

## CONFISCATION BY VILLA IS REPORTED

Foreign-Owned Mining Property and Cattle Seized Without Formality.

## MORMONS TOLD TO LEAVE

Settlers Lose Horses and Livestock, but Are Clinging to What Remains, in Hope That Army Will Move on West.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 13.—Reports of the confiscation by Villa representatives of foreign-owned mining property and of large herds of foreign-owned cattle in Chihuahua State were brought to the attention of American State Department representatives here today. The State Department has been asked to demand that the American Smelting and Refining Company coin "government ore" has been deferred to October 15.

The American Consuls are also engaged in an endeavor to induce 500 Mormons of the Casas Grandes district, where Villa troops are moblizing, to leave the country. Another report is that Consul Letcher of Chihuahua City has been ordered by Villa representatives to get Americans out of his district.

**Formal Decree Not Awaited.**  
News of the confiscation of foreign mining property reached here from camps between Juarez and Jimenez. It was said that the confiscations are proceeding without the formality of a decree, owners being directed by letters to turn over their property to named representatives of Villa officials. The letters were signed by Sylvester Terzani, Secretary of State.

Compliance with the demand that the American Smelting and Refining Company coin money for the Villa officials, made several days ago, was deferred until October 15 because the company without fuel cannot operate and there is said to be insufficient fuel in Villa territory to render compliance possible.

**Embargo Requested.**  
Strong representations have been made to State Department representatives here by citizens, based on the statements in a petition to the State Department yesterday, which requested an embargo on beef and beef products. It was declared today that unless the packing-house products of Juarez are barred from the United States, blooded cattle of Chihuahua, which has taken much money and considerable time to develop, will be slaughtered for the treasury of the Villa cause, and the cattle industry of the district irreparably injured.

A shipment of 10,000 head offered at Columbus, N. M., by a representative of the Villa faction for immediate "transportation" to Juarez, Mex., was refused today by the custom authorities there. It was suspected that "immediate transportation" was asked to avoid the New Mexico state law against the importation of unbranded calves.

**Mormons Advised to Leave.**  
Efforts are being made here today by the local authorities of the Mormon settlement to get the Mormons out of Casas Grandes, and it is said by them that the State Department has been asked practically to order them to leave. In justification for their stay it is urged that all they have built is in acres, crops and in cattle. Their herds are reported disappearing as Villa deserters leave the district, and the cattle being slaughtered, but they are clinging to what they have left in the hope that the Villa army will move on westward.

## FERRERA JURY DISAGREES

Collector Declares Attorney Hit Him While on Visit.

After deliberating more than an hour Tuesday night the jury in the assault and battery case brought against Albert B. Ferrera, an attorney, by David Levy, collector for the Eastern Outfitting Company, failed to reach an agreement, and Municipal Judge Stevenson set October 20 as the date for a rehearing.

Mr. Levy testified that on September 25 he went to Mr. Ferrera's office in the Stock Exchange building to collect a bill from the latter's stenographer, and that Mr. Ferrera, after some conversation, struck him on the head with his hand. Mr. Ferrera, on the contrary, asserted that he intended to put Mr. Levy from the office because of things he had said. He said that he was waiting for Mr. Levy the collector dodged and struck his head on the door, injuring his eye.

Drs. Leon Rieen and Charles T. Chamberlain testified that the injury had been serious.

## MISS WILSON HEART-WHOLE

President's Daughter Denies Rumor She Is Betrothed.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—"The only thing I'm in love with is the Buffalo public," said Margaret Woodrow Wilson, oldest daughter of the President and his only unmarried child, when asked tonight to deny or affirm the report from Chicago that she was engaged to be married to Frank Elbert Compton, a publisher of that city.

"I'm not thinking of being married," she said. "There's a chance of a doubt marriage at Washington if I am to be one of the participants. I positively deny that I am contemplating matrimony. I haven't seen Mr. Compton for three months. I can't understand how these absurd rumors got abroad. I have been very happy for the last few months. I was never happier than I am tonight."

## HEAVY LOSSES ADMITTED

German Correspondent Pays Tribute to Courage of French.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Oct. 13.—Admission that German losses have been heavy in the past few days on the western front is made by the correspondent of the German Tageblatt, who declares French attacks were carried out "with unprecedented vigor and courage."

He estimates that within a brief period the French have fired more than 2,000,000 shells against the German lines.

## GERMAN BASES SUSPECTED

Vessels in American Ports Being Investigated by British.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Certain yachts at Norfolk and Pensacola are

being investigated by British agents, who suspect them of having been prepared for use against ships carrying oil from Mexico for the British navy. Recent reports to British sources of the attack on a British tanker bound from Tuxpan, in the Mexican oil fields, strengthen the belief of the agents that the attacking ship, manned by German and outfitted with such a variety of supplies as would be used by a warship, left Pensacola, Fla., October 4. They have not established her identity. Charges that certain officers of the two interned German auxiliary cruisers were connected with the outfitting of the ship which left Pensacola also are being investigated.

## RUSSIANS PIERCE LINE

ADVANCE ON STRIPA RIVER BEING PUSHED VIGOROUSLY.

New Positions Around Dvinsk Cover City Fully and Are Said to Neutralize German Successes.

PETROGRAD, via London, Oct. 13.—Russian forces have pierced the Austro-German lines on the Stripa River. They have already taken prisoner more than 2000 men and 60 officers and have captured guns and ten rapid-firers. The Russian advance is being pushed vigorously.

Although little stress is laid on it in the official report, the success obtained by the Russians in their attack on a front of 12 miles long from Garbounovka to Lautsaghey never before was a decided one. The Germans were compelled to evacuate the territory around the highway from Dvinsk to Novo Alexandrov.

The general staff regards the blow delivered to the Germans in this district as a serious menace to the position of their forces between Novo Dvinsk to Poniewach. Simultaneously a strong movement of the Russians toward the natural defenses formed by the line of lakes.

Pressing them westward from Vidzy, Russians came to the village of Otle on the west bank of Lake Bogenaky. Thus the Germans have been driven further from the Dvinsk group of highways and the roads leading to them.

The new positions occupied by the Russians around Dvinsk fully cover the city and its environs, and taking up of the new lines has neutralized previous German successes.

## JAPAN MAY SEND HELP

FUTURE ATTITUDE IN WAR BEING RECONSIDERED.

Bulgaria's Participation and Changing British Opinion Reopen Question in Tokio.

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—Bulgaria's participation in the war and advice received here from London that British opinion, in some quarters, at least, favors the dispatch of Japanese troops to the Balkans have suddenly reopened the question in Tokio of what Japan's future course will be.

There is a strong impression here that the return from Paris today of Baron Kikuchi Ichi, the recently appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and previously Ambassador to France, is likely to be followed by a full reconsideration of the international situation with special reference to Japan's policy for the preservation of her own permanent interests.

Another factor in arousing discussion on this subject is the arrival of Hughes Le Roux, editor of the Paris mission. It is understood that with introductions from and the approbation of M. Delcasse, the French Foreign Minister, to discuss military questions with prominent Japanese with a view to determining whether the latest developments justify a change in Japan's decision not to send an army to aid her allies, and the likelihood of dispatching troops to the Balkan theater.

## RUMOR ANGERS PRESIDENT

Reporter Threatened Who Asks Fiancée if Wedding Had Occurred.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(Special.)—The White House today contained an indignant President, who, according to reports, threatened to chastise a newspaperman who called his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, on the telephone and asked whether she had been married to the Chief Executive last night. That night the story was flashed back to Washington, and somebody called the Galt home by telephone, succeeded in reaching Mrs. Galt, and asked whether the story was true. The natural reaction of the President's fiancée made use of the newly installed private telephone which connects her home with the White House and informed Mr. Wilson, who lost no time in causing an emphatic denial to be made.

## FESTIVAL ELECTION IS SET

Meeting of Organization Committee Called for October 20.

A meeting of the organization committee of the Rose Festival Association will be held in the Rosarian room of the Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday night, October 20, at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the final report of the 1915 Rose Festival Association and to make arrangements for the selection of the board of governors for the 1916 Festival.

## SPINAL CORD IS REUNITED

French Surgeon Performs Remarkable Operation and Wound Heals.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—An operation, unparalleled in surgical practice, for the removal of the splinter of a shell embedded in the whole width of the vertebral canal and suturing of the completely severed spinal cord has been successfully performed by Dr. Emil Girow.

In communicating the details of his achievement to the Académie de Médecine, Dr. Girow said he had undertaken the operation when the man apparently was dying and that it had resulted in a manner exceeding his greatest hopes.

Easy Christmas money! Don't miss page 5, Friday morning—Adv.

## HOTEL CHIEF QUILTS

N. K. Clarke Succeeds M. C. Dickinson as Oregon Manager.

## ACTION PENDING SINCE JULY

Directors Accept Resignation After Long Delay—Retiring Official to Retain Business Affiliations With Seattle Associate.

Directors of the Hotel Oregon Tuesday accepted the resignation of M. C. Dickinson as manager of that hotel. As his successor they elected N. K. Clarke. Both are among the widely-known hotel men and the Pacific Northwest and the change is one of the most important in many months among Portland hostellers.

Although the directors of the Oregon, E. E. Covert, Elliott R. Corbett and Joseph Simon, did not accept the resignation until yesterday, Mr. Dickinson said last night that it had been before them since last July, and that he had requested several times to be relieved of the hotel management that he might devote his time to travel and to his private business interests.

**Mr. Clarke to Take Charge at Once.**  
Mr. Clarke will take active charge of the administration of the Oregon at once. It is understood that there will be no change in employees for the hotel and that the management contemplates no expenditures on the building before the first of the year at least.

For nine years Mr. Clarke served the Portland Hotel as chief clerk and assistant manager. He also opened the Seward Hotel, the Cornelius and the new Hotel Dailies at The Dalles. As supervisor, Mr. Clarke had charge of the Chautauque Camp for the Great Northern Railway in the Glacier National Park for one season, and he is now manager of the Hotel Savoy in Seattle.

For the last three months he has been representing the Hotel Benson at Seaside, where he received telegraphic instructions last Sunday to come to Portland. The original Hotel Oregon was built in 1904-5 for Wright & Dickinson by Moy Back Hin and Goon Dip Young. Two wealthy Chinese, the original hotel contained 128 rooms and was a great success. Several large additions were built, and the present Hotel Benson was erected and at first operated as a part of the Oregon.

**Reverses Cause Separation in 1912.**  
"At the time the building now known as the Hotel Benson was erected for Wright & Dickinson, the members of the firm, Charles Wright and George Dickinson, were in independent financial circumstances," said Mr. Dickinson last night. "Unfortunately times changed about November, 1912, with the Presidential election, and we found that the greatly enlarged plant could not be operated profitably. Accordingly on January 1, 1913, the Hotel Benson was separated from the Hotel Oregon and has since been operated by Mr. Benson as an independent plant."

"The large amount of money expended by Wright & Dickinson in furnishing, operating and the ultimate selling out of the Hotel Benson crippled Wright & Dickinson financially. All obligations of Wright & Dickinson have not been paid, however, and they have sold the Hotel Oregon to a new company. This sale was consummated on July 12, 1915."

"At the time this sale was made a new company, known as the Hotel Oregon, incorporated, was formed. I, Wright & Dickinson, was formed. I did not wish to operate the Hotel Oregon any longer, but consented to act as manager for a short time, out of respect to some of the stockholders who were my friends. Since then the board of directors has refused to accept my resignation, although I have requested them many times to do so."

Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Wright own the Hotel Seattle, in Seattle, which has been operating under Mr. Wright's personal direction for nearly two years past and which Hotel Wright & Dickinson will still continue to operate.

A portion of Mr. Dickinson's vacation he is going to use shooting ducks and another portion of the time in touring in a new eight-cylinder automobile. Mr. Dickinson recently finished a 1000-mile trip in British Columbia, and as soon as he has turned over the business of the Hotel Oregon to his successor, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dickinson and he will leave for the San Francisco Exposition. If the weather permits they will continue to Los Angeles and San Diego.

## BRITAIN SEVERS RELATIONS

Passports Are Handled to Bulgarian Minister.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—The following official announcement of the dismissal of the Bulgarian Minister to Great Britain was issued tonight: "His Majesty's government has announced that the Bulgarian Minister has been expelled from Great Britain and that diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Bulgaria have been broken off."

## SCHOOL UNITS ARE WANTED

\$200,000 to Be Asked for Addition to Jefferson High.

At a meeting of the committee of 100 appointed by the North Portland Commercial Club, held Tuesday night in the North Portland Branch Library, it was decided to ask the School Board to make provision in the budget for a

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Cave Excavated by Iowa Youngsters in Side of Hill Collapses.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Oct. 13.—Four boys were buried alive today when a cave they had excavated in the side of a hill collapsed. They were John

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\$200,000 appropriation for the erection of two additional units to Jefferson High School on property already owned by the school district.

As Jefferson High was originally built to accommodate 1200 students and there are now more than 1500 in attendance, it is proposed to have one of the new units for classrooms and the other for an auditorium, in anticipation of the need for additional quarters.

E. M. Orth, president of the North Portland Commercial Club, acted as chairman and E. J. Jones, editor of the North Portland Times, was secretary. Speakers at the meeting were George S. Shepherd, W. M. Killingsworth, T. Vaughn, C. L. McKenna, E. M. Orth, E. J. Jones, George C. Carl, George M. Hart, of Portsmouth, and D. L. Povey, of Irvington. A committee from the ladies auxiliary of the Commercial Club was in attendance.

A committee consisting of W. T. Vaughn, George S. Shepherd, H. A. Rutledge, W. M. Killingsworth, D. L. Povey, Hans Kurth, George C. Carl, Ralston J. Clary, C. S. Osborne, Dr. L. N. Palmer, C. L. McKenna, H. M. Wood, Mrs. George Lawrence, Mrs. W. A. Perry, Mrs. P. M. Shaddock, Mrs. George Gorman, Mrs. James Beggs, Mrs. I. Brannard and Mrs. Leon LaForge, under direction of the chairman, E. M. Orth, was appointed to interview members of the School Board in the next few days, and a general meeting of all the committees with the School Board will be held early next week, when the work of making up the forthcoming budget begins.

Printed forms asking for the appropriation are being sent broadcast by the North Portland Commercial Club, with the request that these be filled out with names and addresses and mailed to members of the School Board.

## PRESBYTERY FILLS POST

REV. H. N. MOUNT IS CHOSEN MODERATOR FOR OREGON.

Rev. J. R. Welch, of Oregeno, Is Elected Temporary Clerk—Annual Session Ends Tonight With Banquet.

Rev. H. N. Mount, pastor of the Vernon Presbyterian Church, was unanimously elected moderator of the Portland Presbytery at the annual meeting of that body Tuesday in the Fourth Church. Dr. Mount succeeds Rev. A. L. Hutchinson, pastor of the Piedmont Church, who has been moderator for the past year.

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The meeting of the Presbytery will continue this morning in the Fourth Church. Religious education, church extension and evangelism will be discussed. Dr. O. S. Baum, of Calvary Church, will lead the devotional period.

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50c allowance made if you turn in your old hot water bag. Applies only on \$1.50 or more purchase of New Water Bottle or Syringe. 50c combination attachment free with each 3-qt. Wood-Lark Hot Water Bottle. Priced at only \$1.75—Main Floor.

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MAZDA LAMPS and Chances No More See Our Basement Electrical Department.

Gauthier, 14; Charley Beckey, 13; Harry Davidson, 18, and Glen Thompson, 12 (colored). The youths' cries brought rescuers, but they were dead before the latter could reach them.

### Britain Pays Soldiers' Families.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—More than 1,000,000 pounds sterling (\$5,000,000) weekly is being paid by the British government

### Kaiser Reported in Serbia.

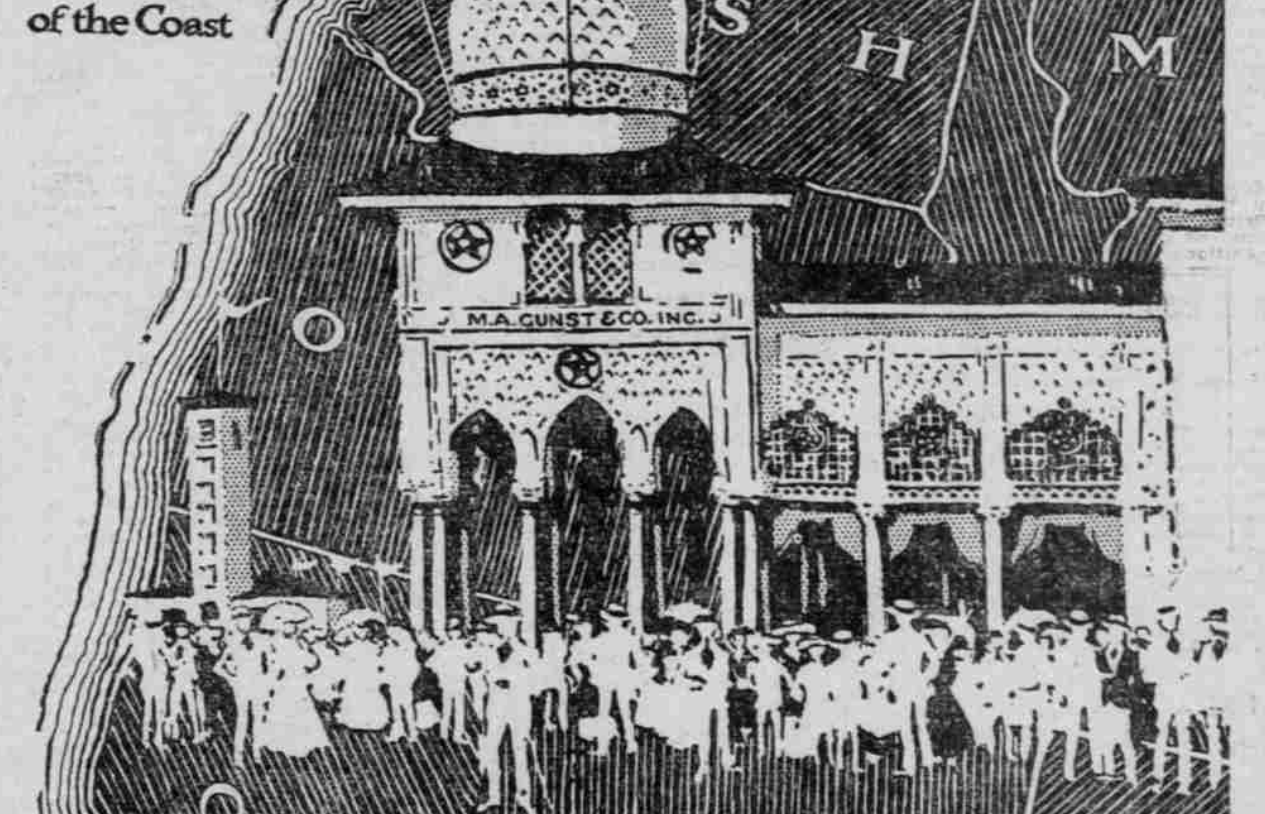
LONDON, Oct. 13.—Emperor William has arrived at the Austro-German headquarters in Serbia, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Morning

Post, which gives an authority for the statement a telegram received in Copenhagen from Berlin.

Can you play the game? See page 3, Friday morning—Adv.

Timber cut from state lands in Minnesota last year sold for more than \$250,000. Imitation leather is used by some vegetarians for boots, shoes and even coats.

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