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REPORT FEDERALERS OFFER TO SURRENDER TORREON TO VILLA

Terms of Surrender Being Arranged, According to Report Today

LITTLE CHANGE IN POSITION OF ARMIES

Velasco Said to Be Willing to Give up if Men Will be Protected

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] EAGLE PASS, Tex., April 1.—Dispatches which have been forwarded to Washington via this city are reported to announce that the Federal commander of Torreon has offered to surrender to Villa, that a truce has been granted and the Federal and Constitutional commanders have met and are arranging the terms of capitulation.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

EL PASO, April 1.—A telegram from George C. Carothers, United States government representative, says that all foreigners in the Torreon district are safe, including H. S. Hannard-Cummins, the British consul at Gomez Palacio. The telegram was sent last night and makes no reference to the military situation.

Velasco, it is said, first called for a three hours' armistice and offered to surrender the town if the garrison could march out with the honors of war and if Villa would parole the officers and guarantee not to kill the volunteers as he had threatened.

William P. Blocker, the American consul at Piedras Negras refused to reveal the contents of the dispatch from Durango, but admitted that messages had been received and forwarded to Washington. According to information from reliable sources Villa has taken the railroad station at Torreon and for the past two days has been working his way from house to house toward the center of the city. He is said to have taken nearly half the town but his assaults have resulted in an appalling loss of life on both sides. Last night Velasco hoisted the white flag and asked for a truce to present a proposition of surrender. The truce was granted, it is said, and the Federal commander offered to turn over the city with all military stores if the lives of the officers and men were guaranteed. It is reported that Villa at first demurred, saying that many of the garrison, including General Orozco, who is said to be in Torreon, were traitors and must be executed.

It is reported that another armistice was arranged today and that Villa probably would accept the offer of surrender. It is known that a Federal column of reinforcements left Saltillo for Torreon March 30, but as all railroads lines are cut it will require several days for them to reach Torreon.

SMALL TUG IS SUNK TODAY

Seven Men on Argo Rescued in Puget Sound—Rammed by Milwaukee

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] SEATTLE, Wash., April 1.—The wooden tug, Argo, of sixty-five tons, belonging to the Pacific Towboat company, was rammed and sunk today by the Milwaukee Railroad's steel tug Milwaukee off Point Wilson near Seattle. The seven men of the Argo's crew were rescued.

Asquith Will Clear Order

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, April 1.—The first act of Premier Asquith in his new capacity as Secretary of State for War was to clear up the mystery surrounding the instructions given by the war office to General Paget, commander in chief in Ireland. After a conference with Paget, Home Secretary McKenna informed the House of Commons that the only question Paget put to the commanding officers was whether they were ready to put duty before other considerations. It was not Paget's intention that these general officers put any such question to their subordinates.

DANCE at LIBBY Saturday night, APRIL 4. Music by Elliott's Orchestra. Everyone invited.

ALL ARE SAFE NEAR TORREON

Foreigners Not Molested During Mexican Rebel and Federal Battles

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The first tangible result of the successful invasion of Australia by a four-man, All-American track team, which returned home yesterday, was made known today through the publication of a statement that Australia would send a team to San Francisco to compete at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

FIRST TRAIN ON NEW LINE

Southern Pacific to Establish Service Out of Eugene Towards Coos Bay Soon

[Special to The Times.] EUGENE, Or., April 1.—The Southern Pacific Railroad company is contemplating establishing in a short time the first regular passenger and freight service on the new Eugene-Coos Bay Railway. A passenger coach will be attached to the regular work train which leaves Eugene each morning and returns at night. Tariff sheets have been forwarded from Eugene to the head offices at Portland for approval. The track is well ballasted as far as Nott, twenty-three miles out, and it is expected that the service will extend that far at present and will be gradually extended west as construction progresses.

RUSH CLEARING FOR RAILWAY

Contractors Hauser and Benson Spend Night Here—Send for More Men

E. V. Hauser and Swan Benson, contractors for the Coos Bay-Lake-side section of the Coos Bay-Eugene line, left this morning for Lakeside after spending the night here. They will return to Portland at once and it is understood that they will send in a large force of men to rush the work, the first crew of fifty now being enroute. A Portland employment agent was in with them looking over the situation so that he could tell the laborers just what they could expect.

Mr. Hauser last night said that there was little news to give out about the work. He said that the first work would be to complete the clearing over the entire stretch of about eighteen miles. He said that this would be very heavy in places. He and Mr. Benson walked over the route, being accompanied by Engineer Hindmarsh who will have charge of the engineering.

Mr. Hauser said they came in via Drain and Gardiner and the bad weather made traveling difficult. He said that he had expected that Supt. Dixon would soon be here. He was also expecting that Johnson Porter would be in Marshfield before long. Mr. Hauser's son, Kenneth, who was here for a while last year, is still in British Columbia and may have to remain there for another month although it is the plan to have him come to Coos Bay to look after the work here.

VARSIITY OARSMEN HAVE CLOSE CALL

San Francisco papers report that three crews of the University of California oarsmen narrowly escaped drowning when the swells from a passing ferry-boat upset their craft in the Alameda estuary. Fred McCormac, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McCormac, was a member of the crews. The launch Dixie, formerly the McCormacs' private launch here, but now used by the C. A. Smith company as a towboat in the bay there, rescued the crews.

PANAMA CANAL BILL REPEALED BY VOTE OF 247 TO 162 IN HOUSE

Fifty-two Democrats Follow Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood—Northwest is Solid Against Repeal.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—The House, after one of the most spectacular battles in its history, repealed the provision of the Panama Canal act exemption of American coastwise vessels from tolls. The vote was 247 to 162. On the final vote 220 Democrats stood by President

Wilson and twenty-five Republicans and two Progressives voted to sustain him.

Fifty-two Democrats followed the lead of Speaker Clark and Underwood and other leaders to defeat the repeal.

All the representatives of Oregon, Washington and Idaho voted against the administration. Before the final vote a motion to recommit the bill and to repeal the exemption clause with the declaration that the United States should have complete sovereignty over the canal was defeated 231 to 176.

TO FIX WAGES FOR WOMEN

Washington Committee Practically Agrees on \$10 Per Week as Minimum

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] OLYMPIA, Wash., April 1.—The conference called by the Minimum Wage Commission between employers and employees to agree on a minimum wage for female workers in mercantile establishments, voted unanimously to recommend \$10 per week as such minimum wage. It is practically certain that the commission will adopt the recommendation.

HIT OFFICER WITH AN AX

Policeman, Hefferman, of San Francisco Killed—Two Suspects Arrested

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Raped on the head with an ax by two burglars last night, Timothy Hefferman, a special policeman, died today of his injuries. Walter Nelson and Ray Gillogley are under arrest.

SENT POISON TO BAKER MAN

Rev. Frank Hopkins Escapes Deadly Food by Absence From Home—Theory

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] BAKER, Or., April 1.—On account of the fact that Rev. Frank Hopkins was absent from his home in Richland when poison was discovered in his food, the county officials are working on the theory that he may not have been the person for whom the poison was intended. An analysis of the poison is being made today. Hopkins testified before the grand jury in a case which was the outcome of a pulpit denunciation of alleged illegal liquor traffic.

ENID SHERIFF AFTER ROBERTS

Ed Shields Reaches Roseburg After Local Prisoner—Woman Gave Him Away

ROSEBURG, Or., April 1.—Sheriff Ed Shields of Enid, Okla., was here and visited at the home of his uncle, by marriage, C. M. Hedgpath. He is en route to Coos county after a prisoner, Ralph Roberts, who went under the name of F. J. Smith at Marshfield, wanted at Enid for embezzlement of \$3500 while employed as clerk of the court. The latter also deserted his wife and three children when he left there and came to this coast with another woman about a year and a half ago. Later she returned to Oklahoma to visit relatives, and while there was arrested. She then told the whereabouts of her consort and his arrest followed.

"APRIL FOOL" JOKE RIOTING

Fake Ad in Portland Paper for Teamsters Causes Serious Clash

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] PORTLAND, April 1.—Over 150 teamsters were the victims of an April 1st hoax when they applied at the office of W. D. Edwards, a civil engineer, for work advertised in a morning paper. Edwards told them some one had played a joke and the men grew angry. It was necessary to call the police to clear the building of applicants.

VEDRINNES IS KILLED TODAY

Brother of Noted French Aviator Victim of Flying Machine

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] REIMS, France, April 1.—Emele Vedrines, brother of Jules Vedrines, the famous French aviator, was killed in a fall while making a flight in a monoplane.

PLAN MERGER OF TWO JOBS

City of Marshfield and Port of Coos Bay May Name Same Engineer

A new plan for reducing the city expenses by having the city of Marshfield and the Port of Coos Bay Commission unite on one engineer to supervise the work for both is now under consideration. It is believed by some that one engineer could supervise both jobs at a marked saving to both the city and the port.

Some of the councilmen and others are said to have been discussing the new proposition and that it will probably be brought up at an early meeting of the council with a view to having the arrangement take effect in a month or so when much of the rush work of both positions will be over for the year.

REDFIELD TO TACOMA

Secretary Leaves Seattle But Plans Return Next Summer

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] SEATTLE, Wash., April 1.—Secretary Redfield departed for Tacoma on a special steamer. He will visit Puget Sound and Alaska next year, he said.

GARDINER FOREMAN RESIGNS AFTER 40 YEARS

Mr. Brownell, for about forty years foreman of the Gardiner mill, has resigned and is here today en route to San Francisco and California, where he will spend a vacation. He is now about seventy-one years old. He and Capt. Dave Holden today had quite a visit with each other. Mr. Brownell expects to leave on the Nann Smith.

T. W. Angus, who has been with the company for some time, is now foreman of the Gardiner mill.

WILSON MEN CLAIM SENATE WILL ALSO PASS TOLL BILL

FRANCE PLANS FRISCO SHOW

Committee Decides to Recommend Appropriation for Panama Exhibit

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] PARIS, April 1.—The Budget Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has authorized the presentation of a report favoring an appropriation for official French participation in the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The first exhibit to be installed at the Panama-Pacific Exposition was placed in position today in the completed Palace of Machinery.

MANY MINERS GO ON STRIKE

Ohio and Pennsylvania Workers Quit When Wage Agreement Expires

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] CHICAGO, April 1.—Nearly 50,000 Ohio bituminous coal miners today and 35,000 Pennsylvania miners may be thrown out of employment Friday because of the failure of the recent Chicago conference between the operators and the United Mine Workers of America to reach a new wage agreement to take the place of the one which expired last night at midnight. Pending negotiations for a new agreement thousands of miners in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa will continue at work. Most of the miners in Ohio suspended work at midnight last night.

MINE CONTRACT EXPIRES

Miners Will Continue Work Under Old Scale in Eastern Field.

[Special to The Times.] PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The miners' wage scale contract expired yesterday and the operators and miners from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois seem unable to agree on a new one. As negotiations are pending the miners have agreed to remain at work until an agreement is reached, it being mutually understood that the new contract would be ready the first week in April. The operators say they cannot afford to pay the 5 to 10 per cent increase the miners are demanding. A strike would involve 70,000 bituminous miners throughout the four states.

MEETING TODAY IN NORTH BEND

Coos County M. W. A. Convention to Select State Camp Delegates

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] W. H. Chappelle of North Bend was elected Coos county delegate to the M. W. A. State Camp at Eugene in May and D. A. Jones of Marshfield was elected alternate. The next county convention will be held in Bandon. Tonight the North Bend Royal Neighbors will tender a reception to the convention delegates at Loggie's Hall.

ACTS OF CONVENTION

The Coos county M. W. A. convention to select a delegate to the state camp is being held at North Bend this afternoon with delegates in attendance from the various lodges. Following the business session, a social time will be enjoyed. The convention was called to order by J. H. Greaves and Ned C. Kelly was elected chairman and L. A. Loomis clerk. The delegates present were: Coquille—Ned C. Kelly, H. B. Tozler and S. G. Shores. Marshfield—D. A. Jones, John LaChapelle, Chas. LaChapelle and G. N. Bolt. North Bend—L. A. Loomis and E. F. Chase.

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SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN HOPEFUL OF OUTCOME

Says That Coastwise Shipping Exemption Has Not Been Killed Yet

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Gratified over the success of the Panama canal tolls exemption repeal in the House, President Wilson and his supporters turned their attention today to the Senate.

The latest poll, brought to the White House by an administration Senator who canvassed his colleagues and excluded from the count those that he considered doubtful, indicated that the President's contention would have a majority of at least sixteen, including Republicans as well as Democrats. President Wilson has no comment to make on the result in the House, but let it be known that he cherished no ill feeling against those who expressed their convictions in opposition to the repeal of free tolls for American coastwise shipping.

It is apparent an effort is to be made to amend the House bill with a clause asserting the sovereignty of the United States over the canal zone. Democratic Senators most active for the repeal insist that the bill should prevail without amendments. How far the Republican Senators will figure in the result is a subject of active speculation. Estimates on the number of Democrats who will oppose the repeal vary from eight to fourteen. "The repeal is not yet won, by any means," said Senator Chamberlain, leading the opponents.

After some desultory debate in the Senate, the repeal bill as it came from the House was formally referred to the Canal Committee, which already has the bill by Senator Owen to the same effect.

The corrected count of the vote in the House yesterday, repealing the exemption clause, as announced in the Congressional Record today in 247 for the repeal and 162 against it, a majority of eighty-five for the administration. The name of Dyer, Republican, who voted against the repeal, was omitted yesterday.

CRIME INCREASE IN ST. LOUIS

Abolition of Restricted District There Blamed for Assault Cases

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.—Crimes against women have increased almost 100 per cent since the police commissioners abolished the segregated district, according to the police records for March, published today. Complaints are made that the former inmates of the vice quarter are invading the residence and business districts.

MANY LOGS OUT ON HIGH WATER

Freshet Floats Out Large Number From Upper Coos and Upper Coquille

The freshet is floating out hundreds of logs from the upper waters of Coos River and the Coquille. Max Dodge of Smith-Powers Camp 1, who was in Marshfield today, stated that Hoeck was getting out a large number of logs from Smith Basin. He got some out part way on a previous freshet but a jam stopped them before they got to deep water.

R. A. Annin, who came over from Myrtle Point today reported that a large number of logs were being floated out of the upper waters of the Coquille. He said that nearly all the booms were filled to capacity. The river is not up very high, being only about two-thirds bank full.

Two Arrests—Ole Anderson, charged with being drunk and causing trouble in the Home hotel, and C. C. Young, charged with using profane language, were the only two arrests since yesterday.