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ALLEGED SWINDLERS IN JAIL

THREE MORE KILLED IN BATTLE BETWEEN MINERS AND TROOPERS

STATE FORGES SEND MESSAGE TO GUERRILLAS

Emissary Under Flag of Truce Approaches Ambuscade and Asks That Firing Into Village Cease.

SHOOTING REPORTED GAINING INTENSITY

Women and Children Without Food Hiding in Cellars and Dugouts

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 13.—An emissary of the state forces taking part in the battle which has raged for two days in the Mingo mountains along Tug river, late tonight approached the stronghold of a leader of the mountaineers under a flag of truce and asked that the mountain men cease firing into villages in this region. This information was received here tonight from Chief Deputy Sheriff John Hall, who sent one of his men into the hills to confer with the attacking party.

Hall reported to Sheriff A. C. Pinson that his emissary, carrying a piece of white muslin on a stick, reached the party of men who were raining bullets into a nearby town. The mountaineers respected the white flag and when the deputy made known his mission of peace, according to Hall a leader of the forces opposed to the state officers replied that the hillmen would accept a truce only when the firing from the Kentucky side of the river had ceased.

Three men are reported by state troopers to have been killed today in a terrific battle at McCarr and telephone reports to the office of the New Howard Coal company at Gates, indicated that 40 miners are surrounded by belligerent forces.

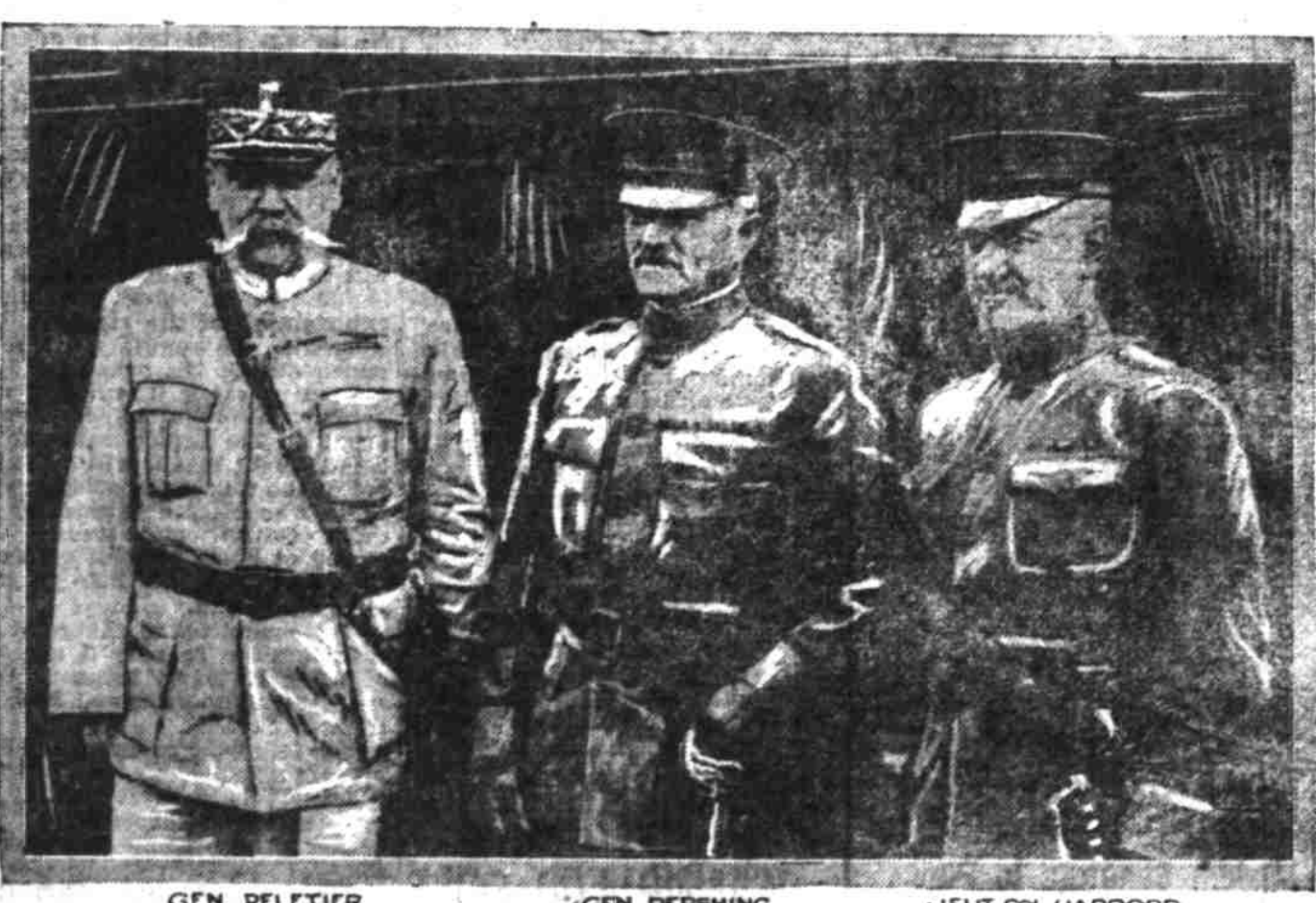
Firing Increases
Captain Brooks, with 15 state police, boarded an engine bound for McCarr at 1 o'clock. The firing is reported increasing in intensity.

The reports from the New Howard company indicated that heavy firing had begun at their mines at Gates, between Matewan and Spruce. Advice to the company relative to the 40 miners being hemmed in, said the men had taken refuge in sheltered spots in their camp and were being subjected to a veritable hail of shots.

Women Terrorized
The mountain battle was general.

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COUSIN OF SALEM WOMAN IS HONORED BY APPOINTMENT TO HIGH POSITION IN ARMY



GEN. PELETIER, GEN. PERSHING, LIEUT. COL. HARBORD

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF RELATIVE OF MRS. DAN FRY

Major General James G. Harbord, whose appointment as assistant to General Pershing as chief of staff of the United States army, as announced yesterday, is a cousin of Mrs. Dan J. Fry of Salem. He is a nephew of Mose Harbord, who many years ago served Salem as chief of police. Pershing's appointment also was announced yesterday.

During the World War General Harbord advanced from the rank of major to that of major general. For a time he was chief of staff to General Pershing in France and then became commander of the supply service of the army. At the battle of Chateau Thierry he was in command of a marine brigade and won his promotion from brigadier general to major general.

General Harbord is described as a very popular officer.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—General Pershing will become chief of the general staff and the actual head of the army July 1, Secretary Weeks announced today. On that date he will relieve Major General Peyton C. March, the present chief of staff.

In addition to his new duties General Pershing will remain head of the general headquarters or war staff of the army, a post recently created for him. He will have as assistant chief of the general staff his old friend and chief of staff in France, Major General James G. Harbord, who will relieve Major General William M. Wright.

Secretary Weeks made it plain that General Pershing will be the real military head of the army. He said that the general would be relieved of administration work by General Harbord and would be "charged with the organization and training of all the elements of the army of the United States, including the national guard and organized reserves."

General Harbord, Mr. Weeks said, will have much broader powers than those formerly exercised by the assistant chief of staff.

2000 TONS OF PUMPKINS WILL BE TREATED BY DEHYDRATION COMPANY

A receiving warehouse, 160 by 60 feet, without a post or floor obstruction to interfere with its best possible utilization, is being built by the Salem Kings Products company on North Front street. The new warehouse is a continuation of the old building, and is being rushed to completion so that it can be ready for this year's packing necessities.

REST ROOM MADE COZY AT DALLAS

Quarters for Farmers and Their Wives Fitted up by Commercial Club

DALLAS, Ore., May 13.—(Special to The Statesman)—The rest room being fitted up by the Dallas Commercial club is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready to receive the farmers and their wives when they come to town to trade, sometime within the next week.

The room is being made as comfortable as possible in every way and no expense is being held back to make it a place where all the comforts of the home may be enjoyed.

In addition to the rest room feature, the farmers will also be able to call up the local merchants and have them leave articles in the parcel room for them when they come to town after business hours.

DRIVE TO START MONDAY MORNING

Everybody in Salem Expected to Give Dollar at Least For Baby Home

Everyone in the city should be willing to give a dollar to help furnish the big new Albertina King Nursery home in Portland, and believing this, the local women in charge of the drive which is to be instituted in Salem beginning Monday morning, have decided to make the drive a dollar campaign, with no one expected to give more than this sum.

The company has an excellent business last year better than some other cannery process companies that had to face the high price of sugar and cans as well as labor and fruit. This year, however, fully as good a year, if not better is expected, for the Salem Kings Products company has been practically a pioneer in the dehydration field, and it has already put over its products with so much class that the market is growing better every minute.

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Unidentified Man Found With Bullet in His Body

OREGON CITY, May 13.—An unidentified man shot just above the heart, was found in a brush park near here tonight by a hunter and other tourists. The man was unconscious but surgeons said there was a chance for his recovery. No weapon was found near him. Search of his clothing failed to reveal anything to show his name.

GOOD CLOTHES AND DIAMONDS AFFORD STRANGER ENTRANCE INTO FAVORS OF LOCAL MEN, BUT POLICE HALT CAREER

EDWIN MARKHAM REMEMBERS DAYS OF CHILDHOOD SPENT ON BANKS OF WILLAMETTE

Friends Search for Maggie Kilburn, Playmate at Oregon City—Incident of Steamboat Lot Whitcomb's Mishap on Sandbar and His Mother's Emergency Poem Is Told

RETAIL PRICE CONTROL PLAN OF SECRETARY

Hoover Will Publish at Regular Intervals Cost Levels As Justified by Existing Conditions.

DEALERS COMPLAIN ABOUT CRITICISM

Cabinet Member Replies By Citing Practices Found in Single City

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Arrangements for the commerce department to publish at regular intervals the retail price levels of standard commodities were made at a conference today between Secretary Hoover and representatives of retailers in various parts of the country.

Figures showing production costs and expenses are to be supplied the department by the retail government to keep the public informed.

The retailers complained of recent criticisms by governmental agencies which charged that retail prices were not being reduced with wholesale cuts. Spokesmen for the merchants declared that making expenses into consideration, retail prices had dropped as quickly as possible.

Mr. Hoover, however, told the conference that he had found prices in a single city varying from war-time levels all the way down to the proper scale under present conditions.

STORES DAMAGED BY DALLAS FIRE

Peoples' Cash Store and Hayter Book Establishment Sufferers

DALLAS, Ore., May 13.—(Special to The Statesman)—Fire breaking out at 3 o'clock this morning seriously damaged the stores of the Peoples' Cash store and the J. C. Hayter book store on Main street. The fire started near an oil tank in the rear of the Peoples' Cash store, and ran up between the walls to the second story of the building which is occupied by a photograph gallery and apartments.

The damage done to the Peoples' Cash store suffered considerable loss by the flames. Hayter's book store was also damaged extensively by water, the nature of the stock making the damage much greater than it would have been otherwise. All concerns carried insurance.

The building owned by Mrs. William Kersey was also protected by insurance. Much excitement was created when the fire was first noticed as several of the occupants of the rooms above the store buildings were forced to flee from their rooms scantily clad.

Six Persons Killed When Freight Cars Are Ditched

EL PASO, Tex., May 13.—Six persons were killed late today when 12 freight cars piled up in a ditch at Eagle Flat, Texas, on the Texas & Pacific railway, according to a report made by train crew. Eagle Flat is 112 miles east of El Paso. A coroner left for the scene of the wreck tonight and has not been identified.

GASOLINE DROPS FOR USERS HERE

Reduction Took Place Yesterday, Decrease General All Over Coast

Who said Friday the Unlucky Thirteenth? It isn't so; gas has dropped 2 cents a gallon on Friday, May 13 almost 7 per cent at one fell swoop.

The reduction took place Friday morning, and the change in the prices stated the gas users in the face as they drove up the accustomed tarring of their pockets inside out for enough gas for the driver.

The reduction in price has been made general all over the coast country. On an assumed use of 800 gallons annually per car, which is probably far too low an estimate—it would mean a saving of \$400,000 for the automobiles of Oregon alone. This tidy little sum is voluntarily put back into the users' pockets by this latest announcement.

No reductions have been announced on lubricating or other oils, according to E. H. Todd, manager of the Standard Oil company in Salem.

COMPLETE HOME IS ON WHEELS

Elaborate Traveling Equipment Carries Therkelsens of Portland

Mr. and Mrs. A. Baublets and family of Los Angeles who left home nearly two years ago and have spent all of the time since then on the road arrived at the Salem camp grounds last night. The Baublets have visited in 21 states and in Mexico. They will return home by way of Klamath Falls.

"The most complete house on wheels that has visited the camp this season," was the opinion of Superintendent T. G. Albert when Mr. and Mrs. Therkelsen and daughter of Portland drove into the grounds yesterday to spend the night and look over Salem and surrounding country, glad to return to their home state after a winter in California.

The Therkelsens visited the Salem camp last July on their way south.

Other registrants yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Martin and family, Portland, for the day; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hapwood, Albany, home from a business trip through the Puget Sound cities; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hermens, San Francisco, to Seattle and return; Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Smith, Portland, to southern Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hollenbeck, Portland, to southern Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Taylor, Graham, Wyo., to Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. T. Thomas and daughter, Medford to eastern Oregon; H. W. Collett and A. Hall, Seattle, on business trip through the valley.

Four Enlisted Men Are Killed by Explosion

LAWTON, Okla., May 13.—Four enlisted men of the seventh ordnance division, attached at Fort Sill, Okla., were instantly killed today when 500 pounds of black powder, condemned and ordered destroyed, exploded prematurely. The men literally were blown to pieces. Search continuing until darkness resulted in the finding only of fragments of the bodies.

The dead are: Private Luther D. Gee, 21, Snyder, Okla.; Private James W. Talley, 26, Vulean, Mo.; Private David C. Monroe, 20, Elizabeth, N. J.; Royal J. Clark, 20, Cedarville, Ia.

H. Sugermon Taken into Custody Late Yesterday And Charge Filed After Word From Denver.

PRISONER CLAIMS TO BE BUYER OF WOOL

Willard Patterson in Custody On Charge of Passing Bad Checks

Believed to be playing the forgery game with a high hand, a man giving his name as H. Sugermon was taken in custody about 6 o'clock last night, and later placed under arrest by Chief of Police Moffitt after he had received a wire from Denver apparently confirming his suspicions.

Well dressed and bedecked with diamonds, Sugermon is said to have told a most convincing story to Clifford Brown, saying that he was a wool buyer and intended buying up a carload here. It was through the Ladd & Bush bank that he wished to conduct his business, Sugermon said, and accordingly wished to be presented to the bank officials. He was taken to the bank and introduced by Mr. Brown.

Merchant Suspicious. With the assurance that money would be available in a few days at the bank here, Sugermon was allowed to cash a check for \$30 at Schei's clothing store. Mr. Schei, however, became suspicious and phoned to the police and Officer

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Markham expressed a wish to locate Maggie and his friends here are trying to find some trace of her.

He spoke of his mother who was a storekeeper and leading poet of Oregon during most of the years he lived on the banks of the Willamette as a lad.

Boat Sticks on Bar. "I remember one time a steamboat called the Lot Whitcomb got stuck on a sandbar while on a trip up to Oregon City," the poet said. "This caused a great deal of excitement in our little village, but after a while the boat

SCORES IN COAST BASEBALL

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Motorcycle Tutor's Wagon Stops and Pupil Who Owes for New One Keeps Going, Warrant Is Issued

A motorcycle shows much the same disposition as its elder brother, the automobile, when it comes to refusing to go at the most inopportune time, and it appears to make little difference whether it is a Reading Standard or a Harley Davidson, though this incident given on the police blotter yesterday clearly named the offender this time.

A day or so ago a man giving his name as Jerry McLane, but who it seems should have said Perry McLean, walked into the Motorcycle Supply company's store in Portland and asked to buy a motorcycle.