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DRUNKEN HURDLE READY TO BUTCHER SEVERAL BANDS OF AMERICANS IN CAPITAL

Fugitives Dragged From Train and Thrown Into Prison as Hostages

UPRISING IN PEKIN WAS NOT MUCH WORSE

Federal Officer Refuses to Let Big Delegation of Americans Board Train—Embassy Officials Helpless as Train Was Governed by Mexican Men and Officers.

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Vera Cruz, April 25.—Every interior city in Mexico is under Federal control is holding what Americans there may be there today as hostages. Except O'Shaughnessy, every member of the diplomatic corps which arrived last night from the capital, privately expressed the opinion that only an early advent of United States troops and Huerta's overthrow, will save the marooned Americans. O'Shaughnessy, his wife and son, and members of the embassy, staff consul—General Shanklin—left Mexico City Thursday at midnight. In nearly every town between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, American prisoners are being held as hostages. At the time they left the capital, there was a mob in front of the embassy, and before their departure, Huerta sent 200 soldiers to the embassy and seized 270 rifles and two machine guns which were stored there. O'Shaughnessy advised that the Americans do not object or resist to their movements. The Americans had hoped to use these weapons in case of an uprising against them.

At the railroad station members of the diplomatic corps were besieged by Americans pleading permission to accompany them to the coast. Men were dragged from the train and imprisoned.

Col. Carona in command of a party of federal militia escort, refused all their pleas. On the road, toward Vera Cruz, Americans crowded the stations of Orizaba, Cordova and Jalapa pleading to be taken aboard the train but O'Shaughnessy was helpless, because Mexicans were in charge of the train.

Arrest Rumors Confirmed.

Washington, April 26.—Arrest of several Americans in Mexico City prior to the departure of O'Shaughnessy, is reported by Consul Canada at Vera Cruz to Secretary Bryan. J. Starr Hunt and family, and several others taken from the trains before they could get away. At other towns the same is true. Canada reports there is a reign of terror in Mexico City. It is reported that the statue of George Washington was razed and left lying at the feet of the image of Benito Juarez. Rumors of the arrests in several towns is confirmed authentically and thoroughly.

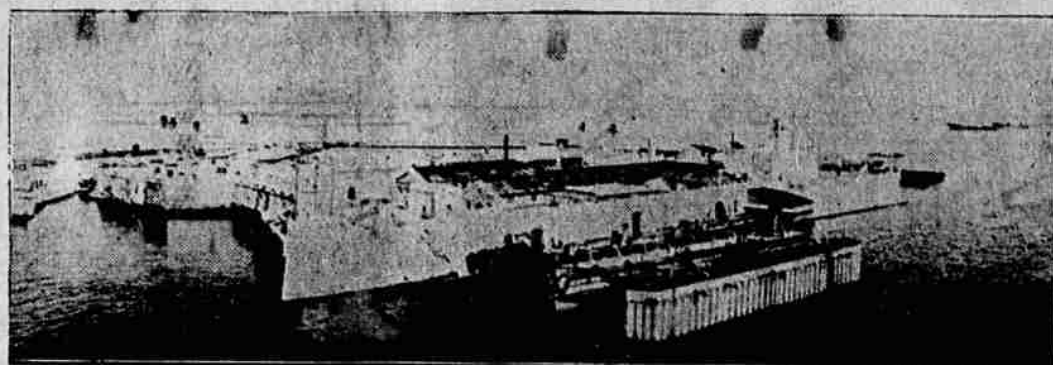
MATINEES ON MAY 30-31ST

OPENING CARD WILL BE STAGED THOSE DAYS.

Todd, Wilburn and Union Horses Will Come to Town.

La Grande's first 1914 race matinee will be held May 30 and 31. The race meeting committee today decided on those dates, and have been assured that Todd, Wilburn and the Union strings will be here for both matinees.

Wide Areas Separate Principal Towns Involved in the Mexico Troubles



The wharves and water front at Vera Cruz.

For the benefit of those who don't know it might be said that from Vera Cruz to Mexico City is 190 miles; from Tampico to Mexico City 225 miles; from Tampico to Vera Cruz 256; from Galveston to Tampico 453, to Vera Cruz from Galveston is 511 miles; New Orleans to Vera Cruz 788. From Vera Cruz to New York, 1518.

been abandoned. Huerta can hardly afford to leave the consulates of foreign nations without protection. Many feared a drunk crazed mob would disregard orders and not make discriminations. At the navy department it is said, that in case it is true four Americans have been killed, it will be necessary to rush blue jackets to Mexico City ahead of the coming of the troops of General Funston. It is hoped the United States will not be forced to move until the arrival of General Funston. About 22,000 men and officers are in the harbor of Vera Cruz either in the city or on board the fleet.

Vera Cruz, April 25.—An aeroplane late today ascended from the battleship Mississippi and got the exact position and defenses of General Maas and his federal troops before it returned to the battleship.

Washington, April 25.—The President has signed the military reorganization volunteer bill.

Galveston, April 25.—A dozen ships are bringing 300 refugees from Mexican ports. Many are destitute. The army and navy Red Cross resources are massed to care for them.

Nogales, Arizona, April 25.—A message from Empalme, Mex., over a railroad wire said American marines took Guayamas and Empalme without firing a shot. The message contained no details.

CUTOFF MACHINERY COMES.

Contractor on the Scene at Echo and Grading Under Way.

Echo, Ore., April 25.—Work began yesterday on the long proposed Echo-Coyote cutoff. Two car loads of machinery and twenty horses belonging to Twoby Bros., who have the contract for the work, arrived here yesterday.

The grading for the new track begins within the city limits. Echo presents quite a busy appearance and the town is full of men anxious for work.

Small Girl Travels.

Little Katherine Turner, six years old, who has been visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Ghormley at Walla and with her aunt, Miss Ruth Ghormley a teacher, in the Central school, left this morning for Pendleton where she will be met by her mother and taken to Wala Walla. Her home.

W. U. Officials Here.

E. L. Ritter, district plant superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, together with W. R. Walmot division engineer, were in the city yesterday on a tour of inspection. E. L. Ritter is a brother of H. J. Ritter a photographer of this city.

Lady Loses Purse.

A purse belonging to a lady living at 906 Adams was lost today. It contained \$20.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swart April 25 a 13 pound daughter.

FLAG OF TRUCE RAISED IN THE COLORADO MINING WAR

Trinidad, Colo., April 25.—Three hundred armed strikers led by District President McLennan, of the United Mine workers marched to Trinidad carrying on their part a flag of truce entered into at Denver between Lieutenant Governor Fitzgerald, and

Horace Hawkins, attorney for the miners. Other strikers agree to suspend hostilities pending further conferences. The soldiers won't change their positions. They will not be attacked however, pending the truce and the negotiations.

SENIORS WIN MEET.

Freshmen Trample on Heels of Upper Classmen in Annual Meet.

The annual interclass meet was held yesterday evening, bringing out some new timber, setting some husky records and in every way proving that La Grande has a far better chance to grasp the Eastern Oregon meet than was at first thought. Coaches and student body are alike in high glee. The seniors won handily, though the Freshmen were on their heels, indicating the strength of the team next year. Never have the freshmen had the winning timber that they have this year it is admitted. The summary follows:

50 yard dash—Conkey F., Kiddle S., Hough S., Time 6.
100 yard dash—Conkey F., Kiddle S., Carpy S., Time 11.
220 yard dash—Conkey F., Carpy S., Couch S., Time 24 3-5.
Quarter—Hugh J., Jacobson F., Leffel S., Time 57 2-5.
Half—Leffel S., Larson J., Reynolds J., Time 2:16.
Mile—Abbot F., Winters S., Golden S., Time not taken.
Relay—Seniors won.
Javelin—Rosenbaum F., Winters S., Stoddard S., Distance 133 feet.
Shot put—Conkey F., Larson J., Couch S., 40 feet five inches.
Discus—Winters S., Westering J., Holmes F., Distance 82 feet.
Broad jump—Carpy S., Couch S., Winters S., Distance 18 feet 9 inches.
High jump—Conkey S., Winters S., Stoddard S., Height 5 feet 3 inches.
Pole vault—Rosenbaum F., Stoddard S., Engle F., and Larson J., tied for third. Height nine feet.
Points—Seniors 48, Freshmen 39, Juniors 15 and Sophomores 5.

ARTHUR DE FORD DEAD.

Funeral Held in This City Yesterday Afternoon—Died in Portland.

The body of Arthur A. De Ford was brought to La Grande from Portland for burial, which took place yesterday afternoon from the Henry & Carr Chapel. Deceased was born in Altamont, Mo., in the year 1870. In January 1892 he married Miss Florence Wells at Winston, Mo. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and six children. These are Iola N. Garret A. Lynn A. all of Enid, Oklahoma, and Seth A. De Ford of Wichita, Kan.

Lulu C. De Ford of Bapnord, Oregon, and Paul V. De Ford of Geldale. In addition to these there are six brothers and two sisters. The latter are Mary E. Barkdoll, and Mrs. Nettie Funk. The brothers are P. R. C. L. R. M. Martin and J. E. De Ford. Mr. Leadworth and daughters Elsie and Maud of this city are related to him.
Rev. R. E. Close of the Baptist church officiated. The deceased was a member of the M. B. A. and the I. O. O. F.

ART ORGANIZER COMING.

Jessie M. Honeyman of Baker Will Meet Local Class Monday.

Mrs. H. R. Hanna has been advised today by mail that Jessie M. Honeyman of Baker will meet all La Grande women who are interested in organization of classes in domestic science, art, needle craft, basketry, etc., at the Presbyterian church Monday at 2 p. m. All are welcome, and exhibits will be on display.

JOHN D. CORBETT DEAD.

Aged Baker Citizen to Be Buried Here Tomorrow Afternoon.

John Shea of this city has been notified of the death of his step father, John D. Corbett, an aged citizen of Baker. The body will be brought here for interment from the Shea home, First and Washington, tomorrow at 2:30. Mrs. Agnes Crandall of this city is also a daughter of the deceased. The I. O. O. F. lodge claimed him as a veteran member.

Street Concert Tonight.

Tonight the La Grande band gives a dancing party at Rex hall to which the public is invited. Prior to the dance, the following concert will be rendered on the streets:

March (F. C. B.)Raymond Caprice (Lover's Lane)Rockwell Intermezzo (Margarite).....
.....Powell Waltzes (Celilia).....Maprice Overture (Little Dutches)....Reecies March (U. S. Flotilla).....Ambrose J. David Haines, Director.

Unionites Await Elks.

Union people who are in the city today say all Union is waiting for the arrival of the Elk Minstrels Wednesday night.

SPANIARDS IN MEXICO HELP FIGHT

CARANZA ASSERTS GREAT NUMBERS OF SPANIARDS ARE WITH MEXICANS.

VILLA AGAIN PRAISES AMERICAN INTERVENTION

Madrid News Company Publishes Statement from Caranza to the Effect That He is Bitterly Opposed to Intervention—Villa at the Same Hour Issues Ultimatum.

Los Angeles, April 25.—A telegram received at 3:30 p. m., from Senor Faleba, minister of foreign relations says Caranza's cabinet is negotiating with the Washington administration and had offered to guarantee neutrality on the part of constitutionalists during the trouble with Huerta. The message was addressed to the constitutionalists consul at Carrillo.

Madrid, April 25.—A Madrid press association has received the following from General Caranza, chieftain of the rebel forces:

"I protest most energetically against invasion of Americans. Mexicans will unite to fight the invaders with their last breath. Seventeen thousand Spaniards in this country will co-operate with us."

Villa Remains Firm.

Juarez, April 24.—Villa today greeted the American people through the United States as follows:

"My personal wish is that Americans continue the blockade, and other ports as well. If America will but do this, we are sure to have constitutionalists in Mexico City soon. I solemnly promise that America will see that drunken Huerta offers satisfactory apology for the various insults to the great friend of Mexican masses—the United States."

Chief is Home.

Chief of Police Howard Avant, who has been in Harney county for some time looking over the situation, arrived this morning to resume his duties.

LADIES TALK ABOUT ROADS

NEXT LUNCHEON TO HAVE AN INNOVATION.

Tuesday's Dinner Will Hear Three Short Speeches.

Commercial club committees having next Tuesday night's dinner in charge today announced speakers at the after-dinner function at the M. E. Church basement. Mrs. Ed Kiddle of Island City is going to discuss good roads and J. W. Knowles and Hon. Walter M. Pierce each giving eight-minute talks. Haines' orchestra will play and Elsworth Ellis will sing.

A new feature will be a complete system of checking wraps to obviate previous discomforts in that line.