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## CARRANZA MAY YET JOIN THE PEACE PARTIES

INFLUENCE IS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON REBEL CHIEFTAIN BY ADMINISTRATION.

PEACE IN FORTY DAYS IS PREDICTED BY OFFICIAL

First Conference Between Mexican Envoys and American Representatives Set for Six O'clock Today—Indications Are Favorable for Agreement on Principal Points.

Washington, May 23.—Strong pressure is being brought to bear by the administration to bring the rebel chieftain, Carranza, into the Niagara peace conference. Bryan, John Lind and Judge Douglas, Carranza's lawyer, conferred this morning for an hour. At the conclusion it is understood the state department is hopeful that the rebels will join the representatives now in Niagara Falls. One of Bryan's confidants stated there would be peace in forty days. Carranza is said to be in a receptive mood.

### STREETS TO BE ROPED.

In order to leave the fire department a clear field, and to reduce the noise of autos while speaking is under way at the cornerstone laying tomorrow, ropes will halt traffic on Elm at the alley South of the West building, diagonally across Elm from the Presbyterian church, across Washington at the power house, and no autos may park on the north side of Adams west of Sixth. The fire cart will stand on the north side of Washington at the central station, headed west. Chief Orai and Chief Benham will station patrolmen and firemen to enforce this regulation.

### SCHOOLS DISPLAY ENERGY.

Summerville and Pumpkin Ridge Schools Please Superintendent. County Superintendent of Schools Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe is back in her office after a pleasant visit and inspection of the work of the Summerville and Pumpkin Ridge schools. In speaking of the work displayed by the school children of Summerville, she had this to say: "It was just as up-to-date as one could find it anywhere. A room was furnished with the works of the manual training department. These furnishings consisted of neatly fashioned book shelves, library table, rocking chairs, morris chairs, china racks, writing desk and other bits of woodwork found in a well ordered home. The papers on the different school subjects were beautifully executed and ornamented and show that the children of the Summerville schools have been busy. And all of this work has been done under the supervision of but two teachers. In Pumpkin Ridge I attended a school picnic and also listened to a program that deserves special mention. Tests in lightning calculation, both addition and multiplication, reading according to the approved phonetic method, recitations and papers on various subjects of school work made up a program that would do credit to any school. This is the work of Mrs. Grace Fine, and speaks very well for her."

The summer normal is to begin next Monday and will last three weeks. It will be conducted by Mrs. Ivanhoe and Professor Olson.

MRS. REGINA BOENEKER AND THREE CHILDREN, WHO ESCAPED FROM MEXICO IN DARING ADVENTURE.



Mrs. Regina Boeneker and her three little children have reached the United States from Mexico City after an exciting adventure in getting away from the troops of General Huerta.

Her husband is an American citizen and an officer in the Mexican Light and Power Company. Mrs. Boeneker was among the several hundred refugees of various nationalities who, on April 22, left Mexico City under escort of the British Consul and were stopped half way

to Vera Cruz. At midnight soldiers of General Maas halted the train and wanted to detain all the Americans, but the British consul objected and insisted upon seeing the general. Maas finally ordered all the refugees on their way.

At that place the track was torn up for three miles. In the darkness Mrs. Boeneker and the little ones, four, five, and six years old, walked this distance and found a train under an American guard at the other end of the gap.

## VETERANS TO HONOR DEAD

FORTY NINTH MEMORIAL SERVICE MAY 30.

Grave Decoration in the Morning, and Program in Afternoon.

Decoration day exercises have been shaped for this city. The G. A. R. post and the W. R. C. will meet at the I. O. O. F. hall at 9:30 and start to the cemetery at 10 o'clock. They will return to the hall at noon and the W. R. C. will give the "old boys" a "feed."

In the afternoon, at 2:30, the veterans, their wives and friends in general are to meet at the M. E. church and there the decoration day program will consist of the following numbers: A pipe organ solo; Star Spangled Banner, by the audience; opening prayer by J. W. Oliver, post adjutant; Lincoln's Gettysburg address read by Harold Nutter; solo by Mrs. J. F. Corbett; address by Rev. I. B. Self of Wallawa; solo by Miss Eileen Pearce; recitation, a tribute to the unknown dead, Miss Mildred Bush; song, America, by the congregation. "Unusual interest ought to be taken in all of these services for several reasons" said Post Commander Stein today. "It has been 49 years since the close of the war and the old boys are fast passing away. The signs of the times demand that the patriotism of our people be aroused as never before. If possible the business houses should be closed at least from 2 to 5:30."

### Colorado Collegians in Fete.

Colorado Springs, May 23.—Folk dances, an open-air play, the election of a queen of the May, and other features made up the program of the annual May festival of Colorado College, held here today. The festival took place in Monument valley park, between Colorado Springs and Colorado City.

## SPRAY POISONS VALUABLE COWS

ARSENATE OF LEAD SOLUTION FATAL.

Extreme Care and Caution Urged to Avoid Losses to Stock.

C. C. Cate this morning reported the death of two fine Jersey cows through arsenate of lead poisoning. Some one had carelessly left some of the poison lying on the ground, where the cows, attracted by its salt-like appearance, licked it. This poison is used in spraying trees. He warns users of it to be careful, lest parts of it get into the drinking trough and thereby kill stock. Children are want to put the heads of barrels in which this poison comes, into water tanks to see the wood float, thereby causing particles of it to dissolve and thus poison animals. It should be rigorously guarded on account of its deadly properties.

## SEED CORN COMES AND MEN WANTED TO PLANT IT HERE

Two hundred pounds of seed corn intended for use in introducing corn culture in this valley, have been sent here by the agricultural department of the O.-W. C. L. Smith, agricultural expert of the company, forwarded letters of instructions to County Agriculturist Claude C. Cate, this morning and the shipment came in this noon and consisted of 200 pounds of Minnesota King and Yellow Flint. This corn is for free distribution and anyone wanting it may apply to Mr. Cate and secure it after signing the contract which obliges the planter to plant the seed and take

## INTERVIEWS BY OFFICIALS ARE NOW CANCELED

EMBARRASSMENT TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS CAUSES DRASTIC ORDER.

CHARGE PRESIDENT WITH SYMPATHY FOR REBELS

Does Not Fear Criticism but Will Insist That Peace Negotiations be Successful If it Lies in His Power to Prevent Things from Interfering With Peaceful Progress.

Washington, May 23.—Huerta's government is said to be in so dilapidated a condition, that news of its collapse may be expected at any minute. In official circles, no one would discuss the situation. The President has ordered those who have hitherto given out interviews, to remain absolutely silent on the subject.

Bryan is sphynx like. The President's order comes as the result of criticisms of the administration by public men who declare the administration has almost openly espoused the cause of the rebels. The President did not care so much for the criticism, but feared it would embarrass the efforts of the mediators at Niagara Falls. This he is determined to prevent.

### TAXPAYERS MEET.

Sewer Project Still Appears to Be Wanted by a Majority.

Taxpayers of North La Grande who live in the proposed sewer district, met the city commission and manager last night. Considerable discussion took place, but it developed from cursory inspection of numbers, that a majority of the property holders still want the sewer, and when a definite idea of numbers on both sides are determined, the commission will act accordingly.

### Chicago People Arrive.

Mrs. D. B. Bradford and daughter, Mildred and son, George O., are here on their way home to Chicago from a California tour. Mrs. Bradford is the mother of Mrs. John Girdler, wife of School Superintendent Girdler.

### Spending Summer With Relatives.

Mrs. R. L. Duignan and children left last night for Willamette valley points where they will visit with relatives for a month or six weeks.

## DATE RECALLS OREGON'S RACE.

Washington, May 23.—Navy officials today recalled that exactly sixteen years ago the battleship Oregon reached Jupiter Inlet, Florida, after her remarkable "dash" around the Horn from San Francisco, to take her place in the fleet that was to sink the Spanish battleships in the Spanish-American war. The Oregon steamed from San Francisco Bay on March 9, 1898.

## THREE PARTIES ALIGNING RANKS

CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO BE ORGANIZED SOON.

Republicans Lead Off and Bull Moosers Follow Same Night.

Central committees of the three majority parties of Union county are to be organized at once. The Republicans are leading off with the organization meeting set for Monday, the Progressives have set Monday night and the Democrats have not definitely settled upon a date, but it will no doubt be soon. All the organization meetings will be held here. The Republicans are to meet at 2 p. m. Monday and the Bull Moosers at 8 p. m.

Committeemen elected at the Primary have been quietly discussing chairmanships and so far as can be learned there are to be no fights staged for these positions. Harmonious sessions in the three parties are predicted by the leaders who see no occasion for starting fights and before another week has rolled by, the entire group will no doubt be well established with central committees.

### Republican Committees.

The committees elected at the primary of the Republicans central committee are: Antelope, E. A. Wills; Alice, Chas. Hill; Cove No. 1, E. Rees; No. 2, L. Brazille; Elgin No. 1, E. G. Kirby; Elgin No. 2, Joe Hallgarth; Elgin No. 3, Arthur Hallgarth; No. 4, John B. Thorsen; Hilgard, J. M. Scott; Imbler, C. W. Fox; Island, C. H. Bidwell; La Grande No. 1, Jessie G. Matott; No. 2, J. H. Pearce; No. 3, Ada B. Rogers; No. 4, Oscar Garner; No. 5, Clint Van Fleet; No. 6, S. B. Williamson; No. 7, Colon R. Eberhard; North Powder No. 1, J. M. Gilkinson; Starkey, J. B. Hagey; Summerville, John A. McRae; Union No. 1, L. A. Wright; No. 2, F. A. Bidwell; No. 3, James Webb; Perry, Leon Stoddard.

### Progressive Committee.

The Progressive committeemen elected are: Big Creek, G. W. South; Cove No. 2, Hugh McCall; Elgin No. 1, E. L. Harris; Imbler, G. L. Sawyer; La Grande No. 2, R. J. Green; No. 3, J. A. Oliver; No. 6, Ida Kunst; Perry, Norman Stoddard; Union No. 1, S. L. Hunter; No. 2, R. H. Rohrig; No. 3, A. A. Mitchell.

### The Democratic Committee.

Democrats wrote in enough committeemen to get a very substantial committee. They are: Alice, J. A. Gaskill; Antelope, Ed. Wulf; Big Creek, T. B. Marlin; Cove, No. 1, T. B. Johnson; Cove No. 2, Logan Anderson; Elgin No. 2, Geo. Stevenson; Elgin No. 3, William Fine; Island City, A. R. Hunter; Kamela, William Guthrie; La Grande No. 1, J. W. Bush; No. 2, John Hodgkin; No. 3, D. M. Clark; No. 5, R. A. Master-ton; Union No. 1, J. B. Thompson; No. 2, G. W. Benson.

### To Seal Up Documents.

New York, May 23.—Copies of famous historical letters, the official program of today's celebration and a history of the lower section of Broadway were sealed in a bronze casket today and turned over to the New York Historical society to be kept unopened until May 23, 1914 by the Lower Wall Street Business Men's Association. The association invited President Wilson to attend the historical celebration today and to seal the papers which will be opened 100 years hence.

### Come to Make Home Here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison, who for several years have lived at Weston where Mr. Morrison operated a drug store, are here to make their future home in or near this city.

## H. H. RIDELL IS REINDICTED ON MAIL FRAUD

FORMER INDICTMENT DECLARED FAULTY ON DEMURRER CORRECTED ONE FOLLOWS.

PRESIDENT AND MANAGER ALREADY CONVICTED

Fraudulent Use of Mails and Lottery Charge Leveled Against Secretary of Inland Land Company—Many Witnesses from La Grande Attended Trial.

Portland, May 23.—H. H. Ridell, secretary of the Oregon Inland Development company, has been reindicted by the federal grand jury on seven counts charging him with the fraudulent use of the mails, in conducting a land lottery.

This is part of a prosecution conducted by the government against the company. The president of the company, Frank Ritchet, and its manager Frank Conway, have both been convicted. The new indictment is a corrected one. To the first which was leveled against him, he demurred and the demurrer was sustained.

A large number of people from La Grande were subpoenaed to act as witnesses at the trial of Ritchet and Conway last winter when both were convicted in the federal court for fraudulent use of the mails in selling worthless land.

### PROGRAM IS READY.

Arrangement Committee Announces Details of Function Sunday.

H. C. Grady, chairman of the committee in charge, and J. H. Hudd, secretary of the association, today announced the following detailed program for the services tomorrow afternoon:

Mr. George T. Cochran, presiding. Concert by the La Grande band. Invocation by Dr. J. D. Gillilan, of Boise, Idaho.

History of the association movement in La Grande—George H. Currey, member board of directors. Selection by male quartette.

A statement regarding the building, by George Stoddard, member of building committee.

Contents of the box for cornerstone, by Harley Richardson, president of Junior board.

Box sealed and placed in stone, by Mrs. M. F. Honan.

Laying of cornerstone, Mr. Chas. E. Cochran, of Portland.

Address—"The La Grande R. R. Y. M. C. A." Hon. W. W. Cotton, of Portland. Closing prayer.

Brooklyn Bridge Open.

New York, May 23.—Thirty-one years ago today Brooklyn Bridge, for a long time the greatest structure that spanned any river, was opened to traffic. The only celebration was the flying of flags from the Manhattan and Brooklyn ends. In its thirty-one years the great suspension bridge had earned close to \$24,000,000 in tolls for the city, according to estimates based on the earnings of \$23,224,723.11 up to one year ago. The greatest source of revenue from street cars. An average of about 4,000, at a revenue of ten cents a car, pass over the bridge every day.

### First Conference Tonight.

Niagara Falls, Canada, May 23.—It was announced that the first conference between the American and Mexican representatives would take place at 6 o'clock tonight. This is taken as an indication of real progress. The mediators have held conversations heretofore with the two groups separately.