AMERICAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN VICTIM

Reports of Brutal Torture Inflicted on W. M. McDonald Carried by Refugees.

VERIFICATION IS LACKING

Berkeley Man Is Declared to Have Been Paraded by Federals After Feet Were Cut to Pieces and Later Burned Slowly.

EL PASO, Tex., April 22.—(Special.)—American refugees fleing from San Pedro de las Colonias and Torreon brought the details of a terible torture that had been inflicted upon William M. McDonald, a Berkeley, Cal., man, who was a major on General Eugenio Aguierre Benavide's staff of the revolutionary army at the first battle of San Pedro.

The Americans declared that McDonald was captured after being cut off while operating a machine gun in an irigation ditch and was taken to the federal garison, where the most barbarous tortures of the ancient Aztecs were inflicted upon him before he was put out of his misery. First his feet were cut until they were a mass of bleeding wounds on the bottom, the Americans from San Pedro say. Then the suffering man was marched through the main strets and jeered and struck by the federal soldiers. Later, he was taken to the Patio of the Quartel, tied to a post and a fire built around him. He was slowly burning to death, when a humane commander shot him through the head to end his misery.

The story could not be verified in Juarez or Chihuahua, and the telegraph is not yet working to San Pedro. The Americans who brought the story to the border are reputable American merchants in Mexico, and agree on the general facts of the American's torture.

A man named McDonald was with the Zaragosa brigade, of which Benavides was commander, and fought in the Gomez Palacio and Torreon engagements. Benavides and his men were then ordered to the relief of Ortega and Hernandez at San Pedro, and McDonald is believed to have accompanied the command. He was an expert machine-gun operator, and joined Villa's army in Juarez. An investigation has ben started here in order to learn the exact details for presentation to the State Department.

SOLDIERS' JOBS RESERVED

Permission Is Given to Railroad Employes to Go to War.

All male employes of the O.-W. R. & N. Company who want to go to war will find their jobs reserved for them when they come back.

This advice was given out by J. D. Farrell, president of the company, as early as March 23, but it did not assume significance until the recent unpleasant incidents at Vera Cruz.

A big mass meeting of Railroad men, including employes of other lines as well as those of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, was held at the Multnomah hotel last night under auspices of the Transportation Club. Mr. Farrell's attitude of encouragement toward those men who enlist was explained by several officers of the company, including C. G. Sutherland, assistant to the general manager; A. C. Spencer, general attorney, and C. E. Cochran, assistant general attorney.

Communications from Mr. Farrell also explained that employes of the company who are members of the National Guard and who are entitled to vacations under pay will be allowed to apply the time given to annual encampments to their vacations. Those employes not entitled to vacations will be paid half time while on encampment. Persons employed by the company for a year or more, he says, are entitled to vacations on full pay.

FRANKING REFORM SOUGHT

Correction of Abuse by Members of Congress Intent of Bills.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Correction of the abuse of the franking privileges, long criticised in Congress, was proposed in identical bills introduced in the Senate and House today by the chairmen of the committees on printing. The legislation would make it unlawful for any member of Congress or other persons entitled to the Government frank to turn franked envelopes or slips over to individuals or associations.

It proposes changes in the printing laws designed to save about $860,000 annually and the restriction of the Congressional Record to a transcript of speeches ade in Congress only.

FORAKER FOR EXEMPTION

Ex-Senator Never Supposed United States Would Be Restricted.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Ex-Senator Joseph B. Foraker, of Ohio, today testified before the Senate interoceanic canals committee that as a member of the foreign relations committee that reported the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to the Senate it never occurred to him that the United Staes would not have unrestricted right to use the canal as it pleased for its war and merchant vessels.

He described conferences he held with Secretary Hay about the negotiations and put into the record correspondence betwen the two in regard to these negotiations to show that he was familiar with the making of the treaty.

BARONESS SETTLES CLAIMS

May De Pallandt and Dr. Appleby Agree Out of Court.

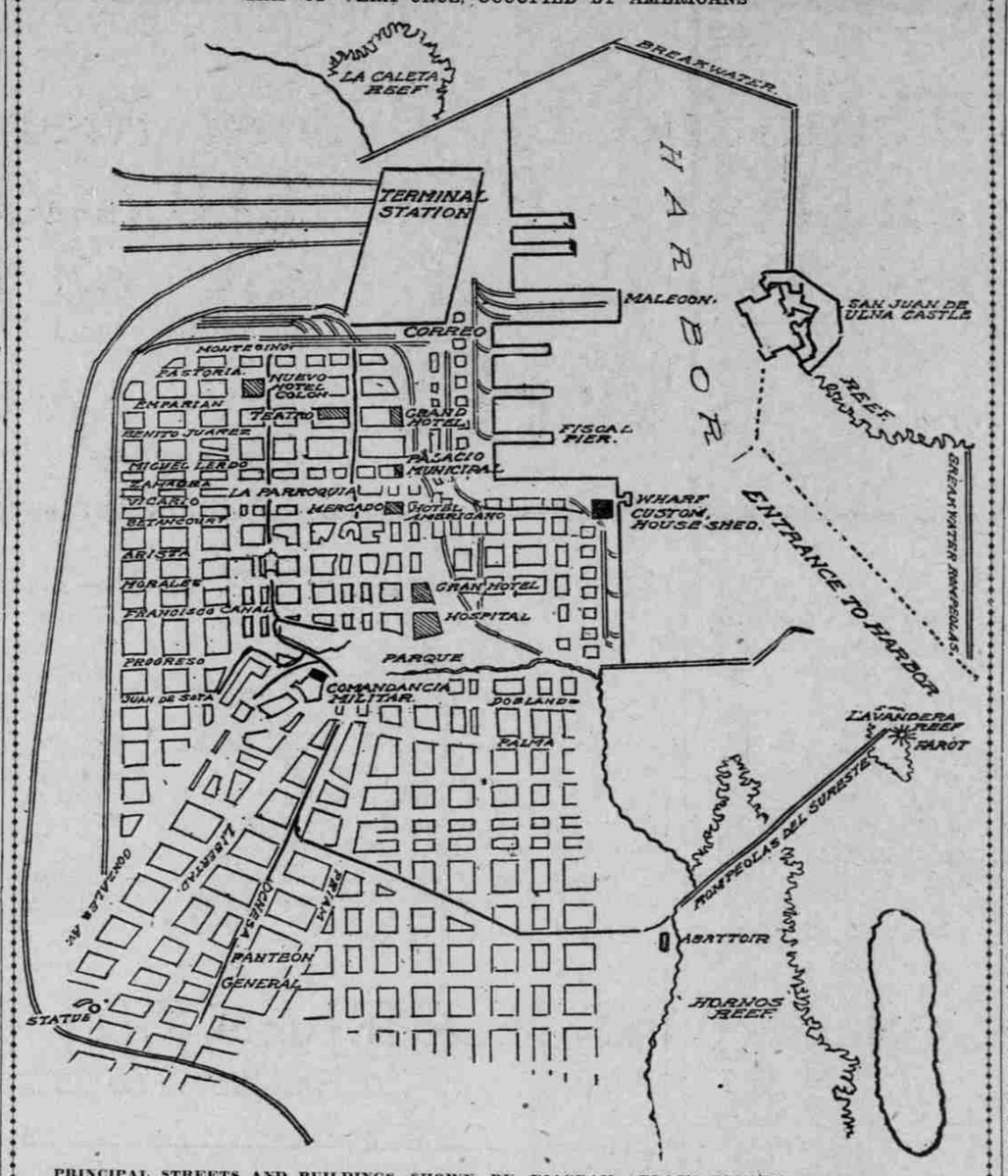
LONDON, April 22.—An amicable settlement was reached today in the counter suits between Dr. Ernest Villiers Appleby, formerly of the University of Minnesota and Baroness May de Pallandt, an American woman.

Doctor Appleby had claimed $20,000 for a pearl necklace which he bought for the baroness.

Linnton Bank Approved.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 22.—The Treasury Department today approved application for nationalization of the Linnton Savings Bank, of Linnton, with a capital of $25,000.

MAP OF VERA CRUZ, OCCUPIED BY AMERICANS



PRINCIPAL STREETS AND BUILDINGS SHOWN BY DIAGRAM—BLACK SQUARE MARKS CUSTOM-HOUSE, FIRST POINT TAKEN.

HOUSE SHIFTS TASK

Mileage Cut Down, With Hope Senate Will Restore It.

SENATORS FEAR MOVE

Rate Badly Wanted but Both Houses Do Not Like Prospects of Later Explanation to People at Home Over High Cost.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 22.—When an overwhelming majority of the members of the House of Represeneatives voted to do away with 20-cent mileage and in favor of paying Senators and Representatives only actual traveling expenses, with a like allowance for dependent members of their families, it was confidently hoped and expected that the Senate would strike out the House provision and restore the old order of things. That is exactly what the House thought about ten years ago when, during a W. C. T. U. convention in Washington, it voted to prohibit the sale of liquor in the Capitol and all other public buildings. The Senate fooled the House, and liquor has ever since been banished.

The Senate may or may not vote to restore 20-cent mileage to the legislative appropriation bill. A great cry has gone up against what has become known as the "mileage graft," and as Senators are now elected directly by the people, quite a few Senators who would like 20-cent mileage will not have the nerve to vote to restore it after the House has voted it down. There are two sides to the mileage question, as was developed in the debates in the House of Representatives, but on its face it looks like a graft for Congress to vote an allowance of 20 cents a mile when travel can be made for one-third to one-half that amount, including all incidental expenses.

The procedure now will be, according to the hopes of House members, to have the Senate put back into the bill the provision for 20-cent mileage, and then permit the House, in a hurry some day, to concur in the Senate amendment without the embarrassment of a further rollcall.

Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, is largely responsible for cutting off the 20-cent mileage, and he, more than any other member, brought about the change in the law. Being thoroughly alive to the parliamentary situation, Mr. Fitzgerald probably will force another rollcall in the House, if the Senate restores 20-cent mileage to the bill.

As a matter of fact 20-cent mileage is not, in the case of the average Congressman and Senator, a graft, for out of that mileage he also pays the railroad and Pullman fares of not only himself, but of his wife and children, and there are not a few men in Congress who actually do not recover the full cost of travel to and from Washington on the present basis. The bachelor members, however, are the ones who make money out of 20-cent mileage.

LABOR WAR TAKES TOLL

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colony to recover the 14 bodies, reported to be in the ruins of the demolished shelters, was expected to return during the evening.

Trinidad was a scene of tense excitement tonight. The saloons had been closed by order of the City Council and the Chief of Police, but throngs of men still congregated on the streets. Labor headquarters were jammed with strikers, mostly aliens, and the crowd overflowed to the sidewalk.

Mineworker Issues Statement.

Many women and children from the Ludlow tent colony were in Trinidad, cared for by union sympathizers. Throughout the day steady streams of strikers passed in and out of the morgue where lay the bodies of several victims of the Ludlow battle.

John R. Lawson, executive member of the United Mineworkers of America, was in Trinidad today, after being on the scene of much of the fighting in the Ludlow district. He issued a formal statement in which he said:

"Last Sunday the Greeks in the Ludlow colony were celebrating their Easter. They had a ball game and five militiamen with guns appeared and interfered in the game. There was no fighting, however, at that time.

"On Monday morning Major Hamrock sent for Louis Tikas to demand the release of some men. Tikas went to meet Hamrock and never returned. I am unable to say of my own knowledge just how or when he met his death. The fighting then began. I cannot say positively who fired the first shots, and I do not wish to tell anything of which I have not positive knowledge.

Use of Explosive Bullets Charged.

"It is my opinion that the first tents were fired by explosive bullets. I know that ammunition of that kind has been used by the militiamen, for I have heard many of the bullets explode. It is my belief that soldiers entered the colony and looted many of the tents before the destruction was complete.

"I must decline to tell where the strikers secured the guns they used in the fight. I will say, however, that I am sorry they haven't ten thousand times as many guns as they have. In that case, I would tell them to use them to defend their homes.

"Reports have come to me—I am not stating this as a fact—that some parties today are exploding dynamite in the holes under the ruins of the tents, in order to destroy evidence of the number of women and children who lost their lives in the fight. I am positive that more non-combatants perished than will ever be known."

CHAMBERLAIN LOSES VOTE

Oregon Senator Takes No Part in Mexican Debate in Senate.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 22.—(Special.)—The Congressional Record, published today, covering the proceedings of the Senate up to adjournment at 3:30 o'clock this morning, discloses the fact that Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, failed to answer his name on any one of five roll calls taken on the amendment to and final adoption of the Mexican resolution.

Senator Chamberlain appeared in the Senate off and on during the evening and responded to a call for a quorum about 2 o'clock this morning. He then disappeared from the Senate chamber and did not return, and when the important votes were taken Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania, with whom Chamberlain had generally paired, withheld his vote, after calling attention to Chamberlain's absence.

Senator Chamberlain did not participate in the debate on the Mexican question, and much of the time was not in his seat.

RAILROAD CUTOFF STARTED

Work on Echo-Coyote Line Being Done by Twohy Bros.

ECHO, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Actual work began today on the long proposed Echo-Coyote cutoff.

Twohy Bros. have two carloads of plows, scrapers and other machinery, besides 20 head of horses, here.

TRADE LEAGUE FORMED

COMMITTEE ORGANIZED TO WORK OUT ALASKA PROGRAMME.

Survey of Conditions in Territory and Excursion May Soon be Features of the Plans.

Representatives from the leading clubs and commercial organizations of Portland yesterday organized the consolidated Alaska committee which will work out and carry through a comprehensive programme covering every possible means of fostering and extending reciprocal trade relations between Portland and Alaska.

W. H. MacLean, of the Rotary Club, which launched and has headded the movement was elected chairman, J. Shallenger, vice-chairman, and J. B. Rainey, secretary. The meeting was held at the Commercial Club.

When the organization is ready to launch into active conditions of salesmanship in Alaska, publicity for Portland in Alaska, new industries and their fostering, transportation conditions, inducement of Alaska people to Winter in Portland and other conditions that may enter into the work. A trade excursion to Alaska in which leading business men shall participate will probable be organized also in the near future.

Representatives of the various clubs of the city who were present at the meeting were:

Progressive Business Men's Club—W. S. Asher, N. J. Sykes, B. F. Boyden.

Realty Board—J. G. Rainey, H. W. Goddard.

Ad Club—M. N. Dana, C. H. Moore, G. A. Benedict.

Transportation Club—J. T. Smith.

Rotary Club—H. W. MacLean, M. R. Cummings, C. L. Horn, W. F. McKenney, W. J. Mitchell.

Chamber of Commerce—W. D. B. Dodson, A. H. Devers, M. S. Hirsch and J. Shallinger.

VANCOUVER MAN PASSES

Charles Hampton Davis Succumbs to Typhoid Fever at 46 Years.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—Charles Hampton Davis, agent and correspondent for the Oregon Journal for Vancouver, died here today at his home on Daniels street, after an illness of several weeks. He had been ill with rheumatism for months, and was better apparently, but typhoid fever developed and he was suffering with that some time before physicians were aware of it.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but it is probable that services will be held in St. Luke's Episcopal Church Saturday morning, with Rev. E. B. Collier officiating.

Mr. Davis was born 46 years ago near Pittsfield, Pike County, Illinois. He came to Vancouver in the Autoumn of 1907, working for a local daily paper for nine months before going to the Oregon Journal as traveling representative.

'SENATOR'S DAY' ARRANGED

Chance Given Candidates to Speak at Washington State Fair.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—Nominees of all parties for United States Senator will be given an opportunity to address the crowds at the Washington State Fair at North Yakima this year, Governor Lister announced upon returning from the State Fair meeting. The plan is to advertise one afternoon as "Senators' day" and give each candidate 15 minutes to discuss politics. The fair follows the primaries, so the number of candidates will be limited.

Although the Pendleton Roundup will be held the same week as the State Fair, Governor Lister said this would assist, rather than hurt, the State Fair.

REPUBLICANS HOPE TO WIN NEXT HOUSE

Leaders Feel It Is Their Patriotic Duty to Stop Democratic Blundering.

ISSUES ARE READY MADE

Many Believe Party Would Best Be Served in End by Democratic Victory, but Will Make Contest for Public Good.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 22.—Notwithstanding the Democrats have a majority of 72 in the House of Representatives, the Republican Congressional committee is preparing to make a vigorous campaign this Fall with the idea of capturing control of the House at the November election.

Some Republicans, however, take the view that their party eventually will be better off if it does not carry the next House and they reason this way: If the Democrats retain full control of the Government the next two years, and continue to fight among themselves and to make blunders on a par with those recorded during the first 14 months of the Wilson Administration, it will be relatively easy for the Republican party to sweep the country in 1916 and elect not only a House but a Senate and President as well. If the next House should be Republican, Democratic legislative responsibility would be at an end.

Serious Effort to Be Made.

Republican leaders, however, take the position that they should make a serious and thorough fight to capture control of the House, not so much for the political effect as to block further Democratic partisan legislation. These leaders feel that the country already has suffered heavily as the result of legislation shoved through a Democratic Congress by a Democratic President and believe that further injury will be done by legislation yet to be enacted. It is their hope that enough Democrats may be defeated next November to change the political complexion of the House and thereby end the dictation of President Wilson.

There are now in the House 290 Democrats, 124 Republicans, five members who list themselves as Progressive Republicans, 15 straight-out Progressives and one independent. Elections held within the past four or five months lead to the conclusion that the number of Progressives in the next House will be reduced, wtih fair prospect that all now sitting may be defeated, and the same may be true with regard to the one independent member, Mr. Kent, of California. Those who have been styling themselves "Progressive Republicans" are today practically back in the Republican fold. Republicans, to gain control of the next House, must not only defeat 72 Democrats, but must have 21 Republicans in the seats now occupied by men of a third party.

Hard Campaign Ahead.

It is evident from this that the Republicans have a hard campaign ahead, if they are to realize the hopes of their most optimistic leaders. Only under most unusual conditions could such a change be wrought in the House at a single election. Yet Republican leaders are elated over the issues thus far made by the Democrats, and if the party in power will only continue for the next five or six months to blunder along as it has blundered during the year, they profess to believe that the seemingly impossible may be accomplished.

All the issues on which the Congressional campaign is to be fought are issues made by the Democrats since they took control of the Government. On those issues the Democrats are to be on the defensive, which means that they are at a disadvantage. Whether they are sufficiently handicapped to permit the Republicans to gain control of the next House is yet to be determinted. The situation, politically, has not yet taken such definite shape as to permit of the formation of a correct idea as to how the Congressional election will go, except that it now seems morally certain that the Democratic majority will dwindle largely.

Governor Ordered in Court.

Judge Wolverton yesterday issued an order for Governor West, Attorney-General Crawford, Corporation Commissioner Watson and District Attorney Evans to appear before him in the United States District Court at 10 o'clock Tuesday to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued against their attempting to enforce the act known as "The Blue Sky Law."

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"Fine!"

"I'll make it as a bisque; or with noodles in it if you'd rather. I have them handy."

"Great! Do I get two plates-full!"

"All you want. Doesn't that beat dining down town?"

"Has it skinned a mile! The very thought of that soup makes me hungry *now*."

"I knew it would fetch you. Ready at six, sharp. Good-bye!"

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LOOK FOR THE RED-AND-WHITE LABEL

PICK CREW TO PARADE

GOOD ROADS EXCURSION WILL START AT 7:15 SATURDAY.

Forty Candidates Have Promised to Contribute Labor—Movies Will Deplet Force at Work.

At 7:15 Saturday morning will be the march of the "gallant 2000, the highway brigade," who are going from all of the clubs of the city up to Bridal Veil to put in a day of real pick and shovel work on the Columbia highway, in celebration of Good Roads day.

They will assemole at the Yeon building and march at 7:15 with picks and shovels on their shoulders. Moving picture machines will catch them on the march, and will also catch them in the act of improving the highway after they reach the seat of their day's operations.

After the day's work is done, the excursion train will come back slowly so that all those in the party may enjoy the scenery along the way.

Not only club men but any citizens who are interested in the good roads movement may join the party. Tickets are on sale at Third and Washington streets.

George W. Hazen, who is handling the "candidates crew," announces that he has already 40 picks and shovels filled in token of good faith by candidates who are to join the party. Mr. Hazen intends to have 20 more picks labelled and displayed in the Yeon building before Saturday, and is issuing a call for all candidates who are to join the work to come at once and get their picks.

"No support for those that won't work on the road with us," is the slogan he is holding up before the Admen.

"GOOD ROADS DAY" NAMED

Saturday Set Apart for Work in Proclamation by Governor .

SALEM, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Governor West today proclaimed April 25 "oGod Roads day." He requests all residents of the state to "devote their thought and time on that day to the doing of any and all things which will encourage and advance the movement for better highways throughout the state and Nation."

Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has arranged for exercises bearing on the improvement of roads in the rural schools on "Good Roads day."

BURNING AIRSHIP DESCENDS

Christofferson Goes to Aid of Bordman in Plight.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., April 22.—Otto Rybitsky, in an aeroplane, arrived here at 3:30 today from Fresno. The aeroplane was flying over the city when it caught fire and Rybitsky was forced to land somewhere within the city limits.

Aviator Christofferson, of Portland, Or., went to the aid of the unlucky airman.

WILL BUILD

To suit tenant on cor. lot 65x100. Grand ave. and Oak. C 926, Oregonian.—Adv.

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Findings of fact, conclusion of law

That the tomato catsup contained in the fifteen cases of tomato catsup, seized under and in accordance with the prayer of Libel No. 6231 filed in the above entitled action, does not consist either in whole or in part of filthy, decomposed or putrid vegetable substances, and claimant (Pacific Vinegar and Pickle Works) is entitled to a judgment in its favor.

R. S. Bean, Judge

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