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LECOEQ FAMILY SADLY STRICKEN

George, Aged 21, and Helen, Aged 13, Drowned While Swimming Sunday

DISTRACTS MOTHER

News Causes Prostration and Her Condition Was Very Serious for a Time

SISTER SEES THE TRAGEDY

Margaret Lecoq Witnesses Death of Brother and Sister and Goes Into Hysterics — Ferdinand Lecoq Narrowly Escapes Death

George Lecoq, aged 21 years, and his sister, Helen, aged 13 years, were drowned in Coal Bank slough Sunday afternoon, Ferdinand Lecoq, 12 years old, had a narrow escape from death and Margaret Lecoq, another sister, aged 15 years, witnessed the tragedy and was helpless to assist and afterward went into hysterics.

Adding to the sadness of the distressing affair the mother, Mrs. Henry Lecoq, had been a sufferer of heart trouble and was so prostrated by the shock that it was feared last night she could not recover. She was some better today.

The double drowning was one of the saddest affairs that has happened here for some time past and the grief-stricken family is receiving much sympathy.

The family resides on Fourth street near the race track. George, aged 21, and Helen, aged 13, were usually known, shortly after dinner went to see their uncle, Mr. Drews, who recently purchased property near the John Fitzgerald place and was preparing to erect a new house. They all had their bathing suits on and decided to swim in the slough. They chose a place some distance below the long bridge where the water in the channel is about twelve feet deep.

Teaching His Sister George was a good swimmer and of strong physique and Helen, the younger brother, is also an expert in the water. George was teaching his younger sister the water. He took her on his back across the slough and she enjoyed the experience so much that they started back.

Only the two surviving children actually saw the accident and can tell about it and it is not known exactly how it happened but Ferdinand says that George when in the water called out and put one hand to his side as though he had a cramp. At least that is what is thought as he was sufficiently a good swimmer and of such strength that without becoming helpless himself he could easily have helped his sister in the water.

SHOP SITE THE SAME WILL BE WHERE LOCAL PLANT IS NOW LOCATED

Head of Southern Pacific Mechanical Department Announces Plans for New Coos Bay-Eugene Line

The shops of the Willamette Pacific railway will be located where the present shops of the Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern are located in South Marshfield. A new roundhouse built to accommodate the new large type oil burning locomotives will be put in. It will be built in sections so that additions can be made to accommodate any increase in the demands on it that the future may bring. The machine shops which will be built in connection with the roundhouse will be simply sufficient to make running repairs. Even the roundhouse will be somewhat on the same scope. New and up-to-date mechanical equipment will be put in and little will remain of the present small shops.

Concludes Inspection. This was, in brief, the announcement of Mr. Younger, general superintendent of motive power and machinery of the Southern Pacific, Saturday evening after he had concluded an inspection of the properties with General Manager Campbell and had inspected the present shops.

Mr. Younger said that all of the more extensive repair work, rebuilding, etc., would be handled at the Portland shops of the company. Yesterday morning, Mr. Younger made a tour of inspection of the C. A. Smith mills. Aside from his executive ability he is a mechanical genius and was greatly interested in the devices for handling lumber which the Smith company has.

Mr. Younger's Ross Smith concerning W. Ross Smith of Marshfield, whose father was long in the Southern Pacific service as shop foreman under him. Mr. Younger said that he considered Ross Smith one of the best young mechanics who had completed their course in the Southern Pacific shops and he regretted that he could not see him, Mr. Smith being on an auto trip to Crater Lake.

M. C. Smith, formerly in charge of the local railway shops here, is now foreman of the O. W. R. & N. shops at Walla Walla, Wash. Mr. Smith was married a few months ago, his first wife having died a few years ago in Portland.

Run Will Be Fast Mr. Younger said that if business on the new line warranted it, they would put in some of their compound engines in this run, indicating that the service would be fast. Of course the heavy type equipment will probably not be put on before next summer when the ballasting and all construction work is entirely complete.

Pleased With Bay. General Manager D. W. Campbell of the Southern Pacific, before leaving yesterday expressed himself as immensely pleased with Coos Bay and the surrounding country. He said that he had heard much of this territory but even the praise that had been bestowed on it and the possibilities for development here, did not equal the impression it had made on him.

ENDEAVORING TO ENTRAP ARMIES

Great Movement of the Austro-German Forces Against Russians is in Progress

SUCCESS REPORTED

Berlin Claims Czar's Troops Retired in Great Disorder Before Duke's Attack

TOWN OF PTAGA IS TAKEN

Is a Suburb of Warsaw Located on the Vistula River—Experts in London Think the Entrapping Movement Will be a Failure

TOWN IS TAKEN (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 9.—Ptaga, a suburb of Warsaw on the eastern bank of the Vistula, has been occupied by the Germans, according to an official statement at German army headquarters today.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Mile by mile the Austro-Germans are pushing the Russians back from the old fighting ground about Warsaw, meanwhile making determined efforts to entrap the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas before they have a chance to make good their retreat.

Particularly successful operations looking to this end are reported from Vienna, where claims are made that Arch Duke Ferdinand's army has forced the Russians in disorder across the Vizep near Lubartov and badly defeated them southwest of Mieschow. This split in the Russian lines may spell danger to the forces thus divided, but military observers in London express the opinion that the entrapping attempts will fail.

GOETHALS RESIGNS

RETIRES AS GOVERNOR CANAL ZONE ON NOVEMBER 1

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—General Goethals arrived from Cristobal today and announced he had sent in his resignation as governor of the Canal Zone to Washington, to take effect November 1. He said he would not resign from the army.

CONTRACT LUMBER

E. O. SAMUELS OF OLD COURTESY MILL ARRANGES SALES

E. O. Samuels of the Coos Bay Mill company, which purchased the Courtney mill on Isthmus Inlet, returned Saturday from San Francisco where he concluded arrangements for the sale of their output. He did not tie up on long contracts, owing to the wholesale price being still very low, but he said that he arranged for the sale of their entire output. He said that they expected to cut about 50,000 feet per day.

Mr. Samuels said that they had a plan for utilizing the Northwest, the old lumber schooner which was floated a few weeks ago after a long discussion as to a means of getting her out of the way so that she would not impede shipping to and from the mill. When she was pumped out, it was found that her hull was not in really bad shape. It was suggested that she could be converted into a lighter at a small expense and probably be useful for many years.

Get First Raft. Henry Hoek delivered his first raft of logs to the Courtney mill Saturday. E. W. Burnett is doing the rafting. There was about 200,000 feet in the raft and the quality of the logs, which were off the edge of the tract, was much better than they had expected for the first ones. Mr. Hoek yesterday took up a second donkey engine to be used in the new camp. It belonged to him but sometime ago he leased it to Forsters and others who had a small logging contract on Isthmus Inlet just above the Smith mills. It was loaded onto a scow yesterday and it will enable him to increase the log cut.

BATTLESHIP IS SUNK

TURKISH FIGHTING VESSEL IS SENT TO THE BOTTOM

Submarine of the Allies Destroys Former German Cruiser, According to Turkish Report

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 9.—The Turkish battleship Kheyr-Ed-Din Barbarossa, 9900 tons, formerly the German warship Krufft Friedrich Wilhelm has been sunk by a submarine of the entente powers, according to an official announcement today by the Turkish government.

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK

Seven Men and Woman Saved But Tea Missing

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 9.—The Swedish steamer Mala was sunk by a German submarine. One boat containing seven men and a woman was picked up and the survivors landed here but a second boat carrying the captain and nine men is missing.

IS AGED 100 TODAY

REMARKABLE MAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY AT SEATTLE

Gives Reception Attended Only by Those Eighty Years of Age and Over

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 9.—Thomas Wardell, born in England 100 years ago today, two days after Emperor Napoleon began his voyage to St. Helena held a public reception in the Hiawatha play field this afternoon. In 1854 he formed an acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln. Six years later he sought to enlist in the Union army, but was rejected as too old. The reception was attended only by persons who have reached the age of 80 and this excluded Wardell's son, who is only 70.

NAMED RECEIVER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Jacob W. Owen, of Everett, Washington, was appointed today by President Wilson as receiver of public moneys at Seattle.

PEACE TALK HEARD

ALLEGED PROPOSAL MADE BY KAISER TO CZAR

It is said to involve Trade of Poland for Part of Galician Territory (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) COPENHAGEN, Aug. 9.—Persons in close touch with court circles here declare that they know nothing regarding the peace offer alleged to have been made by the German Emperor to the Emperor of Russia, through the King of Denmark. The reported proposal was said to involve the trade of a part of Poland for Galicia.

GETS APPROVAL

WAR DEPARTMENT ACTS IN THE PORTLAND HARBOR MATTER

J. B. Zeigler at Myrtle Point, Tells of Action Regarding Application He Made (Special to The Times.) MYRTLE POINT, Ore., Aug. 9.—J. B. Zeigler makes the following statement regarding a decision of the war department relative to title lands in Portland: "I have just received a letter and blue print from the secretary of war approving my application for changes in the harbor lines at Portland reclaiming about fifty acres of foreshore into the harbor. The matter has been pending about one year. The matter was the subject of a public hearing at which abutting owners appeared in force in opposition. The department has made an exhaustive study of the subject. Documents were filed and referred to the number property reclaimed is computed at the rate paid for the public sites to amount to some five million dollars."

BIG IMPROVEMENTS AT MERCHANTS' CAFE

Manager Frank Smallwood of the Merchants' Cafe has just completed some extensive improvements in his popular cafe. The boxes have been newly painted and decorated, making them most attractive. He plans other improvements shortly.

MINISTER IS INVITED TO GO

Carranza Expels the Representative of Guatemala at The Mexican Capital

BRAZILIAN LEAVING

Expected to Also be Asked to Get Out So Goes on His Own Accord

NO REASON IS GIVEN OUT

Supposed That Participation of Countries in Pan American Conference Angered Mexican Leader May Proclaim Himself President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Carranza officials here said today that the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, the only diplomatic representative of the United States in Mexico has been withdrawn by his government because Carranza was prepared to expel him from the country as he did the Guatemalan minister.

The Brazilian minister reported to the state department today that no reason was given for the expulsion of the Guatemalan minister and that he himself intended to sail Wednesday from Vera Cruz for the United States.

Is Disturbing. It is believed here that Carranza expelled the Guatemalan minister and was preparing to expel the Brazilian minister because of participation of their countries in the Pan-American conference for composing Mexican affairs. The development was very disturbing for the success of the Pan-American conference.

Not On Good Terms. It was said by the Carranza agents that neither the Guatemalan nor the Brazilian minister were on good terms with Carranza and it had been Carranza's intention to hand the Brazilian minister his passports as he again reoccupied Mexico City.

Participation of Brazil and Guatemala in the Pan-American conference, they said, brought Carranza's resentment to a climax. State advisers today said that Carranza is making hurried preparations to move the capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. The impression in Mexican circles here is that Carranza proposes to establish himself in Mexico City and proclaim himself Provisional President in the face of the Pan-American effort to bring the factions together.

The American naval commander at Vera Cruz has been ordered to place a warship at the disposal of the two diplomats if they wish.

TO SEE COMMITTEE

HENRY SENGSTACKEN DELEGATED TO PRESENT LOCAL CLAIMS

If Rivers and Harbors Committee Will Not Come Here He Will See the Members

After some discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Sengstacken take the pictures of the Claremont wreck, showing the steamer hanging on the members of the House committee as evidence why the entrance should be improved. The Port will pay his expense to Portland if he goes there. It is possible that he may arrange to go to Grants Pass and see them on the arrival there from Crescent City, or he may go direct to Crescent City.

REFUSES \$1500000

CATHOLIC PRIEST WILL NOT TAKE FORTUNE LEFT HIM

Thinks Advanced Age and Rheumatism Would Not Allow Proper Handling of Wealth (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 9.—Believing that advanced age and an occasional attack of rheumatism would preclude judicious handling of great wealth, Rev. William Graham, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, has declined to accept a fortune of \$1,500,000 left him recently in Australia and South America. He directed his attorneys to get in communication with the heirs next in line.

MAY BE LOCAL GIRL

REPORT THAT FLOESSIE THAYER HAS ELOPED

Age Given as Fifteen and Father Said to Live Here—Police Searching

A girl whose father is said to reside in Marshfield may figure in a possible elopement in California. The following press telegram appeared in the Portland Journal: Los Angeles, Aug. 6.—Police of San Diego and Santa Barbara today were asked to look out for Milton Irons, 20, and Flossie Thayer, 15, whose father is said to live at Marshfield, Oregon. The youthful pair are believed to have eloped.

BANDITS GATHERING

FOUR HUNDRED MEXICANS HAVE CROSSED BORDER

Attack Made on Ranch Last Night Is Repelled by Small Defensive Force

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 9.—With the expectation United States soldiers sent to Norias ranch last night would relieve the situation there, caused by an attack of Mexican bandits, the border officials here today turned attention to the reports that 400 Mexicans crossed the border in Hidalgo county in small parties and apparently are making their way to a concentration point.

The Mexicans attacking the Norias ranch numbered 50 to 200. Fourteen ranchmen, later reinforced by soldiers and rangers, repelled all attacks. The outlaws left several dead. Five Americans were wounded.

Go After Mexicans. The American ranchers and soldiers had gone to the Norias ranch house searching for Mexicans. Eight soldiers were left at Norias while 17 ranchers went in search of a water hole 12 miles distance.

Meanwhile the Mexicans galloped up at Norias. Seven American civilians, armed, joined the cavalrymen. The Mexicans went down upon this party and seized a section of horses, while Americans lay flat on railroad track trying to pick off the attackers.

Many Wounded. Slowly the Americans retreated, crawling and firing and concentrating toward the ranch house. One soldier was shot through the back. Another lost his upper lip, a third was shot in the leg.

Foreman Forbes of King's ranch was shot in the leg. Frank Martin, another American foreman had his right arm shattered. The Americans were fighting from the cover of the ranch house when the rangers came to the rescue.

SIX MEXICANS KILLED

Fifteen Americans Hold Off Sixty Mexicans in Fight

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 9.—Five Mexican bandits and one Mexican woman were killed in the fighting yesterday at Norias, seven miles north of here. For an hour, 15 Americans, eight of them United States cavalrymen, stood off the attack of 60 Mexicans. Five Americans were wounded, three of latter being soldiers. The fifteen Americans were saved from death just as their ammunition gave out by the arrival of 17 Texas rangers.

HAITI MORE QUIET

ENCOURAGING REPORTS COME FROM ADMIRAL CAPELTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Administration officials are encouraged today over the latest developments in the Haitian situation. The optimism is based on reports from Rear Admiral Caperton, saying that business conditions throughout the island are improving, due to renewed confidence on the part of the native officials as to the intentions of the United States toward the country, and that comparative quiet prevailed.

Caperton also reported taking over the customs office at Cape Haitien and the postponement of a presidential election because the time is deemed inopportune for political excitement.

Leaders Will Help. Official dispatches to the navy and state departments today said General Bobo, the revolutionist leader, had formally resigned as chief executive, dismissed his cabinet and ordered all generals in the north to deposit their arms with the American authorities at Cape Haitien, Bobo, as well as Bourand, another presidential candidate, promised every effort to preserve order.

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WHEAT CROP IS GREATEST KNOWN

Farmers Are Harvesting More of The Grain Than Ever Before in the United States

MAY REACH BILLION

Department of Agriculture Experts Estimate the Total at 966,000,000 Bushels

OTHER CROPS ARE GOOD

Estimated That Nearly Three Billion Bushels of Corn Will be the Yield This Year—Bumper Crops in Several Lines

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—American farmers are harvesting the greatest wheat crop ever grown in any country. It may reach a billion bushels. The Department of Agriculture experts today estimated the crop at 966,000,000 bushels, basing their calculations on the condition of the crop August 1.

Bumper harvests of other cereals and other food crops are indicated. The condition of spring wheat was 93.4 and corn 79.5. It is estimated the corn production will reach 2,918,000,000 bushels.

WINSOR IS CHOSEN

NORTH BEND MAN SUCCEEDS L. J. SIMPSON ON THE PORT

Haynes Inlet Ranchers Petition for Improvement of Channel—Will Assist Courtney Mill People

At the meeting of the Port of Coos Bay this morning, the resignation of L. J. Simpson as president and member of that organization was accepted with a resolution of thanks for his services. C. S. Winsor, of North Bend, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy.

Prior to the selection, some one said that Herbert Armstrong had been suggested for the place. Peter Loggie said that he had talked the matter over with Mr. Armstrong and the latter stated that as he was employed by C. R. Smith of the Menasha Woodmenware Co., he did not feel he could accept any such place except under direct orders from Mr. Smith.

Haynes Inlet Work. Andrew Christenson, S. Peterson, Tom Peake and Herman Reiber of Haynes Inlet were present and watched the Port Commission to finish the dredging there. The Larson dredge did considerable work but left a few shoal places and they claimed that the dredging was of no advantage and would soon be filled up again unless more dredging was done. The Port commission said that they realized this but that the county court should pay part of the cost, the inlet taking the place of a county road. The matter will be taken up with them at once. An effort will also be made to have L. Crouch permit the dredging of a turning basin in front of his dock.

Help New Mill. E. O. Samuels of the Coos Bay Mill Company was present and asked the Port to aid them with some dredging near the old Courtney mill where the old Northwest caused the channel to shoal. Someone suggested getting the dredge Seattle to do it and some the Larson dredge. The port agreed to aid financially and Mr. Samuels and Engineer Charleson will take the matter up at once.

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