

WOODED RETREAT OF DEGENERATES TO BE CLEARED OF BUSHES

Four Hundred Fathers of the
Oakley Green School Dis-
trict to Aid Public Cause.

WOMEN FURNISH LUNCH

Fact Offers Inviting Place for Men in
Hiding; Number of Children Have
Been Victims of Attack.

For the protection of their children, 400 fathers of the Oakley Green school district will go out Sunday morning and endeavor during the day to clear 55 ft grown acres.

While the men work and larger boys of the neighborhood pile up the debris to be burned, the women will prepare lunch. They have agreed to bring 3500 sandwiches, coffee in tins and unlimited quantities of baked beans.

At a mass meeting in the school building last night a vote was unanimously adopted to carry into effect the novel plan.

Tract Densely Covered.

The tract lies between Portland boulevard, Albina, Ainsworth and Patton avenues. It is densely grown with fire dogwood and brush. The school house sits in a corner of the tract.

Repeatedly children have reported being accosted by men on their way to and from school. There is record of several assaults culminating in the recent atrocity. Efforts to discover the degenerates who lurk in the tract have proved futile and police officers have said that 50 men will be unable to catch a fugitive who was familiar with the maze of paths through the dense growth.

The men will be provided with axes and saws. The city park bureau will cooperate in furnishing tools. Several firemen, it was said, will be present to guard against danger in the burning of the brush. The owner of the property, W. K. Smith Jr. of the Ukase Investment company, has given his consent to the work, and has already put a gang of men to work opening the north and south streets.

Council Passes Ordinance.

But he admits that it would take weeks or months to complete the work and the parents of the neighborhood are afraid to wait.

A committee from the Oakley Green district induced the city council yesterday to pass an emergency ordinance making the clearing of acreage, as well as lots and blocks, mandatory, the cost to be made a lien against the property if the work is not performed at the direct expense of the city.

Semi-military organization for the work Sunday was decided upon last night. Principal E. H. Whitney of Oakley Green school will have general direction. Captains were appointed as follows: C. L. Clodfelter, J. W. Duncan, F. A. Snow, Dr. G. E. Anderson, C. A. Williams and H. L. Messier. C. L. Clodfelter presided over the meeting last night.

TRENCHES SOUTH OF VERDUN STORMED BY TROOPS OF FRENCH

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"Our patrols reported destructive fire of our artillery against the German organizations in the coastal region of Neuport, wrecked communicating trenches, killing many."

"Northward of Verdun no infantry operations occurred."

"Artillery bombardment is continuing feebly on the left bank of the Meuse, but violently on the right bank in the vicinity of Haudreincourt and Damoupy."

"Our artillery violently bombarded a region west of Douaumont. In the Woivre district we bombarded enemy supply trains."

"Eastward of the Apremont forest we surprised a German trench and killed many of the occupants, capturing others. In the district southward of Thurb the Germans attacked our positions near Burnhaupt. Our curtains of fire stopped them."

French Attacks Repulsed.

Berlin, March 16.—(U. P.)—French attacks against German positions on Deadman's hill were hurled back, the war office officially stated today. On the rest of the Verdun front there was no change. South of Niederbach German charges penetrated the French works. A number of prisoners and much booty were taken.

British Offensive Seen.

Berlin, March 16.—(U. P.)—Presaging a possible offensive by the British today, the Germans continued bombardment in Flanders centering at Roselle-Aux-Bois and on the coast.

The German bulletin said: "Southward of St. Souplet and west of the Somme-Py-Souaine road, in the Champagne district, the French made unsuccessful attacks against our positions. We captured two officers and 150 men and two machine guns."

"On the left bank of the Meuse the enemy's attempts to dislodge us from the woods north of the hill were frustrated."

SHIPBUILDING BILL IS UN SOUND, DECLARES COLUMBIA PRESIDENT

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factory turns out machines. Where separate plans and specifications must be prepared for every bottom that we build and there is no standardization the process of building up a merchant marine will be slow and laborious.

A policy of government owned ships is erroneous. Suppose a foreign government should seize or sink a merchant vessel owned by the United States government, would not an ugly situation arise immediately? There is a vast difference between government owned and privately owned craft."

President Butler sees no reason why this country should be involved in the European war. "We have kept out of it so far, why should we get into it at all?" he asked. "Our great-

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LOCAL BOY SLAYER OF FIVE MEXICANS IN COLUMBUS BATTLE

George L. Carroll of the Thir-
teenth Cavalry Sends De-
scription of the Fight.

SAYS ENEMY LOST 300

Portland Friend Receives Letter Tell-
ing of Early Morning Raid and De-
fense and Repulse of Invaders.



George L. Carroll

In a letter to a friend here, George L. Carroll, 27-year-old Oregon boy, a member of the band with the Thirteenth/United States cavalry at Columbus, N. M., vivid details of the repulse of the Villistas attack are given. The letter was received by Miss Flora Lewis, 1275 Belmont street and was dated at Columbus, March 10.

"At the time of the early morning raid the troops' guns were stored in the guardhouse. In getting the arms Carroll says he killed five Mexicans. Carroll believes over 300 Mexicans were killed by the 110 men in the garrison when surprised. Villa had 900 men Carroll writes."

Columbus is described by Carroll as a town of four or five stores, two hotels, two restaurants, a few houses and the barracks buildings.

Kills Five Mexicans.

The letter to Miss Lewis follows: "Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Miss Flora Lewis, 1275 Belmont street, Portland, Or.—Dear Flora—I will drop you a few lines to let you know that I did not get killed in our battle with Villa, night before last, but I killed five of his men with my pistol. Two of our band men were killed and five of the troop boys. Five were wounded. Villa came in on us about 4 o'clock

in the morning and we had no guns at all. I volunteered to go to the guardhouse after some guns and ammunition and on my way I killed three Mexicans. Coming back I killed the two Mexicans who shot one of our band boys, so we got even that way."

Our boys here of the Thirteenth cavalry killed over 500 Mexicans though the paper said only 28 were killed. I was right in the fight and I know."

"Now I don't want you to worry about me for I am all right. When I came home on us we had only 110 men in camp. All the rest were out on the border patrol. Villa had 900 men. But the hundred and little over sure made a great fight."

The Mexicans burned two places, a grocery store and a hotel. They took the proprietor of the hotel out, shot him and threw him into the fire. But we got the ones who did it."

I had to guard all night over some wounded Mexican prisoners and the dead soldier boys. I have been up all night and all day so you will have to excuse my poor writing and this short letter as I am nervous today. I am all in."

Invaders' Bodies Burned.

We burned all the dead Mexican bodies in a big bonfire. Well, I will close now so goodbye for this time. Now don't worry about me for I am all right. With love, GEORGE L. CARROLL, Care of Alfred L. Peterson, Band, 12th Cavalry, Columbus, New Mexico."

George L. Carroll is a son of George H. Carroll, a painter living at 204 Washington street. He enlisted in the field artillery at Vancouver two years ago and served in the Philippines. He reenlisted in the army in January as a private and has already been promoted to a corporalship. He plays in the band and aspires to a chief musician rank.

GRAND ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ RESIGNS AS GERMAN NAVY HEAD

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planned a war on Hollweg's program. Hollweg, returning from a conference with the kaiser at Verdun, declared the ruler supported him. Von Tirpitz then resigned, and Admiral von Capelle, director of the admiralty's administration department, was appointed his temporary successor. The appointment will probably be made permanent, it is believed.

Overwork and anxiety aggravated by the failure of his submarine plans brought the aged Von Tirpitz to the verge of a complete breakdown. The kaiser accepted his resignation with regret, after vainly trying to win him over to the Hollweg program. Von Tirpitz will be decorated with honors and retired on a pension.

Diver Policy May Be Caused.

Berlin, March 16.—(U. P.)—In some circles it is believed Grand Admiral von Tirpitz's resignation was connected with the kaiser's decision not to extend submarine operations beyond the limits announced to neutrals in the recent official memorandum, said semi-official news agency reports today. Another possible reason was the kaiser's refusal to direct submarine attacks against neutral ships.

Ralph Moores Appointed.

Salem, Or., March 16.—Ralph D. Moores has been appointed deputy district attorney of Marion county by District Attorney Ringo.

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Although long lines have stood on the sidewalk in front of the theatre to get in the crowds have been held back from the exits and the foyer has been kept clear, he declares. Ushers have seated only a few persons at a time and there has been no violation of the law, he states, and he considers the arrest an injustice. In order to keep only capacity in the theatre ushers at each performance count the number leaving and permit only the same number to enter.

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Americans at Guzman doubted that the Villistas had heard of the expedition, as outlaw bands were still lingering in the vicinity of Casas Grandes. They said a Carranza censorship had been in effect since the Columbus raid, to prevent any news of American plans filtering into the interior.

Mystery surrounds General Pershing's whereabouts.

Aviators Not With Expedition.

General Pershing may have returned to Columbus to direct the campaign by wireless from his headquarters there.

Aeroplanes have been seen flying around Columbus, but so far as is known no aviator is accompanying the expedition. The reported determination of army men to give aviation a trial in actual warfare on this occasion led to the belief that one or more machines from San Antonio would be called on for scouting and bomb throwing during the advance.

Censor Hides All Moves.

Pershing accompanied the soldiers from Columbus to border, and was then rumored to have gone back and started for Hachita. All movements of troops and commanders were hidden, however, by the strongest censorship in America's history.

Despite stories of threatened rebellions, General Gaviro, constitutionalist commander at Juarez, announced that all Carranzistas from Casas Grandes and the Galeana districts had been ordered to cooperate with the American expedition. Gaviro stated not hostile to the de facto government soldiers had been utilized by the Americans who were using them for scouts and guides.

Make for Casas Grandes.

Gaviro issued an official notice to Carranzistas that the Americans were not hostile to the de facto government, and that they were merely trying to round up all Villistas.

It was reliably learned that the first destination of the American expedition is Casas Grandes. Army men said it would be several days before they reached that district. Villa was last reported terrorizing ranches in the vicinity.

Young Hurst, the bishop's son, declared the Villistas were murdering and burning, but that Mormons were mostly concentrated at Pearson and Chihuahua City, and that they had not been molested up to the time he departed.

Columb Slocum's column is expected to reach Guzman tonight or tomorrow. Dodd's men are looked for at Dublin on Friday afternoon.

Mill Workers Are in Favor of W. Wilson

Club Organized to Work for Re-election
of the President—Policy of Adminis-
tration Is Upheld in Detail.

Leona, Or., March 16.—A number of workers of the Leona Mills Lumber company have organized a Wilson Progressive club, and have elected officers as follows: President, George H. Lund; A. J. Quisen, vice president; A. R. Dougherty, secretary treasurer. The club went on record in support of the administration's submarine and Mexican policies, and pledged itself to work for President Wilson's reelection.

A resolution was also adopted in-structing the secretary to report the results of the meeting to The Oregon Journal, as the leading newspaper of the state.

Both Candidates for Delegate Are Now Circulating Nom- inating Petitions.

EACH IS A HUGHES MAN

Hughes Is Not Permitting His Name
to Be Placed on the Primary Bal-
lots, Declares David M. Dunne.

David M. Dunne, candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention from the Third congressional district, and Charles W. Fulton, candidate for delegate-at-large, do not want to be bound by the popular vote of the state, should they be elected and sent back to the convention, according to Colonel Dunne.

"Both Senator Fulton and myself are circulating nominating petitions," said Colonel Dunne. "If we went on the ballot by paying a filing fee to the secretary of state, we would be bound by the popular vote for president. We want to go to Chicago unpledged. We are both Hughes men, and Hughes will not have state delegations instructed for him because he is not permitting his name to be placed on the primary ballots. We want to be in a position to vote for him in the convention, and do not want to go back pledged to anyone, if we are elected. Both the petitions will be ready for filing in a short time."

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Baby Boy Burned; Mother Saves Him

Cottage Grove, Or., March 16.—The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster of Latham was seriously burned Tuesday as the result of the child's dress catching fire from a rubbish fire.

The entire right side of the baby's endow was burned, though not the body, and the mother's arm was burned in saving her baby.

Little Girl Burned.

Centralia, Wash., March 16.—Gladys Finley, 3-year-old daughter of Robert Finley, was badly burned about the legs Tuesday when her night dress caught fire from a stove. No permanent injuries are expected.

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Crowds Line Sidewalk to See Billie Burke in "Peggy" Which Is Playing at The Columbia All This Week



Not only is Billie Burke scoring a triumph in her first motion picture play, "Peggy," but the Columbia theatre is rolling up an attendance which will have established a new record for local film theatres by the time the \$200,000 production is taken off the screen late Saturday night.

The big 8-reel comedy has been running since last Sunday, and every performance has been marked by crowds so great that thousands have been compelled to stand patiently on the sidewalk awaiting opportunity to see the famous speaking stage star in her first plunge into silent drama.

But time so spent is worth the wait. Fascinating "Peggy" and

winsome Billie Burke in the titular role, make a combination that is simply irresistible. This is proved by the crowds and the wide-armed welcome accorded the comedienne by both her own personal following and confirmed movie fans who never before saw her act.

The production was personally directed by Thomas H. Ince. It is one of the best released by the Triangle Film Corporation, and Manager Myrick of the Columbia has received many compliments for subscribing to a film service that brings to Portland such splendid offerings.

"We're pretty proud of Peggy," said Mr. Myrick, "and cer-

tainly feel repaid by the wonderful response of the public to our efforts to present the very best films produced in the motion picture world. "Peggy" is in no sense an extra feature for the Columbia. It is just one of the type of high-class plays that has built up a large and steady patronage for this beautiful theatre."

In selecting his actors and actresses, Ince displayed rare fidelity to type. For example, William H. Thompson, who plays the crabbed old Scot, "Andrew Cameron," Peggy's uncle, is absolutely real even on the screen. William Desmond, as the "moonster," who finally captures the heart of captivating "Peggy," likewise is a strong actor, and as leading man displays the power of emotion such a part demands.

In screening the production, money was spent lavishly. Some-

thing like \$5000 went into the building up of one scene—a street in "Woodkirk," Scotland. To gain the effect desired, 30 structures were erected. The interior furnishings, four carloads of them, were sent to Inceville, Calif., from New York, where they were picked up in antique shops.

When Miss Burke stepped before the motion picture camera for the first time, she had been fortified for the experience by just two visits to motion picture shows. But she took to screen work easily, and on the first day 30 scenes of the comedy had been filmed.