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ARMY TO FIRE ON MEXICANS IF SHOTS GO ACROSS BORDER

DOUGLAS IS MUCH EXCITED

Reported that Federals are on Way to Attack the Rebels at Agua Prieta.

RESIDENTS OF DOUGLAS PREPARE TO SEE BATTLE

United States Soldiers Blockade the Border and Allow No One to Pass—Captain Guajot Warns Federal and Rebels Not to Shoot Across International Line—London Newspapers Urge That United States Troops Cross Rio Grande and Make Intervention—Say Taft Was Justified in Warning Mexico.

Douglas, April 15.—Following the report that 1200 federals near Agua Prieta are coming to attack the 1100 rebels now holding the town, Captain Guajot of the United States army blockaded the international border today and allowed no one to pass. He gave the rebels notification that if any shots go across the border it will mean prompt reprisal by the American troops, and he will give the federals the same notice. Douglas is wildly excited and despite the warning of Captain Guajot to keep away they are prepared to approach the border to witness the expected battle.

Regulars Ordered Out. San Diego, Cal., April 15.—The brigade of regulars at Grossmont near San Diego will leave on a five days hike with ample provisions and two fifty rounds of ammunition to each man. General Bliss refused to divulge the destination of the brigade. Five days marching would bring the troops exactly to Calexico.

Taft Sends Ultimatum. Washington, April 15.—It is undoubted that Taft believes the situation is critical following the receipt of a cipher message from Douglas the president conferred long with the heads of state, war and justice departments and today sent ultimatum and federalis warning near the line. This action was partly caused by the attitude of Europe as the condition is such that the Monroe doctrine is virtually on trial, as under it Europe looks to the United States to safeguard her property and lives of European subjects in Mexico and the failure to do so might result in Europe taking invading action themselves.

Invasion Considered Near. American invasion in Mexico is declared by many officials here today to be nearer than ever before. It is learned that explicit orders have been sent Captain Guajot at Douglas to notify Mexican warriors that any shooting into the American territory means that Americans will cross the line and make an effective stand to end the dangers to Americans.

Cavalry Ordered to Douglas. President Taft today ordered four troops of cavalry to be sent to Douglas from the nearest station.

London Papers Comment. London, April 15.—Declaring that only American intervention can pre-

vent anarchy in Mexico, newspapers in London today urge that United States troops cross the Rio Grande. Military experts quoted in lengthy opinions that Taft will be forced to order an invasion. The British foreign office is plainly excited by the situation and the general opinion is that the rebels seek intervention, as the border patrol has largely cut off their supplies. Most of the papers declare that President Taft's warning to Mexicans to quit fighting where it endangers Americans, was justified.

Insurgents Wire Taft. Agua Prieta, April 15.—The insurgents wired Taft today that they would as far as possible prevent the wounding of Americans when the fighting is resumed.

Big Crowd to See Lewis. Paris, April 15.—Billed as the pugilistic big noise of the year in the French capital, tonight's fight between Harry Lewis and Willie Lewis has put the Parisians on the qui vive and all of the seats have been sold far in advance. Many men and women prominent in the society of the gay capital will be at the ringside to witness the encounter.

STATE LOSES ONE OF ITS BUILDINGS

OLD ROBERTS' HOUSE BURNED TO THE GROUND Defective Flue Causes Fire—Was Occupied by W. M. Wolf and Family—Captain Murphy Saves Household Goods But Could Not Quench Flames.

Through a fire started as the result of a defective flue the big frame building on the branch asylum site and which formerly belonged to George Roberts was burned to the ground shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. Nothing could be done to save the building as the structure was beyond the city limits and outside the reach of the fire department.

At the time of the fire the building was occupied by W. M. Wolf and family. Mr. Wolf is in the express business while Mrs. Wolf is a school teacher. They were occupying the property when it was sold by George Roberts to the state and were given permission to remain until June.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Wolf in the upper portion of the house. She immediately closed the door of the room and rushing to the phone called Captain Murphy who was at the Oliver place.

Saved Household Goods. Jumping into his auto Captain Murphy quickly reached the scene and took up the work of saving the household goods of the Wolf family. Practically all the household effects were saved but it was impossible to do anything to stave the flames. At 2:30 the structure had burned to the ground.

As the state carries no insurance upon its property the fire will involve a loss to the extent of the value of the building. It was the intention of the state board to use the Roberts building as quarters for workmen on the branch asylum buildings.

The burned building was erected along about 1893 by Jake Platter who owned the place at that time. The house cost in the neighborhood of \$2000. It was purchased by Mr. Roberts some years ago and passed to the state when the board bought the Roberts tract for asylum purposes.

After fifteen years of planning and labor, Isaac Jay, the well known local blacksmith, has perfected an invention which he thinks is destined to revolutionize the manufacture of wheels for all rolling vehicles. He has applied for a patent and his papers are now in Washington ready for the signatures which will give him governmental protection.

LOCAL BLACK SMITH INVENTS NEW WHEEL FOR AUTOMOBILES

Mr. Jay's invention consists of a steel spring spoke which he thinks will take up the jar and do away with pneumatic tires. His model, which he has on display at his shop on Cottonwood street, is designed for a Maxwell runabout and has a cushion rubber tire. The spokes are made of steel curved into a half circle, which gives the wheel considerable spring and, according to a number of automobile men who have examined it, makes the wheel stronger than the old wooden one. It is calculated to take up all of the jar, for which pur-

INSURRECTO FIRES AT COLONEL DE CLAIRMONT

San Francisco, April 15.—The police are searching today for the alleged insurrecto who last night fired three shots at Colonel DeClairmont who was here for the purpose of purchasing explosives for the Mexican government. Clairmont also fired thrice. He received no injuries.

NOTED TRAIN ROBBER FREED FROM PRISON

Sacramento, April 14.—Cris Evans the noted bandit and train robber was freed from the Folsom prison today on parole after serving 14 years of a life sentence. Failing health prompted the leniency.

SPOKANE WILL HAVE WOMEN POLICE OFFICERS

Spokane, Wash., April 15.—Spokane will have women police officers in its public parks this summer if the recommendations of Colonel W. J. C. Wakefield, acting president and members of the park commission are carried out. The commission has prepared rules and regulations, which will be submitted to the city commissioners for approval, and it is expected that the appointment of women police will be made early next month.

Colonel Wakefield says that while the primary purpose is to have women as police officers on the grounds where many children assemble, he believes the plan can be carried out successfully in other public parks. The commissioners will not say that the women to be appointed are to wear special uniforms, but it is learned from another source that distinctive dress will be worn by the officers. Spokane has 14 parks in various parts of the city, the total acreage being 712, most of which was acquired through gifts by residents of the city. The commission will soon have a fund of \$1,000,000, voted at a recent election, to extend and improve the park system.

Another "White Hope."

Melbourne, April 15.—Another "white hope," Jack Lester by name, will be given a try-out before the Australian fight fans tomorrow, with Bill Lang as his opponent. The fight is to go twenty rounds. Tommy Burns discovered Lester and has been booming him as the man who will take the heavyweight title away from Jack Johnson.

4500 COLONISTS IN CLOSING DAY RUSH

The colonist season closed Friday with a grand flourish, says the Portland Journal. Over one road, the O.-W. R. & N., a total of 1095 people were brought into the state on three trains, one of which, No. 17, with 417 passengers, will not arrive until tonight. Although not so definitely compiled, figures from the Northern Pacific and Great Northern offices show that the arrivals of the last two days in Portland have approached 5000.

On No. 5 over the O.-W. R. & N. 358 colonists arrived today and on No. 17, with 12 cars, 318 people arrived at 3 o'clock this morning, the train having been delayed more than seven hours.

All the trains of yesterday and today were made up in two sections. Most of the colonists are coming with the determination of staying in Oregon. Like the thousands who have preceded them during the colonist rush just closing they intend making homes in the Willamette valley, the coast counties, central or southern Oregon. The commercial organizations in every Oregon town have been receiving the newcomers and are going to no small expense to see that they are located as satisfactorily as possible.

"I want the privilege of saying one last word about these colonists," said William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N. and Southern Pacific companies, yesterday. "These people are in Oregon, brought here at the expense of a great amount of advertising of our resources and the inducement that they can make better homes here and be more prosperous than they have been in the places when they came. Having advertised that Oregon has the goods, we must deliver them. Otherwise our advertising is a loss and not an investment. It will be well worth the effort of every commercial organization in Oregon to co-operate in making the colonists at home. If this is done, the next summer will see thousands of new homes, not so much in the cities as in the country—the land that has been needing people."

BODY COMING NORTH TONIGHT

Wife of Dead Secretary of State is Ill From Long Vigil by Side of Husband.

SUCCESSOR-TO-BE IS A REPUBLICAN

Under Orders from Governor West Official Courtesies Will Be Shown at Burial of Departed Former Governor—Office is Now Closed Out of Respect and Will Remain Closed Until After Funeral.

Redlands, Calif., April 15.—Accompanied by Mrs. Benson and Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, the body of the late Secretary of State Benson will be taken to Roseburg, Oregon for burial. They depart tonight. Mrs. Benson is ill on account of the long strain of nursing, but is not confined to bed.

Under instructions from Governor Oswald West and executed by Adjutant General Finzer a military escort will meet the funeral party at the California line and accompany the remains to Roseburg. Out of respect to the memory of the dead secretary the office of secretary of state is now closed and will remain closed until after the funeral.

Oleott a Republican.

Ben W. Oleott, of Bend, Crook county, who will be named to succeed Secretary Benson, is a republican in politics and was the manager of Governor West's campaign last fall. He is also a close friend of State Treasurer Kay and so will be in sympathy with the policies of the present "progressive" board.

Oleott is regarded as an excellent office director and his life work and training peculiarly fit him for the work he will be obliged to assume. He is about the same age as Governor West, about 37 years old. He came to Oregon from Kethsburg, Ill., his home at present being in south-eastern Crook county, where he owns extensive farm lands. He came to Salem from Kethsburg in 1890, and was given employment by William Brown & Co., dealers in hops and wool. Afterwards he accepted employment in the banking house of Ladd & Bush. He returned east and started a bank with his father at Kethsburg, but sold out and returned west again.

He went to Alaska with Captain Barnett, founder of the city of Fairbanks. He bought gold dust in the main barrett. He knows every foot of Oregon, having tramped over it on hunting, prospecting and exploring expeditions. He loves outdoor life. He was appointed upon the recommendation of Governor West by Governor Chamberlain to assist the state in extricating the tangled affairs of the Title Guarantee & Trust company. He was afterwards employed by the surety company that was bonded to the state in that affair and was also employed by Ladd & Tilton to assist R. S. Howard in the receivership of the Title Guarantee & Trust company afterwards. In late years he has employed himself improving his Crook county ranch and came to Salem last fall to help elect Oswald West governor and has been here ever since. He recently formed a partnership with J. W. Ferguson, of Portland, expert accountant.

Heads Are Likely to Fall.

Oleott's appointment will doubtless mean a great many changes in the state house. The secretary of state is custodian of the state house and grounds. He employs a great deal of help. Whether there will be any changes in the heads of any of the institutions it is too early to predict, but some are freely talked of today. At any rate material changes in the direction of affairs at Salem are bound to result through Mr. Benson's death.

"THE SQUAWMAN" PROVIDED ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE

With Lee Willard in the leading role the "Squawman" was presented at the Oregon last evening and it is very safe to say that practically all who saw the performance were highly pleased. In the "Squawman" as dramatized, there is a play of much force and interest. It appeals especially to westerners. Though in reality a squawman is no object of hero worship, the particular squawman depicted in the play is a specimen of manhood that leaves little to be desired. The cast is also good. Lee Willard is not a star of great magnitude, but he is a very fair actor and he has good support. Especially is this true of the buckaroo boys in the cast. As Big Bill, Frederick Montoy would be hard to beat. Wayne Ross as "Cash Hawkins" the bad man, is a nifty villain. Others in the cast also do creditable work.

J. E. BEEBE FORGES CHECK FOR \$35

J. E. Beebe has discovered that it does not pay to issue checks and sign another man's name even if that other man is his father. He is now in the county jail facing a charge of forgery although he claims that he intended to place enough money in the bank of Hermiston upon which the checks were issued to cancel the checks. He passed five different checks in Pendleton day before yesterday aggregating \$35, but when they were presented to a local bank they looked suspicious. A communication with the bank in Hermiston revealed the fact that the checks were a forgery. Sheriff Taylor was notified at once and picked up the young man just as he was about to board a train. His father whose name was forged refuses to help him out of his trouble.

CHARGED WITH USING CHICAGO FIRE FUNDS

Chicago, April 15.—Charging that Harlow Higginbotham, retired capitalist and chairman of the stock yards fire fund, with having invested money and refusing to make cash dividends, the widows and orphans of the fire victims have filed an application for appointment of a receiver for the \$211,000. Some say they are destitute and demand an immediate distribution.

WOOL SALES DAYS HAVE BEEN NAMED

MOST WOOLGROWERS TO HOLD THEIR CLIPS

Executive Committee of State Association Fixes Dates for Sales After Buyers Decline to Do So—Buyers Not Yet in the Field.

By action of the executive committee of the State Woolgrowers' association the sales days for this spring have been set and today Secretary Dan P. Smythe announced the dates to be as follows:

- Pendleton—May 23-June 9. Pilot Rock—May 26-June 10. Echo—May 24. Heppner—June 1-June 22. Vale—June 12. Ontario—June 14. Shaniko—June 6-June 27. Baker City—June 16. Enterprise and Wallowa County—June 30-July 11.

Many to Hold.

This year the dates for the sales days have been set by the sheepmen themselves without the assistance of the buyers who in the past have been cooperating in the matter. The buyers, declined to share in the work of arranging the sales days this year on the plea that the sales were not successful last season. However, it appears at this time that the majority of the woolmen will hold their clips for the sales days. Thus far the buyers are not in the field and there has been no contracting of clips in advance of shearing.

According to Secretary Smythe it is possible some changes may be made in the schedule of days. It may be determined later to hold a sales at the new town of Madras in Crook county.

AMBASSADOR RESIGNS ON ACCOUNT FINANCIAL DRAIN

New York, April 15.—Inability to withstand the financial drain of maintaining an elaborate establishment required of an American ambassador was today assigned as the reason for the resignation of Dr. Hill as the United States Berlin representative. Hill, who has been visiting in New York, will return to Germany May 1, to arrange the affairs for the new ambassador.

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS SOLD TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK

By action of the school board taken today the \$100,000 bond issue for the erection of a new high school and the completion of the Lincoln school has been sold the First National Bank of Pendleton. The bonds sold at par and draw interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent. They run for a period of ten years and the board will have the option of another ten year's extension when that time arrives.

When bids for the bonds were opened by the school board today it was found that four concerns had bid for the bond issue. Both local banks had bid and there were two outside bidders. The bid of the First National bank, which was submitted by Cashier G. M. Rice being the lowest submitted was accepted. The bonds were

DEBATE BEGINS ON RECIPROCITY

Passage is Seemingly Certain Kitchen of North Carolina First Speaker.

NEW IMMIGRATION BILL WOULD EXCLUDE ASIATICS

Resolution is Introduced by Representative Hays Who Says That the Continuous Influx of Asiatic Laborers to Pacific Coast Has Menaced the Standard of American Workmen—Would Mean the Exclusion of All Japanese—Kitchen Says in Speech That Democrats Will Stand by President in Reciprocity

Washington, April 15.—With its passage seemingly certain, the house today began the consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill as presented by Representative Underwood. Representative Kitchen, democrat, of North Carolina, opened the general debate.

Kitchen declared that republican "constructive statesmanship," was really destructive. He said: "No leader of the republicans dare to commend the president for his action. Dailzel in his report on the reciprocity bill, denounces the president as the leader for turning traitor and adopting the democratic principles. We shall stand by the president. We always have supported a republican president when he is right. The republicans stand by a republican president when he is wrong. Reciprocity is a democratic doctrine."

The exclusion of Japs, Koreans, Hindus and other Asiatics on the same basis as is now applicable to the Chinese is provided in the resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Hays of California. In speaking of the resolution Hays says that the continuous influx of Asiatic laborers to the Pacific coast menaced the standard of living of American workmen.

New Immigration Bill.

Hays' resolution provides that "all laws in force prohibiting or regulating the coming of Chinese or persons of Chinese descent into the United States are hereby made applicable to Japanese, Koreans, Malays, Afghans, East Indians, Hindus and all other Asiatics or Mongolian races."

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY ARE GIVEN \$50,000

County School Superintendent Frank K. Welles today finished making the apportionment of the county school funds and has dispatched warrants to the clerks of the different districts. The total amount portioned out lacked a less than \$15 of being \$50,000 and the distribution was made on the basis of \$8 per capita, which puts the school population of the county at almost 6250.

Of the 112 districts, Pendleton of course receives the largest slice of the fund, getting as her share \$13,352 or \$8 per capita for 1669 people. Milton is second with 721 pupils and \$5,768. The following are the amounts received by the other larger districts of the county: Vincent, \$3160; Fruitvale, \$888; Ferndale, \$2016; Weston, \$2320; Athena, \$2096; Adams, \$994; Echo, \$1960; Hermiston, \$1480; Stanfield, \$1024; Umattila, \$526; Pilot Rock, \$822.

Off to Investigate.

Now that the problem regarding the sale of the bonds has been worked out the members of the school board are now off to Portland to investigate the school buildings in that city and to perfect their plans for the new buildings. Some of the members of the board left today on train 17. Others will go down tonight. The plans submitted by Architect C. E. Troutman have been accepted by the board but they are subject to change and the members of the board desire to investigate fully regarding the arrangement of the high school rooms before proceeding with the erection of the building.