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WILL ASK FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Congressman W. R. Smith to Ask for $125,000 For Needed Improvements For Fort Bliss.

Tuesday's El Paso Herald:

Fort Bliss will have another improvement appropriation of $125,000 if Congressman W. R. Smith, El Paso's own congressman, can get it for El Paso's military post.

Congressman Smith was here Monday to meet director F. H. Newell of the reclamation service. He spent the morning at Fort Bliss, inspecting the enlarged post and gathering data which he will present to his colleagues in congress in behalf of a bigger Fort Bliss. An appropriation of $10,000 has been made by the War Department for the improvements of the roads at Fort Bliss and the approaches to the post from the city. This is not considered sufficient and Congressman Smith will ask an additional $15,000 for the improvements of the roads at the Fort, which will be built under the direction of the quarter master general's department.

Will Ask $125,000.

After inspecting the post Monday morning congressman Smith announced that he would ask for an appropriation of $100,000 in addition to the $125,000, with which to obtain an adequate water supply on the mesa near the regimental post, to install an ice-making and electric light plant and other provisions for the care and comfort of the future regiments to be stationed at new Fort Bliss.

"There is no idea at this time of asking for a brigade post at El Paso," congressman Smith said. "This would hardly be possible now with the regimental post hardly completed. But the appropriation allotted by the war department for good roads is not sufficient and we will ask for $25,000 instead of $10,000 for this work. There is need for the expenditure of $100,000 on the water supply at the fort, the installation of a light and ice plant and other needed improvements. I intend to start to work on these appropriations as soon as I return to Washington, and I will work for them until they have been made.

Here to Meet Newell.

"I came here primarily, to meet director Newell, of the reclamation service, for a conference about the Elephant Butte dam and the Pecos irrigation project, which are both of vital interest to the people of my idstrict. I will go to Pecos tonight to meet the director Newell and with local people there we will go over the project to irrigate the valley from the Pecos river for which the government has proposed $10,000 to make a preliminary investigation of its possibilities. There is nothing new at the Elephant Butte project that I know of, except that work is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily."

Candidate for Re-Election.

Congressman Smith is a candidate for re-election and is preparing to start his campaign in the 16th district soon. He is completing his sixth term as congressman from the El Paso district and has developed very little opposition in his preliminary race for the re-nomination for a seventh term in congress. He is the father of the Elephant Butte dam project, a greater Fort Bliss and every public project which has been of benefit to El Paso and the 16th district. Congressman Smith was entertained at lunch by Felix Martinez, James G. McNary and R. F. Burges at the Paso del Norte.

EXPECT BAILEY TO AGAIN ENTER TEXAS POLITICS

Austin, Texas, May 18.—Former senator J. W. Bailey may reenter the game of Democratic politics in Texas. It is reported here that he is disposed to consider favorably the supplications of many of his warm friends of the state that he become a candidate for a seat in the upper branch of congress to succeed senator Charles A Culberson. Although Mr. Culberson's term will not expire until 1917, the campaign for electing his successor has already been started. Two avowed candidates are in the field at this time. One is congressman Robert L. Henry of Waco, and the other is Prof. Samuel P. Brooks, head of Baylor University, also of Waco. Governor O. B. Colquitt is generally regarded as a candidate for senator, and it is expected that he will soon make formal announcement to that effect. Mr. Culberson's health has been precarious for several years and it is thought he will not seek re-election.

Memorial Day.

There are several occasions in the course of the year when the heart of the American nation grieves or rejoices over events that have passed into history, and which are the peculiar concern of the American people alone; when other nations have no place at all in the celebrations; when the presence of strangers is like the intrusion of a little unknown visitor of the family circle—at a time when something is occupying the hearts and minds of the family, that is of deep concern to them alone; when the nation would fain lock and be alone with its grief or joy. Memorial Day is peculiarly one of those occasions. Starting from a specific intent to honor the memory of a few only of the nation's patriotic dead, the custom has grown until now it is observed from ocean to ocean. Our Revolutionary heroes, those who died in the great Civil war on both sides and those who fell in Cuba in 1898 and those who gave up their lives in the Phillippines in 1899 and 1900 are mourned and remembered alike by our patriotic people. The drum tap that awakens the living to decorate the graves of the dead thrills in the breast of those who have loved ones in the cemetery and those who are fortunate enough to have none; it brings out the aged soldier, who can scarcely totter to the graveside, but who would sooner die and be laid there himself than miss this annual gathering of veterans that year by year assemble in diminishing numbers; it calls forth the widows and children of the heroes dead to add to the tears which for so many years, they have been shedding over the last resting place of their husbands, fathers, sons and lovers; it makes the nation one in purpose and in sympathies.—Exchange.

Notice to News Correspondents.

Unavoidable delay last week caused us to be unable to get our county correspondence letters set in time for publication. Hereafter we shall make special efforts to get these in print.

H. S. Fondy and family came in from Ralls, Crosby county, last Saturday and will make Scurry their home. Mr. Fondy called at the News office yesterday to have us change his paper from former address to that of Snyder. He says everything is looking fine on the plains since the rains.

REPORTED GEN. HUERTA IS WILLING TO RETIRE

ALLEGED CONDITION IS THAT SUCH COURSE BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

POWERS OF THE DELEGATES

Autograph Letters Indicate Clearly That Final Decision Rests with Government at Washington.

Washington.—President Wilson told the American commissioners, who left Tuesday for the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, Ontario, that the United States government regards the settlement of the Mexican problem in a definite form as a prerequisite to the withdrawal of the American forces from Vera Cruz.

The president gave the American commissioners—Justice Lamar of the supreme court of the United States, and Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor general, and Diplomatic Secretary H. Perceval Dodge—no specific instructions. He told them to place themselves in a receptive mood and await proposals from the three South American mediators. But at the same time he outlined to his representatives that peace in Mexico seemed to him to be conditioned on the elimination of the Hureta administration and the establishment in its place of a strong provisional government which would conduct an election giving fair treatment to all factions and parties and the guaranteeing, moveover, a solution of the agrarian problem and other internal difficulties.

A dispatch came to one of the foreign diplomats here from a diplomatic source in Mexico City stating that Gen. Huerta was ready to resign and would permit his representatives at the mediation conference to eliminate him if it should become absolutely necessary. Intimations that have come from the three Huerta delegates since their visit to this country showed that they had realized Huerta's elimination was regarded as essential to the settlement and know from the outset that unless they came prepared to deal with this phase of the problem their efforts would be fruitless.

The president gave his representatives autograph letters to present to the mediators. These letters refer to the unofficial character of the representatives and indicate clearly that the final decision on all questions propounded so far as the United States is concerned will be made by the government at Washington.

Farmers Union Held Call Meeting.

The Farmers' Union Institute held a call meeting at the court house here Thursday for the purpose of having a report by F. I. Townsend, County Demonstrator, as to progress of work in which he was engaged.

J. W. Neil, representative of State Agricultural Department addressed the farmers as to the damaged done all farm products, particularly fruit trees and garden products.

Another meeting will be held in two or three weeks being for the purpose of electing delegates to represent this county at College Station.

Meeting Closed Thursday

The revival meeting that has been in progress here for the past eighteen days closed today (Thursday) with a total of 251 conversions. The services have at all times been well attended and the meeting has been a complete success.

Rev. McIntosh will spend a few day in Fort Worth before going to Oklahoma to hold his next meeting.

COTTON CONCERN HAS WITHDRAWN APPEAL

The appeal of the Southern States Cotton Corporation from a decision in the United States Court for the Northern District of Texas holding the company bankrupt was withdrawn by the corporation today. An order of adjudiciation was signed by Judge Edward R. Meek and the matter referred to Eugene Marshall, referee in bankruptcy.

The notice of withdrawal of appeal was filed this morning by attorneys William H. Atwell and Carden, Sterling, Carden, Hemphill & Wallace representing the defendants. The decision in the case was returned by a jury last week, acting under instructions of Judge Meek.

S. W. King, receiver, appointed by the court, will continue in charge until creditors meet and name a trustee in bankruptcy. In the event of failure to name a trustee, one will be appointed by the referee.

No reason was assigned for the withdrawal of the appeal in the notice filed with the court.

DEATH OF JOE HUFFMAN

The death of Mr. Joe Huffman occurred at 8:30 p. m. last Friday following an illnesss of three weeks. Mr. Huffman was 69 years years of age, and had been a resident of Snyder for the past fifteen years. Mr. Huffman was a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Baptist in religious belief, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and nine children.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday afternoon, 4:00 p. m. by Rev. M. T. Tueker; interment in Snyder Cemetery one hour later, under directions of Masonic fraternity.

Young Ranchman Hurt.

A horse fell with Sid Johnson Thursday inflicting painful injuries. At first grave fears were felt for the result, but a hasty exanination by the surgeon revealed only bruises from which the young man is rapidly recovering.

Will Latham Case Continued.

The case of the State of Texas verus Will Latham which was set for trial June 1, in the district court of Haskel county has been continued until the November term, and case will be tried at that time. About one hundred witnesses from this county were summoned in the case but none will now have cause to appear.

Convocation of the Episcopal Churco.

The Annual Convocation of the Episcopal church for the Missionary District of North Texas convenes at Amarillo on the 26th and 27th of this month, and the various railways have made a round trip rate of 1 1-3 fare and tickets from Snyder to Amarllo will be on sale the 25th and 26th, to return on the 27th inst.

This will be a convenient rate for any persons wishing to visit Amarillo between the 25th and 28th of this month.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING

A Very Successful Term of the Snyder Public Schools Closes Today—High School Program Tonight.

The public schools of Snyder are closing this week, perhaps the most successful years work in their history. Prof. Watson and faculty deserve the high enconiums which are extended them on every hand by people of Snyder. During the year the school was recognized by affiliation with the State University which is the best evidence of the character of work done. This goal has been sought for a number of years, but it remained for Prof. Watson to establish it as a fact.

Died in Ft. Worth.

Walker McMullin, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McMullin, died Friday, May 14th at Fort Worth, Texas. Deceased was a young man with bright prospects in life, yet the young as well as the old knoweth not how soon the invisible hand of the mighty reaper will be thrust in and the affairs of life cut short. He had been confined to his bed for several weeks, suffering from what was pronounced sciatic rheumatism. About two weeks ago he was removed to Marlin with the hopes that the hot water baths at that place would prove beneficial, but with no avail. Later he was taken to Fort Worth and the best medical skill summoned but his case was pronounced hopeless.

The funeral train reached Snyder over the Santa Fe road early Friday morning and was met at the depot by many sorrowing friends.

The remains were laid to rest Saturday in the Snyder cemetery in the presence of a large assembly. Services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Hunt.

The young man was reared in Snyder and his death has cast a deep pall over the entire town.

NOTICE

To all members of Snyder Council Royal and Select Master.

On Saturday night, May 30th is regular meeting of the Council and this is also the election night. All members are urged to be present on that night and assist in the election of officers. Visiting companies are invited to be present.

C. T. EZELL. T. I. M.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Applicants are notified that the civil service examination will be held at the Central High School building, begining at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, May 23.

BACK FROM EAST

R. H. Curnute; cashier of the first National Bank, has returned from a business trip to Galveston. "Conditions east so far as crops are concerned are unfavorable," said Mr. Curnutte, "owing to excessive rains.

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Announcements

We are authorized to announce the following subject to the action of the Democratic primary

FOR CONGRESS—16th district
W. R. Smith

For Congressman-at-Large:
R. B. Humphrey
(Of Thockmortin Co.)

For Representative (105th Representaeive District):
A. J. Hagins, of Kent Co.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Jas. P. Stinson, (re.election)

FOR DISTRICT CLERK
Walter Adamson

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
C. R. Buchanan

FOR COUNTY CLERK
W. T. Skinner

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY:
Richard Webb
W. W. Weems

FOR TREASURER
C. R. Lockhart

FOR TAX COLLECTOR
W. M. Curry
D. Nation

FOR SHERIFF
J. B. Boles, (re-election)
W. A. Merrell

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE and Com. Pre. No. 1.
G. W. Brown

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
W. T. Thompson.

Commissioner Precinct No. 4. and Justice of the Peace
T. L. WINSTON.

FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER
Precinct No. 1.
S. M. (Sam) Hull
Zack Evans

Scurry county crop conditions are in first class shape and the prospects were never more flattering.

Heavy rains are reported from all the west part of the State, giving an abundance of stock water, maturing oats and wheat and practically assuring the early feed crops.

President Wilson's speech at the Brooklyn navy yards over the bodies slain at Vera Cruz is worthy to go down as a class the equal in all respects to that of Lincoln at Gettysburg.

The National Executive Committee of the Progressive party decided at a recent meeting in Chicago to place full state tickets in all of the Northern states. so there will be no combinmg of their strength in the coming election.

The openings of the negotiations of the South American Mediators in the Mexican controversy was postponed from Monday, May 18 to Wednesday May 20.

The delay was arranged in order that the Mexican deligates to the conference might have the proper time in which to reach Niagara Falls, the place of the meeting.

A club of 500 of the leading citizens of Taylor county was recently organized at Abilene for the purpose of promoting the candidacy of Hon. W. R. Smith for reelection to congress. It would appear from this that the people of Taylor county ore favorable to Judge Smith, regardless of the fact that Abilene is the home of Mr. Blanton, the other aspirant.

Several aspirants have announced for Charlie Culberson's seat in the senate. Governor Colquitt and Congressman R. L. Henry have said they would make the race, while Dr. Brooks, president of Baylor University is said to look with favor upon the posibility of reaching a seat in the senate. All signs points to a battle royal for the senior senators place in 1916.

Interview With Ben F. Smith

Ben F. Smith, editor of the Lockney Beacon, was here Friday enroute home from attendance on the K. of P. Grand Lodge at Temple. During the day Mr. Smith was a pleasant caller at the News. Asked about conditions on the plains, and West Texas in general, he said: "Conditions are certainly favorable to all our Western country. We have had an abundance of rains and crop prospects could not be better."

"How does the country look in Central Texas," he was asked. "I have been going to that portion of the state for years, and never before have I seen crops look as hard as they do at present. The crops from Fort Worth to Temple have been drowned out, and in sections completely washed away. West Texas has the goods on them this years for sure. Best crops are in the western portion of the State."

"How is the governor's race in Central Texas," Mr. Smith was asked. "Things are coming fine and dandy for Farmer Jim Ferguson. Everybody is for Ferguson, judging from the enthusiam that is occasioned wherever his name is mentioned. Pros and antis alike are support the Bell county man. In his home town, Temple, they are most all his friends. He will carry Bell county by the lowest possible estimate of 3000 majority out of 7000 voting strength. Where Jim Ferguson is best known he is best liked. What figure will Sam Sparks cut in his oposition to Ferguson.

"Sparks is looked on in Bell county as an ingrate. Jim Fergeson has been his friend in many ways and in his attitude he has made rather than detracted votes from the people's candidate."

The plains editor predicts Mr. Ferguson's election by sweeping majority.

E. A. Bills, of Gail was a business visitor to Snyder last Monday.

War By Any Other Name.

Nobody wants war with Mexico, but no end of people want to do something that would be war, yet they would call it by some other name. Such legal and moral confusion has many times arisen It is at the bottom of the attempt to make out the possibility of such a thing as a "pacific blockade." This is very much the same as saying o "loving crack over the head," or a "friendly" shooting. So., today, in our Mexican trouble, certain persons would invent smooth sounding names for tough things. They would not begin hostilties against Mexico, oh no! They would merely send a light military expedition into Mexican territory. They would have 1000 American marines set out for Mexico City with every protestation of friendship. Governor Colquitt of Texas would dispatch a force of rangers across the Rio Grande, to bring back the body of an Ameriean citizen who had been hanged on Mexican soil, and, incidentally, we presume, to teach the Mexicans to know their place. That this would be warlike does not seem to occur to Governor Colquitt. He seems to think it is a neighborly visit.

This drawing back from the blunt naming of acts in accordance with their harsh reality, is perhaps creditable to the hearts of those who do it. They do not like to think of war outright. The humane sentiment of their age is strong upon them. A battle field would be as ghastly a sight to them as to any of us; and so they resort to all kinds of phrases and masked descriptions implying that they do not intend to march the country into a bloody war. But however amiable may be this shrinking form so much as speaking the horrid brutalities, it does not argue well for the reasoning powers of those who display it. We may say a good word for their hearts, but we cannot retain much respect for their heads. for there is no use trying to escape the hard facts, or in seeking to sprinkle rosewater over human shambles. General Sherman's definition cannot be at all amended, so that—war is a place we do not like to mention. And if the nature of war is what we know it, acts of war are acts of war, no matter what we fastidiously call them.

It is in this form, unpleasant but unescapable, that the problem forces itself upon President Wilson. Others may talk loosely, he cannot. Impulsive gentlemen, in congress or out of it may propose fantastic schemes to settle Mexico's hash, all of them implying armed coercion, though all of them are described as not at all tantamount to war, but the President has to look at things as they are. For him, international law still exists, even if others ignore it. The rights of nations are realities to a man who is acutely aware that he is dealing with them, and that they are sensitive and may become explosive. Now, all this is, we do not question, the reason why Mr. Wilson took occasion to let the newspaper correspondents know that he is inflexibly opposed to all these near war measures. He, as president and as commander in chief, must sharply discriminate against what can be done by diplomatic representations couched in urgent language, though these may and ought to be, and what may have to be done by arms. The two cannot be mixed up. Bayonets remain bayonets even when festooned with flowers.

In this attitude, President Wilson is clearly right. His Mexican policy, as a whole, and up to the present time, cannot be called a success in the sense that it has achieved the result desired. That, any other peaceful policy than the one he has pursued, however, would have worked any better, it would be impossible to prove. But Mr. Wilson's course with Mexico has at least been highly successful thus far in one important respect. It has avoided war. It has tended to calm and not infuriate the American people. It has brought the country into close and good relations with European powers, and paved the way for a perfect understanding as to the ultimate to be taken when the time comes. And, accordingly, the president is wholly correct in refusing to countenance proposals that would infallibly mean that we should blunder into war. If war must come as a last dread resort, it is for our government to face it with open eyes. It is not a thing to be tricked ed into. We should be guilty of incredible folly if we were to make experiment of same of the disguised war measures put forward by happy-thought statesmen and haphazard newspapers, thinking that they might safely be toyed with, and then find that they had plunged us into a woeful and desolating struggle.

President Wilson is to be thanked for being in all this business, a cool and firm executive. But he is perhaps, more to be thanked, just now for being a clear thinker. He refuses to define black as white, or as a nice shade of gray. He knows what peace is and what war is, and he will not confuse the two. Through fancy names he pierces to the realities behind them and will not admit that war would smell as sweet if we could call it something else.—New York Evening Post.

COXEY'S COMMAND DWINDLES IN CAPITAL MARCH

Fredricksburg, Md., May 18.—Coxey's army—six privates, one mule and a goat—tracked out of here today, enroute to Washington. If no obstacle is encountered, the shadow of 3000 men who marched under the "General" to the capitol during Cleveland's administration, will reach Pennsylvania Avenue some time Wednesday. Goat's milk is said to be keeping the marchers in tip-top condition, except for blistered feet.

Just what Coxey's followers will do when they reach Washington has not been determined.

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Letter From El Paso

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On these barren rock hills though silk is bought, grass and flowers are planted and water bought, and low, they are beautiful to behold. We could do all they have done at one-fourth the cost. We have a thousand advantages over them. I never appreciated Snyder half as much as I do now. It is an oasis in a desert.

Yours truly,

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What President Wilson Said.

In his speech at the funeral of the seventeen marines who fell at Vera Cruz, President Wilson said to the living soildiers: "I hope to God none of you will ever join this list of the dead. We have gone down to Mexico to serve mankind, if we find a way. We don't want to fight Mexicans. We want to serve them.

"I know the feeling which characterizes the whole nation at this hour. They cannot be expressed in terms of oratory. For mo own part, I have a singular mixture. Uppermost is a feeling of profound grief that these lads had to go to their death. There is also a thrill of pride, and a touch of envy for those who are permitted to do their duty so quietly and nobly.

"War is only a dramatic representatation of a thousand forms of duty. I never went into battle; I was never under fire, but I fancy there are some things just as hard, I think, to do your duty when men are sneering at you as when they shoot. When they shoot at you, they can take your natural life; but when they sneer at you, they can wound your heart."

President Wilson indicated that the nation is ready, if need be, to make further sacrifices for the same cause.

When in Snyder, don't forget to drop in and see the Model Tailors. Terry & Garner, Props.

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No other animal ever made such concessions to the market as has the hog. He has given half his life to meet the demand for young stock and has surrendered the freedom of forests for the shackles of the pen where fat can be produced with the greatest ecenomy. The human race has made no such sacrifices for success as has this dumb brute.

Jones County to Vote on Local Option.

Stamford, Tex., May 18.—The county commissioners have just ordered a local option election for this county, June 6. The petition was presented by the anti-local optionists. But very little interest has been shown up to date by either side.

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DISCOVERING MEXICAN TOWNS.

The federal government, in view of the fact that there is not a single map of the republic containing all the towns and ranches of the different districts, has decided on the creation of the Sociedad Geografica Exploradora, whose members are traveling throughout the republic drawing up plans of the different districts visited by them, says the Mexican Herald.

Very curious occurrences are reported. It is said that members of the commission when exploring woods and valleys have discovered towns of from 100 to 500 inhabitants the existence of which were unknown, these people living completely isolated from the rest of the world.

Visiting cards at the West Texas News office.

TEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Four Other Employes Injured in Accident and Are in Hospital.

Detroit, Mich.—Ten men, most of them chemists, were killed by an explosion of acid and chemicals in the mixing rooms of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company here Friday. Four other employes taken to a hospital may die. The one-story concrete building was almost obliterated. Other buildings within a radius of a mile were more or less damaged. The loss was estimated at $50,000.

Just what caused the explosion probably never will be known. Every man in the mixing room at the time was killed.

The company manufactured imitation leather and it is understood that ether and other explosives were used in large quantities.

Seattle Wins Shriner Convention.

Atlanta, Ga.—Selection of Seattle as the meeting place for 1915 and election of Dr. Frederick R. Smith of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., as Imperial Potentate of the Imperial council, marked Wednesday's meeting here of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America. The meeting at Seattle will open on July 15 and continue for four days. The Washington city was finally decided on after its advantages and those of San Francisco, the other city seeking the gathering, had been considered.

Last of Survivors of Columbian Found.

Halifax, N. S.—After 13 days of terrible suffering in an open boat, four survivors of the freight teamer Columbia were picked up in the North Atlantic by the United States revenue cutter Seneca Sunday. Eleven others of the boat's crew which left the Columbian when she was burning south of Sable island had succumbed to injuries and privations and their bodies had been thrown overboard. The death roll of the lost freighter now stands at 15. Twenty-seven other members of the crew were saved by the Cunard liner Franconia and the steamer Manhattan after two days of exposure.

Negro Lynched by Shreveport Crowd.

Shreveport, La.—A negro named Ed Hamilton, held on the charge of assaulting a 10-year-old white girl Tuesday morning, was taken from the parish jail shortly after noon and lynched.

Hamilton followed a 10-year-old orphan girl into the rest room of a moving picture show half a block from the police station and assaulted her. The child was placed in a sanitarium for medical treatment.

Big Ship Starts for New York.

Berlin.—The Vaterland, the greatest ship ever built, began her maiden voyage to New York Thursday. Although raw and rainy weather was prevailing, an enormous concourse of spectators lined the e new "America" quays at Cuxhaven to wave goodbye to the Hamburg-American Line's newest giantess, which sailed away to the accompaniment of cheers that seemed as if they would never end.

Panic Marks Return of Dead Marine.

Chicago.—The return of the body of Samuel Meisenberg, the young Chicago marine killed at Vera Cruz, was marked by a panic in the city hall, where the body lay in state for three hours. So great was the rush to view the catafalqua in the rotunda that scores of women fainted, while men, caught in the smothering press, cried for air. Only the names of twelve women who succumbed were obtained by the police, but among these was Mrs. Morris Meisenberg, mother of the dead hero.

Huerta's Elimination is Peace Plan.

Washington.—Elimination of Gen. Huerta and the establishment to a provisional government in Mexico in which both the Huerta and the constitutionalist factions would be represented is contemplated in a plan which the three South American mediators now working out to be proposed for the solution of the entire Mexican problem.

Peace Conference Delayed Two Days.

Washington.—Postponement of the Niagara Falls Mexican mediation conference from Monday to Wednesday at the request of the Huerta delegates changed the plans of the South American mediators and the American commissioners for departure, and at the same time produced much speculation as to possible significance in the delay. Later the Spanish ambassador here, who is caring for the interests of Mexico in the United States, authorized a statement that the delay merely meant that the Huerta delegates wanted a brief respite from their long journey and that the delay had no political importance.

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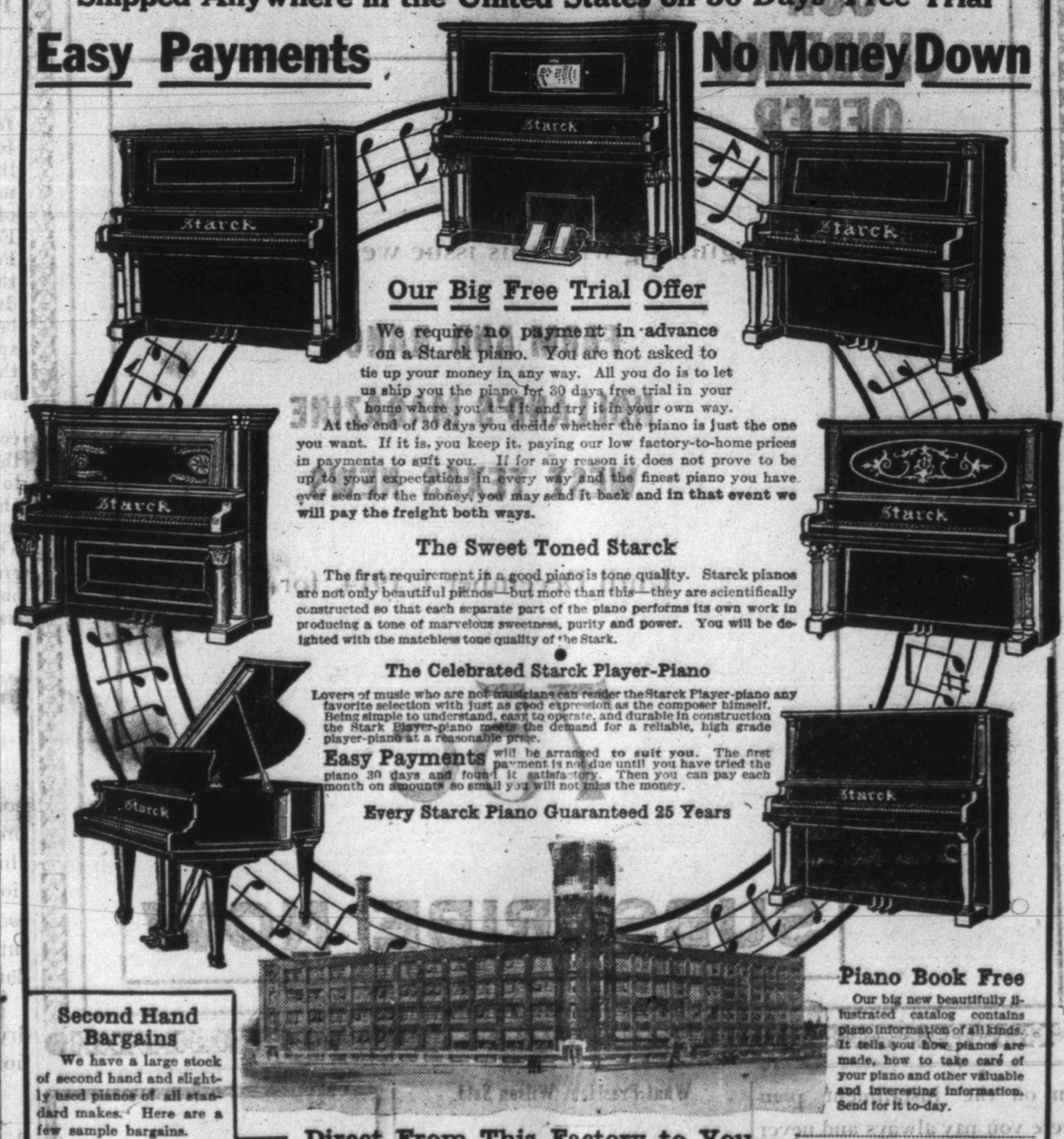

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Consul General Dies in London.

London.—John L. Griffiths, American consul general, died here suddenly of heart disease Sunday. Consul Griffiths had suffered from a slight illness recently, but was considered convalescent. He was out driving and apparently was quite well until the fatal attack. John L. Griffiths was born in New York Oct. 7, 1855. He studied law at the state university of Iowa and was admitted to the bar at Indianapolis, where he practiced for a time. He was appointed consul general at London in 1909.

Scientists Prepare for Eclipse of Sun.

Washington.—The eclipse of the sun on August 21 next—total in part of Europe and Asia and partial in Northeastern America—is attracting the widespread attention of astronomers and scientists, various expeditions being arranged to witness this phenomena.

$900,000 Cotton Fire at Galveston.

Galveston, Texas.—One life and property valued at $900,000 were lost in a fire that destroyed the cotton warehouse of the Merchants' and Planters' Compress and Warehouse company Friday night. The life lost is that of an unidentified man, presumably a workman, who was caught by a crumbling brick wall while he was standing on the edge of the crowd watching the fire. The property lost is approximately 11,000 bales of cotton. Three box cars loaded with cotton, were also destroyed.

To Confiscate Mines Not Opened.

El Paso, Texas.—Unless American and other foreign mine owners return to the Parral district and reopen their propeties June 1, the mines will be seized and operated for the benefit of the Mexican people, according to a notice said to have been issued by Gen. Luis Herrera, chief of the Parral district, word of which has reached mining men here. It is estimated that there is from $30,000,000 to $80,000,000 foreign capital invested in the Parral district.

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34x3½	15.25	3.20
31x4	17.00	3.25
32x4	18.00	3.30
33x4	19.50	3.40
34x4	20.40	3.60
35x4	21.00	3.80
36x4	22.00	3.90
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Battle Creek Does Homage to Late C. W. Post, of that City.

Battle Creek, Mich.—Thousands awaited the arrival Thursday of the "LeCompton," the special car bearing the body of C. W. Post, the millionaire food manufacturer of Chicago, who died from a rifle wound at his winter home in Santa Barbara, Calif., last Saturday.

Five hundred members of the chamber of commerce formed an aisle through which the body was carried to the hearse by eight of the oldest employes of the manufacturer. The solid bronze casket, weighing 750 pounds, was not opened. All places of business in the city closed at 3 o'clock by order of the mayor. Schools, factories, theaters and moving picture houses also closed, and the baseball game was cancelled. Each window in the principal business district of the city contained a large picture of Mr. Post, draped in heliotrope.

Cloudburst Damages Property.

Beeville, Texas.—The Paesta, a dry creek which runs through this city, went on a rampage following a rain which registered 6.35 inches and wrought property destruction. The water overflowed the creek's banks and carried away many Mexican houses and portions of bridges. The two wagon bridges in this city was badly damaged, as was the Southern Pacific railroad trestle. The Sap railroad bridge came from under the flood waters unharmed. The wagon bridge on the Oakville road was washed away.

Money Orders From Vera Cruz.

San Antonio, Tex.—Concrete evidence of the occupancy of Vera Cruz by United States troops was received in San Antonio in the form of the first United States postal money order issued in the Mexican town. Bearing the serial number "one" and calling for payment of $20 in gold, the order was sent by August Kemp, a former postal clerk of the San Antonio postoffice and one of two who left this city April 26 to enter the United States postal service at Vera Cruz.

Constitutionalists Object to Plan.

El Paso, Tex.—The plan for the pacification of Mexico now being worked out by the South American mediators and which it is announced would eliminate Huerta and establish a provisional government in which both the adherents of Huerta and the constitutionlists would be represented, will not be acceptable to the constitutionalists, according to constitutionalist officers here.

Villa's Force Ready to Attack Saltillo.

Paredon, Coahuila, Mexico.—The investment of Saltillo and its environs is complete and the great army of 27,500 constitutionalist soldiers is resting on its arms, awaiting only the bugles giving orders to open the attack. The last of the besieging army left this place Saturday night and detrained several miles north of Ramos Arispe, nine miles north of Saltillo, where the famous "Brigade Zaragoza," under command of Brig. Gen. Raoul Madero, and Brig. Gen. Herrera's brigade, drove a federal outpost to the southward.

Gonzales Marches On Tampico

Brownsville, Texas.—Gen. Pablo Gonzales, with a force of about 6,000 men were due to arrive at Tampico Friday and there join Gen. Luis Cabellero in the attack on the Mexican port, according to news in Matamoros. Officers at constitutionalist headquarters state that Gen. Gonzales has with him fourteen cannon. It is stated in Matamoras also that Gen. Villa's men have begun arriving in Monterey from Torreon. However, the Torreon hero, instead of concentrating at Monterey, is said to have instructed his forces to concentrate between Saltillo and San Luis Potosi. By this move he hopes, officers say, to catch the Saltillo army of 10,000 between the Gonzales fire on the north and his own on the south and west.

Mexicans Warned Not To Buy Arms.

Laredo, Texas.—Col. C. J. Crane, commander of the Ninth infantry camp here, gave out an interview to the press in which he advises Mexicans who have been securing arms and ammunition recently and arming themselves, ostensibly for protection, but probably for other purposes, to desist from the practice. In the interview he states what is liable to result to those people in the event of hostilities between this country and Mexico. Col. Crane also warned local arms and ammunition dealers about selling arms to Mexicans at this time

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Warren Scrivner was in from his farm Tuesday.

Let us order that new suit for you. Model Tailors.

G. E. Lockhart, district attorney from Tahoka, is here this week visiting relatives.

See H. M. Boyd for complete abstracts. Office over First State Bank. 3-tf

H. T. Ritter, of Lynchburg, a representative of a shoe house was in the city the first of the week.

Ladies work given careful attention at the Model Tailors.
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T. A. Milner, a hardware drummer of Abilene was doing business with some of our merchants the first of the week.

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C. L. Ezell, Grand Visitor for this district leaves today to visit Jayton Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

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J. I. Green came in Monday from Globe, and other points in Arizona. Mr. Greene has been spending a part of his time for the last five or six years in that country and has always spoken well of it but this last trip gets his "goat". He says the conntry has just simply gone to the bad.

A. Parker of the divide country was in the city Tuesday.

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Dr. J. W. Warren, J. C. Stinson and Gilbert Elkins attended Masonic lodge at Colorado Tuesday night.

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E. H. Higginbotham, Tom Casstevens, E. B. Barnes, E. A. Warren and J. P. Beck spent Tuesday night fishing near the W. A. Johnson ranch.

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Houston, Texas.—The cigarette hospital is extending its sphere of influence. The municipal juvinile court began the movement to cure young boys of the habit by a treatment of nitrate of silver but men in large numbers are now applying for assistance. Two women also asked for the treatment and it was given to them.

City Patbologist Slataper asks each applicant to stick out his or her tongue and then with deft strokes the tongue is coated with something that makes tobacco have such a horrible taste that even those abdicted to the habit are compelled to turn from cigarettes and cigars in dread. Several hundred have been "operated" upon since the hospital started a few weeks ago and it has probably reduced cigar stand receipts to a woeful extent.

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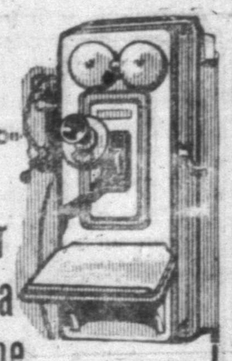

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Major General Leonard Wood is now commander-in-chief of the American forces in the field, having been relieved as chief of staff by General Wotherspoon. This is a new photograph of General Wood.

NEWS OF PARKS' FATE DEMANDED OF HUERTA

FAILURE TO GIVE INFORMATION WILL BE "AN UNFRIENDLY AND HOSTILE ACT."

STRONG NOTE TO MEXICO CITY

No Mention Made as to Course to Be Pursued, But Belief Is It Will Not Iterfere with Mediation.

Washington.—The United States Friday demanded of the Huerta government news of the fate of Private Parks the infantryman who strayed into the Mexican lines near Vera Cruz, declaring that unless information about him was given immediately the American government would consider that "an unfriendly and hostile act" had been committed in violation of the understanding for a cessation of hostilities pending mediation.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, it was learned, drafted a strong communication after receiving word from the Brazilian minister in the City of Mexico that Parks had been "executed." No mention was made in the minister's report of whether he was shot as a spy after a court-martial or whether his body was burned, as has been reported persistently to Gen. Funston.

The American government cabled the Brazilian minister to inform the Huerta government of the strong feeling of the United States in the matter, directing him to make vigorous representations concerning the incident. The note asked the minister to protest to the Huerta government that if Parks were alive the failure to explain his whereabouts was in itself an unfriendly attitude and that if the soldier had been executed, as has been reported, such execution of a man who came into the Mexican lines in full uniform was contrary to military procedure of civilized nations and was an act of hostility

No mention was made in the American note of the course the United States intends to pursue in the matter, but an official close to the president said it was one of the things which would be held up against the Huerta government when the final reckoning came over offenses committed against the United States.

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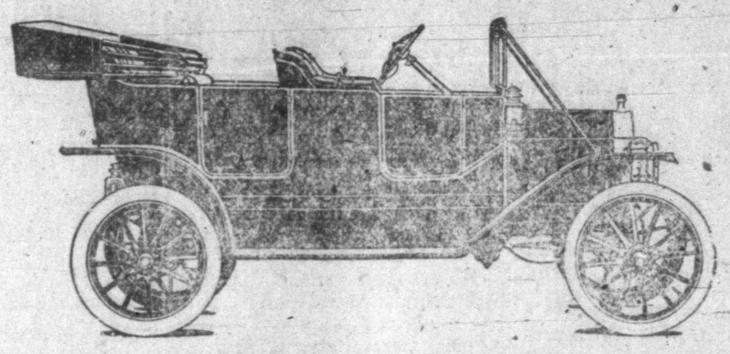

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Will Ask $54,800 Pentalties.

Dallas, Texas.—Misdemeanor prosecutions totaling $54,800 in penalties are to be instituted at once against the Northern Texas Traction Company for alleged violation of the state law requiring installation of derailers at the car barns and shops of railroad companies. A time limit of May 17, allowed for the company to install the safety devices required by law, expired and County Attorney McCutcheon instructed Assistant County Attorney Bane to begin drawing up the affidavit and information to be filed in the county court at law. Violations of 274 days are alleged and the information will make each day a separate count. The law fixes the penalties at $50 to $200 per day for each day of violation.

L. D. Grantham made a business trip to Lubbock Thursday.

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MRS. THOMAS B. DUNN

Among the women who have distinguished themselves during the winter in Washington as hostesses is Mrs. Thomas B. Dunn, wife of the congressman from Rochester, N. Y. She is well known in society in New York city, where she spends part of every winter.

CONSTITUTIONALISTS CAPTURE TAMPICO

FEDERAL GENERAL ZARAGOZA EVACUATES AS REBELS ENTER.

LOSSES HEAVY IN FIVE DAYS

Casualties Believed to Be as Great as Those From Villa's Assault On Torreon.

Tampico, Mexico.—Tampico is now in the hands of the Constitutionalists under the command of Gen. Pablo Gonzales and Gen. Luis Caballeros, with about 7,000 men.

The fall of the port was accomplished Wednesday when the Mexican Federal Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza evacuated the town as the rebels entered, after five days of severe fighting.

A great many were killed and wounded on both sides. The casualties believed to have been as great as during the fight at Torreon, where Gen. Villa defeated the federals.

The three Mexican gunboats, Zaragoza, Vera Cruz and Bravo, left their station at Tampico and put to sea early in the morning, which seemed to have acted as a signal for the federals to evacuate. Their commanders asked Rear Admiral Mayo for permission to put to sea, but Admiral Mayo replied the gunboats would be kept in close observation, and detailed vessels of his division to watch the Mexican boats when they steam from their position taken near the American warships.

It was necessary for the commanders of the gunboats to put to sea to avoid the rebels from either capturing or sinking the vessels. The narrowness of the Panuco river at Tampico would have made it easy for the rebels to have brought up their large guns and directed such a fire against the gunboats that would have soon sunk them.

Sherman Oil Plant Damaged By Fire.

Sherman, Tex.—Two blocks of sheds and warehouses belonging to the Sherman Cotton Oil Provision Company burned here Thursday night. The fire started about 6 o'clock and for more than two hours it looked like the entire plant would go, but the fire department made a hard fight and saved much adjacent property. The buildings burned were wooden. The main refining plant recently erected of brick and steel did not burn and sustained very little damage. The estimated loss on building and stock is $35,000, covered by insurance.

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