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## VILLA CHASE UNMARKED BY NEW DEVELOPMENTS; BANDIT LAST HEARD OF IN A WAGON

ARMY MEN BETTING EVEN MONEY HE WILL BE CAPTURED IN TEN DAYS—PURSUIT BEING REINFORCED BY INFANTRY ON BOTH WINGS OF THE MAIN COLUMN—ROADS ARE IMPROVED SOUTH OF CASAS GRANDES—CARRANZISTAS TROOPS, PROBABLY DESERTERS WITH VILLA IN DODD'S RAID.

Headquarters, Dublin, Mexico, Apr. 3.—Army men are betting even money that Villa will be killed or captured within 10 days. It is believed the pursuit is reaching a climax. Large reinforcements, including infantry, have marched south on both wings to cooperate with the Central column. Villa was last reported traveling in a wagon for the mountains further south.

**Funston Expresses Opinion**  
San Antonio, April 3.—"I believe Villa has slipped the collar and has crawled under the fence," General Funston declared today. American forces are believed to be near Chihuahua City. There is no reliable information that Mexicans have hampered them. Roads south of Casas Grandes are reported improved.

Five automobiles have established courier service there. Twenty Apache scouts are going to the front next week.

**Washington Gets News**  
Washington, April 3.—About 100 of Colonel Canos' Carranzistas were among the Villistas Col. Dodd routed in battle Wednesday. It is reliably stated. Admitting likelihood of some desertions occurring, officials refused to comment further than saying the fate of those turncoats will probably forestall future desertions. Constitutionalists' ranks.

Officials believe Villa has reached his hiding place.

### ACTORS DRILL HARD.

"The Barrier" to Have Exceptionally Good Cast Under Elks.

The fifth rehearsal of "The Barrier" was held last night. The show is going over with lots of pep. Every member is working hard to make this play one of the greatest successes ever tackled by amateurs. Mr. De Vere is a capable director and understands the business from a to z. He is leaving no stone unturned.

"The Barrier" is one of Rex Beach's masterpieces and the book is very popular. The play follows the book very closely. The Elks have chosen the best talent in the lodge, some 18 or 20 in the cast and also are to have specialties between acts. On the show day, a parade will be given by the order of Elks, at 2:30 under the direction of Chas. Roberts. A 30-piece band will lead the parade. At 7 in the evening, the band will give a concert in front of the Arcade theatre. A 10-piece orchestra will furnish music for the show.

The cast of characters will be mentioned later but don't forget the date, April 10th, at the Arcade theatre. Tickets will be placed on sale at Young's confectionery.

### WAR ORDERS HUM.

East Rolls in Wealth Accumulated from European War.

That war orders is the only business transacted in the east is the contention of Geo. T. Cochran, state water superintendent, who has returned from Washington where he is in company with Attorney General Brown appeared before the supreme court of the United States on state water business.

There is no order like the war order he contends. Orders for war material are filled under inspection of the buying nation and as soon as the bill of lading is issued, that piece of paper is converted into money at the bank—even before the order has left the sending country.

Justice Hughes is the big talk for Republican presidential standard bearer, contends Mr. Cochran. He affirms there is little Roosevelt talk, and among Democrats, Wilson is of course the only man mentioned.

Mr. Cochran anticipates that a decision involving the rights and powers of the state water power will be promulgated within 30 days. He and Mr. Brown argued the state's side of the dispute over central Oregon water rights one afternoon before the supreme court.

### BONDS DISCUSSED.

Debate at Cove Draws Big Crowd When Issue Is Considered.

Saturday afternoon heard some interesting discussion on the road bonding question when George T. Cochran and Karl Stackland took the affirmative side of road bonds issuance and Walter M. Pierce and Ed Jasper the negative. The negative side contended, through Mr. Pierce, that it was preferable to carry a special tax of even five mills to build hard surface roads piece by piece, than to bond. To this the affirmative replied that it

was better to build all at one time, and have the benefit of the road during the time required to build piece by piece. The affirmative also contended that the interest on bonds would about offset what is called 20 or 25 per cent loss of efficiency through piecemeal construction. The negative contended that the nation's bonds are seldom, if ever, retired and that bonds once acquired often hang over the community for years and years. This was answered by the statement that France paid millions in debt in a few years, and that, though the civil war bonds in America were unpaid, this was because those in power preferred not to pay them off.

The debate progressed pro and con for the afternoon and those who attended say the "function" was intensely interesting.

Mr. Cochran, just returned from the east, said that he conferred with bond buyers in New York and found them anxious to bid for a 1-2 per cent bond; he told the auditors that a premium on Oregon bonds would be very probable. He also presented figures from Detroit where concrete paving of rural roads has been extensively carried on.

### MARCH BUILDING RECORD.

Weather Conditions Responsible for Low Number of Permits.

The building record for the month of March fell slightly below that of last year, due to unfavorable weather as compared to the climatic conditions of a year ago. While the list includes a number of alterations and additions there are also a few new structures, as many in fact as could reasonably be expected for the early part of the year when the building season is hardly fairly launched.

Among the new structures which is now nearing completion is a store building on Fourth street in South La Grande. This structure is being erected on Fourth street on a part of what was originally the Joel Crandall residence block. The store will soon be ready for the opening.

In the way of new residence buildings the section north of the track leads the other localities in the record for the month of March. The following list of building permits were issued from March 1 to 31, 1916, inclusive:

J. S. Stocker, dwelling, Pleasant Add, \$1,000.

E. C. Davis, frame building, S avenue, \$250.

Emma Ward, store building Fourth Street, South La Grande, \$1,500.

L. E. Scott, dwelling, Y avenue, between Ash and Fourth, \$1,000.

Robert Rothstock, repairs to dwelling, \$100.

George Ruby, repair shop, Washington avenue, \$225.

John Wilson, brick addition to laundry, Jefferson avenue, \$500.

W. D. Grandy, repairs to livery barn, \$350.

J. G. Lambert, repairs to dwelling, \$20.

George Ripey, repairs to dwelling, \$75.

Milton Block, dwelling X avenue and N. Fir, \$1,300.

C. S. Dunn, garage, Jefferson and Greenwood, \$500.

Mrs. E. M. Anson, repairs to brick store, \$250.

J. H. Blumenstein, alterations to dwelling, Main avenue, \$250.

Franklin Zurbrick, garage, N avenue, \$75.

George Burns, repairs to dwelling, \$75.

G. J. Price, woodshed, X avenue, \$75.

The total amount of building permits for March is \$7,470.

### GREEK WRITES BACK

Peter Morgan, Well Known Greek, Married in Home Land

Attorney George T. Cochran, has received a letter from Peter Morgan, well known Greek who suffered the loss of two legs in a lumber camp accident a few years ago in this vicinity. He obtained damages and moved back to Greece, and writes from there that he is married, and sends greetings to his La Grande friends. He incloses a picture of himself and brother.

### JAP LINER SINKS

Boat Strikes Rock—Many Passengers Are Missing It Seems

Tokio, April 3.—Striking a sunken rock, the liner Wakatsu Maru was sunk within a few minutes. Seventy-six passengers and 20 sailors are missing.



These are the first French prisoners taken at Verdun. This picture shows them on the way to the railroad station to be shipped to prison camps in the interior of Germany. All the French soldiers of the trenches now wear metal helmets to protect them against bursting shrapnel.

## YOUTH ROBS BANK, IS CAUGHT

Sacramento, April 3.—A lone robber held up the Oakpark branch of the Sacramento bank at noon today. He scooped \$1000 into a hankerchief and backed out. A crowd pursued, but the highwayman fired several shots and fled. Captain McMurray, of a nearby fire house stopped him with a revolver. The money was returned. The robber was identified as W. H. Smith, aged 19.

### QUEER FREAK PICTURED

Horse Floats On Cake of Ice For Many Miles and Lives

Thomas Freeman who moved here from Williston, Montana, has received a picture card from his daughter which shows the river at Glendive, Mont., undergoing its annual breakup. In the middle of the flow in the big river stands a horse which was "captured" on the river when the ice suddenly broke 15 miles above the point where the picture was taken. The particular chunk of ice which the horse stood on was so large as to hold the load up. After its 15-mile float the beast was rescued.

**General Superintendent Here.**  
General Superintendent M. J. Buckley arrived in La Grande in his private car on No. 4 this morning and has been putting in the principal part of the day with the local department heads and general inspection of the company affairs at this point.

Having been a resident of La Grande for several years a good deal of Mr. Buckley's time on his visits here is taken up with greetings from old friends.

### PREACHER'S CASE A TIE

Oroville Minister's Trial Ends in Hung Jury—New Trial Coming  
Oroville, Cal., April 3.—Unable to agree, the jury trying Rev. Madison Slaughter, charged with attacking Gertrude Lamson, aged 15, was discharged this morning. A new trial is set for April 11th.

**Visiting Branch Line.**  
L. Garrick, insurance man, is out on the branch line today transacting business matters.

## TURNER FEUD VICTIMS STILL ALIVE

Salem, April 3.—Prosecutor Ringo has considered calling a special session of the grand jury to investigate the feud at Turner which resulted Saturday in a battle between the city council and the Turner band.

Three men were badly slashed by pocket knives but will recover. A new warrant was issued today for Councilman Jeans, charged with stabbing.

### LODGE INITIATION DELAYED.

Coming of State Deputy Head Consul Compels Postponement.

Initiation of a class of 20 or more Modern Woodmen candidates set for next Thursday has been postponed until Tuesday, April 11, because of the arrival on that date of State Deputy Consul J. W. Simmons. Imbler and Island City candidates are to be taken in and notice has been served on those lodges concerning the postponement.

**This Week's Weather.**  
Hicks, the weather forecaster, says of the first week in April: "We predict that sultry conditions, falling barometer threatening clouds and storms of rain, wind and thunder, will prevail generally during this period. It will be wise to anticipate excessive downpours of rain at this time. Look out about Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, for rain-falls amounting to local freshets and floods, with probability of dangerous wind storms and tornadoes. Close on the heels of these storms, expect change of winds to westerly, rising barometer, dashes of snow and sleet over central and northern sections, with much colder weather and killing frosts generally."

## NEGRO IS HANGED IN COURTROOM

Idabel, Okla., April 3.—Oscar Martin, a negro, was lynched in the courtroom here today when a girl on the witness stand identified him as her assailant.

Upon the identification several men arose, disarmed the officers and hanged the negro from the ceiling.

### LUMBER MILLS HUM

The Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber Company Mill a Busy Place

The Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber Co. plant is surely a busy place these days. The sawmill and planer have been running steadily since starting up this spring and are making record runs in turning out lumber.

This month they have shipped out 47 cars of different grades of lumber and three cars of boxes. If you sit down and figure this out it means many thousands of feet of lumber for one month's shipment.

The company has had a force of men at work this spring on construction work on the logging railroad on the Willow Creek fork of Whiskey Creek. The grading was done last fall for this change and the track is finished to the edge of the timber at the present time, where the logs will be secured for this season's cut. They have about a mile more of track to lay to reach the different loading stations which will take about ten days more to finish. The logging train will start within the next two weeks handling logs from this new camp which the company will start up at that time.

Hector McDonald had the misfortune of getting his right hand cut in a wood saw last week. He was helping saw wood with the machine at his farm and in raking the sawdust away from the bottom of the saw got his hand caught against the saw, cutting quite a gash in the back of his hand, says the Wallawa Sun.

### Today's Oddest Story

Hoquiam, Wash., April 3.—Gum camphor has plugged the biggest loophole in Washington's prohibition law. Inspired to investigate, by the increasing number of drunks, Police Judge Smith learned that grain alcohol was the most popular tipple. This can be purchased at a drug store if the purchaser swears it is to be used for mechanical purposes. Smith then ordered all druggists to put a few grains of camphor in each flask of alcohol. It isn't poisonous, and some might stand the taste, but it simply won't stay down.

## SPEEDING MOTOR THROWS BOY HARD

ISLAND CITY ROAD SCENE OF "NEAR ACCIDENT"

John Meroney's Face Mass of Bruises But Life Is Spared.

Traveling at a high rate of speed—so fast that he swept by an automobile going 30 miles an hour with consummate ease, John Meroney, son of Foreman Meroney on the West ranch, yesterday noon "went in the ditch" when his motorcycle skidded on the Island City road. Meroney was hurled to the hospital in a badly bruised and lacerated condition but was able to leave there as soon as his wounds had been washed and patched up.

Auto parties immediately behind him marvel at the comparative minuteness of his injuries. Shortly after he had passed the car itself driven at a rapid rate by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carpenter, headed for La Grande on the Island City road, the accident occurred. A cloud of dust swallowed him and the particulars are lacking. Meroney himself probably doesn't know. He was picked up by Mr. Carpenter who was deeply concerned lest the boy had been killed when it was discovered the machine had tipped.

The bruises were chiefly on the face and Meroney will no doubt be fully recovered soon.

### Postoffice Clerk Transferred.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crother have taken their departure for Santa Barbara, California, where they will remain. The past two years Mr. Crother has filled the position of night clerk in the La Grande postoffice and he will take a similar position in the California city having been transferred thereto from La Grande by the postal department. He is succeeded as night clerk in the office here by Harvey C. Patten, formerly of the Wallawa.

**600 Boys and Girls Study Farming**  
St. Paul, Minn., April 3.—Six hundred Minnesota boys and girls are here today to study agricultural methods for a week. The short course is at the University of Minnesota, which has arranged to board the youngsters for the week for \$2.00.

**Feminine "400" to Yell "Cash"**  
Chicago, April 3.—Chicago's feminine "400" put on counter "jumpers" today and sold odds and ends to raise a fund for the Children's Memorial Hospital.

**Michigan Holds Presidential Primary**  
Lansing, Mich., April 3.—Michigan tested her new presidential preference primary law today. Except in cities and counties where important local issues were at stake, interest in the balloting was more or less perfunctory.

Senator William Alden Smith was conceded victory in the contest for the 30 Wolverine delegates to the Chicago convention, although the names of Henry Ford and William Gerald Simpson, both of Detroit, appeared on the Republican ballots as seekers after the nomination. Neither Ford nor Simpson made any campaign.

On the Democratic ticket, President Wilson was unopposed. The contest for Democratic national committee between E. O. Wood, of Flint, present committeeman, and William A. Comstock, of Alpena, attracted some attention. Re-election of the present Republican and Progressive national committeemen was not contested.

### Tough on the Babies

San Francisco, April 3.—Babies are all the rage in Chinatown since the tong war began. There is an unwritten law among Chinese highbinders that a father with a child in his arms shall not be shot. The police say this accounts for the number of babies getting the air on the streets these days.

### Air Car Is Here.

Engineer Johnny Shea arrived from Portland this morning in charge of the air demonstration car. He will be here for a period giving employees instructions and making demonstrations in the use of air on the engines.

## FEW CHANGES OCCUR IN THE VAUX COMBAT

EACH SIDE SEEMS TO HAVE MADE GAINS AND LOST ADVANTAGES HELD.

## HOLLAND WILL NOT BE DEMOBILIZED LEAST BIT

Aerial Raids on England Fire Englishmen to Hatred—"Baby Killers" Is Name Applied to Those Brought to Earth Near London—Over 300 Killed or Wounded in Three Days.

Paris, April 3.—French counter attacks have halted 1000 Germans attempting to surround Vaux; Germans have bombarded Harcourt, and Esnes and the French replied vigorously; Tontons advanced on a two-mile front yesterday and forced their way across the Vaux-Doumont road and occupied fringes on the Callette Woods. Such is, in brief, the Paris war communique today.

**Transport Reported Lost.**  
Constantinople, April 3.—It was announced today a big Russian transport was torpedoed Thursday.

### HOLLAND'S ACT EXPLAINED.

Allies Deny the Nation Is Compelled to Make Warlike Moves.

London, April 3.—British foreign office has informed the United Press there is no foundation to the rumor Holland's warlike preparation is due to Allied threat of violation of Dutch neutrality. The office denied summoning of the Dutch Parliament and that cancellation of furloughs resulted from any decision of the Allied military conference at Paris.

The Dutch minister of war has hinted some power—unnamed—suggested that Holland demobilize. He told the correspondents Holland must prepare to resist vigorously any danger at any minute. She must prepare to use her whole force at a moment's notice against violators of neutrality. Holland has decided to reject a suggestion to demobilize even the smallest part of her army.

### ENGLAND INDIGNANT.

Raids on Scotland and East Coast Last Night Fire English.

London, April 3.—Intense indignation is manifest throughout England today following the third zeppelin raid in three days. Total casualties are expected to reach 300 dead and wounded.

People denounced the captive crew of the L-15 as "Baby Killers" and urged severe punishment. Newspapers discussed treatment of the prisoners reservedly.

British officials characterized the German claims that munitions factories, and land batteries were silenced, as absurd.

Details of the Sunday night's raid are meager.

**Dunkirk Is Hit.**  
Paris, April 3.—A zeppelin raided Dunkirk last night dropping eight bombs. Two were killed and four injured.

The admiralty has announced 10 were killed and 11 injured in last night's raid by six zeppelins on the coast of Scotland. Three children were among the killed. No military damage was accomplished. At the same time a lone zeppelin raided the eastern counties of England.

### Another Liner Sunk

London, April 3.—Torpedoed without warning, the liner Achilles was sunk Friday, it was learned today. Four of the crew are believed to have perished.

### ARMY BILL CHANGED

Chamberlain's Opposition Fails to Stop Amendments

Washington, April 3.—Sen. Cummins' amendment to the Chamberlain army bill, adding five militiamen to the army of the general staff, has been adopted. Sen. Chamberlain, the author, opposed it.

### Condition Not Materially Changed

No material change is reported in the condition of Express Agent Buck, who was expected to leave his post a few days ago on account of illness and is still confined to his room. Russell Browning, of the Baker express office, is here to take charge of the express company's business during Manager Buck's absence.