

AUTO TRUCKS TIE UP ARMY OF 50,000 MEN IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Rain Softens Ground and the
Wheels Sink Into Mud to
Hubs.

FOLLY IS POINTED OUT

Lessons Learned by Europe Not Ap-
plicable on Border Because of Dis-
similarity of Road Conditions.

By William G. Shepherd.
Mercedes, Texas, July 28.—An Amer-
ican army of 50,000 men, including New
York, Illinois, Virginia, Iowa, Dakotas,
Minnesota, Indiana and Nebraska
troops, lies as helpless in the muddy
lower Rio Grande valley today as an
angle worm in a jug of sorghum mol-
asses. In the dispatch car of Lieu-
tenant J. H. Munster, chief of the
new motor car machine gun squadron,
with Sergeant Wallace of the new
squad, a driver, I rode 50 miles along
the lower Rio Grande today.
The folly of equipping our army with
trucks after the European fashion and
not having the European roads, was
evident every half mile. I tried to imagine
that I was riding along one of the
several European frontiers. Such sights
as no European front affairs were
common.

Rain Paralyzes Force.

A rain such as today's would have
made no difficulties on any European
front, but it almost paralyzed the
American forces. General Peñalva's
30 mile flying circle of motor trucks
at Verdun, by which trucks carrying
supplies whirled to Verdun on one half
of a circle and return on the other
half, would be utterly impossible to
duplicate here.

When I began the trip I knew that
many regiments were absolutely horse-
less, and in case of any sudden move-
ment it would be necessary to trans-
port all supplies on trucks, and all
troops on trucks or afoot.

Seven miles from Brownsville we
found a three ton truck blocking the
road, mired with two trucks tied up
behind it. If there had been 10,000
men behind, going to save some des-
perate military situation, the would
have been held up as well. It wasn't
the fault of the truck, which was
resting on its axles.

European Roads Paved.

This in the middle of the road. All
European roads—even those in remote
Gallia, the present Russian front;
even those in Greece, Macedonia and
the wild Balkans—are paved with
stone. In the middle so that mid-road
blocks are impossible.

Ten miles farther on another truck
was mired the same way. As far as
other trucks are concerned, it is easy
to imagine the trip. It was behind
the European armies and saw many
horses mud covered, dirty and wet.
Near San Benito we passed the dis-
mal army cemetery with white wooden
graves, where a few of the soldiers
killed in the Mexican raids are buried.
An American army had been stuck on
one cross. Our car itself was mired
in a mud pit made by a truck earlier
in the day.

Soldiers Save Situation.

Eight Louisiana soldiers, under or-
ders of Captain Wilson, Twenty-sixth
United States Infantry, lifted it out.
The incident proved that while gen-
erals in the European war are able to
whirl to any part of their front in
autos in the nastiest weather, no
American general in the lower Rio
Grande valley could have whirled any-
where today, no matter how much he
might have been needed.

At the end of the journey, however,
we found hope. We discovered that
a bunch of mules had reached the
transportable troops in Mercedes val-
ley by rail and that eight regiments,
including the First, Second and Third
Minnesota, First, Second and Third
Indiana and the First and Second Ne-
braska had received the diminutive
quota of 20 mules apiece. With trans-
ports of 20 mules per regiment, and
roads like these, the European war
could not be fought.

Suit for Recall Dismissed.

Klamath Falls, Or., July 28.—Suit
for the recall of Councilmen Doty,
Matthews and Miller, brought by Ed-
ward Wakefield, has been dismissed by
Judge Kuykendall.

Blacksmith Shop Destroyed by Fire

Blaze of Unknown Origin Attacks
Place Belonging to Contractors on
Tunnel Work.

Fire of unknown origin completely
destroyed a blacksmith shop and oil
house belonging to the Guthrie-Mc-
Dougall Co., contractors engaged in
relining the O.W. R. & N. tunnel
through the peninsula, located at the
north end of the tunnel on Columbia
boulevard, about 10:30 last night.
The fire was of unknown origin.
The loss was between \$200 and \$300.
The principal damage was in the black-
smith shop in the destruction of equip-
ment. A small crew of men were at
work in the tunnel, but none knew
of the fire until the buildings were
practically destroyed. Engine 30 from
St. Johns was called, but did not
reach the scene until the buildings
were consumed.

OLD MAN STARTS ON BERRYING EXPEDITION AND FAILS TO RETURN

R. W. Smith, of Hoquiam,
Former Newspaper Owner,
May Have Perished.

Hoquiam, Wash., July 28.—R. W.
Smith, newspaper writer in the early
days in San Francisco, former prop-
rietor and editor of a newspaper at Oro-
ville, Cal., during the Civil war period,
of late years well known resident of
Washington state, is missing from his
home, and it is feared that he has per-
ished in the woods from exposure.

Poses of police and citizens, one
headed by his son, Frank Smith, with
bloodhounds searched all night for
him.

Robert Vestin Smith, who is 80
years old, left his home Wednesday to
pick wild blackberries in East Hoquiam
valley. He has not been seen since so
far as can be learned.

Mr. Smith crossed the plains to Cal-
ifornia in 1860, and at one time took an
active part in the affairs of the state.

Katherine Wagnitz Funeral Conducted

Death Follows an Illness of Six
Months' Duration; Dr. J. E. Leas Has
Charge of Services.

Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine
Wagnitz, wife of August J. Wagnitz,
of 337 Morris street, who died at the
residence on July 25, were held at 2
o'clock yesterday from St. Ignace chapel,
with interment in the family plot in
the Rose City cemetery.

Death came as the result of an ill-
ness of six months' duration. Besides
her husband she is survived by a
daughter, Francis Wagnitz, her mother,
Mrs. Christine Peters; brothers,
Henry and Chris Peters of Spencer, S.
D., and J. M. Peters of Portland, and
the following sisters: Mrs. John Krue-
ger, of Spencer, S. D.; Mrs. S. A.
Speinke of Bell Plain, Iowa; Mrs.
Thomas Talbot, of Cornelius, Or., and
Mrs. Peter Nickel and Mrs. J. B. Fair-
child of Portland.

Portlander Injured By Fall From Roof

Oregon City, Or., July 27.—Believing
that some overlapping tarpaper had
solid surface underneath, John Nick-
elson, of 381 Gilson street, Portland,
employed in construction work on the
tunnel to the mill of the Hawley
Pulp & Paper company, stepped on it
today and was precipitated to the
ground, a distance of 40 feet. He sus-
tained a fractured skull, broken arm
and a broken leg. He was taken to
St. Vincent's hospital in Portland.

At the Hospital Last Night Mr. Nick-

elson's condition was reported as crit-
ical.

Russian General Insane, Feared.

Petrograd, July 28.—General Vladimir
Sukhomlinoff, former Russian
minister of war, is seriously ill. It is
feared that he is afflicted with in-
sanity.

DALY WOULD REVOKE JITNEY LICENSE HELD BY LOUIS SHERMAN

Jitney Driver Has Been Con-
victed Five Different Times
Since February 15.

JAIL SENTENCE IS GIVEN

Commissioner Will Recommend Action
by Council; Cooperating With Pub-
lic Safety Commission.

Commissioner Daly will recommend
to the council Wednesday that the li-
cense of Louis Sherman, a jitney
driver, be revoked. Sherman has been
arrested five times since February 15,
the last three times for speeding. He
drew a sentence of three days in jail
from Judge Languth for his last of-
fense.

It is the purpose of Commissioner
Daly to cooperate with the public
safety commission in keeping reckless
drivers off the streets, making it pos-
sible for pedestrians to travel in
safety.

HUNTER'S CASE GOES OVER

Suspended Patrolman Must Await
Full Board for Hearing.

Action was deferred by the civil
service board yesterday in the matter
of the removal of Patrolman Hunter
from the police department. John P.
Logan, the third member of the board,
was absent from the city yesterday,
and no action will be taken until his
return.

Officer Hunter was suspended after
testimony was given that he had par-
ticipated in a party at a local apart-
ment house a short time ago, at which
liquor was served and women were
present. His wife was absent from the
city and Hunter had been painting
the inside of his house at nights
and living at the apartment house, ac-
cording to the testimony. He was sus-
pended by the mayor.

It was decided yesterday that As-
sistant City Attorney Tomlinson and
Attorney Moser for the defendant, will
offer a joint report to the board as to
the facts in the case.

REPAIR OF TRACKS IS BEGUN

P. R. I. & P. Co. Starts Work for
City on Broadway Approaches.

The work of repairing the tracks on
the approach to the Broadway bridge
was begun yesterday by the Portland
Railway, Light & Power company.

The repairs are being made by the
company for the city at an estimated
cost of \$3500.

The company is pushing the work
of ballasting and relaying the tracks
on the stretch between Union avenue
and Larabee street on Broadway.

There has been delay on account of
changes in the water and gas mains
due to changes in the grade of the
street. Two big gangs are at work
in relaying the track.

COUNCIL QUORUM LACKING

Three Commissioners Away, But
Will Attend Next Session.

The council meeting scheduled for
this morning was postponed because
of the lack of a quorum. Commis-
sioners Dieck, Baker and Bigelow are
on short vacations at Hood River,
Crater Lake and Waldport respective-
ly. They will return in time for the
council meeting on Wednesday.

Two Sewers Are Accepted.

The city accepted two sewers yester-
day approximating a total cost of \$2500.
They are located on Forty-ninth street
southeast, from 55 feet north of the
north line of the Powell Valley road
to the sewer in Twenty-ninth avenue
southeast, and in Claybourne avenue
and East Sixteenth street.

Will Vacate Part of Street.

Commissioner Dieck will recommend
to the council that the petition for the
vacation of Chicago avenue, between
Forty-second street and Parkrose, be
granted. In case the petition is grant-
ed, the property will revert to the
former owner, in this case the school
board.

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Bishop Hughes to Be Heard This Evening

New Head of Methodist Church of
State Will Be Tendered Reception
at Which He Will Speak.

The first opportunity will be given
Portland people this evening to hear
Bishop Matthew Simpson Hughes
since his arrival to take over his
duties as bishop of the Portland dis-
trict. He will deliver an address at the
reception to be given in his honor
at the First Methodist Episcopal
church.

An extensive program has been ar-
ranged for the meeting. Rev. T. W.
Lane, president of the Methodist Min-
isters' association, will welcome the
bishop on behalf of the ministers, and
T. S. McDougall, superintendent of
the Portland district, will preside.
A musical program will be rendered.

GOVERNOR OF OREGON TRIES TO SHIFT BLAME FOR FAILURE OF FLAX

Penitentiary Warden and the
Control Board Secretary
Deny His Charges.

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ance possible has been rendered to
make the experiment a success.

"No, you have not," retorted the
governor. "We have had to hire teams
when I know that Mr. Cornelius at the
penitentiary has had teams not in use."

Showed Cady His Error.

"Statements have been made to you
that are not correct," insisted Minto.
"Because we have tried to cooperate in
this work."

"The first time I ever said a word
to Manager Cady was when he hauled
200 tons of flax out onto the field
when it was so late in the year I knew
he was making a mistake. He should
not have done it."

This led to a discussion, which re-
vealed that J. C. Cady, manager of the
flax plant at a salary of \$3000 a year,
has not been on the job for the last
two weeks, and admissions that he is
to be discharged as soon as an ad-
justment can be made with the insur-
ance company for the flax lost by fire
at the penitentiary.

Kay Wants Action on Cady.

Governor Withycombe said he told
Cady he could take a few days off,
and he did not consider it necessary
to speak about it to the other members
of the board.

"Is this not the right time to take
action regarding Cady?" asked State
Treasurer Kay.

"Let's wait until we make the insur-
ance adjustment," said the governor.
"I don't care to keep a man on the
pay roll very long when he is not do-
ing anything," said Kay.

Cady Absent for Two Weeks.

"It will be two weeks tomorrow since
I last saw Cady," said Warden Minto.
Although the flax crop is just ready
for harvesting, the flax business is
without a manager and the work is
being left to Warden Minto, who has
said he didn't know a thing about
flax.

Taking up the question of making an
adjustment of the insurance on the
flax burned, Governor Withycombe in-
structed Secretary Goodin, Warden
Minto and Walter Johnson, employe at
the penitentiary, to confer with the
insurance adjuster and make a report
to the board.

Treasurer Kay Objects.

State Treasurer Kay objected to a
settlement being made on a basis of
the returns received for the portion
of the flax not burned. He said as
the state lost on its crop, it might
figure out that the insurance company
did not owe the state anything, while
the flax had a commercial value.

Discussing orders for flax which the
state has been unable to fill, Sec-
retary Goodin said that Manager Cady
had far overestimated the amount of
fiber the state would have.

Expense Makes Minto Shiver.

The governor said there had been
a great waste of fiber because of the
inexperience of the convicts employed.
"The overhead expense has been far
too great," declared the governor.
"It makes me shiver," commented
Warden Minto.

"Still I have confidence in Cady,"
continued the governor. "I think he
is the only real flax expert in the
state."

The other two members of the board

JAMES CAYWOOD, AN EX-SHERIFF, IS DEAD; ILLNESS WAS SHORT

Apoplexy Causes Death of
Well Known Citizen at the
Age of 86 Years.

STRICKEN ON THE STREET

Victim Taken to the Hospital and
Failed to Regain Consciousness;
Funeral to Be Held Tomorrow.

James Maurice Caywood, ex-sheriff
and city councillor, Multnomah
county and the city of Portland, and
in later years a city employe, died at
St. Vincent's hospital at 11:30 last
night, following a stroke of apoplexy
with which he was stricken Tuesday
morning. He would have been 86 years
old August 5.

Mr. Caywood, as had been his habit
for years, was walking to the business
district from his home, 1294 Halgait
avenue, Tuesday morning. He was at
Kerby and Stanton streets when he
reeled and fell unconscious.

Ambulance Is Called.

The police were summoned and he
was taken to the city emergency hos-
pital, thence to St. Vincent's hospital.
He never fully regained consciousness
again.

The body was taken to the Holman
undertaking establishment. The fu-
neral will be held tomorrow afternoon
at 2:30 at the Portland Crematorium,
under the auspices of the Independent
Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Caywood was one of Portland's
oldest pioneers. He was born in New
Brunswick, N. J., and when the gold
rush was on went around Cape Horn
with his father in 1849. Three years
later, in the summer of 1852, he
reached Portland, and this city was
his home until he died.

He was a brickmason by trade and
helped in the construction of the first
buildings in the city. Still later he
took up contracting and constructed
buildings that are now regarded as
pioneer landmarks.

He Was Sheriff in 1873.

In 1873 he was elected sheriff of
Multnomah county and served the
term. Before that, however, he served
several terms as city councillor. He
then resided on the west side of the
city. About the year 1890 he be-
came affiliated with the Odd Fellows
and at his death was one of the three
oldest members of the fraternity in
the northwest.

He was married September 10, 1874.
His wife and four children survive
him. The children are: Mrs. F. W.
Monroe, Mrs. E. E. Whitcomb and
Garfield A. Caywood, all of Portland,
and Mrs. W. J. Stephens of Seattle.
G. A. Caywood is assistant cashier
for the O.W. R. & N. railroad.

Mr. Caywood was one of the first
men in the volunteer fire department
organization, and was a member at the
time of his death. For the past 15 or
20 years he has been retired. In ad-
dition to being a member of the Odd
Fellows, he was a member of the An-
cient Order of United Workmen.

and Warden Minto laughed at the gov-
ernor's clinging faith in a flax man-
ager who seems to have completely dem-
onstrated his incompetency.

"It is in spite of what your opin-
ion may be, Mr. Olcott," added the
governor.

Sure of Ultimate Success.

All the members of the board ex-
pressed confidence that the industry
can ultimately be made a financial suc-
cess, and that it has already been dem-
onstrated that the growing of the flax
is a success in this valley.

Secretary Goodin was directed to
make a complete, segregated report of
the financial end of the flax experi-
ment, and to make a report of the
"How much flax straw will we buy
from the farmers this year?" asked
Olcott.

About 1300 tons," answered the gov-
ernor.

"We might as well get ready for the
emergency board right now," said Kay.
The \$50,000 flax appropriation is
practically exhausted and not enough
money will be received from last year's
crop to take care of this year's crop.

Money to Carry on Strike Is Requested

Longshoremen Seek Assistance From
Labor Council, as Result of Strike
Injunction Proceedings.

A request for financial contribu-
tions to assist in carrying out the wa-
terfront strike was made at a meet-
ing of the Labor Council last night.
G. P. Holgate, representing the long-
shoremen, pointed out that the injunc-
tion proceedings now pending before
Federal Judge Wolverton against the
striking by the San Francisco & Port-
land Steamship company, would neces-
sitate considerable expense.

The request will be considered by
the executive board at its regular
meeting Wednesday evening.

Election of officers resulted in Eu-
gene E. Smith being re-elected pres-
ident of the council; Jack Rosen, vice-
president; E. J. Stacey, secretary; E. H.
Pickard, reading clerk; O. E. Hibbs,
conductor; J. W. Brown, V. P. Ritter
and H. G. Surles, trustees, and James
Irving and C. G. Oswig, legislative
committee. O. R. Hartwig and A. E.
Barnes were chosen members of the
executive committee; Gus Nortell, war-
den, and J. H. Pelton, delegate to the
Labor Temple association.

Woman's Political League Will Meet

First Luncheon to Be Held at Cham-
ber of Commerce Tomorrow—Speak-
ers Are Named.

The Woman's Political Study league,
which was recently organized for the
purpose of studying questions of a
political and civic nature, will hold its
first luncheon at the Chamber of Com-
merce tomorrow at 12 o'clock.
The speakers will include Dr. Earl V. Mor-
row, who has returned from service in
a Belgian military hospital; A. L. Mills,
who will discuss the fund for the fam-
ilies of soldiers at the front, and Mrs.
Mary Mallett, who will speak on
women in politics. Mrs. Dolph will
give a piano number. Charles E. Mc-
Neill will give a tenor solo and Mrs.
Dudley Clark will give two soprano
songs. For reservations, telephone East
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