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## CONTINUE HUNT FOR MEXICANS

Americans Pick Up Trail of Two of the Bandits—Mexican Government Authorizes Ambassador to Protest to United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—As soon as it was light enough this morning to follow the trails, the American punitive expedition continued its chase of the bandits for the third day. One column picked up a hot trail of two bandits. They are believed to be the companions of the two who were captured late yesterday by Captain Leonard Matlock.

The aviators' work now is extremely dangerous on account of the few flying fields in Mexico. It is necessary for them to fly close to the ground, which permits the bandits to fire upon them. Many narrow escapes have been reported. Flyers leaving here today carried Associated Press dispatches to drop for each of the cavalry troops, in order to give them the news of the outside world. The Mexican ambassador here has been instructed by his government to protest to the state department against the dispatch of American troops across the border. He has likewise been requested to ask their withdrawal, according to a statement that was issued from Mexico City yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—No announcement was given out concerning Mexico's protest at the punitive expedition and the request for the immediate withdrawal made to the state department. Indications are that the Mexican protest will not hasten the withdrawal of the Americans. Troops are on a hot trail and are not expected to return until the bandits are captured or the trail becomes too cold for pursuit.

MARFA, Aug. 21.—Colonel Langhorne, the American army commander of the Big Bend district, suggested to the Mexican authorities that General Pruneda, the Mexican commander, and the Americans co-operate in pursuing the bandits.

## Y.M.C.A. MEN CAUGHT IN SHELL FIRE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

ARCHANGEL, Aug. 21.—Two American Y. M. C. A. men, Howard E. Merrill of Somerville, Mass., and Thomas L. Cotton, of Lingle, Wyo., were caught amid heavy shell fire in a mutiny of Russian troops at Tulgas on the Dvina river sometime ago. Their experiences have just now been told.

Merrill and Cotton who were formerly Dartmouth college athletes, were the only Americans in the village which was garrisoned by Russian troops, with a few British officers. The Russians, fearing that they were about to be cut off and surrounded by the Bolsheviks, determined to mutiny. They escorted the two Americans to a blockhouse which was under fire from Russian artillery. The blockhouse eventually became too hot for the Russian artillery. The blockhouse eventually became too hot for the Russian escorts and they fled leaving the Americans to make their escape to Archangel by rowing 250 miles down the river.

## WILSON CANNOT DECLARE PEACE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Wilson has not the power to declare peace by proclamation, nor does he consent in any circumstance to take such a course prior to the ratification of the formal treaty by the senate. The President so wrote Senator Fall in reply to 20 written questions the senator presented to him during the conference on Tuesday.

## 2,000 ACRES SWEEP BY FIRE NEAR ALBANY

ALBANY, Aug. 21.—Millions of feet of timber have been destroyed by fire leaping over the tops of tall firs which swept 2000 acres, two miles east of here yesterday. Several Hundred men are fighting the flames. If present warm weather and winds continue probably much more of the Hammond Lumber Company Timber will go.

## GOVERNMENT IS WEAKENED

TOKIO, Aug. 21.—The Omsk government is reported to be weaker due to the advance of the Bolsheviks, and the desertion of the Siberian troops. It is understood that the gold reserve, and archives have been transferred eastward to Irkutsk.

## SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 8TH

The Klamath County High school will open Monday, September 8th, Friday, September 5th, will be conference and registration day, at which time all teachers will be at the high school building between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m., and between 1 and 3 p. m.

All first year and all students from other high schools are requested to report during the above mentioned hours for consultation and registration. They are asked, also, to bring evidence of eighth grade graduation and record of credits earned in other high schools.

For consultation they are directed to report to the principal or any teacher, but register only with the teacher in charge of the subject or course to be taken.

With the exception of the three institution days during the first week in September, J. P. Wells, the principal, will be found at his office in the high school building, and parents as well as students are invited to call for the purpose of discussing courses of study and other matters concerning school affairs.

Those who have not previously registered will report at the high school between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m. and 1 and 3 p. m.

Tuesday all registered students are expected to be in their assigned seats, with memorandum paper or note books. No text books should be purchased up until this time, to avoid errors.

In accordance with a new ruling all boys are compelled to take military training, and should provide themselves with uniforms. Specifications for these will be announced later. However, boys should not supply themselves with school clothes until they have further instructions.

An outline of the various courses of study will be available for students some time within the near future.

## UNMANAGEABLE AUTO PAINFULLY BRUISES WILLIAM SIMMS

William Simms, joint owner of the recent rodeo show that performed in Klamath Falls, suffered painful bruises to his left leg and hip yesterday afternoon about 2:30 p. m. when an automobile driven by Mrs. F. C. Dechaine of Shippington, struck a telephone pole in front of Winnek's grocery store on Main street, and knocking Simms, who was standing next to the pole, several feet on to the pavement.

Only the fact that the crank on the machine struck the pole prevented a serious accident. It is believed by Mrs. Dechaine and others who saw the accident that the wheels of the car became locker, thus preventing the driver from steering it.

Simms at the time of the accident was talking to Jack Hudson of Sacramento. Neither man saw the car coming, so suddenly did the machine strike the pole. Hudson escaped with minor bruises. Simms is lying in bed in a room over Brandenburg's store and will no doubt be laid up for two weeks or more. There is a possibility that his left hip has been wrenched and dislocated. Mrs. Dechaine's car was not damaged other than the bending of the fender.

## THERE'S A LIMIT!!



## FIRE SITUATION VERY CRITICAL

Timber Is so Dry That the Smallest Blaze May Develop into a Conflagration, According to Statement by Jackson S. Kimball.

"The fire situation right now," said Jackson F. Kimball, "is at the most critical point in the season, at the peak of danger, as it were."

However, in spite of the many fires that seem to be raging, the efficient organization under Mr. Kimball's leadership in this county, is doing as well as could be expected. Mr. Kimball said this afternoon that the whole force was strained to the breaking point in attempting to quell the fires caused by the Kesterson slashings in the Worden district.

Everything is so dry that a blaze the size of one's hand will develop into an uncontrollable forest fire within a few hours, according to Mr. Kimball. It was that way in the Worden country a few weeks ago, when a fire in the slashings of the Kesterson company's holdings in that district spread, burning up two barns and a quantity of hay. A series of fires seem to have sprung up following this one, and have traveled for eight miles or more.

The property of Ivan Kesterson is now in the fire range. Yesterday he lost 150,000 feet of logs, which will more than total \$2,000.00. This timber was near Vantia Flat, and reports from the fire fighters there last night stated that the fire was being thrown for a half mile across the flat.

There are two fires in the Bly country which are being fought in the vain attempt to save still more valuable timber than that on fire at present.

The Indian department is at work fighting a big brush and scrub timber fire which extends onto the reservation. The other fire forces are fighting a big fire on another section of the Indian reservation which is proving more serious.

## HERE FOR HEALTH.

Mrs. James M. Bray, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, accompanied by her companion, arrived here last evening. Mrs. Bray comes seeking relief from asthma and it was at the suggestion of her son, William M. Bray that she decided to test the benefits of this climate.

## CORNERSTONE BE LAID FRIDAY

Fitting Ceremonies Will Accompany Laying of Cornerstone of New Presbyterian Church on Friday Evening.

Ceremonies connected with the laying of the cornerstone of the new Presbyterian church, located at the corner of Sixth and Pine streets, will be held Friday night, August 22d, at 7:30 p. m.

The concrete walls for the basement, and the first part of the double floor of the main auditorium have been put in place. Laying of brick for the superstructure will begin next Monday.

A most cordial invitation to attend the ceremonies on Friday evening is extended, not only to the members of congregations of all the churches of the city, but also to every citizen of Klamath Falls and the surrounding country. A special invitation is given to every business man who so willingly and liberally contributed to the building funds of the new church.

The following program has been arranged for the evening:

7:30 p. m., Band Concert, Klamath Falls Band  
Prayer—Rev. C. F. Trimble  
Bible Selection—J. B. Mason  
Music—"The Church in the Wilderness"—Male Quartet  
History of the Church—Rev. J. S. Stubblefield of Cheyenne, Wyo., a former pastor.  
Address—Mayor Struble  
Music—"Glorious Things Are Spoken"—Male Quartet  
Congratulations—Pastors of City  
Value to the Sunday School—A. M. Collier  
Laying of Cornerstone  
Song and Dismissal

## PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR BLOCK-UP PLAN

William M. Bray of the Oshkosh Timber company has returned from a business trip in the east, the purpose of which was to further the plan now on foot to block up the various timber holdings in his territory. Under present conditions the holdings of the Weyerhaeusers, Hopkins, Oshkosh and Western Pacific are intermingled, so that it is disadvantageous to each to undertake the full development of their properties. For some time negotiations have been under way having for its object the consolidation of these holdings and the prospects for the success of this undertaking were never brighter, according to Mr. Bray.

## PERCY BURKE ARRIVES TONIGHT WITH BRIDE.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Burke, who have been expecting the return of their son, Percy, who has been with the American army in France, were pleasantly surprised to learn that he will arrive tonight with his bride. Mr. Burke was married last Thursday in York, Nebraska and set out immediately for Klamath Falls where he will make his home in the future, having a position in the Klamath State Bank.

## BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 21.—Four masked bandits held up the Louisville and Nashville passenger train running from Cincinnati to Montgomery, Alabama, between Columbia and Pulaski early this morning. The bandits carried off the mail pouches. A posse is pursuing them.

## ERUPTION KILLS COUNTLESS FISH

Strange Eruption in Diamond Lake Kills Thousands of Fish—Entire Lake is Discolored by Strange Disturbance.

There is a pall of mystery surrounding the cause of the killing of thousands of fish in Diamond Lake, the news of which was brought to Klamath Falls last night by H. D. Stout, deputy game warden, and R. E. Clanton, state master fish warden, along with four other local men who have been up to the lake for the past two days.

According to Mr. Stout, the first notice that all was not well that the party had when they arrived on Monday was the murky and muddy coloring of the entire lake as far as they could see. Soon they noticed hundreds of dead fish piled together about the outlet of the lake.

Close investigation showed that the entire lake was muddy in color, and that thousands of fish, ranging in size from eight inches to a foot and a half in length, were killed.

"I believe that the fish were killed by some peculiar under-water eruption," said Mr. Stout this morning. "All of us in the party were absolutely at a loss to know the exact nature of the unusual happening. Appearances indicated, however, that the eruption was under-water and was general throughout the lake. The murkiness and discoloring of the water all over Diamond Lake showed that the disturbance was not confined to any one part of the waters."

Any thought of an explosion from dynamite causing the killing of the fish was immediately dismissed by the deputy game warden. "It would have taken tons of dynamite to kill the number of fish that we saw floating about the lake. Any thought of that is preposterous—the eruption was of an unusual, almost unexplainable nature, that perhaps never will be determined."

Exactly when the eruption occurred could not be determined by the party. It is certain, however, that it happened prior to last Monday.

Diamond Lake has been discolored and the waters have been murky before, but never has there been such a disturbance the nature of this one, according to local anglers, who have been fishing its waters. They are at a loss to account for the recent upheaval that wrought such damage to the fish.

Those who were in the party that returned from Diamond Lake last night to Klamath Falls besides Mr. Stout and Mr. Clanton were R. E. Hunsaker, John Ramsdell, Charley Simonds and George Chambers.

## WILL BE MARRIED SUNDAY.

Hyman Wechsler, who has been employed for the past five years in the K. Sugarman store at Sixth and Main Streets, will marry Fannie Peariman, Sunday, August 24th, in Portland. Mr. Wechsler left last Sunday for the Rose City. He returned about three months ago from France, where he saw service with the 348th Field Artillery. Mr. and Mrs. Wechsler will make their home in Klamath Falls, where Mr. Wechsler will continue in the employ of K. Sugarman.

## PURCHASES BIG RANCH TRACT

George Watt Buys 1,480 Acre Ranch From John Cox—\$100,000 Involved in Realty Transaction Just Consummated.

One of the biggest transactions in ranch lands in Klamath County took place this afternoon when the final papers were drawn-up whereby George Watt purchased the 1430 acre ranch, cattle and hay belonging to John Cox. The deal involved \$100,000.

The Cox ranch is located about two and one half miles west of Fort Klamath, and gets its water from Seven Mile Creek. Possession by Mr. Watt will be taken immediately. Close to 300 cattle are included in the purchase of the ranch, and more than 1000 tons of hay. Three-fifths of the hay will be kept by Mr. Cox, and two fifths by L. Gordon, who leased the ranch.

This is the third purchase that Mr. Watt has been connected with during the past four months. He bought the Conner ranch of 480 acres last May. It adjoins the Cox ranch on the north. Recently in conjunction with Leslie Rogers and Herbert Phillips he bought the 600 acre Fordyce ranch that lies three miles northeast of Fort Klamath. Some of the finest cattle in the county are grazing on the Fordyce ranch.

## WILL START NEW BANK IN MALIN

Belief in the future of the Malin and surrounding country was expressed this morning in the filing of the articles of incorporation with the county clerk for the establishment of the Malin State Bank.

Capitalization is to be \$15,000. The incorporators are J. W. Siemens, John Siemens, Louis Boldisher and Edward Bloomingcamp, all of Klamath Falls, and A. Kalina, a merchant of Malin.

According to John Siemens it will be the first part of October before the bank can open its doors. The articles of incorporation must be duly filed in Salem, which will mean a wait of sixty days or more before the bank can open for business.

The bank is the result of careful consideration on the part of the incorporators, who are convinced that the Malin country has a future before it. The land about Malin is very productive, and yields large quantities of hay. It is selling now for \$125 an acre, while some of the land about Klamath Falls is on the market for \$100 an acre. Much of the Malin land is former homestead land, that was settled some years ago, and is now under irrigation.

## STRIKERS STOP CAR TRAFFIC.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 21.—A crowd of 500 strike sympathizers blocked the passage of street cars today in the downtown business districts. They jeered and stoned the crews that were operating the cars. Police were able to disperse the crowd.

## BUYS BARBER SHOP.

H. G. Wortley, formerly employed in one of the J. E. Swanson shops, has purchased from Ray Crawford, the barber shop located in the Mecca Pool room. Mr. Wortley has already taken possession.

## MOB TAKES LIFE OF CRIMINAL

LOUISBERG, North Carolina, Aug. 21.—Walter Elliott, a negro who was alleged to have assaulted a farmer's wife, was shot to death today by a mob. The mob later carried Elliott's body to the scene of the crime and swung it to a tree in a country church yard. The negro was taken from the Sheriff by the enraged mob.