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Pearl Fisheries Opened.
San Diego, Cal. — David Zarate, mayor of Ensenada, estimates that 5000 persons, residents of Lower California, will obtain employment as a result of the reported revocation of the pearl and other fishing concessions along the Lower California and Gulf coasts. Aurelias Sandoval, in charge of the Sandoval interests of Los Angeles, has controlled the pearl fishing and other concessions as far south as Magdalena, his firm having held a monopoly. The privilege now is open to all Mexican citizens.

NEW NORTHWEST LINE BUILDING

Direct Route Los Angeles to Spokane Is Project.

Distance Only 100 Miles More Than From San Francisco—Offset By Better Grades.

Los Angeles—A new railroad, binding the great Northwest and Southland, making possible the settlement and development of hundreds of thousands of acres heretofore far removed from avenues of traffic, is to link Los Angeles and Spokane. It will reduce the distance between them several hundred miles and bring this city nearly as close to Spokane as is San Francisco.

The surveys have been completed, and the new trans-state line will be finished within three years, or by the time the Panama traffic is well developed.

Advices received from towns which will be on the new line are that the plans have so far progressed that the actual work of construction is under way at two points, and before long the dirt will be flying at several others.

The new railroad is a part of the Harriman system, and in working out the right of way, several hundred miles of existing line are to be used, plus approximately 50 miles of construction flung across rugged mountains and about 150 miles of narrow gauge reconstructed to meet the new requirements.

The distance from Los Angeles to Spokane over the shortest existing line is 1550 miles. By way of the new road it will be reduced to about 1175 miles. It is now 1075 miles from San Francisco to Spokane, and this slight difference in favor of San Francisco will be more than offset by the elimination or material reduction of many heavy grades.

UNPRECEDENTED RAINS RUIN FRUIT AND HOPS

San Francisco—For the first time in 25 years, this early in September, rain fell Friday and Saturday. Up to noon nearly half an inch was the record established for the two days.

From the great interior valleys of the state come walls from orchardists, vineyardists and hopgrowers that the greater part of their crops have been ruined. A report from Fresno says that from one-half to two-thirds of the entire table and shipping grape crops have been ruined by the rains. Hundreds of carloads of drying fruit spread on racks in orchards could not be stacked and covered in time to prevent loss, the rain came so suddenly in the middle of the night.

In the great Sonoma valley thousands of hoppickers have suffered three days and nights of severe hardship, as they have never been accustomed to go to the fields provided with tents or other other protection from rain. The storm found these thousands sleeping unprotected in the fields. A dispatch from Santa Rosa reports more than 1200 acres of hops, together with supporting poles, were collapsed and on the ground as a result of the storm. It is feared that when full reports from the entire state are received the amount of damage will reach an enormous figure.

Oil Lands Held For Navy.

Washington, D. C. — Thirty-seven thousand acres of oil lands in the Elk hills, California, adjacent to the Midway and McKittrick oil fields, have been withdrawn from entry by the president and will be held for development and use by the United States navy. It is the intention of the Navy department to sink wells on this area and use the oil on naval vessels equipped with oil burners. In the opinion of many officers, the time is coming when oil will be universally used on all warships.

Mabel Kelso Loses Job.

San Francisco—Miss Mabel Kelso, who has occupied the unique position of being the only woman wireless telegraph operator in service aboard a Pacific liner, is out of a job. For the past two months she has sat at the key on the steamer Mariposa, which plies between Seattle and Alaskan points. The company for which she worked released her recently with the explanation that the Federal department of commerce and labor objected to the employment of women as wireless operators at sea.

Aviator Up 16,240 Feet.

Houlgate, France—Roland G. Garros, the aviator, eclipsed the old world's record for altitude by about 2461 feet. Ascending in a monoplane, Garros went up 16,240 feet. At this height the rarified atmosphere caused his engine to stop and the aviator had to vtolplane to the ground. The previous record of 13,779 feet was made at Vienna, June 29, by the Austrian aviator Czakay. In this flight he carried a passenger.

Canadian Immigration Heavy.

Ottawa, Ont. — During the four months from April 1 to August 1, 209,642 immigrants arrived in Canada. Of this number 143,742 arrived at ocean ports and 65,900 from the United States. These figures show an increase of 15 per cent as compared with those of the corresponding months of the last fiscal year.

BIG GUNS SMASH TARGETS.

Fort Stevens Sends 6-inch Shells Home at 5-Mile Range.

Fort Stevens—The third \$1800 sea-going battleship target is a mass of splintered wreckage as a result of the most sensational target practice ever held at Fort Stevens. The last target was demolished by the Thirty-fourth company with a six-inch shell. Immediately 70 men under Lieutenant Norton, and ordnance officer, were placed at work putting together another target. Working for eight hours without ceasing they accomplished what ordinarily requires fully a week's effort.

The target, made of 10x10 timbers, with three steel masts enmeshed in netting, was towed out from the Columbia river to sea by the steamer Fornace.

Getting on its course 9000 yards from the battery, the Fornace steamed full speed ahead with the ocean spray dashing over the target. The gunners sprang to their positions, the huge 625-pound shell was rammed home, the breech-block slammed shut, the 36-ton steel barrel arose above the cement breastworks, seemingly poised itself like the striking head of a serpent.

A minor correction by the gunpointer, the command to fire, and the projectile, propelled by 175 pounds of high explosive, was on its way toward the target.

As it traveled through the air towards its destination, a second shell was hurled from another rifle. The first shell struck, scattering the wooden framework in all directions; almost instantly afterward the second projectile buried itself amongst the tangled wreckage of the \$1800 target.

The largest British dreadnaught planned is 700 feet long. These targets are 60 feet long; therefore such an enemy would represent a striking place for shells 12 times the size of the target used for representing battle conditions.

MOTORCYCLE KILLS TWELVE

Racer Going 90 Miles an Hour Crashes into Crowd.

Newark, N. J. — Eddie Hasha, of Waco, Tex., holder of several world's records for motorcycle racing, plunged over the rail of the course of the Newark motordrome, into a crowd, causing the death of six persons, including himself, while six are dying and 13 are badly injured.

The only three of the six dead positively identified up to a late hour were Hasha, Johnny Albright, a Denver motorcyclist who was riding third in the race, and Edward Fischer, a 17-year-old boy of this city. The other three dead were boys and young men among the spectators. Two of the probably fatally injured are Edward Rolie and Frank J. Amburg, each 17 years old.

Five thousand spectators were witnessing the finish of a four-mile free-for-all race when the daring young rider, doing 90 miles an hour, took his fateful plunge. He was pitched head first 50 feet into the air. His body was shapeless when it was picked up, almost at the feet of his wife, seated in the bleachers.

Albright was thrown head first in the other direction into the enclosure of the track, when the champion's wheel came sliding down the steep bank and struck him. He was picked up for dead, but he lived in an unconscious state more than two hours.

Queen Is Learning Golf.

Aberdeen, Scotland—Queen Mary is learning to play golf at Balmoral in emulation of her daughter, who has recently been playing daily there. Her Majesty has often expressed amazement over the infatuation for the game by ardent golfers. At the conclusion of her first lesson she expressed the opinion that the game was "very bracing but tiring." Her daughter, Princess Mary, is quoted as saying of the queen's playing: "Mother's driving is strong, but occasionally wide."

Mobilization Is Indicated.

Douglas, Ariz.—Movements of Mexican rebels below this point indicate a mobilization. Rafael and Emilio Campa, two rebel chiefs, have joined their forces 20 miles south of Agua Prieta, the Mexican town which adjoins Douglas. Salazar's avowed intention of moving west along the border and attacking Cananea would indicate a general mobilization of all rebel forces, numbering 1000 men, and superior to federal commands.

Salazar Makes Apology.

Hachita, N. M. — Conferences between United States army officers stationed here and the Mexican rebel leader Inez Salazar, took place on the border about 50 miles southwest of here. Major Sedgwick Rice rode to the boundary to talk with the rebel leader. Salazar apologized to the American officers for the incident a few days ago, when Mexican rebels of his command crossed the line and fired on American soldiers on patrol duty.

Morgan Would Buy Ruins.

Rome—Newspapers here say that J. P. Morgan has submitted to the Italian government a plan for completing the excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum. It is said that Mr. Morgan is willing to bear the entire cost of uncovering Herculaneum.

Airship Falls; Four Killed.

Gray, France—An aeroplane got out of hand at an aviation meeting here and swept to the ground, crushing a score of spectators, four of whom were killed outright.

TIME LIMIT IS GIVEN MADERO

Must Protect Americans and Property or Resign.

Failure to Meet Ultimatum of United States Will Be Followed By Immediate Intervention.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft has given President Madero 30 days in which to protect American property and lives in Mexico. If Madero fails to do this the United States will require that he resign immediately. If Madero should refuse to resign intervention will follow speedily.

This statement was made here Thursday by a high official of the Department of State to Juan Pedro Diddapp, representative of the Mexican revolution in Washington.

The name of the official is withheld, but full credence is given the statement here, in view of recent events in the Mexican situation.

Don Manuel Calero, Mexican ambassador here, hurriedly left Washington last week for Mexico City, bearing a personal message from President Taft to President Madero. It is believed the message he took from the administration to Madero was of the tenor described. Diplomats say that Calero would not have made a personal trip from Washington all the way to Mexico City unless the issue was extraordinarily urgent.

Developments this week showing the strong exertions of the Madero administration to get troops to Northern Mexico to protect American interests, which quickly followed Calero's arrival in Mexico City, also lend weight to the reported threat of the United States.

Officials at the State department were reticent when questioned concerning this development in the Mexican situation. It was intimated that the administration intends to force Madero to protect foreign interests in the republic, but none would discuss the report that this government plans to compel the Mexican president to resign if he fails to get a better grasp on affairs along the Rio Grande.

EMERGENCY VESSEL READY.

Three Troopships at Fort Mason Have Steamed Up for Rush Trip.

San Francisco—For the past few days there has been unusual activity on board the army transport Crook and Buford, which, with the troopship Sheridan, are tied up at the transport docks at Fort Mason. There is steam up in all three ships and they would be ready for sea in an hour, should the Mexican situation require the sending of troops South.

While the authorities in charge of the transports deny any authorization to arrange for movements of troops toward the Mexican border, the fact remains that the transports are ready for any emergency.

Nitrate Supply Limited.

New York—There will be no ammunition for British guns in time of war should Great Britain's enemy cut off her supply of nitrates from Chile, according to a declaration made by Colonel Samuel Eyde, of Christiania, Norway, before the eighth international chemical congress at Columbia University "Nitrate of ammonia produced from atmospheric nitrogen is pure, and according to the experience of the British navy has a great bearing upon the life of the guns, the purity of the product reducing the heat."

Bombs Set By Black Hand.

New York—"Black Hand" agents made three attempts to blow up as many buildings in the city Sunday, the tenements in which the bombs were placed housing more than 75 families. Two of the infernal machines were discovered in time to prevent them from exploding, while the third shattered windows and doors on two floors of a building in West Thirty-fifth street in which it had been placed. No one was injured.

Auto Freight Protested.

Washington, D. C. — The existing freight rate of \$7 a hundred pounds on automobiles, in less than carloads, from New York and other Eastern points to Pacific Coast terminals was attacked before the Interstate Commerce commission. The charge for other self-propelling vehicles, less than carloads, is \$4.50 a hundred. Demand is made that the roads reduce the rate on automobiles to \$4.50.

Butterfly Farm Pays.

Truckee, Cal. — Miss Ximena McGlashan, of Truckee, is a butterfly farmer and is making money at it. In the past six weeks she has propagated and sold 6200 mounted butterflies, for which she received \$310, or 5 cents apiece, which amounts to more than \$50 a week.

Great French Army Out.

Paris — The most imposing and extensive French army maneuvers in years opened in Tournaine and Poitu, when 120,000 soldiers and 50 aeroplanes and two dirigible balloons took the field for a week of mimic warfare.

Horse Plague Spreading.

Council Bluffs — The horse plague has crossed the Missouri river and several animals have died near Shandohab, Clarinda and Pacific Junction, in Page and Mills counties, Iowa.