

Remember Good Roads Day Saturday, April 25

HUERTA'S REFUSAL BRINGS WAR

Dictator Would Not Salute and United States Will Seize Ports

Washington. — General Victoriano Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, flatly refused to accede to the unconditional demand of the United States that he salute the American flag.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in reparation for the arrest of American sailors at Tampico on April 10 came to a close Sunday at 6 P. M., the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the dictator.

The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute be returned.

Differ Over Form of Resolution.

When President Woodrow Wilson reviewed the incident at Tampico and said he deemed it his duty to sustain in full the demand of Admiral Mayo for a salute, cheers came from the Democratic side and from some Republicans. Many members of the minority party were silent, however, a fact which occasioned much comment in the galleries.

Opposition developed along many different lines. Some wanted to give the president authority to deal with the whole Mexican problem; others objected to individualizing Huerta in the resolution, while others thought the use of the word "justified" in reference to the president's course might commit them into an expression of approval of other phases of the Mexican question.

The resolution upholding the president in his course was adopted by the house by a vote of 337 to 37, after a spirited debate. For several hours it was considered by the senate foreign relations committee and a new resolution was reported. The purpose of the new resolution, it was said, was to avoid the appearance of a personal issue between the United States and General Huerta personally, but rather his de facto government and also to avoid any misinterpretation of the attitude of this government toward the Mexican people as a whole.

Ports Will be Seized.

The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against a government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will send the armed forces into Mexico to seize the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and

the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared on high authority, for the United States to protect foreigners in the republic further, and notified governments have been notified of the situation in this regard.

Must Uphold National Honor.

President Wilson stated to newspaper correspondents that he did not believe the mass of Mexicans would support Huerta, but he made it plain he intended to compel the dictator to respect American honor and dignity. The issue, he declared, was one between the United States and a person calling himself provisional president of Mexico—a person, however, whom the United States has refused to recognize and never will recognize.

In effect, he declared that what he wanted from Huerta was full recognition of the honor and dignity of the United States, together with adequate guarantees that such things as the Tampico incident would not again occur.

Substance of President's Ultimatum.

The following is a paraphrase of Bryan's telegram to O'Shaughnessy, directing the deliverance of President Wilson's ultimatum:

"Say to General Huerta in reply to yours of April 17 that the president of the United States feels great disappointment at his failure to make prompt reparation for the insult which was offered American sailors, the offense being still further aggravated by the arrest of a mail carrier of the United States at Vera Cruz. In the belief that Huerta would, on consideration, accede to the most reasonable demands of Mayo, this time has been given him.

"You are instructed to inform Huerta that unless he announced his intention to comply with Admiral Mayo's demands by 6 o'clock P. M. Sunday, April 19, the president will lay the matter before congress with a view of taking such action to enforce the respect due our nation's flag as may be necessary. General Huerta can arrange the details of the salute with Admiral Mayo if he reconsiders the position taken by him.

The president's recommendations to congress were submitted before a joint session of the senate and house of representatives at 3 p. m. Monday.

Medford is undertaking the construction of a \$50,000 Elks temple.

Oregon Commercial clubs are uniting for more factories and payrolls and less gold-embossed literature and boosting of land values.

As a result of the orders of the Welfare Commission fixing minimum wages for girls, telephone companies in Yamhill County are advancing rates.

METHODIST CHOR GAVE GOOD PLAY

"The New Minister" Pleases Audience at the "Y" Thursday Evening

The play given at the Y. M. C. A. last Thursday evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and all the actors performed their parts in a very creditable manner.

The cast of characters follows:

Rev. Homer Alexander Brown—The New Minister..... HENRY RILEY
Professor Topnote—Leader of the Choir..... JAMES VESTAL
Members of the Music Committee—
Crescendo B. Flat..... WILLIAM WILSON
Hezekiah F. Sharp..... E. MINUTH
Doctor Hoosick..... MEDRAN ALTIMUS
Ralphy Bunter—A Baritone in the Choir..... FRED TAYLOR
Seth Perkins—A Joke..... W. A. COWLEY
Daisy Lovejoy—The New School Teacher..... MRS. W. E. BRAYTON
Odella Hasbin—Organizer of the Old Maids' Club..... MYRTLE GLEASON
Petunia Pimples—The Milliner..... LOUISE ELLESTAD
Uncle Alec—The Old Sexton..... A. K. MICKEY
Agusta Wind—Everybody's Friend..... D. C. GRIM—team and man.
Mrs. DeLancy—President of the Ladies' Aid..... MRS. M. O. BROADBENT
Mrs. Albertina Spicer..... MRS. W. A. COWLEY
Henrietta Sharp..... MARTINA NEAL
Members of the Choir, the Ladies' Aid, Old Maids' Club, the Sewing Circle, etc.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

- 1—"Nature's Voices Sing"—Professor Topnote and Choir with Obligato
- 2—"Let Me Sing"—Solo—Daisy
- 3—"When I Shovel in the Coal"—Sexton and Chorus
- 4—"The Music Committee"—Song—Flat, Sharp, and Hoosick
- 5—"A Pretty Little Flower is a Daisy"—Daisy and Male Octette
- 6—"The Ladies' Aid"—Chorus
- 7—"The Kind of Preacher I Like"—Solo—Ralphy
- 8—"Old Maids' Lament"—Chorus
- 9—"Hurrah! For the Minister New"—Ensemble Chorus
- 10—"How Do You Think You'll Like the Man"—Chorus—Ladies' Aid
- 11—"What Will the Poor Preacher Do"—Fart Song—Daisy, Henrietta, Brown and Sharp.
- 12—"Who Told the Bell"—Sexton and Old Maids' Chorus
- 13—"Tickets for the Potpie Supper"—Chorus—Ladies' Aid
- 14—"I Haven't Made Up My Mind"—Brown and Chorus
- 15—"The New Minister"—Finale

Congressman Sinnott has secured \$60,000 additional for the Pendleton post-office.

A number went to Ashland Wednesday to attend a conference of the Presbyterians of this district and among them were: Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Vernon Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Strohmeyer, Meadames L. Hatfield, Geo. E. Fox, E. F. Palmer, J. W. Merritt, and J. V. Anderson.

GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE

Named by Council Tuesday Evening—Petition Presented

At the meeting of the city government a committee of citizens consisting of J. O. Isaacson, H. W. Lindsay, James Shields and F. M. Adams was appointed to act with the city council in making arrangements for Good Roads Day, Saturday next. Yesterday afternoon they commenced to make a canvas of men who were willing to donate a team and man for work on that day, and within an hour the following list was pledged:

J. O. Isaacson—team and man.
F. M. Adams—team and man.
Ed March—2 teams and men.
J. W. Merritt—team and man.
Ed H. Strohmer—team and man.
F. H. Hopkins—team and man.
George Fox—team and man.
Jap O'Harra—team and man.
D. C. Grim—team and man.

It is expected that about double this number will be lined up by Saturday, and with the multitude of men that will contribute labor, there is no doubt but what much good work will be done.

Any person with or without a team who would like to assist in this good work can notify the mayor, or J. O. Isaacson, or any member of the committee. Anyone wishing to help, but unable to work on that day can leave any contributions with the City Recorder, and the same will be acknowledged in next week's Herald.

Other business of the council was the considering of petitions of the citizens regarding the re-adjustment of salaries of city officials which was discussed at some length but action deferred to a later meeting.

A great deal of interest on the part of citizens was shown and for once the city government meeting was well attended.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to tender our sincere thanks to the kind neighbors and friends who so freely and willingly assisted us during the sad affliction and death of our dear departed mother and sister.

J. H. Downing,
Mrs. C. Hesselgrave,
Mrs. Louisa Taylor,
Lorena E. Downing
and families.

People in the News

McKee Rankin, veteran actor, died at San Francisco.

George Alfred Townsend, well known as a journalist, died at New York. He wrote under the pen name of "Gath."

Application for the parole of Abe Ruef probably will be presented to the California prison board at the May meeting.

Mayor H. H. Rose of Los Angeles engaged in a fist fight on the street as a result of an alleged insult offered Mrs. Rose when she declined to sign a petition for her husband's recall.

Charles S. Meljen, ex-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, may become the active head of a federated body supreme among the various organizations of the United States with which 2,000,000 employees are affiliated.

Important changes among the highest officers of the army took place Wednesday, when Major General Leonard Wood's term of duty as chief of staff expired. General Wood was succeeded as chief of staff by Major General William Waterspoon, and Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott became assistant chief of staff. General Wood will have command of the eastern department.

OLDEST RESIDENT GONE

Grandma Downing Passed Away Friday, April 17. At Age of 96 Years

Christian Downing, better known to her many friends in Central Point and vicinity as "Grandma" Downing, passed away last Friday afternoon. Several weeks ago she suffered a fall which resulted in a fractured limb and other injuries from which she never recovered and has continued to grow weaker and weaker until the end came last Friday afternoon.

Christian Hodge was born at Mullion, Cornwall, England, January 24, 1818, and has been a devoted Christian for 78 years. In 1838 she was married to Joseph Downing and to their union was born six children, five of whom are still living—J. L. of Los Angeles, Cal.; W. H. of Cincinnati, O.; J. H., Central Point, Or.; Mrs. George Hesselgrave, Central Point, Or., and T. J. of Orange, Cal. She also leaves to mourn her loss two brothers and one sister, J. T. Hodge of Richmond, Ill.; R. H. Hodge, Lawndale, Cal., and Mrs. Joseph Taylor of Medford, Or.; also one daughter-in-law of the late Fred Downing, with whom she lived.

They came to America in 1852 and after a brief stop in New York moved to Wisconsin where they made their home for several years. From there they moved to Illinois and in 1865 settled in Jasper county, Iowa, where they remained until 1884 when they came to Oregon and to Central Point where she has lived continuously ever since.

Grandma Downing was a devout christian and was one of the first organizers in the bible class which later resulted in the establishing of the First Methodist church in this city.

Funeral services were held from the residence Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. C. L. Creevy officiating. Interment was made in Central Point cemetery.

Grandma Downing was a friend to everyone and was well beloved by all who enjoyed her acquaintance.

Election Supplies Are Very Bulky.

Over six tons of election supplies were shipped by Secretary of State Olcott to the county clerks of the thirty-four counties of the state for the primary election to be held May fifteenth. This is more than twice as great a quantity as was ever prepared before for an election in Oregon.

When the boxes of election supplies were piled in the state house corridor ready for shipping that section of the capitol looked like a warehouse platform. There were forty-four boxes, weighing over six tons, or approximately 12,435 pounds. They held 4800 poll books, 7500 tally sheets and 7500 statements for each of the three political parties participating in the primaries; 1950 abstracts of votes, 1278 oaths of office, 1223 dozen brass clips for fastening ballots, 282 dozen needles for stringing ballots, 310 dozen of indelible pencils, 5000 copies of election laws and sixty receipt books.

In 1912 there were 1082 election precincts, with a total of 1397 election boards. This year there are 1476 precincts and 2122 election boards. The cost of printing the election supplies, which does not include the election pamphlets, was \$4050, and 17,300 pounds of paper were used.

The increase in election supplies is due largely to the fact that the women have been given the right of suffrage, but another cause is the entering of the progressive party in the primaries, making for the first time three parties to participate in this election. In addition to this the natural growth of the voting population adds to the requirements for more supplies.—Ashland Tidings.

W. H. Lucke of Canby will build a warehouse at Oregon City.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Vernon and little son went to Ashland Tuesday morning where they will spend a few days and Rev. Vernon will attend the Presbytery in session in that city this week.

The Medford Commercial Club is arranging a tri-county booster meeting and banquet to be held in that city next Tuesday afternoon and evening. Representatives from the several towns of the valley are invited to be present. Klamath Falls has promised to send a delegation of fifty boosters and other cities and towns of Klamath and Josephine county will be well represented.

Drs. Dow have opened branch offices in the St. Marks block, Medford. Dr. McE. M. Dow will be at the Medford office in the morning and Dr. Lydia S. Dow will be there in the afternoons. Drs. Dow will continue to conduct their hospital and make their home in Central Point.

MEXICAN NEWS NUGGETS

The American Red Cross has 4500 nurses enrolled and ready for service with the forces in Mexico.

Estimates at the war department put the armed forces of the Huerta government in Mexico at about 40,000, well scattered throughout the country.

The war college has indicated that 200,000 volunteers would be needed if troops were put on Mexican soil.

The present strength of the organized militia, including officers and men, is approximately 120,000 according to the latest returns from Adjutants-General of the different states to the war department.

Orders were sent to Rear-Admiral Fletcher early to seize the customhouse at Vera Cruz in time to prevent a large shipment of arms for Huerta, about to be landed there, from being transported to Mexico City.

Field Meet at Talent May 14, 1914.

The Olympic Society of the Talent High school is planning great things for the Field Meet to be held at Talent May 14. A large number of the schools of the second and third class will participate. The schools that cannot attend in a body will send track teams. This is the first time in the history of the schools of Southern Oregon that such a meet has been held and results cannot be predicted at this time, but from all indications some excellent records will be made, especially from the larger schools as Gold Hill, Phoenix, Talent, Jacksonville, and Central Point.

The plan is to have an all-day program of sports, picnic dinner with barbecue, and such other attractions as will tend to make the day one to be long remembered. Suitable prizes will be offered to the winning schools and competition is bound to be close.

The following list of sports will be held on May 14:

There will be three classes of entries in which boys may enter, all will be based on the age of the boys at the time of final contest May 14, 1914.

"A" Class,—boys 12 years of age or under.

"B" Class,—boys 13 or 14 years of age.

"C" Class,—boys 15 or more years of age.

1. 50 yard dash for classes A, B, & C.
2. 100 " " " " A, B, & C.
3. 220 " " " " A, B, & C.
4. 440 " run " " B, & C.
5. 880 " " " " C.
6. 60 " Hurdle, 4-24 in hurdles, classes A & B.
7. 120 yard hurdle, 8-30 in hurdles, class C.
8. Pole Vault for classes A, B, & C.
9. Shot Put, 8 lbs. for classes A, & B, 12 lbs. for class C.
10. Standing broad jump classes A, B, & C.
11. Running broad jump classes A, B, & C.
12. Running high jump classes A, B, & C.
13. 440 yard Relay race, 4 stars from each school.

Extensive Cut-Flower Industries of Oregon

"Altogether there are about 1,200,000 square feet under glass in Oregon devoted to growing plants for the flower trade," says A. M. Woodman in the Oregon Country man. "One Portland firm specializing in roses and carnations has 23 greenhouses representing 150,000 square feet of glass. Another in the same city specializing in the same plants has 100,000. Another, growing ferns, palms and flowers, has 60,000 and is putting up 100,000 more.

"The enormous demand for products of this industry are due to several causes. A good many flowers cannot be grown in fields so successfully as in green houses. A class of moneyed people has lately sprung up on the Coast, immigrants, tourists and prosperous business men creating a demand for these luxuries. They spend thousands of dollars decorating their mansions for brilliant functions, and this means trade and money for the florist.

"The different plants and flowers are divided as follows: Carnations 50 per cent; roses, 20 per cent; mums and other plants, as palms and ferns, 25 per cent; and vegetables, 15 per cent."

School Children to Observe Good Roads Day.

In connection with the efforts of the grown-ups to improve the condition of Oregon roads on Saturday, April 25, it has been suggested that all the school children of the state be required to turn out and assist in the good work. As there are about 190,000 school children in the state, it has been estimated that each will be able to remove at least 100 loose rocks from the road nearest their home, it will be equal in value to the efforts of a thousand men and will remove 1,900,000 obstructions from the roads of the state.

The suggestion is also made that the good women of each district throughout the state serve road lunches or a hot dinner at the grange, schoolhouse or other local meeting place to actual workers only. No work, no eat.

Notice

Professor E. B. Fitts, of Corvallis, will lecture at the school house in Willow Springs, Saturday evening, April 25th, at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Campus and Field Activities of Oregon Agricultural College." The lecture will be illustrated by stereoptical views. Hitch up your hay racks—your surreys, in fact anything with four wheels, come out and hear a good lecture and fill up our building to exceed its capacity. Admission free, seats free, and a welcome to all.

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