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EIGHTEEN PRISONERS PERISH IN JAIL FIRE

GASOLINE-KEROSENE MIXTURE EXPLODES WHILE MEN ARE BEING BATHED.

DEAD MAY REACH TWENTY

Nude Men, Blazing From Head to Foot, Dash Into Street From El Paso City Prison.

El Paso, Tex.—Eighteen dead, two probably fatally burned, and a score or more lacerated and injured was the toll of an explosion and fire late Monday at the city jail. The name of one American, H. M. Cross, is included in the list of dead and 12 are numbered among those seriously burned. Surgeons said that the death list probably would reach 20 and that many of the injured would not live more than a few hours.

Says American Caused Fire.

H. M. Cross, an American who died of injuries, was named as the man who struck the match that caused the fire, in a statement made by H. G. Bagby, one of the trustees on guard.

Thirty-eight prisoners, it was said, were taken to the county hospital.

The disinfecting tubs were placed near the doorway leading to the police hospital. The burst of flames blew out the doors and windows and the blaze swept the hospital, rendering it useless for the press of emergency work which followed.

On fire from head to foot the nude victims dashed into the streets and alleys surrounding the prison.

Afire, Climbs to Roof.

One of the victims, a veritable torch, plunged through the jagged remains of a broken window and clambered to the roof of the jail, where he was rescued by firemen only to die a few minutes later.

The blaze started from a flash of flame from a large tub of gasoline and kerosene solution used to destroy germ-carrying lice. In their first reports officials attributed the origin to the deliberate action of one of the prisoners in throwing a lighted match into one of the containers.

More than a score of prisoners who were thoroughly saturated with the solution were enveloped in flames. Jail attendants immediately opened two exits, allowing a number of the prisoners in the bathroom to escape, although seriously burned.

Surrounding the bath quarters are rows of cells, mostly filled with prisoners. The cells adjacent to the bath were caught in the flames and it was in these that most of the fatalities occurred.

The fire department, quartered in the same building, extinguished the blaze before it had spread to other parts of the jail.

About 50 unharmed prisoners were removed from cells on the same floor and placed in quarters on the second floor of the building under heavy police guard.

STEAMER HITS ROCK; 424 LOST.

Principe de Austria Goes Under in Five Minutes After Accident in Fog off Coast of Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro.—The Spanish steamer Principe de Austria struck a rock off Ponta Bol lighthouse Sunday morning and 338 passengers and 86 of the crew perished. There were nearly 1,000 souls on board and those saved were rescued by the French steamer Vega.

The accident is said to have occurred on account of the steamer going from her course in a dense fog Saturday night and early Sunday morning. It is reported the steamer sank in five minutes after striking the rock.

The Principe de Austria was engaged in the passenger service between Barcelona and Brazil. She was a large and comparatively new vessel. Her gross tonnage was 8,371, her length 468 feet, her beam 58 feet, and depth 23 feet. She was built at Port Glasgow in 1914 and owned in Cadiz, Spain.

Three Battleships Declared Obsolete.

Philadelphia.—The battleships Alabama, Ohio and Georgia are to be stricken from the navy roster as real fighting units and probably will end their days as training ships for the naval reserve. This was the assertion made by several officers of the Philadelphia navy yard. One officer asserted that the battleships, "despite their excellent condition, are obsolete and serve no purpose other than to retard the progress and impair the efficiency of the first-line ships."

AN EPITOME OF EVENTS

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

EUROPEAN WAR HAPPENINGS

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Found Here.

It is announced that the Italian government had requisitioned 34 of the 37 German steamers interned in Italian ports.

The British admiralty officially made public the orders to armed merchantmen given Oct. 20, 1915. The orders say that the armament of such vessels must be used solely for resisting an attack by an armed vessel and for no other purpose.

Reginald McKenna, the chancellor of the English exchequer, told the chambers of commerce that he estimated the national expenditure for the current year would reach the gigantic total of 1,170,000,000 pounds sterling.

The White Star liner, Canopic, which sailed for Italian ports with three Americans in her first cabin will take on armament when she reaches Gibraltar, it was announced by the White Star line. The armament will be removed again when the ship arrives at Gibraltar on her return trip.

Advices from Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Stuttgart and Coblenz are that those towns have been transformed into huge hospitals for wounded from Verdun, who are arriving there daily. There are said to be several thousand men with grievous bayonet wounds at Coblenz.

A Bucharest dispatch says that the Queen Mother Elizabeth of Roumania (Carmen Sylva) died Thursday morning. She was one of the most charming figures in the courts of Europe, and practically the only one of recent generations to gain fame as a poetess.

Father Barry of Hartford reports that former President Theodore Roosevelt was welcomed by the negroes of the Island of Dominica as King of the United States. The town was decorated with flags and the standing army, consisting of twenty members, paraded for review.

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, there are small food riots at Monterey now, due to the people being refused provisions by merchants of that city when they tender Carranza currency of denominations larger than ten pesos in payment. These reports are brought to Laredo by American passengers arriving from Monterey.

Immediate foreclosure on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway was demanded by Louis C. Krauthoff in the hearing of the receiver's petition for instruction regarding certain funds now going on before Judge George A. Carpenter in the United States district court in Chicago. Mr. Krauthoff is attorney for the Central Trust Company of New York, trustee of \$100,000,000 worth of first and refunding mortgage bonds.

It has been definitely decided that home economics week will be observed in Dallas April 11 to 15, inclusive. Several dates have been suggested and the committee is now able to make this announcement. Miss Mary, bearing of the university of Texas is to arrange for out-of-state lecturers to appear in Dallas on these dates.

It is announced that the French ministry of marine that there were nearly 4,000 men on board the French auxiliary cruiser Provence when she was sunk in the Mediterranean on Feb. 28. As the ministry of marine in Feb. 29 announced that the number of survivors of the Provence disaster was estimated at 870, it is indicated by the foregoing dispatch that upward of 3,130 lives were lost. The loss of more than 3,000 lives in the sinking of the Provence is the greatest ocean disaster of modern times.

The Ardmore, Okla., chamber of commerce has resolved to begin at once to raise \$100,000 locally for the construction of a new hotel.

The effect of the rains and high waters on operations in north Louisiana oil fields during the last few weeks is reflected in the decline in production during the week just closed. Compared with the preceding week there was a daily average decrease of 2,621 barrels, each field showing a decline.

The price of Oklahoma and Kansas crude oil has advanced to \$1.40 a barrel in Tulsa, thus setting a new high record. The increase of 10c was announced by the Prairie Oil and Gas company.

The state fire insurance commission has announced the following reductions in key rates: Abilene, from \$14 to \$8c; Wichita Falls, from 30c to 28c; Palfacios from 52c to 15c.

William Jennings Bryan in connection with his visit to Dallas March 15 to deliver an address under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon league of Texas, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Presbyterian social union Wednesday night, March 15.

Bronzite, a valuable art material, has been discovered in great deposits in the Polconville mountains of Southern New Mexico, near Stalms pass and a quantity of the ore has been shipped to the El Paso smelter for original assay and comparison of values.

The budget of the Louisiana state fair at Shreveport for 1916 totals \$48,171.17, compared with \$35,309 last year. The issuance of notes of \$100 each, to the amount of \$15,000 was authorized for building a new swine barn at a cost of \$10,000, and adding extensions to the other live stock barns, including a model dairy building.

The American charge at Constantinople has reported that in reply to new representations by him against deportation of Armenians from Turkish territory the Turkish foreign ministry assured such deportations had ceased and promised there would be no more in future. The Russian forces have recently accepted a large part of Armenia.

One hundred indictments against 72 brewing companies located in various parts of Pennsylvania and one against the United States Brewers' Association of New York were returned at Pittsburg by the federal grand jury, which has been investigating alleged political activity of brewers. The indictments charge conspiracy in the alleged unlawful expenditure of money in elections at which votes for federal officials were being cast.

Three hundred and fifty-four students of the university of Texas, 100 of them seated around the banquet table at the McAlpin hotel in New York city, and 200 at the banquet room of the Dallas chamber of commerce and manufacturers' association held a joint March 2 celebration. Marvellous strides that have been made in long-distance telephony made the feat possible, and by that means the speeches at both banquets were heard by all the guests. Not only was it a joint celebration, but Dr. W. J. Battle, acting president of the university in Austin, took part and delivered an address in Austin that was heard in both Dallas and New York by the guests at both banquets.

The Tucker sand is given credit with producing the greatest oil well ever drilled in Oklahoma, that of the Gypsy-Gillespie people on the Jackson Barnett lease, four miles north of Shamrock, and in the center of the original Cushing oil field. When the well was drilled in about three weeks ago it made 4,000 barrels a day, gradually increasing to 7,000 barrels, and the second day it went to 800 barrels an hour; late that evening it was flowing at the rate of 12,000 barrels a day. It continued to increase until it reached 18,000 barrels a day and then 20,000. Gradually, then, it declined, going down rapidly to 10,000 barrels. It was the State's wonder producer and may never be equaled.

During February 100 wells were completed in the Healdton field, 47 wells are drilling and 49 rigs are up ready for the drilling tools to be moved in. There are 694 producing oil wells in the field and the production is conservatively estimated at 55,000 barrels a day. If the limits of the field are not enlarged by outside wells the oil area will have as many as 1,200 producing wells when all the drilling shall have been done. That means that there are approximately 500 more wells to be drilled.

Home economics week in Dallas will begin four days later than originally planned. To escape a conflict with the Lenten season the school will begin on April 29 instead of April 25 as first announced.

"In no line of trade is the producer's share as great as that of the wheat grower," declared Bert Ball, secretary of the council of grain exchanges in a report given at a meeting of the Kansas City grain men's club.

WITHOUT ANY EQUAL.

The Dallas (Texas) News now comes to the Mountaineer office. To get it in each daily mail is a treat which we can better appreciate after being deprived of it for more than a year. We had been a constant reader of the News for twenty-three years prior to the time of leaving Texas, and to receive it again is like coming into companionship with an old and trusted friend; after a necessary separation. Nearly every Texan, no matter to what country he has gone, nor how long he has been away from the Lone Star state, remembers reading the Dallas News if he is not still a subscriber to it. If he is, an old man he will tell you in his young days, and if he is in middle life, he is most sure to say his father took it as far back almost as he can remember.

Of course the News is the greatest newspaper in Texas, and is closely identified with the people and the interests of that great state. It is not only the greatest paper in Texas, but it has not a superior in all the South. Its news service is far reaching and complete; it spares no expense to get the news and demands of those who gather it that it be correct. Its editorials are scholarly and able; its policies are not always found to be in the trend of public sentiment, but they are along the lines of its own origination. Many times it has been with the minority, and at other times it has assumed an independent attitude, but it has always been more consistent than most of the politicians and more Democratic than many of the office-seekers. The News will never be supplanted as the leading newspaper in Texas, because the masses recognize its merits and stability, and by the sober-thinking people it will be looked to as a safer and worthy exemplar of political faith.

Turks Removing Dandanelles Mines

London—An Athens correspondent says: "No further news has been received of the reported assassination of Enver Pasha. The significant information has been received here from private sources that the Turks are removing the mines in the Dardanelles, which appear to be a measure preparatory to opening the straits."

\$8,000,000 Wage Increase for Miners.

New York.—Wage increases that may annually approximate \$8,000,000 or more in the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois were agreed upon by the subcommittee of bituminous operators and miners for those states, who are here negotiating a new contract, to go into effect April 1.

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THE BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD.

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Candidate Announcements.

For Tax Assessor, JOHN L. BRYAN, Jr. To Candidates.

As the political campaign is opening, we desire to state that the Mountaineer will announce candidates for the following fees:

For District or Legislative offices \$15.00. For County offices \$10.00.

Each candidate announcing will be entitled to an extended and an appropriate write-up at the time the announcement is first published.

Consolidation of Forest Offices.

A move is now on foot to consolidate the Lincoln National Forest and the Alamo National Forest, and a removal of the office from Capitan, with the books, maps, furniture, etc., to Alamogordo.

It is hard to see how a greater inconvenience and an injustice could be forced upon a very large and directly interested class of people than this proposed action.

Congress created these Forest Reserves for the public welfare—the people. The evident intent of the Act is that the interest of the people shall be subserved.

No other place for the supervisor's office in Lincoln National Forest is so favorably and conveniently situated as Capitan.

The removal of the office from Capitan would not only be an inconvenience, but an unnecessary hardship put upon the people.

The matter has been taken up by the Capitan Commercial Club and telegrams of protest sent to Senator Catron and Congressman Hays.

been seen, that no final action has been taken with regard to the removal of the office from Capitan.

Lecture Course at the High School.

Next Thursday, the 16th, will mark the opening of a new kind of work in the Capitan schools, when the first of a series of illustrated lectures will be given.

The opening number will be "A Tour of the British Isles," the pictures and lecture taking the audience into the most famous and picturesque sections of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

A small admission will be charged for these lectures, so small, in fact, as to be merely nominal.

The proceeds of the lectures, in excess of the actual running expenses, which will include cost of slides, expressage, and cost of operation of the stereopticon, will be entirely devoted to the purchase of slides for the permanent equipment of the school.

Once a month, or oftener, a public entertainment will be given with the Motion Picture Machine, giving program such as might be found in the best moving picture theatre in any city.

Such films as the above will be used in the school during the daily classes. For the public programs, however, a regular run of films such as are shown in the usual moving picture theatre will be employed.

It is the plan of the school to make this work self-supporting. As a permanent piece of valuable equipment the school has purchased the machine, but all

operating costs will be met by the money raised by the public exhibitions. Of course, the essential thing to the success of this plan is the support of the people of Capitan, which it is sincerely believed will be forthcoming.

Much commendable talk has been made lately in regard to "boosting Capitan." Here is a place to begin.

Announcement of the first program of Motion Pictures will be made next week in these columns.

Notes from Luke's Corners.

Old Uncle Ben Gessler is confined to his bed most of the time now from a peculiar accident. A few days ago he got into a hot argument with Natt Nabors about the best flat tobacco there was on sale in this place.

Arlus E. J. Wentworth, the long named Dede that settled here last summer, broke his cane trying to punch a potato down the widow Steble's cow's throat Tuesday night.

Nigger Lasses put a Master Vibrator on his old balky mare and he says he does not have to crank now to start her.

Almer Weeks shipped his corn to the Smithsonian Institute a few days ago and to date has not heard from it.

I must report to you that your correspondent is the happy father of a two hundred pound boy.

Rim and Dubb Van Wrinkle, two brothers from Arizona, went prospecting in the brakes for Rad-dum and brought back samples of the old lady Weatherly's hair.

A Burglar entered the home of Deodamia Spandora while Doc was at the picture show and by mistake opened what he thought was the milk safe and let out Doc's pet panther.

As ever yours truly, RENE WHITE, Official Correspondent from Luke's Corners.

Capitan Commercial Club.

The attendance at the Commercial Club on last Wednesday evening was good and much interest was shown in several matters that came before the body.

Just received a car load of Pride of Denver flour. The Titworth Co.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

026993 Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, March 6, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Mariano Chavez, of Encinosa, New Mexico, who, on Feb. 24, 1913, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 026993, for N1/2SW1/4 and S1/2NW1/4, Section 9, Township 7-S, Range 15-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Merchant, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Capitan, N. M., on April 10, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Victorio Martinez, Nicolas Peralto, Antonio Chavez, Manuel Aguilar, all of Encinosa, N. M. EMMETT PATTON, Mch 10—Apr 7 Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

017558-028083 Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office Roswell, New Mexico, Feb. 15, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Robert Pierce Perry, of Glencoe, New Mexico, who, on April 19, 1909, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 017558, for the NW1/4, and on Oct. 9, 1915, made additional Homestead Entry, Serial No. 033083, for the NE1/4, Section 19, Township 17-S, Range 16-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Clement Hightower, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Hondo, N. M., on March 22, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Elzy Perry, Lewin Perry, James P. Perry, George L. Coe, all of Glencoe, N. M. EMMETT PATTON, Feb. 18—March 17 Register.

Notice.

Serial No. 033085 Department of the Interior United States Land Office Roswell, New Mexico February 12, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1916, the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, by Howell Jones, its Land Commissioner, made application at the United States Land Office, at Roswell, New Mexico, to select under the Act of March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 1907) the following described land to wit:

NW1/4 Sec. 19, T. 12-S, R. 17-E, N. M. P. M. NW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 20, T. 12-S, R. 17-E, N. M. P. M. NW1/4 NE1/4, Sec. 29, T. 12-S, R. 17-E, N. M. P. M. Lot One, SE1/4 NW1/4, Sec. 33, T. 12-S, R. 17-E, N. M. P. M. NW1/4 SW1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 33, T. 12-S, R. 17-E, N. M. P. M. Lot One, Sec. 31, T. 12-S, R. 17-E, N. M. P. M.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objection to such location or selection with the local officers for the land district in which the land is situate, to-wit: at the land office aforesaid, and to establish their interests therein, or the mineral character thereof, on or before March 31st, 1916.

EMMETT PATTON, Feb. 25—Mch 21 Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. 023034 Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office Roswell, New Mexico, Feb. 13, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Annie Gonzales, of Hondo, New Mexico, who, on November 25, 1910, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 023034, for S1/2NE1/4 and E1/2NW1/4, Section 11, Township 11-S, Range 17-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Clement Hightower, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Hondo, N. M., on March 21, 1916.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. 024349 Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office Roswell, New Mexico February 15, 1916. Notice is given that Santiago R. M. Gonzales, of Hondo, N. M., who, on Jan. 26, 1911, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 024349, for N1/2SE1/4 and W1/2NE1/4, Section 2, Township 11-S, Range 17-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Clement Hightower, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Hondo, N. M., on March 21, 1916.

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LOCAL AND HOME NEWS

Mr. W. F. Dunn is freighting a large shipment of wire to the Block Ranch this week.

FOR SALE—ARTICHOKES—I have Artichokes for sale at \$2.50 per hundred.

Capitan, N. M. W. H. Sexton.

Mr. J. W. Linam, of the Alto community, is over in Paradise Valley assisting his son in his preparation for a crop.

MILK COW WANTED—The undersigned wants to buy a good milk cow.

Capitan, N. M. Z. T. Lowrie.

Several teams have been in use all week grading the street leading to the school building.

The Mountaineer has added to its news gathering force, a correspondent at Arabela.

WANTED—Several good farms for Rent or Sale. List your place at once.

C. A. PERKINS.

Capitan, N. M.

Mr. Z. T. Lowrie informs us that he will run a free car in town during the teacher's meeting. His garage ring 1 long, 1 short.

Just received a car load of Portland Cement.

The Titsworth Co.

Mr. Howard, representing J. C. Peyton, wholesale butcher, in El Paso, is here prospecting for fat cows. At present he is on the Hondo with Will Titsworth.

Bill Evans is in town today.

He says that he had sold his claim in Paradise Valley, but did not give the name of the purchaser.

Fancy home made candies at the Titsworth Co's. store.

WANTED—Live chickens. The Titsworth Co.

Dr. Walker, who has been practicing medicine in the Alto community for more than a year, is moving to Paradise Valley and locating near Mr. Sellers' ranch.

E. H. Traylor of Paradise Valley was a caller at the Mountaineer office and subscribed for two papers, one for himself and another to be sent to his father, Mr. E. F. Traylor of Moro, Texas.

Miss Kate Adams, for the past two years in charge of the dry goods department at The Titsworth Co's. store, has resigned on account of bad health and returned to her home in El Paso.

Mrs. Lula Boone will again be found preading over the dry goods department at The Titsworth Co's. store, beginning next Monday. Mrs. Boone was formerly with this Company four years and has many friends throughout the country who will be glad to see her back there.

The Block Ranch is well represented at the Cattle Raisers' Association in Albuquerque this week. Besides Gov. McDonald and Truman Spencer, Loyd Taylor, Morgan Bellar, J. T. Hodo and Howell Ervein are there. J. B. Mocho took the last named party in his new Buick car.

Capitan needs "a handy man"—a carpenter to do job work. There is job work enough here to keep a carpenter busy all his time. He need not depend on getting contracts or working under a contractor for wages, he will find all the work he can do on all jobs.

The Secretary of the Commercial Club is in correspondence with an experienced banker in Texas in regard to putting in a bank in Capitan. From what this writes we are led to believe that he can easily be induced to take hold of the enterprise after seeing such an advantageous field as we have here for it.

A report comes from the Block Ranch that a final separation is supposed to have taken place between Jim Wood and J. T. Hodo. Jim eat a very hearty meal and then started east, driving a span of small mules. About the same time Hodo left for Albuquerque, presumably to get a divorce through the cattle convention. Their parting is said to have been a very affecting scene.

Items from Arabela.

There are still a good many la grippe cases around Arabela. Henry Rogers has had a severe spell of the la grippe. Dr. Woods was called to see him Thursday at A. L. Pepper's.

Dr. Wood reports a 9t pound girl at Mr. Winiger's, born last Friday.

S. R. Moss was down last week vaccinating the school children around Arabela.

Mrs. McFarland has returned home from a two week's stay at Escondido.

Cattle are doing finely on the range; only a few calves are dying with black leg.

A. L. Pepper has not lost any cattle yet; we understand that he will commence farming soon.

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026942.
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office
Roswell, New Mexico,
March 6, 1916.

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EMMETT PATTON, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION:

In the Justice's Court, Precinct No. 9, Lincoln county, New Mexico.

P. G. Peters vs George Read, No. 38.

The said Defendent, George Read, is hereby notified that a suit has been commenced against you for the collection of the balance on an open account for goods and merchandise in the sum of thirty-two dollars and forty-two cents (\$32.42) in the Justice's Court of Precinct No. 9, Lincoln county, New Mexico, by said P. G. Peters for the collection of said debt, and unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 3th day of April, 1916, at 10 o'clock, a. m. of said date, judgement by default will be rendered against you.

C. C. Merchant, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 9, Lincoln county, New Mexico.

P. G. Peters, Plaintiff, Capitan, New Mexico.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

022935—023093
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office,
Roswell, New Mexico,
Feb. 15, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Elzy Perry, of Glencoe, N. M., who, on July 9, 1910, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 022935, for SW1/4 and W1/2 SW1/4, Section 22; and Oct. 19, 1915, made additional Homestead Entry, Serial No. 023093, for S1/2 NE1/4 Section 21; and E1/2 NW1/4, Section 22, and NW1/4 NW1/4, Section 27, Township 11-S, Range 16-E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Clement Hightower, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Hondo, N. M., on March 22, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Robert P. Perry, Lewin Perry, James P. Perry, George L. Goe, all of Glencoe, New Mexico.

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Feb. 18—March 17

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Notice.

Serial No. 034663.
Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office
Roswell, New Mexico,
February, 21, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1916, the Santa Fe Pacific Railroad Company, by Howell Jones, its Land Commissioner, made application at the United States Land Office, at Roswell, New Mexico, to select under the Act of March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 1607) the following described land, to-wit:

NE1/4 NW1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, Section 10; W1/2 SW1/4, Section 13, Township 5-S, Range 15-E, N. M. P. M.

The purpose of this notice is allow all persons claiming the land adversely, or desiring to show it to be mineral in character, an opportunity to file objection to such location or selection with the local officers for the land district in which the land is situate, to-wit: at the land office aforesaid, and to establish their interests therein, or the mineral character thereof, on or before April 15, 1915.

Emmett Patton, Register.
March 3—Mch. 31

J. P. Pendergrass of the Meek community was in Capitan last Friday and while here called on the Mountaineer and paid another year's subscription to the paper. Mr. Pendergrass stated that the Meek school will close on Friday the 24th of this month. At night there will be an entertainment and box-supper, and after that is over the young people will have a dance. Everybody are invited to attend and enjoy the occasion.

Billy Sevier brought in a load of apples Monday, which he sold to the Titsworth Co. The apples were of the York Imperial variety, which closed out his last year's crop, except a few boxes kept for home use.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

032065
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office
Roswell, New Mexico,
Feb. 23, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Nancy E. Berry, of Parsons, New Mexico, widow of Solomon C. Berry, deceased, who, on Jan. 22, 1916, made Add'l HE., Serial No. 032065, for a tract of 23.61 acres, within what will probably be when surveyed Sec. 3, T 10-S, R 11-E, N. M. P. Mer., described as follows:

Beginning at Corner No. 1, identical with Corner No. 2 of H. E. S. No. 41; extending thence S. 78 degs. W. 17.40 chs.; thence N. 88 degs. W. 2.34 chs.; thence S. 82 degs. E. 10.43 chs.; thence S. 3 degs. E. 8.63 chs., to place of beginning. List 3-3513, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three Year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. C. Merchant, U. S. Commissioner, in his office, at Capitan, N. M., on April 4, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: Benjamin E. Robinson, Green B. Greer, William G. Wells, Luther Jennings, all of Parsons, New Mexico.

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Mch 3—Mch 31

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URGING WILSON TO INTERVENE FOR PEACE IN EUROPE IS USELESS.

HE AWAITS AN OPPORTUNITY

Possibility of Ending the War Always in President's Mind, but He Knows the Fighting Nations Are Not Ready to Quit.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—From time to time the White House receives petitions from peace and church societies and from organizations which are devoted to sociological endeavor, urging the president to intervene in behalf of peace on the other side of the water. Some months ago these petitions were received in Washington in great numbers. Then for a time comparatively few came, but recently it is said there has been an increase in the size of the peace petitioning mail bag.

It can be said that the possibility of bringing about peace has been in President Wilson's mind ever since the war began. It is generally believed in Washington, however, that Mr. Wilson feels he cannot take up such a matter at the present time, for unquestionably he thinks the nations engaged in fighting one another would consider such a proposal at this time as something like an impertinence.

Those who seem to know Mr. Wilson's views say he has his eye and heart watching and waiting for a peace-proposing opportunity, but that he has had no illusions on the subject. It can be taken for granted that the president wants to bring about peace for the sake of peace, and, of course, it is natural to suppose he realizes it would be a master stroke for his administration if it were to be the chief instrument in making warring men lay down their arms.

When Japan and Russia were fighting each other twelve years ago, Theodore Roosevelt, who was then president of the United States, found out that both of the warring nations were willing to listen to peace proposals and then he succeeded in bringing about the conference at Portsmouth, N. H., which resulted in the signing of a peace treaty by the two nations.

Not Yet Ready for Peace.

Mr. Roosevelt felt his way toward making his proposals. It seems to be unquestionably true that Mr. Wilson has felt his way likewise in the present instance, but that he has found the way led up against a stone wall. Here is the way one Washington official has put the matter:

"Peace proposals by pacifists, peace letters loaded with amity letters from how to stern, tracts with the Golden Rule emblazoned on them, the walls of war widows and orphans and all other things born of sympathy and good will, it is felt today by the administration and its advisers, will be of no avail, because of the stern fact that the fighting nations are not ready for peace."

It might be said without much danger of going wrong that the central powers today would be willing to submit to peace negotiations because of their favored position at the present time. Germany and Austria are in possession of Belgium, a part of France, parts of other countries and the whole of some of the smaller states. Therefore Washington recognizes that the central powers are in a good position to be willing that peace should come.

On the other hand, there is every indication that neither the English nor the French, nor the Russians, nor the Italians would look on peace proposals at the present time as anything but proposals to bring to them misfortunes worse than war itself. In other words, the allied countries probably would hold that even to consider peace at this moment would be tantamount to intimating a willingness to give up territory and to stop the war at a loss not only of territory, but of prestige.

Foreign Affairs Political Issue.

For a year and a half after the European war broke out virtually all the members of congress seemed to feel that the diplomatic scalings of this country with the belligerent nations should not be made subjects of partisan debate. This feeling now has passed, to a considerable extent, and the foreign policies of the government are being made the subject of heated discussion in both houses of congress.

The Democrats say the Republicans first made the foreign matters a political issue, and the Republicans retort that the weak methods of handling foreign matters forced over the sea relations into the political field, and that the people, taking the matter up, made their senators and representatives follow suit.

Elihu Root made his speech in New York city at the unofficial convention of the Republican party. He attacked the administration's foreign policy. A few days afterward Senator Lewis of Illinois delivered himself in the senate of an address in support of the administration's diplomatic dealings, and in his speech he charged the Republicans with trying to make political capital out of matters which had no place in politics.

Then came the speech of Senator Lodge, Republican, of Massachusetts, who was criticized sharply by the state department's dealing and over the shoulder of the state department, the directing influence of President Wilson.

ident Wilson. Senator Harding of South Dakota also made a speech along the Lodge line, and both these speeches were similar in spirit to those made by Mr. Root in New York city.

Preparedness Also Political.

The Democrats in the senate countered against the Republican senators with speeches by Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, and by John Sharp Williams of Mississippi. Literally the senate has been a forum for give-and-take speeches with diplomacy as its text.

It has been pretty definitely shown by the speeches already made in the house and senate that preparedness is a political issue, even if diplomacy is no such a place. It is also shown that neither Democrats nor Republicans seem to feel that in the matter of preparedness they should not talk politics. The reason that preparation for defense has become a political issue is that the Republicans believe in a greater measure of preparedness than do the Democrats, and, therefore, preparedness as a policy has become a party matter.

Compromise on Preparedness? It seems almost certain today that a military preparedness bill in the form in which it will finally go to the president for his signature will be a compromise between the house measure and the senate measure.

As the country knows pretty thoroughly by this time, the plan of Chairman Hay of the house committee on military affairs is to federalize the militia to an extent as possible, and thereby to make the state troops a reserve for the regular army, instead of instituting a continental army of volunteers, as was and still is the senate plan.

Chairman Hay was opposed to a large increase in the regular army, but it is now believed he, his committee with him and also the house, will agree eventually to an increase in the regular army until it shall reach a strength of about 150,000 men. This regular force, supplemented by a largely increased and strengthened militia, will form the main land force for defense purposes of the United States, provided, of course, that the expected compromise with the senate is reached.

The senate committee on military affairs, of which Senator Chamberlain of Oregon is chairman, has stood for the Garrison plan of a large continental army of volunteers and for an increase in the regular army to a number much greater than that fixed upon by Chairman Hay of the house committee. It seems today as if the outcome will be that the house will yield to the senate in the matter of a considerable increase in the regular army and that the senate will yield to the extent of giving over its continental army and accepting as a substitute therefor a federal militia plan.

Federalized Militia Argument.

There are army officers of high rank who hold that the militia never can be thoroughly federalized. In other words, they believe that all the laws which congress may pass to bring about federalization will not do what they are expected to do, because, as the army men say, the Constitution of the United States stands in the way.

In contravention to the army view, friends of the federalized militia plan say that high legal authorities agree that the United States government, without violating the Constitution, can take over virtually full control of the militia. Moreover, they say that pecuniary aid which will be granted by government to the militia can be withdrawn at any time that the states do not live up to the agreements which the government insists that they shall make, if they are to be the recipients of Uncle Sam's bounty.

Provisions for Officers.

It is believed the number of cadets at West Point will be doubled by the legislation which it is thought the house and senate will agree upon. It is also expected that government aid in the form of money will be given to a state college in each commonwealth for the purpose of instructing young men adequately in military science. It is held that these schools will give young Americans a sufficient military training to enable them to take up the duties of the junior commission grades in the volunteer service of their country in times of trouble.

It is proposed by the house committee, and it seems likely that its plan will enter into the law, that the officers and men who enter the state militia shall serve for six years, three with the colors and three years with the reserves. The equipment, training and discipline of the militia is to be prescribed by congress. Enlistments in the Guard are to be made with the understanding that the president may draft the militia in time of emergency without requisition upon the governors of the states. The training of the militia is to be regulated by the secretary of war and it is said that in view of the contention that governors have the power to muster out the militia, the bill will contain a specific provision doing away with such power.

It is generally agreed by army officers and members of congress that with the varying views on this federalized militia problem, the thing will have to be tried out before it can be announced as a success.

Reason for Old Jokes.

"Why are there so many old jokes on the stage?" "Oh, they go good. That is due to the feeling of superiority produced by the fact that you know the answer, while the actor who is being told the joke apparently does not."—Kansas City Journal.

DOES NOT CONVINC

Speech of Ex-Secretary Root is Fallacious.

His Arrangement of the Policies of the Democratic Party Adroit but Easily Answered by Any Thoughtful Person.

It is trite to remark the distinguished ability of Hon. Elihu Root of New York. Political friend and foe alike recognize his intellectual pre-eminence and his keynote speech before the New York Republican convention was adroit in all respects and a plausible arrangement of the Democratic administration.

To those who are constitutionally at enmity with the Democratic party his utterances will no doubt be regarded as a masterpiece.

But Mr. Root was quite as fallacious as ever, as may be seen by all who will analyze his speech.

If he tells us that the Democratic party is late in realizing the necessity for greater armament, why does he not tell us why it is that in the half century since the war that the Republican party was in control 40 years without an adequate naval program being adopted until a Democratic administration came in?

The Wilson administration had to repair the neglect of the Republican party with respect to the army and navy, as it had to repair it in respect of the banking system and currency system and the revenue system.

Mr. Root might answer, of course, that during the Republican administrations there was no need of a greater army and navy. Even if that be true, he must admit that the Democratic president was quick to recognize the need when it appeared, and proceeded to evolve a plan to supply it.

As for the business mixup to which he alluded, Mr. Root is almost ridiculous in view of the existing business conditions. The thoughtful people of the country are not going to be caught by Mr. Root's fallacies.

Poor Explanations.

It was Pennsylvania manufacturers who spoke of business as "trembling in the presence of the Democratic party." Now Senator Penrose, observing the same sensitive barometer, and compelled to admit a certain general prosperity, remarks that "much of the hopefulness is based upon the assumption that the Wilson administration and its policies will be defeated and protection will be restored to the nation." So used is Senator Penrose, like Representative Mann and others, to whistling to keep up his courage, that when he perceives business in a whistling frame of mind he can think of no other explanation. The psychology of business, according to these Republican diagnosticians, is a fearful and wonderful thing. In 1907, beyond any doubt, it was some provision of 1912 that caused a panic. The depression of the last two years arose from the consciousness that, whatever happened, business was in for Democratic misrule till 1917. But business can reach an almost unattainable pitch of prosperity upon the mere hope that such misrule will not extend beyond that year. One puzzling aspect of these "explanations" is that their authors should admit so much virtue in a mere frame of mind—virtue able to triumph over the hard facts presented by Democratic measures. Another lies in the circumstance that a multitude of manufacturers confess to doing well at the same time they contemplate the probable re-election of President Wilson.

Not in the Omnipotent Class.

Mr. Wilson's western speeches clearly show that he is utterly lacking in ability to forecast the future.—George W. Perkins.

We know of many captious grudges and of some legitimate grievances against President Wilson, but our loftiest flights of the imagination never conceived the possibility of his being indicted for failure to usurp an exclusive privilege of the Almighty.

Missouri Safety Democrats.

Republican disaffection and the fact that the Democrats have selected St. Louis as the place for their national convention will give Missouri to the Democrats in the next election, in the opinion of Harry B. Hawes, a leading Democrat of St. Louis, who is at the Willard. Mr. Hawes generally is credited with having won the convention for the Mound city.

Puerile Arrangement.

The Wilson administration destroyed established government in Mexico.—From the New York Republican Platform.

If Huerta had lived he might have been one of the delegates at large from New York to the Republican national convention.

Country Would Choose Quickly.

The Progressive deserve all the aid the Democrats can give them in urging Roosevelt upon the Republican party. In this delicate situation of our foreign relations, giving Mr. Roosevelt the presidency would be very much like giving a boy a knife; something would get whittled. Persons who recall 1912 and vast numbers of—had have heard Mr. Roosevelt's denunciations and indecent attacks upon the man who defeated him, will not be long in making choice between the president and the ex-president.

NEW MEXICO STATE NEWS

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

COMING EVENTS.

March 7-8.—Meeting, Fanhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Association at Albuquerque.

March 10-11.—Meeting New Mexico Cattle and Horse Breeders' Association at Deming.

July 4-8.—Cowboys' Reunion at Las Vegas.

Clayton has a new brick plant.

The Buckman bridge will be repaired.

Carlsbad will celebrate the Fourth of July.

An epidemic of smallpox is reported at Clovis.

Fire destroyed the Gage hotel, an old landmark, at Artesia.

A planing and grist mill at Tucuman were damaged by fire.

A banquet was held at Roswell for Brigadier General Pershing.

Arrangements for the Eddy County Fair are already being discussed.

John Harvey has succeeded John T. Bolton as postmaster at Carlsbad.

With a cotton gin and a canning plant Dayton will be a lively town.

Five persons were arrested at Tucuman in a raid on a gambling den.

Arch Brito of Elk has sold his ranch to James Cady for \$15,000 cash.

Death has taken seven members of the Silver City Elks' lodge since Jan. 1.

Sugar beets will be raised as an experiment this season in the Roswell section.

Road work has commenced in Colfax county on the Camino Real, south of Raton.

Capt. W. H. Jack of Folsom, Union county, member of the State Cattle Sanitary Board, died in El Paso.

Bishop Howdon of the Episcopal diocese of New Mexico has been visiting in Grant and Luna counties.

Clayton is advertising for bids on the \$35,000 school bonds issue, which was voted on about two weeks ago.

A total of \$12,092.46 was spent on the improvement of the Rio Grande in nine months of the last fiscal year.

John H. Riley, a pioneer of the Southwest and early resident of Las Cruces, died at Colorado Springs, Colo.

J. W. Phillips of Deming shipped a carload of calves to Fort Sumner, receiving an average of \$30 for 1915 stuff.

John Nelson, aged 70 years, a pioneer mining man of the Red River district, died at the Miners' hospital in Raton.

The Lakewood district of Eddy county this year expects to ship fifty cars of tomatoes, as against thirty-five last year.

Muriel Hickman, an employe of the Chino Copper Company at Santa Rita, was seriously scalded by falling into a steam barrel.

COMMISSIONERS OF NOTARIES PUBLIC have been issued by Governor McDonald to J. R. Daughtry of Roswell and A. S. Hanson of Roy.

Mexican beans sold for 4 1/2 cents a pound in Clovis. J. W. Leagan, who made the sale, said beans would net him \$32 an acre this year.

The Mora grant, consisting of more than 25,000 acres, was sold at East Las Vegas, in two sections, under a court decree, for a total of \$46,000.

W. C. Simpson was appointed sheriff of Luna county, as successor to Sheriff Stephens, who was shot to death by jailbreakers near Rincon.

The state game warden placed an order for 100 pairs of Chinese ring necked pheasants, market value nearly \$1,500, but will give native game in part payment.

The blanket raise of 25 per cent in the assessment of mercantile firms at Silver City made by the State Board of Equalization was unauthorized, according to the decision of Judge Colin Noblett.

Owing to ill health, Jacob Klauseneck of Raton, who has made his home in Colfax county for a number of years, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver.

The Santa Fé railway, through the Chamber of Commerce, will be asked to establish a sleeping car service on its Silver City branch, in addition to the electric-lighted chair car which was recently installed.

The funeral of Dwight B. Stephens, sheriff of Luna county, who was killed in a battle with escaped prisoners near Rincon, was held at Deming under the auspices of the Masons, and was the largest funeral ever held there.

A charge of assault and battery was made against Miss Lorraine Shrader, a teacher in the Roswell schools, as a result of administering punishment to "Mack" Williamson, a pupil. It is said the teacher removed a quantity of hair from the boy in the course of the chastisement.

Added to the troubles of the Roswell postoffice of the last few weeks comes an order from the Postoffice Department to Postmaster Radney to reduce his force. A city carrier and a clerk in the office are to be taken from the staff.

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