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WAR RUMORS RIFE AS RESULT OF ACTIVITY OF UNITED STATES

Mobilizing of Army and Navy Near Mexican Border Causes Speculation.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO MAY BE CAUSE OF IT

Government Officials Deny Any Intent of Hostilities In Practise.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 8. — Telegrams are pouring into headquarters of the Army showing the movement of troops to the southern frontier country is proceeding with the smoothness and regularity of clockwork. The celerity with which the orders are carried out is said at military quarters to give the impression that the movement is an every day occurrence of practically the entire force of 20,000 men now en route to the lower part of Texas and California. The troops are equipped with ball cartridges.

Notwithstanding this, however, official Washington still maintains that the movement is merely a plan of practice to determine the efficiency of the fighting arms of the country in mobilizing on short notice. While this is held to be true technically, the general impression prevails that the sudden and extensive military activity has vital direct relation to the revolutionary movement in Mexico.

The activity of officials of the state, War and Navy Departments is accentuating this impression of the idea which is generally accepted even in the face of official pronouncement that no significance should be attached to a movement of government troops in preparing for an eventuality that may be developed with the progress of the revolution against President Diaz.

The Navy department continued its preparation for the dispatch of the Fifth Division of the Atlantic fleet and the large detachment of marines to Guantanamo, Cuba. The four armored cruisers of the Fifth Division under Rear Admiral Stuart are being supplied with a full complement of blue jackets.

The Mexican embassy has issued a statement branding as preposterous the report current that the Mexican government is looking to the United States for aid in regularizing its international affairs.

Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, confidential agent here for the Mexican revolutionary party, declared today that the revolutionists will continue until the Diaz regime is overthrown.

GREAT BRITAIN DENIES.

Has Taken No Action Relative to Mexican Situation.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, England, Mar. 8. — This afternoon the Foreign Office authorized the announcement that no instructions of any kind have been sent Ambassador Bryce at Washington from London regarding events in Mexico.

ACTIVE ON PACIFIC.

Men From Puget Sound Navy Yard Are Called Out.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 8. — The entire marine corps of the Puget Sound Navy Yard, 410 men, under Colonel Boyne leaves tonight for San Francisco where the cruiser Buffalo will receive them and carry them to San Diego. The cruisers West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland are filling their coal bunkers and taking on ammunition and war projectiles as if for war. The cruiser which will sail tonight for San Diego will arrive there Saturday.

LOWER LIQUOR LICENSE HERE

Saloonmen Make Request of City Council and Hearing Is Granted.

A protest from the Marshfield liquor dealers against the increase in the city licenses of saloons from \$600 to \$1,000 per year to become effective July 1 was presented to the council last night by the president, L. F. Denning. Mr. Denning stated in his communication that he thought the increase would have an entirely different effect than the council anticipated and would result in a proper quality of liquor being sold. An opportunity to present data on what other towns of a size similar to Marshfield are doing was requested.

C. F. McKnight appeared in behalf of the liquor men and urged the council to give consideration to the matter. He said that the heavy expense the liquor dealers were under should be considered and gave the following estimate of what the yearly expenses of the fifteen saloons here would be:

- City Licenses, \$15,000.
- Federal Licenses, \$375.
- Rent, \$10,800.
- Lights, \$1,800.
- Telephones, \$450.
- Water, \$350.
- Bartenders, \$14,400.
- "Swampers", \$3,600.

Besides these, there is fuel and expenses of owners or managers and cost of liquor, making a business of about \$65,000 per year necessary before they can break even. He said that the last election showed only about 900 votes were cast here and that only about half of the voters were saloon patrons, the "dry" element among the local voters offsetting the transient trade.

Councilman Albrecht said he thought that may be \$1,000 per year was too heavy a license. Councilman Ferguson thought that the high license might put the law abiding liquor dealer out of business and let the liquor law violators continue. Mr. Savage thought the liquor men ought to be given a hearing and Councilman Powers and Coke refused to discuss the matter. Mr. Copple said he thought that may be they should be given a hearing. Finally it was decided that at the first meeting in April, the liquor men would be given a hearing on the request to reduce the licenses.

HOLD MEETING IN NORTH BEND

Coos County Presbytery Will Hold Synod Thursday and Friday.

The Coos County Presbytery will hold a Synod in North Bend on Thursday and Friday of this week which will be attended by all the Presbyterian ministers of the county.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Knox of Marshfield will address the ladies on woman's place and duties in church work. At four o'clock the ministers and all Sunday school teachers and workers will meet in conference to discuss topics of interest in that branch of religious work. Friday evening, there will be a congregational supper served to members of the church and visiting delegates at which there will be table talks for the good of the church.

Morals and Decency Outraged

COMPROMISE with vice in any form always results in further demoralization of decency and morals. Marshfield's toleration of depravity and debauchery will be rewarded with a still further lowering of its moral standards. The Royal Theatre was the scene last evening of one of the most depraved and demoralizing exhibitions ever seen on any public stage, even in the dives and brothels of a city. So vile and vicious was this loathsome and lasciviously suggestive exhibition that all self-respecting women were compelled to get up and leave the theatre. The show throughout was suggestive but when one of the so-called chorus girls attired in flesh colored tights and a gauze undershirt attempted the hoochy-koochy it drove the women in haste from the theatre. Men who have traveled and seen the hula-hula and other vulgar dances pronounce last night's performance at The Royal one of the most coarsely vulgar and immoral exhibitions ever seen on a public stage.

Some of Marshfield's moral guardians recently had a spasm of virtue over a proposed exhibition of some fight pictures and at their behest the city council passed a special censorship ordinance for moving pictures. Last night's performance was so much lower in moral depravity that a comparison would be odious. Decent people of Marshfield are becoming nauseated at this toleration of immoral filth in this city. Isn't it about time that some corrective influence be applied before this abandoned coarseness and vulgarity becomes such a stench in the nostrils of decent men and women everywhere that the city will become infamous for its degeneracy and excesses. There should be no thought of minimizing the danger to the morals of a community by such shameful exhibitions as that of last evening at the Royal Theatre. There should be no need of special legislation to reach and punish the perpetrators of such depravity and debauchery as that exhibited in last night's performance.

MYRTLE POINT SAFE IS BLOWN

Cracksmen Make Clean Haul In Depot and Leave No Clue—Work Looks Like That of Experts.

Safe blowers last night blew open the safe in the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern Railway and Navigation company's depot at Myrtle Point last night and secured about \$5 in cash, a sealed express package supposed to be jewelry valued at \$25 and made a clean get away. No clue was left and although Sheriff Gage and all the other officers in the county are working on it today, the identity of the perpetrators is shrouded in mystery. Nitro-glycerine was used and the

BALDWIN WILL IS HELD VALID

Mrs. Turnbull Loses Case to Break Last Testament of Californian.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 8. — Mrs. Turnbull lost in her attempt to break "Lucky" Baldwin's will today. The case has been on trial for many weeks.

JUDGE INSTRUCTS JURY.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 8.—At the conclusion of the arguments in the Baldwin will case at noon today, Judge Rives announced he would instruct the jury that the evidence adduced "fell short of making out a case for the plaintiff" and that the jury should return a verdict in favor of the defense. This ends the case brought by Miss Anita Baldwin Turnbull, the 17-year-old Boston girl, for a daughter's share in the \$11,000,000 estate left by the late "Lucky" Baldwin.

NICK BURLEY DEAD.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 8.—Nick Burley, formerly a heavy-weight prize fighter well-known in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, dropped dead last night of heart disease, aged forty.

Mrs. A. G. Aiken will OPEN up her store at Coquille City with a complete line of Spring and Summer millinery on or about March 21st.

For BUICK auto service PHONE 34-J before 6 P. M. and CQ-J at night

C. A. SMITH COMPANY GRANTED FRANCHISE BY CITY COUNCIL

SANDBERG BILL TURNED DOWN

City Council Refuses to Pay Engineer For Month of February.

After a rather brief but decidedly animated discussion last night, the Marshfield city council by a vote of four to two refused to pay P. A. Sandberg for the month of February and even refused to settle on a basis of two-thirds of a month. The decision was accompanied by the informal announcement that if Sandberg got his pay for February it would only be through a lawsuit.

Councilman Coke was presiding when the matter was brought up. Mayor Straw having left earlier in the evening, J. M. Upton appeared in behalf of Mr. Sandberg and said that he would like to see the matter settled amicably as a fitting end to a rather stormy affair. Councilman Coke was not disposed to let Mr. Upton present the case as he wished, frequently interrupting with the declaration that his (Coke) mind was made up and that he wouldn't pay Sandberg a cent and characterizing it as a "hold up." He said he had been disposed to favor Sandberg early in the matter but that the latter had been "bull headed" about it and that now he was going to be bull-headed too.

Mr. Upton said that Mr. Sandberg was still in the eyes of the law city engineer, the last action of the city council in ordering him to turn over the records of his office, etc., to the council recognizing him as such. However, he said they were not going to press that if the February salary account could be settled amicably. He said that Mr. Sandberg was now preparing an inventory of the records, maps, etc., of the office preparatory to turning them over to the city recorder and having him receipt for them.

City Attorney Goss disagreed with Mr. Upton's view of the case, saying that in his opinion Mr. Sandberg could not collect any salary for the first part of February, that is from the time the council first discharged him until the mayor reappointed him and he qualified. From the latter date, or about two-thirds of the month, Mr. Goss thought that possibly Mr. Sandberg's claim might be held valid but he declared that it could not be for longer than from the date he qualified until the previous meeting of the council when the office of city engineer was declared vacant.

Councilman Albrecht moved that Sandberg's bill be not allowed. Councilman Powers suggested that if the matter could be settled on a basis of allowing Sandberg pay for two-thirds of the month and as a condition that he should turn over all records, maps, etc., in good shape, he would favor it in the interests of harmony and peace and also because it would be cheaper than a lawsuit.

City Attorney Goss said that if he was advising a private client in the case, he would approve of the plan favored by Mr. Powers. Councilman Coke said he was against it—that Sandberg had been paid for several months that he had not done any work. Mr. Upton finally said that he would agree to settle on the two-thirds basis and asked permission to amend his bill. While he was amending it, the council voted by ayes and nays on the matter, Albrecht, Coke, Copple and Ferguson voting against allowing it and Powers and Savage for allowing it.

MILLINERY OPENING.

Mrs. A. G. Aiken will open her complete line of spring and summer millinery March 9, at her new store in the Coos building.

Many Business Men Urged Action to Keep City's Promise to Them.

ALBRECHT AND COPPLE ONLY VOTES AGAINST

George Baines and Others Request Delay But Are Refused.

The Marshfield city council last evening after a dozen or so of leading citizens had urged it as the only proper and honest action to take re-granted the franchise for the tramway railway from the Smith mill to the company's retail yards to C. A. Smith. The vote was four to two, Councilmen Coke, Ferguson, Savage and Powers voting for the franchise and Councilmen Copple and Albrecht against it.

Prior to the vote on the matter there was considerable discussion of the matter, C. F. McKnight in behalf of George Baines, the Baines estate and some other property owners urging that the council delay action on the franchise while the other speakers pointed out that to delay would be dilly-dallying with honesty and that there should be no hesitancy on the part of the council in living up to the promise and obligation of the city of Marshfield.

The matter was brought up by R. K. Booth. He said that Judge Hamilton had recently held that the franchise was defective through errors in the signatures of representatives of the property along the street. He said that the franchise had been given by the C. A. Smith company when it first located here as a condition that C. A. Smith should build a mill on the west side of Isthmus Inlet with a monthly payroll of \$30,000. He said the company had lived up to its part of the agreement and that it was only, fair, right, honest and just that the council should do likewise for the city of Marshfield. He said that they didn't ask for any new privileges or franchise, but merely wanted the council to make good the one granted four years ago.

C. F. McKnight said that in behalf of George Baines and others he wanted the council to postpone action for a little while in order that they might have time to consider it. He also said that the matter was of such magnitude that the council ought to take more time and understand fully what they were granting. He said that besides the question of the legality of the requisite amount of abutting property being signed up in favor of it, Judge Hamilton held that the road was used by a private interest which was illegal. He said he believed the franchise illegal. Furthermore, he said that he didn't think the city attorney had time to pass on it and that he could not very well do so because he was attorney for the C. A. Smith company as well as for the city.

Mr. Booth replied that the questions Mr. McKnight had raised about the legality franchise would be taken care of by the company itself. He said that all they were asking for was that the franchise granted them in good faith and accepted in good faith four years ago be made as valid as the council could by approving it now. Furthermore he said all freight offered the company was hauled over the line.

Mr. Goss said that he had not passed on it as city attorney or attorney for the C. A. Smith company other than that the new franchise was an identical copy of the old one with the exception of a correction made so that the C. A. Smith company would not have to build another mill within twelve months.

Judge Coke Talks.

Judge Coke was called upon by Mayor Straw to tell what he knew about the matter. Mr. Coke explained (Continued on page 4)