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VILLA PLAN TO MURDER 500 MORMONS FRUSTRATED

GERMANS HAVE BROKEN FRENCH RHEIMS TRENCH

UNEXPECTED ATTACK NETS
TEUTONS ADVANCE OF
THREE-FOURTHS MILE.

GOOSE HILL HOLD IS
SERIOUSLY THREATENED

While French and German Reports
Differ Some, it is Apparent Ger-
mans Have Had the Better of the
Argument Today—French Say Few
Germans Occupy Houses at Doux.

Berlin, March 11.—Making an un-
expected attack near Rheims, Ger-
mans have penetrated the French
lines two-thirds of a mile on a 1400
yard front, headquarters have an-
nounced.

London, March 11.—A sudden Ger-
man thrust at Corbeaux Woods has
imperiled the French five-mile front
west of Meuse, dispatches have said.
Germans are reported wasting lives
recklessly in an attempt to advance
to the Forges-Cumeres road. Success
of that venture would force General
Joffre to evacuate trenches at Goose
Hill and Bethincourt. Paris admit-
ted the German gain, but declared
counter attacks recaptured the posi-
tions.

Reports are contradictory regard-
ing results of intense fighting at Vaux
last night. French admitted Ger-
mans occupied a few houses in the
village of Vaux.

Turks Flee Treshbicond.
Petrograd, March 11.—Tribicond
will be surrendered with little re-
sistance. A Tiflis dispatch has said.
Guns in the harbor district have been
disarmed and valuables removed.
Russians are within a day's march
while the fleet is harassing the re-
treating Turks.

George Conn Is Dead
Roseburg, Or., March 10.—George
Conn, a pioneer of 1854, was buried
here this morning. He died at Oak-
land, Cal., aged 76 years. He is sur-
vived by Frank and Harmon Conn of
Portland, and N. L. Conn, of Mel-
rose, and La Fayette Conn, of Lake-
view, all brothers, and his wife.

Ties For Place in Contest
Chehalis, Wash., March 10.—The
officers of the Lewis County Co-
operative Creamery, of Chehalis,
have just received word that the
Chehalis creamery tied with three
others for third place in a contest
recently held in Spokane between
creameries from Utah, Colorado,
Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Wash-
ington. The Chehalis creamery, the
Capitol Creamery, of Olympia, and
the Hazelwood, of Spokane, each
scored 93.5, tying for third place.
The Stevenson creamery, Montana,
was first, scoring 95, and Student
Montana college, of Bozeman, Mont.,
second, with 94.5.

Convict Will Return to Oregon
Marshfield, Or., March 10.—Ed.
Wilson is to be released March 10
from San Quentin and will be
brought back to Coos to receive a
sentence for non-support. Deputy
Sheriff Laird has gone south after
him. Wilson was convicted two
years ago, but escaped before sen-
tence was pronounced. He came
back and sailed to San Francisco
aboard the 30-foot schooner Barna-
cle and was in the crew later caught
and convicted of counterfeiting. His
wife a few months ago attempted
suicide in a local rooming house.

Salmon Fry Transplanted.
Tacoma, March 10.—County Game
Warden Light reports 200,000 chi-
nook salmon fry from the Muck
creek hatchery have been planted in
county lakes during the past week.
Of this number 75,000 were planted
in American lake, 75,000 in Steila-
com lake and 50,000 in Spanaway
lake. Fifteen pairs of Chinese pheas-
ants were yesterday liberated in the
American lake game preserve.

COLT SHOW SATURDAY

After repeated postpone-
ments due to bad weather and
bad roads, the Imbler Colt show
association has now set next
Saturday as the day of the an-
nual affair. It will be held at
Imbler as first announced and
the list of prizes and classes of
show can be had by conferring
with Secretary Sherwood Will-
iams or President S. L. Brooks.
The event is open to the en-
tire county and is promoted for
the purpose of creating greater
interest in the breeding of bet-
ter colts which means better
horses in the end.

IMBLER FAMILY MOVES.

Group of Men Cast Fortunes in the
Burns Country.

Imbler, March 11.—(Special)—Wil-
liam Henrie, Frank Perry, William
Taylor, Frank Blanchard and Harvey
Berry shipped their furniture and
stock and started for their new homes
near Burns, the first of the week. The
wives and children will follow their
husbands in about a week. Mr.
Henrie and the son-in-law named
above will try their fortunes on the
land they recently received in trade
for their ranch and orchard land near
Imbler.

COLE STEERS SOLD.

Twenty-Six Big Fellows Brought to
La Grande From Haines.

A carload of 26 grain-fed steers
raised and fed by Ed Cole of Haines,
whose stock won championships the
past few years about every place
shown, have been brought to La
Grande. The Grande Ronde Meat
company bought them, and have
some dressed specimens on display in
their windows and have some seven
or eight carcasses in their cooling
rooms already. The Cole steers gen-
erally go to Portland and it is rather
unusual to have such large shipments
brought to La Grande from the
Haines stockman.

OREGON MILITIA READY

Governor Says That 1700 Men Can
Be Mobilized

Salem, Or., March 10.—Should the
United States intervention in Mexico
because of the massacre yesterday of
Americans by Mexicans in New Mex-
ico, the Oregon national guard could
contribute one regiment of infantry,
one battery of field artillery, one
troop of cavalry, and sanitary de-
tachments, according to Governor
Withycombe. The peace strength of
the above is approximately 1700 men,
and when raised to war strength
they would include about 3000 men.

"Our militia is today in a high
state of efficiency and Adjutant
General White has assured me that it
would be ready promptly in accord-
ance with the mobilization plans out-
lined by the war department," said
the governor.

Asked if he believed the militia
would be called upon in the near fu-
ture, Governor Withycombe said:

"I do not think so, as I am in-
clined to believe the regular troops
should be able to bring the Mexicans
under Villa to justice. However, the
situation has become very acute and
it is possible at any time for new de-
velopments to require the calling out
of at least part of the militia. If
so, I am very glad to say that Ore-
gon is ready and anxious to do its
share, and so far as I am concerned,
the adjutant general and his organi-
zation will have my most enthu-
siastic assistance and co-operation in any
steps which may prove necessary."

Seven-Masted Ships Gone.

Gunatanamo, Cuba, March 4.—
That the distinctly American sailing
ship has disappeared from the high
seas is evidenced in the fact that
only fifty per cent of the force of
United States Marines on duty at this
station could tell the names of the
seven masts, at an examination re-
cently held here.

These "soldiers and sailors too,"—
members of the United States
Marine Corps, keep themselves keenly
alive to things nautical, as well as
military, and that only half of the
force could name the seven masts is
due entirely to the fact that there
are now no seven-masted schooners
flying the American flag. The Thomas
W. Lawson was the last of these.

Fore, main, mizzen, pusher, driver,
jigger, and spanker, are the names
in order running fore and aft, of a
seven masted ship.

FUNSTON WITH SUPREME POWER GUARDS SECRETS

GEN. FUNSTON GIVEN CARTE
BLANCHE ORDERS AND CON-
GRESS WILL KEEP HANDS OFF
THE SITUATION IN MEXICO
TROUBLE.

Washington, March 11.—The sen-
ate foreign relations committee to-
day unanimously approved President
Wilson's action in regard to Mexico,
after Senator Stone had submitted an
official report.

Carranza's foreign minister has
telegraphed to Wilson without defi-
nitely approving the expedition in
pursuit of Villa. In turn he has asked
permission to send Mexican troops
to American territory in case of re-
petition of raids.

General Funston has been given his
orders and has complete power to act.
He will make his own plans and prob-
ably dash across the boundary at sev-
eral places. His movements are
guarded secretly.

Congress has obliterated all parti-
sanism and has promised to keep
hands off in Mexico.

Representative Hay, after confer-
ing with Lansing, declared the be-
lief that American troops are now
well across the border in pursuit of
Villa. The ministers of Argentina,
Brazil, Columbia and Peru conferred
with Lansing this afternoon. Car-
ranza's proposition to allow Mexican
troops to enter American soil in pur-
suit of bandits will probably be
granted. It became known today that
the administration favors the plan.

Army aviators will probably have
their first real tryout in the present
campaign. It is reported that aero-
planes from San Antonio and San
Diego are prepared to leave immedi-
ately for the front. These will be
used for scouting purposes and will
probably prove valuable in locating
the bandits' rendezvous, if guerilla
fighting predominates.

Columbus, N. M., March 11.—Six
Mexican prisoners released by the
Thirtieth cavalry yesterday were
found dead today a mile east of town,
with their bodies riddled with rifle
bullets. When free, the prisoners
were ordered to leave the city. Some
are alleged to have been among the
Villista raiders. The civil and mili-

MORMON FUGITIVES SAVED
FROM DEATH BY VILLA BANDS
—TOTAL DEATHS AT COLUM-
BUS REACH 18—STRICT CEN-
SORSHIP MAINTAINED.

El Paso, March 11.—Francisco Vil-
la's plans to massacre 500 American
Mormons now fleeing from Mexico
were foiled today, Consul Garcia has
informed the United Press. Carranza
halted trains on the Mexican
Northwestern line when they had pos-
sible information that Villa planned
to interrupt the Mormons at Guzman
and massacre all of them. Villa left
Guzman at day break with 300 fol-
lowers.

Censorship Strict

There is a strict censorship here,
but it is reliably reported that gar-
risons of regular troops in Wyoming
have been ordered to the border. No
movement of American troops is ap-
parent here.

Pershings In Charge

General Funston is remaining at
San Antonio and General Pershing
will probably have active charge of
the invasion.

Invasion Is Delayed

It is reported that the troops will
not likely enter Mexico before Mon-
day, but this may be a misleading
statement to throw Villa off his track.

Soldiers are highly pleased at the
prospect of real action. Carranza is
preparing to aid American forces in
the invasion and expedition it is re-
ported.

The death of another wounded sol-
dier at Fort Bliss has made the total
American dead from the Columbus
raid 18. Villistas raided a ranch at
troops have been rushed there.

Villa Will Be Here

Columbus, March 11.—Americans
expeditions into Mexico will make
Villa National hero." This says Cap-
tain Farias, a wounded Villista cap-
tured during Thursday's raid. He
declared further:

"Villa probably will retire before
the Americans for a time but in the
interior he will be strengthened a
hundred fold. All Mexicans will re-
sist the invasion."

HIGH WATER THREATENS BRIDGE

High water and a swift current
have combined to undermine the east
end of the concrete pier at the south
end of the Riverside Park bridge.
The damage thus far is not serious,
although demanding immediate atten-
tion. As a result of the current a
big slice of the approach to the south
end of the bridge crumbled away, but
still left plenty of room for vehicles
to cross the bridge. Early this morn-
ing a force was put to work to fill
the break and County Judge Phy lost
no time in securing a number of teams
to haul rock from the hillside to fill
the breach and if possible stop the
underflow at the pier. Five teams
have been at work during the day
and it is believed that the threatened
break through the entire roadway
may be averted.

Poor Farm Threatened.

There is some danger of an over-
flow at the poor farm near Island
City. The north bank of the river is
very low at this place. Last season
a new channel was opened out but
this has been partially dammed up by
debris from the old Ora Dell dam
which gave way night before last.
Some of the material from the old
structure has lodged in the river
causing a backing of the water. There
is also a force of men at work at the
poor farm to prevent an overflow.
Unless there is a very sudden and
unusual raise in the river it is be-
lieved that no special damage will
result.

Splash Boards Blown Out.

The splash boards at the dam at
Perry have been dynamited and this
gives a clean way for the water.
From the fact that all the ice has
been cleared from the river above
Perry there is little to fear from
jams or other interference with flood
of water that is reasonably likely
to come.

High Stage Not Reached.

There is a good strong current
caused by the rain of the forepart of
the week and the continued warm

weather since then, but there is a
good deal of clearance space still left
before the river becomes dangerous-
ly high. It will depend almost
wholly on the state of the weather and
the temperature in the higher alti-
tudes.

Smith Is Again a Candidate.

Marshfield, Ore., March 10.—State
Senator I. S. Smith today announced
his candidacy on the Republican
ticket to succeed himself. One of his
plans will be "to enact a law pro-
tecting vessels and cargo from pi-
racy," having direct reference to the
condition existing here when the
steamship, ante Clara, went ashore
and the cargo was looted by pirates.

Imbler Society Event Unique.

Imbler, March 11.—(Special)—
Miss Effie Snider and Miss Echel
Pearson entertained the high school
students, members of the faculty and
a few outside guests, at the I. A. C.
hall Thursday evening. The evening's
program was a little out of the ordi-
nary. Each invitation sent out re-
quired the invited party to appear
dressed as a little tot and to be pre-
pared to entertain the others with a
juvenile song, recitation or similar
"stunt." When the guests assembled
the motley array of "kid" costumes,
dolls, express wagons, balls, marbles,
etc., was a sight to make Father
Time suspect that the world was turn-
ing the wrong way. Games suitable
to the occasion, such as, black man,
grunt and drop the handkerchief,
were followed by a "banquet" consist-
ing of bread, milk, animal cookies,
and all-day suckers. Those present
besides the students were Mr. and
Mrs. E. E. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. O. D.
Fleener, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Connor,
Miss Edna Martin, Lyle Stringham,
Arthur Martin, and Wilfred West-
erlow.

WAR MOVES TODAY

Washington, March 11.—Dispatch-
es said today the Norwegian steamer
Silus was torpedoed near Havre. She
carried seven Americans and was
sunk without warning. Three of the
crew were drowned but the Americans
were saved.

Immediately upon receipt of the
dispatches, the state department an-
nounced America would hold to strict
account the nation whose submarine
made the attack, provided the original
report was confirmed.

This case may be the most serious
confronted during the submarine dis-
putes.

New Grocery Store.

W. S. Allison goes back to his old
line of business in La Grande—
known as the grocery and provision
business. He has taken a long lease
on a room in the Steward building
on Adams avenue. This store will
be known as the "Mammoth Gro-
cery." The room will be overhauled
and an up-to-date front put in and
the premises put in a class among the
best stores in the states.

Mr. Allison was an old-timer in
this business in his Iowa home before
coming to La Grande and he says he
would rather sell groceries than eat.

STREET CLEAR OF ICE.

Last Vestige of February Storms
Being Hauled Away Today.

Ice and snow that melted slowly
due to the location in shady spots on
the pavement, was hauled away by
the street department and the last
vestige of the February storms are
gone. This was done to make street
flushing possible, that having been
commenced today.

STREET SENTENCES GIVEN.

Disorderly Conduct Leads to Thirty-
Day Sentence by Judge.

As part of the aftermath of the
shooting at Charles Kelley evening
before last, Municipal Judge Eakin
last evening sentenced Charles Kelley
and K. Ford to serve 30 days on the
streets for being disorderly the night
before. The city administration is
determined to punish all evidence of
prohibition violations with limit sen-
tences. The officials have been told
that Kelley secured a duplicate key
to his father's private supply of
family liquor room and there obtain-
ed the whiskey which lead to the
drinking.

The third member of the party is
being charged with assault with in-
tent to kill and his preliminary hear-
ing will come up in justice court.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET.

The Young Peoples' Christian Un-
ion will hold a devotional and business
meeting at the Presbyterian church
Sunday night at 6:30 p. m. All young
people are urged to attend.

BALLGAME TONIGHT.

Tonight there will be a basketball
game between the M. I. A. juniors of
Union and the La Grande all-stars,
juniors. The game is booked for the
Y. M. C. A. and some fast juvenile
basketball playing is looked forward
to. The La Grande team will lineup
as follows: Clifford, Horstman, How-
ard Stoddard, Park Taylor, Joe Cor-
bett, Fred Kivette, Junius Ferrin and
Grant Geddes, sub.

Victim of Badger Game

Alvin P. Snapp seems to be the
doomed victim of a badger game—not
exactly the kind that was recently
pulled off in Seattle. An animal,
supposedly a badger, recently entered
Mr. Snapp's chicken house by burrow-
ing a hole underneath. None of the
chickens were lost the first time and
a trap was set. On the next visita-
tion the animal side-stepped the trap
and got one of the chickens. His
regular schedule seems to be on al-
ternate nights and he is due again
tonight. The trap is still in waiting.

BIG WOODMAN CLASS

Between 20 and 25 Will Be Taken Into
La Grande Camp M. W. A.

The first Thursday in April prom-
ises to be a banner night for La Grande
camp No. 7703. Island City will
bring up a class of five or six to be
initiated here, and there will be close
to 25 initiates and reinstatements of
the home lodge.

Eagles Initiate

Last evening the Eagles took in a
big class. During the present month
the order has grown with marked
rapidity.

HEAVY TRAFFIC IN LIQUORS IN 2ND DRY MONTH

INCREASE OVER JANUARY
MANY HUNDRED PERCENT
IN ALL LINES.

ALCOHOL ALONE HAS
A TOTAL OF 138 QUARTS

While 360 Quarts of Beer Were
Brought in, 1162 People bought
Ethyl Alcohol in the Various Drug
Stores of the County—North
Powder Records Show no Ship-
ments.

Union county was muchly thirated
during February the second month of
the reign of prohibition. Her citi-
zens had shipped in to them from
outside points a total of 408 quarts
of beer, 247 quarts of whiskey and
138 quarts of alcohol. The increase
in consumption of beer alone over the
first month, when most cellars were
stocked with pre-prohibition supplies,
is several hundred percent. Two or
three dozen bottles constitutes the
January sales.

La Grande of course was the heav-
iest trafficker in liquor. In addition
to using 360 quarts of beer and 138
quarts of alcohol to say nothing of
125 quarts of whiskey, there were 162
people who bought ethyl alcohol
at the drug stores. These sales vary,
ranging from a half pint to a quart
or more, and a generally fair average
for all sales would be a pint and a
half to each. The customary rea-
sons advanced by purchasers appear
in affidavits, the limit time for which
they may be filed having expired last
evening.

North Powder common carriers
didn't report any shipments and ex-
tremely few drug stores sales. A
summary of the liquor traffic during
February, dealing in quarts only,
follows:

Whiskey, alcohol and beer statis- tics:			
	La Grande—	Alc.	Whis. Beer
Express		125	24
Freight	138		360
Total	138	125	360
Union—			
Express		88	24
Elgin—			
Express		28	24
Imbler—			
Express		6	
Total		247	408

Total sale by druggists:
La Grande 162, Cove 2, Union 3,
North Powder 4—Total 171, at an
average of 1 1/2 pints each or approx-
imately 256 pints.

MILLS NOT GUILTY.

Jury Exonerates Telocaset Man of
Grand Jury Charge.

After being on trial for less than
a day, M. A. Mills of Telocaset yester-
day evening was found not guilty
by the circuit court jury which heard
the evidence. Mills was indicted by
the grand jury on a charge of hav-
ing obtained money under false pre-
tences.

STOOP ON TRIAL.

Charge Is He Sold Liquor on Sunday
One Day Last Summer.

Circuit court is taken up today with
the trial of L. A. Stoop of Elgin. He
is accused of selling liquor on Sunday
to a party of La Grande people who
were out on a joyride, and who inci-
dentally at the time became involved
in an auto accident, that act alone
causing a lawsuit to be filed. Selec-
tion of a jury began this morning.

Street Sprinkler Out

The street flusher, spangling in a
new coat of paint and Henry Belmer
with his pair of truck ponies which
weigh about a ton each, are out for
the first time this year. Only a day
or two ago the remnants of the big
snow storm were still visible on the
shady side of Adams avenue, but a
little bit of sunshine and breeze has
made a difference.