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MEXICO FREED 100 YEARS AGO

Southern Republic Celebrates Centennial of Independence Today.

WHOLE NATION JOINS IN OBSERVING THE DAY

Celebration on Magnificent Scale All Over Diaz's Dominion - Eclipses Anything Undertaken by Mexicans - Diaz Orders All Citizens to Clean-up and Peasantry Presents Prosperous Appearance - Other Nations Are Represented.

City of Mexico, Sept. 16.—A deafening salute, which rattled the windows and awakened the echoes of grim and grisly old Chapultepec, brought out into the streets of the capital today a motley, swarming throng of merry-makers in holiday array, bent on properly celebrating the great day, the day of days in the history of the republic. Here where Spaniards once lorded over the people, where Yankee soldiers from the north once raised the Stars and Stripes, where the ill-starred Maximilian won and lost an empire, a hundred years of independence were rounded out today.

Just one hundred years ago Hidalgo, a patriot priest, rang a village bell and proclaimed to the assembled people the independence of Mexico from Spanish domination. Then followed wars and revolutions, plots and counterplots, and foreign invasions, and freedom was little more than a name until the soldier Diaz seized an iron grasp upon the reins of government. At times a dictator, often a tyrant, he has succeeded in making Mexico a power among the nations of the world.

Every Year Sept. 16 is observed in Mexico as Independence Day, but today's centennial celebration is on a scale of magnificence heretofore undreamed of. Pageantry and display of which any city and nation might well be proud, coupled with music, grand opera, military maneuvers, sports and pastimes of every kind known to the Mexicans, including the inevitable bull fight, fill the day's program to overflowing.

Nearly every important nation of the world has sent official representatives to join in the festive occasion. Curtis Guild, of Massachusetts, is the special ambassador representing President Taft, and a distinguished party of senators and representatives and thousands of American tourists joined in the demonstrations.

General Cleanup. In preparation for today's grand culmination of the centennial a general house-cleaning has been going on for months throughout the republic. In the capital all of the streets and public buildings have been cleaned and burnished, and nearly every block in the city is resplendent in a new coat of paint.

Tourists who have read of the habits and appearance of the lower Mexican class are greatly surprised to find even the poorest well clothed in European or American clothing and "of a pleasant odor." Mexicans who have heretofore bathed only once a year, on the day of St. John the Baptist, are now as clean as dally abluitions for weeks could make them.

If President Taft should direct the American people to take daily baths, shave every other day and wear certain kinds of cloths, probably every American from Portland to Portland would fairly revel in dirt and whiskers and outlandish garb, merely by way of showing independence. In Mexico, things are different, and when Diaz ordered a general clean-up, the sovereign citizens of the republic, free and independent, hastened to obey. Those too poor to obey the order were provided with free baths, shaves, hair-cuts and laundries. Those who fail to come up to the required standard in the way of personal cleanliness are unceremoniously banished from view by the police. Beggars who at other

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WILBUR WRIGHT HAS NEW AERIAL WONDER.

Boston, Sept. 16.—It was learned today that Wilbur Wright has been working on two propeller aeroplanes that will beat anything so far constructed. The machine, it is claimed, will out speed the Blériot monoplane and be like a "kite in a wind storm." Wright's new model is a monoplane and will probably be given its first public trial at the international meet at Long Island in October. Walter Brookings, Wright's pupil, will probably drive it.

EAST END STRONG AGAINST ASSEMBLY

That the sentiment in the east end of the county is almost solidly anti-assembly and pro-statement No. 1 is the declaration of R. W. Henneman, who came back from that section this morning after having attended an enthusiastic rally at Vincent school house. At the meeting which was well attended, enthusiastic addresses were made by T. B. Kay and A. M. Crawford and by some eight or ten local candidates for republican nominations. Messrs. Shepherd and Abraham did not go with the party to the east end of the county.

An interesting feature of the meeting at Vincent was a sharp colloquy between Representative C. A. Barrett, statement No. 1 candidate for the nomination for joint senator, and S. F. Wilson, assembly candidate for that nomination. It was started when Wilson accused Barrett of having done all "that modesty permitted" towards asking for the assembly nomination himself. This charge Barrett hotly denied and defied his opponent to produce any proof of the statement. The applause showed the temper of the meeting to be plainly favorable to Barrett.

Among the local candidates at the meeting and who spoke aside from the two just mentioned were Messrs. Henneman, Kern, Hendley, Gilliland, S. D. Peterson, Wellman and Cockburn. Attorney Neil of Freewater presided at the meeting.

INDEPENDENT PHONE LINE IN PENDLETON

COMPANY WILL ONLY ASK FOR FRANCHISE

Representative of Independent Telephone Company in City and Says He is Ready to Install System—Postal Telegraph Will Also Enter.

That Pendleton will have a second telephone company in operation and that too within the not distant future now seems entirely probable.

O. Morsman, an independent telephone man who is connected with the Kellogg Switchboard & Supply company of Chicago, arrived in the city last night and is now conferring with the different members of the city council relative to a franchise. Morsman, who has been in Pendleton several times before, says all that he asks from the city council is the regulation telephone franchise and declares that he will do the rest.

Morsman's plan is to put in an independent telephone company, some of the stock in which he will expect to sell to local people, but a large part of which will be sold on the outside. According to the promoter, Pendleton people will not be compelled to do anything more than accept better service from his company at lower rates than they secure from the Pacific company. Those who wish to buy stock in the concern will be given an opportunity to do so.

"We will be compelled to pass through, or by, Pendleton with our long distance line enroute to Portland and we can therefore handle an exchange in Pendleton to advantage," he said.

Morsman says they have exchanges in Spokane, Boise, La Grande, and Baker City as well as all through Montana and the middle west and he claims that they are gradually working westward to the coast. Everywhere they go connections are made with farmer lines and all other independent companies but the Pacific company is regarded strictly as a rival and competitor.

Will Mean Rival Telegraph Company. The coming of the independent telephone company to this city will also bring competition in the telegraph business into the local field for with the telephone company will come the Postal Telegraph company, says Mr. Morsman.

Since the council several weeks ago unanimously voted to invite outside companies or people to apply for telephone franchises in this city and since there seems to be much dissatisfaction with the present service, it is altogether probable that the franchise will be granted. It will then be up to Morsman to make good.

FOREST FIRES IN WHATCOM COUNTY DYING OUT

Bellingham, Sept. 15.—Unless a gale springs up, the forest fires in Whatcom county which have caused havoc this week will lie out without further damage. Reports today from Custer where the town was endangered last night say that the situation is relieved by backfiring and that the danger is practically over.

GIRL IS CHARGED WITH THEFT OF LARGE AMOUNT

Louisville, Sept. 15.—Miss Gladys Morgan of Chicago, was arrested here today charged with stealing \$20,000. The alleged victim is said to be a Chicago merchant whose name is withheld.

NO RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA

Prominent Member of Dominion's Cabinet Opposes Agreement With U. S.

SAYS HIS COUNTRY CAN GAIN NOTHING

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Declares Prosperity of Canada Would Be Retarded by Reciprocity With Our Country—Says United States Wants Treaty Now Because Her Own Resources Are Limited—Declares Canada Could Gain Nothing.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 15.—"I think the prosperity of Canada would be retarded by reciprocity with the United States, especially if that policy is extended to manufactured articles," said Sir Mackenzie Bowell, for 13 years a member of Canada's cabinet, today. He said the time for reciprocity with the United States was past now that his country is getting on without it. He said: "You will remember how in 1864 the United States repealed a reciprocity treaty with Canada. She believed then that Canada would be unable to find an outlet for trade and would seek annexation. The United States is willing to make concessions now. Why? Because her politicians recognize that the United States is rapidly exhausting her resources and they must fall back on Canada for raw material. If a reciprocity agreement is signed what good would it do Canada? Our raw material will be shipped to the U. S., manufactured there and then returned to us. What good would capital expended there do us? None?"

GOVERNOR FRANK BENSON BEGGED TO COME HOME

Salem, Ore., Sept. 15.—An effort is being made by friends of Governor Frank Benson to persuade him to return to Salem before the state-wide primaries. Governor Benson is now living in seclusion in Marin county, across the bay from San Francisco. He was operated on several weeks ago and a growth removed from his nose.

According to Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, who returned from San Francisco recently, the governor's condition has improved much since the operation, and the surgeons look for his complete recovery, although he will be permanently disfigured.

It is said that Benson is anxious to return to Oregon but that his physicians refuse to allow it, contending that the excitement of the campaign would be injurious to him.

JOHN LIND DEFINITELY REFUSES NOMINATION

St. Paul, Sept. 15.—It was learned today that former Governor John Lind, democratic convention nominee for governor, will decline to run for the last time today and that James Gray, editorial writer on the Minneapolis Journal, will be nominated instead. The state central committee will soon meet to ratify Gray's candidacy. Lind has endorsed Gray and his action was a surprise as it was thought he was bluffing when he refused the nomination two months ago.

Reggie Vanderbilt Recovering.

Newport, Sept. 15.—Reginald Vanderbilt, who has been ill for the last three weeks is home here and recovering rapidly. It was rumored he had been shot by a man but this was denied by his family. It is officially given out that he has typhoid fever.

PENDLETON GIRLS WILL RIDE IN WESTWARD HO!

The "cowgirl" parade with fifty girls in costume on horseback will be one of the big features of the Westward Ho! pageant at the Round-up. Chairman Paul Sperry has enlisted the services of Deputy Sheriff George Strand and James Sturgis for this feature and they are meeting with wonderful success in securing girls and women to ride. The great problem now seems to be to find mounts for the riders, but this problem will probably be solved without difficulty.

The present plan is to have half a hundred women on horseback, but if horses can be secured this number will be increased. No attempt will be made to secure uniform costumes, but characteristic cowboy garbs of different kinds will be in vogue. Slouch hats, "hickory" shirts and kahlki skirts are expected to form the most

DOES NOT WANT A SECOND TERM

President Keeps Mind Off of 1912 Campaign and Does Not Want Renomination

THINKS PERHAPS ONLY ONE REPUBLICAN COULD WIN

New York Times Prints Dispatch Quoting Chief Executive to Effect That He is Not Thinking of 1912—Is Annoyed by Roosevelt's Actions, Insurgent Movement and Refusal of Republican Conventions to Indorse Administration.

New York, Sept. 15.—President Taft is not thinking of the 1912 campaign and probably does not desire a second nomination, according to the New York Times today. The Times prints a special dispatch in which Taft is quoted as having said to a friend recently: "I'm not thinking of 1912. In fact I don't know that I desire renomination from the way things are drifting. I think maybe no republican can be elected, save probably one." The Times continues, saying the president's remark has been repeated until his attitude is common property and in concluding, says: "The chief idea of the president is to fulfill his party pledges. He has kept a studied silence on political topics but it is no secret that he is much discouraged. Roosevelt's course undoubtedly has annoyed him as has the triumph of the insurgents and the refusal of some republican conventions to endorse the administration."

Roosevelt Won't Discuss It.

New York, Sept. 15.—Colonel Roosevelt today resumed his editorial duties. He was willing to discuss anything but the report that Taft will not run again if the colonel decides to run for the presidency. It is generally believed that Roosevelt will run and that Taft is paving the way for a graceful exit at the close of his term.

No Official Statement.

Beverly, Sept. 15.—Concerning the reports that Taft would not seek the renomination, Secretary Norton today refused to issue any statement despite the requests of scores of newspaper men.

PORTLAND REAL ESTATE MEN IN PENDLETON

Messrs. Thompson, Needham and Fletcher who are representing the Dove Thompson Co., 420 Board of Trade building of Portland are again in town selling the remaining lots in West Portland Park addition. Mr. Thompson says he is glad to come back to Pendleton and report to the many buyers here in this addition that developments in South-west Portland where the property is located are very gratifying. He also says several who bought without seeing the property have since gone to Portland and increased their holdings while there.

Another 24-Hour Race.

New York, Sept. 15.—Another twenty-four hour race will be held today and tomorrow on the Brighton Beach racetrack under the auspices of the Motor Racing association.

Mrs. Anna Selkirk-Norton returned to Walla Walla, last evening after having spent the day in Pendleton.

AUTO LIES HELD UP NEAR PORTLAND

Portland, Sept. 15.—Two masked bandits held up and robbed two parties of motorists just outside of Oregon City last night on the highway leading to Portland and secured loot worth several hundred dollars, then disappeared so effectually that the police have no clue to their identity today. A. W. Cheney, and family of six, were the first victims. Robbers placed a huge plank across the road and when the machine stopped, they leaped out of the bushes. Cheney surrendered a few dollars, his wife her diamond rings and watch valued at \$200. John Gibbon and his wife were next stopped at the same place. Gibbon relinquished a valuable watch and some money and his wife her diamond rings and ear rings, valued at \$450. They were then ordered to proceed. The police believe young novices were the robbers.

PRIVATE IRRIGATION PLANT COSTS \$200,000

Vale, Or.—S. W. Gould is spending \$200,000 on one of the largest private irrigation enterprises in Malheur county. The lands to be watered lay near the Skull Springs. The big concrete dam will store enough water for the irrigation of between 1500 and 2000 acres of land owned by Mr. Gould. Nearly all the ditches of the project are completed.

MORE EXCURSION RATES FOR ROUNDUP

O. R. & N. COMPANY ENLARGES ZONE OF SPECIAL RATES

Railroad Extends Territory Over Which West Show—Idaho Country Included—Prize Saddle Exhibited in Portland.

Special excursion rates for the Round-up have been extended by the O. R. & N. company so as to cover more territory than first announced. All points on the main and branch lines in this state from The Dalles to the eastern terminus of the road, all points on the lines between this city and Walla Walla and between Umatilla and Walla Walla and all points on the Camas Prairie lines in Washington and Idaho now come within the special excursion rate zone. The extension to the Camas prairie lines is considered important since that will include the Lewiston and Grangeville country in northern Idaho and the committee has assurance the attendance from that part of the northwest will be large.

The minimum round trip excursion rate is \$1 for adults and fifty cents for children. The rates from points more distant will be one and one-third. This same rate will apply to Spokane and Portland for one day, tickets being placed on sale in those cities Friday, September 30. The return date for all tickets will be October 3, regardless of the date on which they are sold.

The Northern Pacific has announced special rates of one and one-third for points on its lines as far north as Ritzville and North Yakima and it is expected that for one day, the same rate will be put in effect for the benefit of Seattle people.

Prize Saddle Sent to Portland.

The \$75 saddle manufactured at the Power harness shop and to be presented by that firm to the winner of the wild horse race was sent to Portland yesterday to be exhibited. The saddle will be placed in the general ticket office of the railroad company on the corner of Third and Washington and in that position will serve as an advertisement to the 100,000 people who pass that office daily. The saddle is a beauty in point of workmanship and will serve as a handsome advertisement to the makers of the saddle as well as for the Round-up.

The saddle will be left in Portland about a week and will then be brought back to Pendleton and placed on exhibition in the window of the Power Harness company.

SECRETARY BALLINGER WILL NOT TALK OF POLITICS

Spokane, Sept. 15.—Secretary Ballinger was interviewed here today enroute to Washington, to attend the first cabinet meeting, but said he had nothing to say regarding politics or the recent outcome of the Washington state primaries. He likewise refused to talk concerning the president's sudden change of attitude in giving back patronage to insurgents there by recognizing them as a part of the party.

CLEVELAND IS SIXTH LARGEST CITY IN THE U. S.

Washington, Sept. 15.—The population of Cleveland was announced today as 560,663, an increase of 46.9 per cent. This makes Cleveland the sixth city in this country.

FOR DEFENSE OF OUR COAST

Expected Fortifications and National Guards of Pacific Will Be Reorganized.

M'LACHLAN INTRODUCES RESOLUTION TO WOOD

California Congressman Declares Whole Pacific Coast to Rocky Mountains is Practically Defenseless and Attributes Situation to Lack of Competent Army Officers—Gen. Wood Will Undertake Reorganization.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—A gigantic scheme for the entire reorganization of the Pacific coast for fortification to the national guard is being considered by the general staff of the United States army following the startling disclosures of lack of preparations for defense is expected in response to a resolution which Congressman McLaughlin, of California, introduced to General Wood, chief of staff, which lays the blame for what is termed the deplorable condition on the lack of competent army officers. The situation of the regular army is bad, but in the national guard it is worse," said the general. It is planned to begin the reorganization by making the national guards more effective. The resolution declares the entire coast to the Rockies is virtually defenseless and that such defenses existing are of an almost obsolete type.

THE CRIPPEN CASE.

Another Blow Administered to Case of the Crown.

London, Sept. 15.—Witnesses for the crown, Doctors W. W. Wilcox and B. Spillbury, administered another blow to the case against Crippen today when they testified they could not determine the sex of the lime eaten body found in the basement of Crippen's home. Wilson said he found traces of poison, hyoscin, which he said caused death. Mme. Leneve and Crippen were both pleased and Crippen smiled when the physicians testified. Because the prisoners are now allowed to talk together, it is generally believed the crown feels that the case is falling. Wilcox admitted it is impossible to tell how long the body had been in the basement and also testified he found powder containing hyoscin and arsenic in the basement which had been used by morgue officials.

ILLINOIS RETURNS.

Accused Democrats Renominated—Cannon's Majority Cut Down.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Twenty one of the thirty one democrats who voted for Lorimer, republican, for senator, have been nominated for seats in the Illinois legislature, according to the latest returns today from the primaries. Among them are Lee O'Neill Browne, recently acquitted of a charge of legislative bribery; Senator John Broderick, Robert Wilson and Representative Shepard. The latter three, it is alleged, are also connected with a bribery in the legislature. The insurgents carried three congressional districts, ninth, eleventh and thirteenth. Speaker Cannon was renominated but his plurality was reduced.

BRYAN BOTH COMMENDS AND CENSURES ROOSEVELT

Lincoln, Sept. 15.—W. J. Bryan in the Commoner today says while some persons may question the good taste of T. R. in refusing to sit at the table with Lorimer at the Chicago banquet, this phase of the incident will probably be overlooked because of the distinct public service the colonel rendered when he emphasized the fact that men profiting publicly by bribery are "unfit for the society of honest men." The Commoner scores T. R. for not taking a more prominent part in the campaign for La Follette's renomination.

ATTACKS GIRL AFTER BEATING PROTECTORS

Newark, Ok., Sept. 15.—The entire district is aroused and posses are searching for an unidentified man who attacked Alice Sheppard, aged 13 after he had beaten the girl's father and young brother unconscious with a heavy club. The child's screams brought help, but her assailant escaped. The father is in a critical condition and it is believed his skull is fractured. The child's condition is serious. It is believed there will be a lynching if the man is caught.