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ONLY 2000 MEN OF ARMY LEFT IN THE STATES

NEW VERSION OF BANDIT'S
WOUNDS BROUGHT TO THE
BORDER BY MEXICANS.

FATHER DEFENDING HIS DAUGHTER MEETS DEATH

Government Sanctions Report that
Superhuman Dash Alone Can Over-
take Villa Now—Conflicting Re-
ports Brought from Guerrero Con-
cerning Nature of Villa's Injuries.

Washington, April 11.—Twelve
thousand American soldiers are now
in Mexico, it is officially stated. Most
of them are engaged in guarding com-
munications. Eighteen thousand
more are patrolling the border.
Only 2000 troops remain in the rest
of the country, including Alaska. All
inquiries concerning advisability of
using the militia have been referred
to the President. Duplication of the
Sangeronimo dash will be necessary to
overtake Villa now.

El Paso, April 11.—American cav-
alry is reported to have entered Du-
rango, today. Villa is believed to be
at Tepic, traversing the main
highway leading to Durango city.

New "Wounds" Cause Head.
Arrivals from Chihuahua have
brought new versions of the circum-
stances leading to Villa's wounds.
They said a Mexican shot at him at
Guerrero after the man's daughter
had been outraged. He tried to es-
cape after shooting the bandit, but
Villistas took him before the wound-
ed chief for punishment.

Fiend Kills the Father.
The punishment that the Mexican
got for defending his daughter's hon-
or was to be shot down by Villa him-
self.

Carranzistas Let Villa Pass.
Passengers from Chihuahua say
Villistas murdered several foreigners,
including three Americans, an Eng-
lishman, a Frenchman and a German.
Travelers strongly denounce Carran-
zistas and declare de facto troops
stepped aside and let Villa pass. It
is not known whether the Arrieta
Brothers, commanding large forces
near Durango, favor Villa. Sup-
posedly they are Carranzistas though
they have been reported to oppose the
American expedition.

False Rumors Circulated.
Columbus, April 11.—Mexicans are
circulating false reports of Villa's
death from wounds reported to have
been received at Guerrero, army avi-
ators at Dargue reported after ar-
riving from the front.

A report was given out at Sanbor-
ja which said Villa was dead and
buried.

Many reports say that men who
have been over the scene of the Guer-
rero battle said the bandit was shot
in both legs. They admitted reports
to that effect might have been in-
spired.

Telephone Manager Arrives.

C. E. Hickman, district manager of
the Pacific States Telephone and Tel-
egraph company, with headquarters
in Spokane, arrived in La Grande to-
day. Mr. Hickman is on a general
tour of this part of the state looking
over the condition of telephone con-
nections with the main Pacific States
system. He has a very large district,
comprising the eastern portions of
Washington and Oregon.

Accused of Stealing Bike.
Burrell Tiffany, a young man, was
arrested yesterday evening on com-
plaint of Deputy Sheriff Weagle and
charged with having stolen a bicycle.
The date of the alleged theft is about
a year ago and the value of the prop-
erty claimed to have been stolen is
placed at \$55. The defendant was
brought before Justice of the Peace
Williams and he waived examination.
In default of bonds placed at \$500 he
is in the custody of the sheriff.

OPENING DAY TOMORROW.

Program of Music, and Refreshments,
at Snodgrass Store.

Commencing tomorrow afternoon at
2 o'clock the J. G. Snodgrass Grocery
store will be the scene of a happy
opening day ceremony. Refreshments
will be served during the afternoon
up to 6 o'clock, and music will be
provided. In the evening the program
will center about the gift of 20 prizes
to ladies present. This will be be-
tween 8 and 9 o'clock. "The general
public is invited to help us celebrate
completion of interior furnishings of
our new store" said Mr. Snodgrass
this afternoon.

HERE ARE M'HARG'S "BUSINESS CANDIDATES."



Ormsby McHarg, whose activities
in Republican politics have at times
been interesting, has established ex-
pensive offices in New York City to
try to persuade the delegates to the
Republican National Convention to
nominate a business man for presi-
dent. Any one of those whose pic-
tures are here shown would be ac-

ceptable, he says. But T. Coleman
du Pont, of the Delaware family, now
owner of the Equitable Life Assur-
ance Society, would be the ideal can-
didate. But Mr. McHarg denies he is
working solely in the interest of Mr.
du Pont. Four or five of the business
candidates are wealthy.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FALL

TOTAL SALE OF LIQUOR IN
COUNTY IN MARCH, BEER 888
QUARTS, WHISKEY 592.

MARCH LIQUOR SUMMARY.

Town	Whiskey	Beer
La Grande	303	624
Union	145	168
Kamela	12	
Elgin	66	96
North Powder	60	
Hilgard	4	
Imbler	2	

Total quarts 592 888
Total purchases of ethyl alcohol in
the county for March number 112
sales, for varying amounts each.
Alcohol shipments to La Grande
druggists in March 37 1-2 quarts.

Consumption of liquors in Union
county during March, increased con-
siderably over the previous months—
due, probably, to exhausted supplies
stored prior to prohibition era.

Figures compiled in the County
Clerk's office today with the reports
from transportation companies, and
druggist filed up to last night, show
Union to be the heavy consumer of
whiskey and La Grande the beer
drinking community proportionate to
population. However figures ap-
portioned to Union are slightly mislead-
ing because many Cove residents
bought their supplies there. In
further analyzing the figures given
above, the reader can divide the num-
ber of total quarts of whiskey
shipped in by two and he will have
the approximate number of people
who bought whiskey during that per-
iod of time. In the figures are one
or two quarts of wine, two quarts of
rum sent to Hilgard, and in one or
two instances half and half shipments
of wine and whiskey. These excep-
tions are negligible, however, the big

MARCH 1916 SAW NINE UNDER
ARREST IN CITY JAIL AND
MARCH 1915 SAW 48.

That prohibition has reduced the
number of arrests for all causes in La
Grande is shown by figures compiled
in the chief of police office.

During March, 1916, four police-
men arrested a total of 48 with 15 of
them drunks. In March, 1915, three
La Grande policemen arrested a total
of nine, six of them being drunks.

majority of purchases being straight
whiskey.

No attempt has been made to com-
pute the total sales of ethyl alcohol in
drug stores in ounces. The affidavits
are made out in half, one, and other
denominations expressed in ounces,
and would require a day of close work
to place them into understandable
figures. The total number of ethyl al-
cohol sales, nevertheless, is but
slightly more than the first and sec-
ond months of the dry era.

The combined sales to the entire
county wouldn't, ex-saloonmen say,
keep up a paying business for one sal-
oon a month.

WOODMAN OFFICIAL COMES.

Is Attracted by County Gathering of
Woodmen Here This Evening.

Attracted by the initiation of a
large class of Modern Woodmen this
evening, at which will be present visi-
tors and candidates from practically
every camp in the county, J. W. Sim-
mons, state deputy head consul in
Oregon, arrived this noon. He will
return on the midnight train.

Members of the La Grande camp
are requested to meet early that the
big class may be started on its way
to woodcraft with no loss of time this
evening.

HOUSE ORDERS RIVER SURVEY IN NORTHWEST

OREGON STREAMS INCLUDED IN
BIG APPROPRIATIONS BY
LOWER HOUSE.

POSSIBLE POWER SITES IN IDAHO TO BE MAPPED

Map of Upper Columbia, with View of
Constructing Docks and Dams In-
cluded in the Orders of the Bill—
Willamette River to Be Surveyed
from Corvallis to Eugene.

Washington, April 11.—The House
has adopted the rivers and harbors
bill items for the army engineers to
survey streams of the Northwest. The
bill proposes the following survey:
Columbia river from St. Helens to
deep water.
Stuslaw from Acme to Tillamook.
Columbia from The Dalles to Van-
couver.

Willamette from Corvallis to Eu-
gene.
Washougal Slough and Everett
harbor in Washington.

Map out Columbia from Celilo to
the Snake, and the Snake to Pittsburg
Landing, with a view of constructing
locks and dam for navigation.

They will also survey the Clear-
water river from its mouth to Orofino,
taking consideration of development
of electrical power at St. Marys and
St. Joe, Idaho.

Appropriations for the Oregon pro-
jects have already passed the house.

PRESBYTERY AT BAKER.

Annual Convention Will Be Opened
This Evening.

Baker, April 11.—The annual con-
vention of the Grande Ronde Presby-
tery opens this evening for a two
days' session at the Presbyterian
church, the opening service to be
featured by a sermon by the Rev.
George L. Clark of La Grande and a
vocal solo by Mrs. Percy Breck.

Wednesday morning and afternoon
the business sessions will be held
with the committee reports and rou-
tine matters to be disposed of.

Tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 the vis-
iting delegates will be entertained at
a banquet at the church and following
will come a joint session of the Pres-
bytery and Presbyterial. Mrs. Chas.
W. Hays of Portland will be the prin-
cipal speaker at the joint meeting and
Mrs. A. C. Strang will sing.

Of the 21 churches in the Presby-
tery a good number will be represent-
ed, but owing to the bad condition of
the roads in the interior many pastors
in charge of interior churches are not
planning to attend.

PROMINENT LODGE MEN HERE.

Will Meet with Eastern Oregon Com-
mandry No. 6 This Evening.

Louis G. Clarke, head official of the
Knights Templar of Oregon, arrived
from Portland this morning and this
evening will visit in an official way
Eastern Oregon Commandry No. 5,
Knights Templar of La Grande. Mr.
Clarke is a member of the firm of
Woodard, Clarke Co., the well known
wholesale drug house of Portland, and
is very prominent in business as well
as in the Masonic fraternal circles.
With him is Secretary Jas. F. Robin-
son of the Knight Templars of the
state. The two visiting officials were
met at the train by a delegation
headed by officials and prominent
Knights of the La Grande commandry
and at noon the visitors were joined
by a number of local members in a
luncheon at the Sommer hotel.

COLLECTIONS ABOUT HALF.

Slight Discrepancy Between Amount
Collected and Amount Due.

That not quite half of the taxes to
be collected this year were paid by
April 15 when the first half was
due is shown by totals struck today.
Deputy Hal Rees reports a total col-
lected of \$195,816.04. This leaves
\$206,028.93 uncollected.

Oklahoma Endorses Wilson.

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 11.—A
delegation instructed for President
Wilson is regarded as the almost cer-
tain result of the Democratic state
convention here today. The Demo-
cratic state executive committee re-
cently adopted resolutions endorsing
the present administration, particu-
larly in regard to its foreign policy.
Everything had a distinct Wil-
son flavor at the county conventions
the first of the month.

ROMANCE THRIVES MID ETHER ODORS

CUPID'S STRANGE CUNNING
REACHES TO HOSPITAL.

Two Lovers, Both Very Ill, in Same
Hospital, Yet Don't Realize the
Fact.

Cupid is truly a busybody. He
works all the time and in out of the
way corners—such as hospitals. A
short time ago a well known Union
girl was taken critically ill with ap-
pendicitis of an aggravated type and
though she is now recovering satis-
factorily, she was in a critical state
for a long time. So ill was she that
her faculties escaped the usual con-
trol and in her periods of deliriousness
she often spoke the name of a well
known Union man—beseeching his
presence, and voicing more of love's
enchantment in the presence of unin-
terested parties than she would have
done with controlled faculties. Such
things are not unusual however, and
nurses and doctors treated her with
deaf ears. Such things are secrets of
the hospital, and what she said
will never be known for her auditors
won't tell. Thus concludes Reel I.

A few days ago a man whose home
is in Union but at the time was em-
ployed in Enterprise, was taken criti-
cally ill with pleurisy. His case was
critical and he was rushed to the La
Grande hospital. In due course of
time he became delirious, and in such
states, talked of the one he loved—
that he was to marry this summer.
Then, in more lucid moments, he
gripped his teeth and railed at for-
tune which threw him into the hos-
pital, materially reducing his financial
savings with which to take and pro-
vide for that girl of all girls—the
girl he loved. That he loves her, pa-
tients in nearby wards will attest to,
for he spoke endearing terms of her
in delirious moments with loud voice.
His mind is still in sore straits. Thus
ends Reel II.

Soon the Union girl was able to
write letters, and she poured out her
love—at least she probably did—and
congratulated herself upon improve-
ment from dire sickness, in a letter
to a young man she loved. The letter
was addressed to Enterprise but the
Enterprise postmaster sent it back to
the La Grande hospital, in a ward two
doors away from where it was writ-
ten. Thus ends Reel III.

By now nurses and friends of both
have discovered the romantic course
of true love's running. The girl from
Union and the man from Enterprise
occupied sick rooms on the same floor
of the same hospital, but neither knew
it until today and each loves the
other. Even now the man isn't strong
enough to be told that the girl he has
been crying out for in his delirious
moments lies convalescent from criti-
cal illness nearby. The girl was to-
day apprised of the fact that her lover
occupies a room near her, but she
doesn't know how sick he is. Thus
ends Reel IV.

In due course of time, hospital at-
tendants pray, both will be strong
enough to become convalescent in each
other's presence, and if Dan Cupid
doesn't score a bull's-eye in this rom-
ance, there is something wrong with
his cunning and the finale reel of this
scenario must be revamped.

Patients in the hospital are watch-
ing the romance with keen interest
and marvel at how strange things do
occur.

WARNING SENT TO LOWLANDS

COLUMBIA AND WILLAMETTE
TO BE DANGEROUS.

High Percentage of Water Being
Yielded from Mountain Snow.

Portland, April 11.—The weather
bureau has issued a warning to resi-
dents on lowlands of the Columbia
and Willamette and business houses
along Front street. Higher water than
usual is anticipated owing to heavy
snowfall. It is said the moun-
tains are still covered with snow
which is hard packed and will yield
high percentage of water.

Under normal temperature condi-
tions the Columbia will be higher in
April and May than usual. The
amount of snow everywhere is the
heaviest in years.

FREE SUGAR REPEALED

Washington, April 11.—The Senate
today repealed the free sugar clause
of the tariff 40 to 32.

County Officials on Trip.

County Judge J. F. Phy and Com-
missioner W. J. Townley went up to
Starkey today on county business.

Cincinnati May Adopt Monkeys.

Cincinnati, April 11.—A special
election here today will determine
whether \$300,000 in bonds shall be is-
sued to purchase the zoo, making the
collection of animals a municipal as-
set. If the bond issue is carried, a
campaign will be launched to secure
a \$250,000 endowment to help main-
tain the zoo. Cincinnati already
owns and operates a railroad, uni-
versity and hospital.

VERDUN LINE HOLDS THOUGH FOE POUNDS IT

WAVE AFTER WAVE OF HU-
MANITY HURLED AGAINST
FRENCHMEN'S DEFENSES.

LOSSES GROWING BY THOUSANDS EACH DAY

Bethincourt's True Merit Disputed,
Germans Claiming Point Decisive
and Frenchmen Saying Strategy
Prompted the Withdrawal—French-
men Have Advantage at Points.

Berlin, April 11.—Thirty-six thou-
sand Frenchmen have been captured
since the beginning of the Verdun at-
tack, it is semi-officially announced.
On the west bank of the Meuse Ger-
mans captured ten square miles of
territory and a larger area on the east
bank.

Bethincourt Loss Heavy.
Countering French statements that
evacuation of Bethincourt was a
strategic move, a semi-official news
agency published a copy of the French
order allegedly found on the battle-
field, urging the commanders to hold
Bethincourt at all costs.

200,000 Germans Dead.
Paris, April 11.—It is officially es-
timated German losses at Verdun are
more than 200,000. The Verdun line
still held today under the most tre-
mendous blows in history. Wave af-
ter wave of Germans was thrown
against the line on a six-mile front
on the northwest citadel.

French Losses Heavy.
Twenty thousand Germans were
killed and wounded in two days. The
French losses are admittedly heavy.
It is announced three German corps
lost half of their total strength since
the beginning of the battle.

Liquid Successfully Used.
Attacking with liquid fire, Germans
captured fragments of trenches on
the ridge east of Deadman's Hill last
night. Elsewhere they were re-
pulsed. Bloody fighting resulted with
a Teuton attempt to recapture lost
ground south of Douaumont. They
were heavily checked and thrown into
disorder. Artillery prevented the
use of flame throwers there.

Artillery Thunders Elsewhere.
Terrific bombardment thundered at
Douaumont, Vaux and Woivre all
night. Artillery and infantry fire
routed the Germans debouching from
Crows Woods.

FARM TRADED BY HUG.

E. G. Adcock Family Will Till Soil
Near Elgin Hereafter.

Henry Hug of Elgin has traded 70
acres near Elgin to E. G. Adcock of
this city for the Adcock residence in
West La Grande and some property
on the North side. Mr. and Mrs. Ad-
cock expect to move to their new
property and begin farming. Mr. Ad-
cock having for a number of years
been in the furniture business in La
Grande. Mr. Hug quits city life at
Elgin to become the Ford agent here.
Mr. and Mrs. Adcock will take their
own furniture to Elgin, or such as
they need.

VILLA PHOTOGRAPH RECEIVED.

Jack McCarthy's Brother Sends Pic-
ture of Mexican Bandit.

Jack McCarthy received this morn-
ing a postcard from his brother,
George McCarthy, who is located
near Columbus, N. M. The picture
side of the card has a photograph of
Pancho Villa, the now notorious Mexi-
can bandit. Villa is standing be-
tween two Mexican officers and there
is no mistaking the genuineness of
the original. Mr. McCarthy writes
that everything is quiet on the bor-
der, although there are a great many
United States soldiers on both sides
of the boundary.

Bullet in Ankle.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
McCurry of North Powder went out to
the edge of town with a .22 rifle to
shoot squirrels. She came back seri-
ously wounded the weapon having dis-
charged into her foot. The bullet
struck from above and lodged in the
bones. She was brought to the hospi-
tal in this city where the lead was
located with X-ray equipment.

Longer Skirts and Less Flirting.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 11.—At-
torney William E. Currie's ordi-
nance making women's short skirts
longer and prohibiting flirting, is be-
fore the city council today. Bachelor
councilmen decline to admit that they
have noticed any irregularities in this
respect and married councilmen are
afraid to admit that they have looked.
The ordinance is not expected to pass.