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## FIVE SILVER FALLS LUMBER CAMPS BURN; LOSS OVER HALF MILLION DOLLARS

### BANDITS RELEASE 2 FLIERS

Army Posts on Border Tense Waiting Return of Aviators Held for \$15,000 Ransom—Armed Guard Takes Sum to Camp at Candelaria, Tex

PREPAREDNESS IN AIR—HIGH OFFICERS SILENT

Future Depends on Attitude of Mexican Government is Assertion

MARFA, Tex., Aug. 18.—Aviators H. G. Peterson and Paul H. Davis, held prisoners by Mexican bandits near Candelaria, Tex., are expected to reach the border tomorrow. It was said by army officers tonight. Couriers sent to the bandit camp last night are reported to have reached the camp, informing the bandits the \$15,000 ransom would be paid.

Among other dispatches today were a report that the aviators were captured on the American side after making a forced landing and a statement that General Manuel Diezguza at Chihuahua City had ordered General Antonio Pruneda to leave Ojinaga at once with a force of Carranza soldiers in pursuit of the bandits who captured the Americans.

Mexicans Tell of Capture The report that the Americans landed on the American side came from Captain Hadley, fifth cavalry, in charge of the border patrol near Pilares who said four Mexicans heard the sound of an airplane flying low on the day the aviators disappeared and later heard cries for help. This is said to have occurred near Porvenir, 17 miles from Pilares. The Mexicans said they did not investigate the calls for help.

Colonel George T. Langhorne, district commander, here tonight ordered an investigation of this report and soldiers will be sent to Porvenir to locate the damaged airplane, he said.

Army officials believe only a few Mexicans were involved in the capture of the aviators.

Officers Sure of Safety Army officers were confident tonight that the two aviators were unharmed and they believed they would be released tomorrow following the payment of the \$15,000 ransom today. The aviators carried no side arms when captured. The rendezvous is believed to be near the border.

Messages from the relatives of the aviators were taken to the bandit camp, along with information the ransom would be paid.

Telegram to Colonel Langhorne today said Lieutenant Davis' mother, at Strathmore, Calif., was distraught. The colonel also was informed that W. B. Davis, the father of the aviator, was ready to reimburse the cowboys who yesterday raised the \$15,000 ransom.

### DICKMAN ON DUTY ALL NIGHT WAITING WORD

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 18.—Officers of the southern department at Fort Sam Houston tonight were anxiously awaiting news that Lieutenant Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, prisoners of the Mexican bandits, had been released upon payment of the \$15,000 ransom demanded. Major General Joseph P. Dickman, department commander, who had remained on duty all last night, was still at headquarters at a late hour tonight, keeping in personal touch with every message relating to the aviators.

NO TROOP MOVEMENTS ORDERED SAYS GEN. ERWIN EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 18.—General James B. Erwin, commander of this portion of the Mexican border, said tonight no orders for troop movements had been issued.

### PREPAREDNESS IN AIR

AIR AT BORDER POST SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 18.—While no official of the southern department will make any comment upon the possible developments, an atmosphere of preparedness is evident throughout the offices at headquarters of the chief signal officer where

MAJOR GENERAL DICKMAN, commanding officer of the southern department of the United States, who is in direct charge of all military operations along the Mexican border. He commanded the army of occupation on the Rhine for several months and was through the thickest of the fighting in France.



### Coal Properties in Valley to Sell Products This Fall

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 18.—The Peerless Coal company and Rosseau Coal company, whose properties are located in the Coaker Butte and Roxy Ana districts, will sell their products in northern California and the Willamette valley this fall. Both companies are installing electrically operated machinery for the mining of coal and together expect to produce an output of one thousand tons a day. This will supply the local and northern California markets. If heavier veins are struck the Willamette valley will be lavished.

At the Rosseau property where a force of men are drilling for oil a slight stream of natural gas has been tapped.

### Council Silent on Request of Charles for Recognition

PARIS, Aug. 18.—The supreme council has decided that it will make no reply to the communication of Archduke Joseph, governor of state in Budapest, asking for recognition.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLAMETTE OBSERVED BY MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Commemorative of the founding of Willamette university, and celebrating its 75th anniversary, a special service was held Sunday night at the First Methodist church, the principal feature of which was an address by Hon. C. B. Moores of Portland. Dr. R. N. Avison, pastor of the church, turned the meeting over to President Doney of Willamette who reviewed briefly the history of the institution. Dr. B. L. Steeves was introduced by Dr. Doney to represent the board of trustees. Dr. Steeves recently has returned from the east where he visited a number of the higher institutions of learning and was able to compare them with Willamette. He declared the famous old Oregon university would equal them in its far reaching influence. Mr. Moores was chosen to make the memorial address because of his long standing interest in the university and his acquaintance with persons who have made the institution famous. Mr. Moores said: Dr. Steeves On July 16, 1827, just one month more than 82 years ago, there gathered a congregation at worship, out in the open, in a beautiful grove on the grounds of the "Mission Manual Labor school" on the banks of the Willamette river, at a location that has ever since born the name of

### PHONE ISSUE DROPPED BY COUNCILMEN

Motion to Postpone Action Indefinitely is Carried Over Single-Handed Protest of Alderman W. A. Wiest

### STATEMENT IS MADE BY MANAGER DANCY

Ordinance is Introduced to Remove Marr from Responsibility to Chief

Almost alone, Alderman W. A. Wiest last night fought against indefinite postponement of action by the city council relative to calling a special election to determine whether the people of Salem want a municipal telephone plant to get from under excessive rates imposed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company. Motion to postpone indefinitely was made by Alderman Wiest and seconded by Johnson and carried after Wiest had spoken against the motion and Aldermen Volk and Hager, both net members, had responded to a challenge of Mr. Wiest by defending the motion.

Aside from Wiest and Wiest the councilmen showed no disposition to come out on the subject until, after the members had been lashed by Wiest, Volk and Hager expressed themselves.

The municipal telephone issue was set as a special order. Wiest opened by moving that E. T. Busselle be sent to the public service commission's hearing in Portland on August 27, with City Attorney Macy, to represent the city and that he be paid \$50 for the service. The motion failed to receive a second. Wiest took the floor in general opposition to a municipal system.

After reviewing the history of the agitation in Salem he remarked: "When the subject was before the council before I asked Mr. Busselle a series of questions about the installation and operation of a municipal system. The questions were never answered satisfactorily, although there were promises that they would be answered. I am opposed to a municipal system because it would be saddling an additional expense upon the taxpayers. If the Pacific company is robbing us I do not think the thing to do is to saddle upon the people the added burden of a municipal system."

Wiest concluded by moving indefinite postponement. "I do not want to be the only member speaking on the other side of this question," said Wiest, taking the floor, "and neither do I want Dr. Wiest to be the only member speaking on the other side if there are other members who believe as he

Beliefs of the other side of the question." (Continued on page 5)

### NEWLYWED COP IS LOCKED UP

### Honeymoon Joke of Thompson's Colleagues Enacted at County Jail

Patrolman Walter F. Thompson, good natured and affable, was the recipient of more than congratulations, best wishes and gifts upon the occasion of his wedding Monday, from his associates on the Salem police force, officials of the sheriff's office and friends. Along toward the close of the otherwise perfect day, this worthy and popular peace officer and lately become a benedict, was given the surprise of his life when he strolled over to the sheriff's office on business, just of what nature he knew not. However, upon his appearance before Sheriff Needham, he was confronted by Chief of Police Varney and Sergeant Harry Rowe, who appeared simultaneously upon the scene and without ceremony Patrolman Thompson was promptly escorted to the county bastille and locked in spite of his excuses and protestations. His captors then in high glee went about their official duties for an hour or more, while the incarcerated patrolman, striving hard to maintain his usual composure, sat wondering how long he was in for every minute seeming like an hour. He was anxiously awaiting the home coming of a tardy spouse, floated before him. About the time the uncomfortable predicament of the patrolman began to assume a serious aspect, that he was released from custody, the Havanas passed around and the big joke declared as only a passing honeymoon incident.

### IT'S BILL'S MOVIN' DAY EX-KAISER BUYS ESTATE PLACE TO BE TIDIED UP

AMERONGEN, Aug. 18.—(City The Associated Press)—It became definitely known today that Former Emperor William Germany has purchased the Doorn estate near Utrecht. The house will be immediately renovated and remodeled. This work will be likely to require several months time and meantime the former emperor will remain lodged in the Bentinck castle of Amerongen.

### WILSON MEETS COMMITTEE ON TREATY TODAY

Conference Unparalleled in History of Country in Many Ways

### INTERPRETATION SOUGHT

President May or May Not Make Public Statement of All Information

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—At a conference in some respects unparalleled in American history, President Wilson will talk over the peace negotiations and the treaty with the senate foreign relations committee tomorrow at the white house.

By virtue of extraordinary plans to inform the public of every word that is spoken, the meeting will have the aspect of an open forum discussion at which the whole nation can look on.

Real Meanings Wanted. As head of the American peace delegation and one of the inner circles which formulated the world settlement at Versailles, the president is to be asked the meaning and purpose of provisions of the league of nations covenant, the reasons behind the decision to give Japan control of Shanghai province, just what part the United States is to take in reconstruction, and many of the questions raised in senate consideration of the treaty.

Attitude Conjectured. Whether Mr. Wilson will answer fully in so public a manner all the questions put to him, or will consider that some of the information he received at the peace table should be held in confidence as a matter of national policy, remains conjectural.

But the committee members mean to give him the opportunity if he chooses, to tell the whole of the inside story behind the treaty.

### WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE TO MEET TO RATIFY SUFFRAGE

### OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 18.—A special session of the Washington state legislature to ratify the woman's suffrage amendment will convene about the middle of January.

### SCORE BURIED ALIVE IN COAL MINE COMPLETE DEATH LIST IMPOSSIBLE RESCUE CREWS OVERCOME BY GASES

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### H C L ACTION SPEEDED UP BY CONGRESS

Walsh Blames High Prices for All Unrest of World—Two Houses Charged With Wasting Time in Words

### SALE OF ARMY FOOD BEGINS AT CENTERS

Portland Mayor Secures List of Prices of All Grocers for Record

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Quick action by congress in the campaign to reduce the cost of living was urged today in the senate and house. Senator Walsh declared high prices were at the bottom of all the unrest and charged that congress was wasting time when something should have been done already in response to President Wilson's recommendations.

Mayors of New Jersey cities appearing before the house agricultural committee said action was needed at once to stop the rising scale of prices. Regulation of imports was one means suggested. The amendment broadening the food control act will be considered tomorrow by the committee and probably reported to the house.

Army Food Sale Begins. Sale of surplus army food began today at storage centers throughout the country. Definite reports were not available, but it was believed that orders had been received for many millions of pounds of canned meats, beans and other staples, to be sent out by parcel post.

PORTLAND MAYOR GETS REPORTS OF ALL GROCERS PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 18.—Three hundred schedules of prices obtained in a survey of the grocery stores and markets of the city conducted by the police department, were filed with the mayor's office today. Work of compiling, tabulating and analyzing the figures was commenced immediately under the direction of Hal M. White, secretary to the mayor.

Public Market Included. "The survey was ordered by Mayor Baker," said White. "We will now be able to ascertain the comparative prices of commodities in the different sections of the city and uncover any cases of profiteering or any possible combinations to boost the price of certain articles. Inasmuch as the public market was included in the survey, we will know positively whether the people are getting produce cheaper by buying through the market, direct from the producer, or whether the latter is keeping his prices up to those of the ordinary storekeepers and making a 'good thing' of it."

Profiteering to Be Detected. "Any profiteering or similar offenses uncovered by the survey will be listed in a report filed with the office of the United States district attorney for action."

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### THREE SHOT IN HOLD-UP WOUNDS MAY BE FATAL ROAD HOUSE IS SCENE

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 19.—Three men were shot, probably fatally, in a holdup at the Ten Mile Road House on Mill creek, 10 miles southeast of Anaconda on the Big Hole road, said a telephone message to the sheriff of Deer Lodge county at Anaconda early this morning. Advice to the Butte Miner said the sheriff was on his way to the road house to investigate the shooting.

### SERVICE MEN ARE STUDIOUS

Twenty-Six Already Have Applied Under Recent State Aid Enactment

Deputy Secretary of State Sam A. Koser has on file the names of 26 soldiers, sailors and marines who have applied to the executive heads of seven different educational institutions of the state to take courses of study under the educational aid enactment for service men. Law, business and stenography, optometry, liberal arts and sciences, chemistry and mechanics are some of the courses desired by the applicants.

Following is a list of the applications filed up to this time: John Paul Mehrlin, Frank Peter Keenan, William Thomas McDonald, John J. Bracco, Lynn Joelyn Buchnell, Heyerman George Corgan, James H. Batchelor, Grover C. Motley, Urban A. Keppinger, Henry H. Dirksen, Portland, Oregon; Verne W. Lauman, Yoncalla, Oregon—with the Behnke-Walker Business college, Portland, for combined business courses.

Edgar Louis Roth, Hal H. Moor, Elmer Gaddis Field, Portland; Ansley G. Bates, Astoria; Lester C. Rickey, Gresham, courses in optometry, De Keyser Institute of Optometry, Portland.

Harold Wesley Emmel, Portland; Victor A. Collins, Hagerman, Idaho; Wm. Wesley Kelly, Clatskanie; Rein Everett Jackson, Salem—courses in liberal arts, Willamette university, Salem.

James Young, Hillsdale, law course Northwestern College of Law, Portland.

Harold B. Garver, Portland, high school branches, Philomath college, Philomath.

Clyde A. Raymond, Portland, course in auto and gas engines, Adcox Auto and Gas Engine school, Portland.

Dewey Lawton Ball, Frank O. Crawford, Eugene, general business courses, Eugene Business college, Eugene, Oregon.

### Funeral of Mrs. French to Be Held This Afternoon

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Mary Foster French, mother of Mrs. Irwin Griffith, who passed away Friday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Griffith, 228 North Capitol street, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Rigdon chapel. The Rev. T. S. Anderson will conduct the service. The body will be sent to Marysville, Calif. for burial.

### 7 ENGINES, 10 BRIDGES DESTROYED

Lighted Match Thrown by Workman After Lighting Fuse Believed to Have Started Disastrous Blaze

### ARMY OF 800 MEN BEATING BACK FLAMES

Mill at Silverton Closed Down When Crew is Rushed Into Woods

A loss in camp equipment and cut logs estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000 has been caused by a fire raging since Friday through properties of the Silver Falls Timber company southeast of Silverton, according to information reaching Salem from Walter Smith, board of director member of the Loyal Legion of Lumbermen and Loggers for district No. 2 and an organizer for that organization. Mr. Smith has been at Silverton for several days.

The fire is believed to have started from a lighted match thrown by a workman at Camp No. 2 when he lighted a fuse. Camps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9 have all been burned, with not a building left standing in any of them, says Mr. Smith. Included in the equipment destroyed were seven donkey engines, and among other property licked up by the flames were 10 logging railroad bridges. Camps Nos. 3, 4 and 9 were not in operation, but were ready to operate. Everything at Camps Nos. 1 and 2 was burned. No. 1 is a headquarters camp. Because of the burned bridges three logging locomotives are tied up and cannot be used until the bridges are rebuilt. The main line road between Silverton and Camp No. 1 is not damaged. It is reported here that 150 bridge builders were sent from Silverton yesterday.

The big mill of the Silver Falls Timber company at Silverton was closed down Saturday and its force of workers numbering about 400 men were sent to assist in fighting the fire. It is estimated that 800 men composed the fire fighting army. It was reported yesterday that the fire was under control, but it is said still to be making dangerous progress towards green timber. For fighting fire the men are paid the same wages received for their regular work, averaging about \$5 a day for eight hours.

There has been no loss of life and only one man has been injured.

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Olcott Asks Admiral to Send Ships to Portland Governor Olcott is contributing his efforts to bring as many vessels from the Pacific fleet into Portland harbor as possible and also to have the ships stop at Astoria en route to Bremerton. The governor has telegraphed to Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander of the fleet, at San Francisco, Calif. "May I prevail upon you," says the governor's message to Admiral Rodman, "to make every effort to send as many of your Pacific fleet ships as possible directly to Portland at the presidential review without first going to Bremerton? Can I also prevail upon you to have the ships stop at Astoria?"