

ARMY READY FOR WAR AT ANY SEASON

Admitted That Object of the Work of the General Staff is to Be Prepared for Any Emergency at Short Notice.

ADDITIONAL TROOPS SEAT TO ISLANDS IN PACIFIC

Two Battalions of Artillery for Pearl Harbor—Supplies for Philippines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Absolute readiness for war, such as this country has never before known, was admitted tonight, the immediate object of the work of the general staff of the army, which today was shown to extend to the strengthening of the island forces in the Pacific.

All movements point toward a preparedness to face a possible attack from the Japanese, which culminated this week indicates, despite official denials, may follow as swift developments apparently impending the invasion of Mexico.

The war department today officially announced that two battalions of the Second Infantry, from Fort Thomas, Kentucky, are now en route to San Francisco, whence they will sail for Honolulu next Tuesday to strengthen the defenses of Hawaii.

The third battalion of the Second Regiment, which is now at Fort Russell will sail for Honolulu in June. That the defenses of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii are insufficiently manned at present was admitted by artillery officers.

It was stated that in all probability the war department would soon issue orders for the dispatch of additional artillery companies to the islands.

"The move to increase the forces in Hawaii comes at a time when it is regarded as particularly significant," said an officer, "However at the time General Barry relinquished command of the department of California in which Hawaii is included, the war department decided to make a separate department of Hawaii and establish a brigade there. The present movement of troops is in line with that plan. There has been no unusual transfer of troops to the Philippines."

The tip is prevalent that 12,000 men would be sent to Hawaii within a few months. The second infantry received public orders to proceed to the Texas mobilization. That they were to rush to San Francisco by a round about course was not revealed. The Fifth Cavalry will leave next week for Honolulu on the Transport Crook. This would make a nominal brigade in Hawaii.

The departure of Colonel John A. Biddle, artillery chief of the department of California, for Honolulu last week is believed to have been in connection with fortifications at Pearl Harbor. It was rumored that are artillery at the island fortress already has begun the work of mining the harbor.

COTTON KING SULLY SUES FOR DAMAGES

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Alleging a conspiracy existed to injure his name and reputation, Daniel J. Sully, the "cotton king," this afternoon filed suit against John Hays Hammond, Hammond's son Harris and five other cotton men of America and England for \$1,500,000 damages.

PACIFIC ISLES OUR ONLY LOSS

General Miles Says Japan Could Easily Capture Isolated Provinces But Success Would End Further Aggression Not Effective

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—That Japan could easily take possession of the Pacific islands, under the existing conditions was the opinion of General Miles, U. S. A., retired.

Discussing Count von Reventlow's article given to the United Press, General Miles declared he believed there would be no war with Japan. "But," he added, "you never can tell. There is no earthly reason why Japan should go to war with America. However, if they should clash, the Pacific islands would quickly succumb to the attack. In three or four weeks the United States could put 3,000,000 men, properly equipped and well officered, into the field. This is sufficient argument that Japanese aggression beyond the islands would not be effective."

WOMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Man Shooting at Target Comes Near Hitting Woman—Is Arrested for Discharging Fire Arm Within City Limits—Has Confab With Brooks.

Considerable excitement was caused on West Eleventh street Saturday morning, when Mrs. Zippis was narrowly missed by the bullet from a revolver fired by John Cavasin, a Swiss, who was target shooting. A report to the police brought the officers, who placed the indiscreet man under arrest charged with discharging firearms within the city limits. Cavasin was practicing with his revolver and evidently did not notice Mrs. Zippis. The bullet narrowly missed her head.

When the offender was placed in the city jail he had a great time conversing with E. S. Brooks, held for insanity, who is a fellow countryman. From appearances, they had an excited Italian backed off the boards in point of gesticulation during the heated parts of their confab.

SAYS THIS CITY BEST OF ALL

Frank Walters Returns After Extensive Tour and States That Medford is the Queen City of Them all—Many Tour Australia.

Frank Walters, tenor, who is well known in Medford theater goers is again in the city after being absent for the past eighteen months and is glad to get back to what he terms "God's own country."

Since Mr. Walters left Medford he has traveled on eleven different theatrocia circuits and has covered fifteen states. Not in not a single instance did he find a town that equals Medford. "Medford beats them all," states Mr. Walters. "Never did I see its equal although I visited hundreds of cities and covered fifteen states. Here is a land that is indeed fortunate in point of climate, citizenship and natural resources."

ROOSEVELT DEDICATES BIG IRRIGATION DAM

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 18.—Greeted by thousands of admirers who lined the streets for blocks around the railroad station, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt arrived here today en route to the town of Roosevelt, where he will dedicate the dam bearing his name. The journey from Grand Canyon was without incident.

TEN THOUSAND COAL MINERS OUT ON STRIKE

Eastern Ohio and Pittsburg Districts Affected—Workmen Remove Tools and Will Not Return to Work Until Tascarawa Strike is Settled.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND WAGES ARE LOST WEEKLY

Board Votes the Expense of a Million Dollars if Necessary to Carry on Strike.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 18.—Obeying the orders of National President Lewis, 10,000 miners tonight in eastern Ohio and Pittsburg districts removed tools from the coal mines and will not return to work until the mine operators of Tascarawa fields settle the strike started a year ago, when the companies repudiated the Cincinnati agreement and closed the mines.

Many strikers, not sympathizing with the strike, haven't a grievance, but are loyal to the union. Some operators threaten to close the mines and not recognize the unions hereafter. The strike was called by the national miners' board because the operators here filled orders for their Tascarawa mines with coal mined here.

The miners lost \$200,000 in wages weekly. The board voted to expend a million dollars if necessary to carry on the strike.

"HELLO" GO'S SASS ONE ANOTHER

Griffin Creek Lines in Spirited Meeting—Each Charge the Other With Bad Faith But Matter is Being Adjusted.

The Griffin Creek Telephone companies, known as Co. No. 1 and Co. No. 2, met in spirited meeting at the Griffin Creek schoolhouse last Thursday night. The farmers of the latter company charged Co. No. 1 with not fulfilling its contract with them. Four years ago Co. No. 1 offered to build and keep in repair the telephone line of Co. No. 1 for the fee of \$2 a year per phone. The dues paid by Company No. 2 have proven insufficient to meet the expenses of keeping the lines of Company No. 2 in repair by a wide margin, but the pioneer company has continued to fulfill its end of the contract without protest until the last few months. Then, discouraged by inability to find a line man willing to take the position, both lines of Company No. 1 and Company No. 2 have been allowed to remain out of commission for long intervals of time.

The meeting at the schoolhouse developed into a very warm one. Polk Hull, president of Company No. 2, called the meeting to order, had Secretary R. B. Wilson read the contract and then requested an explanation from the members of Company No. 1, who had ventured to the meeting, charging them with breaking contract. Counter charges were made by W. J. McPerson and J. Wilson of Company No. 1, claiming that Company No. 2 were delinquent in their dues. Declaring further that the present arrangement was unsatisfactory, as it had been a source of expense to his company and had not brought efficient service to either, Mr. Wilson proposed that Company No. 2 buy a half interest in the poles and other apparatus and become jointly responsible for their upkeep. President Polk Hull of Company No. 1, however, refused to consider the offer, saying that his company was well pleased with the bargain that they had made and would be satisfied with nothing else than a strict compliance with the contract on the part of Company No. 1. Upon the condition that the telephone wires

REBELS HANG FEDERAL SPIES

Garrison at Mexicali Executes Two Mexicans Supposed to Be Implicated—Captured Near Border Line and Are Shot.

MEXICALI, Mex., March 18.—Under cover of darkness, the firing squad of the rebel garrison here at midnight executed two Mexicans supposed to be federal spies. It was learned today.

The men were stood up against the stone wall of the old Superfacto Mansion and shot. Their bodies were left lying where they fell until at daylight a detail picked them up and buried them in the field across the way.

One man was Felipe Rios. The other's name is unknown.

The two were captured by rebel outposts near the border above Mexicali. Papers relative to a shipment of arms to the federalists in Mexico were found on Rios.

POLICE RAID HOBOES' CAMP

Evidence Found Showing Where Medford Chickens Have Been Going—Camp Broken Up and Meant to Hit the Ties.

The local police force Saturday raided the hobo's camp on Bear creek and after destroying the rough domiciles of the weary Willies ran the men out of town. No less than a dozen knights of the road were given hurry up orders and hit the ties.

From the great quantity of feathers found in the camp it is believed that the hobo's are responsible for the chickens which have been missing from Medford roosts during the past week, which has been a subject of daily comment.

VEHICLES MUST KEEP TO RIGHT

City Authorities to Draw New Ordinance to Regulate Traffic on Main Street in Order to Prevent Danger to Residents.

In order to reduce the possibility of accidents on Main street the city dads will in the near future draw an ordinance to supplant the present one which covers automobiles only which will provide that penalties for failure to observe the rules of the road at all times. Every vehicle must keep on the right side of the street and must make corners on the outside in order to prevent collisions.

The drafting of the new ordinance will be in keeping with the orders of the chief of police to the patrolmen, Friday to see that all rules of the road were enforced.

PAINTER FALLS AND BREAKS THREE RIBS

P. J. Halley, a painter, while working on the residence of A. M. Woodford late Friday afternoon, fell and fractured three ribs. The injured man was at once moved to the hospital and given medical attention.

Mr. Halley was at work near the eaves when the ladder on which he was at work slipped and hurled him to the ground. He fell heavily and was seriously injured.

INVASION IS EQUIVALENT TO MAKING WAR

President Taft Hints at His Understanding of Situation Which He Cannot Discuss—Motives Causing Mobilization Important.

ADMINISTRATION INDIFFERENT TO TENOR OF CRITICISM

Secret Information Sufficient to Warrant all That Has Been Done—40,000 Troops

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 18.—Information was allowed to drift out of President Taft's executive headquarters that the president would consider invasion of Mexico as equivalent to a declaration of war.

It is believed that the president is preparing to send an early special message to congress dealing with the international situation and the army and navy mobilization. It is explained that at present, owing to intentional considerations, the president cannot discuss the situation, but everyone about the president freely admits that the motive which caused the mobilization was most important.

Every action of President Taft and his advisers shows that the administration is perfectly indifferent to all criticism owing to the massing of troops and warships and it is confidently asserted that the secret information possessed by the government is, when the time comes, be shown as quite sufficient to warrant all that has been done.

Today, at the end of nearly two weeks since the country was started by the ordering of some 40,000 United States troops to the Mexican border and various cruisers and smaller navy craft to San Diego harbor, the mystery of the move is nearly as deep here as ever. The cruisers have been kept in readiness as far as possible for active service, considering the lack of coal.

President Taft indicated today that he would urge the senate at the approaching special session of congress to immediately ratify the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. This would preclude the possibility of England aiding Japan in the event of a Japanese-American war.

The president regards the ratification as most important, and plans to have the senate consider it while the house is formulating plans for tariff revision.

The treaty would be the most radical peace plan ever adopted, as it would include clauses for the arbitration of all questions at dispute, including those in which the national honor is involved.

MEDFORD'S FIRST MAYOR VISITOR

Dr. E. P. Geary of Portland is Pleased With Progress Made by City—Signed Application for First Water Supply for This City.

Dr. E. P. Geary, now a well known physician and surgeon of Portland, but formerly mayor of Medford visited his old home for a few hours last week. Called to the bed side of his old friend, Dr. Van Dyke of Grants Pass who has been very sick with pneumonia, he took the opportunity of coming to Medford and driving out to the farm on Griffin Creek which he has owned for over 20 years.

Dr. Geary, who is one of the Rogue River Valley's most enthusiastic boosters among the business and professional men of Portland was very much pleased with the improvements which were taking place in Medford and the surrounding country. He said that one had to go to Portland to fully appreciate the Rogue River Valley as there it was the most praised and talked of fruit district in the northwest.

DAVE MOFFATT DIES SUDDENLY

Linsley's "Beast in the Jungle," Multi-Millionaire Traction Magnate and Railroad Promoter Dead in New York City of Heart Disease

DENVER, Col., March 18.—David Moffatt, the multi-millionaire of the Moffatt railroad, died early today in New York. William G. Evans, a Denver traction official and a relative of Moffatt, telegraphed Fred Moffatt, the financier's son, that his father died at the Hotel Belmont in New York at 11 o'clock this morning of heart trouble. Moffatt's health had been poor for several weeks. He went to New York in December.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The death of David H. Moffatt, millionaire railway man of Denver, who was stricken today with heart failure, was sudden. Moffatt had been suffering from a chill since yesterday.

\$300,000 TAXES PAID IN WEEK

Huge Amount is Collected—Gain in Total Amount Over Year Ago is Great—Jones Says All Are Paying Up Well.

The tax paying rush in over in the county sheriff's office and the force is catching its breath after one of the most strenuous weeks in its history. Over \$300,000 was collected last week.

The tax list shows a big increase over last year ago. This year the total amount of taxes to be paid is \$517,374.46 or \$118,044.21 greater than the year before.

COUNTY JAIL IS OVER CROWDED

More Prisoners are Confined at Present Than at Any Previous Time in the History of the County Say Officials.

There are more prisoners confined in the county jail than ever before in the history of Jackson county, and county officials are in hopes that the coming session of the grand jury will result in the disposal of a large number of them. The jail is crowded and it is found extremely difficult to keep the institution in a sanitary condition.

Records of the county for years back do not show a time when as many prisoners were confined as at present. Sheriff Jones is worried for fear a few more may be sent over, in which case he says he does not know where he will put them.

The county officials are insisting upon the personal cleanliness of the men in order to keep them healthy, in spite of crowded conditions.

GOULD HANDED LEMON TO ROCKEFELLER BUNCH

BALTIMORE, Md., March 18.—A prominent official of the Western Maryland Railroad, who has been in conference with George J. Gould for the last few days, declared today that Gould completely fooled the Kahn, Loeb-Rockefeller combination into believing that he had turned over the control of the Missouri Pacific to those interests. He said that no less than seven directors elected were delighted with the Gould interests and ventured the opinion that George Gould would be re-elected president of the Missouri Pacific.

A want ad campaign will find an agent, a canvasser, a salesman or a representative who can help you to materialize your business venture!

WORK IS SOON TO START ON POWER PLANT

Contracts for Machinery of New Plant Near Prospect on Rogue River Are Let and Work Will Follow in the Near Future.

SO CALL FOR BIDS FOR MOVING MUCH FREIGHT

Over 750 Tons of Equipment Must Be Moved From Medford to Prospect—800 Horse Power.

With all of the contracts for the equipment of the new power plant at Prospect, which is to cost \$800,000, let, the Rogue River Electric company is preparing to get an early start on the erection of the plant and this fall will see a part of the plant, if not the greater part of it, in operation.

During the past week the company has contracted for the machinery, which is to be installed in the new plant. This machinery consists of a huge power wheel and three generators, which are capable of producing 8000 horse power and which will supply all the power needs of the valley. The present plant at Gold Ray will be used for auxiliary purposes only.

Some idea of the immensity of the undertaking can be gained from the fact that the electric company will in the near future call for bids for the moving of 1,500,000 pounds of freight from Medford to Prospect. This is approximately 750 tons and includes the machinery and supplies necessary for the erection of the power house.

The plant is to be so constructed that it will be an easy matter to add to its production of power by the installation of additional machinery. The natural fall of the river makes this possible at a small expense.

WYOMING ELK TO BE BOUGHT

Local Men Plan to Bring Eastern Antlered Beauties to Medford and Free Them in the Hills of Southern Oregon.

A number of Wyoming Elks are to be brought to Jackson county and liberated in the hills about the valley. If the plans of a number of local men do not miscarry, a large sum of money has been subscribed to pay freight charges, and V. J. Emerick has agreed to go east and bring the elk to the valley.

It is planned to allow the elk to roam about the foothills and eventually multiply in southern Oregon. As they are protected by law, it is thought that in a few years they will become numerous. Charles Gay is the father of the plan.

CHINA CONCEDES ALL OF RUSSIA'S DEMANDS

ST. PETERSBURG, March 18.—Dispatches from Peking today say that the Chinese foreign board has delivered to Minister Korostovitz China's reply to Russia's note which practically grants all the Russian demands on the Mongolian and III provinces.

The answer will give Russia a virtual monopoly of the trade of Mongolia and Siankiang. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—In response to representations to the Mexican authorities at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, Henry Whittle, an American newspaper man charged with having participated in the revolution, will be released at once. This information was received by the state department today.