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## INVASION OF TEXAS PLANNED BY MEXICANS

Three thousand ignorant greasers are up in arms and causes turmoil in some Texas counties—Clash is certain—Governor asks for double number of federal troops

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 12.—Governor Ferguson of Texas tonight telegraphed from Rockport, where he is spending his vacation, to President Wilson, asking the latter to double the number of federal troops now on duty in the Rio Grande valley. Governor Ferguson says he purposely delayed making the request, hoping the situation might clear up. Conditions now are perilous and grave, he added.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 11.—Practically every American citizen in the three southern counties of Texas, Cameron, Hidalgo and Starris, is under arms tonight in fear that the overwhelming Mexican population of the section may break out in a radical fight. Disturbances attributed to Mexicans on the international border, spread rapidly today. Rumors of trouble came from widely separated localities, some of them even from Laredo, on the border 200 miles distant from Brownsville. The outstanding feature of the day's developments was the circulation of a rumor in many quarters—even reaching to the war department at Washington—that the disturbance was an effort on the part of untutored Mexicans to turn back a portion of Texas to Mexican control. This scheme, it was rumored was backed by ignorant Mexicans living on the American side of the Rio Grande, assisted by escaped convicts and fugitives from justice and also, according to the report, by a considerable number of irresponsible Mexicans, said soldiers and civilians, who were said to have crossed the American border from Mexico. Impetus was given the movement, it is believed in many quarters, by border political conditions.

Rangers in Hidalgo county, pursuing some of the gang which killed an American trooper near Mercedes last night, today were reported to have captured a flag bearing the words in Spanish: "Army of liberation for Mexicans in Texas." They took some literature urging Mexicans to revolt and some telegrams, one dated Monterey. Army and federal investigators declared tonight the alleged organizers of the disturbance are working under the so-called plan of San Diego, under the leadership of Pancho Villa. Federal officials last winter believed they slipped one attempt to put a revolution into effect when they arrested a Mexican on charges of sedition. Details of the so-called plan of San Diego, which were published at the time, were alleged to have been found in his possession. The plan, as published, calls for the death of every American male over 16 years of age in communities along the Rio Grande and also along the border of New Mexico, Arizona and California. Major General Frederick Funston said tonight it has been reported that more than 3,000 Mexicans are

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## SCHOOL BOYS CONSTRUCT BUILDING IN JUDITH MTS.

PUPILS IN MANUAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT PUT UP A SCHOOL HOUSE. A MODEL RURAL SCHOOL BUILDING

The second school building in district No. 1, which has been erected by the pupils in the manual training department of the city schools, under the direction of Professor J. W. Vogel, who is in charge of this department in the Lewistown schools, has just been completed. The pupils of the manual arts department of the Lincoln school did the work of construction of this rural school building, which has been built on the south slope of the Judith mountains, in the midst of a thrifty settlement of Austrians and will supply much needed school facilities to a large number of children. Pupils from the seventh and eighth grades were given the work, under the direction of Mr. Vogel. The boys were paid according to the amount and efficiency of the work they turned out. A camp was made in a pine grove overlooking the south end of the basin. Camp duties were shared, as was the expense of board. The work was done in a very thorough and workmanship manner, from the foundation to interior finish. The boys were encouraged to lean on their own judgment and to solve their own problems as much as possible. They usually worked in groups of two, each group be-

## MAKES A SAVING FOR THE COUNTY

NEW METHOD OF CONDUCTING THE POOR FARM PROVES TO BE WISE PLAN. THE COST IS ABOUT CUT IN TWO

That the board of county commissioners did a very wise thing when they secured the services of Mike Gurnett as foreman of the poor farm, and introduced the new system of running the farm direct by the lowest bidder as so much per person housed and cared for there, has been amply demonstrated by the first three months' operation under this system. The saving to the county has been over \$1,000 in that short period and the average cost for inmate has been reduced from \$5.50 to \$3.05. This is a tremendous cut, far beyond the expectations of even the originator of the innovation, Chairman Allen of the board.

What It Means. The cost of conducting the poor farm this year, during April, May and June, has been \$1,244.81. Last year, for the corresponding period, the cost was \$2,423.75. This means a saving of almost \$400 per month, or one half. The number of inmates at the farm this year is about the same as a year ago, during the same period. On August 1, last, there were 28 at the county farm.

## CONTEMPT OF COURT CHARGED AGAINST TWO ROY PEOPLE

W. P. COYLE REFUSES TO LEAVE HOMESTEAD AFTER CONTEST WENT AGAINST HIM.

W. P. Coyle, a homesteader in the Roy country, and W. H. Leonard were brought to the city Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Guy Tullock on a charge of contempt of court. The men both gave bonds and are thus at liberty. It appears that Al Foster instituted a contest case against Mr. Coyle and won out in the land office. Coyle's entry was ordered cancelled, but Coyle refused to leave the premises and, despite a court order to vacate, still stood pat. That is he did until the officers came and took him into custody. Mr. Leonard helped his friend hold down the claim.

Another Arrest. Jean Hyatt, who is well known about the city, was arrested Saturday upon complaint of Mrs. Hyatt, who asks that he be put under a peace bond. It is alleged that he made threats against the life of his wife.

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## Cloudburst Places Clinton, Iowa, Under Four Feet of Water, Causing Considerable Damage to Property

CLINTON, Iowa, Aug. 11.—A cloudburst struck this city late today, inundating blocks, including State Library, HEA, are under four feet of water. The tents of a

big circus playing here were swept away. The property loss caused by the storm will be heavy. Bridges and culverts were washed away. The streets became rivers and hundreds were imprisoned in upper

floors of houses and buildings. Eight thousand spectators escaped from the wreckage of a circus tent by discarding shoes and stockings and wading in water above their knees. Men carried women and children to safety.

## WARSHIP IS SUNK

German Auxiliary Boat Sinks a Small British Sea Fighter.

THEN IS BLOWN UP

German Steamer Meteor Engages in a Battle with British Warship Ramsay in the North Sea, Sinking the English Vessel—The Meteor Subsequently Sights a Squadron of British Ships and Her Commanding Officer, Realizing That Escape Was Impossible, Ordered Crew to Abandon Ship and Then Blew Her Up.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—The British warship Ramsay has been sunk in the North sea by the German steamer Meteor, it was officially announced tonight. The Meteor, as she was being chased by British vessels, was blown up by her commander, the statement adds:

The text of the statement follows: "H. M. S. Ramsay, Lieut. S. Raby, R. N. R., a small armed patrol vessel, was sunk by the German armed auxiliary steamer Meteor on the eighth of August, in the North sea. Four officers and thirty-nine men were saved. "The Meteor subsequently sighted a squadron of British cruisers, and her commanding officer, realizing that escape was impossible, ordered the crew to abandon the ship and then blew her up."

The admiral, in a casualty list issued tonight, said five officers were lost in the sinking of the Ramsay and that two were lost in the sinking of the torpedo boat destroyer Lynx when she struck a mine in North sea last Monday. The Meteor was formerly owned by the Hamburg-American Steamship company and was built at Hamburg in 1904. She was of 4,613 gross, 318 net tons, 44 feet beam and 16 feet deep. The Ramsay was a merchant vessel which went into commission in the British navy in November, 1914.

MORE CRAFT SUNK. LONDON, Aug. 11.—The sinking of nine more craft was announced this afternoon. They were the British steamer Oakwood, the Norwegian bark Morna and two trawlers, the Young Admiral and George Crabbe. The crews of all the vessels were saved.

Later announcement was made of the sinking of five more trawlers—the Illustrous, Cala, Trevise, Welcome and Utopia. The crews were saved. The Oakwood was a steamer of 4,229 tons gross, 360 feet long, 48 feet beam, 28 feet deep and was built in 1903. She was owned in London. The Morna sailed from Portland, Ore., on March 28 for the United Kingdom. She was 1,512 tons gross, was built in 1877 at Liverpool, and owned in Stavanger.

GERMAN VIEW OF FIGHT. AMSTERDAM, Aug. 11 (Via London, Aug. 12, 12:40 a. m.).—The German version of the exploits of the auxiliary cruiser Meteor, which was blown up by her commander to escape capture by British warships, is contained in an official communication issued by the admiralty at Berlin. The statement says: "The vessel Meteor, after having boldly broken through the British watching forces, waged a commercial war. Saturday night she encountered the British auxiliary cruiser Ramsay, which the Meteor attacked and destroyed, saving 40 members of the crew and four officers. "The following day four British cruisers surrounded the Meteor. As battle was hopeless and escape impossible, Commander Behne sank the Meteor, after the crew, British prisoners and the crew of a sailing vessel which it had sunk as a prize, had been secured. The Meteor's entire crew safely reached a German port."

The report states that the Meteor was a merchantman outfitted as a mine layer.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SUNK. ROME, Aug. 11.—(Via Paris, 11:35 p. m.)—It is officially announced that the Austrian submarine U-12 has been torpedoed and sunk with all hands in the Adriatic.

CRUISER GOEBEN TORPEDOED. LONDON, Aug. 12 (4:50 p. m.).—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says the Turkish cruiser Goeben (renamed Sultan Selim after her purchase from Germany by Turkey) has been torpedoed by an allied submarine near the Bosporus.

## ELKS MEET AND DISCUSS PLANS

REPORTS ALL INDICATE BIG ATTENDANCE FOR THE STATE CONVENTION. ROY AYERS FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY

The Elks held their final smoker prior to the convention Tuesday and it was a rousing affair. The members of the order turned out in force, about 150 being in attendance. Prior to the meeting the famous Zulu band paraded on Main street and after the meeting, just at midnight, the band made another parade of the thoroughfare.

A meeting of the general committee on arrangements and all the sub-committees was held first, Chairman Roy E. Ayers presiding. The members of the lodge watched the proceedings with interest and from them got an idea of these committees during the past few months. The reports all indicated that the attendance at the convention, which begins Monday, will be a record breaker and the arrangements made also indicate that the parade will be the largest one the order has ever had in Montana.

For District Deputy. A resolution recommending the appointment of Judge Roy E. Ayers as district deputy for the eastern district of the state was adopted by a rising vote, this being unanimous. The action taken is a fitting recognition of the services rendered by the judge for the "good of the order," not only as chairman of the convention committee, but extending back over many years.

One of the big features Monday night will be the cabaret entertainment by the Missoula minstrels at the corner of Main street and Sixth avenue. There are 25 talented members of this organization and they have been rehearsing their funny stunts for weeks past. With these attractions and bands here from Butte, Helena, Miles City, Great Falls, Denton and Harlowton a gay old time is in prospect.

The Smoker. The committee meeting lasted until about 11 o'clock and an hour was devoted to the smoker. Charles J. Marshall presided and an appetizing lunch was served. Numerous very brief addresses were made by members and J. B. Ritch outlined his plan for securing moving pictures during the convention. The Lewistown Elks realize that they have a big job on their hands, but feel quite equal to the occasion and are determined to make the coming convention the best one the order has ever held in Montana.

## ANSWER FILED IN BIG ACTION

FORD CREEK RANCH COMPANY REPLY TO COMPLAINT OF MR. STEPHENS.

The important action of Frank Stephens and Ethel Stephens against R. W. Reynolds, O. W. Belden, G. W. Cook, J. E. Lane, the Cook-Reynolds company and the Ford Creek Ranch company, was brought to issue Monday, when the defendants filed their answer.

The action was brought to have set aside a deed of conveyance from the defendants to the Cook-Reynolds company to what is known as the Ford Creek ranch property, comprising 2,842 acres, alleged by the plaintiffs to be of the value of at least \$57,537.30, basing this on a valuation of \$16 an acre. In general the basis of the action is the claim of inadequacy of consideration, it being alleged that there was some misrepresentation in the securing of the original option contract from the plaintiffs.

The defendants deny the material allegations of the complaint and set out that all obligations required under this contract have been performed by the Cook-Reynolds company except as to the payment of a balance of \$2,539.47, which the company is ready, willing and able to pay "and hereby offers to pay."

The plaintiffs then ask for an accounting for the personal property alleged to have been disposed of by the plaintiffs and that judgment be given against them. Belden and DeKalb and Gunn, Rasch & Hall are the defendant's attorneys. G. H. Kirk has brought suit against W. R. Kirk to recover \$525.

## ARE HARD PRESSED

Russians Fight Desperately to Get Out of Teuton Cordon. IN THE DARDANELLES

Allies Are Working Feverishly and With Considerable Success to Open Straits Through Which They Hope to Pour Into Russia Much Needed Munitions of War—On Eastern Front Kovno Is Danger Point in Russian Line, Which Germans Are Attacking With Guns of All Calibers Including Famous 16-inch Cannon.

LONDON, Aug. 11 (9:45).—While the Russians are fighting desperately to extricate themselves from the cordon of Austro-German troops, which steadily is pressing them more closely in Poland, their allies are working feverishly and with considerable success to open the Dardanelles through which they hope to pour into Russia much-needed munitions of war.

Since Saturday night, when fresh British forces were landed on the Gallipoli peninsula, there has been almost continuous fighting on the peninsula. In these operations the Australians and New Zealanders have succeeded in rebelling the area formerly held by them. Their comrades to the north, who assisted them, made no further progress, however. Simultaneously the French battleship St. Louis attacked the Turkish batteries on the Asiatic side of the straits, which had been bombarding the allies' positions on the peninsula, and put five guns out of commission. These actions are believed here to be preliminary to a more ambitious attempt which has been planned by the Anglo-French commanders to sweep the Turks before them. Very heavy losses which already have been inflicted on the Turks have had a discouraging effect upon the Ottoman troops, according to reports from Greece.

On the eastern front Kovno is the danger point in the Russian line. The armies of Grand Duke Nicholas apparently have arrested the German offensive against Riga and Dvinsk, but are being hard pressed on the Kovno front, which the Germans are attacking with guns of all calibers, including the famous 16-inch cannon which so far has been able to withstand.

The western front little has happened beyond the usual artillery engagements. German submarines have renewed their activities and during the last three days have sunk 18 vessels, 10 of which were British trawlers and four of which belonged to neutral countries. The British patrol boat Ramsay also has been sunk by the German auxiliary cruiser Meteor in the North sea. The commander of the Meteor, realizing that escape from pursuing British vessels was impossible, abandoned his ship and blew her up.

The Meteor apparently was the Hamburg-American company steamer of that name, a vessel of 3,916 tons. There have been frequent reports today of firing heard off Heligoland, but no explanation has been forthcoming.

Negotiations with the Balkan states in an effort to bring them into the war were continued, but without any further developments.

GOES TO BILLINGS. Mrs. Frances Sullivan left Tuesday for Billings to attend the opening of the new Sullivan & Robbins bakery in that city. It is said to be one of the most complete and sanitary bakeries in the state. Mr. Sullivan has been in Billings for six weeks past, looking after the building of the big oven and the interests of the firm generally. He will have charge of Billings bakery, while Mr. Robbins will be in charge of the Lewistown establishment. After the opening Mrs. Sullivan will come back here, to remain until October 1, and will then join Mr. Sullivan and reside permanently. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have a wide circle of friends in Lewistown who will regret their departure from the city.

## FERGUS COUNTY TAX LEVY FIXED FOR 1915

County levy stands at 21 mills—The state and school levies—Reduction in Lewistown city and school levies makes total reduction here of six mills

## DEMENTED MAN DIES IN JAIL

BRAD McDONALD, FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF AGE, IS THE UNFORTUNATE. HURST SENT TO THE INFIRMARY

Brad McDonald, who was turned over to the county authorities by the police some days ago on an insanity charge, died at the county jail last night. McDonald was from Kansas City and was 47 years of age. He has a brother residing at Macon City, Mo., who will be communicated with by Coroner George Creel, who has charge of the body. McDonald was rather violent when he was placed in jail and during the past two days has injured himself more or less about the head by butting his head against the stone wall, it being impossible to watch him every moment. Sheriff Firman Tullock is anxious to have a padded cell in which to confine those mentally unsound who are turned over to him and is pretty sure to secure some better arrangements than the existing one for the care of the insane. Those unfortunates are kept at the jail for but a short time, usually, but in the course of the year there are so many of them that some special provision will have to be made for them.

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County Superintendent Leila M. Baker is well pleased with the attendance and the interest taken by all present in the school. All of the teachers seem to like the instruction and are enjoying the school. Last year Meagher and Fergus teachers met here, but this year only Fergus county teachers are meeting in Lewistown, while the choice was given them to come to the summer school here or go to the state meeting at Great Falls. In view of these matters it is remarkable that the attendance is as heavy as it is.

## SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS PROVING TO BE A BIG SUCCESS

SIXTY-EIGHT ENROLLED YESTERDAY AND INDICATIONS ARE FOR ATTENDANCE OF 100.

The summer school for teachers, which opened in Lewistown Monday, is proving to be an entire success. Tuesday 68 teachers from all parts of Fergus county were in attendance, and the expectation is that the total attendance will reach 100 or more.

Articles of incorporation of the Farmers' Mutual Grain and Supply company of Coffee Creek were filed Friday with Clerk and Recorder Cunningham. The capitalization is \$20,000, and the purpose of the company is indicated by its name. The incorporators are Levi Stout, C. E. Foster and John Krumm. Many ranchers of that section are among the subscribers for stock.

## LIGHTNING CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS IN JUDITH BASIN

A. L. HASKINS IS KILLED NEAR STANFORD AND ORVILLE KAUFMAN NEAR WINDHAM. ONE BODY IS BOUGHT TO THE CITY

Two men were killed by lightning during a heavy thunder storm on the west side Monday afternoon and the bodies of one is now at Creel's undertaking parlors. A. L. Haskins, a married man, 53 years of age, was evidently the first victim. He was working at the Frank Strout ranch near Stanford and when the storm broke the men scattered, some going to the barn. Haskins, who had only been employed at the ranch a couple of days, and an old friend with whom he had mined years ago, retreated to the small bunk house to chat until the storm was over. They were lying on the bed talking when the bolt struck the roof and hit Haskins on top of the head. He was instantly killed, simply rolling over upon his friend. The latter was dazed by the electricity, but in a moment recovered and was frantic when he realized what had happened, rushing out into the yard. Haskins' wife, who was stopping at the Strout ranch, saw smoke at the bunk house and went over to see what had happened. The place was on fire and she saw the body of her husband lying upon the bed. The body was quickly removed, the bunk house being completely destroyed by the fire. Jack Monroe brought the body in yesterday and prepared it for shipment to Kevin, Mont. Mr. Haskins is survived by the widow and one daughter, the latter residing at Victoria, B. C. He was an old time miner and had resided in Fergus county three and a half months.

Second Fatality. The second man to meet death from lightning during this storm was Orville S. Kaufman, a rancher, residing a mile and a half from Windham. He was out in the hay yard, near the barn, when the bolt struck him on the left side of the head, death being instantaneous. Mr. Kaufman was from Illinois and had resided on the ranch four years. He was 39 years of age and married, but had no children. His wife's father and mother arrived the day before the accident from Illinois on a visit. Coroner Creel went out to Windham yesterday and prepared the body for shipment to Jinkley, DeKalb county, Illinois, the former home of the decedent, where the interment will take place.

Lightning Strikes Building. Lightning also played some havoc at Hobson Monday afternoon, during the electrical storm which hit that section of the Judith basin quite hard. A bolt struck the large brick school house there, demolishing a portion of a large brick chimney, but starting no fire, and doing little further damage. There was no one in the school building at the time.