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HOLD COUNTY FAIR SEPT. 19 TO 21

Dates Selected for Josephine Exposition Week Ahead of State Fair, and Board Urges Citizens to Get Busy

The Josephine county fair will be held in Grants Pass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 19, 20 and 21. These dates were selected by the county fair board at its late meeting as the most advantageous for this district, and coming just a week ahead of the state fair will permit the exhibits from the county fair to be sent to Salem for display.

The site for the holding of the fair has not yet been announced. The board states that with ample funds from county and state liberal premiums can be offered in all the classes, and it wishes every citizen of Josephine to use his best energies in making the exposition the best yet held in southern Oregon. The appeal from the board is as follows:

"We have the funds secured to give us good premiums and prizes on all lines, and now we ask every man, woman and child in the county to get busy and produce something for the fair. Let us make this the biggest and best fair ever held in southern Oregon. Let us show that Josephine county can produce the finest grains, grasses, vegetables, fruit and stock in Oregon. We will have a big space for sugar beets. The ladies' department will be made a strong feature.

"Mr. Miner, bring in some of that famous and valuable rock that is stored away in our underground caverns.

"Mr. Stockman, the stock business of Josephine county is growing to be a leading factor, therefore there is no better place than the fair to advertise your special breeds and buy or sell.

"The fruit business is coming to the front. Let Josephine county's display prove she can produce the finest fruit in Oregon.

"The business men and Commercial club have evidenced a willingness to co-operate to make the fair a three days' celebration in honor of Josephine county's products."

The fair board is organized with H. H. Harter chairman, H. M. White secretary, the third member being County Superintendent Lincoln Savage.

AEROPLANE BOMBARDMENT KILLS SIX AT SCHIO

Rome, Feb. 15.—Six persons were killed and several wounded when aeroplanes bombarded Schio Monday.

MORGENTHAU MAY SUCCEED GARRISON

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 15.—That President Wilson is considering American Ambassador Morgenthau of Constantinople for the vacant post of secretary of war was reported today. Coincident with the fact that Morgenthau, en route from Constantinople, will not arrive here for several days, is the White House statement that the president will "take his time" in picking Secretary Garrison's successor.

A report that the president wants some prominent middle western lawyer for the place boomed the stock of Judson Harmon, of Ohio, who recently came out strongly for preparedness.

MAKE HOLIDAY WHEN VILLISTAS ARE EXECUTED

El Paso, Feb. 15.—While 5,000 persons, including many Americans, made the event a holiday affair, three former Villistas, accused of theft, were executed at Juarez today.

The death march to the north-western station was headed by a band that played popular airs, while hundreds of civilians fell in behind the condemned men in a joyous procession.

Two of the men faced death without fear. They even refused a blindfold. But Manuel Rojas, former bugler for Villa, gave some evidence of weakness, leaning against the adobe wall of the depot for support, and accepted the handkerchief blindfold. He was the first one shot. He had scarcely fallen to the ground when the second man was lined up in front of his dead body and shot. As the third man faced the firing squad, he looked at his dead companions, muttered a prayer, and then said calmly to the captain: "Shoot when you like; good-bye comrades."

The 15 rifles sputtered and the third man fell between the other two.

Three other Mexicans sentenced to die were then dragged up to the heap of corpses, while the soldiers prepared to fire. Just as the crowd thought the command to fire had been given, the squad captain read a pardon from General Gavira, whereupon the trio broke into cheers.

ATTACK BRANDEIS BEFORE COMMITTEE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 15.—Louis D. Brandeis, President Wilson's choice for the supreme court bench, was charged by Hollis Bailey, Boston attorney, today with "failure to guard scrupulously the interests of his clients while connected with the S. D. Warren estate. Appearing before the senate sub-committee conducting the Brandeis hearings, Bailey admitted, however, that the complaint should be tried in court.

President S. W. Winslow, of the United Shoe Machinery company, charged that Brandeis helped to form that company, was a director therein, and drew clauses whereby the concern leased its machinery to patrons, but that later he attacked the company as a vicious trust and its leases as invalid. Winslow will be cross-examined tomorrow.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN FRANCE FURIOUS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Feb. 15.—While the steady roll of artillery reverberates in the Champagne hills, the Germans, according to dispatches, are preparing for a still more powerful offensive there. This is designed to throw the French back along a 15-mile front from the Challenge railway. Paris expects the Teuton blow to strike before night.

Evidence of the German intent has been seen in the battling of recent hours. For a day past German guns have concentrated their activities on Tahuro and the sector east of the Navarin farm.

By making a wedge in the French lines west of the Navarin on Saturday and repeating this operation five miles to the east on the Sabbath, the Germans threatened the French, retiring on a wide front. Indeed, they may force them back to the Souain-Perthes road.

The French, in turn, probably will counter-attack, and thus furious fighting is likely to continue for days.

CLAIM PLOT TO DESTROY U. S. SHIP

Attempt to Blow Up Battleship Kentucky at Vera Cruz Said to Have Been Foiled by Carranzista Agent

Washington, Feb. 15.—Carranzistas, according to reports today, notified the United States that a plot to blow up the battleship Kentucky at Vera Cruz had been foiled by Carranza's agent.

The story went that the alleged plotters were unknown. No information concerning the report was obtainable from either the state department or the Mexican embassy.

Mexican Ambassador Arredondo is known to have filed certain affidavits with the state department. It is reported these charged that not only Mexicans, but also Americans, were involved in the plot, the alleged purpose of which was to involve the United States in war as did the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor.

It is understood that the navy has wireless the Kentucky to be on the lookout.

It was reported, too, that Carranzistas had declared Consul Canada at Vera Cruz was in the alleged plot, though just what part he was supposed to have played was not made clear.

MONSTER SUBMARINES IN THE KAISER'S FLEET

London, Feb. 15.—New monster submarines will enforce the Teuton decree to sink armed merchant ships without warning, said the Telegraph's expert today.

These new craft, he declared, resemble the original American monitors except that they will submerge.

Above the almost cylindrical hull is an armored battery, which can be made air-tight. The vessel can submerge and bring this battery just above water.

ANARCHISTS IN WORLD-WIDE PLOT AGAINST THE CLERGY AND CHURCHES

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Police authorities of Chicago and many large cities of the nation are hunting for anarchists involved in a plot, the ramifications of which spread all over the world, to wreck churches and kill the clergy.

The plot was fully revealed today after interpreters had dug into Italian letters found on John Allegrini, arrested as a witness in the conspiracy to poison Archbishop Mundelein, Governor Dunne and many other notables at a banquet here last week.

The poison banquet was insignificant compared to the deadly aims of the plot as a whole.

Steeped in the bitterness of religious hatred, the plotters, taking their directions from an anarchistic headquarters in Rome, were to blast churches, kill clergy and ruin public buildings in this country.

No creed was to be spared. Fifteen persons are said to have constituted this gang of "reds" and the police are now making every effort to round them up. Meanwhile the authorities are hopeful of catching soon Jean Cronos, missing University club sub-chef, suspected of being the plotter in the poison banquet case.

Letters revealing the anti-clerical plot bore Chicago and Salda, Colo., date lines. They were unsigned, but

BRYAN WILL OPPOSE MR. WILSON

Correspondent Says That Former Premier of President's Cabinet Will Be Against Second Term

New York, Feb. 15.—"William Jennings Bryan, the man who made President Wilson's nomination possible at Baltimore, will in all human probability oppose his renomination in June," said the Evening Post's Washington correspondent in a copyrighted article today.

"This was the fixed impression Bryan left in my mind after two long talks with him recently. He asked particularly that nothing be said about his views until the president had announced his candidacy, and even then he did not want to be restricted in any utterance or pronouncement in advance of the convention. He wanted to be free to do as he thought best—to express himself at the moment he thought was most opportune.

"The fact that President Wilson's renomination seems assured will not alter Bryan's conviction about the single term for president, for he is wedded to that principle. He holds that it is vitally related to the public welfare and he has held that view for twenty years—long before he ever heard about President Wilson."

The correspondent stated, however, that Bryan's opinion will be based more on technicalities, and that preparedness and "many other differences" will furnish him with the ammunition to fight the second term.

If Wilson is nominated, though, Bryan will not bolt him, the writer stated.

"The Lord does not require us to win. He simply requires us to do our duty," Bryan was quoted as saying.

The former premier believes, it was stated, that President Wilson has needlessly alienated the German-American vote and is saddling democracy with unnecessary burdens.

LUSITANIA CASE CAUSE OF STRIFE IN REICHSTAG

Berlin, Feb. 15.—Settlement of the Lusitania negotiations has suddenly become the center of violent party storms.

The newspapers today attacked Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary von Jagow for failing to explain terms of the settlement in the reichstag, and declared that these officials ought to tell the public whether Germany had made further concessions tending to cripple Germany's submarine warfare.

The papers, however, expressed delight at the unofficial reports of a settlement, inasmuch as they are anxious that good relations between Germany and the United States shall be maintained. They considered that neither side had triumphed, and believed that a compromise on both sides was more gratifying than if one nation had yielded all to the other.

Conservatives, desirous of annexing Belgium because of its harbors and its iron ore, are very bitter and are carrying this feeling into the Lusitania fight. On the other hand, the radicals are now supporting the government.

JURY CONVICTS BRANSON OF MURDER

McMinnville, Feb. 15.—William Branson was convicted of murder in the second degree today on a charge of killing William Booth. The jury was out from 5 p. m. yesterday until 10 a. m. today.

Booth was found with a revolver bullet in his heart at Willamina October 8. After a brief investigation Branson and Mrs. Anna Booth were arrested and jointly indicted for the murder.

Mrs. Booth, it was alleged, had been intimate with Branson. Circumstantial evidence against the pair was all the state could find. Mrs. Booth's trial in December was a long-drawn-out affair, resulting in a disagreement of the jury.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL, \$40,000,000

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 15.—"Anti-pork" congressmen indicated today that they will fight for reduction of the rivers and harbors bill appropriations. The measure, carrying nearly \$40,000,000, was booked for final consideration in committee today, with an early report to the house.

Among the Pacific coast appropriations asked are:

California—Humboldt harbor and bay, \$450,000; Sacramento and Feather rivers, \$115,000, with \$75,000 more if \$75,000 is contributed locally; Oakland harbor, \$106,500; San Pablo bay, \$105,500; Los Angeles and San Francisco harbors, \$75,000 and \$15,000.

Oregon and Washington—Columbia river, \$1,200,000.

Washington—Waterway joining Lake Union and Lake Washington with Puget sound, \$348,000.

Oregon—Columbia and lower Willamette rivers, below Portland, \$360,000; Coos bay, \$70,000; Yamhill river and Willamette river above Portland, \$47,000.

Surveys, with possible later improvements, were authorized for these localities:

California—Black John slough, Eel river, Venice.

Washington—Baker's bay from the main ship channel of the Columbia to Ilwaco.

Oregon—Channels in the St. Helena and Rainier rivers; Hoquarton slough; Siuslaw river; Willamette river between Eugene and Corvallis.

CLUB HOLDS SESSION OF INTEREST

Commercial Body Discusses Many Matters Affecting the Public Welfare at Regular Monthly Meeting Last Night

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club Monday night a number of most interesting subjects were up for discussion. The special committee that had been appointed at a previous meeting announced that the city and the water company were working upon a plan for lowering the water charge during the period when there was greatest need for water for lawns. It was reported that a request would probably be made to the state commission for a reduction of the water rate during the months of July and August. The special rate under consideration was said to be the making of the charge for water after the minimum charge of \$1.20 for the first 300 cubic feet, 10 cents instead of 17c per 100 cubic feet.

Members of the club who discussed the question thought that the reduced rate should cover a longer period, it being practically as necessary to irrigate in June and September as in July and August. The club made no further recommendations in the matter. The officers of the club were instructed to communicate with the council in an effort to have the city make a filing upon water for municipal purposes from either the Rogue or some other available source, and hold the right for future development and use. It is understood by the club that under a state law municipalities can make such filings and hold the water till it may be convenient to develop it.

A plan that had been proposed for the issuance of a tourist guide was endorsed by the club, and the advertising committee will work out the plan. A small booklet will be published showing numerous trips that can be made from Grants Pass as a center, from the short tours of from one to several hours over the roads adjacent to the city to the longer ones to the Caves, to Crescent City, Crater lake, and other points of interest. Supervisor Macduff, of the Siskiyou national forest, who was present at the meeting, kindly offered assistance and co-operation, and will make a series of photographs covering some of the trips, such as that down the Rogue river and the one to the caves, and will leave sets of these photos at the Commercial club, where they will be available for tourists in connection with the guide books.

The proposed road to the caves and down Grayback crook to connect with

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NINE KNOWN DEAD IN COPPER MINE FIRE

Butte, Mont., Feb. 15.—Nine persons were known to be dead this afternoon as the result of a fire that for hours flamed in the Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper company. The presence of live horses in the lower levels led to the hope that some of the 12 missing men, believed to be entombed, are still alive.

Reports that most of the missing men had probably come home without registering proved erroneous. The company forced water down the air shaft, while a rescue crew tried to penetrate the smoke-filled levels.

Some of the dead men were horribly burned, while others were suffocated in struggling to reach the air.

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