

AMERICAN RUBBER MANUFACTURERS LEASE MEX. LAND

AKRON, Ohio, Oct. 29.—(A. P.) Further expansion of American rubber manufacturers into the production field became known yesterday when Harvey S. Firestone, president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company announced the leasing of 35,000 acres of rubber plantation land in the state of Tabasco in Mexico. At the same time Mr. Firestone said, he was considering the advisability of entering the rubber area in the Amazon valley.

The announcements yesterday follow closely the recent lease of a million acres in Liberia for rubber plantations. The Tabasco lease is only for two years owing to unsettled political conditions of the state.

Mr. Firestone also told of research work in the sap of the castilloa tree which is at present considered a source of low grade rubber. Several thousand acres of the new lease hold are planted with this variety of tree.

SITUATION IN SYRIA SERIOUS, PARIS WORRIED

PARIS, Oct. 29.—(A. P.) Premier Painleve's new cabinet must deal with the annoying situation in Syria, which is declared to have obtained such a serious aspect that General Sarrail, the French high commissioner, has requested fifteen thousand reinforcements with which to overcome the attacks of the natives.

Even in official circles the silence of General Sarrail in reporting completely on the situation has caused considerable irritation and open criticism of him. This is due to the premier's admission before the chamber committee on finance that there were more than 6000 casualties in last week's fighting between the French and the Druses.

Last night's conference between Premier Painleve and President Doumergue dealt with the advisability of recalling Sarrail. The newspapers in admitting that during the revolt in Damascus on October 19 the loss of life was heavy and the destruction great, call for the removal of Sarrail.

A dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt yesterday, asserted that the rioting in Damascus had its origin in the parading by the French troops of the bodies of the rebels. Refugee Syrians arriving from Beirut were quoted as authority for this statement.

The number killed in the rioting was in the thousands.

THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT TO BE PRIZE TOPIC

PORTLAND, Oct. 29.—The Oregon Historical society has selected "The Missionary Movement to the Oregon Country" as the subject for the 1926 C. C. Beekman history prizes and medals. The prizes are four in number, viz, first, \$60; second, \$50; third, \$40, and fourth, \$30; and will be awarded for the best four original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over 15 years of age and under 18 years of age, attending any public or private school, academy, seminary, college, university, or other educational institution within the state of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

The conditions governing the competition are as follows:

1. The essay submitted in competition must not exceed 2000 words in length.

2. The essay may be in handwriting or in typewritten form, preferably upon paper of commercial letter size, either ruled or unruled, the several sheets being numbered consecutively and written on one side only, with blank space of about one and one-quarter inches at top and left-hand margins.

3. The essay shall be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the name and postoffice address of the writer, the date of his or her birth, and the name of the school attended.

4. There shall also be delivered with the essay a certificate signed by a teacher or instructor of the educational institution attended, stating that the writer of the essay is a pupil or student attending the same.

5. In order to be considered in competition the essay must be delivered, by mail or in person, to the Oregon Historical society, Public Auditorium, 253 Market street, Portland, Oregon, not later than March 15, 1926.

6. All essays submitted in competition will be numbered and submitted, without the names of the writers or other identifying marks, to three judges selected by the undersigned committee.

7. All competitive essays will be judged according to their general merit and excellence; but the judges will also take into consideration, in passing thereon, neatness of manuscript, accurate orthography, correct grammar and composition, and purity and clarity of diction.

The Oregon state library in Salem has a reading list or bibliography upon the above named subject which will be sent to any Oregon student on request. Books pertaining to the subject are obtainable in most Oregon public libraries. Oregon has a system of local libraries, supplemented in many cases by county library systems, and in all cases by the Oregon state library. Students desiring such books should apply first to the local library, which, if not having the books, should secure them from the county and state libraries. If the local library cannot give this service, which is usual, or if there is no local library, the student should write directly to the Oregon state library in Salem, which makes loans of books free of charge, except postage, to all citizens of Oregon. In writing to the Oregon state library students should state the information desired and not merely confine requests to some particular book or books sought, thereby enabling the state library to substitute other material in case any book requested is not available.

H. B. BECKMAN, LESLIE M. SCOTT, GEORGE H. HIMES, Committee.

2 EUGENE SHEIKS IN S. F. ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29.—(A. P.)—Unless San Francisco "sidewalk sheiks" change their tactics they will get the maximum penalty for annoying women. Police Judge O'Brien yesterday sentenced two "mashers" to 90 days in the county jail and announced that similar sentences would be imposed on other offenders. The youths were Robert Welch, 24, and William Bunch, 25, of Eugene, Ore. They were arrested for disturbing the peace after a young woman complained to an officer that they had annoyed her on the street.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN FIND A SKELETON

PANGUITCH, Utah, Oct. 29.—Remains of a human skeleton found by school children in an extinct volcano near the old Hatch, Utah, town reservoir site, were brought here by Sheriff Melt Hatch. The bones appear to be those of a white person. Along with the skeleton were found an old time cap and ball rifle, weighing 29 pounds, a horn filled with powder, about 80 balls, bullet moulds, and a check folder on the "First State Bank of Cedar Bluffs, Kas." The letters being in gilt.

Klan Appears in Alaska. ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 29.—The first appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in this vicinity was made when 70 persons said to include some of the most important men of the community, organized the klan to stamp out law infractions in this district.

HILL LINES WIN IN KLAMATH ELECTION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 29.—In a spirited special election here yesterday, Z. J. Powell, ex-chief of police, was elected councilman in the second ward to succeed M. S. West, resigned. Powell polled 218 votes as against 133 each for A. J. Lyle and O. A. Smith. Powell's candidacy was based on his pledged support of the program of the Northern lines in this section.



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