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Moro, Sherman County, Oregon. Friday, July 17, 1914.

Five Cents

HORACE H. LURTON



Horace H. Lurton, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who died suddenly at Atlantic City.

COLLIER CAUSE OF WRECK

Change in Stord's Course Blamed For Collision With Liner.

Quebec.—Alfred Tuftness, third of floor of the Danish collier Stord, was held by the wreck commission to be directly to blame for the collision with the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river that caused the loss of more than 1,000 lives.

The commission finds the young mate was "wrong and negligent in keeping the navigation of the vessel in his own hands and failing to call the captain when he saw the fog coming on."

The report says the disaster was not due to any special characteristics of the St. Lawrence. It was a disaster which might have occurred in any river in similar circumstances. It is held that the dominant cause of the collision was the Stord's change of course, which the third officer ordered without consulting his superior, the first officer, who was in charge of the ship at the time.

W. L. Jones Runs Again.

Olympia, Wash.—Senator Wesley L. Jones, of North Yakima, filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself in the United States senate. His declaration is the second to be filed for United States senator, J. A. Falconer having filed on the progressive ticket previously.

New Plague Case Found.

New Orleans.—Another case of bubonic plague, the fifth since the disease appeared two weeks ago, was found here by Dr. W. C. Rucker, assistant surgeon-general of the United States health service.

Rebels Deport Labor Men.

Tucson, Ariz.—Twenty labor leaders, Canaan, Sonora, where a strike of 25,000 miners has been in progress for some time, were deported here by constitutionalist soldiers.

HUERTA TO RESIGN AND LEAVE MEXICO

Vera Cruz.—To save his country from the further horrors of continued civil war and his capital from capture and perhaps sack by a victorious army General Huerta intends to resign the provisional presidency and leave Mexico.

This statement was made by Roberto Esteva-Rius, Mexican Sub-Secretary of foreign affairs, who reached Vera Cruz from Mexico city on his way to Europe. Huerta, he said, will surrender the government to Francisco Carbajal, the new minister of foreign affairs, who, in turn, will step aside, when the time comes, for some other provisional president wholly acceptable to the constitutionalists.

Carbajal, he added, was suggested as provisional president by the American delegation at the Niagara Falls mediation conference and agreed to by Huerta's delegates and the South American mediators, while the constitutionalists indirectly had conveyed the idea that he would be acceptable to Carranza.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club, 79c; bluestem, 53c; red Russian, 77c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16, alfalfa, \$11.
Butter—Creamery, 27c.
Eggs—Ranch, 23c.
Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, 53c; club, 79c; red Russian, 77c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 26c.
Eggs—24c.

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

Plan for More Autonomous Government in Philippines Is Laid Before Congress.

Washington.—An administration-approved plan for a more autonomous government in the Philippines as another step toward independence was laid before congress, in a bill introduced by Congressman Jones of Virginia.

Mr. Jones is chairman of the house insular committee, and his measure declaring the purpose of the people of the country as to the future political status of the Philippines, follows a long series of conferences with the president, Secretary Garrison, Manuel Queson, the Philippine resident commission to the United States, and democratic members of the insular committee, all of whom have approved it informally.

The bill makes no attempt to fix a date for Philippine independence. Its preamble recites that it was never the intention of the people in the inception of war with Spain to make it a war of conquest or territorial aggrandizement. It asserts that it always has been their purpose to recognize the independence of the islands "as soon as a stable government could be established therein." It declares it to be desirable to place in the hands of the Filipinos as large control of their domestic affairs as may be consistent with the exercise in the meantime of the right of sovereignty of the United States.

Wilson Will Stand by Warburg.

The administration met defeat in the first stage of its fight to have the senate confirm the nominations of Thomas D. Jones, of Chicago, and Paul M. Warburg, of New York, as members of the Federal reserve board.

The banking and currency committee voted 7 to 4 to report the nomination of Mr. Jones to the senate with an unfavorable recommendation, and agreed to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the nomination of Mr. Warburg.

The senate must take the responsibility for an incomplete federal reserve board. The president is determined to stand or fall by Warburg. He will not nominate a substitute for him.

This was the declaration given out unofficially as the White House's last word on the controversy between President Wilson and the senate committee on banking and currency over the confirmation of Paul Warburg and Thomas Jones as reserve board members.

No attempt was made in administration circles to conceal the fact that the issue had caused an almost complete split between the president and some of the leading democratic members of the upper house.

Bryan Defends Columbian Treaty.

Secretary Bryan issued a statement vigorously defending the proposed treaty to settle differences between the United States and Colombia over the separation of Panama. The treaty has met vigorous opposition in the senate, and ex-President Roosevelt has attacked it as a vehicle for the payment of "blackmail."

Mr. Bryan declared it was necessary to discuss only the fact that an estrangement existed and not the events which gave rise to the differences; and that, regardless of whether Colombia has a just grievance against her more powerful neighbor, no one would deny that the former country sustained great financial loss, considerably more than the \$25,000,000 which the United States would pay under the treaty, through the separation of Panama.

As to the expression of regret on the part of the American government, to which opponents of the pending convention offer their bitterest objection, the secretary said this was almost identical with a similar expression in the Dubois memorandum on the basis of which the Taft administration unsuccessfully sought to placate Colombia.

National Capital Briefs.

A delegation of Chicago business men called on the president to protest against certain anti-trust legislation which has been proposed.

The house passed the bill which the senate had approved providing that homesteaders might dispose of the surface rights to lands which contained minerals.

Secretary Wilson, of the department of labor, is pleased at reports he is receiving which indicate that the number of American citizens emigrating to Canada is decreasing.

President Wilson believes that business men are coming around to the administration's view of anti-trust legislation and are willing and ready that the program laid out be put through at the present session of congress. He made this plain to callers, following a talk with Henry Ford, the millionaire auto manufacturer, and other representatives of business.



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SCULPTOR FINISHING ENLARGEMENT IN STUDIOS OF PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

MANY FILINGS MADE ON SAME SECTION

Oregon Official Tells of Locations on Oregon-California Land Grants.

Portland.—The methods said to have been used by the so-called "Seattle group" in inducing people to buy alleged fraudulent "locations" on Oregon and California land grant lands were aired in the United States district court at the trial of W. F. Minard, of Portland, and J. W. Logan and E. J. Sellers, of Tacoma.

Clara Gaucher, stenographer for Logan at Tacoma, in 1911, told how a confederate of Logan's received a "prospector" entered the office.

This confederate, according to Miss Gaucher, then would enter the office, "introduce" himself and either close a deal for a location before the "prospector's" eyes or would say that he had just returned from examining land on which he had been "located" and was delighted with the "investment."

County Recorder A. Eugene Aufreue of Marion county, told of having received as many as 50 "filings" for different people, on the same quarter section of land, many of which were received on the same day and in the same affidavit from Minard.

GUILT DENIED BY ACCUSED

Magazine Staff Say Goethals Approved Isthmian Canal Pictures.

San Francisco.—The defense of Charles K. Field, editor of Sunset Magazine, and of the three others accused with him of having disclosed military secrets of the United States by the publication of an illustrated article, will be that the pictures were taken and the aeroplane flight across the isthmus of Panama was made with the permission of Colonel George W. Goethals, in command of the Panama zone.

Mr. Field, Robert Fowler, an aviator; Riley E. Scott, author of the article, and Ray Duham, a moving picture man, were arrested at the instance of

ATTRACTIVE BOOK ON THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AND PANAMA CANAL MAILED FREE OF CHARGE.

A HANDSOME book of sixty pages, profusely illustrated in colors and giving detailed descriptions of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held in San Francisco from Feb. 20 to Dec. 4, 1915, and of the Panama canal and canal region, will be mailed by the Exposition free of charge to all inquirers. The booklet is intended as a general guide to prospective visitors and will also contain information concerning the great engineering feat which the Exposition is to celebrate. Write to the Manager, Bureau of Publications, Panama-Pacific International Exposition, Exposition Building, San Francisco, for booklet.

the war department, acting through John W. Preston, United States district attorney here. No bail was required and they were released on their own recognizance.

\$200 Per Page For Arguments Asked.

Olympia, Wash.—When Miss Lucy Case, secretary of the league backing the "Seven Sisters" initiative bills of the measures to go in the official booklet Secretary of State Howell released the documents because Miss Case declined to deposit the \$20 a page required to cover the cost of printing and binding.

Guvnor Tests, attorney for the joint league, waited on the secretary of state and urged his interpretation of the law that the cost of paper only is required, and offered \$15.75 a page. Attorney Tests announced that he would bring a mandamus action direct before the supreme court to compel acceptance of the arguments.

CHARGE RECKLESS USE OF MANY MILLIONS

Washington.—The story of the "reckless and profligate" financial operations of the New Haven railroad, one of the most remarkable chapters in the history of American railroad and American finance, was revealed in part by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a report to the senate of its investigation of that road.

It told of millions used like stage money, of corporations as pawns in a

monster game with all New England's transportation as a prize, which led the New Haven in the ten years just passed from the height of prosperity to the point where a dividend has been passed, where a dissolution suit is threatening and where criminal indictments of many of the directors who figured in its deals are at least a possibility.

Hampered by unwilling witnesses, by burned books and by all the mazes which lawyers invented to cover the trail, the commission estimated that in the progress toward monopolization of New England transportation the New Haven stockholders have lost between \$55,000,000 and \$90,000,000, but little of which they may recover.

In return, that report said, they have on their hands properties which pay no dividends, which eat into the earnings of the parent road and which will be a burden on its capacity for many years to come.

Devastating Hail Lays Low Crops.

Moro, Ore.—Property and crop damage, variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$250,000, was done in Sherman county on the east side of the Deschutes valley Sunday night when three distinct storms, either as cloudbursts or of heavy hail, left a path of devastation through thousands of acres of growing grain.

European Nostalgia For West Africa. There is a wonderful charm about West Africa, says Major Tremearne in "Some Austral-African Notes and Anecdotes," which few Europeans can throw off. Then he tells of a man who, after living for ten consecutive years in a lonely part of southern Nigeria, made up his mind to have a trip home and sailed away in splendid spirits.

The Gold Coast ports were part of West Africa, and so he managed to make himself fairly at home while there, though the life on board ship was already beginning to bore him, and he wished that he had never left Nigeria. Sierra Leone he did not like at all, as it was not the West Africa which appealed to him, and he began to long for his home in the bush. After leaving that port and with no sight of land to cheer him he became desperate, and on arrival at Las Palmas he declared: "I shall go no farther. I must return at once. I have had quite enough of Europe."

Open Windows at Night.

It is difficult to get doctors to agree and to agree with the patient listener. For years I had been a slave to the open window, the fresh air at night. That doctrine of the open bedroom window was my obsession, but recently doubt crept in. By accident the bedroom window had been closed, and I slept peacefully and woke refreshed in a closed room. There was no ventilation of the official medical variety. To a medical journalist I put the problem of the window at night, and, to my astonishment, he told me that I am an animal when I sleep and do not want fresh air at all.

"Look at the animals! When they sleep they choose the stuffiest nooks they can find, and they know what is best for them. Shut your bedroom windows at night and open them in the morning." And when I reflected on the dormouse and the dog I am encouraged to tuck my nose under the other animals.—London Chronicle.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Broken Bone Is Nailed Together.

Albany.—Two 16-penny wire nails were used by Dr. R. B. Wallace in setting the fractured neck of the thigh bone of A. Baughman, age 45, the shoemaker who fell from a tricycle Wednesday night. Because the location of the break made it inconvenient to successfully bind, the nails had to be driven through the severed ends of the bone and into the femur. Half of the nails are imbedded in this, and the other half in the other bone, where they will remain. The injured hip has also been placed in plaster of Paris and will be kept so for about two months. Baughman wears a cork leg on his right limb from the knee.

Bandits' Dynamite Is Found.

Pendleton.—Dynamite cached by Charles Manning, leader of the trio of robbers who held up the O.W. R. & N. train near Meacham July 2, was discovered by small boys in the outskirts of this city. Clarence Stoner, the youngest of the trio, said Manning had brought a 10-pound box of dynamite from Cokeville to Pendleton. Arriving here he took out 12 sticks he thought they would need for the Meacham job and then cached the remainder where it was found.

Fishing Law Faces Test.

Astoria.—A case that will test the constitutionality of one section of the state fishing laws of the state was started in justice court here. Oras Catholic, a fisherman, who recently arrived from the Sacramento River and is said to be a resident of California, was arrested on a charge of fishing without a license. He was found guilty and fined \$50 and \$5 costs. His attorney gave notice of appeal to the circuit court.

Roseburg Sets Bond Election Date.

Roseburg.—At a meeting of citizens it was decided to hold the election, to authorize the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$300,000 with which to help construction of a railroad from Roseburg to Marshfield, on October 5. The voters also will be asked to amend the present city charter so as to allow the creation of an indebtedness in excess of \$5000, as well as select a so-called railroad commission.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY JOB LET

Contract for Five Miles at Cost of \$50,000 Is Awarded.

Medford.—The Clark Henry Construction company, which has paved 20 miles in the city of Medford was awarded the contract to construct five miles of the Pacific Highway from Ashland north to Talent at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

The road will be 16 feet wide with macadam shoulders of four feet on each side and will vary from mere resurfacing, where the old macadam road furnishes sufficient foundation, to a 3 1/2-inch base of concrete and 1 1/2 working surface of asphaltic macadam.

Work on the road will start at once and is expected to be completed early in the fall. The one built by the county from Central Point to Medford has been completed and will be opened to traffic August 9, allowing 30 days in which to set. When present plans are carried out, Jackson county will have, by November 1, a hard-surfaced pavement extending from Ashland to Central Point, a distance of 20 miles, and an excavation of a 5 per cent gravel highway over the Skagitous to the California line ready for hard surfacing in the spring of 1915.

Seaside Ready for Troops.

Seaside.—Twenty-five hundred National Guardsmen of Oregon and Idaho arrived Monday for encampment with the Twenty-first regiment of regulars, from Vancouver barracks, which has been located on the plains a few miles north of this city. The regulars marched from Vancouver by way of the Nehalem valley, averaging over 16 miles a day on the trip.

Ducks' Crows Yield Gold.

St. Helens.—S. Saulser, a farmer living near Yankton, came into town with several pieces of natural gold. Mr. Saulser killed eight ducks last week and each time found little nuggets of solid gold in the ducks' craws. His duckpen is on a side hill of rock. Experts tell him there is probably a pocket of placer gold on his place.

Train Falls Through Bridge.

Dallas.—Freight train No. 238 on the Salem, Falls City & Western railway dropped through the bridge over the Luckiamute river near Black Rock and Fireman Joe Fritz was badly scalded and may die, but Engineer George Falkner escaped serious burns by keeping under water.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS



George Fred Williams, American Minister to Greece, who was asked to resign, owing to his criticism of conditions in Albania.

Brief News of the Week

Greece paid the United States \$12,000,000 for the battleships Mississippi and Idaho.

France's loan of \$161,000,000 a three and a half per cent was subscribed by people of France 40 times over.

The four new dreadnoughts ordered but yet not named will be known as Arizona, California, Idaho and Mississippi.

Georgia and South Carolina were once in a tropical climate according to the statement of the geological survey department of the government.

The First National Bank of Uniontown, Pa., is said to have declared a dividend of 700 per cent to its stockholders in order to dodge the new currency law.

Six persons killed and property damage of hundreds of thousands of dollars was the toll of cloudbursts and electrical storms in the Lebanon valley and anthracite regions of Pennsylvania.

American men who profess to follow fashion's decree will wear suits of the English, or form-fitting, models this fall and winter, according to the standards approved at the opening session of the National Association of Manufacturing Clothiers and Designers' convention.

Estimates that the total wheat crop would approach the billion-bushel mark—\$20,000,000 bushels, to be more nearly exact—and be the greatest wheat crop ever grown were given out by the department of agriculture. The estimate for corn was 2,868,000,000 bushels.

Women's rights were recognized to the fullest extent by the National Educational Association, which passed resolutions indorsing woman suffrage and equal pay for teachers, regardless of sex, and allotted five of the ten vice presidencies to women. Without a dissenting vote, Dr. David Starr Jordan was elected president of the association for the ensuing year. Oakland, Cal., was chosen as the meeting place next year.

People in the News

Governor Cox of Ohio refused to call out state troops to guard coal mines because of alleged threats by strikers to blow up the plants.

James B. Wilson, ex-conductor of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was awarded \$75,000 damages for injuries received while working for the road 63 hours out of 72, by a jury in Chicago.

City Controller Samuel White of Louisville, Ky., was arrested on a charge of embezzlement following the discovery of an alleged shortage of \$14,500 in the accounts.

Lumber men were told by S. Wood of Boston while at Seattle, that the Panama canal would open a new trade on the Atlantic coast and he urged them to make more of the finished product in the future.

Declaring that women offenders should fare in the same manner as men offenders, Miss Laura Middaugh, acting police judge at Kansas City, fined two of her sex \$100 and \$300 respectively, for maintaining liquor nuisances.

It is announced that George Fred Williams, former minister of the United States to Greece was piqued because when, on a recent trip to investigate the Albanian situation for the president he was not recognized by the international commission.

Mrs. Florence Conklin Garman, wife of Dr. Edwin Garman, was arrested at Freeport, N. Y., accused of being the assassin who murdered Mrs. Louise Bailey wife of a Hempstead manufacturer, by firing a bullet through her heart while she was standing in the physician's office.