

U. S. AVIATOR OVER MEXICO, IS EXPLAINED

BORDER SNIPING MAY GO UNPUNISHED.

NO LAW WILL APPLY

European Custom Prior to War Only Precedent—Mexican General Declares American Planes Frighten Cattle.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—High officials doubt whether or not the United States will be in a position to take any action against Mexico if it is found that Captain McNab, U. S. army, who was shot yesterday, was flying over Mexican soil. There is no international law governing flying, but it was the custom in European countries, prior to the outbreak of the war to fire upon foreign aviators who crossed international boundaries without permission.

Mexicans Give Excuse

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 3.—Captain McNab was one kilometer across the border flying over Mexican territory when shot yesterday by Mexican soldiers, General Garza, commanding the Carranzista garrison at Nuevo Laredo, declared today.

General Garza, in a statement made public through the Mexican consul at Laredo, admitted that the shooting was done by soldiers of a Carranzista outpost.

General Garza said that his soldiers declared they had received many complaints of aviators flying over Mexican soil and frightening the livestock. He said that he had protested repeatedly against this, and that his protests had been repeatedly ignored.

He also declared that it had been reported that the American aviators were taking photographs of Mexican territory.

His statement made no effort to deny the shooting, but attempted to justify it on the grounds that the aviator's alleged flight over Mexican territory constituted a breach of international law.

LIGHTNING CAUSES MORE FOREST FIRES

Two more fires within the boundaries of the Deschutes National Forest were reported this morning, bringing the total of blazes starting this week as the result of recent electric storms up to 14.

The new fires are in the Crescent section, one of 20 acres being on Clover Creek, and the other of 10 acres near Mt. Thielsen. The flames have made but slow gains, and Ranger Roy Mitchell, in charge of the district, will have but little difficulty in bringing them under control, it was stated at forest headquarters here.

PUPILS RIDE LONG WAY TO SCHOOL

Children who live in the Pringle Falls country will attend school at La Pine this year, and because of the distance between the two points, the school district is providing for daily transportation. L. J. Harriman, in the employ of the forest service during the summer months, has been given the contract for taking the pupils to and from school.

Some of the pupils live as much as eight to 10 miles from the building where they will attend classes.

COUNTY COURT HAS REGULAR SESSION

Members of the Deschutes county court met in regular session this morning at the court house. The early part of the meeting was devoted to auditing bills, and road matters were scheduled to come up this afternoon.

BOLSHEVIK ARMY WOULD NEGOTIATE

PARIS, Sept. 3.—A Berne dispatch today reported that official announcement has been made there saying that the Bolsheviki forces on the Dnieper front had asked to negotiate peace with the Rumanians.

ACTION HALTED ON FRANCHISE

COUNCIL ASKS MORE FACTS.

Gilson Must Show Hand, Is Decision—Vacation of Streets Is Asked—Concrete Walk Contract Let.

Whether or not the city of Bend should grant to E. D. Gilson a franchise permitting him to bring water from Spring river to Bend for municipal and domestic uses, was the question which occupied the greater part of the council's time last night at the first meeting of the month. The matter came up when the ordinance bill carrying the franchise, was read for the second time, and questions by Councilman E. L. Payne brought explanations from R. S. Hamilton, attorney for Mr. Gilson.

Mr. Payne's objections to granting the franchise were that there had been no assurance that financial support would be available to make possible fulfillment of the terms of the contract, and that the city is now getting good service and an abundance of germless water from the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., the present franchise holder. Mr. Hamilton suggested in answer, that competition might result in even better service.

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WILSON STARTS TOUR TONIGHT

PRESIDENT WILL TRAVEL 10,000 MILES IN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT TREATY SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Evening on his 10,000 mile speaking tour of the United States, planned in an effort to convince the people of America that the peace treaty should be ratified as it stands. He will attempt to solidify public opinion in favor of the treaty so that pressure will be brought to bear on opposition senators from their home districts, inducing them to change their attitude.

STATE ROAD OFFER IS NOT YET MADE

County Judge Writes to Commission Giving Attitude of Court in Effort to Hasten Action.

Although a week has elapsed since the road committee of the Bend Commercial club announced that the State highway commission stood ready to surface that part of The Dallas-California highway between Bend and Redmond, providing the county would take care of the grading, no formal proposition to this effect has been received by the county court, is the statement of Judge W. D. Barnes. The state's share of the expense, according to the offer quoted at the Commercial club luncheon a week ago, would amount to \$175,000, while the county would pay out only \$60,000, and the court has already announced that it stands ready to take up the proposition.

Judge Barnes has written to Commissioner Thompson informing him that the county will take favorable action on such a proposition as soon as it is formally tendered to the court.

WANT COUNTY TO AID STREET WORK

Petition Is Circulated on Newport Avenue Asking for Assistance in Improvement.

Setting forth that improvement of Newport avenue is of as much advantage to out of town taxpayers as residents of the city, a petition asking that the county pay a share toward the improvement already started, is being circulated among property owners on the west side who will be affected.

Both Rich and Poor at Uncle Sam's Cost Sale



Big and little, rich and poor, they all buy supplies for the inner and outer man when Uncle Sam sells at cost, especially in the nationwide rap at the High Cost of Living. These photographs show how Washington folks from kiddies to well-to-do grown-ups gladly gave up \$5 for \$25 army blankets and bought peas, beans and bacon at prices unheard of since before the war.

"Insane Policy" of Senators is Severely Scored

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—Declaring that senators who demand the amendment of the treaty are proposing an "insane international policy," in which politeness and fallacy are so mixed that it is difficult to see which predominates, Senator Hitchcock today opened the fight for unqualified ratification of the treaty in the upper house.

ONE KILLED IN MOTOR WRECK

TRAVELING MAN DIES ALMOST INSTANTLY WHEN MACHINE CRASHES INTO REAR OF UNLIGHTED AUTO TRUCK.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] SACRAMENTO, Sept. 3.—C. L. MacDonald, Omaha travelling man, was killed, Mrs. Lawrence Barkovich, of San Francisco, seriously injured, and Lawrence Moran and Miss A. Andrews, of San Francisco, hurt when Moran's car crashed into an auto truck today. MacDonald died a few minutes after the accident, a fractured skull causing his death. Moran says that he was driving only 20 miles an hour, and that the truck had no tail lights.

WEDDING HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Joseph L. Davis, of Bend, and Miss Adeline Kennedy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kennedy, of this city, were married yesterday at the First Baptist church. Rev. E. B. Johnson pronouncing the marriage service. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left last night to spend a few weeks in Portland before returning to Bend to make their future home.

SECOND INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC THIS WINTER IS FORECASTED

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—A minor epidemic of influenza is practically inevitable throughout America this fall, according to Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health for New York City.

Influenza epidemics have always swept countries in pairs, according to Commissioner Copeland. The last one in America prior to last winter was in 1891, which was the minor appendage to the major epidemic of 1890.

Dr. Copeland looks for the epidemic this year to be much lighter than that of 1918, though minor epidemics are often as bad as the major phase. This was true of 1891, he says. But the fact that so many people were affected last year gives added immunity this year.

WASTE OF WATER IS DECRIED BY STATE CHAMBER OFFICIAL

While endorsing unqualifiedly the movement to provide more water for irrigation in Central Oregon, and pledging the assistance of the State Chamber of Commerce in the endeavor to bring about the passage of the Lane-Mondell bill which would finance the Benham Falls Irrigation project, F. S. Bramwell, vice-president of the State Chamber, informed the Bend Commercial club today that there is now available sufficient water to take care of from 30 to 50 per cent more land, with a correspondingly greater population in Deschutes county.

"Don't over-irrigate," was his plea. "Many of the Central Oregon ranchers are using too much water. Remember that your fields have two ends. Don't drown the upper end so as to sink the lower. Use enough

water, and then stop. If you use too much, you are depriving some other fellow, you are injuring your own crop, and you are doing a lasting damage to the soil."

Mr. Bramwell recommended corrugation as the best system of irrigation, and advised more frequent cross-ditching to make possible better distribution. "Above all, don't make the mistake of thinking that extra water will take the place of cultivation," he said.

Mr. Bramwell was in attendance at the Banker-Farmer mixer on Labor day, and at the Commercial club luncheon this noon, commented approvingly on the get-together spirit manifested by the business men and farmers.

He advised that greater attention be paid to potato culture, and declared that Deschutes county has a baking potato that should be featured with much profit to the grower.

Mr. Bramwell's chief mission in his present trip through the state is to interest the county courts of Oregon in the publication of a booklet featuring the resources of the various sections of Oregon. This is to be issued by the State Chamber of Commerce, and subject matter will be compiled in the different counties. At the conclusion of his address, this was referred to the publicity committee of the club.

Mr. Bramwell mentioned the Strahorn railroad, and declared that on its completion it would undoubtedly prove a good thing for Bend.

ROUND TABLE DATE IS SET

CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD BY PRESIDENT AND HAND PICKED DELEGATES EARLY IN OCTOBER.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 3.—The "round table" conference between capital and labor will be held at the Whitehouse between October 5 and 10, it was announced today. President Wilson will invite about 40 to attend.

The president is sending letters to the United States Chamber of Commerce, the American Federation of Labor, investment bankers, and representatives of agricultural associations, asking them to submit names for his consideration. In addition to the delegates thus chosen, President Wilson will select others from the country at large.

The invitations will be sent out by the president while he is on his speaking tour of the United States.

DISQUE TAKES STAND TODAY

"FALSEHOODS," IS HIS COMMENT ON STATEMENTS MADE IN SPRUCE PROBE — MAY START LIBEL SUIT.

[By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.] PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—General Disque, formerly in command of the Spruce Production Division, Bureau of Aircraft Production, testified today before the Congressional committee probing the management of the division during the war. He declared that the investigators had received the grossest misrepresentations which had ever appeared in a public record.

"Falsehoods I can disprove," is another way he referred to the testimony of some of the witnesses at previous hearings. He indicated that he had consulted lawyers in regard to the possibility of starting action against the men he accused of filling the ears of the congressional committee with libelous statements because they had a "grudge of some kind."

Thomas Sweeney testified that he had warned Disque that a combination was being formed to "trim the government."

"I told him that I was giving him the tip that he was either in on the frame-up, or was being played for a sucker," Sweeney said.

VALUATION IN COUNTY GAINS

CHANGES ARE SEEN IN ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

Increase of \$2,494,725 Over Last Year Due to Change in Actual Values as Well as Advance in Percentage Basis.

As the result of actual gains in property values, as well as the advance of the percentage basis on which assessed valuations are made, Deschutes county's tax roll will be estimated on an assessed valuation of \$8,331,525, instead of \$5,836,800, the amount named in the assessor's report of last year. This is the figure given by County Assessor W. T. Mullarky on the completion of the general assessment of the county for 1919. Some changes may still be made as the board of equalization will not have its hearing until September 8. The valuation of public utilities, also, is still to be determined.

Increases of value have been noted chiefly in merchandise, where the gain in actual worth of commodities has in some instances been as much as 100 per cent. The assessed valuation in this class allows for a 20 per cent on the percentage basis of last year. Livestock shows no change in the matter of percentage basis, while on real property, the percentage basis has been advanced until some of the choicer lots and improvements in Bend a 150 per cent advance has been made over last year.

More Land Tilled.

Cultivated land in the county totaled 55,572 acres as against 55,558 the year before, but the valuation this year is \$596,230, while in 1918 it was given at \$649,280. Uncultivated land under private ownership now has an acreage of 54,777, and a value of \$432,060, while in 1918 the acreage was 33,963, and the value \$333,235. Non-tillable land amounts to 263,498 acres and the valuation is set at \$538,425, while last year under this class the acreage was 193,931, and the value \$295,610. In the mere figures, however, the story of agricultural development in Deschutes county cannot be correctly read, Mr. Mullarky emphasizes. As a matter of fact an unusually large amount of land has come under cultivation this year, while the report shows a gain of but 14 acres.

Timber Closely Checked.

This is due to the fact that a large amount of land previously listed as cultivated, but having a minimum of productivity, has reverted to the uncultivated class as it was abandoned by homesteaders thus maintaining a balance with the new land which was brought under the plow and made to yield paying crops.

Timber lands have been more closely estimated by the assessor's deputies than ever before in the history of the county, and despite extensive logging operations, 291,833 acres of privately owned timber are shown as against 305,279 acres of a year ago. This year's valuations in this class are \$2,918,820, in contrast to the \$2,136,440 of last year. Improvements on deeded land are now assessed at \$5,277,160, instead of \$3,654,970, the total in this division last year.

City Property Advances

City lots and improvements in Bend were \$1,269,220, and \$219,850 in Redmond, while corresponding figures for 1918 were \$694,820, and \$169,415. The total of lots and improvements on them throughout the county, was \$1,635,575 this year and \$1,096,896 in 1918, and personal property went to \$1,418,790, a notable increase over the \$1,174,935 of last year.

Among the items in this last class are included: merchandise, \$461,550; farm machinery, \$98,775; Horses, \$96,775; Cattle, \$241,305; Sheep, \$87,625; Autos, \$129,620. It is noted that there are more horses in the county than was the case a year ago, but the quality has suffered greatly as the result of the activity of artillery and cavalry buyers. Cattle number 751 more than the year before, falling to substantiate statements made toward the end of 1918 that stock animals were being rapidly sold off on account of the high price of food. Sheep, however, are more than 4,000 less than last

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