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SECOND BATTALION TO BE DISBANDED

GENERAL STAFF DECIDES ACTION WILL BE PENALTY FOR MUTINY

NEW ORGANIZATION TO BE FORMED

Officers, Who Disobeyed Orders, Will Be Eliminated—Court Martial Probably Won't Be Necessary

PORTLAND, Aug. 2.—By unanimous vote this morning the General Staff of the Oregon National Guard, voted to disband the Second Battalion, Third Regiment, officers and men.

This drastic course was taken to punish the organization for the disobedience which resulted in the arrest of Major R. O. Scott, Captains Harry E. Williams and Walter E. Toome and Lieutenants Richard Deich and Harry C. Irwin, pursuant to orders of Brigadier-General M. P. Maus, because of reported refusal to march from Oakville to Gata, and for the language used by the five officers in addressing General Maus during the recent maneuvers.

So far as the Oregon National Guard goes, this brings the sensational event to a close. By ordering disbandment, the General Staff felt that its course would show the proper purpose to maintain discipline, and would also sufficiently punish all who had been guilty of mutinous or seditious conduct during the field maneuvers closing last week.

Orders were also issued to Adjutant General Finzer to start at once to organize another Second Battalion for the regiment. As the disbandment order is intended to apply only to such officers and men as were guilty of the offenses charged, in the reorganization all who have not been under charges, or who may not subject themselves to charges before the final mustering out occurs, would be held eligible for re-admission into the service. This arrangement is intended to protect those officers and men who have not been guilty of any breach of discipline.

While the general staff, which has final power up to the realm of the Governor, issued the order of disbandment today, a little time will be required for the Adjutant-General to carry the order into effect. Until this executive order has been issued, in obedience to the command of the general staff, the Second Battalion will continue a member of the Guard.

"All members of the general staff believed disbandment the proper procedure," said Adjutant-General Finzer following the announcement of the order. "While the men under arrest or those that might later violate the regulations, could yet be tried, before I carry out the disbandment order, as the case now stands we believe that all who are guilty are sufficiently punished without a court-martial sentence. If it became necessary, we could yet hold the court-martial before disbandment, but I do not think it will be necessary."

MAPLE LANE CLUB GIVEN ENTERTAINMENT

The Women's Improvement Club of Maple Lane had an enjoyable meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dimick at Mount Pleasant Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday being the regular meeting day of the club Mr. Dimick invited the members to his home the day previous that being the birthday of his wife. The affair was a surprise for Mrs. Dimick. The women brought cakes and Mr. Dimick served ice cream. The afternoon was devoted to a literary and musical program.

Present were Mrs. A. J. Lewis, Mrs. Derrick, Mrs. C. W. Swallow, Mrs. Romery, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. G. W. Cone, Mrs. A. Mautz, Mrs. Bullard, Mrs. Frank Beard, Mrs. John A. Gillett, Mrs. Craven, Mrs. Frank Parker, Mrs. Mighella, Mrs. A. Spilner, Mrs. Pagenhoff, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Dimick.

BOY DECAPITATED AT RAILROAD CROSSING

Ruben Alm, aged twelve years, was instantly killed late Friday afternoon, at the crossing of Mount Hood Railway on the Sandy River. The boy had gone with his parents to attend a picnic at the Swedish School of Powell Valley. The party went out on a special car and held their festivities in the pavilion near the crossing. About 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon the members of the party started to walk across the trestle to board their special car for the return to Powell Valley. The unfortunate lad, being with his mother and a little sister, when an electric engine pushing two sand cars rounded the curve coming toward them. The boy saw that he could not cross the bridge before the train would reach him and retraced his steps, and had just put his foot on the ground, but was still inside the rails, when the car struck him, knocking his head to one side. Coroner Wilson, of Oregon City, went to the scene of the accident, and held an inquest at 10 o'clock Friday night. The boy was a son of Alfred Alm, of Powell Valley. The body was taken to Gresham.

THREE MEN INJURED AT MILL NEAR BORING

Three accidents occurred at the Tie Company's mill, one mile west of Haley and near Boring Friday. The most serious was that of Oscar H. McClung, a carriage tender, who was seriously injured about 6 o'clock Friday evening. McClung was employed on the carriage, and a large log was being turned when the overturning log came loose and was sent flying through the air, striking McClung's arm as he threw it up and crushing it below the elbow. He also suffered a large gash on the top of his head. McClung was taken to Gresham, where his wounds were dressed.

A second accident was that of Ole Olesch, who while cutting wood struck himself in the knee with an ax, cutting a gash, and several stitches were required to close the wound. The third was that of a man splicing the logging cable in the woods. A piece of the cable broke lodging in his hand, causing a painful but not serious wound.

SHOE LACES USED BY SUICIDE FOR NOOSE

The body of an unidentified man, who evidently committed suicide, was found hanging to the limb of a tree in a canyon about a mile southeast of Oswego Wednesday. The man was about fifty years of age, and was five feet eight inches tall. He wore a blue serge suit, and a cream colored shirt. There was nothing about the man or his clothing through which an identification could be made, and Coroner Wilson had the body brought to this city and buried. The man hanged himself with his shoe laces and handkerchief. R. Hartley, of Portland, while driving cattle found the corpse.

T. R. TO MAKE 500 SPEECHES ON TOUR

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 2.—Personal appeals to the electors of forty states will mark the campaign of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency. This was announced here today with the further detail that he expects to deliver 500 speeches during the tour.

Colonel Roosevelt today said that President Taft's speech of acceptance discussed "dead," not live, issues. The colonel's declaration on the negro question will be published tomorrow. He has indicated that he will carry for "illy white" in the south, but will demand more liberal treatment of the northern negroes by politicians.

"HAT IN RING" IS NEW GAME OF BOYS

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Boys living in the vicinity of Garfield Park have organized a club known as the "Garfield Moose." The name was taken after one of the group had planned a new game known as "hat in the ring." The game is played around a circle about ten feet in diameter. Seven or eight of the lads toss their hats into the ring and then one designated as the "bull moose" holds a baseball with a watchful eye on the other players. It is his part in the game to touch any boy who attempts to net his own hat out of the ring.

GOVERNOR DENOUNCES HUNTINGTON MAYOR

SALEM, Or., Aug. 5.—Scathingly denouncing Mayor Charles A. Norther of Huntington, for failure to enforce the laws of that city against gambling blind pigs, and disreputable houses, Governor West today declared that he would demand that the Mayor ask for the resignation of W. J. Wood, the police judge, and that he is also considering the advisability of having Norther resign as Mayor. He declared further that he would use his influence to see to it that Norther was deprived of his position as cashier of the Huntington Bank.

"A man who will take the oath of office to enforce the laws and then fails to, hardly the man who will comply with the banking laws," declared the Governor. "A man who will stand by and permit tin horns and saw-burns to rob parents of their children does not appear to me to be the proper person with whom these same families should intrust their savings. I, as a member of the Banking Commission, propose to see that no bank is operated by a public official giving protection to crooks, either by the failure to enforce the law or otherwise. The way Huntington has been run is a stench in the nostrils of all decent people. Everybody, honest enough, admits this. While conditions are somewhat improved, they are still bad enough to warrant radical action by this office unless the officials show a different spirit than they have in the past."

Mayor Norther Quits HUNTINGTON, Or., Aug. 5. (Special.)—Mayor Norther resigned today but would make no comment on the statement of Governor West.

ANOTHER EXPRESS SERVICE TO START

AMERICAN COMPANY TO COMPETE WITH WELLS-FARGO IN THIS TERRITORY

CONTRACT MADE WITH P. R., L. & P.

O. W. P. Mount Hood and Cazadero Lines To Provide Service—R. L. Shepherd To Be Local Agent

The American Express Company Monday signed an agreement with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to furnish an express service over the O. W. P., Mount Hood and Cazadero lines of the railway. The new service, which will be in competition with the Wells-Fargo Express Company, will be started August 15. The agent for the American Express Company here, R. L. Shepherd announced that a general business would be conducted, including a money order department, etc.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has heretofore conducted its own express service, and while it was satisfactory, it is believed that the new arrangement will mean a large increase in the business Mr. Shepherd said the office in this city would be in the building on Main street which has been used by the railroad for express and baggage.

Several days ago the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company opened an additional office for its lighting department in the Beaver Building, and the arrangement with the express company is in line with a decision made sometime ago to increase the business of the company. The company announces that it will send express to all points in the United States.

"Negotiations have been pending between the express company and the railway for sometime," said Mr. Shepherd Monday, "but it was not until today that they had progressed sufficiently to make the announcement."

AMERICANS IN MEXICO APPEAL FOR HELP

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 1.—Scores of messages have been sent to Washington from El Paso and other border towns, appealing to the United States to take some steps which will secure protection for Americans in Mexico.

In many instances messages are being sent in the names of entire communities as in the case of one from Marfa addressed to Congressman W. R. Smith. The message said: "If the United States cannot handle the Mexican situation, let Presidio County handle it."

The appeals, in most cases, are being sent to Congressmen and Senators, but some have been directed to the White House.

The arrival last night of two trainloads of refugees from the Mormon colonies of Pachuca, Chuchupa and Garcia has brought the number here to a full 2500.

AGREEMENT WITH REBELS IS ASKED

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 7.—Representatives of the government will meet Emiliano Zapata, the rebel leader, at El Kilauro, Morelos, tomorrow to discuss measures aiming at peace in the southern part of the republic.

Zapata has declared he would consider no peace proposal unless it contained Madero's resignation. But the government has proceeded with plans for the conference and the cabinet has been instructed to obtain an armistice if it can.

Whether the commission will consider the resignation of Madero is highly improbable, but it is felt that, once the peace conference is begun, terms can be made that do not include such provision, since the principal complaint of the Zapatistas has been that of the ownership of the land.

TIMBER CONTRACT IS HELD TO BE VOID

Judge Campbell Tuesday in the suit of Grant E. Barney against H. L. and J. S. Goodwin, doing business under the name of the Forest Products Company, rescinded the contract for timber given by plaintiff to defendants. The contract was for timber on eighty acres of land at Bigelow's sawmill. The court, however, awarded Mrs. B. A. Hogland, who had lent money to the defendants about \$50 on an original claim of \$200. Grant E. Dimick representing the defendants announced that the case would be appealed. Brownell & Stone represented the plaintiff.

SELLING TO STAND WITH PRESIDENT

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—Following his return from a vacation in Yellowstone National Park, Ben Selling, Republican nominee for United States Senator, has prepared a statement setting forth his stand on the various political issues of the day. The statement, which was prepared as soon as possible after Mr. Selling's return, was completed and made public tonight. He declares himself to be in favor of the Republican ticket, including President Taft, and asserts that in this stand he has not deserted in any way his progressive aims. Mr. Selling proclaims and defines his own progressiveness by citing his long record in Oregon in behalf of the Oregon system and other legislation for the benefit of the people.

ANOTHER SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED

GLADSTONE VOTERS WILL SETTLE HIGHER EDUCATION CONTROVERSY

GARY READY TO CANVASS VOTES

Board of Directors Recently Decided That Proposition Lost—Misunderstanding Given As Reason

The voters of Gladstone will have another opportunity to decide whether they want a high school at home, whether they desire to send their school pupils to Oregon City, or whether they do not wish to provide high school instruction. Superintendent of County Schools Gary was to have canvassed the vote of the recent election Saturday but before the question was presented he was informed that the advocates of both sides had agreed that another election should be held. The election will be held within twenty days.

The board of directors has decided that the vote was against the city having a high school, or furnishing high school instruction to its pupils elsewhere. Heretofore the city has provided transportation and paid tuition for high school pupils in Oregon City.

Voters who favored establishing a high school in Gladstone feel confident that the majority of the residents desire a high school in the city, and its substitution of their contention point to a vote of 45 to 40 at the recent election favoring the proposition. This vote, however, was not considered valid by the directors, because the first proposition, which provided for the furnishing of four years' high school instruction, either in Gladstone or Oregon City was defeated. It is contended that the second proposition although carried, was contingent upon the first which was defeated. The residents favoring a high school say they misunderstood the ballot, and at least 20 did not vote on the first question.

VIOLA CLUB PLANS IMPROVING ROADS

Plans for improving roads were discussed at the second meeting of the Viola Improvement Club, which was held Saturday night. The members also discussed the improvement of their homes. Announcement was made that the Clear Creek road should be given immediate attention, and plans were made for repairing the road at once. It is almost impossible to place two old roads near Oswego, the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, having promised to open new ones which will be satisfactory to all persons concerned. The resignation of B. Sullivan, road supervisor in District No. 20 was received, and John Puts was appointed to succeed him.

ROADS ARE ORDERED SURVEYED BY COURT

The County Court Wednesday ordered routes surveyed for roads to be named as follows: Gacompland, J. R. Cornog, John Lewellen and Carl A. Osberg. The court decided to close two old roads near Oswego, the Oregon Iron & Steel Company, having promised to open new ones which will be satisfactory to all persons concerned. The resignation of B. Sullivan, road supervisor in District No. 20 was received, and John Puts was appointed to succeed him.

MANIAC SHOTS FIVE AND MAKES ESCAPE

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CANBY MASONS TO HAVE \$12,500 HOME

The Canby Masonic Lodge has arranged to erect a two-story building at a cost of \$12,500. Work on the structure will be started at once. The building will be erected on the site of the branch store of Hunstley Bros. Company. The lodge has authorized a bond issue of \$12,500 to pay for the home. It is planned to use the upper floor as a lodge room and to rent the lower floor for business purposes.

TERMINAL RATES EXPECTED SOON

RECENT DECISIONS IN CALIFORNIA GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO LOCAL MEN

ASSOCIATION TO MAKE FIGHT

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Be Appealed To If Promoters Think It Necessary

The interstate commerce commission has recently decided favorably upon the case of Santa Rosa Traffic Association against the Southern Pacific Railway Company granting terminal rates to Santa Rosa, Cal., located inland forty-eight miles north of San Francisco, reached by all railways, or boat, the commission having ordered that the Southern Pacific Company for a period of two years after August 15, 1912, or as long as terminal rates are extended to San Jose, Santa Clara and Marysville, Cal., to abstain from charging any greater rates for the transportation of west-bound transcontinental freight to Santa Rosa than they charge for the transportation of west-bound transcontinental freight to San Jose, Santa Clara and Marysville. This is another decision strengthening Oregon City's contention that she is being discriminated against.

Many cities in like and worse geographical positions have terminal rates to the loss not alone of the merchants of our city but to their customers at or in the vicinity of Oregon City.

The Oregon City Terminal Rate Association has been proposed terminal rates for Oregon City. One of the officers of the association in a conversation with a Morning Enterprise reporter stated steps were soon to be taken to put the matter fairly before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Oregon City is in a class so much better than cities which have lately been granted terminal rates that there should be no doubt of the result of the association's efforts.

DELICIOUS MELON CUT BY TOBACCO TRUST

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The American Tobacco Company declared today a special cash dividend of 20 per cent on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. The company also announced a distribution of 12,000 shares of stock of the American Machinery and Foundry Company to stockholders of the American Tobacco Company.

The American Tobacco Company says that under the decree of disintegration ordered by the government the company was required to dispose of certain securities, such disposition to be made before January 1, 1912. Of these securities the company says it has disposed of one-half of its holdings of British-American Tobacco Company (Limited), non-voting preference shares; practically one-half of its holdings of number A, ordinary shares of the Imperial Tobacco Company (Limited), and all of its holdings of the corporation of the United Cigar Stores bonds.

From the cash received from the disposition of the securities, the 20 per cent extra dividend is to be paid on the common stock of the American Tobacco Company.

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EXECUTION OF U. S. CITIZENS TO BE PROBED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—American consuls in Mexico were ordered by the state department today to thoroughly investigate reports that two American citizens were hanged by Mexican rebels in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Officials of the department regard the Mexican situation as extremely grave and if it is shown that the hanging was the carrying out of threats made by General Orozco and General Salazar, of the rebel forces to massacre American residents, the government may decide to intervene.

The expulsion of the Mormon colonists by General Orozco has aroused bitter feeling in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico. It is believed that Orozco deliberately planned to loot the Mormon colonies to re-finance, provision and equip his army, but later deemed it inadvisable to carry out his plan.

\$50,000 FUND RAISED FOR BECKER DEFENSE

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—A police fund of \$50,000 is being raised for the defense of Charles Becker, the police lieutenant charged with instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal according to information in the hands of District Attorney Whitman.

The money is being collected, it is said, by the so-called "system," which is to be investigated by the District Attorney, who believes that between the "system" and the gambling fraternity there is a corrupt alliance founded on graft and blackmail.

Information of the \$50,000 fund came to the prosecutor in connection with the arraignment today of Becker to answer the indictment against him. In the legal proceedings, which included the withdrawal by Becker of his plea of "not guilty" to offer motions to invalidate the indictment, the prisoner was represented by three lawyers, one of whom mysteriously withdrew, while the others seemed doubtful of their own status when the proceedings were over. It was said the lawyers were not satisfied with the collectors of the defense fund.

CONTRACT FOR PAVING FOSTER ROAD IS LET

The City Council of Milwaukie has let the contract for paving the Foster road to the Rockelle Contracting Company of Portland, for \$17,138. The improvement consists of macadamizing the street Main to the Oatfield road, a distance of three-quarters of a mile, with a strip sixteen feet wide in the center of Rockelle hard-surface constructing concrete gutters and curb and concrete sidewalks on both sides of the street. The water company has been authorized to lay a four-inch water main on the street while the improvement is being made. The Foster road is one of the most important and heaviest traveled roads leading out of Milwaukie to the southeast, muddy in winter and dusty in summer.

At the meeting of the Council in August proceedings will be started for improving Foster street with macadam and hard-surface—crushed rock to be used on fills and hard-surface on solid portions—through Milwaukie. It will be improved seventy feet wide.

BOURNE WILL RUN IF LAW WAS VIOLATED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Senator Bourne today received a telegram from F. Rice, secretary of a meeting of St. Johns citizens, asking Bourne to permit his name to be submitted as a candidate of the Independent Progressive party for Senator.

Bourne says he is unable to take action upon the request until after he acts upon the postoffice appropriation bill through the Senate.

Then, he says, if he should become convinced that the corrupt practices act was violated in the primary election in which he was defeated, and there is a general demand that he become an independent candidate for the Senate, he will give the matter serious consideration.

A mass convention was held in St. Johns Wednesday night at the City Hall, and Jonathan Bourne was nominated to succeed himself as United States Senator from Oregon. Postmaster and Ex-Mayor F. W. Valentine Republicans of long standing, nominated Senator Bourne. A. A. Muck, Mayor of St. Johns, was elected chairman; F. A. Rice, secretary, and the organization was made permanent under the name of the "Bourne Independent Progressives." A resolution recounting Senator Bourne's record in the Senate and warmly praising him was introduced by H. E. Harris and adopted unanimously.

CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN SUES The Clackamas Southern Railway Company Saturday sued John V. Vick for \$500, alleged to be due on a note executed September 25, 1911.

TAFT WANTS CANAL TOLLS SETTLED NOW

PRESIDENT SAYS SHIP OWNERS MUST KNOW WHAT CHARGES WILL BE

MESSAGE IS SENT TO CONGRESS

Emphasis Placed on Importance Of Re-coaling Stations And Docking—Bill Under Consideration

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Urging the necessity of legislation establishing maximum toll rates for the Panama canal, government of the canal zone and operation of the great waterways, President Taft in a special message to congress today requested speedy action on the Panama canal bill. He made it plain that failure to act on such laws might delay the opening of the canal. The message, in part, follows:

"The establishment of a permanent organization to operate the canal and exercise control over the surrounding zone is vital. It is plainly the part of foresight and economy to blend the present construction force in a trained force for permanent operation instead of later going through the wasteful process of organizing a new force.

"The establishment of toll rates is another indispensable and immediate need of the situation. In order that the canal may secure commerce against its competitors, as soon as it can be handled, business must be given an opportunity to adjust itself to new trade conditions. Ship owners must know about two years in advance the maximum tolls they are to be charged.

"Finally, an indispensable factor in the success of the canal is the certainty to the shipping world of securing necessary coal and marine facilities at the canal prices.

"The message then emphasized the importance of re-coaling stations and docking facilities, saying in conclusion: "Fortunately there is no serious controversy as to policy centering in either of them. The success happily is out of the sphere of party differences. Discussion and the differences of opinion which have arisen as to other phases of canal policy should not, in my opinion, be allowed to delay action on these vital and pressing subjects."

"The Panama canal bill was under consideration in the senate when President Taft's message was received. Senator Brandegee announced his intention to keep the measure before the body until final action was taken.

Senator Thornton, of Louisiana, in opening the debate, contended that the United States government undoubtedly had the right, under the treaty with Great Britain, to exempt American coastwise vessels from payment of tolls.

Advocacy of the remission of tolls to American ships was also voiced by Senator Jones of Washington.

"The United States," he said, "has assumed all obligations for the neutrality of the canal and it can hardly be held, therefore, that the canal treatment guaranteed to other nations applies also in this nation.

SON WRITES FATHER OF \$40,000 THEFT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—When William Hinkel, wealthy stockbroker, real estate man and oil operator, strolled into his office from luncheon yesterday, he found a note on his desk in his stepson's handwriting and signed George Hinkel, informing him that the writer had embezzled \$34,000 in cash from the bank and an untold amount in securities.

George Hinkel is 30 years old, married and has been implicitly trusted to handle his father's business at a wage of \$75 a month. Beyond the bare statement, that he had taken the money and gone away, the letter gave no details. Investigation showed it to be substantially correct. Hinkel, Sr., estimates that he is out \$40,000, but he says he will not prosecute. The exact shortage will not be known until the books have been audited.

Hinkel, Jr., was seen on the streets yesterday afternoon, but he could not be found last night. Rumor had it that he had fled to Mexico.

AUTOMOBILE STRIKES VETERAN AT MARATHON

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 1.—Near the end of the sensational Marathon race to the summit of Mount Baker and return, which started last night and ended this morning, the only serious accident of the event occurred here, when the automobile carrying Westerland, the last of the racers to arrive, skidded in rounding a corner within a few feet of the finish, crashing into a crowd of spectators and crushing A. A. Rogers, a Civil War veteran and a prominent politician. Rogers suffered a broken leg and severe cuts on the head, and is hurt internally. At the hospital little hope is expressed that he will live.