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## TWO ALLEGED AMERICANS ARE DEPORTED

ORDERED TO GET OUT OF MEXICO BECAUSE THEY WERE "PERNICIOUS FOREIGNERS"

CHARGE IS RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN INVASION

Morelia Tragedy in Which Scores of Persons Lost Their Lives, Has Set the Stage for a Conflict Between Catholics, Police and Radicals in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, May 17.—Frank Seaman, alleged American aviator, and another American whose name was not announced, two Spaniards and four other foreigners were ordered expelled from Mexico last night, as "pernicious foreigners." The charge preferred against them came as a result of their participation in the radical invasion of the Chamber of Deputies last week.

The Morelia tragedy in which a score of persons lost their lives in a conflict between Catholics, police and radicals, and invasion of the legislative halls here by protesting radicals, have set the stage for a contest of strength in the chamber of deputies between the Partido Liberal, Constitutionalists, dominant political party, which claims President Obregon as its leader, and the radicals which for the moment are united.

Stormy sessions are predicted this week, and the battle was scheduled to start Monday when the Partidos were to seek a majority vote for their resolutions adopted in secret caucus Saturday night calling for the resignation of Celestino Gasca, governor of the Federal district; Luis Morones, government procurator general, and Col. Raygadas, inspector general of police.

To Ask Investigation

The Partidos also had decided to request the grand jury to order an investigation of Felipe Carrilla and Antonio Diaz y Gama radical deputies who are alleged instigators of the invasion on Friday of the Chamber by a group arriving the red flag of Communism. For the moment, the Partidos, heretofore reckoned as extremely liberal, are considered conservatives and their ranks have some Catholics and numerous independentists comprising, according to the Partidos, a majority, opposed to the several radical groups.

The Partidos, after caucusing Saturday night, asserted they had the power to oust Gasca, Morones and Raygadas. Gasca as governor of the Federal district is an avowed radical. Morones is the leader of the labor federation and Raygadas is described as "the tool of both."

Radicals Invade Chamber

The Morelia incident of Thursday in which it is alleged the head of a commission in Michoacan, was one of the victims, has brought to a climax the ill feelings apparent since the Aguina bill was introduced 10 days ago. The radical group, which invaded the chamber Friday, asserted it came as a protest against Arizona's death but when the tribune was forcibly occupied the speakers indulged in general invectives against all who opposed this program. There were frequent "vivats" for Bolshevism.

While the radicals were still in the chamber, the Partido leaders consulted President Obregon, who, however, has not indicated that he wished to clash personally with his adversaries. The president was inclined to believe the clash of Morelia was due to the refusal of the Catholics to disperse after being ordered to do so by the police.

Meanwhile, advice from Morelia show that the city is still under virtual martial law but that the intervention of the Catholics had proceeded without incident. Resentment by the Catholics is taking the form of an avowed intention to force the resignation of the governor of Michoacan General Mugica, who holds office by presidential appointment.

COROT PAINTING IS SOLD FOR \$70,000

BRUSSELS, May 17.—Due to the high French tax on art collections, the Alphonse Willems collection, originally scheduled for sale in Paris, was transferred to Brussels. The auction realized a quarter of a million dollars, the highest price being paid for "Arcahan Patrons," by Corot. It fetched \$70,000.

## RUSSIA MUST RELEASE U.S. PRISONERS IF RECOGNIZED

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A definite though informal notification has been served on Soviet Russia by the state department that so long as Americans are held in Russia, there exists no chance of recognition of the Soviet government, in any form, by the United States.

A corps or more of Americans are still under guard in Russia and the state department is convinced that the Russian authorities have not concerned themselves even with the amelioration of the condition of the prisoners.

## CALIFORNIA'S TEAM IS GOOD

TRACK COACH OF MICHIGAN PRAISES THEIR WORK.

Declares That "Blue and Gold Men Can Clean Up the Country" If Sent to National Meet.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Belief that the University of California's 1921 track team is the "greatest and best-balanced" college team in the nation was expressed here recently by Steve Farrell, track coach of the University of Michigan.

Farrell predicted that if California sends its team to the national inter-collegiate meet this year, the Blue and Gold men "will clean up the country."

The statements of the Michigan coach were made after the Wolverine track team 95-43 in a dual track and field meet at Berkeley, Calif., April 9.

If California's track team is all that Farrell says it is, it will rank alongside of the California 1920 football "wonder team" which went through the season undefeated, winning the Pacific Coast conference title and blanketing the Ohio State University eleven at Pasadena, Calif., January 1, 1921.

## BRILL FUNERAL ON THURSDAY

The remains of Josiah Brill, who died while in the service in France, arrived in La Grande from Portland on the early morning train. Funeral services will be held at the Henry chapel at three o'clock Thursday afternoon. Rev. E. J. Huston of the First Methodist church of this city being in charge of the services.

Josiah Brill was born August 29, 1882, and died as the result of being wounded and gassed October 8, 1918, in France, being 35 years of age at the time of his death. He had been wounded in action in France September 27, 1918.

Brill was a member of Company A, 308th Infantry, 77th Division. He had the distinction of being one of the first boys to enlist from Union county early in 1917.

Full military honors will be accorded the deceased at the funeral services and burial Thursday. American Legion Post No. 42 will be in charge of the military honors to be paid the departed.

## CLUB WOMEN TO ASSEMBLE SOON

PENDLETON TO BE MECCA IN TWO WEEKS.

Club women throughout the state are greatly interested in the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs to be held at Pendleton May 31, June 1, 2 and 3, and it is expected that a number of prominent women from this district will attend.

Mrs. Ida B. Calahan, of Corvallis, the president, will preside. A reception will feature the first evening with addresses by Pendleton officials. Among the speakers will be Mrs. Alexander Thompson, a former member of the legislature, whose subject will be "Practical Points on Legislation"; Miss Cornelia Morris, state librarian, who will speak on "How to Use the State Library"; Prof. Sweetser of the University of Oregon; Miss Mary Milam, of the Oregon Agricultural College; Miss Elvora Thompson, of Portland.

The honor guest and principal speaker will be Mrs. Thomas G. Webster, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Nellie Green Taylor, chairman of music. Many delightful social affairs are promised by the Pendleton women.

## MOTHER OF BERGDOLL SENTENCED

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of the Bergdoll brothers, draft evaders, was today sentenced to serve a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and to pay a fine of \$5,000 for conspiracy to aid her sons to desert from the army.

Judge Dickinson, who passed sentence, said that the prison sentence would be remitted if she paid the fine before June 13.

Her son, Grover Bergdoll, fled to Germany recently and attempts to capture him were unsuccessful, two Americans attempting to do so getting into prison for the attempt, but later being released after pressure was brought to bear by the United States government.

## SCOUTS HOLD TRACK MEET

Members of the La Grande troop of Boy Scouts held a track meet last Friday afternoon in which the four patrols of the troop competed with each other as well as individual competition. The score according to patrols was: First Patrol, 26 points; Fourth Patrol, 20 points; Second Patrol six points and Third Patrol three points.

In the individual competition Ralph Webb, of the Fourth Patrol took the lead by winning two firsts and one third, his points totalling twelve. Leo McCorkle, of the First Patrol, was second in the individual competitions, taking nine points by winning one first, one second and one fourth. Ed Fitzgerald, of the First Patrol and Walter Duff, also of the First Patrol, won one first each, being credited with five points each. Scores made by other boys were as follows: Robert Becker, Fourth Patrol, 4; Howard Healey, Second Patrol, 3; Robert Smith, Third Patrol, 2; Roy Keene, First Patrol, 2; Bernard Theison, Second Patrol, 1; Owen Price, Fourth Patrol, 1.

The event included in the meet were 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, broad jump, shot put and one half mile relay. In the latter event the First Patrol won first, the Fourth second, the Second Third and the Third Fourth.

## EX-GOVERNOR COX'S DAUGHTER IS DEAD

DAYTON, Ohio, May 17.—Mrs. Helen Cox-Mahoney, 25, wife of Daniel J. Mahoney and daughter of ex-Governor Cox, died suddenly at the Mahoney residence at Oakwood, a suburb of Dayton, Monday, from pneumonia.

WEATHER FORECAST

"Tonight and Wednesday, showers. Cooler tonight in the eastern portion of the state."

## FOUR L.L. IS TALKING OF LOWER WAGE

LARGE PERCENTAGE OF AFFILIATED MILLS ARE NOW RUNNING.

VIOLATORS OF AGREEMENT ASSESSED HEAVY FINE

Companies Ordered to Pay Fine For Violation of Agreement Announced That They Will Withdraw From Organization—Must Pay Fines As No Notice of Withdrawal Given.

PORTLAND, May 17.—Directors of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen were today considering a wage reduction. The report stated that seventy-five per cent of the affiliated mills are now running. The directors of the Four L's yesterday fined six companies on the charge that they were paying less than the authorized scale.

Six lumber companies were fined \$500 apiece yesterday morning by the board of directors of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, in session at Hotel Portland. The fine was levied for having reduced the wages below the legion minimum of \$3.60 a day.

All of the companies involved in the ruling have resigned from the organization since the charges were brought against them, but inasmuch as each employer put up a bond for \$500 on becoming a member of the legion, to abide by the rules, the fines levied today will accordingly be recovered from the bonds of the employers against whom they were levied.

The companies subject to fine were: The Coos Bay Lumber company of Coos Bay; the C. K. Spaulding Lumber company of Salem; the Williamette Valley Lumber company of Dallas; the Natron Mills and Lumber Company of Natron, Washington; the Wheeler-Reese Lumber company of Harding, Wash.; and the Schaefer Brothers Logging company of Satop, Wash.

## COAL WAGE LIKELY TO KEEP THE PRICE OF PRODUCT HIGH

WILKESBAIRE, Pa. May 17.—While much criticism is heaped as to the high price of anthracite coal operations here in the center of the industry point out the fact that the present wage scale of the miners does not expire until next spring, and there is consequently little likelihood of any material change in prices for next year. The wage agreements also affect bituminous miners, although the bituminous operators, who are receiving a low price for their product, are asking for wage reductions. Miners continue to be employed at the high wages ever paid and the merchants in this region are doing a splendid business.

## REAL ROMANCE SOUNDS LIKE A REEL ROMANCE

## DECIDE TO CUT RAIL WAGES

CHICAGO, May 17.—The United States Railroad Labor Board announced late this afternoon that without any further consideration of the case now before it it had decided that "some revision downward of railway wages was necessary."

The decision of the board was entirely unexpected.

## RIVIERA BOYS WIN AT TRACK

THREE GRADE SCHOOLS COMPETE IN FIELD EVENTS.

Rain Interfered With End of Meet. Forcing Cancellation of Two Important Events.

Riviera school won the grade school track meet yesterday afternoon at the fair grounds by a wide margin, making 55 points to a total of 42 points by her two competitors, Greenwood school making 40 points and Central school 12 points. Riviera school also won the baseball championship.

The meet was held in the afternoon and all but two of the events were pulled off without being interfered with by the rain that set in late in the afternoon. The high jump and the hurdles had to be cancelled because of the unfavorable change in the weather.

School was dismissed at noon for this occasion and a large crowd of school children and others turned out at the meet to cheer for their favorite schools. Most of the competing athletes were from among the seventh and eighth grade students.

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The grade school pupils were coached by Miss Fay Armstrong, physical training director of the public schools and much credit is due her for the excellent showing made by the young athletes from all three of the schools yesterday afternoon.

The officials at the meet were: Earl Reynolds, referee and starter; A. Stodard, clerk of course; assistants: Ted Larsen, Tige Larsen, Frank Black, Murray Kingwell, and Cliff Ford Horstman.

The winners of the individual

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## POLES ARE NOW READY TO WITHDRAW

WILL RETIRE SUFFICIENTLY TO STOP HOSTILITIES PROVIDED GERMANS DO NOT OCCUPY

PRESIDENT MILLERAND CONFERS WITH KING

Tension Over the Revolt in Upper Silesia Seems to Have Passed, According to Dispatch from London; Understanding is Expected to Be Reached When Premiers Confer.

OPPELN, May 17.—The Polish executive committee in Silesia, of which Adalbert Korfanty is president, has telegraphed the inter-allied commission here stating that the insurgents are ready to retire sufficiently to insure an immediate cessation of hostilities with the Germans, provided the ground they occupy is occupied by the allies and not the Germans.

Action Is Anticipated.

PARIS, May 17.—President Millerand conferred with King Albert of Belgium and members of the French and Belgian ministries yesterday, reaching a complete agreement on the action France and Belgium should take in case Germany should send her troops into Upper Silesia without authority from the allies.

Tension Is Relieved.

LONDON, May 17.—Tension over the Polish revolt in Upper Silesia seemed here today to have passed. An exchange of views on the subject has been proceeding between London and Paris and there seemed to be confidence that Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand would reach an understanding when they met.

## RED CROSS TO MEET IN BAKER

REGIONAL CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD THIS WEEK.

Mrs. Fay Catlin Of This City Is Among Speakers at Thursday's Meeting of Red Cross.

Mrs. Fay T. Catlin, executive secretary of the local chapter of the Red Cross, will leave this evening for Baker, where a regional conference of chapters of the American Red Cross will be held for three days beginning tomorrow. Mrs. Catlin is on the program for Thursday afternoon, her subject being the co-operation of the public health nurse with the home service worker.

This conference is to be attended by Red Cross workers from three states, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The portions of these states included in the conference include eighteen chapters and representatives from all of these chapters will be in Baker this week. General problems relating to the peace-time activities of the Red Cross will be discussed, as well as specific problems relating to the individual chapters represented.

Miss Kathleen Booth, national supervisor of salvage shops, will talk on "Salvage and Shop," on Friday morning. Miss Booth has done much work in organizing these salvage shops and she will explain the organization of these shops, especially in places where they are a source of revenue for the smaller chapters. She will dwell especially on the smaller communities in California, where much work of this nature has been done.

The meeting tomorrow morning will be presided over by Dr. J. E. Crichton and will be devoted to organization. In the afternoon, with R. E. Arne presiding, Dr. Crichton will give an address on "The Red Cross Health Center," and Miss Elma Bond will talk on "Health Center Activities."

The programs for Thursday and Friday will feature talks by representatives of various chapters represented at the conference. Mrs. Catlin is the only delegate who will represent the local chapter at the conference, but Miss Louise Zorn, county health nurse, will attend the conference, also.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, May 17.—The price of cattle was 25c lower, choice steers selling for \$4.25 to \$4.50; hogs were 25c lower, selling at \$9.95 and \$9.50; sheep were 50c lower, prime lambs selling at \$7 and \$7.50.

