

Villa Denies Wilson's Assumption About Mexico

DISPUTES THE RIGHT OF ANY INTERVENTION

CLAIMS STARVATION IS NOT RIFE IN MEXICO AS REPORTED.

SUBMITS PEACE PLAN TO CARRANZA IN NOTE

Villa's Answer to Wilson's Note Made Public Today, He Spurning Wilson's Demands Curtly—Informs Government No Anarchy Exists—Carranza Seeks Recognition.

El Paso, Texas, June 12.—Declaring the United States has no right to interfere with internal affairs in Mexico, and denying that starvation and anarchy exists as alleged by President Wilson, General Villa's reply to Wilson's note was made public today. It placed the blame for civil warfare on Carranza. At the same time Villa made public a proposal to Carranza to make peace.

Matter Put Up to Carranza. Either reactionaries will gain control if the revolutionists continue to fight, or the United States will intervene. Villa urged in his statement to Carranza. Villa denied outside relief in Mexico City is necessary.

Carranza Also Answers. Washington, June 12.—A reply of Carranza's to President Wilson's warning, demanding that arms be dropped, issued in the form of a proclamation at Vera Cruz yesterday, reached the state department today. In the reply Carranza bids for recognition by the United States. He declares Constitutionalists are practicing in control of Mexico and gives assurance that he will call a regular election and turn over the authority to the president that may be chosen.

WHY NECESSARY.

La Grande, June 12.—(to editor Evening Observer.)—Your editorial of recent issue on the above heading has been noted, but I would like to add a few words more and ask why this argument will not apply also to the riding of bicycles and motorcycles on the sidewalks of the city, during the summer months.

The other day, my little girl was knocked down and ran over by a fellow riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. And only a few days before this, my little girl was wheeling the baby on the sidewalk when there came along two fellows on a motorcycle. They did not make any pretense to slow down, and had not my wife been near by and screamed at them, no doubt the children would have either been killed or hurt.

I have been considerate with the boys during the wet and muddy weather, but now, since I have warned them they continue the unlawful practice. Why necessary to put up with this any longer?

L. BRAMWELL.

A PARK LAKE.

La Grande, June 12.—(To the editor.)—A walk through the park discloses the fact that everything looks well for the coming chautauqua.

A mass of verdure greets the visitor on every side. The green grass, shady walks and general neatness observed everywhere speak volumes for the park management. The swings, slides and other amusements afford a never ending source of amusement to the little ones. Numerous seats scattered under the trees and throughout the leafy walks invite the tired mortal to rest awhile from the cares of city life.

One thing that, in my estimation, would add greatly to the attractiveness, would be a lake. With the river running idly past and the sand and gravel on the spot, it would not cost very much to make a small cement dam to confine the water and give unlimited swimming and boating facilities.

This would also allow the water to run through the lagoon, thereby enhancing the beauty of the entire place. This is merely a suggestion from A LOVER OF NATURE.

CLIMATIC DATA

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 54; Minimum 41.
Temperature at 12:30 today, 68.

HEIRESS TO MILLIONS WILL BE BRIDE IN JUNE.



MISS CATHERINE BARKER, THE \$30,000,000 HEIRESS, AND HER FIANCEE, HOWARD H. SPAULDING OF CHICAGO. THE BRIDE-TO-BE IS AN ORPHAN, THE ONLY CHILD OF THE LATE J. H. BARKER, CAR MANUFACTURER OF MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

METHODISTS WILL GATHER

ONE HUNDRED GUESTS COMING LATE IN JUNE.

La Grande District Will Hear Many General Chiefs.

One of the most important religious conventions ever held in Eastern Oregon will be held in La Grande from June 23 to July 2nd under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church. It will be the La Grande District association meeting of the M. E. church. Besides local talent of Eastern Oregon the community will have the privilege of hearing the largest group of expert speakers ever brought together in one place in Eastern Oregon by the Methodist Episcopal church.

Following this convention the Epworth league convention will be held in Union July 2-4. This time is selected so that delegates attending the meeting in La Grande may attend the Young People's meeting in Union also.

Indicative of the scope of the first meeting which is entirely new and is virtually as important from a standpoint of numbers as the annual conference, is the list of general secretaries coming. Close to 100 ministers and laymen will attend from over Idaho and Oregon points. Church betterment will be the general build and the dignitaries who will attend include:
Bishop Frank W. Warne, L. L. D., Dr. Charles M. Boswell, Philadelphia, Pa., District Supt. Rev. W. A. Winters, Dr. D. D. Forsyth, Denver, Colo., Dr. Orient W. Fifer, Denver, Colo., Secretary Jno B. Trimble, Chicago, Ill., Secretary A. F. Ragatz, American Bible Society, Secretary Henry J. Coker.

Elgin Band Goes to La Grande.

The Elgin Concert Band has been engaged by the La Grande lodge of Elks to provide music at the dedication of the magnificent new temple recently completed in that city. The dedication takes place Wednesday, June 16, and will be the biggest fraternal event ever held in the eastern section of the state, says the Elgin Recorder.

Pendleton and Baker lodges will send large delegations and there will be representatives present from almost every lodge in the state. Elgin Elks are going, to a man.

The new temple is one of the finest in the northwest and is a credit to the progressive spirit that has always pervaded the La Grande B. P. O. E.

The members of the Elgin band will make the trip to La Grande in autos, going in the early morning.

LIBERTY BELL TRAIN LARGE

SEVEN CARS TO MAKE UP THE SPECIAL.

Bell Is Electrically Lighted at Night for All Points Visited.

Final details of the arrangements for the exhibition of the liberty bell here July 12 have been received. The bell will arrive at 2:20 that day on a special train of seven cars, which will stop here ten minutes. The bell is placed on an open car and illuminated by electricity so that it may be plainly seen by everybody. On the special train are 50 people, including the mayor of Philadelphia and other high officials.

EASTERN OREGON AWAITS THE REUNION OF EAGLES JULY 3-5

Basing the statement on inquiries from Eastern Oregon points, the assembly of people in La Grande during the Eagles' reunion July, third, fourth and fifth, will be far-reaching and will number a total entirely unprecedented in similar celebrations. According to plans just announced, the variation in the program will be such that there will not be a dull moment, neither will there be an abundance of any one line of entertainment, but a happy mixture that will entertain and instruct. Remembering the Natal day, the Eagles have provided solemn services in memory of Independence day, but, too, remembering that an American

crowd wants variety, have placed on the program a splendid variety of entertainment. Above all patriotic, but nevertheless full of fun and frolic, summarizes the program that is drawing much notice from all parts of Eastern Oregon as the Natal day approaches.

La Grande Aerie No. 259, Fraternal Order of Eagles was instituted September 2, 1902, and since that time has grown until now it is recognized as one of the strong fraternal orders of this community. The local lodge is in excellent condition, as to both membership and finances.

The local Aerie has nicely furnished lodge and club rooms in the new Foley

Constantinople, June 12.—The Turkish cruiser Medilli sank a large Russian torpedo boat destroyer in an engagement in the Black Sea last night according to unofficial dispatches received here. The cruiser is declared to have returned safely to its base after the engagement.

London, June 12.—The trawler Waagon was torpedoed in the North Sea. The crew escaped and landed at Hartlepool. The Canadian vessel

EAGLES OFFER HEAVY REWARD TO AID SEARCH

TWO-HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD GIVEN TO CAPTURE OF MAHAFFEY ASSASSIN

TWO SUSPECTS HELD AT JAIL MAY BE THE ONES

Two Picked Up at Minam Have Marks of Being Connected with Crime—Sheriff Brings Men in, and It Is Presumed They Are Men Who Camped Near City.

REWARD IS OFFERED.

Today the following official statement was issued by the Eagles lodge of this city: La Grande Aerie No. 259, Fraternal Order of Eagles hereby offers a reward of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00) in gold for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of our late beloved brother John Mahaffey, who was killed on the night of June 9th, 1915, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, while resisting a hold-up and robbery of his employer's place of business.

By order of the Aerie this 12th day of June, 1915.

JOHN P. RUSK, W. P. LEE BELINGER, Sec.

It is very probable that the murderers of Johnnie Mahaffey have been arrested and are now in the county jail.

Yesterday two men were picked up on the Minam river when the search was being made for the robbers of the Evans store which occurred Thursday night.

Union county officers were apprised of the appearance of the two men and immediately investigation followed which disclosed the fact the two men now in custody answer the description of the men mentioned in the Observer as having been seen in hobo camp east of the city the afternoon before Mahaffey was killed. It seems that they spent the afternoon in camp and later in the evening moved their temporary camp closer to the city limits, while still later they were seen several times in the Fisher saloon, their last appearance near the saloon being about twenty minutes before the murder was committed.

As further evidence that these are

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building, occupying all of the fifth floor. This, however will probably not be the permanent home of local Eagles as the lodge owns a 70x110 lot on Washington avenue, between Depot and Fourth streets, and some day expect to be the proud possessors of a fine home of their own.

The Eagles' Amusement club has staged several carnivals during its existence in La Grande at various times of different years, and three years ago hit upon the plan of having an annual reunion and Fourth of July celebration covering three days, to which the general public is extended a cordial invitation to attend and participate in. Last year the success of their endeavors was so gratifying, both to the general public and the members of the local order, that it was decided to celebrate the third, fourth and fifth of July, on a more elaborate scale than has heretofore been attempted, and committees who have been perfecting plans for the past several weeks now announce that La Grande is to give its citizens and neighbors ample opportunity to celebrate the glorious fourth in a truly patriotic way. During this year's festivities they will have, besides their joyous three nights' dancing, music, sports and amusements galore.

Various ways of entertaining those attending have been provided, everything from patriotic speaking and appropriate music, on the Fourth, to which G. A. R. and Spanish war veterans are especially invited, to wild animal shows for those who seek more exciting entertainment.

Every afternoon and evening there will be free attractions, and these, together with the smaller stands scattered throughout the grounds, go to make the carnival complete, and promise to furnish the proper kind of entertainment and amusement for visitors to Eagles' park during the three days' festivities.

An excellent floor for dancing has been built and good music provided for those enjoy dancing. More complete details of the plans are announced on page two of the Chautauqua section of this issue.

The general committee which has the arrangements for the coming carnival in hand, is composed of the following members: R. Kelley, Wm. C. Hansen, Chas. Wilson, J. D. Porter, and Lee Bellinger.

War Over Card Playing.

That the action taken by the city council last week in instructing City Marshal Thomas to order proprietors of hotels to cease the practice of card playing in hotel lobbies, is to be contested to the end is shown by the fact that the marshal's orders are being ignored, remarks the Elgin Recorder. Especially is this true as regards the Sommer Hotel, which is conducted by C. S. Rice. It was that establishment at which the order was directed, and the orders given the officer were carried out by him as he was instructed, but to no avail, as card playing is carried on in the hotel as usual.

So far no arrests have been made, but it is expected that some action will be instituted during the next few days. It is doubtful, however, if legal action can be taken against the hotel from a municipal standpoint as the recent ordinance passed was not made to cover that line of business, and the order to cease card playing in hotels

TEN HIP SING MEMBERS COME

SEATTLE DELEGATION ARRIVES FOR BIG TRIAL

Entire Pacific Coast Now Represented by Chinese Visitors.

Ten Chinamen, thought to be of the Hip Sing Tong, arrived last night from Seattle where the tong's strongest headquarters on the coast is located. It is presumed that they will be present at the trial of the two suspected highlanders Billie Eng and Fong, whose cases come up in Circuit court Monday according to present arrangements. This delegation of Chinamen now on hand for the trial, adds territory to the district representative by interested countrymen. Several merchants from Southern California have been here in the interest of Wong Won Duck the aged man shot down several months ago by what is said to be local highlanders.

All the principal towns on the coast will have their representatives from various companies interested and involved, on the scene during the trial which will be one of the most important of its kind anywhere on the Pacific coast in some time.

Annual Meeting Monday. The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the lecture rooms of the association on Monday night, June 14 at eight o'clock. It is hoped that a

WILSON TAKES FIRM POSITION AS A MEDIATOR

GERMAN NOTE PUTS MATTER SQUARELY UP TO THE BEL-LIGERENT NATIONS.

DEMANDS MAY PAVE A PATH FOR PEACE DOVE

Optimistic Attitude Maintained—Situation Between Americans and Germans Much Relieved and Broader Possibilities of the Situation Have Been Discussed.

Washington, June 12.—President Wilson has placed the United States squarely before the warring factions of Europe as a mediator and that Germany's acceptance of the President's demand for a guarantee of safety to Americans from submarine attacks may open a way to peace, was the belief generally expressed in official circles today with the rejoinder in the hands of the kaiser, it was upon a question of possibilities of peace the discussion hinged.

In all quarters the spirit of optimism was evident as to the issues between this government and Germany and broader possibilities were generally discussed. President Wilson has suggested that the United States is willing to transmit exchanges between Germany and Great Britain, tending to remedy conditions of the war upon the seas. Therefore he lined the United States squarely as a mediator.

was simply made by a vote of the council and not by ordinance.

Opposition is growing daily to the now notorious measure and it is apparent that those opposed thereto are going to fight the matter through the courts. The opposition developing does not come from owners of pool halls and hotels alone, but from various citizens, who enjoy card playing, and from some who make no practice of playing the game, all of whom are united to use every reasonable resource to defeat the ordinance or secure an annulment of the same.

In short, should the city cause the arrest of any hotel proprietor for allowing card playing those who favor that pastime will aid the accused in carrying the fight through the legal proceedings that may follow.

Pioneers Gathering.

Portland, Or., June 12.—Hundreds of pioneers are here today to attend the 43rd annual reunion of the Oregon pioneers next week. Those who took part in proceedings either came to, or were born in some part of the "Oregon country" up to 1859. Many reminiscences of the days gone but not forgotten were told by the aged visitors today.

goodly number from the senior membership will be present to participate in this meeting. The terms of George H. Curry, R. L. Duignan, E. G. Adcock, George T. Cochran, and Dr. H. L. Underwood expire at this time. At this critical time in the life of the Y. M. C. A. election of directors is a most vital matter.

During the four months that the building has been open much progress has been made. The membership now stands at 425.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Hibbing, Minn., June 12.—Nick Stanich, a miner, is living today in a porchless house, because he tied a can chuck full of dynamite to his dog's tail, and then lit a fuse, in an attempt to eliminate the dog. The dog lives in a cute little home of his own in the back yard.

The canine was a faithful cur and when Stanich let the fuse, the dog insisted on becoming affectionate with Stanich. Knowing the eccentricities of dynamite, Stanich ran. The dog, thinking his master wanted to play, followed closely. Reaching the house, Stanich leaped inside and slammed the door shut. The dog leaped on the porch and the can caught under the porch. There was a loud explosion. Stanich's home was porchless, but his little dog stood faithfully wagging his tail.