

### COURIERS SAY BATTLE IS ON

El Paso Chamber of Commerce Wires Taft to Order Protection to American Life and Property on the Border.

EL PASO, Texas, April 15.—Couriers arriving here at noon today reported that a battle was in progress at Huachuca...

Scouts Driven Back. The first news of the rebel advance was received when scouts reported to General Navarro...

Satisfied that the impending attack will materialize, the El Paso chamber of commerce today wired an appeal to President Taft to order protection for life and property on the American frontier...

Wants Military Patrol. To avoid, so far as is possible under existing conditions, any loss of life among Americans here, it was decided today that a military patrol will be established through the center of El Paso...

One hundred infantry and fifty cavalry left Juarez this afternoon to reinforce Jimenez. Lieutenant Colonel Puebeleis was in command of the detachment, which was instructed to oppose the rebel advance to the last ditch.

Troops Sent. In addition to the American command now here, a troop of the Fourth United States Cavalry has been ordered here from New Mexico to protect the lives and property of Americans along the border near El Paso.

In Juarez excitement has increased. Many of the inhabitants have left and there is generally a repetition of the exciting scenes which attended the Orizaba maneuvers. Following out the demands of the American officers, the federals in Juarez today are planning to meet the rebels outside the city and temporary breastworks are being thrown up in the cemetery south of Juarez for the installation of mortars.

### THAT LITTLE HOME You Are Going to Build?

Do not choose the site unwisely. There are certain pre-conditions which the wise man always observes. You can paint the surface over if you make a mistake in location, but you cannot correct a bad location. When a man builds his home he should take beauty of location, sanitary features, convenience to the city, social environment, shade and ventilation, prevailing winds and scenic outlook into consideration. Of all these, sanitary condition is of the most vital importance. The drainage must be perfect. Modern ideas demand a basement. Avoid a damp basement as you would the plague. Damp basements always result when the sewer system is faulty, or when the storm water can flow into the basement through the sewer outlet. Here is where NOB HILL ADDITION is pre-eminent. The sewer system of that district is the best in Medford. At present you cannot possibly secure a home in the NOB HILL DISTRICT.

Essentially you will secure a home there. Why not take time by the forelock and buy one there now before the prices for the best lots are advanced? There is nothing in the NOB HILL in the Medford section. The sewer and water main will be in within the next thirty days and then there will be something "sizzling" in NOB HILL addition. Walk up today and look it over. Then make tracks for No. 11, North Central Avenue, and buy the lot that suits you best for your own use. Or if more convenient consult any real estate dealer in Medford and they will give you the owner's price for the lot in the addition. Make it your special mission today to inspect these lots. They help to make Medford the City Beautiful by building a Medford-type home on the prettiest lot in the addition.

### FARMERS WAR ON SQUIRREL PESTS

BLAZA, Wash., April 15.—The farmers in the vicinity of Blaza are making a united effort to exterminate the squirrel pest. A decrease in the number of squirrels is noticed already and hope is expressed that in a few years the pest will be a thing of the past.

Some farmers use strychnine in the grain and others use phosphorus. Those who use strychnine claim it is less dangerous to stock than phosphorus, although it is generally conceded that phosphorus is the more deadly to squirrels. A few of the farmers are using steel traps.

This movement was the outcome of Representative Miller's effort to enact a law making it an offense to harbor the pest on farms.

Haskins for Health.

### BENSON FUNERAL BE HELD TUESDAY

Three Fraternal Orders of Which He Was a Member Will Attend Funeral in Body—Interment at Roseburg—West to Attend.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 15.—The funeral of Frank W. Benson will be held Tuesday of this week. The arrangements were completed today after an exchange of telegrams between the representatives of various fraternal organizations with which Benson was affiliated and between Governor West and Dr. Steiner.

Benson's body, accompanied by Dr. Steiner and Mrs. Benson, left Los Angeles tonight and will reach Roseburg Monday night. The body will be conveyed to the Elks' temple where the funeral services will be held under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of the World lodges, of which he was a member. These organizations will join in escorting the body to the cemetery. Governor West and Adjutant General Finzer will be among those in the procession. It was intended to have the governor's staff present, but Steiner telegraphed that the family preferred that the military features be eliminated. Business will be suspended during the funeral.

Haskins for Health.

### FRANCE FAVORS PEACE SCHEME

Taft's Proposal Meets With Great Favor—Militarism Becoming Great Burden to Nation—Eager to Abolish War.

PARIS, April 15.—President Taft's peace scheme has made a tremendous hit in France. This country yearns for the day when she can throw down her burden of arms and let her young men, now in the army, go back to work.

France cannot very well take the lead but she will follow the leader mightily. She keeps armed to the teeth principally on account of Germany and once Germany scraps a few of her deathraiders and reduces her standing army of nearly 600,000 units to 100,000 or thereabouts, France will be glad enough to do the same. So if Germany and England get together on a peace plan, France and Germany will likely enough do likewise. The truth is France is eager enough to do such a thing since her army and navy are a tremendous weight for her to carry. Her people, already highly overtaxed, regard with awe the building of new warships and the buying of new war materials. And too, according to statistics, in less than 10 years, France's standing army, already over 50,000 men smaller than that of her worst enemy, Germany, will have a loss of 20,000 more soldiers to tack on, the small bit,

### Society Girls Take a Fly



WASHINGTON GIRLS READY TO FLY. Left, MISS LAUREA MERRIAM, Right, MISS DOROTHY WILLIAMS, ANTONY JANNUS, AVIATOR. Photo by Miller.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Miss Laura Merriam's heroic aspirations do not end with flights in aeroplanes. Miss Merriam went for a trip through the air with Antony Jannus, who also carried Miss Dorothy Williams at the same time.

Now that Miss Merriam has had a taste of high flying she declares that if there is war with Mexico she will undertake a more sober task and enlist as a nurse. Her declaration has set a number of other girls to thinking, and if the army in Texas gets word of it there can no longer be any doubt that war will immediately be declared.

Miss Merriam is one of the leaders of the younger set at the capital and is the daughter of W. R. Merriam, formerly governor of Minnesota. She is a daring cross country rider and has little fear of anything, because, she declares, she is a fatalist.

### FIRST FREIGHT FROM BIG BUTTE

Car of Slab Wood Consigned to the Nash Hotel Company is Received Over the Pacific & Eastern Lines on Friday.

The first car of merchantable freight was received by the local yards of the Pacific & Eastern Friday from Butte Falls, when a car of slab wood consigned to the Nash Hotel company was received. The Crater Lake Fuel company was the consignor.

Chief Engineer Gerig of the Pacific & Eastern states that from this time forward business will pick up and that this summer will see much freight shipped from Butte Falls to Medford.

### MAIL TRAIN MAKES NEW WORLD'S RECORD

BUFFALO, April 15.—Engineer Henry Childs of Syracuse, driving No. 43, the New York Central fast mail from New York, carrying seven all-steel mail cars and two Pullmans into Buffalo this afternoon, did three miles between Bellevue and Lancaster in 1 minute and 51 seconds. The first mile was made in 38 seconds, the second in 37 and the third in 26 seconds. These are claimed to be the fastest ever driven on a steam railroad in the world.

### UNIONISTS HOLD GREAT PARADE

Thirty Thousand Join in Celebration of an Eight Hour Law for Working Women in California—All Unions are Represented.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 15.—Thirty thousand unionists joined tonight in a unique celebration to commemorate the passage of the bill providing an eight hour law for working women. From 7:30 o'clock until after 10 they paraded through the principal streets. Men, women and children alike, each under the standard of the union to which they belonged. Almost every trade was represented. A feature was the newboys' section in which nearly 1,000 youngsters from babyhood up joined. The "newbies" have no union but were assigned a place at the end of the fourth division in which the allied printing trades council marched.

Trains from Bakersfield, Fresno, San Diego, San Bernardino and other Southern California cities were represented.

### Presbyterian Church.

Easter service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Easter sermon, Easter music. The Sunday school gives the Easter service at 8 p. m. Good music. All are invited to these services.

Haskins for Health.

# Is Your Interest in the Rogue River Valley? Pianos of Quality Must Come From a Quality Store



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