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MORE AGGRESSIVE ACTION CONSIDERED

Washington Sees Peril in Mexican Affairs.

THREE COURSES ARE OPEN

Constructive Solution to Be Sought First of All.

HUERTA IS OUT OF BOUNDS

Calling by Spanish Minister of Meeting of Diplomatic Corps Taken as Indication of Foreign Agreement.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 15.—The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, France, Spain, Cuba, Guernica and Norway, at a conference tonight, decided to recommend that their respective governments send warships to Mexico for the purpose of affording life insurance guards should trouble arise. It was said tonight the diplomatic representatives had recommended a temperate attitude in the matter of Mexico's reply to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Administration officials up to the hour of closing the Government departments today were without advice as to the result of a reported conference in Mexico City of the entire diplomatic corps, called by the Spanish Minister. This development in the situation, following close on President Wilson's sharp note declaring that the United States was shocked at the "lawlessness" of General Huerta in assuming a dictatorship over Mexico, was taken to mean here that foreign governments might bring pressure to bear in an effort to compose the situation.

General Huerta's decree taking to himself legislative, as well as executive powers, has swept aside all hope here that the Huerta regime would re-establish constitutional government or be able to cope with the increasingly vigorous fighting of the constitutionalists.

Aggressive Course Considered.

Both President Wilson and Secretary Bryan are turning over in their minds the possibility of a more aggressive course of action by the United States. Three methods of dealing with the situation are being suggested as open to the Washington Government:

First, there is the over-recurrent suggestion in official circles of a military and naval demonstration which would serve as a precautionary move in case a forcible policy later is required. For the present, however, the President and his advisers are concentrating on a constructive solution by the use of peaceful measures.

Huerta's Elimination Desired.

Second, many officials think a series of strong demands made upon the authorities at Mexico City to force the immediate elimination of General Huerta would complete the record of the United States in attempting to assist in the solution of the problem. It is held by some officials that should such demands be ignored, the American Government would be justified in throwing its support to the constitutionalists in the north.

Third—The United States could formally announce its absolute termination of relations with the Huerta officials, leaving it to the influence of both the constitutional movement and liberal element in Mexico City to secure the elimination of Huerta and the establishment of a provisional government with which the constitutionalists would negotiate for peace and hold a free election in compliance with Mexican law.

Bryan Leaves Washington.

Secretary Bryan left here today for Waterloo, Ia., and before his departure told his callers he did not expect the American Government to take any further steps for a few days at least. The dispatch of an additional German warship to Mexican waters did not bring forth any comment, as the Washington Administration looks on such action, as well as on the conference of the diplomats today in Mexico City, as the beginning of a series of manifestations by the governments of the world generally that may have a sobering effect on Huerta.

Gold Likely Left by Gale

Miners Believe Sand at Nome Will Pay for Damage.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 15.—Miners who have worked the beach sands of Nome for their gold think it likely that the storm that half destroyed the northern city drove ashore gold-bearing sands that will more than pay for the damage done. After each big storm miners plan the new sand that has been cast out.

The bottom of the sea in front of Nome is rich in gold, but no method of working it has been successful.

SCHOONER MERCED WRECKED ON ROCKS

VESSEL GOES AGROUND IN FOG OFF CALIFORNIA COAST.

Passengers and Crew Reach Shore in Small Boats—Wireless Summons Help.

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 15.—A wireless message received here late tonight from the steam schooner Merced, bound from San Francisco to Astoria and Portland, with 25 passengers and a cargo of cement, said that the vessel had gone on the rocks off Point Gorda. All the passengers and most of the crew were sent ashore in the small boats.

In the foggy weather prevailing it is believed from the brief advice that the boat ran out of her course.

The sea is calm tonight. The Merced is a schooner of 360 tons register and is commanded by Captain A. Asplund. She is owned by the Charles R. McCormick Company, of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Wireless messages to the Merchants' Exchange, in this city, said 80 persons reached shore from the wreck at 1 o'clock this morning.

The operator aboard the Merced said the vessel probably would be a total loss. Part of the crew remained by the wreck. Point Gorda is 185 miles north of San Francisco.

The latest wireless report says the schooner is going to the bottom and other ships have gone to her aid.

291 EGGS LAID IN YEAR

Corvallis Hen Wins World's Championship by Wide Margin.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The Oregon Agricultural College hen that broke the world's egg-laying record a week ago by laying 283 eggs finished her full year today with 291 eggs to her credit. She is still in excellent condition and shows no signs of ending her wonderful performance.

The Oregon hen was not pampered or petted during the time she was making her record. She was fed and housed in a way that would be entirely practicable in commercial poultry raising.

The champion was only 5½ months old when she commenced her record performance. Her dam was a cross-bred Barred Plymouth Rock and White Leghorn and her sire was a son of her dam and a White Leghorn.

COURT SEES TANGO DANCE

Accused Teacher and One of Pupils Demonstrate Before Judge.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 15.—As part of Asa Anderson's injunction suit to restrain the city from barring the "tango" at his dancing school, Anderson and a young woman gave a "tango" exhibition in a hall beneath Judge Vickery's courtroom late today. Anderson's suit is directed against City Dance Hall Inspector Meyers.

With music furnished by a graphophone, Anderson and one of the young women pupils danced "the only real tango," according to Anderson's description.

LOGS RESCUE 4000 SHEEP

Unique Method Used by Eastern Washington Rancher Saves Flock.

POMEROY, Wash., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—A unique but effective means was employed by Charles Dodge to break the blockade and rescue his flock of 4000 sheep, which were caught in the big storm in the Blue Mountain and cut off from the ranges of the lower altitudes by a stretch of mountain country 12 miles long, covered with snow from one to 3½ feet in depth.

With a force of 10 men and 15 horses Mr. Dodge dragged logs through the forest, making two trips each way, and scattered hay along the path thus made, to toll the sheep out. Only one sheep was lost as a result of the storm.

PREMIUM BID FOR BONDS

Wide Range in Tenders for Highway Issue of Jackson County.

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Bids for Jackson County highway bonds, the first road bonds ever offered in Oregon, were received by the County Court today. Eleven bidders were present, either by representative or letter, and the bids ranged all the way from a discount of \$20,000 for "attorney's fees" to a premium of \$8.99 on each \$1000 bond. The best bidder was a syndicate represented by H. B. Wood, of Minneapolis, comprising C. W. Near & Co., Well, Roth & Co., H. M. Grant & Co. and Wells & Dickey Company, of London. No action was taken by the court, which probably will accept this bid, however.

WEDDING WEEP IS FATAL

Child Cries Herself to Death as Sister Becomes Bride.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Seized with a fit of weeping at the marriage of her older sister, Anna Owlak, 10 years old, died a few hours later of physical exhaustion.

The child began to weep as the bride walked down the aisle to the altar. She was taken home, where she continued to cry, despite the efforts of a physician. She died while the wedding dance was in progress.

FESTIVAL TO FLASH HISTORY OF OREGON

All Counties May Have Part in Rose Fete.

ELECTRICAL PARADE BIG EVENT

Kaleidoscopic Portrayal of Memorable Occurrences Aim.

SECOND WEEK IN JUNE SET

Coming of Fur Traders and Arrival Here of First Steamer Passing Through Panama Canal Will Be Depicted in Blaze.

The 1914 Rose Festival will be held the second week in June and its crowning and concluding feature will be an historical pageant depicting the progress of Oregon from the earliest pioneer times to the present.

This was decided and other definite plans were adopted at a meeting of the Rose Festival board of governors, President C. C. Colt presiding, last night.

The days of the week probably will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with perhaps a feature for Tuesday afternoon—something which, if it is decided on, will, like other features of the next Festival, be absolutely new and unique.

Days Considered Best.

These days practically were selected, after careful deliberation, as being the very best days possible. It is calculated that the merchants will be able to make complete preparation for the big event on Monday and Tuesday, and that, with the Festival closing on Friday, out-of-town visitors will have Saturday to do their shopping.

Some protest was heard from the hotels that the Festival should not be held the second week in June, because the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon meets in Portland that week.

But it was decided that this would be an advantage, as many who come for the one event will be enabled to see the other, which would be impossible if they had to make two trips to the city.

Plans Fit Together.

The idea of having the Festival the same week as the Masonic Grand Lodge also fits in with the plan of Dr. T. L. Perkins, chairman of the fraternal committee of the board of governors, to have all Portland lodges declare open house for visiting members during the Festival.

It was decided that the chief feature of the Festival will be the electrical parade.

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AUTOIST KILLED; TWO HURT

Racing Car Hits Disabled Machine and Injured Man May Die.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 15.—Henry G. Farr was killed and Alfred C. Hoglund and Thomas G. Simmons probably were fatally injured tonight, when their auto, which had broken down near Riverfront, eight miles south of Seattle, was run into by a large racing car driven by Lawrence Duke, said to be a nephew of the tobacco manufacturer. Duke was arrested by a Deputy Sheriff and brought to the County Jail, where he is held on a charge of reckless driving pending an investigation by the coroner.

CLOSING SCENE OF SULZER TRIAL NEAR

High Court Expected to Vote Today.

INFORMAL BALLOT RUMORED

Only 32 of 57 Names Called When Body Adjourns.

PROCEDURE IS DECIDED ON

Guilt or Innocence First Question to Be Put—Removal and Future Disqualification Will Be Separate Issues.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 15.—It is probable that the fate of Governor Sulzer will be known by tomorrow night.

When the high court of impeachment adjourned tonight it was said that the final vote probably would be taken at an open session tomorrow. All the deliberations of the court were held in secret.

There was an insistent rumor that the case had progressed so far as to have reached an informal vote on the guilt or innocence of the Governor on the first article of impeachment. This article charged the Governor with falsifying his campaign statement. The names of only 32 of the 57 members of the court had been called when it was decided to adjourn, it was announced.

Members May Change Votes.

Each member, it was said, had an opportunity to express his opinion on the merits of the article and the same procedure will be followed at the open session tomorrow afternoon. Each member, it was understood, will have the privilege of changing his informal vote at the public session tomorrow.

The question as to whether article four of the impeachment charges should be amended to include the testimony of Duncan W. Peck and Henry L. Morgenthau or whether the Assembly should be asked to bring an additional article covering the offenses alleged in this testimony was decided today when the court voted to admit the Peck testimony into the article as it now stands. The decision was announced at a brief public session in the afternoon. It was rumored that the decision was reached by a vote of 11 to 15.

Charge Broadly Constructed.

According to the announcement made by Presiding Judge Cullen the court had decided that article four was broad enough to permit consideration of the

HOPE OF RESCUING MINERS GIVEN UP

FRESH FIRE IN WELSH COLLIERY ENGAGES ATTENTION.

Number Still Missing Is 368—Many Bodies Encountered, but Hopeful Rumor Is Proved False.

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct. 15.—All hope of rescuing more of the miners entombed in the Universal colliery, where an explosion occurred yesterday, has been virtually abandoned. The report that a party of 25 men had been found alive in one of the galleries has proved erroneous, but a large number of bodies were encountered today.

No official reports have been issued, and this has caused much comment. Fire broke out anew today and still is raging. There are no further signs of life in the pit.

Up to a late hour tonight 49 bodies had been recovered, while 368 miners were still missing. The shift which went into the mine yesterday numbered 331.

The engineers have decided to devote their efforts to subduing the fire, as they believe it useless to persist in the attempt at rescue.

BOY DROPS DEAD IN GAME

Tacoma Football Player Attacked by Heart Failure.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Phil Otis, aged 14, dropped dead of heart disease in a practice game of football on the Buckley field today. Young Otis was playing against the first team of the school.

In the midst of the play a long punt sent the ball sailing 60 yards. Otis dashed after the ball and just before he overtook it another player picked it up. The opposing player dropped the ball and Otis seized it, running the length of the field.

Just before he reached the goal line he was heard to cry out and dropped suddenly to the ground. Upon examination it was found that he was dead.

Mystery as to Body Unsolved.

LaFrance, who had moved to Portland less than a year previously, disappeared from his home June 18, 1912. A corpse, supposed to have been his, was found on the banks of the Clackamas June 30. About the body, which was badly decomposed, were found hunting and fishing licenses, letters and receipts and a lunch basket, with the initials "J. C. L.," indicating that the body was that of LaFrance.

VETERANS VOICE PROTEST

Proposed Pedestrian Ordinance Denounced in Resolutions.

Resolutions condemning the proposed ordinance regulating pedestrians on the city streets were adopted recently at a meeting of the Grand Army Progressive Club, 200 persons being present.

"We believe that the person on foot has the same right to use the public streets as the person driving an automobile," declared the resolutions, which designate the proposed measure as "class legislation" and an attempt to "provide clear and unobstructed streets in the business section for the special use and benefit of those driving automobiles."

FOOTPADS CAUSE REUNION

Story of Attack Brings Sister to Side of Long-Lost Brother.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15.—An item in a San Francisco newspaper telling of an attack on William Barry by footpads resulted today in bringing together a brother and sister who have been separated since the San Francisco fire of 1906. Mrs. Annie Anderson believed her brother dead until she read in a newspaper the account of his serious injuries.

A touching reunion followed, when the sister saw her brother in a hospital. He has a fractured skull, but probably will recover.

WEDDING DATE IS SET

Miss Nancy Leishmann Will Marry Duke of Croy October 28.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Oct. 15.—The marriage of Miss Nancy Leishmann, daughter of the former American Ambassador at Berlin, to the Duke of Croy is to take place on October 28. The Catholic bishop will perform the religious ceremony in the cathedral here after the civil ceremony has been completed.

The wedding will be of the simplest character. The mother and two daughters of the Duke of Croy intend to be present.

LILIES COME FROM PEAKS

Thirty-Five Hundred Blooms From Mountains Planted.

Thirty-five hundred of the prettiest Mount Hood lilies obtainable from the heights of Zigzag Mountain and other mountains near Mount Hood now occupy graceful beds in Peninsula Park. Announcement was made yesterday by Park Superintendent Mische that men sent out to secure the lilies have returned and have planted the flowers.

The flowers are found only on the tops of mountains covered with snow and much work was necessary to get them down.

BRIDE'S CHECK \$2,000,000

Henry Clay Frick Hands Fortune to New Daughter-in-Law.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 15.—It was learned today that Henry Clay Frick, just after the marriage of his son, Childs Frick, to Miss Frances S. Dixon, of this city, yesterday handed the bride an envelope containing a check in her name for \$2,000,000.

It is understood that young Frick received securities valued at \$1,200,000.

LA FRANCE IS FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD

Judge Will Pass Sentence Saturday.

MYSTERY OF BODY UNSOLVED

Life Insurance Collected on "Planted" Corpse.

ARRAIGNMENT IS SEVERE

Deputy District Attorney McGuire Says Evidence Alone Without Reputed Confession Is Sufficient to Convict.

Less than three hours after the case had been given to its consideration the jury found James C. LaFrance guilty of obtaining money by false pretenses by "planting" a body on the banks of the Clackamas River and later collecting \$3000 from the Modern Woodmen of America. Two other policies, totalling \$12,000, were cashed by Mrs. LaFrance, who was indicted jointly with her husband, Judge Kavanaugh will pass sentence Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The verdict was returned last night shortly after 8 o'clock. Arguments in the case were concluded at 8 o'clock and Judge Kavanaugh announced immediately on his instructions, concluding at 5:25, when he ordered the bailiffs to take charge of the jury.

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The mystery as to the identity of the corpse used by LaFrance has not been solved. The defendant was on the stand in his own behalf for a few minutes yesterday and gave no indication as to where he secured the body. In his confession, made soon after his arrest, he said he had obtained it from two medical students, who, he charged, suggested the fraud to him, but subsequent investigations made by the District Attorney's office have proved this feature of the confession to be false. Several other stories regarding the identity of the body were told by LaFrance, but each of these were found untrue.

LaFrance Is Indifferent.

LaFrance took the stand on his own behalf when court opened, but the sensational testimony expected was not forthcoming. It was believed that if the defendant took the stand some possible clue as to the identity of the body he used might be secured. Only one question was asked him by his counsel.

"Where were you June 30, 1912?" "I was at work near Donald, Oregon," was LaFrance's answer.

Mr. McGuire did not attempt to secure any further admissions from him. During the arguments which followed the testimony given by Deputy District Attorney Murphy, LaFrance sat unmoved, and apparently indifferent.

McGuire's Arraignment Severe.

The defense was a technical one. In his plea to the jury, counsel for the defense ridiculed the confession which had been offered as having been made by LaFrance and charged that the defendant had been subjected to severe questioning by the prosecuting officers.

Deputy District Attorney McGuire made the closing address for the prosecution, confining his remarks closely to the evidence introduced, which he said was sufficient to prove the state's case without the confession which the defense had attacked. His arraignment of the defendant for not telling frankly and freely while on the stand why he was at Donald during June, 1912, why he later went to Coos County and why during all this time he was traveling under the assumed name of A. J. Ferguson, was severe.

"If LaFrance had not been guilty of misrepresenting falsely that the body found on the Clackamas River, June 30, 1912, was his body, planted with the intention of defrauding the life insurance companies out of \$15,000, which his wife later collected, he would not later have used the name of A. J. Ferguson."

Plot Brewing Long.

Deputy District Attorney Jones made the first argument to the jury after the state had rested. The plot to defraud life insurance companies of money had been brewing in the mind of the defendant, said Mr. Jones, for more than three years, since before LaFrance left his former home in Creswell, Or., to come to Portland.

Mr. Jones reviewed his theory of the plot until it was completed with the collection by Mrs. LaFrance of \$14,900 from insurance companies after the supposed death of her husband.

Mr. Jones told the jury that he did not believe the corpse found on the banks of the river had been carried there as a corpse, and then he turned to the defendant and cried out: "That corpse walked to the spot on the river bank where it was found, and you, James C. LaFrance, know it."

