BLISS EXPLAINS NEED BEFORE COMMISSION OF TROOPS ON BORDER

American General Tells Why United States Should Not Withdraw Just at Present.

ONLY OBJECT "GET VILLA"

Mexicans Are Much Depressed and Cancel Their Independence Day Plans for Celebration.

New London, Sept. 16.—(I. N. S.)—General Tasker H. Bliss explained to the Carranza peace commission Friday why the American troops should not be withdrawn from Mexico just now. The Mexicans seemed much depressed by the general's advice.

It was the general's first talk with the Carranza envoys. Hitherto he had conferred only with the American delegates. To obtain greater privacy, the entire commission went aboard the navy yacht Sylph. For nearly half an hour General Bliss explained why General Pershing's column was sent into Mexico in pursuit of Villa.

Mexican Suspicions Utterly Baseless.

All the Mexican suspicions that the expedition was for anything else than to capture a murderous bandit were utterly baseless, the general declared.

At the present time the American troops in Mexico are ready for another dash after Villa as soon as he shows his head, said the army expert of the American delegates. Asked by Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican deputation, if a Mexican army could not now be substituted for the American soldiery, he pointed out the dangers of such a change.

The Mexicans insisted that they had bottled up Villa. They said he was now hiding in the recesses of the Sierra Madre mountains, from which he would not dare emerge. They stamped all the reports of Villa's recent activities as false.

Senor Cabrera Talks for Publication.

For the first time since the conference began two weeks ago, Senor Cabrera talked yesterday for publication. He took the place of Secretary of the Interior Lane, head of the American delegation, in discussing the work of the day. Senor Cabrera, however, spoke with such extreme caution that it was not until the close of the interview that he evidenced his utter disappointment over what had happened.

"We will not have any celebration in honor of Mexican independence," he said. "We have nothing to celebrate. We are still far from a peaceful solution of our troubles.

Thinks Troops Can Be Withdrawn.

"I believe that the American troops can be withdrawn. That is my own personal opinion. We Mexicans, of course, have all along urged the withdrawal of the American army. It is not a question as to whether the American soldiers think they are better fitted to catch Villa than our own soldiers. We have always felt that the Americans had no right to come into our country."

When he was asked if Mexican demands for damages against the United States would be presented to offset the American claim, Senor Cabrera replied:

"We do not want the cheese, we want to get out of the trap."

Edward Wirtz Is New Councilman

Forest Grove Aldermen Have Under Consideration Portland Gas & Coke Company Petition for Franchise.

Forest Grove, Or., Sept. 16.—The city council at a special meeting Thursday night appointed Edward Wirtz councilman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. A. Thornburgh. W. P. Dyke was appointed recorder vice M. R. Markham, resigned.

City Engineer A. A. Kirkwood has reported to the council that part of the construction of the sewer system is faulty, there being about 1300 feet of pipe that will have to be relaid, a number of leaky places repaired, and a manhole reconstructed before the work can be accepted by the city. It will probably be several months before the property owners make connections with the sewer lines.

A representative of the Portland Gas & Coke company has petitioned the council for a 25-year franchise to supply the people of Forest Grove with gas. The council will take the matter under consideration.

Exhibit Is Prepared.

Forest Grove, Or., Sept. 16.—Attorney L. M. Graham of this city is preparing an exhibit of grasses and grains of Washington county for the State fair to be held at Salem. A display of the exhibit is being made at a local hardware store, and it is one of the finest ever shown in the county, both in size and quality, and care and skill in preparation. Mr. Graham will also send an exhibit of vegetables and household articles to the fair.

Want Railroad Tracks Elevated.

Los Angeles, Sept. 16.—(P. N. S.)—The state railroad commission convened here today to hear the application of several southern California cities to compel the elevation of all railroad tracks within the city limits. The question of whether the case is properly under the commission's jurisdiction or should be handled by the city councils will be determined first.

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Presentiment Tells Of Fire on Congress

Wife of Chief Engineer of Ill-fated Craft Dreamed of Seeing Husband in Flames on Boat.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Martland, wife of Chief Engineer Ben Martland of the ill-fated steamship Congress, had a dream presentiment of the disaster that threatened the life of her husband. Her experience was remarkable.

Mrs. Martland wrote a letter to Mrs. A. Ferguson, a first cousin of Chief Engineer Martland, which was received Thursday prior to the receipt of the news of the fire aboard the Congress by Mrs. Ferguson, at the Congress hotel.

In this letter from Chief Engineer Martland's wife occurs the following passage:

"I had a frightful dream about Ben last night. Velma (Martland's daughter) came to me and took me out to the boat and it was in a mass of flames and Ben was in terrible clouds of smoke, fighting for his life. I have felt worried about him ever since."

FEW PROTESTS MADE ON TAX ASSESSMENTS; TIME ENDS MONDAY

Only About 100 Persons Have Objected to Valuations Before Board Thus Far.

Time for filing protests against tax assessments will end at 5 o'clock next Monday afternoon. As only about 100 protests have been filed, it appears evident that the taxpayers of Multnomah county are fairly well satisfied with their assessments this year, from the standpoint of them being on an equal basis with their neighbors.

After all the protests are in, the county board of equalization will sort them, and then about the middle of the week begin considering them one by one. The members of the board are County Judge Cleeton, Assessor Reed and Auditor Martin.

All told, there are aproximatly 200,000 pieces of land assessed in the county, 60,000 buildings and 15,000 personal property assessments.

Practically none of the largest property owners have so far filed a protest. Most of the protests relate to personal property. The board has 50 days in which to dispose of all protests.

CAPTAIN COUSINS AND CREW WATCH SHELL OF BURNED CONGRESS

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before they left Marshfield. Arrangements had been made by the Southern Pacific company to feed the refugees, who were taken down the street to the hotels and restaurants.

According to Dr. E. Butler of Los Angeles who was on his way to Seattle, it was four hours from the time the fire was discovered until the passengers were transferred to the dredge. "Everybody was very calm," he said.

The Southern Pacific company provided a train of nine day coaches on the Willamette Pacific to bring the passengers from Marshfield to Eugene, but had Pullman sleepers and tourist cars waiting here in which to take them to Seattle. The refugees spent over one hour in this city. Several Eugene people had friends and relatives among the passengers and a large crowd of people was at the station to meet them.

Marshfield, Or., Sept. 16.—The passengers from the Congress and part of the crew left Friday at 4 o'clock p. m. on a special train sent here by the Pacific Coast Steamship company. There were eight coaches and a diner. When the party left here all were in a good humor, and as the train passed down the street there were cheers from the people in the cars answered by those on the street.

Apparently everything that would burn is consumed. The steel masts and smokestacks are still standing, and the hull sets well in the water at anchor. She shows little list, which is probably due to the wreckage which has burned and fallen into the hull.

None Seriously Hurt.

Marine men venture the opinion that saving the hull as she stands now might mean the salvage of 25 per cent of the total value of the vessel. There appears to be no reason why the hull cannot be towed to port.

The chief engineer B. K. Martland, who had suffered some from smoke, was all right later and ate dinner at the hotel.

J. Tyson, the linen man who was overcome by smoke has recovered, as has also Mrs. Reig of St. Louis, so there were no serious injuries.

Bridal Couple in Hard Luck.

Among those who left on the train were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gresler, a young married couple. They lost all their possessions excepting $30 which the groom had in his pocket.

The last person to leave the social hall was Mrs. A. C. Tucker of Calexico, Cal. She was traveling with her son to Seattle where she expected to visit. She was seated in the social hall. Her son entered and asked if she had her pocketbook and then suggested that they walk out on deck not desiring to frighten her suddenly with an alarm of fire.

Put Pillows in Funnels.

It was then Mrs. Tucker noticed that she was alone, and on going outside found all the others passengers gathered on the forward deck. She said, "We kept moving farther forward as the smoke came up. The crew opened windows of the cabin to let the smoke out. Then they had to fill the air funnels with pillows from the state rooms in order to keep the smoke away from the passengers.

The officers avoided a panic among the passengers by not alarming them. Instead of telling them to put on life preservers at once, they merely offered them and in a quiet why that caused no alarm."

Man of Many Wrecks.

All the lifeboats, excepting one at the stern of the Congress, which was surrounded with flames and smoke, were used. The boats were capable of holding 45 persons each, but not more than 20 were put in each boat.

J. H. Crownover, a traveling salesman of San Francisco, said, before leaving, that he had been in four wrecks before this one, and all on the Pacific coast.

The passengers, on leaving Friday afternoon, were high in their praise of the crew of the Congress, the work of the dredge Michie in saving them, and of the Coos Bay people in caring for them.

Beach Combers Get Boats.

When the gasoline schooner Tillamook was towing into port 12 of the lifeboats of the Congress 11 broke loose. It was reported that beach combers had taken the boats to Sunset bay, evidently with the intention of holding them. An officer was set there last evening to recover the boats.

Captain Cousins said that the Congress had 2700 tons of freight aboard, but the diagram showing the distribution of the cargo and its character had been lost.

No one seems to know how the fire started, excepting that it was first discovered among the freight in the afterhold.

MANY CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR OFFICE IN SALEM IN DECEMBER

Mayor White Probably Will Have T. G. Bleigh as Opponent to Return to Office.

THREE FOR POLICE CHIEF

Flock of Aspirants Are Out Gunning for City Recordership; Treasurer Seeks Reelection.

Salem, Or., Sept. 16.—Although the city election will not be held here until early in December, several candidates for offices are already working. Mayor Harley O. White will be a candidate for another term and T. G. Blight, theatrical man, is mentioned as his probable opponent.

Jack Welsh will be a candidate for another term as police chief and he will probably be opposed by Frank Shedeck and E. E. Cooper.

For city recorder there are many candidates mentioned. Among those who will run are A. M. Dalrymple and Earl Race, who have definitely announced their candidacy. Others who will be candidates, it is expected, are Harry Elgin, who has been deputy recorder, Jay Cox, Benjamin S. Via, attorney; and Adolph Geuffroy, bookkeeper.

C. O. Rice will be a candidate for reelection as city treasurer.

Wants to Raise Rate.

Salem, Or., Sept. 16.—The Southern Pacific railroad applied to the state public service commission Friday afternoon for permission to put in a rate of 15 cents per hundred pounds on sugar in car loads, minimum 60,000 pounds, from Grants Pass to East Portland and Portland. The railroad company explains that the Utah-Idaho Sugar company wants the rate, asserting that it cannot compete with sugar moved by water to Portland unless it is granted.

State's Fairs Appropriations.

Salem, Or., Sept. 16.—The pilgrim Tercentenary commission of Boston was told by Secretary of State Olcott, in answer to a query, that Oregon had made appropriations for fairs as follows: Philadelphia, 1876, nothing; Chicago, 1893, $60,000; St. Louis, 1904, $50,000; Jamestown, 1907, nothing; San Francisco, 1915, $175,000.

Incorporation Papers Filed.

Salem, Or., Sept. 16.—The following articles of incorporation were filed with Commissioner Schulderman Friday: Paige Motor Sales company of Oregon, Portland, $5000, W. B. Doan, E. L. McClain Jr., and Leslie S. Parker; Gould Engineering & Construction company, Portland, $5000, Aaron H. Gould, C. Teague Gould and N. Ordway.

Fisherman Salvages Boats From Congress

Refuses to Give Them Up Until Salvage Is Paid, Saying He Found Them Floating at Sea.

Marshfield, Or., Sept. 16.—A. D. Winegar, a fisherman, has possession of 10 lifeboats from the Congress. They broke loose from the Tillamook when being towed into port Thursday night. Constable Emery of North Bend was sent to the beach with an order from Captain Cousins demanding the boats.

Winegar refused to give them up, claiming he had taken the boats in tow when they were floating at sea and that had he not rescued the boats they would have been dashed to pieces on the rocks. He agrees to give them up when salvage is paid.

The boats are worth probably $300 each. The constable, not having a court order, did not attempt to take them.

Victim of Assault Cannot Recover

Forest Grove, Or., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Jennie Dixon of this city, mother of Mrs. Vivian Baber, who was recently assaulted by a negro at her farm home near Lima, Ohio, received a telegram this afternoon stating that there is no hope for the recovery of her daughter. The physicians attending Mrs. Baber have discovered she is suffering from a fracture of the skull, and this will prevent her recovery, they say.

Ford Goes East.

Los Angeles, Sept. 16.—(P. N. S.)—After spending two days at Pasadena, Henry Ford and his party are en route east today in the pacifist's special car. They will stop over for a short visit at the Grand Canyon. The party visited Los Angeles motion picture camps yesterday and left several hours later.

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Consumers' League To Meet Sept. 26

Campaign for Raising Standards of Purity of Food Is Now Being Prosecuted.

In prosecuting its campaign for raising the standards of food purity, the Consumers' league, in connection with the Portland food manufacturers, is working out a program for a mass meeting to be held at 2 p. m. September 26, in the Rosarian room of the Oregon building.

The meeting will seek to combine the two ideas of "patronize home industry" and "make home industry worth patronizing." The list of speakers has not been completed, but efforts are being made to present some telling thoughts.

The food products division of the industries and manufactures bureau of the Chamber of Commerce will be represented by this committee named today: A. J. Bale, A. A. Hoover, Carl Schalinger, J. N. Vogan, H. A. Connor, W. A. Louis, W. F. McKibben, H. H. Haynes, A. E. Gantenbein, A. C. Black, W. J. Mitchell, Jay H. Walker, T. Dwight Edwards, John H. Goldstaub, T. B. Townsend, A. W. Work, Robert Ireland, Charles Jones, F. C. Barnes.

at Graton's Park Thursday—Base-

BAKER COUNTY FAIR HAS LARGEST CROWD IN HISTORY OF EVENT

Special Offer of $50 to the Horse Breaking Track Record Fails to Bring Result.

Baker, Or., Sept. 16.—With the biggest crowd in the history of the event, the third day of the Baker county fair broke all records. School day, with free admission for all school children, brought thousands of the youngsters from all parts of the county.

The special offer of $50 to the horse breaking the track record of 2:09¼ did not produce results, 2:10 in the first heat of the 2:10 pace being the best time of the afternoon.

Race summary:

2:10 pace, $700—

Emaline Dillon, A. F. Conners (Stewart)	2	1	1
Josie Knight, Warren Dennis (Dennis)	1	2	3
May Davis, Bud Davis (G. Dennis)	5	3	2
Aacybetta, Tom McKay (McKay)	3	4	4
Haltamont, H. M. Todd (Brady)	6	7	5
Vansickle, Warren Dennis (Burnett)	7	6	6
Delmax, A. A. Fidler (Wilbourne)	4	5	*

Emaline Dillon first, Josie Knight second, May Davis third. Time—2:10, 2:11¼, 2:13.

*Drawn after second heat.

2:24 trot, $400—

Golden State, H. E. Blackwell (Hendrickson)	1	1	3
Amy McKinney, A. A. Fidler (Wilbourne)	5	4	1
Song Sparrow, W. C. Steff (Martin)	2	2	2
Al McK., J. A. Bush (Bush)	3	3	4
Marie Fitzsimmons, J. W. Swank (Swank)	4	5	5

Golden State first, Amy McKinney second, Song Sparrow third. Time—2:19, 2:17¼, 2:18½.

Running, three-eighths of a mile, $100—Rocky Boy, James Lowe (Smith), first, Lucky B., Dan Davis (Elms), second; Company Maid, W. A. Green (Pinnegar), third; Lark, Mrs. J. F. Reed (Reed), fourth; Skipper, Frank Rogers (Huskins), fifth. Time, :36.

Running, five-eighths of a mile, $100—Plume, James Lowe (Smith), first; Aimee Leslie, Joe Flynn (Pinnegar), second; Ostentatious, Charles Trowbridge (Parker), third; Seltagrade, B. Johns (Wiseman), fourth. Time, 1:02½.

Special running, one-half mile, local horses—F. Fleetwood first, G. Rizor second, J. Rizor third.

Relay — B. John's string first, Al Turner second, John Spain third.

John Spain, former champion buckaroo, who won honors at Pendleton in 1913, was last night ruled permanently off the tracks of the Inter-Mountain racing circuit for drawing his string in the relay race, after first putting in a horse not entered on the card at the opening. Ruling Spain out leaves the week's relay between Johns of Boise and Turner of Medical Springs.

Unpaid Medical Bill Causes Divorce Suit

Woman at The Dalles Says Husband Repudiated Debt Contracted Because of Illness; Another Alleges Desertion.

The Dalles, Or., Sept. 16.—Ruby E. Olsen, 16, has filed suit for divorce against Julius H. Olsen, 33, alleging his refusal to pay medical bills she was forced to contract on account of illness. Olsen's residence is Big Eddy.

Pearl Griffith has filed suit for divorce from James H. Griffith, alleging desertion. Griffiths were married at Ritzville, Wash., in 1910.

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IRREGULAR WIDTH OF STREET DISCUSSED AT REALTY BOARD LUNCH

East Thirtieth to Be Made Uniform if Committee Succeeds in Task.

COMMISSIONS ARE LIMITED

Superintendent Alderman Addresses Members on Work of Public Schools.

Irregularities in the width of East Thirtieth street is the theme of a resolution passed by the Portland Realty board at its third luncheon meeting of the season Friday noon. The resolution, proposed by E. S. MacNaughton and passed, provides for the appointment of a special committee of three with power to act after reasonable investigation to inform the city engineer of the merits of a replatting of the street in question.

The district includes Hudson's addition, Fairview addition, Meadow Park and Quin's addition, where Thirtieth street, it is said, presents serious obstacles in the way of varying width and other irregularities.

School Head Speaks.

The feature of the program was an address by L. R. Alderman, superintendent of city schools, on the activities of the schools, which are of special interest to realtors in dealing with people who regard the educational system a prime asset. The speaker illustrated the address with lantern slides. After the address a resolution was passed to the effect that some future meeting of the board be devoted to a visit the trades school.

Another resolution was passed limiting to active members of the board only rates on appraisals. Still another resolution was passed amending the rule regarding commissions on leases. Hereafter the commission on rentals secured on buildings erected to suit tenants will be 2½ per cent of the total rentals for the first five years and 1 per cent of all rentals of additional years.

The former official commission applying to the case in question was an average month's rent as commission for five years and 1 per cent of the total rent over the five-year period.

The following were admitted to active membership: Fred G. Lawson, Dabney Investment company and S. H. Gruber to affiliate membership. Leo Friede was chairman of the day.

Next Friday's session will be devoted to "Highways," which will be one of the planks in the realty platform for the campaigns of the year. There will be speakers from different parts of the state, representing practically all the various elements that take a pronounced stand on the question of Oregon highways. Ten speakers have been secured for the meeting that will launch the realty board's campaign for better roads. O. W. Taylor is chairman of the highway committee and will preside at next week's meeting.

Couple Bound Over.

Hood River, Or., Sept. 16.—Arthur France and Minnie Duncan, who were arrested on a statutory charge at the home of Al Rhunke in the upper valley where they had been staying as brother and sister for several weeks, waived their preliminary examination before Judge A. C. Buck and were bound over to appear before the grand jury in the sum of $300 each. Being unable to furnish bonds, Sheriff Johnson took them to The Dalles, where they will remain in jail until the grand jury convenes. The couple came to Hood River from Illinois.

Will Ask Recall Of Polk Co. Judge

Charge Is That Teal Expended County's Money Injudiciously and That Bridge Funds Were Spent on Roads.

Salem, Or., Sept. 16.—Petitions for the recall of County Judge Teal of Polk county, have been prepared and will be circulated in the near future, it was announced Friday by those back of the movement. Teal, they say, will be charged with expending money of the county injudiciously. Among other things, it is asserted, that he spent money provided for building a bridge across the Willamette river here and on roads and bridges at points where other means should have been provided.

Assessments Are Protested.

Salem, Or., Sept. 16.—Nine state institutions of Marion county filed protests here Friday with the Marion county board of equalization against assessments which are declared too high.

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