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Supplies Being Moved to Galveston. Administration Is Considering Another Ultimatum—Members of the Mediation Party Leave for Niagara Falls to Commence Their Peace Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The administration is alarmed over the fate of Consul Siltman. Despite assurances from Huerta, and his promises regarding the safety of the consul, the fear that he has been slain is constantly gaining.

The Silliman matter taken in connection with the fate of Private Parks and the disappearance of Photographer Sutton and Correspondent Doster, has created extreme tension.

The movement of supplies toward Galveston is considered significant. By some this is taken to mean that the administration has another ultimatum under consideration.

It is hoped by all that the mediation conference at Niagara Falls will start on Monday. One of the instructions of the American mediators is to consider nothing that does not involve the entire elimination of Huerta. It is reported that America will not stop the rebels from importing arms via Tampico, and may even lift the border embargo.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The Brazilian ambassadors have requested that the mediation conference at Niagara Falls be postponed until Wednesday.

The state department thinks the request is based on a desire to not rush

the Huerta delegates, who are not due here until after 1 o'clock Saturday.

WANT WITHDRAWALS OPENED TO PUBLIC

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SALT USED FOR GETTING RID OF THE DANDELION

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The best way to kill individual dandelion plants is to cut off their tops and put a pinch of salt (about a thimbleful) on the surface of each exposed root. This will kill most of them. As salt, if generally applied, ruins soil, the salt should be used sparingly, and applied only to the root-tops of the dandelion.

The United States department of agriculture has for some time been testing various poisons to discover the most efficient means of eradicating this troublesome weed from the lawns, but although others have been found satisfactory, the common salt is best for general use, as there is no danger accompanying its application.

The department's specialists say that much effort is wasted in merely cutting off the dandelion top without applying some poison to the root that remains. The dandelion has a tap root that grows deep into the soil, and cutting off the top merely encourages the dandelion to come up in a thicker growth.

The time to eradicate dandelions is in the spring before the plant has had time to form seed. The seed spreads rapidly, blown by the wind. The blossoms should be close mown before they have gone to seed, and salt should then be applied to each root. A man may be very diligent in caring for his lawn, and yet have seeds blown in from neighboring lawns. This is of such importance to those desiring fine lawns that it might be made a matter for community action.

If the lawn is very full of this weed it is too tedious a process to treat each plant by the salt process. In this case two possible methods of eradication may be recommended.

The first method is to thicken the stand of grass to tend to crowd out the dandelion. The grass should be put into a vigorous condition by top dressing with well rotted manure or fertilizer in the fall and by reseeding in this places.

The second method, advised in extreme instances, is to start all over again, plowing up and re-seeding the lawn.

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These are the lands which J. W. Brewer, manager of the farm lands bureau of the state immigration commission, reported as not being necessary to the reclamation service in power development or in connection with the plan of state and government co-operation in reclamation of lands in the Deschutes basin. The commission has written to the secretary of the interior, the Oregon senators and the governor, urging that immediate vacation of these lands be secured and the thirty-day preference clause favoring actual homesteaders over holders of scrip be incorporated.

EIGHTH GRADERS HAVE HARD EXAM.

Twenty-two local eighth grade pupils successfully passed the recent examination for admission into high school, sixteen passed conditionally and five failed. The papers have just been graded.

"The questions were not exactly suited to a test for eighth graders," said one educator today. "These questions, which were prepared at Salem, contained many which were more suited to teachers' examinations, and required too much thinking for the immature minds of the pupils."

Those who passed successfully follow:

Ira Orem, Frank Turpin, Edwin Driscoll, Ronald Elliott, George Riggs, Betty Colvin, Earl Humphrey, Tom Delzell, Clarence Wight, Ernest Nitschelm, Herman Foster, Bessie Ogle, Howard Orem, Edwin Cain, John McAndrews, Glenn Parker, Edgar Kestoever, Mabelle Leavitt, Ina Graham, Audrey Roberts, Pearl Leavitt, Gertrude Wirtz.

The oldest living school teacher in New York state is said to be Nathan Perry Beers. He is now 91; he retired from his profession ten years ago, after having taught sixty-five years. When he began teaching he was perhaps the youngest teacher in the state, for he received his first appointment as teacher at the age of 14.

A request for information has brought the following information: "Those lands were already withdrawn by the reclamation service. The order of withdrawal states that

portions of lands are included in withdrawals for power purposes and in connection with proposed co-operative irrigation projects of the state and federal governments; the most valuable agricultural land is appropriated or under reclamation or power site withdrawals, and may be withheld for years for possible future reclamation."

In the opinion of Mr. Brewer, this statement indicates that the Washington officials of the reclamation service do not know how the lands lie in the eliminations, and that they apparently have not availed themselves of the information in possession of the local office of the service.

HUERTA WEEPS AT MOTION PICTURES OF LATE DEFEAT

ZAPATA TROOPS ARE TEN MILES FROM CITY

Capture of Mazatlan Is a Matter of Hours—Rebels Say That if Zapata Takes Mexico City Before Villa Takes Saltillo, He Will Break Faith With the Constitutional Government.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD (Staff Correspondent)

VERA CRUZ, May 15.—Zapata and his guerrilla army is within ten miles of Mexico City, according to advices received late this afternoon.

The outlaw leader has 5,000 men, and he has just occupied Topilejo.

The federal forces have been sent to dislodge him. Fearing a reign of terror if Mexico City falls into the hands of Zapata, many are fleeing today.

If Zapata attacks the capital before Villa attacks Saltillo, he will break a pledge made to the constitutional government.

It was learned today that Huerta recently witnessed a private exhibition of the motion pictures made at Torreon, where Huerta's troops were routed by Villa's forces. Huerta wept copiously during the show.

JAUREZ, May 15.—The capture of Mazatlan by the rebels is expected at any hour, according to a message sent to Carranza at Durango by General Obregon and relayed here.

He says the federal gunners are unable to get the range of the rebel aeroplanes sweeping over the city and dropping bombs.

ARRESTED FOR WIFE BEATING

Charged with assault and battery upon the person of his wife, Harry Banta is in the county jail, awaiting a hearing before Justice of the Peace Gowen tomorrow. He was brought in from Dorris at midnight by Sheriff Low.

The warrant for his arrest was sworn out Thursday, but when Sheriff Low reached his home at Pine Flat, Banta had fled. The officer learned after this that Banta had secured a horse at Midland and crossed the state line, so he telephoned to Dorris and Banta was arrested there.

In tearing down a building in Alton, Ill., recently, a tightly closed glass jar was found containing a quart of dried corn. Although the corn is known to be at least seventy-five years old, it seems well preserved, and will be planted.

Mrs. Claude Coseboom returned Thursday from Redding, where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Leavitt for the past two weeks.

An iron monument in the form of a stepped pyramid, surmounted by a globe, 90 feet high, has been erected at Leipzig to symbolize the German iron and steel industry.

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ARREST SUSPECT FOR A ROBBERY

Suspected of burglarizing the mercantile establishment of James Dixon at Fort Klamath Wednesday night, Jay Groom was arrested early Thursday evening on the Klamath Indian reservation and brought here by Deputy Sheriff George A. Haydon. He was given a hearing Saturday.

Groom is a gigantic young man, and was noticed around the Fort on Wednesday. Wednesday night he went to a saloon and asked for a dollar bottle of whiskey, saying it was all the money he had, and in the end he paid a dollar for whiskey in a beer bottle.

The following morning, after the robbery, Groom again went to the saloon and purchased whiskey. This time he tendered a \$5 piece, and received the change.

The tracks found at the rear of the store were made by an unusually large shoe, and the fact that Groom was noticeably large as to pedal extremities, and had suddenly acquired money directed suspicion to him. Deputy Haydon reached the Fort at 4 o'clock, and immediately afterwards Groom left, coming toward Klamath Falls. He was pursued by Haydon, Deputy Sheriff Grover Neill and Walter Dixon of the Fort, and was arrested on the reservation.

With the exception of the \$5 piece changed in purchasing the whiskey, Groom had in his possession the money missing from the store.

For the first time in history Vassar college seniors will wear black caps and gowns at their commencement. Since the college was founded in 1861 the seniors have always worn white.

GOING TO FORT.

Mrs. H. B. McLane left on Thursday for Fort Klamath, to join her husband. Mr. McLane is connected with the Wood River Valley creamery at the Fort.

TWELVE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

DETROIT, Mich., May 15.—Twelve were killed in an explosion which wrecked the plant of the Mexican

Rubber company, a one-story concrete structure, in the outskirts of this city. Ten others are known to be missing, and police and firemen are searching the ruins, as some reports claim that as many as thirty men are missing.

Ten of the men were killed outright and three of the bodies were terribly mangled; two died in a short time in the Solway hospital, while a third victim is so horribly mangled that his recovery is impossible.

The wreckage at once took fire, and it is with great difficulty that the police are prosecuting their search. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

WHOLE FAMILY IS MURDERED

FRONTON, Ohio, May 15.—Mrs. Matilda Massie, aged 75 years; her son, Robert, aged 45 years, and her daughter, Mary, aged 42 years, were found murdered at their home on Greasy Ridge, 25 miles north of this city, this morning.

Harley Beard, aged 21 years, a farm hand employed on the place, is missing, and diligent search is being made for him.

The woman's body was found in the front yard with her skull crushed and throat cut; the daughter's body was found in the kitchen, with her skull crushed, her throat cut and her hands tied behind her back, while the body of Robert was found in the barn, with his skull crushed. The blows had been inflicted with some blunt instrument.

It is believed the crime was committed some time Wednesday. No motive can be found for the deed.

AGENT IS HOME.

Edson Watson, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation, came in from Portland last night, where he has been attending the session of the federal district court.

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