

DEMAND OF BRYAN REFUSED BY MEXICAN

General Carranza Declares the
Benton Case a British
Question.

Nogales, Sonora.—General Carranza declined to furnish information to the state department at Washington regarding the killing at Juarez of the British subject, William S. Benton. At the same time he gave assurances to Secretary Bryan that he would investigate the disappearance near Juarez of Gustav Bauch, an American citizen. This strongly defined stand came after three days of negotiation between the American secretary of state and constitutionalists' commander-in-chief, through Frederick Simpich, Mexican consul at Nogales, and Yal-ro Fabela, acting secretary of foreign relations in Carranza's provisional cabinet.

The stand was taken by the revolutionary leader that the death of Benton, a Briton, should be taken up through the diplomatic channels of his country.

In the written message to Secretary Bryan which was addressed to Consul Simpich, Carranza did not say that an investigation of the Benton case is being made on his part. However, simultaneously with the two letters to Washington, Secretary Fabela issued an official announcement stating that the Benton case was being investigated for the satisfaction of the constitutionalist party.

El Paso, Tex.—The trip of the Benton investigation commission to Chihuahua was suddenly postponed short before the commissioners were out to take the train.

While confidentially it was felt Carranza's attitude delayed the departure of the commissioners, it was explained by officials here that receipt of instructions from the state department postpone their mission was coincident with the failure of the commission to obtain a regular passenger for Chihuahua, controlled by the elis.

NEW YORKERS PAY MUCH

Income Tax Returns Reveal That New York's Are Largest.

New York.—Amazing figures testing to the stupendous wealth of New York millionaires are contained in the income tax reports that are made to collector of internal revenue in city.

Notwithstanding the strict injunction to secrecy imposed by the commissioner of internal revenue, it was said that 29 residents of New York will pay approximately \$8,330,000 taxes. This is about 8 per cent of total of \$115,000,000 which the government expected would be raised from the personal income tax. It is noted that New York city's contribution to the government will be \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

GERMAN SAYS THAT DEWEY WAS READY

Berlin.—In a statement of 11,000 words, Admiral von Diederichs related to Admiral Dewey's version of international incidents in Manila in 1898. He says Admiral Dewey intended the Germans with war if did not cease interfering with trade regulations.

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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Rural Credits and Trust Bills
Measures Likely to Be Given
Preference Over Others.

Washington.—Trust legislation and a new law to enhance rural credits before adjournment of congress are the only measures on the "must" list of the administration for the permanent session of congress, it was made known recently. This excepts the necessary appropriation bills, which are now rapidly being disposed of.

A bill to repeal the toll exemption provision of the Panama canal act probably will be introduced within 10 days by Representative Adamson, chairman of the interstate commerce committee. It will offer no compromise whatever in the situation and is certain to provoke opposition both in the house and senate.

The immigration bill, which has passed the house and is to be reported from the senate committee this week, also will be urged to a conclusion.

The trust bills, it is now apparent, will require considerable more time in perfecting than originally anticipated. March 1 was set a month ago as the time for beginning consideration of the proposed administration bills, but not one of the bills proposed is ready for consideration in either branch.

Congress Give Up June Adjournment.

Representative Underwood, democratic leader of the house, admitted that plans to adjourn congress in June had "gone glimmering." He would not make a new prediction regarding adjournment, stating that the speeding up process would continue.

Congestion and delay in considering appropriation bills, and not the "administration program," are responsible for the inability of congress to adjourn in June, Underwood stated. He expressed confidence that the anti-trust and rural candidate legislation would not interfere with an early adjournment, but that routine business would extend the session longer than anticipated.

May Ignore Protest of Italy.

Members of the senate immigration committee are inclined to ignore intimations that the Italian government will not sign a new arbitration treaty with the United States unless assured that the section of the pending immigration bill providing for the United States health inspectors on immigrant ships, shall not apply to Italian steamers, and that the proposed literacy test shall not interfere with Italian immigration.

Senators are inclined to attribute Italian opposition to the influence of steamship companies. Committee members believe that even if they were disposed to favor Italy, there is no way to frame a provision for a literacy test so as to make an exception of any country.

Bills Provide for Leasing of Land.

Administration bills to regulate development of the vast resources of government-owned lands in the west will be introduced in the senate and house by Senator Myers, of Montana, and Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, chairman of the congressional public lands committee.

These measures, drafted after extended conferences between the two chairmen and Secretary Lane, of the interior department, are designed to make available for immediate development resources in coal, oil, phosphate and potash deposits.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout
the State During the Past
Week.

Good Samaritan is Well Repaid.

Eugene.—James Hemenway, of Cottage Grove, was surprised upon opening his morning mail to find a letter containing a draft on a Wyoming bank for \$300 and the offer of the management of an oil enterprise at Castle, Wyo., the letter being signed "James Mullen." For some time Hemenway could not remember anyone by that name, but finally he called to mind a man without money who called at his office 18 months ago and offered to work for his dinner. Hemenway allowed him to repair the sidewalk in front of his home and gave him a meal.

Afterward, believing him to be worthy, Hemenway gave him \$5. The man promised to return the money "some day" with interest.

Trap Owners War on Tax.

Astoria.—The owners of fish traps along the north shore of the Columbia river are excited over the way licenses and taxes are being imposed upon them. At the present time these trap owners pay the customary property tax, a license fee of from \$25 to \$50 a year and an additional fee of \$1 on each 1000 fish taken. Now comes initiative measure No. 11, prepared by the Washington state senate and filed at the statehouse in Olympia a few days ago. It is to be voted upon at the coming November election, and if approved will impose another and still heavier burden on that class of fishing gear.

Big Celebration Planned.

The Dalles.—The Dalles Rodeo, the wild west show which was inaugurated here last fall with such great success, will be staged July 2, 3 and 4 this year, making it include a celebration of Independence day.

The Rodeo was held last year combined with the county fair. The farmers objected to the wild west show in connection with the fair, contending that it detracted from the exhibits and other features. So it has been decided to hold the county fair in the fall and the Rodeo in July.

GOVERNOR ON EASTERN TRIP

Land Matters Will Demand Attention and Will Speak on Prison Reform.

Salem.—For the purpose of advancing the state's interests in various land matters pending before congress and the various governmental departments, Governor West left for Washington, D. C., and expects to be gone from the state three or four weeks. Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott will be acting governor in his absence.

In addition to looking after state land matters at the national capital, Governor West will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting and convention on prison reform to be held in New York, under the auspices of the National Prison Reform association.

One of the principal measures in which the governor is interested is the bill pending in the house of representatives which authorizes the exchange of 50,000 acres of timber land in the Santiam national forest for an equal number of acres in scattering sections of school land. This bill has passed the senate and the governor hopes to see it put through the house at this session of congress.

Safety Rules Are Issued.

Salem.—Labor Commissioner Hoff has prepared a number of rules for persons working in factories. The object is to keep them from being injured. While simple, they are important, Mr. Hoff says, and if observed will save many legs, arms, fingers and lives. His object is to have the rules printed and copies framed and placed in conspicuous places in the factories.

Cool Settlers May Get Land Claims.

Marshfield.—Twenty or more Coos county men will be affected by a recent decision of the interior department regarding the Hyde-Benson alleged fraudulent forest land selections. The department in one case decided in favor of actual settlers contesting such land and holds that such actual settlers are entitled to preference rights of entry of the tracts involved after the cancellation of the selections.

Linn County Will Go Into the Past.

Albany.—To ascertain the origin of the names of towns, streams and mountains, and to look up all the historical sites throughout the county, is the plan formulated at a meeting of the Linn County Historical society.

Announce Strawberry Festival.

Roseburg.—This year's annual Roseburg strawberry carnival will be held on May 21, 22 and 23. The committee in charge of the 1914 carnival announce that several novel features are under consideration.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Attorney-General Crawford has rendered an opinion that Lake county could initiate a law placing a bounty on jackrabbits.

Representative Sinnott has enlisted the aid of the department of agriculture in plans to exterminate the jackrabbits that infest central and eastern Oregon, and the department will soon issue instructions on the subject.

A big red fir tree with a heart of charcoal was cut down on E. B. Wallace's farm, eight miles from Albany. The tree had a diameter of about six feet and its age is estimated as 109 years.

Dr. Rufus Hagood, of Pendleton, who recently passed an examination for the United States army medical corps, has been commissioned first lieutenant and ordered to Vancouver barracks.

W. F. Hale, superintendent of the state training school for boys, says experiments show that nitrate of silver is a sure cure for the cigarette habit. The desire for the weed is said to vanish after a number of treatments.

In his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, filed with the secretary of state, T. T. Geer, ex-governor, announces that he is for national and state-wide prohibition.

Under circumstances indicating that he had been slain, the dead and partially buried body of Otto Raen, aged 53, of Portland, was found on an isolated mountain ranch near Cape Horn in Skamania county, Washington.

Ernest and Richard Minty, brothers, presented themselves for admittance to the reform school at Salem. One of the boys had been released from the school on parole, but he decided to return, and bring his brother, after an absence of six months.

United States immigration authorities have ordered deported Mrs. Sado McDaniels, wife of an American physician living in the orient. The woman arrived in this country and was stopped while on her way to Independence, Or.

Additional time has been given delinquents in which to pay for reclamation work in the Klamath district. There are 40 delinquents, some of whom claim exemption because their lands are not fit for farming on account of poor drainage.

One of the largest reclamation projects in northern Lake county is under way with the draining of Summer lake and utilizing the flow of Ana river, which maintains the body of water at a general level by turning the stream flow into irrigation canals to supply the land on the east side of the valley.

Reports having been made that a number of druggists in the state are "bootlegging," Governor West states that he has called a meeting of the state board of pharmacy for April 1 to provide rules for revoking the license of any druggist found guilty of violating the liquor laws.

Governor West has appointed Joseph N. Teal to intervene for the state of Oregon in the case of the federal government to dissolve the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads. The appointment carries no salary and was made upon request of the transportation committee of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Representative Lafferty has introduced a bill making it unlawful for any senator or representative to accept any compensation other than the salary and allowances he receives from the government. Each must file once a year a sworn statement of the things of value donated to or received by him during the year.

There is no legal obstacle to the county court calling the special election to vote upon the question of leasing \$850,000 bonds for building permanent roads at the time of the general primary election May 15, according to an opinion given by Attorney-General Crawford to County Clerk Max Gehldar of Marion county.

Deer are more plentiful in the mountains of Umatilla county this year than for many years, according to District Warden E. F. Averill, who has just returned from a trip through the south and highlands. This may be ascribed to the game protection sentiment which has been aroused in this county. Until the past few years there was an open season the year round in the mountains of southern Umatilla county, so far as actual conditions were concerned.

More than 800 acres of unproductive Oregon land will be planted with trees within the next few weeks by the reforestation department of the government forestry bureau. Included in this work will be an experiment of covering the sand dunes along the beach in Lane and Coos counties with trees. For this purpose a consignment of 10,000 maritime pine plants are now on the way to Portland. These trees, it has been found, give best results in a soil of shifting sand. They are said to be splendid as a sand-binding agency. In addition to this work a denuded tract near Tillamook will be reforested with about 600,000 pine plants. Another allotment will be set out on the dry area near Burns, in Harney county.



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