

# BATTLESHIP FLEET BACKS UP DEMAND ON HUERTA

## Atlantic Squadron Rushed to Tampico With Auxiliary Force of 11,000.

Vera Cruz, Mex.—The Mexican foreign minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, has transmitted to the American charge d'Affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, a note dealing with the arrest of the assistant paymaster and a detachment of bluejackets from the United States gunboat Dolphin at Tampico, and the demand of Admiral Mayo that the American flag be saluted.

In effect the note says that the Mexican government cannot see wherein the Federals have inflicted any insult on the American nation; that ordering the army to salute the American flag would be an admission that the United States is exercising undue influences over this country's free action, and that President Huerta is disposed to uphold the honor and sovereignty of Mexico at any cost.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has ordered practically the entire Atlantic fleet to Mexican waters to force a public salute to the Stars and Stripes from the Huerta government as an apology for the arrest of American marines at Tampico last Thursday.

No ultimatum has been issued—that is, no specified time has been set within which the Huerta government must comply—but the naval demonstration has been ordered as a concrete evidence of the fixed determination of the United States to back up Rear Admiral Mayo's demand for a salute. Up to Wednesday General Huerta had not made satisfactory response to the demand.

"Future developments depend on Huerta himself," was the way a high administration official close to the President summarized the situation. The decision to send the fleet was reached after the President and Secretary Bryan had conferred for an hour with John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, and after a two-hour cabinet meeting, at which dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy revealed that the Huerta government disputed the right of American marines to be ashore at Tampico and contended that its recent public statement of apology was ample.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting Secretary Daniels issued his order to the Atlantic fleet and wireless messages flashed up and down the Atlantic coast to put the fleet under steam for Tampico. It will be the largest fighting force the American government has assembled for possible action since the Spanish-American war. Eleven great battleships, with auxiliaries carrying 11,000 men, will comprise the force off Tampico.

### Skeleton of Prehistoric Elephant Is Unearthed

Los Angeles—With the exception of a few minor bones, the complete skeleton of an imperial elephant, the only specimen in the world, has been taken from asphalt beds of La Brea, and when the bones are assembled, scraped and polished, they will be ready for mounting. The skeleton will be placed in the Museum of History, Science and Art at Exposition Park and will give that institution a dignity among scientists attained by no other building of its kind.

Frank S. Dagggett, director of the museum, reported that the men in the pit where the skeleton has been imbedded for centuries beyond estimate are taking out the last particles of osseous matter.

"The animal in life was more than 16 feet long and 14 feet high, and its tusks were approximately 16 feet long," he said. "The find is a wonderful one and the condition of the bones is splendid. It is my belief that the pit where the imperial elephant was found is much older than the pits from which the remains of the saber-tooth tigers and the mastodon were taken."

"That is not easy to determine, and 5000 years means nothing, geologically speaking. I feel certain, however, that the imperial elephant which we now have belonged to the pleistocene age, which was perhaps 200,000 years ago."

Mr. Dagggett said nothing new had been learned regarding the supposed prehistoric human found at the site.

### Holdups Tackle Car of Athletes.

Seattle—One passenger was shot and two highwaymen were severely beaten when they attempted to hold up a Tacoma-bound interurban train near Riverton station, eight miles south of Seattle. The robbers were captured and brought to a hospital in Seattle. A terrible beating was given the two highwaymen. "Pug" Bennett, a Vancouver ball player; D. R. A. Scott, of Tacoma, and William Tomlinson, of Seattle, disarmed them. The car was badly bespattered with blood as a result of the struggle to subdue them.

### Smallpox Closes School.

Grass Valley, Cal.—Owing to the prevalence of smallpox, all the public schools here have been ordered closed by the board of health. A campaign of compulsory vaccination is in progress.

### Many Cities Successful In Swat-the-Fly Campaigns

University of Oregon, Eugene—Reports of successes achieved in other states in anti-fly campaigns continue to come to Dr. Clifton F. Hodge, professor of social biology at the State university. A recent letter from Elizabeth Cook, food inspector of Salt Lake City, says:

"Nearly 100,000 flies were caught and brought in here last Saturday. Our picture shows are running slides, newspapers are helping, even the big packing houses are giving bounties for flies caught in their vicinity. I prepared the propaganda for the campaign and presented it to the commercial club in March. The club took hold with great enthusiasm and prepared 30,000 booklets. It has furnished the traps, which the children buy for 15 cents and sell for 25 cents. The stable window trap is made by boys in the manual training departments, and the net fly catchers in the domestic science departments of the schools. We feel very grateful to you and to Dr. Jean Dawson for your encouragement, and for the system with which you have carried out your campaign. Ours is planned along the same lines."

In the Salt Lake Bulletin a fly is said now to be a curiosity in Worcester, Mass. The children of Worcester trapped 16,217,088 flies from June 20 to July 17, 1911, filling 40 bushels. Campaigns have been held each year since.

Cleveland had a campaign in 1911. All the flies were not exterminated that year, but enough were killed to reduce greatly the typhoid fever percentage. A greater effort was made in 1913, and most of the flies were exterminated. By the end of 1914, Cleveland hopes to be almost flyless.

Salt Lake and the 29 cities of Oregon that are organizing campaigns are only a few of the many in the civilized world that have set as their goal freedom from what Hodge calls the worst assailant of public health that exists.

### Webb Liquor Law Upheld By Kansas Supreme Court

Topeka—The Webb-Kenyon bill, passed by congress, which gives the states control over liquor shipments, met the favor of the Kansas Supreme court. As a result of the decision Kansas will take charge of all liquor shipped into the state.

The case was that of a St. Louis company appealing from a decision of the District court in Cherokee county. The St. Louis company shipped a carload of beer to Corona, Kan. State officials confiscated it under the Webb law and the company sought the return of the beer or reimbursement.

"Without this law no state has any more control over liquor than it has over the shipment of wheat and corn," said Justice R. A. Burch, who wrote the opinion.

"We believe that the liquor traffic can be made subject to the same regulations as obscene literature and white slavery, and that congress has sufficient power to regulate the shipments of liquor as it has to prohibit transportation of white slaves."

### Dominican Rebels Quit.

Santo Domingo—The rebel forces who have occupied the citadel at Santiago have surrendered to the government, it was announced Monday. Another rebel force under command of General Jimenez, the chief of the insurrection, which occupied a fortified position at Lavega, also has surrendered to the federals commanded by Tancredito Savinon, who has been appointed governor there. President Bordas, at the head of 1500 men, now is on his way to Santiago, having taken the field against the insurgents.

### Excitement Is Fatal.

Monte Carlo—Ferdinand Forest, an aged inventor of a motor, died suddenly while testing a new automobile in which he was to break the mile speed record. The boat ran against a jetty. The craft was only slightly damaged, but the excitement proved fatal, as he suffered from heart trouble. Forest was the first man to construct a four-cylinder engine and apply the magneto ignition.

### Choir School Is Endowed.

New York—Frederick G. Bourne, a wealthy manufacturer and capitalist, once a choir boy in Trinity church, has given \$500,000 to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine for the endowment of the choir school. The gift was announced at the Easter service. Mr. Bourne's only condition was that he be elected a member of the cathedral choir. He was elected unanimously.

### Italy Treaty Ratified.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan and Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, the Italian ambassador, exchanged ratifications of the renewed arbitration treaty between Italy and the United States, which will run another five years. Secretary Bryan and Minister Bryn exchanged ratifications of a like treaty with Norway.

# Power Lures Factories to Pacific Coast Locations

Eugene—Manufacturers all over the East are looking to the Pacific Coast with a view to locating branch factories, and the Willamette valley is today able to offer manufacturers electrical energy for less than power of any sort now costs them in the East, according to Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, president of the Oregon Power company, and director in the H. M. Bylesby company, of Chicago, who has just returned from a three months' trip in the East and in California. He declares manufacturers have set 7,000,000 as the population the eight Pacific Coast states must have before virtually everything used on the Coast can be manufactured here cheaper than to be shipped across the continent.

He declares that the move taken by the promotion department of the Eugene Commercial club to substitute a factory campaign and use the \$7000 promotion fund toward bringing industries instead of printing gold-embossed literature and working for people alone, is timely.

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# Revolutionize Methods of Co-operative Fruit Selling

Hood River—By approving the plans of the reorganization of the Apple Growers' association the amalgamated selling agency of the Hood River valley, as outlined by A. W. Stone, manager of the association and of a recently appointed reorganization committee, 400 growers, members of the association, set in motion a campaign which will result in revolutionizing the methods by which the co-operative selling concern is to be administered.

The committee, which has been at work for the past month preparing a plan for forming a more closely co-operative organization, recommended that the board of directors of the reorganized association be elected by a double system of voting—a membership vote and a direct representation of tonnage. Each member will be entitled to one vote and the affiliated grower will be given an additional vote for every 100 boxes of apples, pears or strawberries.

A vote will be added also for every 200 boxes of peaches or cherries represented.

At the formation of the association last spring the storage plant of the National Apple company was purchased. The members of the organization under the plans will become owners of this property, one-half of which

### City Buys Boat for Trade With Metropolis

Bandon—W. E. Catterlin has been delegated by the business men of Bandon to go to Portland to complete arrangements for the purchase of a passenger and freight boat to be put on the run between Portland and Bandon.

The business men here have subscribed money for the purchase of a boat. The present volume of freight is sufficient to make a boat between Portland and Bandon a paying venture, it is pointed out. Practically all of the shippers here have signed up, agreeing to route all their freight from the north via the direct boat.

Improved service from Portland to Bandon will mean a large amount of trade which now comes via San Francisco to Bandon. Those backing the venture contend that the freight business from Bandon to Portland will be doubled by the improved service which a boat making direct and regular runs will give.

### Klamath Falls Court Retrenches

Klamath Falls—Continuing its policy of retrenchment, the County court has cut off the salary allowed the assistant to the county superintendent of schools. Miss Maud Carleton, the occupant of that position, had been in the office a number of years, having served under former Superintendent Swan. Another move in the direction of economy has been the abolition of the bounty on rabbit scalps. Hereafter, if the rabbits become a pest as formerly, the farmers will have to devise means to keep them down.

### Use For Alder Is Found.

Eugene—Twenty-five million feet of red alder stands in the Siuslaw valley tributary to Eugene ready to be manufactured into cloths, according to the announcement of H. B. Rankin, supervisor of the Siuslaw National forest, following a series of experiments by the government to determine the proper use for this wood, which is found all through the forests of the Oregon coast. A general demand for such a wood exists, says the forestry department.

### Potato Men Get Together.

Klamath Falls—A meeting of potato growers of the county was held at Mount Laki school house for the purpose of deciding on standard varieties to be grown here. It is believed that if this is done and care taken in procuring seed potatoes, the produce will find more ready sale. Many of the growers promised to follow the decision of the majority and all have promised to sort and grade their crops prior to shipment.

### Trust Laws to Be Enforced.

Salem—State Bank Superintendent Sargent has notified 75 corporations that they will either have to quit business or comply before June 4 with the law relating to trust companies, which was passed at the last session of the legislature. He suggested to the companies having the word "trust" in their names and not doing a trust business that they file supplemental articles of incorporation changing their names.

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will be acquired on the membership basis and the other half on the tonnage basis. The association members ultimately will become owners of the plants of the Hood River Apple Growers' union and the Davidson Fruit company, both of which are now leased by the concern. The aggregate worth of the entire properties is more than \$250,000.

Provision is made for recall of directors, but only one member of the board may be recalled at any meeting or adjournment thereof.

As a basis for financing the handling of the fruit crops the report estimates that for the ensuing year a charge not to exceed 10 cents a box shall be made for marketing pears, apples and strawberries, and 5 cents for cherries and peaches. An additional charge of not more than 2 cents a box for all fruits is recommended for advertising purposes. All surplus after marketing expenses and other outlays have been met are to be returned to the growers on a pro-rata tonnage basis.

While sentiment as expressed was overwhelmingly in favor of the change, a concerted opposition was evidenced by a number of the growers and during the discussions several warm tilts occurred.

### Pendleton Woman Claims Preserved Egg Hatched

Pendleton—Arguments against ancient eggs received a decided offset here last week when a healthy, strutting chick was hatched from one nearly one year old, according to Mrs. Charles Daniels.

Filling an incubator three weeks before Mrs. Daniels found that she had not sufficient eggs to complete the job. To meet the emergency she went to a barrel containing a mixture of lime and salt in which she had put a quantity of eggs last June, for preserving purposes, and selected three at random.

Every egg, with the exception of the three taken from the preservative, had produced a chicken.

Mrs. Daniels says she was almost scared to death on seeing the shell of one of the three preserved eggs begin to crumble. She "lent a hand" and a healthy, strutting chick was the result.

Mrs. Daniels says she is sure that the egg was one taken from the preservative, as she had marked all the others.

### 246-Foot Oregon Fir Reaches Fair Grounds

San Francisco—The great flagpole of Oregon fir, which was towed to San Francisco from Astoria for the Panama Pacific Exposition, will be set in place on the exposition grounds in the last week of May, when the delegation of Portland Rose Festival people visits San Francisco. Special ceremonies will accompany the raising of the pole, and the day will be made one of special celebration on the exposition grounds.

The timber, donated by the Whitney Lumber company, and towed to San Francisco in one of the Hammond rafts, was cut in the Nehalem country. It is 246 feet long and 5½ feet in diameter at the butt. It weighs 93,000 pounds and contains 23,515.46 feet of lumber.

Owing to its great weight it will cost fully \$1000 to prepare the big stick, raise it and set it in place. It will be the largest flagpole standing in the world.

### 15-Year-Old Spells Best.

Oregon City—The Monte Cristo spelling bee record was broken at Stone Friday afternoon, when 134 pages of the spelling book were covered before the best speller of the 20 contestants could be declared. Each of the five schools represented, Stone, Holcomb, Evergreen, Linn's Mills and Sunnyside, had an organized rooting section. School yells were given and at times the contest resembled a football game more than a spelling bee. Martha Watts, aged 15, won the contest.

### Site for Shops Bought.

Eugene—Eighteen thousand dollars was paid by the Oregon & California Railroad company, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific company, for 46 acres in Springfield, purchased for the purpose of holding for the construction of machine shops. The property was purchased from Emilia A. Smith, husband, and heirs of the Brattian estate. The deal marks the end of litigation extending more than a year.

### South American Rumors Say Roosevelt Is Lost

Buenos Ayres—There are rumors in Rio Janeiro and here that the Roosevelt party has met with mishap.

A cable message received here from Manaus says the Brazilian river gunboat Ciudad de Manaoas arrived at Manaus with two members of the Roosevelt party. The gunboat searched the Aripuana river but found no trace of Colonel Roosevelt. The crew were all suffering from fever and supplies were exhausted.

Leo C. Miller, of the American Museum of Natural History, and Captain Amilcar de Magalhaes, both members of the exploring party, were brought to Manaus. Mr. Miller said he saw Colonel Roosevelt last on the Duvida river on February 27, and that he might be expected to reach Manaus at the end of the month.

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### NEW WORLD'S RECORD SET BY NEW HAMPSHIRE COW

Petersboro, N. H.—By the production of 1059.59 pounds of butter fat in a year, a new world's record has been made by a Guernsey cow at the Cassatt farm at Berwin, Pa., according to an announcement by William D. Caldwell, secretary of the Guernsey Cattle association. The record was held by a Holstein cow owned by F. F. Field, of Brocton, Mass., which produced 1068 pounds of butter fat in a year.

The Cassatt cow produced 19,639.58 pounds of milk during the year. Mr. Caldwell says that the record of the cow was certified by state and government inspectors.

### Governor Railway Line Proves Financial Success

Washington, D. C.—The only standard gauge railway ever built and operated by the government, the Boise & Arrow Rock railway, running from Boise to Damsite, on the Boise irrigation project, is proving a financial success, according to the annual report of that road, made public by Secretary Lane.

The report shows gross passenger and freight earnings to the amount of \$44,516. Operating expenses were \$34,794. Net earnings for 1913 were \$9721.

This little railway, about 20 miles long, carried 20,641 passengers. The freight in ton miles was \$499,933 and train mileage 15,737. Operating expenses per train mile, were \$2.21. The total net earnings from the first train in September, 1911, to December 31, 1913, were \$25,383.

### Predicts 40-Cent Gasoline.

Cincinnati—Forty-cent gasoline confronts the motorist, according to Professor Benjamin T. Brooks, of the bureau of mines, who addressed the meeting of the American Chemical society on "Economic Phases of the use of Gasoline."

He estimated that the present production in America, which he estimated at 1,050,000 gallons in a year, was fast falling behind the demand caused by motor vehicles and other commercial uses. When the price of gasoline reaches the 40-cent mark, which it is rapidly approaching, Professor Brooks said, alcohol would be an active competitor.

### Economies Save Million.

Washington, D. C.—Economies effected by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee during the first year of his administration have netted the government a saving of \$1,000,000, according to figures announced Saturday. The replacing of the old-fashioned mail locks with new and lighter locks is said to have resulted in a saving of \$200,000; \$55,000 was saved by using canvas instead of leather pouches, reduction in office employees netted \$143,000, and the manufacture and purchase of cancelling machines \$100,000.

### Brigands Kill Hundreds.

Pekin—Brigands under the notorious "White Wolf" killed hundreds of inhabitants of the towns of Huh Sien, Chow Shih and Mieh Sien, in the vicinity of Sian Fu, capital of Shen Si Province. They looted the three towns after capturing them, and are sweeping the entire country round about. All foreigners residing at out stations have been ordered to Sian Fu, where a column of 1500 regular troops has arrived. Further reinforcements have been sent.

### Great Fall Is Possible.

Salem, Or.—A fall of 790 feet, one of the highest in the world to be used for commercial purposes, will be utilized by David A. McKeon, of Prairie City, for placer mining and development of electricity. Mr. McKeon has filed application with State Engineer Lewis for a permit to appropriate the water of Strawberry creek at a point near Prairie, Grant county. He plans developing 1500 horsepower.

### Oil Tank Holds Liquor.

St. Louis—An oil tank car in the yards of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad was found Saturday to be loaded with whisky, wine and beer. Internal revenue officers ordered the car held for investigation. The car was billed to Oklahoma City and it is believed the liquor was smuggled into it in an effort to ship liquor into the prohibition state.

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Italian troops have been called out in the threatened railway strike.

Close friends of Miss Eleanor Wilson say her wedding has been set for May 8.

It is reported that Roosevelt will return to New York much sooner than he had originally intended.

The third cut of 5 cents a barrel in the price of crude oil has been made in the Kansas oil fields.

Handwriting experts declare that the same person cast eight different ballots in a recent election in Chicago.

Huerta requests millionaire's club of Mexico City to see that all poor Mexicans are at least provided with a decent pair of trousers.

Forty-five dancing masters from Europe and the United States attended a congress in Paris to select a dance to serve as a typical figure for 1914.

President Wilson gave a party and egg-rolling frolic to all the children of the capital Monday. They had full freedom of the Whitehouse grounds.

A rich Japanese farmer, after fasting and praying a week for the recovery of the Dowager Empress, committed hari-kari when he learned that she was dead.

A heavy fall of snow, a gale of wind and a temperature 10 degrees below freezing April 14 made one of the most unpleasant April days that the province of Quebec has ever known.

The South Baker Power plant, property of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Decatur, Ill., citizens avowed their intention of making the township as "dry" as powder. Sale of liquor for medicinal purposes or otherwise will be barred in drugstores, no soft drink parlors will be allowed to operate and shipment of liquor into the city will be prohibited.

Construction work started on the government-owned and controlled railroad to run from Yuma, Ariz., 20 miles southwest through part of the land reclaimed by the federal reclamation project. The engineer in charge announced that the road would be open for traffic by the middle of June.

The Dowager Empress of Japan is dead, and the entire nation is in deep mourning.

The state of Minnesota has received \$2,538 inheritance tax on the estate of the late John W. Gates.

Spokane High School girls voted to wear plain cotton dresses at their commencement ceremonies.

The city of Montreal, Canada, is without a government, pending a recount of the ballots in the recent election.

A dirigible balloon presented by citizens to the Italian army exploded and was completely destroyed when a bystander lighted a cigar.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 93c per bushel; bluestem, \$1; forty-fold, 94c; red Russian, 92c; valley, 93c.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per ton; brewing, \$23@23.25; rolled, \$24.50@25.50.

Oats—No. 1 white, milling, \$23@23.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$34 per ton; cracked, \$35.

Hay—No. 1 East Oregon timothy, \$16@17.50 per ton; mixed timothy, \$14@15; valley grain hay, \$12.50@14; alfalfa, \$12@13.

Milfeed—Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$26; middlings, \$31.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, 75c@1.25 per dozen; cucumbers, \$1.75@2; eggplant, 25c per pound; peppers, 35c; radishes, 25c per dozen; head lettuce, \$2.50 per crate; garlic, 12c per pound; sprouts, 10@11c; artichokes, 75c@85c per dozen; celery, \$3.75@4 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 75c@81c per box; spinach, 5c per pound; horseradish, 8@10c; rhubarb, 3@3½c; cabbage, 2@2½c; asparagus, \$1.50@2 per crate; beans, 7@8c per pound; garlic, 12½c; peas, 20c; turnips, 75c sack; carrots, 85c; parsnips, 85c; beets, 90c.

Mint—60c per dozen bunches.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 19c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 17½c per pound; broilers, 30@32c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 25@27c; ducks, 17@20c; geese, 10@12c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 25c per pound, cubes, 22c.

Pork—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 12½@13c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop prime and choice, 16@17c; 1914 contract, 15c.

Wool—Valley, 17@18c; Eastern Oregon, 12@18c; mohair, 1914 clip, 27c per pound.

Grain bags—In car lots, 8c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8.20; choice, \$7.30@7.50; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.25@7; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6@7.25; light calves, \$8@9; heavy, \$6@7.50; bulls, \$6@6.25; stags, \$6@7.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.80; heavy, \$7@7.80.

Sheep—Lambs, wool, \$6.75@7.10; ambs, sheared, \$6@6.25; wethers, wool, \$6.75@7.10; wethers, sheared, \$5.25@6.65; ewes, wool, \$4.75@5; ewes, sheared, \$4.25@4.50.