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ZAPATA CAMPS TEN MILES FROM CAPITAL CITY

**MOST BLOODTHIRSTY REBEL
GENERAL IS ON OUTSKIRTS
OF CITY.**

PROMISED VILLA TO AWAIT HIS COMING

Shows Great Activity in Military Doings in Environs of Capital and Meets Huerta's Federals Late Yesterday—When Saltillo Falls Villa Will Assist Zapata.

Vera Cruz, May 15.—Mexicans fleeing from the capital say that Huerta is prepared to retire on condition he be consulted for a successor, that Carranza be not named, that he be allowed to run at the next election and that troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

Vera Cruz, May 15.—Zapata is within ten miles of Mexico City with 5000 men. That he will attack the city before Villa has taken Saltillo, is unlikely because he promised to refrain from the attack until Saltillo fell.

But this did not prevent him from showing a great deal of activity in the vicinity of the suburbs of the city. Word reached Huerta that Zapata occupied Toluca. The dictator immediately sent a large force of men against him, and reports have it, that fighting commenced late yesterday.

Zapata is considered the most bloodthirsty of all the rebel chieftains and for this reason his coming is greatly dreaded. It is repeatedly asserted that all of the schemes of Huerta have been to the end to have American troops invade Mexico City for protection.

Stillman Is Missing.

Washington, May 15.—John Stillman, United States consul at Saltillo, is still missing, and the administration is gravely concerned. The strongest kind of assurances were received that he had been released from prison and that he was on his way to Mexico City, but his failure to arrive at the capital, is taken as a conclusion of Huerta's evasion relative to the case, and has led to serious fears that he has been killed.

The administration's inability to find Stillman, the disappearance and probable death of private Parks at Vera Cruz, and the fact that photographer Sutton is still unaccounted for, although it was understood that he was released from prison in Mexico City, and further circumstances surrounding a correspondent named Doster who has been missing, has caused a strong feeling of tension. In some quarters it is believed the government has planned another ultimatum. The rushing of army supplies to Galveston and the perfecting of details at that place are considered significant.

Mediation Conference Delayed.

Washington, May 15.—At the request of Senor Da Gama, Brazilian ambassador to the United States, the opening of mediation negotiations has been postponed until next Wednesday. It is thought the delay is desired to avoid rushing the Mexican envoys, who are not due here until, 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Stern Demands Made.

Washington, May 15.—"Requests"

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David Brichoux Retains Rights

DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS
ARE NOT SUSTAINED.

DECISION IS REACHED

Alleged Irregularities Preferred Are
Not Substantiated.

On the 28th of February the Observer contained a news item of a disbarment proceeding in the land office, in which D. C. Brichoux was to be tried before the register for irregularities, consisting of alleged publishing of relinquishment notices contrary to rules of the department of the interior. The contest if successful, would have disbarred the defendant from practicing before the land office.

The hearing was held on the date above mentioned and the matter has been under advisement since then by the register. The finding made by the latter is to the effect that the evidence on the part of the government is not sufficient to sustain the charge and on this ground the proceedings are dismissed and the defendant's rights are maintained. The defendant was represented by W. B. Sargent of this city.

JURORS FOR JUNE NAMED

THIRTY-ONE PICKED FOR JURY
DUTY.

Farmers, as Usual, Preval in List of
Jurors Selected.

The jury panel for the June term of court is selected and is as follows:

J. W. Fleshman, La Grande, farmer.

J. E. Reynolds, La Grande, merchant.

L. E. Titus, Union, farmer.

L. H. Stover, Union, timberman.

C. E. Golden, La Grande, farmer.

John Spechart, Alicel, farmer.

Lloyd Carter, Cove, farmer.

J. M. Kohl, La Grande, contractor.

H. J. Ritter, La Grande, photographer.

Frank Ross, Union, farmer.

Lee A. Wilson, Medical Springs, farmer.

J. A. Tracey, Elgin, farmer.

C. W. Sadler, Elgin, farmer.

Frank McClure, La Grande, farmer.

S. T. Godsey, Union, farmer.

J. A. McNeil, Cove, farmer.

L. E. Stanley, Island City, farmer.

Jno. F. Dobbin, Union, farmer.

Jacob Hug, Elgin, farmer.

H. W. Stoner, La Grande, retired.

T. M. Rankin, Hilgard, farmer.

A. J. Vandevanter, Medical Springs, farmer.

J. M. Choate, Summerville, merchant.

Peter Allen, Island City, farmer.

P. L. Smith, North Powder, farmer.

J. W. Conklin, Imbler, farmer.

Walter McGrath, North Powder, farmer.

Jos. Quinland, Island City, farmer.

M. D. Sanderson, Summerville, farmer.

W. W. Randall, La Grande, farmer.

Lott Elmer, Summerville, Barber.

From this list the grand jury, consisting of six new, including foreman, will be chosen by lot, just as the jurors are chosen from among the taxpayers of the country by lot.

YOUTH IS HELD FOR MURDER OF THREE PERSONS

MOTHER, SON AND DAUGHTER
FOUND DEAD WITH HEADS
CRUSHED.

HARLEY BEARD, FARM HAND SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED

Mother is Found in Front Yard With
Hands Tied, Head Crushed, Daughter
Also Has Hands Tied and
Throat Cut, Son Lies in Barn With
Head Smashed.

Ironton, Ohio, May 15.—Mrs. Matilda Massie, seventy-five years of age, her son Robert, forty-five and daughter, Mary, aged forty-two, were found murdered in the Massie home at Greasy Ridge, twenty-five miles north of here.

Harley Beard, a farm hand, twenty-one, is missing. Mrs. Massie's body was found in the front yard with the skull crushed, throat cut and the hands tied behind the back. The daughter lay in the kitchen with her throat cut and her hands tied, and Robert was found in the barn with his skull crushed. The murder is thought to have been committed Wednesday. No motive for the crime has as yet been discovered.

Beard is Apprehended.

Chicago, May 15.—A youth giving the name of Harley Beard was arrested in connection with the murder of Mrs. Matilda Massie, her son and daughter near Ironton, Ohio. The police say Beard confessed.

Lady Visits in Union.

Miss Ethel Pearson of this city, left for Union this noon, where she will visit for a week or ten days.

Priest Concludes Visit.

Father Brady the apostolic missionary of the Baker diocese left this noon for Vale after a visit with Father Driscoll.

EXPLOSION IN TIRE FACTORY KILLS TWELVE

ONE STORY CONCRETE BUILD-
ING DEMOLISHED WHEN
COMPOUND IGNITES.

THIRTY ARE SAID TO BE IN THE WRECKAGE

House in Delray, Suburb to Detroit
Shaken by Terrific Explosion That
Brings Death and Ruin in Its Path
—All Ambulances Rush to the Scene
to Give Aid

Detroit, Mich., May 15.—Twelve men are known to be dead and many injured as the result of an explosion which wrecked the one story concrete plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber company at Delray, a suburb of Detroit. The police and firemen are searching the ruins for more victims. Ten men are known missing, and unverified reports said that at least thirty others were imprisoned in the wreckage.

All city ambulances were rushed to the scene. Ten were killed outright and the bodies have been recovered. Three were so badly mangled they died soon after being taken to Solway Hospital.

The explosion was caused by the ignition of a compound used in the manufacture of tires. The blast shattered hundreds of windows in the neighborhood and shook a score of buildings in the immediate vicinity.

Late reports state that the number of dead is not likely to exceed eleven. Ten are known to be dead, two are dying and seven are so badly injured that they are not expected to live.

Rumley Mechanic Here.

O. H. Ehrlich, expert mechanic for the Rumley Products company left this morning after conferring with C. E. Cole, the local representative. He goes to Telocasset where he will set in operation a plowing outfit, bought of the Rumley company.

Mrs. Ladiger In Coma Stage Long

FALL RESULTS IN UNCONSCIOUSNESS.

RECOVERY IS DOUBTFUL

Woman of 77 Years on Way to Neighbor's Meets With Accident.

Mrs. S. Ladiger, aged 77, sustained injuries yesterday afternoon that have kept her unconscious since. She was on her way to the Joe Snodgrass home for an afternoon call when she fell breaking her leg. The shock was so severe that she lost consciousness, and late this afternoon is in a precarious condition. Physicians are doubtful about her recovery. Mrs. Louis Stott of Boise, her daughter, has been notified to hurry to the bedside. She has been taken to her home at First and Adams, where she resides.

Bandits Hold Up Train.

Great Falls, May 15.—Two masked bandits early this morning held up the Oriental limited on the Great Northern line near Rexford Montana, detached the combination mail and baggage car from the rest of the train ran it down the track a distance of four miles and dynamited it. Nothing of value was secured, as all registered pouches had been sent east on an earlier train.

HEAVY STORM DOES DAMAGE

TELEPHONE WIRES SUFFER
HEAVILY LAST NIGHT.

Severe Wind, Rain and Electric Disturbance Center at Elgin.

Serious damage was inflicted to telephone and telegraph wires, and considerable damage sustained by electric light and power wires by the short but terrific wind, rain and electric light and power wires by the short but terrific wind, rain and electric storm which swept over the valley about 8 o'clock last evening. While the storm raged with great ferocity here, Elgin was hit even harder if conditions of telephone wires early today are criteria. In La Grande electric light wires escaped with little trouble, but innumerable fuses were blown out. Telephone wires were blown down to a considerable degree, crippling telephone service for a time. Portland long distance wires were down this morning for a time.

The Home Independent Telephone company suffered heavily in La Grande but even worse on its toll lines north of here. Wallawa county felt the storm too, for Home company lines were down there this morning when trouble shooters commenced to straighten out the tangled mess from this end. Union and Cove had less trouble than the North end, both with Eastern Oregon Telephone company wires and with the Home company. Several fuses were blown out in the rural district. The farmers' line had its chief trouble at Elgin where the fury of the storm seemed to center.

For a half hour the streets of La Grande were flooded, the storm sewers being entirely inadequate. The wind whipped the downpour with a rapid play of electricity adding to the fierceness.

Basements Filled.

Several basements of the city suffered from the flood. In some instances the flooded streets overflowed running through gratings into the basements. The sewer in the alley

ONE QUARTER VOTE CAST AT 2 P. M. TODAY

STORM MAY KEEP AFTER SUPPER VOTE DOWN MEANING SMALL TOTAL VOTE.

COUNTRY VOTE GENERALLY LIGHT UNTIL NOON HOUR

After Supper Vote Alone Can Bring Total in La Grande Up to Half of the Registration Strength—One Precinct Has 11 Votes Cast at 2 O'clock—Returns Received Tonight.

Less than one-fourth of the registered vote in the seven precincts of La Grande had been cast at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Showers that commenced at noon will have a tendency to driving out a bigger country vote, which up to noon had been light. The after-supper vote in La Grande depends largely on the weather. Laborers, millmen and shop employees will vote after working hours and it is expected that the closing hours will be brisk. If this eleventh hour vote is not exceedingly heavy, the registered vote will not be cast by half. It is always a fact however, that the last hour is marked with heavy voting in towns, and barring heavy storms this will no doubt be true tonight.

The country vote is below expectations generally. In La Grande where the registration is over 1800, less than 400 had voted at 2 o'clock. No. 4 had the smallest vote cast—11—while No. 2 as usual lead, having close to 200 at that hour.

Returns of the election will be compiled in the Observer office tonight but it is not likely that any appreciable figures will be at hand until 8:45 at which time returns will come in rapidly and be read from the Observer office. Motorcycle squads will cover the city and competent correspondents will report the country vote.

SHIPS CAR OF HORSES.

J. K. Howitt, of Portland, Has Bought 15 Cars in Grande Ronde This Year.

Geo. Howitt, of Portland, left last night with a car of fine draft horses purchased in this section in two days. The horses average more than 1,400 each and were said by Mr. Howitt to be the finest car of horses bought by him this year. Most of these are intended for farm use and for heavy trucking. Mr. Howitt has bought as many as 15 cars of horses in the Grande Ronde valley this year and has paid uniformly good prices for the best stock. In some communities horses are fast going out of use on the farms owing to the caterpillar tractors and other machinery that is being used for plowing and for general farm work. Portland is largely a distribution point for the Canadian market.

Pendleton Lady Goes East.

Miss Hilda Hopper, of Pendleton, who has been with friends in this city for some time left this noon to visit with her mother in Bayette, Idaho.

between Washington and Adams clogged up, flooding the club parlors momentarily but the obstruction soon was cleared and the water receded. Many basements suffered similarly.

