

## AMERICA MAY WITHDRAW HER PEACE BOARD

### Dilatory Tactics of Mexican Members of Border Commission May Cause U. S. to Change Policy.

### COMMITTEE RECONVENES

President Wilson is Giving American Commissioners Strong Backing in Any Move They May See Fit to Make.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The United Press has learned authoritatively that America plans to flatly tell the Mexican peace delegates the United States representatives will withdraw from the conference if the Mexicans pursue dilatory tactics.

The Americans want immediate arrangements covering the protection of American rights, property and border patrol. If they are not obtained through peace conferences, new steps will be planned.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing alone know the alternative in event the Mexicans continue obstinate. It is freely predicted Wilson plans to change his policy and deal more strictly with Mexico. The administration is hopeful such moves will be unnecessary. Wilson is strongly backing the American commissioners plans. The commission reconvenes in Atlantic City this afternoon after a week-end adjournment.

## GERMANY SKEPTICAL OVER PEACE RUMORS

### Neither Government Nor Army is Participating in Any Peace Plans—Efforts All Concentrated on Winning.

(Carl Ackerman.)

BERLIN, Nov. 20.—The German public regards skeptically the Washington reports via Switzerland and London saying President Wilson is planning peace steps. The German government and the army are not participating in any peace plans. The army is concentrating its efforts toward winning. Gerard probably will find himself more popular when he returns. The popular attitude toward him is changing.

## MYSTIC ALEXANDER PLEASES THROUGHS

Alexander The Mystic mystified a packed house at the Oregon theater last night and sent several hundred people away with mouths agape with wonderment. His feats of telepathy and lodgerdemain were undoubtedly the most marvelous ever seen in Pendleton.

He appeared to read the minds of individuals in the audience with the same ease as an ordinary man would read a newspaper, and besides demonstrated his ability to convey his own thoughts to another. Any number of questions were submitted to him and his answers amazed.

His tricks of slight of hand were performed at close distance, Alexander coming down into the audience and his whole program of lodgerdemain was something better than what one ordinarily sees at such exhibitions. He will be at the theater tonight and tomorrow night.

## WHEAT IS UP 4 CENTS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of prices today:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	\$1.84	1.89 1/4	1.82 1/2	1.88 1/4
May	\$1.77 1/2	1.82 1/2	1.77	1.82 1/4

Portland, Ore., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Club, \$1.50; bluestem, \$1.60.

## TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED

### Joint Congressional Committee Will Also Probe Matter of Government Ownership.

### ORGANIZATIONS ASK HEARING

Many Representatives of Railroads, Telegraph and Telephone Companies and Capitalists Serve Notice.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The congressional joint committee convened to investigate all transportation problems and to investigate government ownership of railroads, telegraphs, express companies and other carriers. It consists of Chairman Newlands, five representatives and five senators.

Senator Newlands read a formal statement before the session explaining its aims. He said: "The inquiry will relate every phase of transportation, rail carriers, river carriers, ocean carriers, telephone, telegraph companies and express companies. It will embrace not only government control and regulation of these utilities, but also the wisdom and feasibility of government ownership."

The committee spent the morning session classifying witnesses and went into executive session this afternoon. A mighty list of railroad presidents and heads of commercial organizations served notice they want full hearings.

Labor heads failed to ask representation. The brotherhood chiefs may make applications later. Many business organizations of Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York, Seattle, Memphis, livestock growers' organizations and telegraph companies asked hearings.

Representatives of the state railroad commissions announced their intention of fighting any attempt to take control from them. Capitalists organizations will also fight government ownership.

## LOS ANGELES PRECINCT 588 WILL BE COUNTEd

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—Supervisors ruled that the 273 votes were counted in Los Angeles precinct 235 although only 270 are registered. They are unable to explain the extra 3 votes and are unwilling to cancel the whole precinct on account of the error. Immediately after the ruling the supervisors started the official count of Los Angeles county.

## MEN ARE ACQUITTED OF BRIBERY CHARGE

### Three Chicagoans Were on Trial in Connection With Famous Alaskan Coal Cases.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—A. C. Frost, traction magnate, Burt Wink, attorney, and Oliver Bourke, former mayor of Blue Island, Illinois, were acquitted of a charge of bribing a juror in the famous Alaskan coal and land cases.

Arcibald T. Fitzgerald testified that Frost gave him money to bribe Bourke a member of the jury trying Frost on a charge of defrauding the government of ten million dollars through dummy entries. The jury acquitted Frost. In the present trial cross-examinations revealed discrepancies in Fitzgerald's testimony.

## MEACHAM GIRL GETS REWARD OF BRAVERY

(East Oregonian Special.)

MEACHAM, Nov. 20.—Miss Jenny Casey has been presented with a handsome gift of a gold, diamond set LaValliere and chain by M. J. Buckley, superintendent of the O-W. R. & N. Co. The gift was in appreciation of a bridge being saved and the fast mail train from being wrecked, when the bridge was set afire by coals from a passing engine some few weeks ago. Miss Casey first saw the blaze and, it being late at night, when all else were asleep, she aroused others who quickly put it out before any extensive damage was done.

## WILL VISIT LOCAL PYTHIAN LODGE—Harry G. Wortman, grand chancellor of Oregon, and Walter G. Gleeson, grand keeper of records and seal, will make an official visit to Damon lodge No. 4 Knights of Pythias this evening. Following their visit here they will make a tour of all the lodges of the county.



WALTER G. GLEESON HARRY G. WORTMAN

## PENDLETON BOYS GO EXPLORING WOULD VARY LIFE ON BORDER CONSEQUENCES "NEAR SERIOUS"

(By Richard Devine, 2nd I. N. G.)

NOGALES, Nov. 11.—This I hope to make the last letter which I shall have the pleasure of writing you while at Nogales, as the news has come around the Second Oregon will entrain before many days for the north and if your imagination is good you can imagine the effect it is having on the boys. Three days ago I had given up hope of being home this winter, but—presto, the miracle has happened. We hope to be in Boise for Thanksgiving and of course will necessarily be there a week or two before being mustered out as we must pass through quarantine and turn in our government property, such as guns, ammunition and all other ordnance and quartermaster's property.

**Boys Feel Need of Relief.**

Perhaps it may sound to you as though we of the 2nd Idaho were pretty anxious to get home and the truth of the matter is that we are anxious to do so but we are not doing it with the idea of getting out of a bad job or to try to shirk our duty. We have perhaps been on the border longer than any other regiment of infantry as today marks our fourth month and we feel that inasmuch as every other infantry regiment has been returned home and other troops sent to relieve them, that we have a right to claim relief.

The Alabama troops, which are practically all here, consist of a complete brigade 3 regiments of infantry, three batteries of artillery, one squadron of cavalry and the ambulance or hospital corps. They have been in mobilization camp, in Montgomery, Alabama, since June and are now down here to do their share of border service. They are commanded by a brigadier general from their state who is outanked, however, by General Plummer.

**Troops Have Mock Battle.**

Day before yesterday our 2nd and 3rd battalions were taken out on the Santa Cruz river and set to work digging trenches and constructing barbed wire entanglements, which when they were completed, were turned over to one regiment of Alabama and our boys sent against them in a mock battle. Two minutes and one half after our first men struck the entanglements we had captured the trenches.

This may sound easy to some and to others it may be of interest to know how such battles are conducted.

Fire control in battle is perhaps the most important part of the battle training of troops and in order for one army to advance upon another it is necessary for the defensive army to gain fire superiority. In sham battles this is determined by the location of the troops and the amount of noise and the character of the fire.

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## AIRWOMAN MAKES RECORD BREAKING BIPLANE FLIGHT

### Ruth Law Flies From Chicago to New York in Old Style Exhibition Model in Eight Hours 59 Minutes.

### SUFFERED SOME FROM COLD

Only Two Stops Made Enroute and Trip Was Finished Without Taking Gasoline Although Tank Was Practically Empty for Last Few Miles.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Face powder was the first thing Ruth Law asked after completing her Chicago to New York flight. When interviewed she said she could make a Chicago-New York nonstop flight if given a machine carrying sufficient gasoline. She intends to ask Curtis to lend her a new, powerful biplane to make another effort.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Ruth Law arrived at Governor Island at 9:28 this morning finishing a flight from Chicago, in an old style exhibition biplane. She equalled the American record of cross country flying. The entire trip took eight hours and fifty nine minutes. She made two stops enroute.

Major General Wood, Henry Woodhouse and Augustus Post helped the girl from the aeroplane, after her flight. She suffered from cold and was hustled into an automobile and rushed to an army officer's house to be "thawed out."

She flew the last 270 miles through a dense fog. She skimmed low, barely clearing the Hudson hills. She said: "I followed the Delaware and Susquehanna after leaving Binghamton and then out across country. It was pretty cold. I finished the trip without taking gasoline, although while nearing Governor's Island the gasoline tank was practically empty. I vowed to earth."

## TREVINO GOES BACK TO CHIHUAHUA CITY

### Defacto Commander Returns After Marching Army Against Villistas—Many Refugees Are Arriving in El Paso.

EL PASO, Nov. 20.—Mining men's advice said Villistas had killed Henry Clark, a Scotchman, of Jiminez. Clark had lived in Mexico many years. He married a Mexican woman and had a family in Jiminez.

EL PASO, Nov. 20.—United States government agents have learned from rescued train passengers that General Trevino, Mexican defacto commander, has returned to Chihuahua after marching his army against Villa. The train arrived at Juarez, bringing 300 frightened natives and many women. The natives said Trevino was impressing all able bodied males into the army. Chihuahua City momentarily expects another bandit attack.

One woman described seeing a gray haired American's body lying in front of the Jiminez hotel. They believed the corpse was that of Dr. Fisher.

A woman from Parral declared the bandits led four American prisoners around the streets. She did not know their fate.

Many conflicting rumors are circulated regarding the fate of the five Americans failing to leave Parral with the five Alvarado mining men who escaped. The Alvarado Mine Co. is unable to get further information regarding the five who reached the coast safely.

## CHARLES A. MURPHY IS APPOINTED WARDEN OF STATE PENITENTIARY

### He Has Accepted Office and Will Leave at Once to Take Up New Duties.

### SUCCESSOR HERE NOT NAMED

(Chief Engineer of State Hospital is Considered by His Many Friends as Being Eminently Well Qualified for New Post.)

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The Serbian official statement described the energetic pursuit of the Bulgarians retreating from Monastir. The Serbian army is joyful over the recapture of Monastir, the ancient city of Serbian Macedonia.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF WOOLGROWERS POSTPONED WEEK

The annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, set for Dec. 3 and 4 at Hagerman, has been postponed one week, until December 15 and 16, according to J. N. Burgess, one of the directors. The postponement was made in order to avoid conflict with the livestock show in Portland.

Two very important matters will be discussed at the coming convention, according to Mr. Burgess. The proposed increase in grazing fees for sheep on government reserves is one matter of very much interest to sheepmen and the matter of keeping trails open through the reserves is another.

## EYE WITNESS TELLS OF REGINA CAPTURE

### "It Was a Fair Scrap and Best Man Won" Declares Irish Sergeant to Correspondent.

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WITH CANADIAN SOMME FORCES, Nov. 20.—This is a story of the Regina trench storming as a Canadian infantry sergeant described it. The sergeant was mud from his feet to his eyes and had a blood streaked face. He was wounded on the head and shoulder. He spoke with an Irish-American accent.

"It was a good, fair scrap. The best man won. We got a tip Friday night there would be something doing at midnight. Everybody was tickled as they were bunkering to get the Regina trench. Artillerying became hotter and hotter. The moonlight revealed the damaged Fritz trenches. At midnight we crossed the parapets. We had the hardest job in keeping the men from advancing too far and setting under our own shellfire. It was difficult to keep ranks straight on account of the men falling into the muddy shell craters. We kept a pretty straight line until within fifty yards of the Regina trenches. It seemed strange anybody would be alive after the shelling. They bobbed from their dugouts like rabbits. We used bayonets.

"We cleared a trench in a few seconds, taking prisoners. Three Germans in one section were especially troublesome. We told them they'd better behave or we'd be obliged to finish them. Two behaved but one kept jumping about in the full moon shadows. Only two prisoners were taken there. We took no machines as the Prussians frequently blew themselves up with their captors."

## TUG IS BLOWN UP, SIX MEN KILLED

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The boiler in the tug Rambler exploded as the vessel lay lying at the East river pier. Six men were killed and several injured.

## PORTLAND BOY IS KILLED BY TRAIN

REDDING, Oct. 20.—Louis Horton, twenty four, of Portland, fell under an S. P. train three miles above Kennett and was killed. Matches in his pocket ignited his clothes and the body was partially burned. Horton enlisted in the marine corps in Portland and was enroute to Mare Island training station at San Francisco when killed.

## GRADE SCHOOLS VISIT LIBRARY

### Each Morning This Week Pupils of the Lincoln School Will Spend an Hour Learning Helpful Details at the County Building.

From nine to ten o'clock each morning this week, the pupils of the Lincoln school will visit the County Library where they will be instructed in the arrangement of the books on the shelves and in the use of the juvenile catalogue.

This will give each child a more "at home" feeling in the library and the catalogue game is as interesting to many as the puzzle page in the children's magazine. As one pupil expressed it, "You feel more important when you know how to use the catalogue."

Miss Smith, assistant librarian, has charge of this work which is similar to that already given to the high school students, but of a simpler nature.

Miss Rush, principal of the Lincoln school, accompanied her pupils this morning for the library period and Miss Rouanquin, Miss O'Connell, Mrs. Idleman and Miss Anderson will each follow with the seventh, sixth, fifth and fourth grades on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Besides acquainting the children with the library and the reading pleasure it furnishes them for the coming winter evenings, these visits will furnish subject matter for composition work in the English classes.

## News Summary

- Local.  
Captain Murphy of East Oregon hospital is named warden.  
Harry Dupuis victim of consumption.  
Oregon Woolgrowers postpone convention.
- General.  
Joint congressional committees meets.  
Airmen breaks flight record.  
America may withdraw her peace commissioners.  
Bryan fires opening shot of dry campaign.