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8000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS WILL BE RUSHED TO MEXICO

CARRANZA WONT HAMPER CHASE AFTER BANDIT VILLA

NEW DASHES OVER BORDER CAUSE CRIME

REPORTS TELL OF NEW HORRORS PERPETRATED ON AMERICANS

CAVALRY WILL LEAD EXPEDITION SOUTHWARD

President Wilson asserts Americans Will Follow and Capture Villa Doing So With Scrupulous Regard for Welfare of Defacto Government Which Will Not Object.

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Refugees this afternoon assert that Villa troops are within eight miles of the city preparing for another raid. It is reported an American rancher several miles west of here was killed this morning and his ranch destroyed.

Washington, March 10.—Eight thousand American soldiers will invade Mexico immediately for the purpose of capturing Villa and exterminating his followers who raided Columbus, New Mexico. The President issued the following statement this afternoon:

"An adequate force will be sent to Mexico at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays. This can and will be done entirely in a friendly aid to constituted authorities in Mexico, with scrupulous respect of the republic's sovereignty."

The President's declaration has indicated Carranza has informed the government of willingness to have Americans co-operate in ending Villa's banditry.

Plans Much Secret

Secretary of War Baker has refused a statement about plans of action, but the expedition will be chiefly infantry, with 2000 cavalry and a detachment of field artillery and several batteries of mountain guns on mules. The guns are specially adapted to guerrilla fighting.

Cavalry Will Lead

A flying column of 2000 men mostly cavalry, will constitute the advance forces in the search of Villa and make tentative plans for the campaign.

Concentrate At Columbus

The forces will probably concentrate at Columbus within the day and at points east and west. They will likely drive straight south, until they have caught up with Villa and then turn toward each other, thereby surrounding Villa.

Senator Fall has introduced a resolution in the house asking for a half million dollars immediately to cover the invasion.

Border Raids Continue

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Villistas continued their raids today. At several points bandits invaded New Mexico, looted ranch houses and drove away cattle and horses.

Several Murders Are Reported

Colonel Slocum reported all raiders have been cleared from American soil at noon. Large bands are encamped close to the boundary in many places.

It is believed Villa has 4000 followers within a few miles of the boundary.

Receiver Skiff Goes to Hot Lake

Nolan Skiff, receiver of the United States land office at La Grande, left this morning for Hot Lake where he intends to remain a few days. For some time past Mr. Skiff has been suffering from after effects of a severe attack of the grip and he concluded that the best thing under the circumstances was to place himself under the care of Dr. Tape and this he will do, with the idea of remaining at the lake a couple of weeks or longer.

WAR MOVES TODAY

Paris, March 10.—The trans-Atlantic liner *Louisiane* was torpedoed and sunk, but her crew was saved. It is believed she was in French admiralty service.

Petrograd, March 10.—Turkish and Persian troops and German officers are evacuating Isphan before the Russian advance, which is now within 30 miles of Treshbicond.

London, March 10.—The British destroyer *Coquette* and a torpedo boat No. 11, were mined today. One officer and 21 men on the destroyer and 20 men on the torpedo boat perished.

Allen Funeral Tomorrow

The funeral over the remains of the late John Allen will be held from the Bohnenkamp chapel at 1:30 tomorrow.

CLUB WOMEN HEAR CHIEF

CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON POPULAR

Lecture Tonight To Be Important Function in Club Life

"What the Nation is doing for the children," will be the theme of tonight's address at the high school auditorium by Mrs. George McMath, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, who is here today to conduct a conference this afternoon with mothers at the Presbyterian church. C. P. Ferrin will sing at the opening of the address.

The conference this afternoon was well attended, and much stress is being laid on tonight's lecture by Mrs. McMath. Mrs. George Gilbert, president of the neighborhood club which has had general supervision of Baby week plans, will preside at the evening session.

Mrs. McMath was in Cove and Union before coming here, she and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe returning last midnight. They go to Elgin tomorrow.

The address tonight is free. Mrs. McMath is a polished speaker and well versed in her subject. A big attendance is greatly desired.

Mass Meeting Tomorrow

Baby week in La Grande will close with a mass meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Presbyterian church beginning at 2 o'clock. Miss Anna Turley of O. A. C. will be one of the chief speakers, and the topic assigned to her is children's diet, reaching as far as the fifth or sixth year. It will be an intensely interesting meeting. It is expected several other speakers will be heard. The Neighborhood club is anxious to have a big crowd and the officers feel certain that the meeting will be a fitting close to the week's program.

HOG BUSINESS GROWS.

Considerable Addition to Be Built by Portland Stockyards Concern.

Portland, Ore., March 10.—Growth of the hog business in the Pacific Northwest was assigned today as the cause which necessitates the immediate construction of a new \$150,000, 7-story addition to the packing plant of the Union Meat company in North Portland.

President C. C. Colt announced that plans for the building already are being prepared and construction will be under way soon. Although the Portland Stockyards company is owned by the same interests which control the Union Meat company, the new building at the packing plant is not part of the improvements planned this spring by the stockyards company, Colt said.

The stockyards is enlarging its capacity 25 per cent.

The packing company has spent \$75,000 in the past year on minor improvements leading up to the construction of the 7-story "cooler and curing building" for the pork department.

FRENCH RETAIN CONFIDENCE

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Paris, March 10.—With blasting hurricanes of shell fire and fierce infantry fighting, the battle of Verdun entered the third and possibly the final state today (Friday). Germans are throwing massed battalions against the French at the center, Fort Devaux, and assailing the left repeatedly. There is a continuous road of artillery southeast of Verdun as far as Fresnes.

Unequalled Sacrifices the Price

Experts believe that Germany is prepared to make unequalled sacrifices to capture Verdun. The French show absolutely no semblance of fear regarding the outcome. Colonel Rousset declared to me this morning that Germany has planned a mighty blow against Verdun. If Germany fails, the check will be irreparable.

Three Phases of Battle Pointed Out

The first phase of the battle was a disappointment to Germans, it is believed. The captured advanced positions were first blown to pieces by lavish shelling.

The second phase was preparation and rearranging of the artillery. The third phase now on is developing heavy attacks at both wings, with batterings at the center. From the viewpoint of the French the capture of Verdun will be a hollow victory. Between Verdun and Paris there is almost a solid mass of barbed wire entanglements and earthworks. Neutral experts say that Germany is paying 25,000 men for each advance of 1000 yards. General Joffre is able to spare a few miles at the price, they point out.

Berlin, March 10.—Today's statement admitted French regained a foothold in Vaux.

French Dispute Rumors

Paris, March 10.—A communique today hotly denied reported German successes around Verdun. It said the

German claim of capture of the fortress and village of Vaux, was an insult to intelligent neutrals. The same thing was said in regard to the report that an attempted French offensive started the battle of Verdun. There were no infantry attacks last night.

SHOOTING WILL BE PUNISHED CHILD KICKED BY A HORSE

PROMISCUOUS FIRING ON STREETS EXCITING. SKULL WAS PIERCED BY POINT OF THE SHOE

Charley Kelley Shot at by Man Named Buffon Last Night.

Frank Buffon, reported to have relatives at Island City but himself more or less of a stranger in La Grande, last evening fired two revolver shots at Charles Kelley, of this city, the bullets striking the sidewalk. Kelley wasn't scratched, although for a time it was thought he was mortally wounded. Bystanders say he was badly intoxicated, and the fright probably, caused him to scream and moan as if in great pain. The shooting happened at Fir and Madison, near the Glass House, and immediately afterwards he was carried to the nearby blacksmith shop and later taken to the city jail. His outward manifestations of bodily harm were probably due to fright as none of the bullets hit him. The affair created a great deal of excitement.

K. Ford, also of this city, was with the party. His story is that he saw Kelley was drunk and attempted to assist him in getting off the street. Ford says that when the party reached the corner at the Glass House Kelley and Buffon scuffled, resulting in the shooting. Ford's escape from the bullets was miraculous as he was in the path of the ricocheting bullets. Dr. Riley was driving by at the time, and though he didn't see the first shot fired, he heard it and turned to see Buffon shoot the second time. Mr. Riley relates that when the second shot was fired, Kelley reeled to the fire hydrant nearby, and learned across it, moaning. Buffon, Dr. Riley says, first put the gun in his own pocket, and later slipped in into Kelley's. Patrolman Christensen had been following the crowd at a distance, and hurriedly put all under arrest.

Preliminary hearings are set for this afternoon. It is likely Buffon will face a charge alleging assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill, meaning a penitentiary sentence if guilty, and Kelley will face a drunk and disorderly charge.

The men say they stole the liquor which caused the spree.

Public indignation is high at the promiscuous shooting on the streets. Bystanders were in great danger, and it is good fortune chiefly that prevented death of either participants or entirely innocent persons.

Hears of Sister's Illness

Mrs. Joseph Turnbow received a telephone communication today from Heppner, saying her sister, Mrs. Steers, is very ill. She expects to leave tonight for the bedside.

Attending Physician in Doubt as to Ultimate Recovery.

A six-year-old son of Tyler Sheppard, who lives in the western part of town, was seriously and possibly fatally injured by a kick in the head by a horse yesterday evening. The horse was in the yard and the child playfully approached from the rear and touched the horse with a switch. The animal was sharp shod and viciously kicked the calf of the shoe entering the child's forehead. Dr. Hall attended the injury by removal of the fractured pieces of the skull and also found that the brain was seriously bruised and by removal of the covering extracted a blood clot which had formed. The doctor reports that the injury is of a very dangerous character, although there were some evidence in the child's condition today that were encouraging. He states that it is not possible to say what the outcome may be. An idea of the force of the blow inflicted by the horse's heel may be had from the fact that the point of the shoe also penetrated the front piece of the cap which the child was wearing.

Coming Back to La Grande

J. W. Bush who has been visiting in La Grande a few days left for his ranch in Cove today. Mr. Bush has disposed of all the Holstein cows and heifers on the place, two carloads in all, to a man at Lewiston and the shipment was sent out last week. He will also dispose of the male stock and all his farm interests in Cove and will return to make La Grande his home.

Quick Time With Wrecker

This morning a freight car was derailed on the main line a mile east of Lime on account of a broken truck. Word was received in La Grande at 11:10 and at half past eleven the wrecker was on the way in order to clear the obstruction in advance of No. 6. Fred Schilke, the company's traveling engineer, accompanied the wrecking crew.

ENG CHONG OUT

Wounded Chinaman Able To Be Down Town First Time After Assault

After having suffered several weeks from the effects of wounds inflicted on him during the tong war, Eng Chong was able to come down town from his south La Grande home today. He is on crutches.

DEFENDANT WINS VERDICT.

Case Tried Over Period of Nearly Seven Days Comes to an End.

After having listened for nearly seven full days to testimony, arguments and motions the jury in the *Emily Timber Co.*, case against the *O-W*, today returned a verdict in favor of the defendant.

The case went to trial a week ago yesterday, and continued with close attention to legal points of law into the seventh day. The jury was out but a short time. The plaintiff company sued for about \$11,000.00 as damages for fire losses to timber land which the company claimed was started by an *O-W* locomotive spark.

The defendant company called about 30 witnesses, and the plaintiffs some 15. Exhibits were numerous on both sides, and the whole case set a mark of going farther than any similar case in a long time in the circuit court here.

BUILDING IS WELL STARTED

PROSPECTIVE LIST CALLS FOR BIG INVESTMENTS.

In Spite of Severe Winter, Considerable Work Was Done.

With the La Grande Grocery company about to build a big warehouse on a location said to be much nearer the business district than the present wholesale territory, several homes prospectively planned, a garage or two discussed, and general repairs and building operations already under way, builders and contractors look forward to a busy spring and early summer.

The outlay for new buildings and repairs is already big—remembering the severity of the winter which forbade construction work, especially during the month of February.

Since the beginning of the year, there has been a considerable hum of the saw and whack of the hammer. W. M. Rollins began construction January 13 of a one-story frame building on lot 9, block 2, in sugar addition to be used as a dwelling. It fronts on Y between Spruce and Pine streets. Mr. Rollins is the owner of the building, and the cost was estimated at \$600.00.

On January 18, Steve Gardiner was granted a permit to alter and repair the two-story brick on Depot street for store purposes, at a cost of \$250.00. Contractor O. J. Johnson did the work.

January 24, Levy & Vogel, druggists, were permitted to make repairs and alterations to their drug store at a cost of \$200.00.

January 25, Julius Roesch obtained permission to build a two-story brick on Depot street to be used as a store. It fronts on Depot, between Adams and Jefferson and excavation is now under way. The cost for the building will be about \$3000.00. John L. Mars is the contractor.

March 1st, J. H. Stocker was permitted to erect a one-story frame on lot 25, block 11, in Pleasant Home addition, to be used for a dwelling, at a cost of \$1,000.00. Mr. Stocker is the owner and builder.

March 3rd, E. C. Davis began construction of a one-story frame on lot 1 and 2, block 148, Chaplin addition to be used for office purposes. It fronts on S. between Greenwood and Spruce. The cost is \$250.00 and Joe Horstman is the builder.

March 6th, Emma Wood was granted a permit to erect a one-story frame bungalow for store and dwelling purposes. It is on Fourth between C and D streets and will cost \$1500.00. Nash & Smith are the builders. Miss Wood will occupy part of the place for her home and conduct a grocery store in the remainder. She bought it from her brother-in-law, George Baker.

L. E. Scott, March 6th, began erection of a one story frame building to be used as a dwelling at Y street between Ash and Fourth. It will cost \$1000 and Mr. Scott is the builder.

March 7, Robert Rostack began alterations and repairs to a one-story frame on Riverside addition to be used as a dwelling. It lies on Third street between Crook and Z avenues. Mr. Smeal will build and make the repairs and they will cost \$200.00.

DELIBERATION AT SALEM HAS SOLEMN TREND

SERIOUS QUESTIONS CONSIDERED WITH DEEP CONCERN BY ALL

CORRESPONDENT SEES WELL DEFINED LINES

Men From Arid Country Want Bond Issue, and From Other Districts Men Are Opposed—Wide Range of Interest Represented At Meeting of Monumental Significance.

Salem, Ore., March 9.—(Special)—Delegates numbering over fifty, gathered here today for the purpose of discussing the possibility of using the state's credit for development purposes.

Started in December by the Irrigation Congress calling this meeting the interest is such that representatives from almost every commercial organization are in attendance.

The pre-convention sentiment seems to be very much divided and if anyone has a definite plan to offer at this meeting he is keeping it well under cover and not letting the fact be known.

"Bonds," is the talk. It seems to be generally known, however, that if anything at all is accomplished along the lines suggested by those calling the meeting that state bonds must be the basis of the whole scheme. Whereupon mention of bonding the state is causing quite a number of good substantial delegates to talk loud in conversation. The arid land men are positive of their needs, as are the swamp land owners and if they could decide the matter it would be short work. But the farm credit feature is to be considered and in the consideration will come the setting for the heavy discussion and final trouble, if trouble, there happens to be.

A Special Musicales

A special musicale will be rendered at the M. E. church on Sunday evening—"The Light Eternal." Mr. Howland will render a special tenor solo, and Mrs. George H. Currey, Mrs. Bohmon, Mrs. J. J. Carr and Paul Knautz will render solos with the evening program.

Stockmen Will Meet

A meeting of stockgrowers is to be held at North Powder tomorrow. John Wells, of Alicel, who is president of state horse breeders' association, will be one of the attendants from this section and is billed to make an address at the meeting.

GUGGENHEIM MAN HERE

Former O-W Official, Now Alaska Railroad, Visits With Friends.

The Guggenheim's personal representative in Alaska, R. A. (Bob) Baxter, was in La Grande this morning for a few moments while No. 17 changed engines. Mr. Baxter, who is the vice president and general manager of the Guggenheim railroads in Alaska, and head of the steamship lines over both inside and outside channels, has been in New York consulting with the Guggenheims, and while in La Grande this morning met several old time friends.

While Mr. Baxter has one of the most responsible positions under the Guggenheim holdings, he is a familiar figure in La Grande. A good many years ago he was general superintendent of the O-W and is a brother-in-law of the Dunn boys of this city.

He began his railroad career as a call boy for the Union Pacific at Laramie, Wyoming.