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VILLA AFFAIR GRAVE ADMITS GEN. FUNSTON

COMMUNICATION LINE HAS SERIOUS PROBLEM ON ITS HANDS AGAIN

VILLA REPORTED TO BE SAFE IN MADERA VALLEY

Government Officials Won't Admit It But Belief Prevails That Carranzistas Are Openly Aiding the Villa Bands—Escape Was Made Through Carranza Forces Is Claim.

San Antonio, March 27.—Though General Funston wouldn't confirm reports that Carranzistas openly are aiding Villa, headquarters here gave the impression the situation is grave. Communication lines to the advanced American troops, Funston said, were pitifully weak, and are becoming a menace to the expedition.

Supply Problems Acute
The problem of supplying Americans is becoming acute. Permission to use the railroads is the vital issue. It is emphatically denied that Villa has escaped southward through ranks of Americans sent over the railroad. It is declared Villa broke through Carranza lines and is marching in the Madera valley in the region of Babcoara.

Columbus, March 27.—Drivers of army trucks arriving from the front today reported having been fired upon. All escaped injury.

Army engineers are building gravel road into Chihuahua to replace the sand trails. Three hundred troops here are preparing to march to the front.

Lieutenant Dargue left at sunrise in an aeroplane flight to the front.

FEDERAL JURY DRAWN

Several La Grande Men Drawn To Do Duty At Pendleton Term

Pendleton, March 27.—A jury panel of 30 men, to sit at trial jurors during the Pendleton term of the United States district court, which opens at Pendleton at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, April 4, with Judge Bean presiding, was drawn in the federal court here yesterday, says the Portland Oregonian. The United States court will hold its sessions at Pendleton in the court room of Circuit Judge Phelps.

Following are the names of those drawn in the jury panel, all of them being residents of Umatilla or Union counties:

J. H. Adams, farmer, of Alicel; A. V. Aughey, farmer, North Powder; Hugh J. Bell, farmer, Helix; Fred M. Brown, farmer, Adams; J. J. Carr, merchant, La Grande; W. M. Cockrell, farmer, Union; J. L. Cross, farmer, Elgin; L. J. Furgason, farmer La Grande; J. W. Earle, salesman, La Grande; George W. Gross, farmer Athena; Claude Huffman, farmer Cove; J. E. Kail, farmer, Cove; J. K. Lantz, fruit grower, Cove; Martin Larson, carpenter, La Grande; Charles McAlavy, farmer, Helix; William McBride, farmer, Athena; K. J. Martin, farmer, Union; O. C. Maxwell, salesman, Elgin; R. C. Mays, lumberman, Elgin; Edward Meyersick, farmer, La Grande; John Molstrom, farmer, Pendleton; W. A. Ogden, farmer, Cove; S. A. Pursell, capitalist, Union; G. W. Ruckman, farmer, Alicel; Charles L. Ruckman, farmer, Milton; L. A. Stoop, merchant, Elgin; H. A. Watson, insurance, La Grande; F. P. Wiltshire, sheepman, North Powder.

That the federal jury list needs revising is seen in the fact that several of those "drawn" have either been dead or moved from this vicinity for a number of years.

ELGIN MEETING DRAWS

Delegation Attends Good Roads Association Convention Today

Several La Grande people are attending the Good Roads meeting in Elgin today. While the meeting is being held in Elgin, it was primarily a county affair. Those going from here included Fred B. Curry, J. G. Snodgrass, J. A. Matott, Chas. D. Jester and L. D. Howland.

Lee Warnick and C. M. Humphreys, candidates for primary nominations were also in Elgin for the day.

INITIATION POSTPONED

Knights of Pythias Festivities Put Off One Week

Initiation in the rank of Knight, refreshments, etc., set down for this evening's session of K. of P. lodge No. 27, have been postponed one week.

VON TIRPITZ'S SUCCESSOR



Admiral von Capelle

Admiral von Capelle is the successor of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, who has quit office in Germany because the kaiser did not believe in his strenuous submarine policy. He has been chiefly interested in naval construction. The resignation of von Tirpitz ends the feud between him and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

NORTH POWDER VOTES BONDS

NEW SCHOOL ASSURED BY BIG MAJORITY

Only Two Oppose Construction of Modern High School Building

North Powder, (Special).—At the special school election held Saturday to vote on the proposal of bonding the district the proposition carried overwhelmingly, there being 70 votes in favor of bonds to only two votes against the proposition. The bond proposal is for the issue of \$25,000 for a modern high school building. With this equipment North Powder, which has always maintained a good standing in the interests of education will rank among the best districts of the county in school facilities. The succeeding steps—that of disposal of the bonds and the adoption of plans for the proposed new building—will be taken without unnecessary delay.

FOUR UNDER KNIFE

Four Women Attacked With Appendicitis In Two Days

The Grande Ronde hospital has been the mecca since Saturday of three ladies suffering with appendicitis. Mrs. Roy McIntosh, wife of Mr. McIntosh, a high school faculty member, underwent an operation Saturday, and seems to be on the road to recovery today. Last evening Dr. Mount of Joseph brought out Miss Laura Toney of Joseph, to undergo an appendicitis operation, and this morning Dr. Tape of Hot Lake, brought over Miss Matilda Lanius, a night telephone operator at Union, who also underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. Moore, of Imbler, came up to La Grande Saturday evening with a patient to go to the hospital for operation for appendicitis. The patient was Mrs. Geneva Westenskow, of Imbler.

Enterprise Wants Truck

Written bids for furnishing the city an auto fire truck were asked for by the Enterprise council Monday night, says the Chieftain. The bids should be in by Monday evening, April 3. Prices are asked on both new and used running gears, and should include a box-hose for carrying 500 feet of fire hose, and place for installing the chemical tank and hose, and ladder and other equipment now owned by the city.

GERMANY NOT ANXIOUS THAT BREAK RESULT

INSPIRED INTERVIEW IN BERLIN DENIES GERMAN DESIRE FOR WAR

POISONED DISPATCHES OF LONDON ORIGIN CITED

Sigfried Hecksher, Expert Foreign Relations Agent in Reichstag, Gives Out Official Version of Situation Between America and the United States Over Submarine Issue.

By CARL ACKERMAN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Hamburg, March 13.—The German-American situation is still critical, Dr. Sigfried Hecksher, foreign relations expert of the Reichstag declared today, but diplomacy will yet find a way out.

"The ray of hope," says Dr. Hecksher lies in the fact that neither President Wilson nor the American people nor the Kaiser, nor the German people want war between the two countries.

"And when there is no desire for conflict, it must be avoided.

"It should be most definitely stated that Germany does not want and does not look forward to a conflict with America. The German leaders do not want it; the people do not want it. I am convinced now more than ever that a conflict between the two countries would be the greatest nonsense. We have nothing to bring us to the war on either side. I am sure that clear thinking, decisive action and patience both at Washington and Berlin will avoid a break.

"But the German nation as a whole will not tolerate the alteration in any way of the official German memorandum regarding commercial vessels. Germany will not permit her submarines to become the prey of armed merchantmen. I am glad to observe that certain distinguished members of the American congress recognize the solid foundation of our standpoint in a question of right and national honor."

In analyzing the German-American situation, Dr. Hecksher said one must keep his eye on London, from which come many of the clouds which render it difficult for Berlin and Washington alike to see clearly.

"Under the masterful leadership of Downing street," he said, "English news agencies succeed from day to day in spreading poison in America and Germany. It is a fact that the new critical situation between the two countries is due to this vitriolic practice, conducted successfully since the beginning of the war, and it is remarked that Germans still place some reliance on these reports, but still more remarkable that the American government doesn't take a stand in changing this shameful situation.

"Isn't every news item which English agencies cable to America changed for the purpose of instigating America against Germany? Isn't it true that every English cable to Germany is equally distorted?"

"I can cite two instances. After Van Papen and Boy-ed were recalled a brief news agency dispatch from Washington stated that President Wilson would not guarantee their safe conduct further than the American border. I do not know President Wilson, but when the dis-

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JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP IS URGED

Spokane, March 27.—Preparedness on the Pacific coast must depend upon future friendship with Japan. Colonel Baker so declared today in addressing the Northwest conference on preparedness, this morning. He believed "the Pacific ocean is big enough so we can divide trade with Japan and other nations and remain friendly with Japan. There is no more isolated part of America than the Northwest. I don't believe Japan would take the Philippines if offered her on a silver platter. England wouldn't like it."

He emphasized the need of scientific immigration laws with Japan.

POLICE CHIEF WILL MARRY A MORGAN.



Arthur Woods, Police Commissioner of New York City

Society in New York and many other cities has been surprised by the announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen Morgan Hamilton, daughter of William P. Hamilton, a partner in J. P. Morgan & Company, and son-in-law of the late emperor of finance, to Arthur Woods, police commissioner of New York City. Mr. Woods is a graduate of Harvard, and was for years head master at Groton, the famous Massachusetts school for boys.

BRICKENRIDGE MURDER BRUTAL

TEN SHOTS FIRED INTO HEAD AND BODY

Remains Will Likely Be Brought to La Grande Wednesday

Present calculations indicate the funeral of the late Wilbur C. Brickenridge, who was shot near Idaho Falls early Saturday morning, will be held in La Grande Wednesday. The body is being held over today and will be shipped tomorrow morning with La Grande as the destination.

Further information as to the manner of his death has come forward.

Head Horribly Mutilated

Wilbur had been away from camp where he was for man on an irrigation project, to attend I. O. O. F. lodge. While away two masked bandits entered the bunkhouse, and after some difficulty, tied all inmates to their bunks and took some \$40.00 in money. Most of the men present had trouble convincing themselves that they were being robbed, but once aware of it begged the robbers that when they met their foreman, Brickenridge, that they not shoot as he too might think it was a joke. Shortly after the bandits left they heard a volley of shots. It required about two hours for the men in the bunkhouse to free themselves and locate Brickenridge, whose body they found a short distance from the camp. Ten shots had been fired into his head and breast, at such close range that powder stains marked his face. So vicious was the assault that authorities believe vengeance was wrought. Shortly before that a strike had been organized and Foreman Brickenridge let the strikers go and employed others. The robbers indicated their familiarity with surroundings.

Mrs. R. Wissler, Pendleton, Mrs. N. C. Lewis, Hilgard and Mrs. T. J. Smith of Walla Walla, are some of the relatives now here to await arrival of the body. Dr. J. D. Gillilan of Boise, will probably assist Rev. Edwards at the funeral.

Fire Visits Enterprise

The residence of Hugh Laird, three miles south of Enterprise, was burned to the ground Monday afternoon, says the Enterprise Chieftain. Of the contents, the piano and organ was all that was saved. Mr. Laird who was in town at the time, found himself down to a pair of overalls and a jacket, which he wore. The house was insured for \$2,000, but there was nothing on the contents.

Fred Wilson Here

Attorney Fred Wilson, now of Portland, lately of Athena, is a guest with his parents in May Park.

KNIGHTS RETURN HOME

Large Delegations Gather At Ontario For Big Initiations

About a dozen La Grande Knights of Columbus returned this morning from Ontario where they participated in the initiation, yesterday, of a class of about 25 new Knights. The La Grande council had charge of the third degree, Boise and Baker councils handling the others. The attendance from Boise numbered about 25. The La Grander speak highly of the reception accorded them at Ontario.



Miss Helen Morgan Hamilton, Granddaughter of the Emperor of Finance.

KAISER STOPS CZAR'S FORCE

REPULSE OBTAINED AT VARIOUS POINTS IN EAST

French Troop Ship Sunk—German U Boat Believed Lost

Berlin, March 27.—Repulse of the Russian attacks at Jaccstadt and Postoy with enormous losses, is announced. German aviators bombarded the railroad stations at Dvinsk and Vilejki. Germans recaptured the position at Mokryce, taking 2000 Russians.

German Submarine Missing

It is admitted the British destroyed 100 yards of Teuton trenches at St. Elol. The admiral has admitted that a torpedo boat which fought with a British destroyer Saturday, failed to return and is believed lost. The action was fought off the Frisian coast.

French Transport Sinks

A French transport with troops from Saloniki was mined and sunk with large casualties, an Athens dispatch has declared.

Fighting Mainly Artillery

Paris, March 27.—German artillery continued bombardment of the Verdun sector last night and this morning. Infantry attacks were not attempted the communique said.

Paris, March 27.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken today to prevent Zeppelin raids on the building where representatives of all allied nations are meeting in war council. A big fleet of aeroplanes form scout lines. The conference will probably end tomorrow.

Coroner's Jury Implicates

Dover, March 27.—The Sussex was "struck by an enemy torpedo" the coroner's jury found after an inquest over the bodies of victims of that accident, brought here.

WEST ADAMS REPAIRED

Surface Scarified and Rock Watered and Rolled Onto Holes

Street Superintendent Hendricks has just completed extensive repairs to West Adams where the macadam was tearing up. The surface was scarified and then crushed rock was hauled on, soaked down and rolled. The street department is now working on North Second.

NEW TROUBLE DEVELOPS IN SUSSEZ CASE

PRESENCE OF SUBMARINE, EVEN THOUGH UNIDENTIFIED, IMPLICATING

NONE OF AMERICANS ON BOARD IS DEAD

Situation Between Germany and America Again Made Critical, It Develops Today—One American Injured in Serious Condition At Dover, Press Reports Say.

Washington, March 27.—Severance of diplomatic relations between Germany and United States would probably result, should it be found a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex which suffered an explosion in the English channel Friday, resulting in the death of about 100 people. President Wilson is awaiting the facts, the White House has stated. He conferred with Secretary of State Lansing over the long distance telephone and it is believed that if it is established a submarine was responsible, there will be no need to inquire into the nationality.

Neither Turkish nor Austrian submarines operate in the channel, believe diplomats.

President Wilson has been informed that if he severs relations, the Kaiser might declare war.

Berlin Has Its Doubts

Berlin, March 27.—Reports that the Sussex was submarined are disbelieved here, but the admiralty has not denied the charge. Submarines operating on the French coast will probably not return for a number of days.

London, March 27.—All Americans aboard the Sussex were saved, the American embassy announced, concerning the accident in the English channel Friday.

While none were apparently drowned or killed, several were seriously injured. One of these, at Dover, is in a critical condition.

Bronze Medal Found

The American consul at Boulogne has reported that a piece of bronze metal similar to that used in German torpedoes, was found in the Sussex wreckage.

Twelve bodies have been recovered and 70 are missing. Duplication of the survivors' list made it possible that loss of life will exceed 100. The British admiralty has not stated the result of its investigation.

Paris is positive the Sussex was torpedoed.

Ship Toll Heavy

London, March 27.—Eleven persons were killed when the British liner Minneapolis was submarined in the Mediterranean Wednesday, it was announced today. The French steamer Hebe, and the British ship Cerne, and the fish carrier Kekurn have been sunk and nine of the Kekurn crew is missing.

EAST HAS MONEY

La Grande Doctor Reports "Gobs of Coin" Percolates in Gotham

Dr. H. M. Bouvey, La Grande eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, has returned from a six-weeks' sojourn in the east, attending eye, ear, nose and throat clinics and conventions of men in his profession. He is back at his office today.

Concerning affairs in the east, Dr. Bouvey asserts that there are "great gobs of money" in the east; that on several visits to New York in the past he failed to see anything like the free spending of money observed upon this trip.

BUTTE PRISONERS FLEE

Twelve Get Away From Punishment Institution At Portland

Portland, March 27.—Twelve prisoners escaped from Kelley Butte rock pile last night by sawing the soft steel bars with a kitchen knife and scaling the high wall. The jail delivery was not discovered until this morning.

STORMS KILL PEOPLE

Illinois and Wisconsin Has Severe Storm and Losses

Chicago, March 27.—Four are known to be dead and it is rumored that 10 perished in storms sweeping parts of Illinois and Wisconsin last night. Rain has stopped and freezing weather is causing hundreds of homeless to suffer severely. The loss is half a million.