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MERE HANDFUL OF MEN PRESSING IN ON VILLA, WHO IS FLEEING TOWARD PARRAL

PESSIMISM IS OPENLY SHOWN BY COMMANDER

LACK OF TRANSPORTATION TO PUSH AFTER FLEEING BANDIT A PROBLEM.

FREQUENT BRUSHES WITH VILLISTAS IS PREDICTED

Situation in Mexico but Little Changed—Wounds Now Confirmed by Soldiers Who Saw Villa—Revolters in Jaurez—This Morning by the Mayor.

El Paso, April 5.—Consul Garcia at Jaurez has received advice that Villistas occupy Naica, Santagrua, Satevo and other towns. Carranza soldiers killed 10 Villistas at Cieneguita.

El Paso, Tex., April 5.—Information received at Jaurez this morning says Villa has been located with a few followers between Camarago and Parral. He must be within five miles of San Rosalia. Jaurez officials insisted General Herrera is hotly in pursuit of the bandit.

Executions Carried Out. More arrests are expected today in Jaurez in connection with the plot to seize Jaurez while soldiers were listening to a concert. Followers of Diaz and Villa, as well as Orozco, are suspected. Mayor Prieto ordered three, who confessed, to be executed despite a protest from Consul Garcia.

Villa Injury Confirmed. The question of whether or not Villa has really been injured has been brought up again when General Guertierrez wired to Garcia that Villa was positively known to be wounded. He based the message on stories from persons who claimed to have seen the outlaw after he was shot in the leg. Carranza soldiers whom Villistas captured said Villa was unable to ride a horse.

Desperate Pursuit Is On. Columbus, April 5.—American cavalrymen are clearing Villistas from a district between Namiquip and Guerrero today, and are making a series of desperate and forced marches. Major Sample declared Americans are probably figuring in skirmishes and running fights almost daily.

A strong cavalry guard has lately supporting a wagon train has entered Mexico south of Columbus today to reinforce the manhunters. Soldiers reported that farmers along the line are planting their first crop since the Mexican factional armies began ravishing the country.

Villa's Escape Admitted. San Antonio, April 5.—General Funston has admitted that Villa has escaped to the South and probably is heading for Parral. Only a few companies are available for the pursuit there.

Pessimism Prevails. Headquarters exhibited pronounced pessimism today. General Funston said a continuation of the chase farther southward will necessitate strong forces.

No Official Fight Report. Colonel Brown hasn't reported today noon concerning the clash with Villistas Saturday. General Pershing, however, has said 30 bandits were killed and that no Americans suffered.

Second Fight Recorded. San Geronimo, Chihuahua, Mex., April 5.—Two hundred American cavalrymen under Colonel W. C. Brown of the 10th cavalry defeated an equal force of Villistas in the second engagement of the campaign at Aguas Calientes, 30 miles north of Guerrero, Saturday. This report was made to Gen. Pershing by two Mexican ranchmen last night, who said the Mexicans lost 30 men and 40 horses, while the Americans suffered no casualties.

Villa was not with the band, according to the ranchmen, who asserted the American troops believed at first they had encountered the bandit chief. Investigation showed he had not been with the detachment. For hours the American cavalry followed Manuel Lopez, one of Villa's lieutenants, through winding canyons and almost impassable mountain trails. It was believed they had eluded their

Motorcycle Club Revamped

La Grande's famous Motorcycle club was purposely snuffed out of existence last night and simultaneously there was born the La Grande Motor club, broader in scope, ramified in purpose, and with its portals ajar to every man, woman and child, who owns or is the friend of any one who owns a gasoline-combustion vehicle. Thus fortified, the new-born institution last evening launched the initial torpedo in the 1916 show and drafted the skeleton of the entertainment for this year, to-wit: Construction of a two-mile permanent track on the J. D. McKennon property, four miles from La Grande where the area already is as smooth as a floor; adding an eastern Oregon Automobile show to the annual motorcycle race program; running the show two, and maybe three days. Realizing that the day of the buckaroo and spurs has been elbowed into oblivion by the new craze for gasoline, the promoters are calling to their side every businessman in La Grande, car-owner or not, to make this the great gasoline classic of the state.

W. A. (Dusty) Rhodes is president of the new concern; Chase Bohnenkamp is vice president, Ernest Vehrs is secretary and Harley Richardson treasurer.

Right now attention is being devoted to obtaining signatures to the constitution and eventually incorporation will follow. Next Thursday

evening another meeting will be held at which time businessmen are to be recruited into service and definite committees appointed.

The slogan right now is that the motorcycle club is dead: Long live the Motorclub! "Sign the membership" is temporarily usurping "Speed 'em Up."

ROAD ENGINE GIVEN TRIAL

INITIAL APPEARANCE OF MACHINERY INTERESTS.

C. D. Huffman Employed to Run Grader, Mastering Engine.

Wheels are turning today on the Cove avenue road. The big Avery engine, which is here on trial, is being put through all sorts of turns and gyrations by the engineer to ascertain just what it is capable of doing. C. D. Huffman, who has been employed by the county court to run the grader, is on the job and is familiarizing himself with every bolt and screw in the equipment.

The big engine is a four cylinder, high wheeled power plant and seems to develop heavy power in the work done today. The grader is a new model known as the Western and is capable of working at all angles and under many different conditions. The work today has attracted many people who went out to see the new start. Roadmaster Woodell of the Summerville country and Hank Davis, the county bridge man, were on an inspection tour of the work this morning and this afternoon the county court adjourned from the court house to the county road to see the progress made by the new machinery.

HAS A MATCHED TEAM.

Jack McCarthy at Last Realizes the Hopes of Many Years.

To own a perfectly matched team has been the ambition of Jack McCarthy for a good many years. It has frequently happened that two horses could be secured, one of which looked a good deal like the other, but the only thing that fully fills the requirements is a span that cannot be distinguished one from the other. Jack is not very strong on "wheel base and clutch gear and intermediates" but he does adore the kind of a motor that eats and sleeps like a white man and gets up and goes and understands plain English when you talk to it. He has two of them now; they weigh 2880 pounds, are black and look just alike.

Federal Jurymen in Service. L. A. Stoen, L. L. Cross and O. C. Maxwell of Elgin, S. A. Purcell and K. G. Martin of Union, F. F. Wiltshire, George Aughey of North Powder, Ed Meyersick and J. J. Carr of La Grande and J. E. D. Kail and J. K. Lantz of Cove who were drawn to serve as jurors in the federal court have all gone to Pendleton where the session of the court with Justice Bean presiding is now in session.

pursuers and the bandits relaxed vigilance. Before they realized it, they were confronted by troops of the 10th cavalry, which was stationed near the town to intercept stray bands attempting to escape.

The Mexican ranchmen brought only meager details of the engagement, but in many respects it resembled the fight at Guerrero a week ago. When the bandits realized the American troops' presence they began a hurried, disorderly flight, some seizing their ponies and others trying to escape on foot. They went singly and in small parties, all firing at the American troops as they fled. None took time to aim, the ranchmen said. The result was no Americans were wounded. Officers believed if 30 bandits were killed in the running fight as many more were wounded. Reports indicated the bandits encountered by the 10th cavalry composed the largest detachment of the force scattered at Guerrero.

HEREFORD HERD PURCHASED.

West Ranch up the River Grazing Ground for Beef Cattle.

A new cattle ranch has been begun through the purchase from Wentt Brothers of Baker county, of 80 head of grade Herefords by N. K. West of this city. The herd is now on the West ranch up the Grande Ronde. This ranch, known as Commonwealth Stock Farm, has been productive of a large number of standard and purebred horses, and now is to be the scene of greater beef cattle production.

GIRL SHOTS AT A PEEKER

Somewhere, probably a considerable distance from the city by this time, is a man who may or may not realize that he flirts with death last night early in the evening, and that his escape therefrom was perilously dangerous.

A well known girl who lives on Oak street, was disturbed while at her evening meal, which happened to be while she was alone, by someone peering in at the window. Somewhat alarmed she called a friend at the telephone office for advice. She was told to get her revolver and shoot at the fellow but the lady doubted her ability to pull the trigger. However she adopted the suggestion. Boldly aiming the weapon at the fellow's head, she shouted through the partly opened window, warning

him to leave or she would fire. The fellow remained in his tracks.

She blazed away, and the fact that she sent the bullet through the armoire in the window, leaving a mark neither on sill nor in the pane, indicates how close she came to his head. At the firing of the shot, the man turned and dashed away.

Neighbors were attracted by the shot and attempted to trail the man but failed.

The young lady declares it would be difficult to identify the peeper as he kept a slouch hat well pulled down over his eyes, and peered through his spread fingers, in an effort to further hide his face. He said nothing.

The young lady's chief concern, now that her scare is over, is that her name be kept out of print.

NO BONDS FOR HIM.

Uncle Billy Hindman Here Today Discusses Road.

Uncle Billy Hindman, of Elgin, one of the strong characters of the county, is in La Grande today on his way home from Portland where he has spent two weeks visiting his daughter. Regarding the proposed road bonds Uncle Billy is firm in the belief that the county should not bond. But, he is a good roads booster. He believes in practical roads such as the country can stand and is willing to stand for a heavier road tax yearly to get results.

"Bonding encourages speculation; it encourages headlong debt by individuals when the county sets the example," said the old gentleman. "I believe we should make better roads but we are able as a county to do that and pay as we go."

CHAS. COLEMAN DEAD.

Brother of La Grande Man Found Dead in Durkee Cabin.

This evening the remains of Chas. Coleman, unmarried, who was found dead in his cabin near Durkee, will be brought to La Grande for burial which will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Henry undertaking parlors. Little is known here concerning the cause of death.

Several near relatives have assembled in La Grande for the funeral. The deceased had never been married. George Coleman of North La Grande is a brother, as is also Homer Coleman of Meridian, Idaho, who with his wife is here for the funeral. Mrs. Saxton of Union is a sister and Mrs. Parrott of Meridian, also here for the funeral, is another sister.

The deceased was quite well known in this vicinity.

Situation Encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zundell are encouraged this afternoon at the condition of their 10-months old son who was relieved of a large tumor yesterday.

STORK COMING TO OLD TAMMANY BOSS, AGED 74.



Richard Croker.

Tammany friends of Richard Croker, who reigned as boss nearly twenty years ago, and who is now seventy-four years of age, have received word that the Wigwag Chief's Indian bride, the Princess Sequoyah, expects a visit of the stork. The old boss, who retired from Tammany politics with a fortune, was married in February, 1915. He is believed to be worth several million dollars. A new heir will complicate his affairs, for he has five children in the United States by a former wife.

SAND ISLAND TO BE RESORT

HIGHEST IN THE NORTHWEST CONTRACTED FOR.

Official Opening of Columbia River Resort Set for July 2nd.

Portland, April 5.—The biggest Summer resort in the northwest will be established on Sand Island on the Columbia river. The lease was closed today with a Pittsburg amusement promoter.

Work of clearing the entire island begins Monday. With board walks, bath houses, an athletic field, a tented city, and hundreds of concessions, the resort opens July 2nd.

HOOSIERS HOLD PRIMARY.

Dangerous Political Nut Being Cracked in Indiana Today.

Indianapolis, April 5.—Republicans of Indiana at the state convention opening here today knew they were treading on explosives and that the explosives bore the label "James Eli Watson."

Any attempt to sidetrack the movement for Watson for the short term candidacy to fill the vacancy left by the death of Senator Benjamin F. Shively might provide the spark for a blow-up, it was hinted. Organization matters including a keynote speech and selection of delegates to the national convention constituted the program for today. Nominations will come tomorrow.

Harry S. New, who, by virtue of a big vote in Marion county, (Indiana) his home, led Watson by several thousand votes at the direct primary, was conceded the nomination for the long term, which carries with it an opportunity to oppose Senator John Worth Kern.

The element that backed New at the primary did so under a banner stating: "He Can Be Elected," and their argument was that Watson, if nominated, would not be able to draw back to the G. O. P. the progressive vote that went for Albert J. Beveridge two years ago. The primary failed to nominate, as no candidate for U. S. senator got a majority of the first choice votes.

With Watson's organization of veterans catching its breath after a campaign in which it had captured a majority of the counties and won a majority of the votes outside Marion Watson issued a statement declaring that so far as the primary was concerned his forces intended to disregard the Marion county vote that gave New his plurality and would carry the fight against New to the floor of the convention.

Then Senator Shively died in Washington. Watson had no opportunity to withdraw his unfortunate announcement and anti-Watson forces have tried to make him stand on it, but Watson managers quickly intimated that Shively's death offered the opportunity for a satisfactory settlement of the New-Watson contest and that they would be satisfied with the short term for their candidate.

Indications were that there would be no explosion today and that Watson would capture the short term nomination by virtue of his flying column of veterans. No other candidate has had an adequate opportunity to mobilize his forces since Shively's death.

This prospect troubled certain Republican editors who opposed Watson in the primary as impossible of election because he could not bring back the progressive, they said.

KAISER HITS HARD 3 WAYS AGAINST FOE

AIR, WATER AND LAND FORCES POUND WITH UNPRECEDENTED FEROCITY.

DAILY TORPEDOINGS AVERAGE FOUR SHIPS

Imperial Attitude Toward Americans Given in Speech Before the Reichstag by Chancellor Today—Deemed Certain Supreme Effort Is to Offset Allies' War Council.

London, April 5.—Smashing on land, on sea, and in air with unparalleled fierceness, Germans today evidently are attempting to counteract the effect of the Allies' war council in Paris. Four zeppelin raids happened over England within four days and torpedoes averaging four daily with terrific hammering at Verdun and a torpedo boat battle in the North sea, are evidences of a supreme effort.

Berlin emphasizes the fact that zeppelin raids mean the beginning of more active warfare against England. At the first indication of weakening of the German assaults on Verdun, the Allies' grand attacks will probably begin.

London, April 5.—South of Douaumont last night the Germans were repulsed and driven back to their second lines. Charges were smothered with sheets of nitraillaise fire. The next heavy attacks are expected northwest of Verdun.

Today's communique claimed French gains south of Douaumont and Caillotte woods. A squadron of French aeroplanes shelled the railway stations at Matillos and Damillois.

Washington, April 5.—Four Americans were aboard the British steamer Berwind, which has been submarine, the consul at York has reported.

Day's Toll Big. London, April 5.—Four vessels have been torpedoed within the past day. Three were neutrals. The British steamer Bendow was sunk, one sailor perishing. The Norwegian ship Arera, the Spanish vessel Vigo and the Dutch schooner Elzina were sunk.

CHANCELLOR TALKS.

German Attitude Toward America Called Non-Aggressive.

Berlin, April 5.—Imperial Chancellor Bethmann-Holweg, speaking before the Reichstag, today vigorously protested against reports that Germany contemplates a present or future aggressive action against America.

"This is the silliest imputation invented against us. We are fighting for our existence, in Germany, and not for a foot of foreign soil in Brazil or any American country whatsoever."

He declared he will vigorously continue the submarine activities, always giving consideration for legitimate rights of neutrals affected. He reviewed military successes and declared the Allies will be unable to starve Germany out.

He said the crop outlook in Germany is fine.

District Evangelist Coming.

A report from Helix to the East Oregonian says: Rev. E. O. Otto preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening and is leaving to fill the position of district evangelist in Grande Ronde valley with headquarters at La Grande.

The Great "What Is It?" Beaumont, Tex., April 5.—Did you ever see a blind fur-bearing snake, with four legs, which crawled backward? J. W. Kinnear did. He plowed one up on his truck farm near here. "T. R." has nothing on him as a discoverer. He took the thing home and is keeping it in a glass jar.

The reptile is 18 inches long and 3 1-2 around. Its back, head and tail are jet black and its stomach is the color of human flesh and covered with short, fine hair. It has a long wheel base, two speeds backward, and none forward. When it is irritated it turns yellow. Nobody knows what it eats because the darned thing has gone on a hunger strike.