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WARM TRAIL HIT BY ARMY

SECRETARY OF WAR ISSUES FIRST OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE CHASE

NEWS OF CAPTURE LOOKED FOR MOMENTARILY TODAY

Various Sources Send News that Bandit Is Cornered and that His Capture or Death Is But a Matter of Hours Now—Protocol Sent to Carranza Accepts Suggestions.

Washington, April 8.—"I think we are on a warm trail and hope to have good information soon," said Secretary of War Baker this afternoon in discussing the chase after Villa. This is the first official utterance indicating expectation of capturing Villa shortly.

Secretary of State Lansing sent Carranza a protocol under which American operations in Mexico will be conducted. It agrees to Carranza's suggestions as to limitation of field operations but doesn't accept suggestions for a time limit or restriction upon the number of troops used.

San Antonio, April 8.—Private advice from several sources today stated Villa's capture or slaying is a matter of a few hours. Important news is awaited. An air of expectancy prevails.

Carranza's consul here believes Villa is cornered; though he admitted lack of details.

Washington dispatches intimating the administration is satisfied with the scattering of Villa's bands are not credited. Officers insist reinforcements already sent indicate a powerful effort to kill or capture the bandits.

Border Towns Alarmed. San Diego, April 8.—Reports that Mexican bandits are near the border has caused excitement in the towns of Campo and Tecate. Deputy sheriffs have been called and Governor Johnson said the militia is available if necessary.

Start Tour of Appeal

Washington, April 8.—At the conclusion here tomorrow of the convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, the "Flying Petticoat Squadron" of 36 nationally known suffragist orators from non-suffrage states will scout Chicagoward on the first leg of their nationwide tour of appeal to the men and women voters in pro-suffrage states.

This \$50,000 stump speech tour of the whirlwind girls will, it might be said, be a sort of suffrage cry from Macedonia. They will be on the jump for 38 days, visiting 24 western cities. Their motto will be "Fifty-Fifty or Fight! You Vote For Us And We'll Vote For You!"

Chicago is to be the first stop for the delegation. The party will leave Washington tomorrow and reach Chicago Monday afternoon. From Chicago they will go to Kansas City, thence to Topeka, where Governor Capper and state officials will be waiting for them; then to Wichita, Kan., Denver, Colorado Springs, Williams, Grand Canyon, Prescott and Phoenix, Ariz.; Los Angeles, San Francisco; Reno and Carson City, Nevada; Sacramento, Cal.; Salem, and Portland, Oregon; Seattle and Spokane, Washington; Great Falls, Helent and Butte, Montana; Pocatello, Idaho; and Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah.

April 15, half of the delegation will visit Cheyenne, Wyo. This plan also will be followed on May 9 at Boise, Idaho.

At Salt Lake City a convention will end the trip. The convention is slated to be "the largest and most spectacular ever held in the interest of suffrage." The party will return to Washington May 17.

Plans for the tour are simple and direct. The delegates are to go right out in the home of suffrage, in the suffrage states, and organize every feminine voter. The consolidated voters—the plan is—will all vote together. And they won't vote for anybody, for dog-catcher, sheriff or president, who won't vote to give the rest of the women of the country the ballot.

Miss Ella Riegel, of Philadelphia, in charge of the expedition; Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, who has charge of the schedule of meetings; Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, head politician of the Union; Miss Anna Constable of New York; Mrs. John Rogers of New York; Mrs. Mina Van Winkle, of Morristown, president of the New Jersey Woman's Political Union, and Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, of Wilmington, chairman of the Delaware branch of the Union.

LOGGER LOSES A TOE UNDER TRAIN

LOSS OF TRIFLING MOMENT TO WOUNDED MAN.

Walks Block to Call Taxi and Then Rolls a Cigaret for Pastime.

A trifling loss like a great toe of one foot doesn't materially upset the equanimity of Henry Porch, a timberman, of Prairie, who last night was run over by a train on which he was beating his way to La Grande. In climbing off the rods he misjudged his distance and though his life was saved to him, not so one great toe.

After he got his foot loose he walked a block to the O'Connell cigar store, telephoned for a taxi, and sat down to await its arrival. With a little concern as a clubman waits for his valet to bring a billiard cue, Porch rolled a cigaret and then hummed a tune. He and a companion passenger fare jumper then boarded the taxi and went to the hospital where the crushed foot was treated. While other toes were hurt only the great toe was cut off.

Jews See Palestine Restored.

London, April 8.—Palestine's restoration as an independent Jewish state is considered a serious possibility by leading Hebrews in England. The European Jewish organization is affiliated with the Jewish Congress in America, which is to meet in Washington this winter.

The war's end, they point out, must bring enormous transfers of territory and it is of this shakeup that the Jews intend to take advantage. At the meeting of the powers' representatives to arrange peace terms, the Jews see that they are consulted, as Lucien Wolf, the author puts it, and he urges them to "work together with the ultimate object not only of obtaining just municipal rights, but of establishing eventually a Jewish state in Palestine."

Israel Zangwill also has reminded his people that "if Palestine comes our way, through falling into England's power, the Jews must stand united to take the country over and develop it as a Jewish state as far as conditions will allow."

Three Cheers for Joe

Milwaukee, Wis., April 8.—Joseph Hasenmiller wanted to prove he wasn't a hypenated American, so he erected a sixty foot flag pole on the lawn in front of his home here and an American flag will fly there from now until the end of the European war.

GOOD LUCK IS THE PASSWORD

WALLOWA COUNTY PROSPEROUS EVERYWHERE.

Mimnaugh Lumber Company Advances with Prosperity Tide.

Good luck stories continue to come from the Wallowa country. J. H. Mimnaugh, of the Nibley-Mimnaugh Lumber company at Wallowa, is in La Grande for a day. He reports that the demand for lumber is strong and the prices fair, a combination which justifies mill operations on full time and up to capacity. One of the objects of Mr. Mimnaugh's visit is to secure an addition to the working force for the mill plant and the timber camps.

This company has just completed a four mile extension of their logging road, and while the mill is being run to the limit the work in the camps has just opened, the snow having now ceased to be a further hindrance to operation.

"While the rising prices and strengthened demand has its good effects, we also have to stand our part of the general rise in prices in other ways," says Mr. Mimnaugh. "The price of saws and all steel supplies for lumber manufacturing have very appreciatively advanced as well as the prices of our output, so that the revival is not altogether a one-sided matter. But outside of the unusual happening, I look for a full return of business prosperity," continued the Wallowa lumberman.

ATHLETE AT UNION

Los Angeles Manager Spends a Few Days Visiting Union People

Mr. Fred W. Teschke, manager of athletics for the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, was a guest of Mrs. and Miss Nodine for several days. Mr. Teschke came to Oregon from the south to attend the Far Western Track Meet at Corvallis. He had seven stellar athletes all under his management and together they gathered 42 points, enough to win the meet. Kelly, one of his athletes and present world's high hurdle champion, succeeded in winning four first places, establishing three new world's indoor records. Mr. Teschke enjoyed his visit to the fullest extent and looks forward to a longer stay in Union at a future date.—Union Republican.

FRENCH COMPEL ADMIRATION BY GALLANT STAND

AT BETHINCOURT DEFENDERS ARE HEMMED IN BY TERRIFIC GUN FIRE.

KAISER SQUEEZES HARD UPON VALIANT FRENCH

German Forces Thrown Across the Forges to Get Closer to Bethincourt—Another Drive Coming on Village—Several Ships Sunk During the Past 24 Hours—Austrians Lose.

London, April 8.—Germans last night threw forces across the Forges brook in an effort to squeeze the French from Bethincourt. Shells are falling on both sides of the salient preliminary to another attempt against the village.

The defense by French, who held their ground a fortnight under tremendous difficulties, has excited admiration of all England. Almost surrounded under heavy firing of guns, the French only lost 100 yards. They report repulse of a heavy front attack where Germans were completely defeated after a close struggle.

Austrian Transport Sunk. Paris, April 8.—The ministry of marine has announced a French submarine sank the Austrian transport Adriatic.

Four Vessels Sunk. London, April 8.—The India liner Chanta, the steamer Braunton and the schooner Clyde have fallen victims to undersea warfare. All the crews were saved.

More Losses at Haucourt. Paris, April 8.—It is admitted today the Germans gained near Haucourt last night. Berlin claimed the capture of a mile of trenches south of Haucourt and 700 prisoners, and that counter attacks failed. The French again gained in mine operations at Argonne and captured the huge crater after a desperate battle.

Union Residence Destroyed

Union, April 8.—(Special)—The residence of Mr. Winters in North Union was destroyed by fire this morning. The alarm was first given at about 3 o'clock and on account of the distance the fire department could not reach the scene for effective work. The building was a two-story frame and was a total loss. Mr. Winters was occupying the house alone at the time and can give no cause as to the origin. The loss is about \$1500.

STOCK SHOW DANCE A SUCCESS

Largest Number of La Grande Visitors in Attendance

Union, April 8.—(Special)—The dance given last night for the benefit of the Union Live Stock Show was a great success. The hall was specially decorated for the event, a saddled horse festooned with glittering tapestries in the center of the hall being one of the decoration schemes.

The dancing space was completely filled and the audience was appreciably augmented by the attendance of visitors from La Grande, the most of whom came over to the dance by auto. The Stock Show managers are highly pleased with the success of the event.

Hardinge May Succeed Sir Grey.

London, April 8.—That Sir Edward Grey is to retire as English foreign minister when Lord Hardinge gives up the viceroyalty of India; and that Hardinge will become Foreign Minister is reported in diplomatic circles. It had previously been supposed Lord Hardinge would succeed Lord Bertie as ambassador in Paris. As Sir Charles Hardinge, before his elevation to a peerage, the retiring viceroy had a long diplomatic career and before he went to India, was for some time under-secretary at the foreign office.

STOCKSHOW MEN MEET.

Selection of Judges and Other Detail Matters Taken Up.

Union, April 8.—There was another excellent stock show meeting at the city hall Wednesday evening, and the work was further pushed along. Committees on the selection of judges, compiling the classification book, publicity, grounds and other items were instructed to get busy, and there will be no lack of energy and enterprise from this time on. The stock show lookout is certainly good. There will be another meeting next Wednesday night, at which time all interested are urged to be present.

SALVATION LASS GOES INTO MOVIES.



KIDDLE TO RUN FOR THE SENATE

ISLAND CITY MAN WILL OPPOSE BONDING FOR ANY PURPOSE

Served Union-Wallowa County District For One Term in Senate

After his return from the east where he had been arranging matters of business pertaining to the marketing of flour made in the Grande Ronde valley, Ed. E. Kiddle announced his decision to run for re-nomination for the office of State Senator from the Union-Wallowa county district.

"I will ask for re-nomination at the hands of Republicans on May 19th," said Mr. Kiddle this morning, "and I will give the office the same attention and careful work, if elected, that I have given during the past term. I am opposed to bonding the state for any purpose whatsoever, and will oppose with all my might any bonding scheme offered to the legislature. I am likewise opposed to the proposition to bond Union or Wallowa county. This is a period in Oregon history when all kinds of schemes are being hatched and brought forth to saddle tremendous debt upon us. Many of these schemes have classically written preambles and sweet-sounding phrases, but analysis shows that the essence of the proposition is to place a heavy debt on the public which would mean the payment of interest for years to come. If the people elect me I repeat that I will exercise the same care and caution in looking after Island City and Wallowa county matters that I have done during the past term as well as giving my best judgment to state affairs."

Mr. Kiddle has lived in Grande Ronde valley for thirty years. He comes from a family of millers and has followed the milling business since childhood. For ten years he was a resident of Union and then removed to Island City where for twenty years he has resided. Four years ago Republicans nominated and elected Mr. Kiddle to the state senate and his record for service is good. He gave conscientious consideration to all measures brought before the body and through his efforts some good legislation was enacted. He was from the beginning of the session one of the substantial men of the senate.

SPLENDID PICTURE COMING

Wonderful Display of Art Will Be Exhibited in Riviera School

Two hundred and fifty selections from all the art schools of the world, featuring Spanish, Flemish, English, Italian, American and others, will be exhibited at the Riviera school April 30 (afternoon) and 21 (afternoon and evening). Teachers and students there have been looking forward to this art treat for months and are laying pretentious plans for its successful management. Each school in the city is to have a fine picture presented it as reward for selling tickets, and the particular room in each school which disposes of the greatest number will have the honor of hanging the gift on their walls. Admission will be 15 cents for adults, 10 cents for high school students and five cents for children.

The collection is known as the Elson Art group, and has recognized merit, being sent to a chain of institutions this winter. It represents the acme of art in the respective world's schools.

SUSSEX CASE AN ACCIDENT

IF GERMAN SANK SHIP HE BROKE ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIORS AT BERLIN.

CRISIS AT HAND BUT OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

Much Depends Upon Contents of German Answer About to Be Made Public—Sussex Case However Only One Germans Will Apologize for Claiming Freighters Not in Protected Class.

Berlin, April 8.—If the Sussex was torpedoed, the commander of the U-boat violated instructions it is unconditionally stated today. The Sussex came under protection Ambassador von Bernstorff assured President Wilson would be accorded unarmed liners.

Other Cases Different. Four other torpedoings involved in recent diplomatic letters, are different. They are held to be freighters and Germany has never pledged itself to warn freighters before torpedoing them. The United Press is reliably informed Germany won't yield her right to destroy freighters.

Tension Relieved. Washington, April 8.—United Press assurances that the government at Berlin didn't sanction the Sussex disaster have relieved the situation especially after last night's developments.

Although some ranking officials have already concluded that Germany is deliberately attacking vessels regardless of neutral rights, it is authoritatively declared the United States cannot question Germany's good faith until full opportunity is allowed for response to Gerard's inquiries and for a demonstration of whether the submarine commanders are supported in attacking vessels contrary to international law.

The administration has virtually concluded a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex. Officials consider the Germans will adequately punish the officer responsible. What punishment is considered adequate is undetermined. Berlin press dispatches are considered forecasting admission of the Sussex attack.

Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Zeimserman's statement that Germany will be ready to meet the United States "more than half way" was read with interest. Judgment is reserved until just what was meant is made clear. It was definitely stated no argumentative notes will be sent to Berlin.

Washington, April 8.—Officialdom has anxiously awaited arrival and translation of the Germans' preliminary reply to the inquiry regarding the recent submarine attacks on vessels carrying Americans. It is believed the answer will decide whether diplomatic relations are to be broken or not. There is no hint of document's contents. It is learned some of the President's advisors advised not waiting promises and assurances from Germany. It is asserted the Teutons are continuing activities contrary to earlier assurances and it is believed he should promptly sever relations. Others thought he should give Germany time to prove whether she is sincere in recent disavowals. Should Von Jagow's reply quibble and dodge the issue, and attempt to force America's hand, officials think it probable the President will hesitate no longer in executing the threatened course.

MUST HAVE LICENSE TO FISH

Fishing for Catfish Not Permitted Without Permit

Game Warden John Walden reports he is having some trouble with those who do not understand the game laws. He finds that some believe fishing in streams for catfish, especially in the valley, is permissible without state license. "In this they are wrong," said Mr. Walden, "for all who want to fish must have license to do so and if the practice is continued I shall be forced to arrest the first ones who come under my observation."

Beneath Dignity To Pay German Debt

Appleton, Wis., April 8.—Albert De Coster, Belgian-American just kept right on owing John Wendit, German-American, \$35 today, because he thought it beneath the dignity of a Belgian to transact business with a German. The court awarded John the thirty-five but Albert's hatred for Germans would never let him pay it, he said.

RATE BOOSTS UNREASONABLE

EASTERN OREGON SHIPPERS BENEFITED.

Water Competition Excuse Held to Be Unjustified Now.

Washington, April 8.—Increased freight rates on iron and steel articles from Northwestern terminals to Spokane and other points in Eastern Washington, Oregon and Idaho were declared unreasonable by the Interstate Commerce commission today. The railroads claim they are obliged to meet water competition but this was held unjustified because the Panama is closed and ships are scarce.

PARTISANSHIP SCORNE

Governor Lister Today Inaugurates Non-Partisan Campaign.

Seattle, April 8.—Governor Lister today declared himself for a non-partisan election of state city and county officers. He will do his utmost to bring about success of the movement in Washington. He predicted its early adoption and said experience has proved partisanship has hampered work of the legislature and other public offices. Great measures receive scant consideration when members of another party propose them he said and asserted the merits of a measure are lost in the bitterness and jealousies for party advantage. Governor Lister follows in the lead of Governor Johnson of California.

Tax League Man Arrives.

Robt. E. Smith, of Roseburg, prominent in state tax league affairs and publisher of the "Tax Liberator," arrived this morning and is attending the county taxpayers league in session in La Grande this afternoon. At this meeting two representatives are to be named for the state meeting to be held for the purpose of a federation of all the tax leagues.

Candidates Are Warned

St. Paul, Minn., April 8.—John Hundermark, Sr., 74, and C. H. Berthiaume, 69, always feel qualms about voting for anybody for anything. Hundermark's first vote was cast for Lincoln and Berthiaume's first vote went for Garfield. Both men they favored were assassinated. They always tell this story to politicians seeking their vote.