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## Not Likely That Villa is Prisoner

### OFFICIALS CAN GET NO PROOF OF HIS CAPTURE

El Paso, Jan. 21.—Eighteen bandits were executed at Chihuahua this afternoon, paying the penalty for the Santa Ysabel massacre. The official report lacks details, but it is believed they were lined before the firing squad in a public place. It is reported most of them participated in the murder of the Americans.

El Paso, Jan. 21.—General Herrero, commander of the Carranzista forces at Chihuahua has wired that there is no confirmation of the story that the famous Villa has been captured. This followed the announcement from Consul Garriet that Villa is being brought to Juarez for execution.

Officials have admitted that there probably is no truth in the report. Meanwhile the new revolution in Tarron is progressing with many killed. Four thousand Villistas and Zapatistas are reported to have declared that the lives of all Carranzistas and Americans must be forfeited, and they seek to name Felix Diaz as president. General Argumendo is leading the revolt.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Eighteen Mexican prisoners, alleged to have been participants in the Santa Ysabel massacre, will probably be executed at Chihuahua tomorrow, El Paso agents have telegraphed the state department. The evidence against them is unknown.

There is no confirmation of the report that Villa has been captured. Officials disbelieved it because such reports have been circulated a score of times recently.

#### LA GRANDER AN AVIATOR

Former Resident of La Grande Attains Aviation Records in South.

A La Grande man, or rather a former La Grande boy, has attained fame as an aviator. C. W. Preston, former La Grander, now living at San Diego has forwarded the following clipping pertaining to a former resident of this city, to his old friend A. C. Williams:

"Floyd Smith aviator for the Martin company, made a notable flight over North Island yesterday. With a passenger, D. Douglas, he ascended in a Martin flying boat to a height of 12,302 feet. He is a Californian, and he used in the flight a California-built machine with a California motor. The flight is said to establish a world's record for altitude with passenger. The machine is one of four ordered by the war department for the second aero squadron. Smith, 14 years ago, was a San Diego newsboy."

#### Roman Pawn Shops Suffer.

Rome, Italy, Jan. 6.—(By Mail)—War, which has boomed almost every industry in the world, has put the Italian pawnshop not on the boom but on the bum. The Italian women say this has happened because their soldier husbands are not at home to spend their money for drink and the wives can use the government pay to take care of the family instead of pawning everything in sight. Hard times for the people are supposed to make good times for the pawnbroker, but whatever other trials and miseries the war is inflicting upon Italian wives, mothers and sweethearts, it has lessened rather than increased the financial worries. Pawnbrokers in Rome alone report a slump of hundreds of thousands of dollars in business. Most of those are government controlled pawnshops and before the war their portals were among the most frequented in all Italy. The government allowance to wives and families amounts to only a few cents a day, but the Italian women have learned frugality in a hard school and they know their lesson well. Not only are most of them taking care of their families, but many of them are scratching and saving enough soldi to redeem some of the pledged household articles. "Of course I can manage when everything doesn't go for wine," said the wife of a workman. "A lire a day from the government and the fifty centimes a day I make from sewing is a lire and a half more than I had when my man was home. Bread and soup and a little cheese—what more does one want? My children and I manage very well."

#### Day Electric Service.

St. Helens, Ore., Jan. 20.—Superintendent R. F. Cole of the St. Helens Light & Power company, today put a force of men to work stringing wires and making the necessary improvements in the system for a day electric service. Heretofore St. Helens had only night service but the establishment of several industries to operate with electric power made the installation of the day service necessary. Mr. Cole says this service will be ready for its patrons within ten days.

#### National Chicken Show Open.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 21.—Chickens, all powdered and primed and garbed in their finest feathers, but lacking fur, short skirts, high boots and other such apparel, gathered here today for the opening of the annual show of the National Poultry association. Several thousand birds, representing 136 varieties will be on exhibition at the Auditorium all week.

#### Russians Take Town.

Petrograd, Jan. 31.—Russians have occupied Sultanabad, southeast of Hamadan, Tehran dispatches have said. Turks are heading southwest toward Burujird.

#### POLITICAL CALENDAR.

Information of Value to Voters for the Current Year.

This is to be a year of politics, so remember these dates:

April 18—Last day to register for primary election.

April 19—Last day to file petitions or declarations for nominations for county offices, district and justice of the peace.

May 19—Primary election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

May 20—Reopening of registration.

June 4—Last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures of primaries.

September 28—Last day to file certificate of nomination by political party or assembly for county and district.

October 7—Last day to register for general election.

October 13—Last day to file certificate of nomination by individual electors for county, district and precincts.

November 7—General election. Polls open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

November 22—Last day for candidates to file statement of expenditures.

Concerning Nomination Fees.

All candidates desiring to be voted for in the state at large, excepting national committeeman, delegates to national party conventions and presidential electors, \$100; for representatives in congress, \$100; for all other district offices embracing more than one county, excepting senators and representatives in the legislature, \$50; for all candidates for county offices, including district attorney and excepting district offices within the county, \$20; for all candidates for senator and representative in the legislature, \$10; for national party conventions and presidential electors, \$15; for all district offices within the county, \$5; for precinct committeeman, no fee. All candidates elected must file their acceptance with certificate of nomination. There is no United States senator to elect this year, but the fee for entering this race is \$150, if the candidate does not want to circulate a petition.

## ALASKA ROAD GETS TWO MILLION

Washington, Jan. 21.—An urgent deficiency bill has passed the house carrying an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the Alaska railroad already under construction. The passage of this bill means that the work will progress without further delay.

#### MANY INDICTMENTS FOUND.

Government Reports Rapid Progress in Hyphenated American Probe.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Attorney General Gregory has advised the house judiciary committee that the government has indicted 73 persons and four corporations in connections with investigation of hyphenated American plots.

#### MURDERER IS HANGED.

Folsom Gallows Put in Motion to Execute Crime of Murder.

Folsom, Jan. 21.—Roto Bargas was hanged at ten this morning for the crime of killing Frank Amador and child on the Fourth of July. He died in 14 minutes and appeared indifferent on the scaffold.

#### JAP RUMOR SCOUTED.

Government Doesn't Believe Oriental Soldiers Are at Jacumba

Washington, Jan. 21.—Army officials have ridiculed the Los Angeles report that Japanese soldiers are encamped at Jacumba. American soldiers at Calexico would undoubtedly

#### NEW WHEAT RECORD.

Portland, Jan. 21.—Bluestem commanded \$1.13 1-2 cents today, although \$1.16 was held out for. This creates a new season's record.

There is a heavy European demand for wheat but Europeans are complaining of the poor quality in the Eastern markets and now want north-west shipments.

#### ELKS HOLD REHEARSALS.

Comedy Saturated With Funny Incidents and Obstacles.

Rehearsals for the Elks' show are progressing in fine shape, and give promise of being one of the best, if not the very best, amateur performance ever staged in the city. The play is one that sure will drive away the blues. It is one of the cleanest little plays ever written.

Captain Racket, one of the leading characters in the play, is undoubtedly a superb liar. He lies with greatest ease and entirely without malice, but simply for the reason that he is unable to find the right way out otherwise and for that reason is always in a peak of trouble. Due to this one thing a number of unforeseen circumstances arise which make the most laughable situations all through the play.

Between the acts, specialties have been arranged by the best local talent obtainable. Something entirely new and up to standard of many professional acts.

La Grande's best quartet will render several numbers which will be worth the price of admission and there is little doubt but what the show will be worth considerable more than the price charged.

## WHITE HOUSE IS DIPLOMATS HOST

Washington, Jan. 21.—With Ambassador Jesserand of France, dean of the diplomatic corps and Madame Jesserand as guests of honor, President and Mrs. Wilson tonight will entertain at the first of two diplomatic dinners to be given at the White House.

Seating representatives of the warring powers together being out of the question, the President is entertaining the representatives of the entente powers tonight. Next Monday evening representatives of the Central powers will be the guests of honor. At both functions neutrals will be present in equal number.

The names of the guests for this evening have not been made public. Of course it is known that in addition to Monsieur and Madame Jesserand, there will be Ambassador and Madame Bakmeteff of Russia, Viscount and Viscountess Coo of Japan, Sir Cecil and Lady Spring-Rice of Great Britain, Count and Countess Macchi di Cellere of Italy, Viscount de Alte of Portugal and Minister Havenith and his wife, of Belgium.

As to the neutral guests who will be seated at the entente dinner, no information has been given today. It is understood, however, that these will include representatives from Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Norway, Guatemala, Sweden, Denmark, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Persia, Haiti, Venezuela, Costa Rica and Greece.

The seating of the Greek charge with the allies caused some comment when it was learned some time ago, but it was stated at that time that in arranging the neutrals no particular system was used other than selecting them alternately, according to their rank in the diplomatic corps.

Madame Jussarand will sit at the President's right, while the ambassador will sit at Mrs. Wilson's right. On the left of the executive couple will sit Madame Da Gama and Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, respectively. The banquet will be served in the state dining room.

## MONTENEGRIN NATION CRIES OUT FOR FOOD

URGENT APPEAL TO THE ALLIES FOR SUPPLIES SENT BY NICHOLAS.

#### FORMER ALBAN KING JOINS WITH PURSUED

Egyptian Invasion by Kaiser Hinted at in Speech Last Night—Situation in War Zones Little Changed—Bombardment of Bulgarian Towns Reported by Allies.

Paris, Jan. 21.—King Nicholas has appealed to the allies to rush aid to Montenegro, and avert annihilation. The request was transmitted through Italy and asks for food, artillery and ammunition.

Defenders are Retiring.

Rome, Jan. 21.—Montenegrins are retreating toward Scutari, constantly clashing with the pursuing Austrians. The army of Essad Pasha, a former Alban king, has arrived at Scutari to join the Montenegrins.

Dutch Schooner and Crew Sunk.

London, Jan. 21.—Copenhagen reports say all aboard the Dutch schooner Hangerman perished when the vessel was mined off the coast of Denmark. The British steamer Sutherland was submerged in the Mediterranean and the crew taken to Malta. One died of exposure in the life boat en route.

Bulgar Forts Silenced.

Athens, Jan. 21.—After two days' (Continued From Page One)

## HEAVY RAINS VISIT MIDDLE WEST DISTRICT

DOZEN TOWNS IMPERILED BY LIKLIHOOD OF FLOODS SAY REPORTS.

#### SHARP CONTRAST IN WEATHER IN LA GRANDE

In Spite of Moderated Climate in Valley, No Indications of Thaw Preval in Mountain District of Eastern Oregon—Sudden Thaw Would Create Havoc Along River.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—On the heels of exceptionally cold weather and much snow, unusually heavy rains and a January thaw are causing damage to a dozen towns in the middlewest. Lowlands at Calumet, and Chicago, are already flooded. Because of the excessive snow, rains are certain to create floods over a large area, if continued.

Joliet Feels Flood.

Joliet, Jan. 21.—A thousand are homeless and parts of the city are under four to eight feet of water following a continuous deluge. No casualties are reported. The damage is a hundred thousand. Families were rescued in rowboats and hurried to hospitals and fire stations.

Sharp contrast in climatic conditions is noted by weather observers in Eastern Oregon today. The backbone has been broken, and danger of a chinook wind were apparent today when a mild blow came off the hills. At Beaver creek intake and other remote mountain points this morning, there was no especial indication of a thaw and unless there is a marked rise in temperature, in higher altitudes, there is no likelihood of trouble at this time. With excessive snow in the mountains a sharp thaw would be prone to create havoc along the river.

Thawer at Work.

Although the storm has seemingly spent itself, and today's mercurial readings are far above that of two days ago, frozen water pipes are still troublesome. The city has rigged up its electric thawer and today is at work on the northside where some 15 or 20 different homes are without water because of freezeups in the feeder pipes.

GILA BRIDGE GONE

Quarter Million Espee Bridge Washed Out—Yuma Bridge in Danger.

Tucson, Jan. 21.—The Espee bridge across the Gila river was smashed by the floods today. It cost a quarter million. The bridge at Yuma is endangered.

Mrs. L. F. Froebel and her two sons, "Win" and "Ike" former La Granders, live on the Gila (pronounced He-la) river, twenty miles east of Yuma.

PREAK IN TEMPERATURE

Beaver Creek Condition Duplicated Near White Salmon.

Note was made a day or two ago of the unusual difference in temperature between the Beaver Creek intake and La Grande, the higher altitude showing a thermometer reading several degrees above that of points in the valley. A similar story comes from White Salmon, Wash., in a news dispatch dated January 20th. It says: "Yesterday was the coldest day recorded here. The minimum temperature during the night, according to C. W. J. Reckers, in charge of the weather bureau station, was five degrees below zero. Yesterday people walked across the Columbia river on the ice to Hood River for the first time in years. An unusual phenomenon is the variation within short distances. On Burdoin mountain, eight miles from White Salmon, and at nearly 1000 feet greater elevation, the temperature early yesterday was five degrees above, being ten degrees higher than at the weather bureau station in White Salmon."

BRAINS LACKING.

Chief Fault Behind Administration Program Cited by Speaker.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Absence of brains is the principal fault of the administration naval program, Von Meyer told the National Security congress today.

"Only with rare exceptions are the American warships given a full complement. They are now 35,000 short. There is no competent military organization charged with preparation of men on the fleets for war," he said.

#### WHEN STRIKERS TRIED TO BURN EAST YOUNGSTOWN.



report their presence, if true, it is said.

#### Pioneer School Teacher.

Lebanon, Ore., Jan. 20.—E. P. Elliott, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, and one of Linn county's oldest school teachers, died in this city January 14, aged 68 years, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knepper after a short illness. He was born in Kentucky and crossed the plains by ox team with his parents in the fall of 1852, settling near the little town of Crabtree, Linn county. He followed the profession of teaching all his life until his health failed. He leaves many relatives in this state and California.

#### Eugene Creamery Pays Dividend

Eugene, Ore., Jan. 20.—A 10 per cent dividend to its shareholders was declared by the Eugene Farmers' Creamery association, a co-operative company, at its annual meeting held this city yesterday. The directors and officers were re-elected as follows: M. P. Mogenssen, Frank Needham, Jens Olsen, Andrew Baker and Tom Ohlsen, directors; M. P. Mogenssen, president; Jens Olsen, vice president; Tom Ohlsen, secretary, and C. D. Rorer, treasurer.

#### Going to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fisher leave this evening for California where they expect to remain about three months.

No. 2—Ruins of G. V. Hamory & Co banking house, set on fire by strikers or sympathizers.

No. 3—Oscar Diser (incenter) and some vigilantes who helped him save this.

These photographs show the results of the attempts of the steel mill strikers at East Youngstown, O., to burn the city. Militiamen were hurried to the scene after the vigilante committee organized by City Solicitor Oscar Diser had held the mob, which was attacking firemen who were trying to put out flames strikers or their sympathizers had started.