities had failed to apprehend any of the attackers. Virtually all lights were extinguished last night and residents kept close under cover.

Women Are in Terror. Sergeant David Peterson of the state police, who led a squad of men to Sprigg, told of the plight in which several hundred passengers on a train found themselves when they reached the battle zone.

"Bullets were peppering down from the mountains," he said, "women and children screamed and cried in terror, while virtually every passenger fell to the floors of the coaches for protection. I don't know whether any shots were aimed at the train."

Ask For Federal Aid. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 13.—Governor Morgan last night responded to the request of county officials of Mingo county and asked the war department for federal troops to restore order in Mingo county.

Troops Held in Readiness. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 13.—Federal troops at Camp Sherman, O., are being held ready to depart for Mingo county, West Virginia. It was announced last night at the 6th army corps headquarters at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

DR. BLALOCK PASSES AWAY

WALLA WALLA, May 13.—Dr. Yancy Blalock, son of prominent Oregon pioneers, died at his home in Walla Walla Thursday morning. Dr. Blalock is survived by Mrs. Blalock and one son and one daughter, the latter a well known Walla Walla school teacher and the former a pharmacist at Seattle. The doctor was a prominent Washington Shriner.

Local Men Given Jobs On Highway Contract

The team shovel on the Hjellette-Winter contract on the highway between here and Hilgard has been set up at Perry and operations were started this morning. The opening of this work gave employment to twenty local men who were asked to report to work this morning.

There has also been secured during the past ten days to do the work. Part of the teams were rented from W. E. McClure, a farmer near Island City.

The contractors also announced that five of its good rock men cannot secure a contract for the men must be experienced rock work

COUNTY AGENTS TO MEET HERE

WILL STUDY EXPERIMENT STATION WORK.

Trip Next Week Will Take Agricultural Specialists to Three Stations in Eastern Oregon.

In order that county agents of Eastern Oregon may have first-hand knowledge of the work being done at the experiment station to pass on to the many farmers asking information of them, a few days in the early part of the week of May 16th have been set aside for the purpose of visiting different stations, according to F. L. Ballard, county agent leader.

Assembling at La Grande, Monday, May 16th, county agents accompanied by Professors Potter and Hyslop of the Oregon Agricultural College, will visit the Union Station, where extensive feeding tests are being carried out to determine the value of different kinds of silage, the value of chopping hay and other feeding practices and wintering methods. At Union many variety tests of forage crops are also in progress. Results at Union are in general applicable over more than half the area of Eastern Oregon.

That steers can be finished at half the cost per pound by use of ensilage is one of the important conclusions reached as the result of experiments at the Union experiment station carried on under the direction of Robert Withenby, director of the station. Whether it pays to chop alfalfa hay for steers and whether it pays to build shelters for wintering lambs in Eastern Oregon are other matters that will be explained to the visiting agents.

At Moro, in Sherman county, several results have established certain fundamental facts in connection with wheat varieties and summer fallow harrowing, methods which are applicable in most parts of Eastern Oregon where wheat is grown according to dry land practices. Two days will be passed in Sherman county.

Every week after April 15th that summer fallow in the Columbia Basin is left unplowed, reduces the yield of the following crop of wheat an average of one bushel per acre for each week of delay. This fact has been determined beyond question by the Sherman County Experiment Station at Moro.

At Hermiston methods of handling irrigated soils will be studied. The changing economic situation bringing about serious conditions in Eastern Oregon is causing an unprecedented demand for fundamental facts in connection with agricultural practice in this part of the state, and this is one of the reasons this trip for Eastern Oregon county agents has been planned.

'FAT' HERREID GOES TO BAKER

BAKER, May 13.—"Fat" Herreid, all northwest guard under Coach Dietz at Washington State College, has been elected as physical training instructor for the boys of the high school and as athletic coach of the institution. During the past year Mr. Herreid has been acting as assistant coach under Welch at W. S. C. and is well recommended for the position to which he was elected. Other elected teachers were:

- High School: Myrtle Tobey, Salem, History; Ruth Ann Wilson, Roseburg, Mathematics; F. H. Bushanan, McMinnville, Idaho, Manual Training; Eva M. Hutchinson, Portland, English; Ethel M. Waite, Woodland, Washington, French and Spanish; Junior High School: Emma F. Cego, Union, Grade Schools; Elizabeth Elliott, La Grande; Gladys Bond, American Falls, Idaho.

Demonstration of Church Disturbed

Fifty Persons Were Killed During Charge Last Night in Morelia. When Radicals Uprose Help.

MEXICO CITY, May 13.—Fifty persons were killed and a score wounded last night in Morelia, the capital of Michoacan, when the police, aided by the unsolicited help from radicals, charged a large group of Catholics who were demonstrating against the alleged desecration of the churches last Sunday by the radicals.

WM. CARBINE PASSES AWAY

WAS RESIDENT HERE FOR SIXTEEN YEARS.

Burial to Take Place Here—Is Survived By Large Family—Two Sons Live in La Grande.

William Van Orden Carbine, who lived in La Grande for sixteen years and has made his home in Portland the past three years, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. Hunter, in Portland, on Wednesday. Mr. Carbine was 86 years, 2 months and 24 days of age at the time of his death.

Mr. Carbine was born in Sherburne, Windsor county, Vermont, and in early life moved to Utah, where he was one of the pioneers. He came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1901, purchasing a place one mile east of Riverside Park for his home.

He is survived by five sons and three daughters. They are: Edmund Z., of New Mexico; William H., of Canada; Alma M., of Salt Lake City, Utah; Daniel A., of La Grande; Francis H., of La Grande; Mrs. J. F. Hunter, of Portland; Mrs. E. E. Waldrum, and Mrs. J. L. Rands, of Ogden, Utah.

Funeral services will be held for Mr. Carbine at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Portland. The body will be shipped here immediately following the services in Portland and burial will take place here. Services will be held at the L. D. S. Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Eastern Oregon Lumber Concerns Protest Against The Workmen's Fund Rate

Applications for reductions in rates of contributions to the workmen's compensation fund have been filed with the industrial accident commission at Salem by nine big lumber companies of Eastern and Central Oregon, indicating their intention of withdrawing from the operation of the compensation act unless the reduction is forthcoming.

The nine companies have also filed with the commission notices of rejection of the act, which will become effective on July 1, unless canceled in the meantime. The commission has taken the application under consideration, and is making a study of the contributions made by these companies and awards made to their employees in order to determine the reasonableness of the rate accorded them under the compensation act. A decision will be announced before July 1, it was stated by members of the commission this morning.

The nine companies involved in the proposed withdrawal from the provision of the act are: Stoddard Lumber company, the W. H. Eccles Lumber company, Baker White Pine company and Oregon Lumber company, of Baker; the Shevlin Hixon Lumber company and the Brooks Scanlon company of Bend; the Grande Ronde Lumber company, of Perry; George Palmer Lumber company, of La Grande, and the Eastern Oregon Lumber company, of Enterprise.

GASOLINE IS REDUCED TWO CENTS TODAY

MOTOR NECESSITY SELLS FOR TWENTY-EIGHT CENTS AT PORTLAND TODAY.

SUGAR ADVANCED TWENTY CENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Another Reduction in Gas Rates Is To Be Made in Portland By The Portland Gas and Coke Company. Effective on June 15—Second Large Cut To Be Made Recently.

PORTLAND, May 13.—A reduction of two cents on the gallon of gasoline was announced today, following a similar cut at San Francisco. This makes gasoline here at twenty-eight cents, including the two cents a gallon state tax.

Late this afternoon announcement was made by the local Dealers' association that locally, gasoline had dropped three cents per gallon, including the two-cent road tax. Gasoline has been selling for thirty-nine cents, and the new price makes it thirty-six.

Low Price Advances. SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Sugar today advanced twenty cents a hundred from the record low price.

Gas Rates Reduced. PORTLAND, May 13.—Another reduction in gas rates to be added to the reduction announced May 5, was announced today by the Portland Gas and Coke company, following the further cut of twenty-five cents a barrel on the oil price. This latest reduction, combined with the reductions announced in March and on May 5, brings the total savings to the consumers to \$450,000 annually. The newest reduction will become effective about June 15.

WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Saturday, fair.

Mrs. Bergdoll Testifies Today

Tells House Investigating Committee That She Buried the Gold But Kept Place Secret.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the draft evader, told the house investigating committee that she buried the \$105,000 in gold obtained from the treasury in 1917. She refused to divulge the burial place, but indicated that it was not far from Philadelphia.

WILL DEDICATE NEW CHAPEL

SERVICE TO BE HELD AT SUMMERVILLE CEMETERY SUNDAY

Excellent Program Has Been Arranged for Afternoon; Exercises Start at 2 O'clock

The new chapel at the Summerville cemetery will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, when appropriate services will be held at the Chapel building. The services will start at 2 o'clock, and the following excellent program has been arranged by the committee in charge of the arrangements:

- Opening number, Instrumental, Mrs. R. J. Green, "Angel Whispers"; Prayer, Rev. R. H. Coker. La Grande quartet, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Bellamy, Miss Lydia Hug and Mr. Payton.
- Vocal solo, Mr. Hurley of Imbler. Dedicatory Address, Rev. Archer Prayer, Rev. A. R. Sifton.
- Quartet, Mrs. Moats, Miss Woodell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell. Address and Presentation, Rev. James Atkin Smith.
- Vocal Solo, "Asleep in the Deep" Frank Woodell.
- Instrumental Number, Mrs. R. J. Green.
- Closing Number, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."
- Benediction, Rev. Leithe.

RESURRECTION IS DEFIANCE

LONDON, May 13.—Premier Lloyd George told the house of commons in a dramatic speech that the Polish resurrection in Upper Silesia was in defiance of the Versailles treaty.

General Pershing Given Selection

Will Be Chief of Staff, Secretary of War John W. Weeks Announces Today.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The selection of General John J. Pershing as chief of staff was announced by Secretary of War, John W. Weeks. He will assume his duties on July 1, succeeding Major General March. Pershing's assistant will be Major General James G. Harbord, who will take over all of the details heretofore handled by the chief of staff, thus leaving Pershing free to direct the organization and training of the army, including the national guard and reserves. Pershing will retain the duties recently assigned him as chief of the staff.

WHEAT GROWERS MAKE PROGRESS

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD AT THE DALLES.

Affiliation With National Association To Be Considered By Oregon Grain Growers.

Although no full report of the work of the organizers in the field in Union county for the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers' association is available, the work is progressing rapidly, many farmers being too busy seeding at this time to give their time to the matter.

J. E. Reynolds sent in a report yesterday showing that he had signed contracts for 18,600 bushels during the past few days. Mr. Reynolds also reports that in Union and other sections of the county other organizers are making good progress.

An important meeting of men interested in the association is to be held tomorrow at The Dalles. Resolutions passed by the national grain growers at the Chicago meeting recently relating to the northwest will be acted upon at this meeting. These resolutions permit the growers associations in the four northwestern states, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, to become affiliated with the national association, no changes in the organizations of the northwest being necessary.

The main point of difference in the plans of the association in this state and the other northwestern states and the national association's plan is that the former provide for pooling 100 per cent of the crop controlled by the association while other methods are open to the members of the national association not members of the associations in the northwest.

The wheat growers of Washington will meet tomorrow at Spokane to confer with the national resolutions committee. Last week the Montana ranchers met with this committee and declared in favor of affiliating with the national association by an almost 100 per cent vote. The main advantage to be gained with such affiliation in the opinion of officers of the Oregon association is that it provides a broader marketing organization for the association.

F. L. Ballard, county agent leader with headquarters here, will attend the meeting at The Dalles tomorrow. Among the other prominent agricultural leaders attending will be J. A. Howard, of Chicago, president of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus; W. F. Schilling, head of the milk producers' association of Minneapolis, Minn.; and U. L. Burdick, of Kansas City.

Meeting with these men will be George C. Jewett, of Spokane, head of the Northwest Grain Growers, associated; Hector MacPherson, head of the bureau of marketing of Oregon Agricultural college; C. A. Spence, grand master of the growers of Oregon, and George A. Mansfield, president of the state farm bureau.

MINISTER IS SENT TO PRISON

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., May 13.—Guy Kyle, former Free Methodist, was sentenced to six years at Leavenworth on the charge of robbing a mail pouch containing \$189,099 at Mount Vernon, Ill., on January 14.

HOUSE PASSES TINGHER BILL

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The house has passed and sent to the senate the Tingher bill to regulate dealings in the grain futures.

Reservoir Break Last Night Is Not Serious

A slight break in the city reservoir south of town some time last night will necessitate the water being turned out Sunday and repairs made. The break occurred several feet below the concrete shoulder and, although a considerable amount of water leaked out, the water has been coming into the reservoir at such a rate that the level of the water had not been lowered. The level of the break at an early hour this morning when City Manager Barrett inspected the break.

The water has been turned directly into the pipeline, eliminating the reservoir and when the water is turned out Sunday the entire reservoir will be cleaned out and whitewashed. Examination this morning showed that a large amount of sludge is clinging to the sides and bottom.

Mr. Garrett said this morning that putting a concrete lining three inches thick in the reservoir had been talked of earlier in the year. This would have waterproofed it and eliminated danger of further leaks. This plan is being held up until the engineers making the survey for the proposed new water system make their recommendations. If the reservoir is to be used as a part of the new system it will be put into that class shape while it is possible to abandon it this would be an unwarranted expense.

"No fear whatever should be felt over this leak," Mr. Garrett said. "A large part of the reservoir is below the surface of the ground and but comparatively little water can be lost in a break such as the one last night. The reservoir is more for emergency than for any other purpose, more water than its storage capacity coming over the Beaver Creek dam now."

