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American Marines Are Landed In Nicaragua

Protection of Property and Lives of U. S. Citizens Causes Action.

Washington, D. C.—The state department announced that American marines and sailors had been landed "without incident" at Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, to protect American foreign lives and property.

A neutral zone "comprising the territory lying within rifle range of the American and foreign properties" has been established.

The landing was made, the announcement said, in answer to appeals for protection received from American citizens with interests in the Puerto Cabezas area.

Dr. T. S. Vaca, representative of the Sacaca faction here, in a statement, charged that the movement was armed intervention by the Washington government in the Nicaragua political struggle, undertaken during the holidays recess of congress to avoid a congressional investigation.

The Nicaraguan situation arises from a conflict between the government of President Adolfo Diaz, recently recognized by the United States as constitutional, and that of President Sacaca, subsequently recognized by the Calles government of Mexico.

The Sacaca government statement issued by Dr. T. S. Vaca contradicted the official report from Admiral Lattimer that the bluejackets were landed from the warships Cleveland and Denver to protect American lives and property, with the assertion that "there are no American lives or property in danger at the zone of landing in Puerto Cabeza."

UNITED STATES HAS 22 MILLION CARS

New York, N. Y.—Motor vehicles in use in the United States now exceed 22,000,000, or one to every five persons, it is shown by annual registration figures in the magazine Motor.

Passenger and commercial cars totaled 22,342,457, a gain over 1925 of 2,254,000, or 11.2 per cent. While the gain is 2.7 per cent less than the gain of 1925 over 1924, this is due to the fact that an unprecedented large number of vehicles were taken out of service, the magazine says.

Commercial vehicles now number 2,876,781, a gain over the preceding year of 421,688, or 17.1 per cent. Passenger automobiles numbered 19,465,676, an increase of 1,831,793, or 10.3 percent, over the previous year.

New York state retains its leadership with 1,818,765, a gain of 193,000. It now has about half as many motor vehicles as all the rest of the world, aside from the United States.

California is still New York's closest rival with 1,614,479. Ohio is third with 1,507,500, Pennsylvania fourth with 1,483,054, Illinois fifth with 1,370,900, Michigan sixth with 1,124,869 and Texas seventh with 1,063,600. Michigan and Texas are newcomers in the million class.

Nevada registered the lowest number of cars with 23,033. Delaware was next lowest with 44,355, while Wyoming was third from bottom with 50,000.

Eddie Collins Back With Athletics.
Philadelphia, Pa.—Eddie Collins, former manager of the Chicago White Sox, has returned to the Philadelphia Athletics. Collins comes back to the Philadelphia club after a lapse of 12 years, having been sold to the Chicago club in December, 1924, for \$50,000 when Mack broke up his famous \$100,000 infield. Collins was released from managerial duties at the close of the season.

Italian Aviator Rises 18,168 Feet.
Rome.—Flying the seaplane S-55, with a load of 1110 pounds, the Italian aviator Passalera rose to an altitude of 18,168 at the Setaoalende air-crome, creating what is claimed to be a new world record for altitude with such a load.

Emperor of Japan Is Dead.
Tokyo.—Yoshihito, Japan's inviolable emperor, died in the early hours of this Christmas morning. Hirohito, his eldest son, who since November, 1921, had ruled the empire as regent, immediately became Japan's 124th emperor.

Mrs. John M. Banister Passes Away Suddenly At Her Weston Home

Mrs. John M. Banister died at her home in Weston early Friday morning from heart failure, resulting from an attack of diabetes of several years standing, at the age of 56 years, 8 months and 12 days. Apparently in no worse than her ordinary condition would justify, except having a cold, Mrs. Banister retired Thursday evening. Several hours later she awakened her husband, complained of pains, and about an hour afterward passed away.

Funeral services were held at Methodist church, South in Weston, Tuesday afternoon, and were attended by a large number of friends. Interment was made at Kees cemetery.

Mrs. Banister, who was formerly Mrs. Adarene Lieualen, lived all her life in the Athena-Weston neighborhood, and her splendid womanly attributes endeared her to everyone and drew to her her lifelong friendship.

She is survived by her husband, four daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. Ruth McConnell, of Walla Walla; Mrs. Edna Flisk and Mrs. Rena Smith of Weston; Mrs. Gladys McFadden of Athena; Raymond Banister of Weston. Also ten grandchildren survive, and five sisters, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. McArthur of Portland; Mrs. Stine of Spokane; Mrs. Leonard of Waukegan, and Mrs. Banister of Athena; two brothers, J. T. Lieualen of Adams, and George Lieualen of Athena.

Installation of Officers

Athena Circle No. 10 Neighbors of Woodcraft will install the following officers January 4th for the ensuing term: Laura Gross, P. G. N.; Mary McKay, G. N.; Stella Keen, Advisor; Elvina Norris, Magician; Lola Payne, Clerk; Mae Douglas, Banker; Minnie DePeatt, Attendant; Lulu Prestbye, Captain of Guards; Celia Harden, Flag Bearer; Stella Kershaw, Inner Sentinel; Jesse Shick, Outer Sentinel; Edna Pinkerton, musician; Sarah Gross, Maria Pinkerton, Mary Sharp Managers; Ellen Cannon, Correspondent. All members are requested to be present at this meeting.

Snowdrifts Hinder Service

Auto stage traffic was hindered by snowdrifts between Athena and Weston for several days. Removal of snow for a passageway for passenger cars was not sufficient to permit the heavy stages to pass through. Stage service was maintained however, by running a stage from each direction and transferring passengers on foot over the drifts which could not be negotiated by the machines. The Union Pacific stage was taken off entirely and steam train substituted on the run between Pendleton and Walla Walla.

Walla Walla Merchant Dead

Following damage by fire last week to the Hanger & Thompson store in Walla Walla, one of the members of the firm, H. G. Thompson, died Sunday morning, after about a week's illness from pneumonia. Mr. Thompson was a leader in Walla Walla's civic and business activities. He had been a resident of Walla Walla for twenty years, coming to that city from Dayton, Washington.

Christmas Saddened

Christmas day was saddened for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickey, when they received word of the sudden death at Wawawai, Washington, of an old friend, Scymre Blyton, who had planned to spend the day with them at their home in Athena. Mr. Blyton dropped dead of heart failure, at the age of 74 years. For thirty years he had made annual visits to Mr. and Mrs. Dickey.

Jolly For Little Folks

Henry Barrett possesses the only cutter and sleighbell outfit hereabouts, and during the fine sleighing conditions he has fully utilized it to the entire satisfaction and joy of a large coterie of his little friends. Not only does one see the cutter fully loaded with juvenile passengers, but a long string of hand sleds bearing little tots are anchored on behind.

Found Him Dead

Alone in the hills near her home west of Alma, Lane County, Mrs. Benjamin J. Watts, wife of a pioneer of that district, found the body of her husband at 10 o'clock Sunday night after a search started when he failed to come home from work that evening.

Cheap Power Seen In Oregon's Project

Claims Made for Umatilla Plant Are Supported By Engineers.

The Oregonian's Washington News Bureau says that the promise of low cost power held out to the Pacific Northwest by proponents of the Umatilla rapids dam and power development, which would provide water for adjacent lands as well as electrical energy for industries in Oregon and Washington, has been verified by engineers of the reclamation service in a report to commissioner Mead.

The calculations of the engineers, based on a nine-year development program for the Umatilla plant coupled with contemporaneous expansion of irrigation needs, indicate that from 30,000 to 300,000 horsepower could be made available over such a period.

Cost of construction of the whole development at Umatilla rapids is estimated by S. O. Harper, assistant engineer of the reclamation service at Denver, at \$57,939,400, of which \$41,360,000 would be for power development, \$4,586,000 for pumping canals and \$11,993,400 for canals and laterals.

"The example is based on money for the entire irrigation and power development at Umatilla rapids being obtained at 4 per cent interest and indicates that a rate of two mills a kilowatt hour delivered at high voltage at the power plant would return the cost of the entire development in about 42 years," Mr. Harper reported. It should, however, be emphasized that this is true only if the development proceeds at the rate shown and if the power can be disposed of as fast as developed.

The development of power as worked out by Mr. Harper covers the period 1935 to 1943, during which he believes the proposed Umatilla rapids plant might most feasibly be extended to capacity. The division of power ranges from 61,800 horsepower in 1935, apportioned 30,860 for irrigation purposes and 30,940 for commercial sale, to 420,000 horsepower in 1943, of which 120,000 would be turned to irrigation purposes and 300,000 to industry.

A. M. Elam, Pioneer, Dead

A. M. Elam, resident of this county since 1876, died at his home in Milton Sunday, aged 86. Funeral services were held Wednesday, the Masses having charge. He leaves his widow and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Piper and Miss Bertie Elam.

New Ford Truck

Claud Dickenson, Athena drayman has purchased a new Ford Truck to be used in the drayage business conducted in Athena by Mr. Dickenson and Allie Bell.

Joint Installation of Dolph Lodge No. 80 and McKenzie Chapter

One of the most pleasant and enjoyable lodge events held at Athena in recent years, was the occasion of joint installation of officers for Dolph Lodge No. 80, A. F. and A. M., and McKenzie Chapter, O. E. S., at Masonic Hall, Monday evening.

The affair was attended by members of the two orders, their families and invited guests. After the installation ceremonies were concluded, the assemblage repaired to the lower floor of the Masonic building, where the room had been converted into a banquet hall, and everyone did ample justice to a fine supper.

Ralph Cannon was installing officer for the Masons, with Samuel Pambrun serving as marshal. Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn installed the Chapter officers, assisted by Mrs. R. B. McEwen as marshal.

The occasion was made doubly interesting for the program of the evening included numbers by the Jolly Joy-Maker's Orchestra; Miss Lois Johnson, pianist; Mr. J. N. Scott, vocalist; Miss Juanita Woodruff, reading, and numbers by Roland Kretzer's male quartet.

1927 Optimism In Business Is Seen

Conservative optimism is the keynote of business forecasts for 1927 of the nation's leading bankers and business men.

With two successive years of unusual prosperity just drawing to a close, and stock and bond prices around the highest levels ever recorded, it is natural that predictions for the future should be attended with an unusual degree of caution, particularly by those committed to the cycle theory of business. While a number of executives indicate that a slowing down in general business is likely, fundamental conditions generally are regarded as sound and no serious depression is looked for in any responsible quarter.

Some concern is expressed over the huge volume of securities owned by banks, over the low price of commodities, particularly cotton, and its possible effect on the country's purchasing power, over the apparent decline in building construction. However, the ordinary harbingers of business depression such as inflated prices, high inventories and over-expanded credit are absent.

Drumheller Weds

George Drumheller of Walla Walla, well known in Athena, was married in the city Monday, to Miss Lilian Rook, daughter of William Rook. Mr. and Mrs. Drumheller have gone to California to spend the winter.

Orchestra In Demand

The services of the Jolly Joy-Maker's Orchestra, Athena's dance music organization, is in demand this winter. During the holidays the orchestra filled two engagements in Athena, and three at Pendleton.

Complicating Factors Enter Site Selection

The Board of Control Makes Second Visit to Eastern Oregon.

Yesterday the Board selected The Dalles as the place for the hospital.

"Many complicating factors enter into the choice of a location for a tuberculosis sanatorium," according to Jamieson Marshall, New York architect and sanatorium advisor who is accompanying the Oregon Board of Control on a second trip into Eastern Oregon this week to study proposed sites for the new tuberculosis hospital.

"These factors have come to be recognized through the combined experience of many sanatoria in the United States and other countries," said Marshall in presenting his preliminary report to the Board of Control.

"A particular site," says Marshall's report, "may have several advantages and yet be rendered utterly useless by the lack of one or two of these vital factors. For example, a site may have everything in the way of water supply, sewage disposal facilities, pure air, accessibility, etc., but the lay of the land may be such that the cost of preparing the site for the hospital building would be prohibitive. Or again, a site may be easy to build upon and have every other advantage except that it is too far from a center of population, where the staff and employees of the hospital could find recreation when off duty, and where medical consultants would be available at short notice."

"Some of the deciding factors in the choice of a location for a tuberculosis hospital are: Sufficient area of level or gently sloping ground, to provide for the buildings with plenty of space around them to prevent encroachment of other buildings, soil fertile for grass and shrubbery, protection from disagreeable winds, pleasant view, an abundant and pure water supply (about 35,000 gallons per day for a 100-bed hospital, to provide for all emergencies,) electricity for light and power, sewer connections and available fuel supply at low cost."

"As for climate and atmospheric conditions," Marshall's report concludes, "Practically every locality in Eastern Oregon that is proposed as a site for the hospital, is suitable for the purpose."

Buried Marcus Whitman

Oliver Oren Howell, who died at Lostine, Wallowa county, Sunday night, was a son of Wesley Howell, pioneer, who helped bury Marcus Whitman and other victims of the Indian massacre near Walla Walla, in 1847. Besides his wife and one sister, Mrs. B. W. J. Bates of Walla Walla, he leaves a son, Harold of San Francisco.

Pendleton Youth Killed In a Play Rifle Duel According Witnesses

A duel, declared by companions of the two boys to have been in fun, ended fatally a short distance east of Pendleton, Tuesday, when James Lowary, 16-year-old newsboy, was shot through the heart and killed by Bob Moyer, 14-year-old Pendleton boy.

The Lowary youth and two companions were rabbit hunting and met Moyer and five other boys. They talked for a short time and practiced at shooting caps and hats thrown in to the air. The two groups parted and when Lowary and his companions were about 250 yards from Moyer and his playmates, the Lowary boy was said to have fired his smaller caliber rifle at the boys. Moyer returned the fire and three shots each were exchanged, Lowary was killed when he stooped to reload his gun. Moyer was held for questioning by the prosecuting attorney.

Thos. Ranahan's Career Ends At Boise Idaho

Thomas Ranahn died Monday and Boise lost one of its few remaining human links with its colorful past—the past of the pony express stage-coach, bullock to sustain a nation in civil war, and all the foundings of new civilization in the west.

Aged 84, old Tom Ranahan was the last survivor but one—Henry Dunn of Blackfoot—of the old Holiday stage express line. He was one of the small, scattered bands of men who as boys went through the Beecher's island massacre in eastern Colorado, and survived a dozen equally desperate encounters with Indians in the '60s and '70s.

In 1860, on attaining his majority, young Tom entered the employ of Ben Holladay as an overland stage driver, continuing through countless experiences until 1866, when that line was sold to Wells Fargo & company. Part of this time he was a guard over the paymaster on the Denver section, and for at least two years served while Indian depredations were making the operation of the stage line hazardous in the extreme.

In 1868 Mr. Ranahan became an Indian scout. He was in General Forsyth's campaign in western Kansas and eastern Colorado, and went almost unscathed through the celebrated battle of the Arickaree. From this he graduated into government scouting with Captain Graham and Colonel William Cody (Buffalo Bill) under General Carr.

Hermiston Packing Plant

Hermiston has started a movement to secure a packing plant for that district to handle the increased egg production there. Hermiston is becoming the egg producing section of the Northwest. Recently a big poultry-raising plant was moved to Hermiston from another part of the state, and it is estimated that the number of laying hens of the district may soon total 44,000, which will insure shipment of a carload of eggs each week.

Buy's Drumheller Wheat

Henry Collins of Pendleton, who estimates that 25 to 30 per cent of the Northwest wheat crop is still held by the grower, has purchased 125,000 bushels from George Drumheller, of Walla Walla. The grain is stored in Washington warehouses, and will be exported, according to Mr. Collins.

Pendleton Youth Suicides

Despondent because his love for a woman older than he was not requited William Ayres, aged 24, of Pendleton committed suicide on the streets of Pendleton by taking strychnine. He was found near the woman's house, and died shortly after being removed to a hospital.

Perfect Christmas Day

With several inches of snow covering the ground and big flakes swirling about, temperature just right, Umatilla county residents enjoyed a perfect Christmas day. A minor exception may be noted, in that the highway contained drifted snow at some points, which retarded traffic.

Skating Attracts Many

Skating and coasting parties have spent several enjoyable evenings west of town on a hill near the Dean Dudley place. Large bonfires lend comfort to participants in the sport, which furnishes thrills galore.

New Investigations Planned By Senate

Alien Property and Foreign Oil Deals Are Subjects for Inquiry.

Washington, D. C.—Two new senatorial investigations, each of which may rival the oil inquiries of 1923-24 in sensational ramifications, were in prospect as congress started its Christmas recess.

Both cases hinge on foreign affairs, one dealing with oil and one with alien property.

The first inquiry, a resolution for which already has been adopted by the senate, has to do with oil in Mosul, Asiatic Turkey, recognized by international relations experts as one of the "danger spots" of the old world. The inquiry, proposed by Senator King, democrat, Utah, will deal with reports that American oil interests, seeking concessions in the rich Mosul oil fields, influenced negotiations of the Lausanne treaty restoring diplomatic relations with Turkey and that the same oil interests which include the Standard Oil company, are leading the campaign for ratification of the treaty now pending in the senate.

The second prospective investigation will go into charges by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, of "waste, theft and fraud" in the handling of \$550,000,000 of alien property seized during the war. A resolution ordering this inquiry will be introduced by Senator King soon after congress meets January 3, the United Press was informed, and indications are that it will be adopted.

Borah himself would sit at the head of the committee prying into the stories which have been bandied about Washington for years and which have furnished grounds for several court trials, including that of Thomas Miller, former alien property custodian, and former Attorney General Daugherty in New York.

3 SOUTHERN STATES SUFFER FROM FLOODS

Memphis, Tenn.—Thousands were driven from their homes by floods and property damage estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Kentucky.

Rivers and creeks in the three states have run "out of bounds, flooding the lowlands, as a result of heavy rains.

Four were known dead as a result of the swollen rivers and others directly from automobile accidents. Nashville, Tenn., with more than 50 blocks inundated and 2500 people driven from their homes, was probably the most severely hit point in the area affected by the floods. The 50 blocks in Nashville were inundated by the backwater from the Cumberland river, which runs "S" shaped through the city.

Swollen streams in Mississippi had sent hundreds away from their homes. Damage to highways, livestock and crops there is expected to exceed \$100,000.

RAILROADS CANNOT AGREE

Problem of Klamath Falls Extension Goes Back to Commission.

St. Paul, Minn.—As the result of the failure of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines to come to an agreement with the Southern Pacific for use of the rails of the latter in the proposed extension of the Oregon Trunk line southward to Klamath Falls, the northern lines and the Southern Pacific have been instructed by the interstate commerce commission to file their individual reports by January 2.

This means that the problem, which has been before the heads of the two systems for some time, will be back in the hands of the Commission again.

Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, which with the Northern Pacific is joint owner of the Oregon Trunk line, said that the Southern Pacific had failed to accept terms offered for the use of the Southern Pacific line in the proposed Klamath Falls extension.

A few days ago William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, had announced that the Oregon Trunk line had refused to accept of his company to use its tracks in making the extension.

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