

WAR DEPARTMENT IS VERY ACTIVE

Earthquake Brings Death and Devastation to Sicily

U. S. OFFICIALS INSIST THAT THE MOVEMENTS BEING MADE ARE MERELY PRECAUTIONARY STEPS

WASHINGTON HEARS JAPAN HAS SHIPPED ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO HUERTA

Telegram is received from General Funston, confirming the story of the disappearance of an American trooper, and the seeing of horses with Mexicans later—Monitor may go to Tampico.

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The war and navy departments are preparing for war. Transports are being chartered, and high officials in both departments spent all of last night at their desks.

Troops are being held in readiness. The public attitude of the administration remains unchanged. Bryan and Wilson insist that the situation is the same, and that the movement now is precautionary, not hostile. Reports from Tampico indicate that the matter is dangerous there. General Maas has an overwhelming force of federals near Vera Cruz, and may attack Funston any moment. Zapata is about to attack Mexico City.

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The monitor Oseak has been ordered from Key West to Lobos Island, near Tampico.

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—General Funston has wired the department regarding the disappearance of Private Parks. His fate is unknown, but the horses he had when last seen have since been discovered with Mexican riders.

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The government is investigating a re-

port that a consignment of arms and ammunition purchased from Japan was landed Thursday at Salina Cruz and rushed to Mexico City. This is said to be the final shipment of the arms purchased last December by Huerta, and is said to have included rapid fire and field guns.

FEATURE FILM WILL BE SHOWN

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND WAS THE COST OF MAKING PRODUCTION JOHN V. HOUSTON WILL SOON RELEASE

Friday night J. V. Houston closed a contract for special films for the Star theater, the first series of which will be the \$25,000 premium film, "The Perils of Pauline." The pictures will be released at an early date, and Mr. Houston's contract calls for one of the earliest showings on the Pacific coast.

Moets Class Mate.

One of the happy incidents of the Merrill candidates' ball was the accidental meeting of Miss Della M. Marjowicz, teacher of the Mallin school, and Tom Watters, candidate for the republican nomination for county treasurer. Miss Marjowicz and Mr. Watters were classmates in the University of Nebraska, but neither knew, till last night, of the others presence in Klamath county.

Dance at Pelican City.

Many trippers of the light fantastic are planning on a trip to Pelican Bay City this evening to enjoy the dance given there tonight in the big dining room at DeChain's boarding house. A six-piece orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. The orchestra will be stationed in the center of the room and the dancers will circle round the orchestra. Supper will be served at midnight.

IS DAN CORCORAN TO HEAD POLICE?

REPORT TO THAT EFFECT IS CURRENT, BUT MAYOR SAYS HE WILL NOT NAME A MAN UNTIL NEXT MONTH

Although Mayor T. F. Nicholas stated some time ago that he does not intend to name a chief of police at present, and reiterated this statement to a Herald reporter this morning, there are many rumors afloat as to the probable successor to Joseph C. Smith, resigned.

The man most spoken of is Dan Corcoran, former manager of the White Pelican Mineral Springs bottling works, who was a candidate against Nicholas for the mayoralty in Monday's election. Corcoran states that he has been approached regarding the matter. It is generally conceded that as head of the police department, Corcoran would be an ideal man. Whether or not he is to be selected will not be definitely known until the beginning of Nicholas' second term, when he will make all of his appointments.

LEWIS CLARK IS ON EXPO. BOARD

NEWLY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION HAS MANY FRIENDS IN THIS CITY

Lewis W. Clark, who made many friends in this city while his father was building the Lost River diversion dam, has recently been chosen secretary of the Washington state exposition commission.

The Seattle and Tacoma papers devote a good deal of space to the praise of Mr. Clark as a capable young business man.

This is not the first time that Clark has been connected with the work of the state of Washington at expositions. He was stenographer for the commission at the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition in Portland, and was also connected with it at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle.

How He Enjoyed (?) Himself.

Will Mendenhall, who recently sold his ranch near town, is at present indulging in a short period of recreation and relaxation. Yesterday he conceived the idea of spending a few hours in fishing off the wharf at the foot of Klamath avenue, but instead of pleasure, he stumbled into a batch of work. The first trout he landed he didn't land. He exerted such energy in taking the fish from the water that he slammed it through a window in the warehouse, and the rest of the afternoon was put in replacing the glass.

Old-Timer Back.

Wm. Dennis, now of Butte, Mont., is here to visit his mother, Mrs. Dennis, and his sister, Mrs. D. S. Grigsby. He came in last night after an absence of twenty-five years, and is astounded at the city which has supplanted the little hamlet he once knew.

In this country the telephone industry employs 152,000 people.

Rebel Leader Is Gaining Territory



This is General Pancho Villa, commanding the constitutionalista troops, who is winning decisive battles in Northern Mexico. Villa has discarded his nondescript garb for an officer's uniform. He is considered one of the finest military tacticians in Mexico.

POSTUM MAKER ENDS HIS LIFE

MILLIONAIRE CEREAL FOOD MANUFACTURER SENDS A BULLET THROUGH HIS HEAD—RECENTLY HAD OPERATION

United Press Service
SANTA BARBARA, May 9.—Chas. W. Post, millionaire proprietor of the cereal food manufacturers at Battle Creek, Mich., committed suicide at his home near here this morning.

His self destruction caused great surprise. He recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, but his friends all thought he was improving in health.

To accomplish his deed, Post used a thirty-three hunting rifle, the end of which he placed in his mouth, and pulling the trigger with his toe. The discharge tore off almost the entire top of his head.

The suicide occurred at an early hour this morning. Post told the nurse he wished to be alone for a few moments, and she had hardly left the room when she heard the report of the rifle. She immediately rushed back to her patient, whom she found in his death agony.

Yesterday Post ordered a special car to go East, and it was presumed that he intended returning to Battle Creek.

In possession of Vincenzo Grandonico of Springfield is a pipe with a meerschaum bowl, brass topped, and a wooden stem, which has been used continually for approximately 103 years. The pipe was first owned by his grandfather, an Italian doctor, and has cut on it the date 1811.

HORTON PROJECT IS BEING RUSHED

JOLLY SAYS WATER WILL BE TURNED IN THE LATERALS BY THE FIRST OF AUGUST—DIRT FLYING FAST

The work on the Horton irrigation project in the Yonka Valley, which was taken over by Don Jolly, is being rushed to an early completion. Mr. Jolly, who has just returned from a three weeks' trip to Bend, Portland and way points, will leave this evening for Hoquiam, and will be right on the works from now till the laterals and ditches are ready for water.

Jack Donnelly is the contractor in charge of the construction work, and his prediction is that the water will be turned on by the first of August. Many farmers under the project have planted crops, with the belief that the water would be available by the time of need.

Mr. Jolly, on his recent trip, disposed of a couple of farms in other parts of the state.

He says he intends to make Klamath county his permanent abiding place, and is selling his outside property in order to devote his entire time to the better development of Klamath county holdings.

MCCORNACK BUYS DREDGE FROM S. P.

UPPER LAKE MARSH LAND OWNER PURCHASES THE "KLAMATH QUEEN"—WILL USE IT IN RECLAIMING WOCUS MARSH

E. P. McCornack, who owns a large tract of marsh land along Upper Klamath Lake, has purchased the dredge "Klamath Queen" from the Southern Pacific. The dredge, which has a three-yard capacity, was used by the railroad in grading between Hanks and Modoc Point.

The "Queen" is being put in commission, and will be used in diking across the Wocus ranch. This is the first step in a system for reclaiming the land that McCornack has outlined.

MOVIE MAN HAS A THRILLING JOB

EDUCATIONAL FILM COMPANY CAMERA MAN TAKES NEST OF BALD EAGLES FROM A TREE 150 FEET HIGH

One of the most highly elated men that has hit town in some weeks is E. A. Salisbury, managing director of the Educational Film company, which is engaged in making motion pictures of educational and nature subjects in Klamath county. Just at present, the outfit is at work near Eagle Ridge, and Mr. Salisbury came in from there today on a business trip.

"We are getting some of the finest bird life pictures that were ever caught by a camera," said Salisbury

IN ADDITION TO TREMBLOR, MT. ETNA IS RUMBLING AND GASES ARE POURING OUT OF FISSURES

today. "We have just secured a film of a bald eagle's nest, even to the mother eagle feeding her young. This was taken on Eagle Ridge.

"Owing to the ferocity of the species, the eagle's home life is about the most dangerous and difficult bird subject to secure. Our subject film was secured after our camera man had remained in a pine tree, 150 feet from the ground, from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He was in a tree about twenty feet from the eagles' nest, and his camera had a clear vision of the nest. This film alone is well worth our trouble of coming here."

The motion picture men have also discovered the nest of a golden eagle, a bird so big that it has carried off thirty or more sheep from the McCornack ranch, and was in the act of carrying off a calf from the Griffith ranch on Eagle Ridge when it was beaten off by a man with a club. At that the calf was all torn to bits by the bird's talons. This bird's nest is across the bay from Eagle Ridge, and the camera men will not sleep easy until they get motion pictures of its nest. They will be fully prepared to resist attacks by the bird.

"The members of our party are at work from daylight until dark," said Salisbury, "and are wading through water a great part of the time. Owing to the splendid ornithological knowledge of Harry Telford, our guide, we have located the nests of bittern, mallard teal, rail, coot and other birds, and build our blinds alongside of them. The birds have returned to their nests, and do not mind these blinds, so we will be able to picture them from the time the eggs are laid until the brood is leaving the nests."

Queen Mary of England has ordered that no lady of the royal household may have any direct connection with business of any sort, thereby putting an end to "graft."

SCORES OF VILLAGES ARE DESTROYED AND MANY PEOPLE ARE KILLED

Thousands of Families Are Rendered Homeless, and Are Fleeing in Disorderly Masses to Catania—Soldiers and Police Are Removing the Dead From the Villages, Deserted by Pank Stricken Inhabitants.

United Press Service
CATANIA, Sicily, May 9.—Thousands of people have been killed and scores of villages and towns either totally destroyed or badly damaged as the result of a series of earthquake shocks in this vicinity last night.

In addition, the volcano of Mt. Etna is in action, and its rumbling is adding to the terror of the refugees.

Everywhere are great fissures in the earth, through which gas and smoke are ascending.

From all parts of the island come stories of appalling fatalities.

Every road leading to this city is congested with hysterical refugees, fleeing in terror from their homes.

Linera, with a population of 1,000, and Veneria, with a population of 2,133, are reported to be completely destroyed. Cosentina, the soldiers report, is completely razed.

Zerbatti, Pennisi, Pelpasso, Maria, Mangano and a score of other villages are badly damaged by the earthquake and fire.

Mt. Etna is still rumbling fearfully, and this has thrown the refugees into further fear. Thousands of soldiers and national police are at work removing the dead.

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Mothers' Day Tomorrow

White Flowers and Church Observances in Klamath

Tomorrow is "Mothers' Day," that new national holiday, which is devoted to the memory of that tenderest, most loving, most forgiving and consoling friend of all. If the Creator has kindly spared her to her children and she lives elsewhere than near them, she is being showered with loving letters; if she has been called beyond, blessed memories of her sojourn on earth are recalled, with many a tug at the heartstrings at the thought of little things left undone, or, perhaps, done and said too hastily, which might have caused her sorrow

behind her smiling and forgiving exterior. Whether Mother is on earth or beyond, her memory will be observed tomorrow, and white flowers will be worn by all who can possibly obtain them. At some of the churches special services will be held. At Grace M. E. church there will be a special Mothers' Day service in the morning. The sermon prepared by Rev. E. C. Richards is "One's Mother."

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Round-Up Stars Here

Blancetts Stop on Way Home From Phoenix, Ariz.

Dell and Bertha Blancett, two of the best known riders, ropers, etc., in the West, and big stars of the Pendleton Round-Up, are in Klamath Falls today, on their way from Phoenix, Ariz., to Pendleton. Although the Blancetts are true children of the West, and have won fame and fortune in the saddle and in frontier sports, they are now traveling in the manner of the New West, making the trip in their Cadillac touring car.

Today the Blancetts are conferring with the Rodeo Association directors, regarding the coming show, and they may return to participate. They are much elated to hear that Art Acord is to have charge, and they say that this in itself is a big assurance of the show's success.

"We have met lots of the boys who have appeared in the Klamath Rodeo," said Blancett, "and they all boast strong for Klamath Falls. They

say the prizes are well worth trying for, and that the hospitality of the people is something great. Skeeter Hill is a perambulating advertisement for your show."

Mrs. Blancett is the champion woman broncho buster of the world, and she has defended this title against all comers. In addition, she has never been defeated in riding a relay race, and she has a string that throws dust in the eyes of all the rest. She and her husband are both stars in trick riding and roping.

Blancett has won the roping events at the Pendleton Round-Up for several years, and has always been close to the top in the broncho busting and other events. This year he finished second in bulldogging, and his relay string is one of the fastest that ever was assembled. At the Toppenish and Boise shows he took nearly all the first places.