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CZAR AND HIS FAMILY ESCAPE ASSASSIN PLOT

PRECAUTION TAKEN BY RAILROAD COMPANY AVERTS ASSASSINATION.

TWO KILLED AND MANY HURT AS ENGINE TIPS

Deep Laid Plot to Assassinate Czar Nicholas of Russia Frustrated at Expense of Two Lives and Many Injuries—Imperial Train Followed Precautionary Train Ahead.

Berlin, June 18.—Czar Nicholas of Russia barely escaped assassination Wednesday according to a St. Petersburg despatch which, escaping censorship, was received here today. However, even though the czar lives, two persons were killed and 28 injured in a train wreck near Tschudnow, Russia, due to the attempt on the czar's life. This is the statement of an official account sent out by good authority to the Berlin Gazette.

The official version, of course, says the incident was "merely an accident." The conspirators plotted to dynamite the imperial train it appears, and the plan would have succeeded hadn't the railroad authorities taken the usual precaution of sending an ordinary passenger train ahead of the special carrying Nicholas, his wife and children, and members of their suite.

The track was mined near Tschudnow and when the first train reached there, the explosion occurred. Several coaches were derailed, and the locomotive overturned. Two passengers were killed and 28 injured.

TENTATIVE TEAMS PICKED.

Doubles and Singles Teams to Vie With Imbler Next Saturday.

G. H. Armstrong is in Imbler today arranging details for the inter town tennis match to be played off next Saturday forenoon at Imbler. It is not definitely announced who will represent La Grande, but John Girdler, Norman Frees, G. H. Armstrong and Geo. H. Currey Jr., are those tentatively selected to play.

Twohy Action Interests.

Pendleton, June 18.—When Robert Twohy of Twohy Bros., and C. C. Berkeley, their superintendent on the Coyote Cutoff, made a trip to the southern end of this county were they on a mere pleasure trip or was their visit of significance from the railroad building standpoint? It is a question that is answered both ways. Reports from ranchers in the southern part of the county show that the visit by the railroad builders was looked upon as an omen; something might be doing soon in the branch. It will be remembered that the railroad company had the proposed extension surveyed last summer and that the construction of the line southward has been considered in a tentative way for many years. Neither Mr. Twohy or Mr. Berkeley could be sent today as they were not here. Norborne Berkeley says that his brother merely took his employer on a fishing trip and that their tour had no significance from a railroad building standpoint.

CLIMATIC STATISTICS.

(Readings taken from Government instruments by Observer Benham, and cover the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. yesterday.)
Maximum, 9; Minimum, 52.
Temperature at 1 p. m. today 84.

PROMINENT FIGURES AND BUILDINGS CONNECTED WITH PANAMA EXPOSITION.

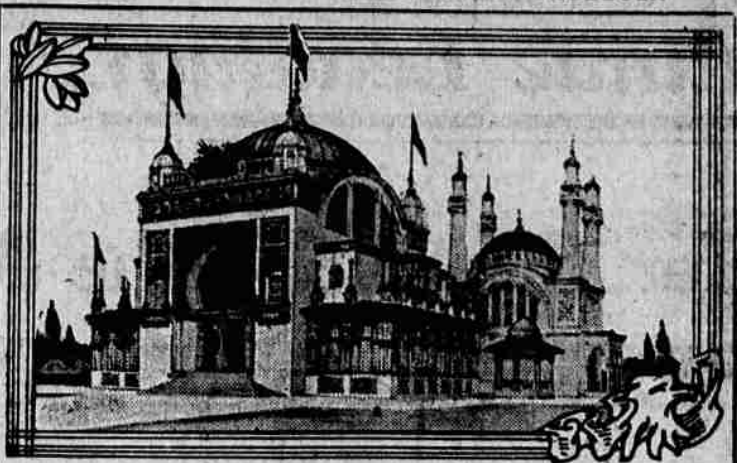


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THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT BUILDING AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.

ONE of the most beautiful and spacious of the pavilions erected by the thirty-four foreign nations which up to this time have decided to participate at the great Exposition is the replica of the Sultan's Palace, now being built by the Ottoman empire at San Francisco at a cost of \$300,000.



Mr. D. O. Lively, chief of the department of live stock at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, has organized the greatest animal show ever seen.



Mr. Alvin E. Pope, chief of the department of education and social economy at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, is preparing a child welfare and practical education exhibit.



Mr. James A. Barr is director of the division of congresses and conventions of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. Two hundred and twenty-five conventions and congresses will meet there.



Dr. Frederick J. V. Skiff, director in chief of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to open in San Francisco on Feb. 20, 1915, is one of the world's greatest exposition experts.

MOTORS ARRIVE FOR BIG RACE

EACH TRAIN BRINGS IN SHIPMENT OF MACHINES.

Saturday Preliminaries to Be Thrilling in Themselves.

Motorcycles from Portland, Pendleton and other sections and even from the Pope factories, are arriving on every train today to be entered in the La Grande-to-Baker races next Sunday and to participate in the preliminaries Saturday. The Saturday show is going to be extensive in itself and will commence at 2:30. Lovers of track racing, for that alone, will be run Saturday, will find something to entertain them.

The entry list closes today and by tomorrow a fairly good idea of the class that will participate will be made known. Reservation for boxes for Sunday can be made now with Chase Bohnenkamp.

Alpho Wins Gold Cup.

Ascot, June 18.—J. Frairie's "Alpho" won the gold cup race. J. Ryan's "Wilbrook" second; T. Martin's "Junior" third. Ten started.

BANKERS ALL SEEM HAPPY

DEPRESSION IS NOT ALARMING SAY MONEY MEN.

Medford Meeting Was a Good One and All Enjoyed it.

Returning from Medford where he had been attending the state bankers meeting F. L. Meyers, cashier of the La Grande National bank, said today that apparently bankers of the state are happy. That they do not view the present depression in business as dangerous.

"No one seems to be getting pinched very hard," said Mr. Meyers. "Bankers over the state largely had the same time none were inclined to take a pessimistic view of matters. With the large crops that will soon come, with the hope that Congress will soon get through and cease for a time at least in its legislation on business, there is a feeling that all will be well. It is quite doubtful if this state runs in as high gear as we have been doing the past few years, but there is an apparent safety existing which is refreshing. Economy will continue to be a word that is not despised among the people and

40 OFFICIALS MAY HAVE BEEN PUT TO DEATH

REPORT IS NOT GENERALLY CREDITED, HOWEVER, BY AUTHORITIES.

EL PASO HEARS OF MORE MURDER DOWN IN MEXICO

Officials Are Missing but Belief is They Are in Hiding—Villa Puts Natera in Subordinate Place—Another Attack on Zacatecas is Reported.

El Paso, June 18.—Rumors that 40 deposed Carranza office holders were executed last night at Samalayuca, 40 miles south of Juarez, are disbelieved here. There is no question but that the men are missing but it is believed they are hiding. A dispatch from Torreón, Villa's present headquarters announced the rebels aim to attack Zacatecas again not later than Sunday, and that Villa will be in supreme command. This is deemed significant as Carranza has announced that he has named General Natera commander of the central military zone. Whether following Juarez and other coups Villa reversed orders and made Natera subordinate to himself regardless of Carranza's wishes, or with the latter's consent, was not known as Natera was beaten when he attacked Zacatecas recently and the impression was then that Carranza was dissatisfied with the altered arrangements.

Is Carranza Leaving Mexico?
Washington, June 18.—Congressman Kent told President Wilson that he had received a private telegram today conveying the information that Carranza left Saltillo and is on his way to Laredo, Texas. In view of the stories telling of trouble between himself and Villa this report is looked upon as somewhat significant. The report is not confirmed by the United States consul at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

HARVESTING UNDER WAY.

Umatilla County Threshing Outfits Commence at Early Date.

Pendleton, June 18.—Though the harvest season weeks distant, actual threshing operations have commenced upon at least two farms. According to news brought to this city, John Williams, whose farm is north of Nolin, started his machine on June 11 and on the same day cutting was started on the Hottel place northwest of Pilot Rock on Coombs' Canyon. Both are cutting early fall barley.

Several other farmers in the lighter land sections are getting their combines and stationaries in readiness for harvest operations. With the present warm spell continuing for ten days there will be quite a number of barley crops ready for the sack. Immediately after July 4, there will be many machines running in the lighter land sections but the general harvesting of the 1914 crop will not be in full swing until about the third week in July.

there will be of a saving epoch, is the general belief."

In speaking of the entertainment accorded them Mr. Meyers said Medford showed her usual hospitable spirit and was alert to every undertaking that would make things pleasant for the guests. At the election of officers of State Bankers' association Mr. Meyers was placed at the head of the executive committee. Klamath Falls has invited the organization to hold its next meeting there, but so far the place has not been determined.

Big Bear Visits Ranch; is Dead

WALTER M. PIERCE HOG PEN VISITED BY BRUIN.

MANY MILES FROM DEN

Lack of Huckleberries and Feed in Hills Probably to Blame.

A lone bear, probably driven to the valley for lack of huckleberries, met his Waterloo on the Walter M. Pierce ranch yesterday when he was attempting to corral some young hogs. Employees on the ranch saw Mr. Bear at his predatory scheme, and shot him without difficulty.

The Pierce ranch is a dozen miles or so from the customary range of bears, namely, Mt. Emily huckleberry patches.

POWELL JURY CAN'T AGREE

EIGHTEEN HOUR VIGIL FAILS TO BRING DECISION.

Elgin Case of Alleged Hide Theft Draws Elgin Witnesses.

Eighteen hours of deliberation on the evidence in the statutory case against Geo. Powell, a railroad employe, failed to develop a verdict. The jury was discharged this forenoon after its 18-hour vigil. It is reported that the jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction through a period of several hours and it is also reported that the last ballot stood thus. Powell was charged by the state with being the father of an illegitimate child born to Powell's niece, a girl of 18.

Nothing has been announced as regards a second trial in the case.

Bertram Case Is Called.
This forenoon Judge Knowles and a jury listened to the case wherein Chas. Bertram and Chris Peterson are involved in a dispute over some property. Crawford & Eakin and Turner Oliver are counsel in the case.

A case that is of especial interest to Elgin people will be on the trial list this afternoon, it is believed. State vs. Hess is the title and Hess is charged with stealing some hides. A half dozen witnesses from Elgin are here to testify in the case. R. J. Green is attorney for Hess and F. S. Ivanhoe will represent the state.

PROF. ARANT MARRIED.

Bridal Couple in City This Morning on Way to Tillamook Beach.

Prof. E. E. Arant, formerly located at Island City and the past year a high school instructor at Union, and Miss Wanda Haller, daughter of I. L. Haller of Telocaset, are married. The ceremony was performed yesterday at Union with Rev. Martin officiating, in the presence of relatives only. Mr. and Mrs. Arant were in La Grande today on their way to the beach near Tillamook, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Indian Buys Automobile.

Pendleton, June 18.—Thomas Shellall is the first fullblood Indian of the Umatilla reservation to abandon the cayuse of his forefathers for the automobile as a means of travel. He is now riding about in a four-passenger Buick 37 of the 1914 model, having purchased it this week of the Oregon Motor Co.

Shellall is a member of the Walla Walla tribe and in his veins courses the blood of the pure American unadorned by a mixture with "pale-face" blood. A number of mixedblood farmers near Athena preceded him in the acquisition of a "gas wagon" but they are not counted as Indians, and Shellall will stand as the first Indian owner of a "horseless carriage."

MEDIATION MAY FAIL TO BE OF VALUE

ADMINISTRATION CIRCLES ADMIT SUCH IS POSSIBLE BEFORE LONG.

FIRST TIME SUCH THING HAS BEEN ADMITTED

Washington Still Has Hope but Undercurrent is Plainly Pointing to Possibility of Entire Failure of the Niagara Falls Conference, Situation 'Up in the Air.'

Washington, June 18.—For the first time since the mediation negotiations began it is admitted in official circles of the administration that failure is possible.

Hope, however, has not been entirely abandoned but the fact that the Mexicans published their side of the case is deemed unfavorable.

It is not denied that the break between Carranza and Villa, which is now generally admitted actually occurred, despite statements to the contrary, furnished Huerta's representatives with argument against the selection of a Constitutionalist for provisional president.

BOOSTER DINNER PLANNED.

Seventy-five Cent Dinner for "Four Bits," is the Claim.

Tomorrow evening the merchants of La Grande will have a booster dinner at the Foley hotel. The occasion is for the purpose of talking over final arrangements for the Retail Merchants' State convention that convenes here next Monday.

According to the committee that has the dinner in charge "it is to be a six bit dinner for four bits."

Fire Charged to Women.

Glasgow, June 18.—Suffragettes are believed to have been responsible for the fire which burned two steamships and two schooners lying alongside Kingston docks. The entire city and harbor fire departments fought vainly in their efforts to save vessels. A score of firemen were overcome by smoke. The loss is about a half million dollars.

Baker Attorney Here.

Jos. J. Heilner, one of the prominent attorneys of Baker is in La Grande today on legal business. His mother and father passed through La Grande today from California where they had been visiting for some time and Mr. Heilner joined them here.

FRED MITCHELL FATALLY HURT

KICK FROM HORSE RESULTS IN DEATH TODAY.

Wife and Five Children Survive Joseph Man Who Was Killed.

Fred Mitchell of Joseph is dead as the result of injuries sustained at Joseph Tuesday when he was kicked by a vicious horse. Mr. Mitchell was washed to La Grande in an automobile but the trip was long and his injuries so severe that the shock could not be overcome.

Henry & Carr will prepare the body for shipment to Joseph tomorrow. Mr. Mitchell is survived by a wife and five children and other near relatives at Joseph.