

CONSTRUCTION WILL START ON TROLLEY LINE WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT, DECLARES MINNEY

BUILDING OF TROLLEY LINE NOW ASSURED

Work Will Start Within Allotted Time Declares M. T. Minney, Who Denies Report That He Has Turned Franchise Over to the S. P.

Expresses Appreciation of Manner in Which Ashland Voted Overwhelmingly in Favor of Trolley Franchise.

"We'll make good. Work will without question begin on the construction of our proposed interurban trolley line within the time limit of 90 days fixed in our franchise. The preliminary work is proceeding very satisfactorily."

So declared M. T. Minney of the Minney company, which was recently granted a franchise in this city for an electric trolley line, today, following the granting of a franchise by Ashland to the company by an overwhelming majority Friday. The company still has about two months before actual construction work must start and there remains much important detail and preliminary work to do before actual construction is undertaken.

"But beyond a doubt," states Mr. Minney, "the work of building the line will be under way within the time limit and once started the line between Medford and Ashland will be rushed to completion."

Mr. Minney branded many of the rumors that he had turned the franchise over to other parties as false and declared that his company still held them and that they do not contemplate turning them over.

"It is reported that we have sold out to the Southern Pacific," states Mr. Minney, "but this is entirely erroneous. I have worked with Southern Pacific officials heretofore and have sought advice from them in this connection as they are my friends. This evidently gave rise to the report. But it is entirely false that I have turned the franchise over to them."

"I am greatly pleased by the emphatic manner in which Ashland citizens voted in regard to the franchise Friday. We will now do our part and build the road."

SPROULE TELLS OF BENEFITS FROM FAKE COMPETITION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—President William H. Sproule of the Southern Pacific was examined here today before the railroad commission regarding the operating and traffic conditions which will ensue if the proposed merger dissolution agreement becomes effective.

In reply to questions put by William F. Herrin, general counsel for the Southern Pacific, Sproule said:

"The effect of the contract will be a complete change in the relations of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific. The Union Pacific, instead of being a preferred connection of the Southern Pacific will be the active competing opponent of the Southern Pacific. The Southern Pacific will be inevitably forced into competition with the Union Pacific."

"No rate reductions are contemplated by the agreement," said Sproule. "The chief competition will be in service, that is, running time and attention to the manner of handling freight."

"The result of the agreement will be to give Sacramento three lines where there are now two, Fresno three where there are now two, Tehama two instead of one, and all points between Sacramento and Oakland, via Benicia, two competing roads."

MORE TROOPS TO BE MASSED FOR MEXICO

Fifth Brigade of Army Ordered to Be Ready at Galveston—35,000 Soldiers Waiting on Arms for Possible Intervention by United States.

Government Expects Series of Uprisings Against Huerta's Rule and Prepares for Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The war department this afternoon ordered the mobilization of the fifth brigade of the army at Galveston for possible embarkation on transports. The order is the result of a conference here last night between President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson.

The third cavalry is ready at San Antonio to sail for Vera Cruz if developments warrant.

It is said the first of the troops, involving today's order would reach Galveston within two days.

Expect Revolutions
A state department official admitted today that the government expects a tremendous storm of revolutionary activity to come from Mexico as a result of Huerta's selection as provisional president.

The United States, however, is now prepared for any emergency.

With the troops ordered to mobilize today, America now has 35,000 soldiers, marines and blue jackets, waiting on arms for possible intervention.

Although it was emphasized that the government contemplated no change in its non-intervention policy, it was admitted that nearly 5000 troops would be held in Galveston in case of untoward developments.

Despite assurances from various American consuls in Mexico that the governors of Mexican states are rapidly declaring their loyalty to Provisional President Huerta, Secretary of State Knox believes the present quiet is only the calm before a storm.

Calm Before Storm
The troops comprising the Fifth brigade with headquarters at Omaha were ordered to entrain for Galveston and the first contingent was expected to move this afternoon. The full brigade consist of the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth and Twenty-eighth infantry; the Fourth mountain battery; the Fourth and Ninth companies of the signal corps and the entire Fifth brigade hospital corps. The troops will be drawn from forts Crook, Nebraska; Leavenworth, Kan.; McKean, Wyoming; Sheridan, Ill.; and Russell, Wyoming.

Two officers of the quartermaster's department left last night for Galveston to make all camp arrangements.

GUILTY VERDICT M'ALLISTER CASE

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—After deliberating sixteen hours, the jury before whom E. S. J. McAllister, an attorney, was tried on an indictment charging an immoral act in connection with the Portland vice scandals, returned a verdict of guilty. McAllister will be sentenced next Thursday. The punishment for this offense is from one to five years imprisonment.

TURKISH PAPER CLAIMS VICTORY FOR SULTAN

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 22.—The Je Une Tere, a newspaper, published a dispatch here today that the Turkish forces have occupied Gorizia and are advancing on Monastir.

EMPRESS DOWAGER OF CHINA IS DEAD

PEKIN, Feb. 22.—Ye Ho Na La, empress dowager of China, is dead here today of appendicitis. She was the widow of Emperor Kwangsu who died November 13, 1908. The empress had been ill but a few days.



A TOO CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE.

BILL TO REGULATE COMMISSION MEN BECOMES A LAW

SALEM, Feb. 22.—Representative Carkin's bill to regulate the business of commission merchants, after being killed by an unfavorable vote in the senate when some of its friends were absent, was reconsidered and the bill was passed by the decisive vote of 24 to 6—but only after the most strenuous fight of the session.

The effort to defeat reconsideration came from Senator Bert Farrel of Portland, himself a commission merchant, who, together with some of the front street commission merchants of Portland, had opposed the bill in the senate committee. The senate was held for over half an hour on a call of the house to bring in the absent members, and no business was transacted of any kind.

This is the culmination of a fight that has been put up by the commission men of Portland for the past three sessions, in which, until yesterday, they have always been successful. Two years ago Senator Snott, (now congressman), passed a commission merchants' bill in the senate, but the bill was lost and was not found until six days after the session adjourned when the clerk found it in a bunch of dead bills; too late, and the commission merchants escaped.

This session Senator Ragsdale introduced a bill, but, although it was referred to the committee of which he was chairman, it was found impossible to overcome the influence of the Portland commission men who were spending money freely to defeat it; and the bill failed to get out of the committee. They were almost successful in killing the Carkin bill until Speaker McArthur and President Marlarkey came to the aid of the bill on reconsideration and the opposition gave in.

Wilson Back in Princeton
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson returned to Princeton today. He planned to spend the afternoon sorting out papers and books which he intends to ship to Washington.

GREAT CROWD OF FANS TO SEE WOLGAST FIGHT

DAILY CITY, Cal., Feb. 22.—Crowds of fans exceeding the number who have seen many a championship fight jammed Coffroth's arena for the Wolgast-Murphy go today.

Coffroth's sobriquet "Sunshine Jim" was merited by the clear sky and beautiful weather. For blocks around the arena, long lines of fight-hungry fans stood, many whom stood little chance of seeing a blow struck. Confidants of the Murphy supporters increased as battle-time drew near, and, being unable to get better, they put down bunches of money at even on the New York boy's chance.

The crowd today was said to be the largest seen before the fight began since Squires and Burns battled here. The arena is supposed to hold 8,500 persons, and more than 8,000 were inside at 1 o'clock. Probably another thousand will be packed in before the mill begins.

FOR EIFERT'S CABINET.



Hon. A. Mutt, who has been recommended as a member of Mayor Eifert's advisory board and will greatly strengthen the administration.

TAFT DIGS FOR INDIAN STATUE NEW YORK BAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Standing beside a group of Indian chiefs in full war paint President Taft today dug the first spadeful of earth on the top of the hill at Fort Wadsworth, at the entrance to New York harbor, for a memorial to the American Indian which will tower 165 feet above the highest point of this section of the Atlantic coast.

President Taft's turning the first sod was followed by Chief Hollow Horn Bear, one of the Sioux leaders in the Custer massacre on the Little Big Horn, digging the earth with the thigh bone of a buffalo, the ancient Indian excavating instrument.

In addressing the Indians, President Taft reviewed their history and spoke with much feeling of the gradual passing of the race. Hollow Horn Bear responded to the address. Located as it is, the national memorial to the Indian will be one of the most notable points about New York and will greet the eyes of incoming European passengers at the Narrows before they are able to see the statue of Liberty.

The monument, which is being erected under authority of congress, will be a bronze statue of an Indian, sixty feet in height.

Twenty-nine Indian chiefs in all attended the ceremonies, most of them nearly eighty years old.

FISH BILL NOT YET ACTED UPON

SALEM, Feb. 22.—The Rogue river fish bill may possibly come before the senate late this afternoon, there being 22 other bills on the calendar ahead of it at noon.

The Medford armory bill will not reach its third reading in the senate until Monday.

HUERTA RULES CAPITAL WITH AN IRON HAND

Troops Bivouaced About City of Mexico Ready for Uprisings—Nine States Renounce His Government and Series of Uprisings in Prospect

Madero Likely to Be Executed Despite Taft's Efforts to Save His Life—Wife Apprehensive.

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press).

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—Realization that provisional President Huerta intends to rule over the republic with an iron hand was brought home to residents of the capital today when they awakened to find troops bivouaced about the streets and around the national palace. No explanation was given for this sudden move, which it is feared forecasts more bloodshed before tranquility is restored.

Huerta Alarmed

General Huerta is alarmed over reports that nine states have renounced his government, and he issued orders today for the entire federal army to prepare for any emergency. The most serious revolt threatened, and the one Huerta most fears, is the new revolution headed by General Ambrosia Figueroa, inspector general of rurales. Figueroa has renounced Huerta and is now said to be in Guerrero with 10,000 well-armed and well-provisioned troops, prepared to march on the capital.

Residents of the city are admittedly uneasy, and, for the first time since Huerta took up the reins of the government, were skeptical over his promise that the task of pacification would prove simple and short.

Orozo Expected Soon

General Pascual Orozco is expected to arrive here soon. It is expected he will espouse the new administration's cause, but General Inez Salazar perhaps the second strongest rebel leader in northern Mexico, will, it is believed, flatly refuse to support any government which has the appearance of the old regime.

Reports that Juan Sanchez Azcona, private secretary to former President Madero, was shot to death under the "fugitive law" were officially denied today. When Azcona was captured, it was said, he carried a bill of exchange on a Paris bank for 6,000,000 pesos. His arrest occurred at Apizaco while fleeing from the capital.

Madero's Fate Uncertain

Despite efforts by President Taft to save Francisco Madero from execution, Senora Madero was apprehensive today over the fate of her husband. She was closeted with the former president for an hour yesterday and left the guard house in tears.

Reports received here today say that Porfirio Diaz will return to Mexico City April 2. His friends plan to celebrate his return with a fete unequalled in the history of the city. Enemies of the deposed president are urging Huerta to execute Madero, saying he is a menace to peace. His guards say Madero is calmer today, believing that the government will not dare order his execution in the face of the American government's opposition. Senora Madero has gone into seclusion.

Americans gathered here today at the United States embassy and marched to George Washington's monument whereon they placed a wreath.

AVIATOR WINGED BY TURKISH SHELL

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 22.—While aeroplaning over the fortress of Adrianople today a Bulgarian military aeroplane, piloted by Lieutenant Nikolai, a Russian officer was struck by a Turkish shell and fell inside the lines. The officer was made a prisoner but the dispatch did not state whether he suffered injury.

GOVERNOR GONE; NO ONE KNOWS WHEREABOUTS

Oregon Executive Disappears and Legislature is Up Against It—Anticipated Feast Over Vetoes and Are Outwitted at Own Game.

Legal Term of Legislature Up Last Night—Bills Must Be Received for by Governor or Secretary.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—Where is Governor West and his secretary, Ralph Watson? That is the all absorbing question here today among legislators. Neither has been seen since yesterday afternoon. The significant part of all this is that either the governor or his secretary are the ones to receipt for bills passed by the legislature when the measures are ready for signature, and the governor has five days from the time bills are received to approve, file or veto.

Until they are received, the five day period, of course, does not begin. The opposition leaders, generally were exulting the veto feast which they expected to have when they returned next week. Today these same leaders are flitting here and there, trying to agree on some method to extricate themselves from the uninviting prospect.

A compromise appropriation of \$175,000 for the San Francisco fair was agreed to by a conference committee from the house and senate this afternoon. The house last night voted \$150,000 while the senate has stood out for \$200,000.

MADERO MARKED FOR SPEEDY DEATH; RESULT OF PLOT

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 22.—Francisco I. Madero, deposed president of Mexico, is marked for death as the result of a conspiracy, secretly sanctioned by government officials, according to dispatches received here today from Mexico City.

Madero, the dispatches said, will be assassinated before he can leave the republic although he will be given the formality of a trial. Present plans, it is alleged, call for the former president to be acquitted of the crimes with which he is charged to satisfy the United States government. Then the conspirators plan to kill Madero in such a way that the crime will be charged either to popular anger or to an individual rebel.

Volunteers at the garrison at Juarez refused to surrender their arms and are guarded today by regular troops.

NEW GAME CODE PASSED BY HOUSE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—According to present plans both the house and senate will adjourn at 5 o'clock this afternoon until Monday.

In two hours' work today the house passed only one bill but it was the longest one that has been considered this session.

This measure, introduced by Senator Bean, revises the present game code. As printed, the bill fills a booklet of 49 pages and contains sixty-three sections.

The senate today passed the Columbia Southern Irrigation project bill, setting aside \$450,000 for the development of lands under the abandoned Carey project. The money thus expended is to be repaid the state by settlers in ten years' time.