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VILLA BACKS INTO CANYON

TWO-HUNDRED MILE DEFILE MAY BE SCENE OF FINAL SHOW-DOWN FIGHT.

DODD'S CAVALRY PRESSING ON HEELS IS REPORT

Only Escape Is Through Eastern Entrance to Big Canyon Where Carranzistas Could Capture him if He Escaped From Dodd—Aviator Brings Word From Pershing Via Air.

El Paso, March 25.—Villa's main force of 200 men are in the Santa Clara canyon 30 miles from the Western entrance with Dodd's cavalry close upon him. General Gaviarra has asserted in a statement to the United Press. Villistas have cut all telegraph wires south of Casas Grandes. Villa is nearly surrounded, Gaviarra continued. His only avenue of escape is through the eastern entrance of the canyon. Carranzistas there might capture him. The canyon is 200 miles long.

The Mexican says that reports of friction between Mexicans and Americans originated here. Hihuahua arrivals report Herrera is loyal.

Murders Not Confirmed. Reports that Villistas have killed three Americans are unconfirmed. There has been no trouble at Gibson's ranch or within 15 miles of there. The United Press Correspondent covered the ground in an automobile and discovered there is no foundation for the rumor.

Aviator Escapes Death. Columbus, March 25.—Narrowly escaping death in a 160 mile flight from American headquarters in Mexico, Lieutenant Dargue arrived here today with dispatches from General Pershing, and newspaper correspondents at the front.

He made the flight in two hours and a half. While over a mountain pass, a wind whirl dropped him 4000 feet to within 50 feet of the ground before he could right his machine. He declared it is extremely cold at the front.

Oregon Claims Loyalty. Mexico City, March 25.—Reports that Carranzistas have joined Villa are officially denied at Queretaro. General Obregon had admitted trouble might develop through continued presence of American troops in Mexico. He said enemies on both sides of the border are trying to force intervention. He hoped Villa's capture would be speedy so American soldiers could leave the country.

Reinforcements have been sent on to Western Chihuahuan forces reported to be ready to engage Villa.

MISSION WELL ATTENDED

Catholic Church Scene of Successful Series of Sermons. The mission in progress at the Church of Our Lady of the Valley has been well attended during the past week. Rev. E. J. Powers of Portland, has preached a course of instructive sermons on the fundamental truths of christianity. The regular services tomorrow will be featured by special discourses. The closing exercises of the mission will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The lecturer will take for his subject, "Perseverance."

On Tuesday evening Rev. Thos. J. Brady, D. D., apostolic missionary of the Diocese of Baker will commence a course of four lectures for the especial benefit of non-catholics. The question box will be a special feature of these services and queries of a religious nature will receive ample and charitable treatment. The general public is cordially invited to be present.

SELLS UNION HOME

L. L. McKennon Will Return to Valley Farm for the Present

Union, March 25.—(Special).—L. L. McKennon has sold his residence property in Union to Charles Bean and will give immediate possession. The consideration is not made public.

Mr. McKennon has been a resident of Union a number of years and has been very active in local affairs, among other things filling a place on the public school board. Since having disposed of his property Mr. McKennon intends to remove to his farm near Alice where he will make his home for the present, and later may decide to become a resident of La Grande.

SUFFRAGE GHOST RATTLES LOUDLY

CONGRESSMEN MUST RUN GAUNTLET TUESDAY

"Pestiferous Women" Have Brought "Rock Robin" Back to Very Busy Life

Washington, March 25.—So far as Mother Goose relates, the original Cock Robin staged no come-back. Once dead, he remained decently in that condition. Moreover, his women friends made no effort to bring him back; nor did they pester the official graveyard customers. But the world has moved since Mother Goose lived, and the Cock Robin under present discussion though officially dead is raising considerable post-mortem hubbub and may be brought to life with a bang in Congress next Tuesday. The present Cock Robin is the once called Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment, rechristened Cock Robin by Representative Carlin of Virginia. The grave-yard attendants, tried and true, if nervous, are the members of the House judiciary committee; and the pestiferous would-be revivers are the battling suffragists. The trouble all started when Carlin walked out of a sub-committee, which was to have reported the resolution to the whole committee, and announced "Well we've killed Cock Robin." He meant that the sub-committee had determined not to report the measure to the full committee, where one of those dog-gone aye-and-no votes would have to be taken. However, here enter the lady revivifiers, the suffs. They found that the resolution had been referred to the sub-committee while four of their friends in the committee were away and they began a campaign for votes to bring that measure back before the whole committee and a record roll-call. They found a deplorable amount of ill health, previous engagements, promises to friends, official business out of the city, and sickness in the family among congressmen—all of which conspired to keep them away from committee meeting they would like to attend. And so: "Good-morning Congressmen," smiles a good looking young woman. "How are you this morning?" "Never better," beams Mr. Competent and Protective Male. "Not Sick at all?" "Do I look it?" "Your family in good health?" "Yes, yes indeed." "Yes don't expect to be called out of the city?" "No." "Well, I'm so glad to know this. There can't be a single reason then, can there, why you should not be able to vote tomorrow to bring Cock Robin before the whole committee?" (Business of drawing out a note-book and pencil) "No, and I ain't scared to stay and vote, neither," answer some.

So these lies Cock Robin; perhaps dead; perhaps simply in suspended animation and with the pulmotor squad manning the oxygen pump; the grave-yard attendants murmuring something about ghouls; and the resourcefulness of congressional minds being taxed to the limit. Next Tuesday will tell Cock Robin's tale.

J. A. CATES A CANDIDATE. Democrat Will Enter for Nomination for County Clerk. J. A. Cates, of La Grande, has announced his intention of seeking a place on the ballot as democratic candidate for the office of county clerk in response to the request of a number of democratic friends. Up to this date Mr. Cates is the only avowed candidate for clerk among the Democrats.

Mr. Cates has been a resident of La Grande for a number of years and has been a resident of the county from the earliest days arriving with his parents and settling near Union in the early sixties. All of the time since then he has been allied with the democratic party in the county and state. He will proceed at once to file the necessary declarations pertaining to his candidacy.

MEETING IN ELGIN. Good Roads Question To Be Expounded At Gathering. Arrangements for a Good Roads meeting in Elgin next Monday have been made by committees at Elgin and the Union County Good Roads association. Among the speakers will be men from without the county, including Herbert Nunn, county engineer of Umatilla county, and several Union county speakers. A band will be on the job, and a big attendance is looked forward to by the promoters.

TELOCASET A FLAG STATION. Passenger Trains Will Accommodate Local Travel to La Grande. The railroad officials have just authorized an important order that will be a great convenience to local travel to and from Telocaset. Hereafter passenger trains Nos. 17 and 18 will stop at Telocaset on being flagged.

By this arrangement people of Grande going to the summit point may take the main line trains that have heretofore made no regular stops at Telocaset and Telocaset residents may come to La Grande and return home without undergoing the inconvenience of the long delays that have been necessary heretofore.

2 AMERICANS MISSING WHEN STEAMER TIPS

SURVIVOR WRITES GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT IN CHANNEL

EXPLOSION TOSSES HUGE SPOUT ACROSS THE RAIL

Those Dead Were Standing Near Rail When Fountain Washed Them Off—Ship Keel Over But Righted Itself and Today Came Into Port Under Her Own Steam.

By JOHN H. HEARLEY. Boulogne, (via Paris), March 25.—Two Americans are missing and 50 people are believed dead today as the result of an explosion which damaged the steamer Sussez while she was crossing the English channel. Three Americans aboard declare the saw a torpedo coming at the Sussez just before the explosion. There were at least 12 Americans on board, including myself.

The missing Americans are Elizabeth Baldwin and her father of Philadelphia. Others endangered included W. G. Penfield, a student at Oxford, Edward Huxley, Francis Drake, Alice Ruse.

Although the passengers were forced to abandon her, the Sussez arrived in Boulogne today, under her own steam. There were 380 aboard when she sailed from Folkestone at noon yesterday. Near Dieppe a terrific explosion occurred. I was conversing with several Americans about 4:30 in the afternoon when the explosion occurred and there was a shock that rocked the boat from bow to stern. Empty lifeboats were splintered and a huge fountain of water spouted over her side.

Passengers Engulfed. Passengers standing at the rail were engulfed and hurled violently into the sea. It was among these that the most casualties occurred. Lifeboats were launched immediately as the Sussez listed sharply and it was feared she would sink.

Passengers were panic stricken when the ship was upturned, but recovered when the vessel righted herself. At 11 last night the Mary Thersa took the passengers off and landed them at Boulogne this morning.

4 Americans Believed Drowned. Washington, March 25.—It is believed here that four Americans perished at the torpedoing of the Dominion liner, Englishman, Consul Armstrong at Bristol has reported. Thirteen survivors have landed.

British Steamer Sunk. London, March 25.—The British steamer Salybia has been sunk, presumably mined. All hands were saved. Norway has demanded that Germany investigate the sinking of the steamers Lindfield and Kannike.

ROBBERS KILL LA GRANDER

LUMBER SHEDS MENACED. Prompt Arrival of Department Alone Saves Tinder-Like Yards.

Fire originating, it seems, from the waste basket, though just how no one knows, early this morning threatened the Kivette & Son Lumber yards, a retail plant jammed with tinder-like lumber. The fire department was harrassed a minute of more within sight of the smoke when a logging train got in the crossing and due to its length, required considerable time to get under way. It was but a minute's effort by the chemical brigade to quench the blaze which had eaten into the desk and furnishings of the office. No papers of value were destroyed however, and there is some insurance on the furniture damaged. Promptness alone by Chief Mackey's men prevented a spread to the dangerously dry material in the big shed.

Both proprietors had been at the office earlier in the morning, when all was well. On their return a few minutes later, the incipient blaze was discovered.

Flash Fight Tonight. This evening, presumably about 7:30, the Observer will bulletin, at cigar stores and elsewhere, the results of the Willard-Moran fight at Madison Square Gardens this evening.

RING CLASSIC PRINCIPALS IN SPLENDID TRIM

BOTH MEN AWAIT GONG WITH CONFIDENCE OF THE OUTCOME

STATEMENTS OF EACH SPARKLE WITH CONFIDENCE

Kansas Giant Realizes He Has Fight On His Hands With Pittsburgh Gladiator—Rewards For Willard Greatest Ever Offered a Fighter—Tremendous Sums Spent In Promotion.

New York, March 25.—The scene is set in Madison Square Garden. With almost reverent awe the ringside flunkies have tested the ropes, pared the floor for possible flaws and burnished the sacred water buckets. Jess Willard and Frank Moran meet tonight. The 10-round bout between the giants of the ring has all New York, a station of, some few hundred souls, tingling with expectancy. A considerable outside section of the so-called civilized world also is straining its ears for ringside tidings. Chas. White is ready to toll ten over either gladiator with almost brutal impartiality. Willard will send full member of the clan Moran superfluous to bed for nights and nights to come if he stops the blonde from Pittsburgh in the evening shadows.

Those who saw Moran beat Jim Coffey over the knockout course twice in the same ring were so strongly impressed with his haying right that they plunged even before Big Jess bestowed his bulk on Broadway. Later they felt tremors about the out come of the contest and have felt acute pains as the big battle draws near. Willard is powerful long on size and strength and it is inconceivable to many persons that anything less than a Baldwin run-about can carry a kick of sufficient force to bounce him into dreamland. It ought to be a real fight. Moran has nothing to gain by stalling 10 rounds with Willard. He could have gone on in New York obtaining fairly copulent purses for fighting maulers had he not chosen to take on Willard. Now that he has done so the road to fabulous wealth is clear, except for

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Male Chorus Lady Cavorts Tonight. Chicago, March 25.—Masculine legs clad in feminine togs were all primed today to twist, squirm, wiggle and dip in the justly famous chorus lady fashion, when 100 men students of the University of Michigan stage the annual alumni opera at the auditorium here tonight. All the actresses and chorus ladies will be he's.

CUPID'S WAY IS OFTEN HARD WAY

COLORFUL COUPLE LONG AT SEA ON WEDDING DAY.

Chief of Police, Municipal Judge and Numerous Others Play in Wedding Role.

Chief of Police Ardrey was commanded as an animate—very animate—plenipotentiary extraordinary—very extraordinary—of one Daniel Cupid today, and Robert Eakin, junior member of the firm of Crawford & Eakin, who likewise is municipal judge was compelled to spurn what looked like a liberal retainer when Martin L. Pitman and Lucetia Harris (both colored) decided to be married. The proceedings under such an auspicious occasion, were to the couple rather vague and uncertain, and to them the chief of police was deemed a safe and certain pilot. To Mr. Ardrey they made their appeal. "Easy, that's easy" quoth the chief. "Go right across the street and the municipal judge will perform the little ceremony in ship-shape manner" quoth the chief again, conscientiously giving a correct tip—as he saw it.

Quoth Mr. Eakin, learnedly; "I cannot tell a lie, my legal powers are in dispute in this respect, I cannot marry anyone, I fear."

Losing faith in the city's police authority, they proceeded elsewhere, but on a second call to the chief's office were advised that a license is a very necessary attenda to getting married. Again to the disgust of both they wrestled with the marriage red tape; taxied to the court house, procured their license, and shortly after 1 o'clock, Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church made the boxum lady and her smiling lover man and wife.

Bride Prominent Woman.

Mr. Pitman and Miss Lucetia Harris, both of Omaha, Neb., were married by Rev. G. L. Clark. The groom is janitor of the Her Grand Hotel in his home city and comes from an old colored family of Tennessee. The bride is also colored and represents a Missouri family. She is the youngest of seventeen children. For eighteen years she has been connected with a Rescue Mission for girls, being one of the workers. She will continue her work after the honeymoon trip which will be taken in California.

There are seven in the party, and all will continue their journey this evening.

SAFETY FIRST MEETING

General Secretary for Harriman System Addresses Railroad Men

The monthly meeting of the "Safety First" organization of the O-W R. & N., was held at the Employees' Club rooms yesterday. There was nearly a full attendance of the membership, numbering about twenty in all. Assistant Superintendent A. Buckley officiated as chairman of the meeting.

One of the prominent visitors present at this meeting was General Secretary Littig of the Harriman system organization of "Safety First." Mr. Littig made an address to the attendants which was replete with experienced observations pertaining to the main object of the organization. There was also a round-table exchange of opinions from the various members and the meeting of yesterday in its entire scope and results is classed as one of the most beneficial that has been held in La Grande.

BLOCK TO GO UP.

Enterprise Will Have Building Boom Is Prediction.

The Enterprise Chieftain is authority for the statement that the erection of a solid block of brick buildings on the north side of Main street, is expected to follow the transfer of several lots in the tract this week. S. A. Goffter now has the east 120 feet of the block and C. T. Bunnell has the west 120 feet. Mr. Goffter will build a two story brick structure on the corner and a one story brick on the inside lot. Work on the inside building begins today. This will be used by his farm implement business.

Mr. Bunnell will erect a brick garage and machine shop on his corner this year in all probability. He now rents of Daniel Boyd the concrete garage at Main and West Second streets, under an arrangement permitting him to vacate it whenever he wishes. He expects to remain until he has put up his own building. When he moves out, Mr. Boyd will remodel the concrete garage for other lines of business.

Bridge Still Impassable

The Park bridge is still unsafe for vehicle travel. The structure has been brought back nearly to its original place, but the support consists of blocking placed underneath which is not considered as yet to be sufficiently substantial for crossing. The bridge will probably not be used for two or three days and at least not until it is deemed to be perfectly safe. The river is still receding in volume.

Archie Bay Returning

Archie Bay, formerly a La Grande resident, but lately living in Anacanda, is expected to arrive this evening to visit his brothers, Harve and Frank.

TWO VESSELS SINK AS ONE

GERMAN RAIDER AND BRITISH BOAT GO DOWN FIGHT—ING BOLDLY

PARTING SHOT FROM SINKING BOAT FATAL

At Close Range, British and German Vessels Battle in North Sea and Go Down Together—Germans Unmasked Her Guns When Sailors From Small Boats Were Along Side Her.

Berlin, March 25.—German artillery has set fire to Verdun.

London, March 25.—The admiralty has announced that the German commerce raider Greif and the British Merchantman cruiser Alcantara fought in the North sea February 29, and both were so badly damaged that they sunk. The Alcantara was probably a four-deck Royal Mail liner of 15,000 tons.

Small Boats Feel Fire

The Greif was disguised as a Norwegian tramp. The Alcantara hailed her. The German vessel gave a fictitious name, and the British launched a boatload of armed sailors. When the small boat approached, the Greif unmasked her guns and opened fire. Terrific broadsides were exchanged. In 10 minutes the vessels were raining shells at close quarters.

Torpedo Parting Blow

The German boat then began sinking slowly. Just before she made the final plunge to the bottom of the ocean, the Germans launched a torpedo, ripping a tremendous hole in the side of the Alcantara, and the British ship sank with all on board, or nearly so. A few survivors have been picked up.

MR. SMALL A CANDIDATE

La Grande Attorney Seeks Republican Primary Nomination

Another man has announced his candidacy for public office. Attorney Albert Small has entered the race for Representative for Union County. The more the merrier, thinks Mr. Small, and the fact that he is Small in name, he contends, is no reason why he should not make as good a race as any other tried and true Republican in the county. Mr. Small has been practicing law in La Grande nearly six years and one would hardly guess, without a close acquaintance, that he has passed his thirty-eighth year. For parts of twelve years he has been in the west and for several years has been a tax-payer in Union county. In his college days he distinguished himself on three occasions as an orator and a debater on economic issues. Mr. Small took the Massachusetts Bar examination and was admitted to the bar of that state in 1908, and was admitted in Oregon in 1910. The amount of his legal activities is measured to some extent by 43 Circuit Court cases in one year, including a great variety of law and equity cases. Any one who has observed the gradual progress of this aspirant for the office of representative will admit that during his six years in La Grande he has shown himself a hard worker. In his declaration of candidacy filed in Salem, Mr. Small has announced his platform as follows: "If I am nominated and elected, I will stand squarely and openly for the rights of the common people. I am a defender of the Oregon System; I believe in the Initiative, Referendum and Recall, and shall do all in my power to perfect these channels of popular rule and to prevent their discredit by abuse. I believe in liberal compensation to producers and in justice to labor; I shall gladly give my support to every just measure in the interest of organized workers and producers. I pledge opposition to legislative extravagance and will fight for lower taxes."

MR. EATON GOES TO HOSPITAL.

Prominent Union Resident Is Taken To Portland for Treatment

Union, March 25.—(Special).—A. E. Eaton one of Union county's most noted citizens, has been taken to Portland in a serious condition, and he will be placed in charge of the best hospital attendance that can be procured. For the past few days Mr. Eaton has been a sufferer from renal hemorrhages which have weakened his physical condition. Although of advanced age the patient is of robust constitution and it is hoped that his present indisposition may prove of a temporary character.