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WILSON SHOWS STERN TONE IN MEXICAN ORDER

STARVATION OF MEXICO CITY MUST BE RELIEVED IS COM-MAND GIVEN.

ACUTE SITUATION FACES WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT

What is Considered to be the Sharpest Representation Yet Made Known to the Mexicans Follows Report that Mexico City is Starving—Wilson Will Not Come West This Summer.

WILSON TO STAY HOME.

Washington, March 6.—President Wilson has definitely abandoned the trip to San Francisco this month. He gave the international situation and the Mexican development as the reasons. The president expects to make a West-ern trip this year, however.

Washington, March 6.—The sharpest representations ever sent to the government, or a faction of the government, at Mexico, was forwarded today by the government of the United States to General Carranza, after reports had come in last evening that the City of Mexico is facing starvation and that no foreign help or food will be allowed. The "First chief" of the Constitutionalists, was told that the starvation now threatening Mexico City must be relieved immediately.

Carranza was warned that the United States does not approve of the plan of Carranza and Oregon to withdraw their troops and leave the capital to its fate at the first signs of riotous demonstrations. All official and unofficial advice received from the state department showed the food situation is menacing and that something must be done immediately.

FURNISHINGS ARE ELEGANT.

Representative Sent East to Furnish Elks' Home, Returns Jubilant.

Furniture, draperies and carpets that will be superior to anything now seen in the lodge homes at Salt Lake, Denver, St. Louis, Kansas City or even Chicago, will decorate the new Elks' building as soon as purchases made in New York, arrive in La Grande, according to E. E. Kirtley, a local ladies' furnishings dealer who returned today noon from a trip to New York to buy these furnishings for the Elks' lodge here. Deliver- will be made through local furniture dealers. He also bought his Spring and Summer stock for his store. Before reaching New York, Mr. Kirtley visited the lodges mentioned above and gained valuable information therefrom, and when the time came to make his purchases at Gotham's emporiums, he knew wherein he could better conditions as he had seen them elsewhere.

"I promise you it will be elegant" said Mr. Kirtley on alighting from the train, and he is brim full of enthusiasm about what the interior decorations of the Elks' home here is to be. "It is not an idle boast to say that even Denver's splendid new home will be less beautiful than will ours" reiterated the purchasing agent.

While on the trip Mr. Kirtley looked into business conditions. He realizes that commercial matters are upset but that during the past two weeks especially there has been a noticeable improvement in the east. The south is wrestling with the situation but St. Louis merchants find that things are brighter today than a month ago and throughout the whole country, the people are talking with a greater degree of confidence in returning prosperity.

His personal purchases were made with considerable care and he has much of interest to talk about in the coming styles and just what is right at present.

The furniture and draperies for the Elks' building will arrive in La Grande the latter part of this month and the carpets will be along a little later, all in time to be put in place when the decorators and furnishers here are ready for them.

Land Office Busy.

The last two days have been extremely busy for officials at the United States Land office. The following applications and final proofs have been filed: Joseph N. Burges, Pilot Rock, made payment of \$410.00 on his timber and stone application; B. L. Bur-

roughs of Pendleton, paid the third installment on his Umatilla Indian land application; Richard G. Warren, of Monument, Grant county; Joseph E. Stone, of Richland, Baker county; Marie Agnes Leard, of Pine, Baker county; George W. Botts, of Flora, and Alva E. Keller, of Imnaha, filed homestead applications this morning.

Johannes Hansen, of Long Creek, Grant county; Coy S. Thornburg, of Ritter, Grant county; Roy B. Hawley, of La Grande, filed additional homestead applications, and Guy S. Haden, of Pendleton, made the third installment on his Umatilla Indian land application.

Hugh C. Kern, Heppner; H. Ray Jacobs, Pendleton; Frances Spangler, Enterprise; Edgar H. Graham, Hermiston; Olin Trowbridge, Wallawa; George W. Mathis, Baker; Thomas D. Frampton, Halfway; Franklin P. Martin, Ukiah; John J. Ostrander, Joseph; Paul Burton, Hermiston; Anna Gamble, Echo, and Thomas C. Hinton, Range, submitted final proof upon their entries.

Silver Polish "Discovered" How to clean silverware in a jiffy has been determined by a La Grande lady, partially through accident. The result of the experiments that followed show remarkable success in cleaning silverware if a tablespoon of citric powder is sprinkled in a gallon of water, and contents poured in an aluminum kettle. The result to the silver when immersed is instantaneous—try it and see.

COYOTE BITES ORO DELL COW

OUTSKIRTS OF LA GRANDE BADLY FRIGHTENED

Carranza Has Been Sent to State Officials for Analysis.

To settle the question as nearly as possible whether the reported mad coyotes really have rabies, Frank Phyl, county judge, and Veterinary Paddock decided today to ship the head of the coyote killed yesterday at Oro Dell to Calvin S. White, head of the state board of health and have the brain analyzed. This will be refreshing news to the general public for the question of mad coyotes comes up so often in Eastern Oregon, and is disputed by so many that it is considered well to have as near a settlement of the question as is possible to obtain.

The coyote, which cavorted around Oro Dell, yesterday, bit a horse and a cow, terrified women and caused strong men to seek shelter. The animal was killed by Louis Evans and D. Branon, who reside on the outskirts of the city.

THIEVES BOTHER LIBRARIAN.

Book Taken from Library Open Shelves Several Weeks Ago.

Having waited patiently for several weeks for the return of "Eyes of the World," a book assigned to the open shelves of the public library, Librarian Miss Head has come to the conclusion someone has stolen the book.

"The books, in some instances," said Miss Head today "are left on open shelves where people may read them or be checked out with them. If we are to have books stolen from the shelves, this will have to be changed and all books put under lock and key, as it were. We have waited patiently for the return of this book, and have come to the conclusion that thieves took it."

Curtailed of the open shelves feature at the library would be a great inconvenience, and it is to be hoped that the practice of careless removal of books from the library will be stopped summarily.

CHURCHMEN CONVENE

Prominent Leaders of L. D. S. Faith of Salt Lake in City Today.

With Rudger Clawson, an apostle, and Seymour B. Young, one of the first presidents of the 70's in attendance, a quarterly conference of the L. D. S. stake commenced here today. It will be continued throughout tomorrow. Various business matters and several addresses will occupy the attention of those in attendance.

Mrs. Evans Dead.

Mrs. Glen Woman Succumbs and Funeral will be Held Tomorrow.

Mrs. George Evans of Mt. Glen died last evening at her home of cancer of the stomach. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock at Island City. Several children and a husband survive. The children are Mrs. Ida Haun, Mrs. Minnie Butcher, Lulu, Cora, Alice, Mabel, Eva, Thelma, Cleo and Roy.

Brother Gains Distinction.

The Rev. Upton H. Gibbs received word today that his brother, Lt. Col. Gibbs, has been awarded the decoration of Companion of the Order of the Bath, and that a nephew who has twice been mentioned in the dispatches, was given the King's new decoration of the Military Cross.

FRENCH LINER, 284 ABOARD, IS BURNING AT SEA

ILL-FATED SHIP IS SAID TO BE OFF COAST OF IRELAND AT PRESENT.

DOCTORS, NURSES AND ALLIED CARGO ABOARD

French Steamer is Afire, But Account of Close Proximity of the Coast, Passengers Are Not in Great Danger—Dispatches Disagree As to Exact Location.

London, March 6.—The French liner Latouraine is said to be 700 miles from Brest, according to a wireless to Lloyds. Agents of the line insisted the steamer wasn't in great danger on account of the close proximity of the British coast. Their statements don't agree with Lloyds' dispatch as to the location of the Latouraine. They say it is afloat off the coast of Ireland.

The boat sailed from New York February 26 carrying 84 passengers, among whom were five American physicians, 10 nurses and others on route to the battlefront in France. The crew numbers 200.

Munitions of War Aboard. New York, March 6.—The Latouraine carried 400 cases of cartridges and 139 rapid-fire guns, according to her manifest. The cargo was made up largely of shoes, uniforms, clothes and the like, for soldiers in France and Belgium.

WAR BULLETINS

London, March 6.—The admiralty has announced that the Anglo-French entered the narrows of the Dardanelles today and is bombarding the forts on both sides of the straits. The land defenses have been heavily damaged and one magazine blown up.

Paris, March 6.—Bloody fighting in a ravine south of Beausejour in which French were victorious, marked the progress of the Champagne conflict today. After being back the Germans made a counter attack which was repulsed with heavy losses. At Perthes, French gains are claimed.

London, March 6.—The British trawler Bernicia, carrying a crew of nine men is lost in the North sea, according to dispatches to Lloyds. It is presumed she struck a mine.

ART AND THE ELKS' HOME

By Andrew Marker, Special Writer for the Observer.

Music is fluid beauty. Architecture is the art of congelation. This liquid element into solid and symmetrical forms.

Architecture, in its highest sense, is petrified harmony. A beautiful building is a symphony in stone.

The new Elks temple now nearing completion and soon to be dedicated, is not only a credit to those who designed it and an honor to those who built it, but it is an object of public pride and a source of public pleasure to the people in general.

Nothing so commends a town to the favorable notice of strangers, nor so much stimulates the local pride of its citizens, as the presence of beautiful public buildings. And in erecting a building that combines private utility with public beauty, the brotherhood of Elks has earned the grateful acknowledgment of the whole city of La Grande.

A public building should be made to look at as well as to live in. And in this instance both of these objects have been attained. Interior utility has not been sacrificed to exterior show, but both combined in harmonious and due proportion have resulted in a really noble monument to Beauty and Service.

The architecture of too many public buildings may be correctly defined as Art assassinated by geometry. They are nothing but a mass of lines, angles, surfaces and solids, thrown together without grace, ornamentation or order.

The architecture of the Elks' building, in contrast, may be described as the married harmony of geometry and art—science and symmetry commingled.

In beauty of design, in its really ornate and pleasing appearance, it is doubtful if this structure is surpassed

HUMAN TOMB IS GIVING UP MEN SUPPOSED DEAD

FORTY-FIVE MEN RESCUED FROM LAYLAND MINE AFTER FOUR-DAY SEARCH.

HARROWING STORIES OF HARDSHIPS IN MINE TOLD

Rescuers Working Frantically to Find Forty-Five Still Missing—Total Known to be Dead is Now 90, but Hopes are Held Out For the Missing 45 Victims.

Layland, March 6.—Forty-five have been rescued alive today from the Layland mine which became a death trap several days ago. Forty-five are still missing and 90 are known to be dead. This is the situation in the Layland mine after 45 men, entombed four days ago, were brought to the surface. Helmed rescuers are working frantically hoping to bring others to the surface. Of the 45, all were famished and weak but none have had acute physical distress.

Fourteen were brought up this morning and the others followed in rapid succession.

They have been buried four days behind tons of debris in the Layland mine. They tell harrowing stories of hardships they were compelled to endure during their long confinement.

future prosperity. From age to age may it renew its youth; and when the flying feet of the panting centuries shall have worn this beautiful building into drifting dust, and a sunken stone, lingering amid the razed and reminiscent ruins shall be the lone historian of a vanished splendor, may the idea that this building represents still continue to burn as a sacred Shalimar in the breasts of the millions yet unborn.

MRS. JOHNSON DIES. Former Resident of Grande Ronde Valley Passes at Salem.

Word has been received at Imbler of the death of Mrs. Martha Johnson who died Feb. 27 at Salem where she was making her home at the Methodist Old People's home. Her husband died about three years ago but several children survive. Ernest Johnson of Imbler among them. Mrs. J. P. DeLong is a sister of the late Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson lived in Union county many years. The funeral was conducted at Salem and Rev. Jasper, also a former Union county resident, conducted the services.

Mr. Bramwell is Not Gaining Word received today from Portland states that F. S. Bramwell's condition is not nearly as good as it was yesterday. His sons here are much alarmed over the bad news.

VANDERBILT CUP RACE IS STAGED

IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAIL AT FAIR.

Alloy Leads at the Outset—Starters Get Away in Sunshine.

Exposition Grounds, San Francisco, March 6.—The hundred thousand or more spectators who gathered about the exposition auto race track this morning hoped for fair skies when the starter's pistol sent off the class of drivers entered in the Vanderbilt cup race.

Their wishes were fulfilled. The weather conditions were ideal and the course was perfect.

Tom Alay, in a Duesenberg, got away to the best start, and was leading at the end of the 10th lap.

Originally scheduled for February 22, the race was postponed until today because the track was not in shape on the former date.

The distance to be covered today was 294 miles, there being 76 laps to the race.

If DePalma, the early favorite, won the race, he is in permanent possession of the trophy and the race would be removed from America's list of speed classics.

BATTLESHIP MAINE SINKS

Thought That Seavolves Were Opened, and Vessel Sinks.

New York, March 6.—With engine room and hold half filled with water, the battleship Maine rests on the bottom of shallow Whitney basin, in the Brooklyn navy yards today. The cause of the accident is not definitely known. It is reported that in some manner the seavolves were left open, letting in the water. Pumps were started but they were unable to discharge the water as fast as it entered. The vessel settled to the bottom in the shallow water close to the shore. Her decks are submerged.

CHURCH WILL GO UP

Methodist Church South Conference Hears Reports of Progress.

That a \$10,000 church will be built at Walla Walla, commencing immediately, and that a \$1,000 rural church is to be built at Rye Valley in Baker county, were two decisions reached at the business meeting of the Methodist church, South, annual district convention held in the city today. The work will be prosecuted with every possible speed.

The business transacted by the conference was largely routine, and such ministers as could not personally read their reports, sent in their written reports. This afternoon there was a short business session and committee report again, and then the delegates listened to a sermon. Tonight and tomorrow will be devoted to sermons and addresses as outlined yesterday in the Observer.

IRISH MINSTRELS MARCH 17

Sons of Erin Will Conduct Big Treat On St. Patrick's Day.

Grande Ronde sons of Erin will give an Irish minstrel show on the evening of March 17, which, of course, is St. Patrick's.

FLOUR PRICES DROP

Twenty Cents Cut Off Price Per Barrel at Portland.

Portland, March 6.—Flour took a decline today of 20 cents to the barrel. The wholesale price on patent stuff is now \$7.00 per barrel.

GARDENS AID IN FEEDING A CROWD OF 250

HOME PRODUCTS DINNER BECOMES EPOCH-MARKER IN COMMERCIAL HISTORY.

BEST VALLEY AFFORDS SPREAD BEFORE DINERS

Speakers Extoll Purpose of the Commercial Club—School Should Hear Addresses by Businessmen On the Purpose of Home Patronage—Elaborate Affair Throughout.

Stopcocks spigots, faucets and doors to the granaries, larders and cellars of Union county's store houses were opened several hours last night for the unstinted enjoyment, edification and satisfaction of 249 citizens of La Grande who dined like princes and princesses as guests of the La Grande Commercial club at the M. E. church basement in a pompous ceremonial staged in tribute to the products of Union county. It was a Union county show and a big show too. With rare exceptions every morsel of food consumed—the relishes with embellishments—and the dainties were products of Union county and the elaborate banquet was a dress parade of Union county in all her best bib and tucker, marshalled by skilled chefs and waiters that the granary of the Grande Ronde valley is sufficient unto itself, was clearly demonstrated. It was a dinner that only a \$2.00 check could buy in a food emporium, yet because the producers and wholesalers in their liberality contributed most of the food stuffs, the club cut the price to 50 cents per plate. Dinners may come and go, but—here is hoping other communities could do as well.

A "big show" aptly epitomizes the whole event. The evening was a reflection of commercial ability in La Grande, and the lessons taught will long leave their imprint, and if the evening has not resulted in curtailment of foreign-made orders in the future, then the purpose has been amiss; but such will not be the case, for when man and woman tastes such food as was served there, and then passes it up for outside commodities, there is something lacking in the tasting apparatus of that individual, as well as concrete misconception of his home loyalty.

The dinner began promptly at 6:30, and the only reason there wasn't an attendance of 300 or more was that there was no room to handle them.

Inner man alone was not all that was pacified. From the opening gun, darts and harpoons of fun were poked at various celebrities, far and near, through the medium of Heacock's wireless telegraph instruments, and Wilson, Bryan et al sent their regrets in humorous veins because they couldn't attend—J. J. Carr now at San Francisco being classed with the elite.

Many unique stunts have, in the past, been arranged under the direction of the Commercial club, but none were equal to the test of brains and creative geniuses of this effort.

Proposals Given Directors.

Prof. John Girdler, superintendent of city schools, proposed, in a short address that led off the post-prandial entertainment, that the Commercial club directors and business men in general come to the schools and there tell the pupils something about patronage of home industry. "In the schools we aim continually to deal solar plexus blows at Sears-Roebuck," said Mr. Girdler, "but we find that this campaign can best be carried on by someone with whom the children do not come in daily contact. Therefore, I propose at this time that the Commercial club help us teach this principle by appearing before the pupils of the school from time to time, for in the schools of today are the commercial clubs of tomorrow."

Coolidge Pleads For Support. Showing the meritorious need of investment in a commercial club, H. E. Coolidge pleaded fervently for general support. "It is time that some of you who haven't helped the commercial club with your dollar a month, but on the contrary complain freely, got the moss off your backs, he told them." The utility of a few carrying the load, when far greater results would be obtained by general co-operation was set out. "It is not to conduct a campaign of exploitation we need your support, but to give information to those who knock at our doors asking for it," declared the speaker. As the result of the speech many new members were added to the club's roster.

Producers Have Lining. The balance of the speeches were from producers and wholesalers. The lateness of the hour made it necessary to cut the program short and several producers were not heard.

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