

PRESIDENT WARNS AGAINST RUMORS

Formal Statement Issued to Reiterate That Mexico Is Not Being Invaded.

VENTURE ONLY PUNITIVE

There Are Persons Along Border, Says Mr. Wilson, Who Are Spreading Alarming Tales, Not Justified by the Facts.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—President Wilson tonight issued a warning that "sinister and unscrupulous influences" are spreading alarmist reports about the Mexican situation with the object of forcing intervention by the United States.

In a formal statement the President told the people of the United States to be on their guard and not to credit such stories. He urged those who disseminate news to test the source and authenticity of every report from the border, and called attention again to the Government's announcement that the sole object of the punitive expedition now in Mexico was to punish Villa and his followers.

The news services supplying newspapers had been asked, the President said, to assist in keeping this view constantly before the Mexican and American people, to the end that the expedition should not take on the color of war.

Co-operation Is Promised. The purpose of the American commanders was described as embracing co-operation "in every possible way" with the forces of General Carranza, and withdrawal from Mexican territory as soon as the object of the expedition is accomplished.

The President solemnly warned the people "that there are persons all along the border who are actively engaged in originating and giving as wide currency as they can to rumors of the most sensational and disturbing sort which are wholly unjustified by the facts."

"As has already been announced, the expedition into Mexico was ordered under an agreement with the de facto government of Mexico for the single purpose of taking the bandit Villa, whose forces had actually invaded the territory of the United States, and is in no sense intended as an invasion of the republic or as an infringement of its sovereignty. I have therefore asked the several news services to be good enough to assist the Administration in keeping this view of the expedition constantly before both the people of this country and the distressed and sensitive people of Mexico, who are not only very susceptible, indeed, to impressions received from the American press, but also very ready to believe that these impressions proceed from the views and objects of our Government itself. Such conclusions, it must be said, are not unnatural, because the main, if not the only, source of information for people on both sides of the border is the public press of the United States."

Care as to News Enjoined.

"In order to avoid the creation of erroneous and dangerous impressions in this way, I have called upon the several news agencies to use the utmost care not to give news stories regarding this expedition the color of war, to withhold stories of troop movements and military preparations which might be given that interpretation, and to refrain from publishing unverified rumors of unrest in Mexico. "I feel that it is most desirable to impress upon both our own people and the people of Mexico the fact that the expedition is simply a necessary punitive measure, aimed solely at the elimination of the marauders who raided Columbus and who infest an unprotected district near the border which they use as a base in making attacks upon the lives and property of our citizens within our own territory. It is the purpose of our commanders to co-operate in every possible way with the forces of General Carranza in removing this cause of irritation to both governments and to retire from Mexican territory as soon as that object is accomplished. "It is my duty to warn the people of the United States that these persons along the border who are actively engaged in originating and giving as wide currency as they can to rumors of the most sensational and disturbing sort are wholly unjustified by the facts."

Purpose of Falsehoods Shown.

"The object of this traffic in falsehoods is obvious. It is to create intolerable friction between the Government of the United States and the de facto government of Mexico, for the purpose of bringing about intervention in the interest of certain American owners of Mexican properties. This object cannot be obtained so long as sane and honorable men are in control of this Government, but by giving as wide circulation as possible to these falsehoods may result, and the relations between the two republics may be very much embarrassed. The people of the United States should know the sinister and unscrupulous influences that are at work and should be on their guard against crediting any story coming from the border; and those who disseminate the news should make it a matter of patriotism and of conscience to test the source and authenticity of every report they receive from that quarter."

PREACHER JAILED AS FAKE

Eugene Pastors Said to Have In-dorsed Frank Davis' Meetings.

EUGENE, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—"Rev." Frank Davis, arrested in Florence, was brought to Eugene last night to answer a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He is alleged to have been conducting services in that city and collecting money in the name of the Universal Brotherhood of the Wage War on the "white slave" traffic. The officials charge that there is no such organization.

STOPS TOBACCO HABIT.

Elders' Sanitarium, located at 518 Main St., St. Joseph, Mo., has published a book showing the deadly effect of the tobacco habit, and how it can be stopped in three to five days. As they are distributing this book free, anyone wanting a copy should send their name and address at once.—Adv.

FOUR MORE CANDIDATES OUT FOR LOWER HOUSE

Plowden Stott, C. R. Meloney, L. P. Morrow and Lionel C. Mackay. All of Portland, Announce Candidacies for Legislature From Multnomah County.



Plowden Stott



C. R. Meloney



Lionel C. Mackay



L. P. Morrow

Plowden Stott, a member of the Multnomah County delegation to the lower house of the 1915 Legislature, will be a candidate for re-election subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the forthcoming primary.

Mr. Stott was a member of the important committee on judiciary at the last session, and also was chairman of the committee on medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. He served on other active committees.

He is well known throughout the county, being a director of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and a member of various civic organizations. He is a practicing attorney, because of his legal and business life.

In declaring his candidacy yesterday Mr. Stott said: "I have no long legislative program to announce, for I believe that the next session of the Legislature should devote the greater portion of its time and attention to securing economy in appropriations and should pass only such new legislation as is absolutely necessary."

No laws should be passed that will interfere with any legitimate business, industries should be encouraged and protected. "Those who labor should receive just pay for their work and should have reasonable hours of labor. They should be provided with safe places to work, safe places to work with and sanitary conditions and surroundings."

"I believe the amendment to the non-support law passed by the last Legislature, relieving divorce fathers from supporting their children when the court in its decree of divorce awards the custody of the child or children to the mother, should be repealed, and if I am nominated and elected I will introduce such a bill."

"The enactment of an amendment providing that all county prisoners must be fed at actual cost, without profit to Sheriff, and that all moneys received for the board and keep of Federal prisoners held in county jails shall be deposited in and become a part of the general fund of the county, which feeds and keeps such prisoners."

"I submit to the voters of Multnomah County my record in the last Legislature and promise them that if I am renominated and re-elected I will use all my efforts towards the promotion of the interests of Multnomah County and the state of Oregon."

"Lower taxes next year and thereafter will be my aim. On the official ballot after my name will be printed my slogan—'Lower taxes, fewer laws.'"

Chief R. Meloney is another to announce his candidacy for the lower house of the Legislature from Multnomah County, subject to the Republican primary. In his statement of candidacy yesterday the Republican nomination for the lower house of the Legislature I do so as one who believes and always has believed in the principle of the Republican party, and will be bound thereby.

There is little need of any immediate legislation unless it is to protect our natural resources or to foster agriculture. Land reclamation and rural credits are of vital importance to our state, and should receive the primary attention of the Legislature. I feel that low taxes can be best accomplished by not making additional laws. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to Republican principles; to the passage of very few laws by the Legislature; to the fostering of agriculture and the protection of our natural resources."

RUSSIANS HAMMER AT EASTERN FRONT

Berlin Admits Loss of Some Trenches, but Says They Were Recaptured.

BLOODY BATTLES FOUGHT

French in Region of Saloniki Show Activity, Bombarding Enemy, and Skirmishes Between Patrols Are Reported.

BERLIN, via London, March 25.—Military activity on the northern sector of the eastern front continues, despite alternating rain and snow. Russian fire was heavy on the night of March 20 and in the early morning of March 21 between the Narocz and Wisniow Lakes and it was particularly heavy just southward of Narocz Lake, where the German line ran from Bilinski to Mokryza and thence to the westward.

The Russians directed their main attack against this small salient with a harassing concourse of fire and the Germans drew back to their second line to avoid unnecessary losses. The Russians, who came forward in heavy attacking columns, were sanguinely repulsed and the Germans followed them to Bilinski and then retired. The Russians did not follow them the second time.

The Russians succeeded in capturing some trenches to the south of Wilety, but they were driven out on the afternoon of March 21 and lost 600 men prisoners. The Russian losses were said to have been heavy, while the casualties of the Germans were declared to be light.

Berliner Tageblatt's Macedonian correspondent says that French forces from the entrenched camp at Saloniki have been showing activity in the neighborhood of Gjevelli on the Serbian-Greek frontier, where they fired 10 shots from heavy guns against German-Austrian pioneers who were repairing their bridges. The shots did no damage.

The French also carried out a bombardment in the vicinity of Doiran. Several small skirmishes between patrols have taken place, the correspondent adds.

THEFT OF HORSE IS DENIED

E. Crossen, Under Arrest, Through His Mother, Says He Is Innocent.

E. Crossen, of St. Johns, who was arrested several days ago on a charge of horse-stealing, has been taken to the Dalles by Sheriff Chrisman, of that place. Crossen, through his mother, who lives in St. Johns, denied yesterday that he stole the horse, and declared emphatically that the horse figured in a trade.

Mrs. Crossen said yesterday: "The report that my son confessed to stealing a horse is wrong. He did not confess. He had been trading horses. The animal in question, I am informed, is still in Portland and no one is trying to reclaim it."

"The Indian, a man named Boyer, with whom my son traded, caused the complaint and charge to be filed, because he thought he had not profited in the deal. He was dissatisfied and sought that method of getting 'even.' I am sure the trial at the Dalles will exonerate my son."

At the Dalles yesterday Crossen was granted a delay in the hearing in order that he might communicate with his relatives in Portland.

STUDENTS PAY TRIBUTE

Services at Lincoln Honoring Mrs. Mundt's Memory.

A memorial service honoring the memory of Mrs. Henrietta Mundt, instructor in German for many years at the Lincoln High School, who died last Thursday, will be held in the auditorium of the high school tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Prominent educators of the city will speak.

The service will be held at the Portland Crematorium tomorrow. In compliance with the wish of Mrs. Mundt there will be no services at that time and no flowers.

Teachers of Lincoln High School are planning to form a student loan fund in memory of Mrs. Mundt.

Dutch Steamship Not to Sail.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The withdrawal of the steamship Rotterdam, of the Holland-American line, from service was announced at the company's office here today after receipt of a cable message from Rotterdam. Officials here presume that it was because of the presence of mines in the North Sea.

Orchard Spraying Is Enjoined.

EUGENE, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—W. S. McFadden, of Corvallis, won an injunction yesterday restraining Lane County from forcibly spraying an orchard owned by him and located near Junction City. Judge Percy Kelly, of Albany, who presided, held that the county had no right to spray Mr. Mc-



Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth

Announcement was made today by State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Larson will succeed Dr. Jean Cline, of Portland, and Dr. MacDougall will take the place of Dr. Clyde Mount, of Oregon City.

STRAND THEATER PHOTOVILLE ANY SEAT 10¢ ANY TIME COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAM EVERY SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

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LINE TO BE DISCUSSED

MASS MEETING CALLED AT MEDFORD FOR MONDAY NIGHT. Manager for R. S. Towne Promises Development of Mine if City Will Contribute \$250,000.

MEDFORD, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—A mass meeting has been called for Monday at 7:30 o'clock to discuss the report of the Blue Ledge Railroad committee. At a recent mass meeting the committee reached a tentative agreement with S. S. Bullis, of the Southern Oregon Traction Company, which proposes that the city issue \$250,000 bonds, and through a railroad commission, build and own 12 miles of railroad, from the present terminal of the Oregon Traction lines at Jacksonville toward the Blue Ledge mine, the traction company agreeing to construct the railroad from the end of the city's road to the Blue Ledge district.

The Southern Oregon Traction Company offers to build the city's railroad, lease and operate it, with option of purchase, and buy it outright at the expiration of five years.

This proposal will be submitted to the mass meeting, with favorable recommendations by the committee. Mr. Carnahan, local manager for R. S. Towne, of New York, owner of the Blue Ledge mine, promises that the mine, as well as the other mines of the district, will be operated if a railroad is built, and that a large plant will be erected at once. It is probable that a concentrator will be erected.

Mr. Bullis reports that Mr. Towne has guaranteed a minimum of 200 tons of ore or concentrates a day. The railroad, Mr. Bullis declares, will not stop at the Blue Ledge, but will extend into the Klamath timber belt, and eventually down the Klamath River to Eureka, Cal.

Roseburg Gets Army Instructor.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Frank J. Jirak, Sergeant in the regular Army at Fort Stevens, has arrived in Roseburg to assist in the instruction of the local Coast Artillery company. The fourth company here is now one of the most efficient in the state, and has a number of the best shots, as well as rapping high in other respects.