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NATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER DEAD FROM VERA CRUZ

Nineteen Dead Brought to New York City and Every Honor is Shown
PRES. WILSON GIVES EULOGY THERE TODAY
New York City, State and Nation Unite in Funeral Services There

NEW YORK, May 11.—The dead from Vera Cruz were landed on American soil and this city, state and nation paid tribute. Two hours before the city was astir, seventeen flag-draped coffins were removed from the deck of the armored cruiser Montana and placed on caissons on the plaza in Battery Park.

Not since the Dewey parade has there been such a spontaneous demonstration. That was a noisy tribute to the returning victor; this, a reverent one to the returning dead.

President Wilson arrived in New York at 7 o'clock almost unsmiling. He went to the home of Col. E. M. House and thence to Battery Park. Mounted policemen, the bands of the Wyoming and Texas, and 600 bluejackets led the procession.

The cortege began to move at 9 o'clock, the ship's band playing a funeral march and the bluejackets marching with their arms reversed. The crowd stood with bared heads. Through the skyscraper canyon of lower Broadway, past old Trinity Church and into the city hall plaza the procession passed.

There the ceremonies were simple and comparatively brief. A hymn by the battleship band, an invocation by Chaplain Caspard of Annapolis, and then President Wilson's address. Prayers by Rabbi Wise and Father Childwick, chaplain of the Maine, followed. Three volleys by a detachment of marines and taps by the bugler completed the program.

Fourteen of the bodies will be sent to relatives from here for burial. Three will be taken back to the Montana for removal to New England.

Railway News of Coos Bay

TO GET LINE TO COOS BAY HOEY TELLS OF LINE TO BAY

J. W. Perkins and Roseburg Boosters Want Railroad Meeting in Marshfield
Says Grading Will be Completed This Year and Rails Laid Early Next Year

EUGENE, Or., May 11.—A completed railroad grade between Eugene and Coos Bay will be finished this year, and rail will be laid to the western Oregon seaport early in 1915, according to the hopes of H. P. Hoey, Southern Pacific engineer in charge of the Willamette Pacific, who has returned from a thorough inspection of the 1914 work now under way with 1000 men at work, and the crew to be increased as fast as men can be shipped in.

Mr. Hoey bases his hopes on the statements of the contractors, who declare positively that grade and tunnels will be completed this year, and who are making every fight against the coast mountain elements to do so in order that their equipment will not be tied up another year.

Mr. Hoey states that with five months of weather similar to that which has been experienced this spring there will be little question but that the grade, which is now complete to Acme, will be finished to Marshfield by the end of the season.

At present the rails are laid to a point thirty-five miles west of Eugene and are making their way down the Siuslaw River as fast as the bridge crews can erect the steel bridges. Trains will reach Idewater from Eugene this summer, according to present plans.

The larger bridges across the Siuslaw, the Umpqua, and Coos Bay are factors which must be counted upon to bring the rails to Marshfield in 1915.

"We hope to be in Marshfield early in 1915," stated Mr. Hoey. "But we may meet unforeseen problems in finding foundations for the big bridges. But if the weather we have had this spring keeps up, there is no question but that we will have the grade completed this summer."

While on this trip of inspection the engineer noted the completion of the tramway and lake system of transportation between the Siuslaw and the Umpqua Rivers. It is the only system of railroad construction of this kind ever attempted in Oregon, and is a factor which will make possible the completion of the grade to Marshfield this summer. It is similar to transportation used by contractors on the Canadian Pacific, and makes unnecessary the construction of highways over which supplies may be freighted to the construction camps.

The supplies will be shipped by boat to the Siuslaw and loaded on narrow gauge tramway cars. These are elevated by cable up a mile incline to the top of the hills, and run over a narrow gauge road to the lakes. The railroad follows a string of lakes, all the way down the coast. The railroad camps have been built on barges and will be moved along the lakes as the work progresses. The necessity of building new camps is obviated.

The narrow gauge cars are run on barges, and these, propelled by gasoline, carry the freight cars from one lake to another, distributing the supplies to the camps. The lakes are connected by tramways. Thousands of dollars and months of time will be saved by this system. The barges have been built on the lakes and are ready for use.

At present crews are working on both ends of four tunnels. One tunnel, No. 7, 4300 feet long, an entrance to the south end is about to be effected. This entrance gave difficulty all last year, and it is upon this tunnel that the completion of the grade this year may hang. At present the crew from the north is 1000 feet underground and is working at the rate of 300 feet a month.

Mr. Hoey stated that the wreck of the barge Frederick on the Siuslaw jetty several weeks ago caused considerable delay, possibly a month, in the operation of the tramway system. He tells that the new motor stage line down the beach from Coos Bay to Gardiner saves several hours in the time required to get to Coos Bay. The machine makes the twenty miles in forty minutes.

count of the proposed bond issue. His address was heartily applauded. Attorney J. O. Watson of this city and Attorney H. D. Norton, of Grants Pass, will prepare the necessary papers for submitting this matter to the city council for action, as rapidly as possible. Owing to the volume of this work it will perhaps require three weeks to get them ready in full detail.

RAIN AT BANDON. The rainfall for the month of April was 5.07 inches; days rainy and cloudy 13; days clear 17. The rainfall for the corresponding month of 1913 was 6.24, a difference of 1.17 inches less this year.—Bandon Worl-

PORT COMMISSION TO ISSUE \$300,000 BONDS FOR HARBOR

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IS FOUND

Body Taken From Pump of Dredge Seattle Early This Morning

The body of an unidentified man, apparently about thirty years of age, was found lodged in the pump of the dredge Seattle about 12:30 o'clock this morning. According to Coroner F. E. Wilson the body had been in the water about two weeks. It was slightly bloated. There are several scars on the body but it is not thought they were made previous to the drowning.

The man was evidently a laborer. When found the body was clad in cotton underwear and overalls. One shoe was missing. The clothing was almost torn from the body by objects with which it came in contact. There is a prominent gold filling in a front tooth of the man's head. The head is bald, the hair evidently having been washed off.

Coroner Is Notified. Sidney Bryant a deckhand on the dredge, found the body lodged in the pump. He immediately notified Joseph May, engineer in charge of the dredge, and the work of removing the body was begun. Only a hand could be seen at first. To that a rope was tied and after a hard pull the body was dragged out.

Every man on the dredge made an effort to identify the dead man, but no one had ever seen him before. Roy E. Miller, with the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging company, was called to the dredge and notified Coroner Wilson, who removed the body to the morgue.

Wore High Boot. A high boot was found on one foot. There are no corks in the sole, which indicates he was not a woodsman. Some think that the man was a deckhand and off one of the steamers or a railroad laborer.

Owing to the state of decomposition the body will not be kept at the morgue after today. Unless it is identified it will be buried in the potter's field.

Was Not Shot. Coroner Wilson buried the body of the man found in the dredge Seattle this afternoon. He said there was no foundation for the report that there was a bullet hole in the man's head, a scalp wound having been inflicted by the dredge.

Not Dredge Employee. Superintendent Miller and the other employees of the dredge are positive that the body is not that of Fireman Aronson of the dredge Seattle who mysteriously disappeared last winter and was supposed to have fallen into the bay and been drowned. No trace has ever been found of Aronson.

GREAT SINGER PASSES AWAY

Lillian Nordica Succumbed Sunday—Born in Maine and Won Grand Opera Fame

RELATIVE ON BAY. F. P. Norton, of Marshfield, is a relative of Lillian Nordica, the famous singer, who died last night.

BATAVIA, Java, May 11.—The body of Madame Lillian Nordica, the American singer, who died here of pneumonia last night, will be sent to the United States May 16. Lillian Nordica was an American singer of world-wide fame. Her admirers ranged from the men of the Bowery section of New York, where she had sung at mission meetings, to the most critical box holders of grand opera houses in all of the world's great musical centers.

To Improve Inlets. On the request of A. G. Raab, of North Bend, L. F. Price and Capt. Matson of Sumner, the Port Engineer was instructed to make a survey of Haynes Inlet, Kentuck Inlet, Coos River and Catching Inlet, with a view to the port improving them.

DOUBT POWER OF HUERTA MEN

Peace Delegates of Dictator Supposed to Have Full Authority to Sign

VERA CRUZ, May 11.—The peace commissioners of Huerta who will sail from here today for Key West are clothed with full powers, nominally at least, to sign an agreement. Many prominent Mexicans here, however, are not inclined to regard this broad authority as real.

OLD GUNBOAT IS BLOWN UP

Mexican Rebels Destroy Craft Abandoned by Federals at Mazatlan

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Admiral Howard yesterday reported the abandoned Mexican Federal gunboat Morelos was yesterday boarded, set afire and blown up by the Constitutionalists at Mazatlan.

U. S. FEARS ZAPATA

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Reports from Mexican sources are that Zapata is an immediate menace to Huerta and foreigners in Mexico City and let the State Department to secure all possible information on the subject.

REPORT TAMISCO CAPTURED

WASHINGTON, May 11.—While unofficial reports say that the Constitutionalists have captured Tampico, officials here believe their main attack has not yet been pressed home.

UNITED STATES CHOOSES TWO PEACE CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Associate Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann Are Chosen to Negotiate About Mexican War Settlement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Associate Justice Rucker Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, and Frederick W. Lehmann, former Solicitor General, were selected by President Wilson to represent his views before the South American mediators at Niagara Falls. Secretary of State Bryan made this official announcement. Whether the third mediator will be appointed, Secretary Bryan declined to indicate.

RAILWAY MAN HIT BY AUTO

Vice-President Axtell, of Chesapeake & Ohio, Thought Fatally Hurt

RICHMOND, Va., May 11.—Deputy Vice-President of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, was struck by an auto today and is believed to have been fatally injured.

STEAMER WAND NOT DAMAGED

Portland Vessel En Route From Alaska Runs Aground But Gets Off Without Harm

SEATTLE, Wash., May 11.—A dispatch from Ketchikan, Alaska, says the steamer Thomas L. Wand, which sailed for Portland yesterday, went ashore a short distance south of Ketchikan, but got off undamaged and proceeded on her way.

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