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VILLA IS DAY AHEAD OF THE YANKEE LINES

DOGGED TRAILING PROCEEDS
WITH UNABATED INTENS-
ITY INTO FAR SOUTH.

BANDIT MAY JOIN THE ARRIETA BROTHERS SOON

Englishman at Parral Declares Villa
Is Not Hurt—Salazar's Action Is
Not Deemed Worthy of Attention
by Officials—Fire at Naco Starts In-
vestigation by Officials.

El Paso, April 10.—Doggedly trail-
ing Villa, the American cavalry forces
have reached the desolate Sierras
around Parral. The bandit is one day
ahead with 200 followers, at Magis-
tral. He is attempting to join the Ar-
rieta brothers with 3000 men, near
Durango, Americans at Parral stated.
Villa passed through Parral Saturday.
Magistral is 70 miles south.

Wounds Again Denied.
Although Mexicans insisted Villa
was wounded, James Hamilton, an
Englishman at Parral, declared the
outlaw was not hurt. Officials don't re-
gard as serious Salazar's sudden de-
parture after issuing a proclamation
asking Mexicans to join in a new rev-
olution. Salazar is known to oppose
Villa. Alarmist rumors of imminent
danger of a Mexican uprising here
are treated lightly. Consul Garcia at
Jaurez denied the statement that
Washington has promised to not pur-
sue Villa beyond a fixed distance.

Investigation Started.
Douglas, April 10.—Mexican and
American authorities here joined in
an investigation of the cause of the
fire this morning which destroyed
three locomotives, two coaches, the
round house and machine shops of the
Southern Pacific at Naco, Sonora.
Suspicious actions of three Mexicans
before the fire started the investiga-
tions.

Germans Send Products to England.
London, April 8.—England is los-
ing no time in developing trade in
foodstuffs with conquered German
colonies. The first cargo, 400 tons of
cocoa, has arrived safely in London
from the former German colony of
Cameroun, in Africa.

This consignment was en route be-
fore the final conquest of Cameroun
had been officially announced and is
the first shipment of the commodity
ever received here from that colony.
Before the war, Cameroun was Ger-
many's chief cocoa producing colony.
From Cameroun and Togoland
Germany derived about 4,000 of cocoa
per annum.

Lake Supply Steamers Ready
Milwaukee, Wis., April 10.—"When
will the ice go out of the Straits?"
was the big question today in every
port on the Great Lakes. Riding at
anchor in ports along the lakes are
hundreds of steamers, loaded to the
gunwales with ore, coal and grain
waiting for word that "the Straits
are open."

An early start means millions of
dollars to the shipping men. Some-
times the Straits have opened as early
as April 10; in other years not until
May 1. Shipping men aren't going to
waste any time getting started this
year on account of the great demand
for coal and grain.

The mining companies in Upper
Michigan are anxious for coal—their
winter supply being nearly exhausted
—and they are offering big money to
the vessel men who will bring the first
cargoes into port.

Railroad in Face of Boom
Latrobe, Pa., April 10.—With West-
ern Pennsylvania experiencing its
greatest industrial boom, the Pitts-
burg, Westmoreland and Somerset
Railroad today discontinued its pas-
senger-carrying business.

Unless business picks up, officials
said today, the freight business of the
line will be discontinued and the road
will practically go out of business. It
is a small line but taps a rich section.

DAUGHTER IS RETAINED.

Mary Collins Given Custody of
Daughter by The Dalles Judge.
Mary Collins will retain possession
of her young daughter. Some time
ago she and her husband were di-
vorced, he taking a son and she the
daughter. Recently the daughter was
sent to The Dalles to visit her brother
and father, and then, with the daugh-
ter in his custody, the father brought
suit to have the mother restrained
from further possession, claiming her
to be a not fit person for that duty.
After the hearing Saturday in The
Dalles the lady was given the custody
of her daughter.

WAITE PLEADS NOT GUILTY IN COURT



Detective Cunliffe, counting Waite's Money Found in Sand.

Another strange feature of the mysterious case of Dr. Arthur Warren
Waite, the dentist, who poisoned his father-in-law and his mother-in-law
came to light when Detective Cunliffe of the New York County district
attorney's staff, dug from the sands of Long Island \$7,800, which the
doctor had given to E. O. Kane, an undertaker, and which Kane had
buried. Waite said he gave the man \$9,300 to aid him after the murder
of John E. Peck. Kane said he didn't even count the money. But the
detective found the amount \$1,500 short.

RESERVE BANK REPORTS THRIFT

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CREDITED WITH PROSPERITY.

Federal Reserve Officials Make Re-
port that Reflects Credit.

San Francisco, Cal., April 10.—
Prosperous times have struck the Pa-
cific Northwest if information gathered
by federal reserve bank officials
can be taken as a criterion. Summar-
izing conditions in his April report to
the federal reserve board in Wash-
ington, John Perrin, reserve agent for
this district says:

Agricultural prospects are favor-
able quite generally throughout this
district because of unusual precipitation
during December, January and
February.

Dry farming especially will benefit.
Grain acreage will be reduced perhaps
25 per cent because the dry fall sea-
son was followed by wet weather
which interfered with plowing.

In the northwest two successive
grain crops have compelled summer
fallowing of considerable areas. Near
Spokane, it is reported, wheat farm-
ers have unprecedented accumulations
of funds from the last two profitable
years.

Livestock interests are especially
prosperous. Wool is contracting at
prices from 27 cents upward and sheep
are commanding exceptional prices.
One report states that there is a good
profit in wool at 15 cents, with lamb
and mutton at 6 per cent of present
prices. Southern Idaho is said to have
received \$1,000,000 for horses sold for
war use.

Mining is exceedingly active with
unexampled output and prices for cop-
per and other minerals.

Exports and imports are at record
totals in spite of the acute shortage
of ships. Considerable war material
goes to Russia via Seattle. The re-
opening of the Panama canal, reported
for April 15, will be especially impor-
tant for this coast.

Since the establishment of the fed-
eral reserve system, national bank
capitalization, then \$129,585,000 in
this district, has increased by new or-
ganization \$740,500, and by conversion
into or consolidations with state banks
\$435,000, making a net increase of
\$900,000.

February bank clearings in 17 prin-
cipal cities of this district show a gain
of 20 per cent over the preceding year,
and building permits a gain of 25 per
cent.

Credit conditions are easy through-
out the district.

APPALLING LOSSES OCCUR DURING TERRIFIC DRIVES

French and German Devote Sunday to Worst Fighting of the Entire Verdun Campaign.

London, April 10.—Official reports indicate that Germans
started a general Verdun offensive along a front 12 miles long,
Sunday. Berlin claimed Silians captured 700 Frenchmen and 15
large guns while the French were retreating from Bethincourt.

London, April 10.—The greatest
battle in history entered the 50th day
this afternoon with Germans launch-
ing mighty blows at Verdun. Today
saw the most furious fighting since
the smash began. One hundred and
fifty thousand men were thrown into
action in the arch-shaped front.

Since the battle began, Germans

have captured 130 square miles of ter-
ritory, 30 villages, and one fort, the
French admit. It is estimated losses
on both sides will exceed 200,000 men.
The crown prince has rushed fresh
troops to Bethincourt today after
squeezing the French from the salient.
The French point out that Douaumont
is the only fort taken despite exten-
sive use of their famous heavy artil-
lery.

London, April 10.—Germans have
penetrated the French trenches a dis-
tance of 500 yards in the vicinity of
Deadman's Hill by terrific assaults
last night, Paris has admitted.

Battles on both sides of Bethin-
court were the most furious since the
Verdun smash began. Losses on both
sides Sunday were appalling.

Attempting to force evacuation of
fortifications northwest of Verdun,
Germans used their famous nut-
cracker tactics, sacrificing hundreds of
men. The French line was broken
northeast of Avocourt but the French
drove the Germans back again. Dur-
ing Sunday renewed attacks were set
back but finally after coming at the
works again and again, the Germans
met with some measure of success.

During Sunday the Germans
smashed heavily at Deadman's Hill
and Cumieres Woods.

Submarine Toll Heavy.

London, April 10.—Four British
merchants have been victims of
submarines the past day, shippers
have reported. An unarmed vessel,
the Yonno, was torpedoed without
warning, survivors allege. The Sil-
worth Hall, Safra and Glenalmond
were destroyed.

But There's No Telling

Minneapolis, Minn., April 10.—Per-
sons who buy war tax emergency
venue stamps at the local office are
divided into eight classes, Deputy Col-
lector Frank Hammer said today. The
classification, showing how much
they say follows:

\$1,000—Silence, \$500—"It's a nu-
isance; \$100—"It's an outrage; \$50—
"It's a crime"; \$1—"They are robbers
in Washington." Fifty cents—"The
people will yet arise against this great
injustice and assert their rights of
American freedom; "Ten cents—
"Down with the government;" One
cent—Unprintable.

IMBLER DEBATE LEARNED

Imbler, April 10.—In the good roads
debate at Imbler Saturday night,
April 8th, the question of the issuing
of bonds for the construction of good
roads was ably discussed by Karl
Stackland of Cove and Attorney Geo.
T. Cochran of La Grande, for the af-
firmative, and William Jasper and
Walter M. Pierce for the negative.

Mr. Cochran opened the debate and,
after showing the necessity of good
roads, maintained that the trunk lines
where produce would be hauled to
market should be hard surfaced, and
the use of the road should determine
whether it should be left as a dirt
road, a macadam road or a hard sur-
faced road; that the age of gasoline
was here and no macadam road would
withstand the use of heavy trucks.

He went on to say:

"The question of bonding is a ques-
tion of expediency. No great trans-
portation highway has ever been built
in the United States except by means
of bonds. All the great railroads, all
the street railways, the New York
subway, the various tollroads of East-
ern states—all these were built with
bonds. No man ever made a great
success of his private business with-
out going into debt, and even the
worthy opponent of bonding, my
Brother Pierce, when he evolved the
Grande Ronde Electric company from
his fertile brain and saddled the
trust upon the people of Union coun-
ty, did so by issuing bonds. Further-
more, the construction of roads by
wholesale is cheaper than by con-
structing them by retail, and the dif-
ference in the cost of construction
would almost make up the amount of
interest they would have to pay upon
4 1-2 per cent bonds."

Mr. Jasper Speaks.
W. R. Jasper then said that the
movement to bond for county roads
was merely one part of a general
movement to bond for internal im-

provements, and that public debts are
never paid, and, as it is impossible to
tell what would be the condition of
things in the future, it is better to pay
as you go in building good roads, so
that if times became hard, we could
stop our payments, if we so desired.

Mr. Stackland Next Speaker.
Mr. Stackland then took the floor
and argued that the roads of this
county need improvement. He said:

"Hard surface road on the main
trunk lines is the only improvement
that will stand the wear, and that as
far as Cove is concerned, the auto-
mobile truck has put the branch line
out of business and it was intending
to take up its rails, and when it did so,
Cove would be excluded from inter-
course with the outside world for four
or five months in the year, and it was
a blot upon any county like ours to
have any community within sight of
its main commercial town to be so
shut up in jail."

Pierce Then Heard.
Mr. Pierce was then heard, arguing
that bonds were the bane of all in-
dustry. He pointed out:

"J. Pierpont Morgan took the steel
trust with a capital stock of \$25,000,
000 and made it \$250,000,000. When
he took the shipping industry, with a
capital stock of \$150,000,000 and made
it \$1,500,000,000 and he thereby mor-
ganized this country and placed upon
it a yoke which was burdensome be-
yond endurance."

Mr. Pierce continued by saying:
"Corporate debts are never paid;
that when he purchased the electric
light plant of La Grande, part of that
plant consisted of an expenditure of
\$20,000 at Oro Dell for a dam and a
little building; and that when he sold
that plant he sold the same dam and
building—that it was not charged off
the books, though it was not used and

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FATHER, SON, TO DINE AT THE "Y"

INSTITUTION'S BIGGEST STUNT SET FOR APRIL 28TH

Problems of Boy and Father Alike to
Be Discussed While Old and
Young Dine at the "Y."

One of the biggest "stunts" yet at-
tempted by the Y. M. C. A. will be
in the shape of a Father and Son
banquet, April 28th. The Boy's de-
partment of the institution is prepar-
ing for the event and at that time
father and son will banquet together
and face squarely some of the prob-
lems often overlooked by the aver-
age father.

Unless plans miscarry a whole lot
there will be 200 fathers and sons
seated at the table in the gym on the
evening of the banquet. The purpose
is to make the event overshadow any-
thing yet attempted.

"When your boy gets an invitation
to be present, Mr. Father, how are
you going to refuse both your own
presence and his for an event like
this?" asks Secretary Clark who is
general in charge of the boys work-
ing out the details.

FOUND BAD ROADS.

John Day Trip Abandoned After
Reaching Vale Territory.

Chas. McCrary, Harley Richardson
and Jess Andrews have returned from
Vale, the furthestmost point of their
proposed trip to John Day. They
found roads impassable and had to
turn back.

On their return they made splendid
time from Vale to La Grande, reach-
ing here Saturday midnight, several
days ahead of the time their friends
looked for their return.

COMMITTEE TO GO.

Taxpayers' League Will Send Legisla-
tive Committee.

It was determined Saturday after-
noon that the Union County Taxpayers'
league shall send two of its legislative
committee to the proposed meeting of
all tax leagues of the state at a meet-
ing to be held about April 20, prob-
ably at Salem. Walter M. Pierce, J.
T. Williamson and John S. Hodgkin
comprise the legislative committee
and two of these will be selected to
go, it is thought. Proposed legisla-
tion and suggested constitutional
amendments and amalgamation of all
tax leagues into a composite body are
some of the things to come before the
proposed meeting.

BURTON AFTER OREGON VOTES

OHIO SENATOR TO ADDRESS LA GRANDERS.

Well Known Republican Will Fire
Presidential Campaign Guns.

Initial 1916 presidential campaign
guns will be fired in La Grande next
Saturday night, Theodore E. Burton,
elected to the United States Senate in
1909 by the Ohio legislature, member
of the Monetary commission, for 10
years chairman of the Rivers and
Harbors committee of the House, of-
ten National Republican convention
delegate and the man who presented
the name of William H. Taft for the
presidency in the 1908 convention, is
the man who will touch off the presi-
dential campaign spark in this city.
The Cleveland politician seeks the
presidential nomination and will visit
Oregon for that purpose. O. C. Bortz-
meyer, state manager for the cam-
paign in this state, and Robert Dem-
mer, financial manager of the Oregon
Deutsche Zeitung, are here today ar-
ranging for Mr. Burton's appearance
in this city Saturday night.

"VILLA" BAD WORD.

New Mexicans Don't Permit His
Praise by Mexicans in America.

Most Mexicans who live on the
American side of the border are loyal
to the Carranza government and do
nothing to bring on trouble, accord-
ing to information from H. D.
Straight, a cousin of Mrs. Ellen H.
Cross, received by the La Grande
lady. The letter tells of conditions
along the border and recites that a
few days ago a Mexican on the
street shouted praises for Villa and
was promptly felled on the sidewalk,
and later taken to jail. The Ameri-
cans tolerate the Mexicans as long as
they are orderly and neutral.

BABY MUCH IMPROVED.

Ten Months Old Zundell Boy Has
Good Chance to Recover.

After suffering the very critical
operation of having a tumor removed,
the 10-month old son of Mr. and Mrs.
Earl Zundell is reported today as be-
ing considerably improved with splen-
did chances of ultimately recovery
from the unusual malady with which
it was afflicted.

Is Witness at The Dalles.

J. M. Hites has returned from The
Dalles where he was subpoenaed on
court matters.

TRADE BOARD REPORTS UPON GAS SUPPLIES

REPORT THAT SUPPLY IS SHORT
FOUND TO BE WITHOUT
FACT.

BOOSTED PRICES WILL BE THOROUGHLY PROBED

Far More Petroleum Available Last
February Than the Preceding Feb-
ruary—Dividends and Relations of
Standard Oil Company Subjected to
Searching Investigation by Justice
Branch.

Washington, April 10.—The Federal
Trade commission has sent to the
Senate a preliminary outline of its
findings of the probe of increasing
prices of gasoline. It contradicted
the report that the available supply
of petroleum is decreasing.

Petroleum Supply Increased.
The commission reported that more
than 100,000,000 gallons of crude pe-
troleum were available in February
as against 70,000,000 the previous
February.

Justice Branch to Finish.
The department of justice will cen-
duct the remainder of the probe. It
will inquire into capitalization, di-
vidends and prices of oil company
stocks, and learn whether higher
prices are necessary to maintain a
normal standard of profit, and to
learn if the Standard oil has illegal
relations discriminating or stifling
competition.

OPIE READ HERE APRIL 15.

Will Give Program of Original Num-
bers at High School.

After an intermission of several
months between numbers, the Neigh-
borhood club announces the last num-
ber of the lyceum course. Opie Read,
who gained such popularity in a
former appearance in La Grande, will
fill this date. He is with one or two
possible exceptions the author of more
widely read books than any other liv-
ing American. He is one of the
most sought after and best paid con-
tributors to current periodicals. Opie
Read will appear at the high school
auditorium on Saturday evening,
April 15th, in a program of original
numbers.

MANY VISITORS COMING.

Visiting Delegations at Woodman Cel-
ebration to Be Extensive.

Visitors, and candidates in most in-
stances, will be in La Grande tomor-
row night from Island City, Imbler,
Cove, Summerville and Union to at-
tend the adoption ceremony of the
Modern Woodmen of America. A
class of about 30 will be taken into
the order. Refreshments will be
served.

J. W. Simmons, deputy state head
consul, is to be present for the oc-
casion.

District Deputy Chas. Jester has
worked hard for this adoption and the
size of the class shows how well he
succeeded.

DISPATCHER'S FATHER DEAD.

Official on His Way Home From Ohio
Funeral Last Week.

C. F. Roberts, night chief dispatch-
er, writes to Dispatcher J. F. Corbett
that when he was called to Ohio by
the illness of his father, the sum-
mons was too late and that his father
died before he reached there. He did,
however, attend the funeral and left
for La Grande Saturday. He ex-
pects to reach here tomorrow.

Chas. F. Hyde a Candidate.

Baker, April 10.—Charles F. Hyde
on Saturday filed his petition for the
Democratic nomination for district at-
torney of Baker county. Mr. Hyde in
his petition points to his record in the
office of district attorney, which he
held for two years, when the district
comprised not only Baker county but
also what is now a portion of Grant,
Malheur and Harney.

ORPHET TRIAL DELAYED.

Experts Not Ready to Proceed With
Testimony to Prove Poison.

Waukegan, Ill., April. Counsel de-
fending Orphet today demanded con-
tinuance of the trial of the University
of Wisconsin youth for the murder of
his Wisconsin sweetheart last winter,
until June because experts attempt-
ing to prove the girl committed sui-
cide, are not ready to report.