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GUARDS KILL U.S. SOLDIER

Goes Across Border Near Juarez and Shot by Mexican Custom Officials

GEN. BELL IS TOLD

Carranza Commander Says Man Was Intoxicated and Fired on Mexicans

CLAIM HE SHOT FIRST

According to the Reports Man Went Across the Line Early Today a Mile and a Half East of Juarez

El PASO, Tex., May 18.—An American soldier who crossed the international boundary a mile and a half east of Juarez early today, was shot and killed by the Mexican customs guards.

The Carranza commander at Juarez informed General Bell that the American was intoxicated and fired on the Mexicans before they shot him.

Gen. Bell immediately detailed two officers to Juarez, and these in conjunction with Mexican officers began an investigation of the shooting.

ARMY BILL READY

NOW AWAITS APPROVAL OF THE LOWER HOUSE

Senate Adopts the Conference Report on the Measure and Final Action to Come Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Only the approval by the house of the conference report on the army reorganization bill was necessary today to complete the legislation. The senate last night adopted, without a record of the vote, the conference report on the measure. Final action by the house is looked for within a day or so.

ENGINEERS CALLED

CALUMET, MICH., COMPANY ORDERED TO BE READY

National Guard Organization Is Likely to See Service on Mexican Border

CALUMET, Mich., May 18.—Company A, Engineers of Calumet, one of the few national guard engineers companies, has been ordered to get in readiness for possible military service on the Mexican border.

TO PREVENT WAR

USE OF MILITARY COMPULSION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED

Plan Is One Presented and Debated at Meeting of League to Enforce Peace

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y., May 18.—The use of a military compulsion by a group of nations to prevent war, which is the most radical feature of a plan advocated by the League to Enforce Peace, was debated today before the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration. The proposition is favored by Herbert S. Houston and George Haven Putnam, New York publishers, and is opposed by Dr. James L. Tryon, director of the New England department of the American Peace Society.

NEW ASSISTANT

John Craig Jr., has been appointed assistant manager of the North Bend Mill and Lumber Company under George A. Stephenson. M. Craig is a stock holder in the company.

Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

AMERICAN GUILTY

JEREMIAH LYNCH OF NEW YORK TRIED IN LONDON

Was to Be Sentenced Today But No News Has Been Received by American Embassy

LONDON, May 18.—Jeremiah Lynch, of New York, has been tried and convicted by a courtmartial in London on a charge of participating in the Irish rebellion. His sentence was to be promulgated today but no word was received by the American embassy here as to what sentence was imposed.

Held in Dublin The last news the embassy had of Lynch was that under the defense of the realm act he was prohibited from leaving the five mile zone of Dublin. This provision as a rule only applies to hostile aliens, but can be extended to friendly aliens. It was extended to Lynch as he had been making trips to western Ireland.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

PROGRESSIVES ESTABLISH HEAD-QUARTERS AT CHICAGO

Oscar King Davis, Secretary of National Committee, Is in Charge

CHICAGO, May 18.—Progressive national headquarters opened here today with Oscar King Davis, secretary of the National committee, in charge.

MRS. DOWNS DIES

DEATH COMES TO WELL KNOWN WOMAN AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Cancer Is The Cause—Was Prominent in Lodge Affairs—Funeral To Be Held on Saturday Mrs. A. Z. Downs, aged 46 years, died at nine o'clock this morning at the family residence on south Fourth street after an illness extending over the past nine months. Cancer was the direct cause of her death.

The deceased was very well known in Coos Bay. She was a charter member of the Royal Neighbors lodge of this city and was state Oracle of Oregon. She also was a member of the Rebeckah lodge of Marshfield.

Those Surviving Surviving Mrs. Downs are her husband, A. Z. Downs, Miss Anna E. Downs, both of this city, and Clifford L. Downs, now with the army in Honolulu. She was born July 4, 1850 at Maple Grove, Minnesota, living there for 17 years. November 17, 1891 occurred her marriage to Mr. Downs and in 1907 they came to Coos Bay.

Funeral Saturday The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Baptist church, the Rev. A. F. Bassford officiating. Mr. Bassford is expected from Seattle for the service. On Sunday Mr. Downs and daughter will leave for Minnesota where the daughter will remain for the summer, though Mr. Downs will return to his employment in Portland.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES

WORK FOR GOOD ROADS COMES TO CLOSE TONIGHT

Frank Terrace, Veteran Good Roads Booster, Feels Confident \$362,000 Bonds Will Pass

Tonight closes the Good Roads campaign for the \$362,000 road bonds. Tomorrow its up to the voters. At summer last evening a crowd of 75 persons assembled to hear Frank Terrace tell what permanent highways will do for a country.

This is the 17th speech in Coos county within the past 10 days. He closes tonight in the Star Theatre at North Bend, following the discourse of Bruce Evans.

Good Roads boosters today said they are confident of the results tomorrow night being in favor of the

MAYO TO HEAD

ATLANTIC FLEET

Will Be Commander in Chief Under the New Organization Being Made

FLETCHER RETIRES

Latter Officer Automatically Retires to the Rank of Rear Admiral

TO GET IMPORTANT DUTY

Likely Will Be Assigned to Some Strategic Place—Secretary of Navy Daniels Will Make an Announcement About Matter

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Plans for the reorganization of the Atlantic fleet, which will be announced shortly by Secretary Daniels, include the retirement of Admiral Fletcher as commander in chief.

Vice Admiral Mayo, now commander of the first division of the fleet, will succeed Fletcher as commander in chief.

Fletcher automatically returns to the rank of rear admiral and probably will be assigned to important strategic duty.

Becomes Vice Admiral Rear Admiral Dewitt Coffman, one of the division commanders of the fleet, will become vice admiral. All changes become effective June 19. Admiral Fletcher has completed his term as commander in chief.

TO ENLARGE NAVY

MATTER IS VOTED UPON BY COMMITTEE TODAY

Abandon Five Year Building Program and Decide on More Activity in 1917

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—In deciding upon the increase of the navy, the house naval committee today voted to abandon the five year building program recommended by Secretary Daniels and to recommend that five battle cruisers, to cost \$29,233,521 each, four scout cruisers, ten torpedo boat destroyers, twenty submarines, one hospital ship, one oil supply ship and one ammunition supply ship, be built during the 1917 fiscal year.

The committee voted 13 to 18 on the battle cruisers and submarines. What Daniels Wants Secretary Daniels has recommended as the first year's appropriation of the proposed five year program, two dreadnaughts, two battle cruisers, 12 destroyers, one gun boat and one hospital ship.

As to submarines Daniels advocated 39, but a difference of opinion as to the type caused him to change his plans.

Want Arbitration The committee unanimously adopted a resolution by Representative Hensley of Missouri, authorizing the president upon the conclusion of the European war to invite the world powers to a conference to frame a court of arbitration or other body for the peaceful settlement of all disputes between nations and appropriating \$200,000 for this purpose.

CONFEDERATES CLOSE

ANNUAL REUNION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 18.—The confederate veterans brought their annual reunion to a close today with a grand parade. The meeting will be in Washington next year, the time outside of the south.

Money to Loan on Improved ranches in any amount. F. E. Conway Mortgage Co., Myrtle Arms.

Dance at Lakeside, Pierce's hall, Saturday night. Platt's Orchestra.

AMERICANS SAFE

DEEMER AND PAYNE ARE STARTED TOWARD HOME

Rescued by Soldiers After Being Kidnapped by Big Bend Mexican Raiders

MARATHON, Texas, May 18.—Jesse Deemer and Monroe Payne, the negro, kidnapped by the Big Bend bandits and rescued by Major Langhorne's cavalry, have reached Boquillas, according to an official report today. The Americans were rescued in a night attack on a house the bandits occupied.

Bandits Surprised Langhorne with a detachment of cavalry drove in autos and trucks to the ranch where part of the Glenn Springs raiders were quartered. The bandits were surprised, but although surrounded they put up a stiff fight.

Two Are Captured Two were wounded and two captured. The remainder escaped in the darkness. The Americans had no losses. Langhorne is reported still pushing southward.

VOTING AT EIGHT

POLLS OPEN DURING 12 HOUR PERIOD AT MARSHFIELD

Sheriff Names New Voting Places in Some Cases—Results At Times Tomorrow Night

Voting in the six precincts of the city opens tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, continuing until 8 p. m. Sheriff Johnson today announced several changes in the voting places, changes back to the places stated in the first election announcements made out by the county clerk. The results from over the county will be received at The Times office tomorrow evening after the rolls are closed.

It was found the clerk had designated certain buildings in each of the precincts for the election. Later these had been changed. The sheriff was fearful that there might be legal complications and so came here and last evening and today straightened them around again so they would be as first advertised.

They are as follows: No. 17, Tom Madden's grocery, North Front street. No. 18, Holmes Grocery, North Front street. No. 19, Swedish Lutheran Hall, Commercial avenue. No. 20, Residence on Broadway, two doors north of Cal Wright's store. No. 21, Williams Building, back of postoffice and facing on Curtis avenue. No. 22, Finnish Socialist Hall, North Broadway.

DADS TO CONFER

MARSHFIELD AND NORTH BEND COUNCILS TO GET TOGETHER

Are Working on the Water Question—To Make Investigations—May Hold Joint Session

Conference between a committee of the North Bend and the Marshfield councils is to take place very shortly relative to the offer made for the purchasing of the Coos Bay Water Company.

H. L. Boyd, of the John E. Price company, bond buyers of Seattle who hold an option on the company until next September, said this morning before leaving that he expects to return here within a couple of weeks, to be present when the two councils go into the matter.

Mayor Coppel told him either a committee or one member of the local city fathers will be appointed for a conference. Both bodies have shown a wish to check up the books of the water company and to make investigations.

If these figures then work out satisfactorily it is possible then the issue will be put up to the people in a special election.

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BIG OFFENSIVE

NOW STARTED

Austrians Are Beginning Activities Against the Italians Who Fall Back

MOVE IS BIG ONE

Belief Is They Will Make Effort to Take Italian Central Position

ALL EUROPE IS WATCHING

It Is Thought That the Attack Which Has So Long Been Expected It Now Inaugurated—Has Spread To the Entire Front

PARIS, May 18.—An attack launched by the Austrians against the Italian front in the Southern Tyrol, which gradually has been extended to the entire Austro-Italian front is being followed here with close attention.

Big Move Started

It is believed in military circles that the great Austrian offensive, which has been long expected, has at last begun.

No importance is attached to the falling back of the Italian advanced lines as they are not sufficiently strong to resist attack on a large scale.

After Headquarters

Although the Italian central position on the Lavarone plateau is not yet involved, it is thought probable that the principal effort of the Austrians will be made in that direction.

It seems evident that the Austrian intend to try to carry out the former plan of smashing their way through to the Vicenza plain.

HAVE FALLEN BACK

Italians Admit Giving Way to the Austrians

LONDON, May 18.—The Austrian offensive on the Italian front is being pushed vigorously, according to current official reports. The Italians admit they have fallen back in the Southern Tyrol. Paris military observers express confidence that the Italian defense will prevent an Austrian penetration into the Vicenza plain.

REPORTS CONFLICT

GERMANS AND FRENCH BOTH CLAIM MAKING GAINS

Fighting in the Vicinity of Verdun Is Active According to Reports Received Today

LONDON May 18.—Paris today reports the capture of a German fortified position on the northeast slope of Hill 304 in the Verdun region, and the repulse of a German attempt to capture a redoubt at Avacourt. The repulse this morning of three attacks by the French against German positions on Hill 304 was announced by Berlin.

STRIKERS IN RIOT

SERIOUS TROUBLE OCCURE AT ANSONIA, CONN.

Three Men Are Shot and One of Them Is Probably Fatally Hurt

ANSONIA, Conn., May 18.—The entire police force and fire department were called out this afternoon to quell an outbreak of strikers at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing Co. Several shots were fired during the riot.

Three men were shot, one probably fatally. The strikers threw stones at the factory and the guards inside fired into the crowd.

VATICAN APPEALS

GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Stated That It Is Asked That the Submarine Warfare be Abandoned

REPRESENTATIONS ARE MADE TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT Stated That It Is Asked That the Submarine Warfare be Abandoned (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, May 18.—Foreign Secretary Grey announced in the house of commons today that the government had been informed by the British minister at the Vatican that representations had been made Germany by the Vatican with a view of inducing Germany to abandon the submarine warfare.

WILSON TO SPEAK

AGREE TO ADDRESS LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Recently Suggested That After the War All Nations Might Combine to Preserve Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—President Wilson today accepted an invitation to speak either Friday or Saturday of next week at a meeting here of the League to Enforce Peace, of which Former President Taft is president. The president in speaking to the anti-preparedness committee recently suggested that after the war all nations might combine in a league to preserve peace with a common police force.

REACH AGREEMENT

DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND ALLIES IS SETTLED

Trouble Arose Over the Transportation of Troops From Corfu to Saloniki

BERLIN, May 18.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—A settlement of the dispute between Greece and the entente allies in regard to the transportation of Serbian troops from Corfu island to the Saloniki front is reported from Athens to have been reached.

It is said the Greek ministers to the entente nations reported to their government that it had been decided to transport the troops by sea.

FLOOD IS SERIOUS

COLORADO RIVER IS OUT OF ITS BANKS

Levees Break on the Arizona Side and Families Are Driven From Their Homes

NEEDLES, Calif., May 18.—Twenty houses in the Indian settlement near here were washed away by the flooded Colorado river. Many alfalfa fields are under water. The levees on the Arizona side of the river are out. Some families spent the night on hay stacks. They were rescued today in boats.

DO OWN LOGGING

BUEHNER COMPANY RECEIVES EQUIPMENT ABOARD PATSY

To Open Camp Either on North Lake or Coos River—To Eventually Do All Own Logging

The Buehner Lumber Co. expects to eventually take over the major part of its logging. The Times of a few days ago announced the buying out of part of the McDonald and Vaughn logging equipment on Daniels Creek. Aboard the gasoline schooner Patsy arriving tonight or in the morning from Portland will be still more logging equipment for the Buehner interests.

George R. Saylor, of the company, today said that as yet it is not decided where the first logging may be done. He said the company owns timber lands on North Lake, and North and South Coos River. Definite word on the logging will probably be known within a week. He said a small start will be made at first. The main thing is to get the logs.

GERMANS TOLD

TO OBEY LAWS

Instructions Given Teuton Citizens of United States by Von Bernstorff

CONSULS NOTIFIED

Are Asked to Admonish Those in Their Respective Districts to Observe

WOULD PREVENT PLOTS

German Government Is Said to Embassy to Look With Disfavor Upon Any Such Action by Germans in United States

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Germany, through Count von Bernstorff, has instructed all the German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens in their district scrupulously to observe the American laws. This was done in an effort to end the various alleged violations of American neutrality. Would Prevent Plots It was said at the German embassy that the instructions were designed to prevent plots or lawlessness on the part of German citizens. The German government, it was said, looks with great disfavor upon any such conduct.

FRENCH STEAMER HAS BEEN SUNK

LONDON, May 18.—The French steamer Mira has been sunk, Lloyds announced today. The announcement gave no details.

AIRSHIPS ATTACK

AUSTRIAN AEROPLANES VISIT TOWN NEAR VENICE

Small Damage Done and It Is Reported That No Lives Were Lost

ROME May 18.—An official dispatch from Italian headquarters reports that Austrian aeroplanes made several attacks on a town near Venice. Small damage was done and no lives were lost.

EUGENE WILL HAVE A NEW FLAX PLANT

Industry Will Be Start'd and Farmers of the Vicinity Will Grow the Crop

EUGENE, Ore., May 17.—The property of the Eugene Lumber company located just north of the butte on the river bank has been chosen by the Chamber of Commerce as the site of the mill to be erected to take care of the flax crop, and lease contracts were signed with the company yesterday. Construction of the necessary buildings and tanks will be begun shortly.

The lease signed provides for the use by the Chamber not only of the necessary ground to erect the buildings on but of a considerable part of the mill equipment when it is not in use by the lumber company.

Eugene Bosse, the expert who is supervising the planting and growing of the crop and who will also supervise the manufacturing operations, has a flax mill at Salem, and this will be moved here as soon as the building is in shape to house it. It is the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to have the mill ready for operation by August 1, when it is expected the flax will begin to come in.

The flax planted on several different tracts is now up and growing and the prospects are that there will be a good yield.

FOR SALE—Automobile runabout, \$75. Good running order. See John Lapp.