

MEXICO IS TRAVELING TOWARD PROSPERITY, SAYS COLONEL MUNOZ

Former Officer of Diaz' Army Denies Truth of General Industrial Chaos.

CONDITIONS ARE RELATED

Country is Going Ahead in Work of Reconstruction; Staple Crops Appear to Be Big, It Is Declared.

Mexico, as a whole, is going forward in paths of peace and prosperity despite the wild tales of lawlessness, economic hiatus and general industrial chaos that have found currency and credence in the United States.

Such, in brief, is the message of Colonel J. A. Munoz, who was an officer of the Mexican army under President Porfirio Diaz and Intendente of the Mexican postoffice department under President Madero.

Colonel Munoz writes many interesting facts about Mexico to Miss Annie Jones, a former Duluth girl, who spent several years in Mexico City and who has been living in Portland for some time. Miss Jones' recollection of her experiences in Mexico City are vivid but not altogether unpleasant. In fact, she learned enough of Mexican ways to love the people and to believe that, left alone, they will work out their own salvation with credit to themselves and to civilization.

Letter is Quoted. The following extract from Colonel Munoz's last letter, dated September 9, is of significance at this time, when so many alarmist tales of riot and disorder are so prevalent.

"Mexico is going ahead in its work of reconstruction and only in the distant states of Chiapas, Guerrero and Oaxaca are some revolutionists, as the rest of the country is controlled by General Carranza and his troops. Therefore, the empire of the law has commenced again and the merchant, the agricultural and the industrial elements are operating peacefully all around Mexico.

"The crops seem to be very big in corn, wheat, barley, beans, rice, sugar, potatoes, citrus and lots of other things and the cattle and horses. Mining is also developing to a great extent, as there are operating several companies in Hidalgo, Guanajuato, Mexico and Zacatecas, and the mining of hundreds and hundreds of carloads of ores, bullion and minerals and stone containing lead, copper, silver and gold.

"The government mint is coining its money to go into circulation and the railroad is operating free of any trouble. That of Vera Cruz, known as the Mexican railroad (English company), has been turned over to the hands of its proprietors since the first day of this month. Elections took place for municipal authorities last week all over the country and we expect the high elections for the supreme government within the next two months.

Conference is Held. "The incident of the border states with your country has been submitted to the decision of a special committee of high men here. The conference began the day before yesterday under the best auspices of friendship and loyalty. Of course, there is plenty to be done. But the spirit of good-will will prevail and within a few months more peace and work will dominate in Mexico and a stream of gold will be the result of so much fighting at last.

"The coffee trade with the United States, England and the continent of many million dollars in bullion, hides, sugar, mahogany, sugar, coffee, rubber, medicinal herbs, etc., all an amount which shall be exchanged for manufactured goods of your country, machinery, etc.

"The money conditions yet are hard on account that paper money is only good for 3 or 4 cents for gold dollar, but we are already accustomed to the high prices of goods and are paying 20 for one. American, French and English business men are coming back to the country and the banks are going a good business.

Theatres are Crowded. "Theatres, moving picture halls, cafes, restaurants, hotels, etc., are crowded day by day, and San Francisco, Buenos Aires, Havana, and other great cities and passes have resumed their activity as before. "Mails are running regularly and your letter of the twenty-seventh, dated at Seattle August 28 at 11 a. m., reached me here this very morning, making 12 days in all from its departure to its arrival, which I consider fast enough."

An earlier letter, dated July 9, shows the growing confidence of the people in Carranza. "Conditions have improved since you wrote. Conditions are improving. We should have war between our two countries, as both yours and ours are working for freedom and human progress. The struggle of this country for the election of a good president, and I believe Mr. Carranza will be a good one as he has the support of the Liberal party of Mexico, which is the majority of its population. Consequently the hope conditions will be a heavy one for the future business and within a long time we shall enjoy a heavy cash of trade and commercial development."

A good news for you and your fellow citizens is that Mr. Carranza will consider in his platform the 'gold basis' for business, just as the United States stands. Therefore a Mexican gold dollar will be of the same weight and fineness as the United States dollar. And furthermore Mr. Carranza will create a federal bank of Mexico which will issue gold and silver certificates just as the United States does those certificates of the treasury.

Paying Off Debt. "Our debt from the revolution is an amount of 700,000,000 pesos, and we are paying it every day about \$20,000,000 (Mexican) and destroying by fire a paper and within one or two years we shall not owe any money from the war debt, and the balance of any war debt is compensated with treasury bonds of silver, as it represents the actual basis of Mexican currency."

"At present we have in the treasury an amount of \$25,000,000 (Mexican pesos) and also some silver bars for the mint to be coined with the new gold of the gold standard. As soon as the election takes place the Chamber of Congress will authorize the executive power to ask a foreign loan of \$500,000,000 to go into the new standard. By this you will consider that Mexico will have in 1917 and 1918 a

SCENES AT REGISTRATION OFFICE



Last day of registration biggest in Portland history. Upper—The line of people waiting to register extended into the lower lobby of the court house. Lower—Every registration clerk was hurried and hurried by the late comers.

CONDITION OF CHAOS EXISTS IN INTERIOR CHINA, TEACHER SAYS

Interesting Description of Present Conditions Given in Letter to Portland Man.

Mrs. Robert G. Dieck, president of the association, said last night that if the people of Portland responded properly to the opportunity to help along this charitable work, the financial troubles of the association for this season at least will be over.

One Goes, Another Coming. We have no room where we could give lodging, but have promised a few of our neighbors that they could run in when the blow was struck.

Woman Complains Of Forced Marriage. Victim, bearing evidence of having been beaten up, found in hotel—Three A. P. Under Arrest.

During a raid on the Australian hotel, 29 1/2 First street, at 1:30 Saturday morning, Detectives Hill and Cahill and Patrolman Willett found a woman with battered features and a black eye who was fairly smeared with blood.

On the strength of her story, the officers arrested Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Brune, proprietors of the hotel, and are looking for Bert Hall, a hanger-on, charged with having beaten the woman when she refused to accept the marriage. They may later be charged with abduction.

The woman says she is the legal wife of Peter A. Larson, but she refused to tell his present whereabouts. She stated that the Brunes and Hall had taken her, while drugged, to Vancouver, where a marriage ceremony was gone through with, Hall being the bridegroom.

Harry Sauer, another hanger-on of the hotel, was also arrested and is being held for investigation. All three were put under \$100 bail in police court.

The police are holding for investigation Bessie Williamson, Hans Jorgensen and George Burcharm, whom they found drinking "Jamaica ginger" at the time of the raid. They may be detained as witnesses.

Mark Weatherford Speaks. Albany, Or., Oct. 7.—This has been a busy day in Albany political circles. This morning the women entertained and received for Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of the Dalles, Mark Weatherford, Democratic and Prohibition candidate for congress, spoke at the Globe theatre.

Former Portlander Dies. Succumbing to apoplexy, George P. Beveridge, manager of the California Wine association and president of the Sequoia club, of Fresno, Cal., died on Thursday in the central California city, according to word received by Portland friends. Mr. Beveridge was the father-in-law of Gerald Thomas, a Portland resident, who is now making his home in Fresno.

WOBLING AUTO HITS POLICE CAR SENT IN QUEST OF JOY RIDERS

It cost the police department the use of one of its touring cars last night to make an arrest of a party for driving an automobile while intoxicated.

Sergeant Ray Ellis and Patrolman Eilsworth Adams were told by people at Fifth and Division streets that a machine had passed there a short time before, driven by a drunken man. They started east on Division street in search of the party.

At Sixty-seventh and Division they sighted the car coming towards them. They declare it was wobbling from side to side and going at high speed.

Adams drove the police machine into an ditch on the right hand side of the road to avoid a collision but despite his efforts, the car crashed into it, tearing the left front wheel and fender from the police machine.

The occupants of the large machine made a break to get away, but were stopped by Ellis, who grabbed the running board and forced a stop.

Patrolmen Nutter and Bales were seen from the station and took the car to the station.

Those arrested are: Edward Close, an engineer, charged with driving while intoxicated; Rolly Moon, 34, chauffeur, charged with being drunk; Bessie Lynn, 30, charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Very broad field for all sorts of business. Police Service Termed Good. As long ago as March, conditions were growing more stable, as indicated by this letter.

Cherniavski Concert Is Artistic Success

The Cherniavski trio scored another big success last night at the Heilig theatre, playing the second concert of its series.

Hogan to Be Judge Advocate. Lieutenant C. P. Hogan, of Troop A, Oregon Cavalry, on the Mexican border, is to act as judge advocate of a general courtmartial to try four deserters at Calexico.

Program Is Given at Old People's Home

Under the direction of Albina union, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the following program was given at the Mann Old People's home.

Slips on Gang Plank. Mrs. L. F. Jones of Kalamia, slipped on the gang plank of the river steamer "Reed" at the foot of Alder street yesterday afternoon as she was coming ashore and is thought to have sustained a fracture of the left arm.

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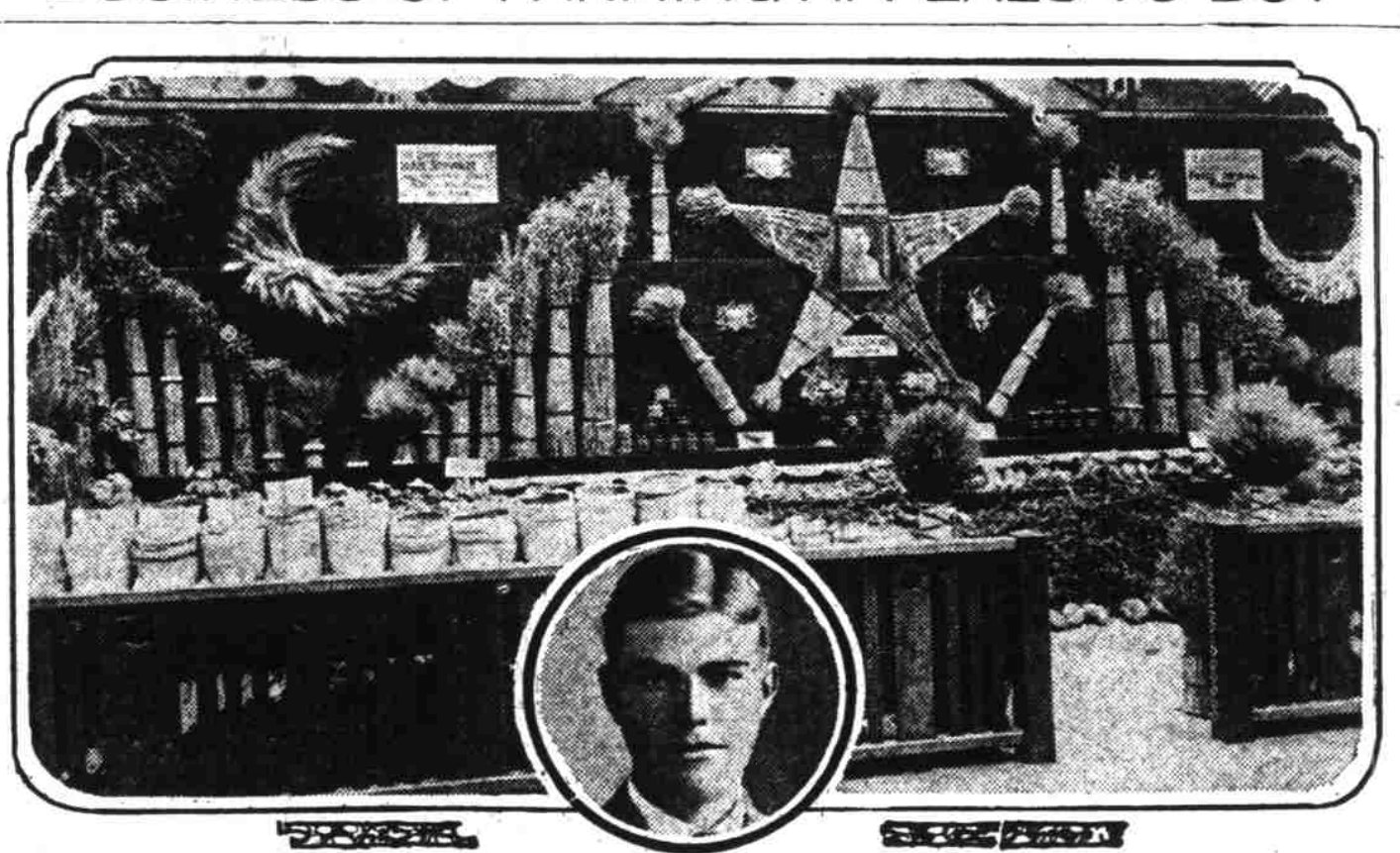
Officers of Association Look for Lively Bidding at Gala Society Event.

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BUSINESS OF FARMING APPEALS TO BOY



Ivan Stewart of Wheeler county and his dry-land farm exhibit on which was awarded a prize at the state fair.

A few days ago Ivan Stewart, a youth of 20 years, came down out of the dry hills of railroadless Wheeler county to enter Oregon Agricultural college.

He is the son of James S. Stewart of Fosail and for four years he has operated his father's farm with the aid of his younger brothers and each year of work, by agreement, had earned for him a year at college.

On his way he stopped at the state fair at Salem with a \$50 corn exhibit which won for him a second prize in a competition with an exhibit from an irrigated farm.

It was not his first experience in prize winning. During the past two years the brotherly partnership, father-son, had gathered in about \$350 in cash prizes for excellence of farm products, in addition to a \$50 corn cultivator, blacksmith tools, wire fencing, a butter worker and uncounted blue and red ribbons as well as a gold medal.

For three years in succession the boys have won the first cash prize of \$100 for the best individual farm exhibit at the Wheeler county fair. Last year they won a \$100 prize and a gold medal for an individual display at the Portland land products show. The state fair prize this year was \$75.

You might think that a boy who through practical experience had succeeded in winning such recognition from his county and state—recognition that older than he have competed for in vain—would consider this education in the college of hard-earned sufficient basis for future effort.

But at the college this boy intends to specialize in the subject of agriculture and to take up other kindred branches so that his diploma will represent the reliable equipment of broad, practical knowledge that will help him command success in increasing the productivity of Oregon's acres.

"Farming, fruit growing, stock raising and dairying are occupying the best attention of the biggest men we have," he declared. "There never has been a time when there were so many improved methods to make work on the farm easier and more profitable, or such opportunities to learn of them. At the same time the demand has never been so great as now for food and the acres of the country are being pressed as never before to increase their yield. With the tractor and other improved farm machinery, with the motorcycle and the automobile as a means of fast conveyance, placed within reach of the farmer, the man preparing for a career on the land need no longer dread isolation."

"I am a believer in diversified farming. It is the ideal. The most steady cash income more than a large amount once a year. The farmer who believes in diversified production means more as a developer than the one who grows only one crop."

It has been hard enough to get them fed even with a cow to do his best because there is very little to be had on the streets. Everything is closed and the vegetable men are not banking much for city trade these days.

Make Chinese Carry Loads

Yesterday and today the shops and houses have all been closed. Of course the Chinese do not observe the sabbath day, but such a time as he had to get home. The northern soldiers do very well and so a fellow is likely to find himself roped up and carried off before he knows what has happened to him.

"After Lin Leo Chin's chase and narrow escape with the hit book, we tagged the men servants with cloth coolies, for instance, should be nabbed we would be in quite a way with the school girls to feed and no one to carry the loads."

Hard to Get Flaps. "The way we foreigners do to let it be known that there are foreigners within the gates is to hang out flags by days and lanterns by night. My fellow teacher was so in possession of an iron Jack nor I of an Old Glory but we each had countrymen who took pity on us for our poverty and we each had lanterns made with Chinese written on it saying that a Britisher and American live within."

"This is very different from the Rome times when the foreigner was likely to be made the target of every outburst. We try to accept this condition of safety with humility and do our best to get on. It is hard times for the Chinese."

Funeral of Robert Young. Funeral services for Robert Young were held yesterday afternoon from Finley's chapel with Rev. W. T. Kerr officiating. Rev. Kerr was assisted by Chaplain Hoadley of the G. A. R., Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hamilton sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Hail to the Chief." Interment was made in Rose City cemetery.

German Editor to Speak. Max Bedacht, editor of the Vorwärts of the Pacific coast, a German Socialist weekly in San Francisco, will speak this evening at 8 o'clock, in Arion hall, 231 1/2 Oak street, on the subject, "Clash of Struggles of the Past and Present."

FUNERAL OF WOMAN SUICIDE IS CONDUCTED



Photo by Van Dyck Studio. Mrs. Sophia M. Marsh.

The funeral of Mrs. Sophia M. Marsh, who ended her life in this city last Tuesday, was held last Friday at the residence establishment of J. P. Finley & Son, Dr. Frank J. Loveland officiating.

Many friends who knew her in this city and in Salem, Or., attended the services. High tribute was paid to her as a life-long member of the Methodist church, a church worker and a mother. Rev. Mr. Ehrhart assisted in the services.

Mrs. Marsh is survived by her husband, Canfield Marsh, and a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Kinder. She was born in New York on November 12, 1848.

COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION PUT OUT OF BUSINESS BY COURT

Judge Finds Operations Will Perpetrate Fraud on Members, Creditors and State.

Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday signed the decree which forfeits the charter of the Western Cooperative Rural Credits Union and puts that organization out of business.

Its contracts with those who would obtain loans from it were never approved by the state superintendent of banks, points out the court in its findings, and "are designed to and will, in fact, operate to perpetrate a fraud upon its members, its creditors and upon the plaintiff herein," says the court. The plaintiff is the state of Oregon.

The union was organized June 24, 1915, by George A. Hall, I. P. Knowlton, A. G. Marsters, Claude Hale, L. C. Cornwall, G. B. Williams and Oliver H. Hickey. Marsters was elected president and Hale, secretary.

Stock Not Paid For. Superintendent of Banks Sargent served notice on the union September 15, 1915, to cease doing business in the state.

The capital stock of the union had a par value of \$25. The incorporators subscribed for one share each, but not one paid up in full, although the court finds they represented to Mr. Sargent that they had done so.

A supervisory committee was appointed July 6, 1915, consisting of L. P. Knowlton, M. Harbut and W. J. Blumenshain, and the court found that not one of them ever paid for a share of stock, so were not members of the union.

The court found the acts of the union were illegal and void, and were in violation of the law, as the union failed to create and hold intact a guarantee. It did not limit the scope of its activities to any one county or counties as provided in the law, and did not limit its membership to any one class of people.

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It set up and promoted a form of lottery among its members, the court decided, and its provision allowing members to withdraw their payments after it had been made would defraud its creditors.

It abused its powers and therefore forfeited its charter, the court concluded.

FIRST STEPS TAKEN FOR ACQUISITION OF STATE LIME DEPOSITS

Big Meeting at Corvallis Goes on Record Strongly in Favor of Proposition.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED

Committee Will Be Appointed to Start the Ball Rolling and to Use strenuous Means for Favorable Action.

Corvallis, Or., Oct. 7.—Whereas, the need of lime, for its beneficial effect on a large portion of the soils of western Oregon, is generally recognized; and

Whereas, the states of Virginia and Illinois have now in operation state-owned plants, and are grinding limestone, with the use of convict labor, at 75 cents per ton in Virginia, and 60 cents in Illinois; and

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference, assembled in Corvallis this 7th day of October, that the state of Oregon should acquire such of our lime deposits as are needed, either by long term lease, or actual purchase, if satisfactory terms can be secured, otherwise such property should be condemned, and be it further resolved,

Resolved, That an adequate appropriation should be made by the next legislature and placed under the supervision of the state board of control, and said board be authorized to acquire the necessary property, establish and equip a plant for the grinding of limestone, and operate same with the use of convict labor, as far as practicable, and furnish the product at cost, with a reasonable percentage added to provide a sinking fund to keep up repairs, purchase new machinery and additional lime deposits when necessary.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted at the "lime meeting" held in Corvallis today, a meeting which represented more acreage than any meeting ever held in this city. There were present farmers, cattlemen, fruit growers, lime dealers, real estate men, college officials and business men, and the talks were unanimous that the state should take over the necessary lime deposits, manufacture the lime with convict labor and sell it to the farmers at cost.

State Grange Master Spence called the meeting to order, and stated its object was to get lime at a cost all users could afford to pay.

B. G. Leedy, of Corvallis, former master of the state grange, was elected chairman, after which there was an hour and a half of open discussion of the lime proposition.

Dean Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College, said that it was not a question what the farmers could afford to pay, but what van if its proposition was adopted, that there was no question of the need of lime, that the people should not be stampeded, but should go at the matter carefully and thoroughly.

Mr. Spence said one important thing was to determine what land needed lime, that all lands did not need it. He thought that would do wonders for the fertility of the land of the Willamette valley and, as agriculture was the basic industry, the prosperity of the whole state was vitally concerned.

Results are Splendid. Professor Scudder of the agronomy department of the Oregon Agricultural college stated that, while lime was greatly needed in the Willamette valley and coast sections, it was not a panacea for all ills. It was a correction of acidity; that since 1911 the college had made 150 tests of lime in different sections of western Oregon and the results were most varied. There were places where the yield was increased 100, 200 and 500 per cent on clover, and others 250, 300 and 400 hundred.

J. M. Connor, a real estate man, said there were 3,000,000 acres in Oregon that needed lime and that farmers and fruit men would not pay \$6.25 a ton for lime.

Editor E. E. Paville of the Western Farmer of Portland made an address, stating that lime, drainage and rural credits are the needed things for the valley.

"The Lord put the lime here for your use, go and get it," advised the speaker, "and get it cheap."

Dr. Hector MacPherson of the Oregon Agricultural college and many others made short talks.

Committee is Appointed. A resolution by Mr. Spence was adopted that a committee of five be selected, one each from the State Grange, Farmers' Union, State Tax Commission, Oregon Agricultural College and one at large to act as a legislative committee to draft a bill to be presented to the legislature for passage.

The delegate at large was Sam Moore of Corvallis, and his selection was loudly applauded. The others will be chosen by the organizations.

It was decided to make the organization permanent, and committees for publicity were appointed to conduct a vigorous campaign to awaken sentiment to force the passage of the bill.

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