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American Troops Will Remain in Mexico For The Present

CARRANZA'S REQUEST HAS BEEN SHELVED

HOUSE HEARS RESOLUTION TO PUSH EXPEDITION TO THE FINAL END

SENATOR STONE IS FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL

"Can't Capture Villa Now," Declares Stone in Pleading for Withdrawal, Claiming Purpose of the Expedition Has Been Accomplished—House Resolution Wants Finish Fight.

Washington, April 14.—American troops will remain in Mexico for the present. The cabinet today unanimously determined on no change in policy. Carranza's request for withdrawal of troops is unanswered. President Wilson's stand during the meeting is unknown. The cabinet decided to gather all facts before attempting final action. President Carranza of the Mexican defacto government has renewed his request for withdrawal, in a telegram, which has been filed with the original request.

What Will Wilson Do?
People are wondering today whether President Wilson intends to withdraw his troops. His speech last night is considered significant.

Stone Wants Withdrawal.
Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, is on record as in favor of withdrawal. "The question is whether we have accomplished our purpose and done all we can do. I believe we have. Only two courses remain open—withdrawal or intervention. I endorsed sending troops in, but all reverts, now, to the question of how long they should be kept there."

"I am convinced we cannot capture Villa with the start he has. He is in a friendly country where he knows every foot. Our boys are not familiar with the territory."

House Resolution Differs.
Senator Stone made this statement after a conference with Secretary of State Lansing. Representative McLenore has introduced a resolution in the House declaring American troops shall not be withdrawn until Villa is captured, killed or driven into exile. McLenore's preamble said Carranza had been an obstacle in the expedition, impeding the capture of Villa. The resolution empowered President Wilson to send reinforcements, call volunteers and accept the services of national guardsmen.

Death List Varying.
Estimates of the number of Mexicans killed at Parral range from a handful to a hundred, state department reports, based on stories by travelers, said. They indicate but one American was slain.

After the clash the travelers said Americans withdrew to the outside of the city and reports failed to show that the battle was resumed during the night as the Mexican advisers indicated.

Columbus, April 14.—Carranza's request that Americans withdraw from Mexico today halted forward movement of the expedition. Smaller columns and expeditions have consolidated rapidly. Until definite action is taken the American lines of communications will be extended no farther.

Small bodies of scouts and cavalry airplanes are possibly watching Villa's progress through Durango. The change in disposition of troops has been made since President Carranza's request, made after the fight at Parral.

Strategic points along the lines of communication have been reinforced. Troops here last night were ordered to sleep in clothes beside stacked rifles.

Demand for Onions and Carrots

Seattle, April 12.—All the available onions and carrots in Western Washington having been consumed by the canning plant at Ladner, B. C., that is preparing these vegetables for the British army, 8500 tons from Oregon and California, brought to Seattle by steamer and rail, are being shipped to Ladner. The steamer that carries the onions and carrots north brings back British Columbia potatoes.

BANQUET DATE SET.

Commercial Club Election to Be Held on That Date.

An annual meeting, election and banquet of the La Grande Commercial club is set for next Thursday evening, April 20th. A committee to make arrangements for this was appointed as follows: W. C. Robb, W. D. McCarthy, E. D. Selder, Ted Lednum and Harley Richardson.

PENDLETON MAN LOCATES.

J. H. Pameyer Will Take Over Wright Sign Service.

Samuel Wright, for several years owner and operator of the Wright sign writing business in this city, is negotiating for the sale of his plant and business to J. H. Pameyer of Pendleton who has come here to locate.

Logging Contract Finished

E. O. Zeck, formerly in the sawmill business in Union and recently associated with Peter Wright in a logging contract in northern Idaho, has returned having finished their work. They have brought their logging outfit back with them and have some other contracts nearer home in view.

SEAMEN VOTING TO CALL STRIKE

WHOLE PACIFIC COAST EMBODIED IN AREA.

Shipping in Serious Danger Admit Shippers at Frisco.

San Francisco, April 14.—That a vote for a general strike is being taken by the Seamen's union is the announcement made by officials here today. Such a move would tie up shipping of coast wise and trans-Pacific nature to a degree seriously damaging at the present time, and admit.

A RABIES SCARE AGAIN.

Spitz Dog Near Pendleton Exhibits Alarming Symptoms.

Indications of rabies in the vicinity of Pendleton have appeared again. A spitz dog belonging to William Barnhart, an Indian living on Tutuilla creek, died Tuesday after having bitten many other animals and exhibiting every symptom of rabies. The dog was bitten by a coyote three weeks ago and about ten days ago began to act strangely, biting and snapping at the seven other dogs owned by the Indian family. On last Saturday it strayed away, something it had never done before, coming in to Pendleton and later appearing at the Sam Bittner place. Mr. Bittner shot at it, inflicting a wound. On Monday it bit a sheep at the Gilman Folsom place and later began chasing the animals on the Owens place. On Tuesday it died whether from the wound or the disease is not known. E. F. Averill, government inspector, was notified as was Superintendent Swartzlander of the reservation. Mr. Swartzlander this morning had the dog's head cut off and sent to Portland for examination.

READ IS DIFFERENT.

Anticipation of Saturday Evening Entertainment Is Keen.

Opie Read is like no one else in the world. His very presence lends a strange enchantment to his stories. You may have enjoyed his books in the solitude of your library; perchance you have been stirred by his plays, or spent delightful half-hours in the reading of his clever character sketches; but unless you have sat within the sound of his voice, and heard from his own lips the quaint tales that originate in his brain, you do not fully appreciate the splendid genius of the man. On the platform Mr. Read shines with a brilliance all his own. Everywhere he is received with enthusiasm. The indescribable witchery of his words, the charm of his voice and manner, the influence of his personality, combine to weave the magic spell that holds his hearers enthralled. One minute roaring with laughter at some humorous bit, the next staring at the speaker through fog, blinding tears, with a feeling that you will never smile again—only to break into fresh screams of laughter immediately after—you realize that this remarkable man has the power to sway his audience at will. Mr. Read is always entertaining. His program is varied and each number is a gem. In all his readings he shows himself to be a wonderful delineator of character, and an artist in the interpretation of his own work.

This will be the last number of the lyceum course. Seats are now on sale at Van Buren's. Remember the place, high school auditorium; the time Saturday 9 p. m. Admission 75 cents. School children admitted at the door for 50 cents.

80 MERCHANT VESSELS SUNK IN ONE MONTH

BERLIN GIVES OUT FIGURES OF SUBMARINE TOLL DURING THIRTY-DAY PERIOD.

VERDUN SITUATION SEES BUT FEW CHANGES LATELY

Some Fighting Progresses but French Lay Claim to Advantages—Berlin Itself Admits There Has Been Little Along Verdun Front of Interest—Germans Best Russians.

Berlin, April 14.—It is officially announced that 80 merchantmen, of a total tonnage of 207,000 tons, have been sunk by submarines and mines during the month of March.

German Attacks Repulsed.
Paris, April 14.—Weak German attacks south of Douaumont were repulsed last night. Germans bombarded Hill 304 violently but failed to emerge from trenches for the expected assault. South of Haudremont and Moulinville lively artillery duels were fought.

Turks Feel Defeat.
London, April 14.—British forces attempting to relieve Townshend's beleaguered garrison at Kutelamara have severely defeated the Turks it was announced today. General Lake is reported to be driving the Moslems to the south bank of the Tigris river for a distance of three miles.

California Fruit Held Up.
Christiana, April 14.—British authorities have halted the Danish steamer United States, en route to Scandinavian ports and removed 1000 bags of parcels post and 50,000 boxes of California fruit.

Berlin's Version Given.
Berlin, April 14.—Attempted attacks west of the Meuse were repulsed it is officially reported. Otherwise the Verdun situation is unchanged. Germans defeated Russians in attacks northwest of Dvinsk, south of Narocz Lake and north of Zirin.

SUPPLY HOUSE FOR LA GRANDE.

Holt Machinery Co. Puts in Branch to Carry Repairs.

C. W. Bunting, who quite recently resigned from the Oregon Co-operative company to take charge of the Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho business of E. L. Smith & Co., which handles exclusively the Holt farm machinery, today announced that the Holt company had made arrangements to put in a supply house in La Grande where Mr. Bunting would see that all machine repairs for the Holt machinery are kept in stock and can be had at any time. This will greatly facilitate owners of machines in his territory for it will save delays and heavy transportation charges. The new supply house is located in the Slater building at the corner of Fir and Jefferson streets along with the Stiles Produce Co.

BUSINESSGETTERS HERE.

Northwest Railroad Representatives Visit in La Grande.

A group of business getters for various railroads was in La Grande this morning, en route to Wallowa county points. A. W. Shoemaker, traveling passenger and freight agent for the Missouri Pacific and St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad, and E. K. Garrison, district freight and passenger agent for the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul and H. W. Peterson, traveling freight and passenger agent for the latter company, all with headquarters in Portland, spent the morning in La Grande. They report passenger business good on the Northern lines, a condition which is not universal, according to traveling men. The trio will return tonight from Wallowa county bound for points west.

RAISING BEE TOMORROW.

Further Work to Be Put on Christian Church Parsonage.

Tomorrow another raising bee will be conducted at the Christian church parsonage on Pennsylvania avenue. Men who are willing to donate a day's work are asked to bring some sort of a tool, and if unable to bring tools, come anyway. The Sunday School children will serve dinner.

WILSON'S NOTE IS FINAL

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson's final word in the submarine controversy is embodied in a note which the cabinet ratified today. It is reported on the best authority that it notifies Germany that another submarine disaster jeopardizing Americans will mean immediate severance of relations.

The communication is sharp, concise, and permits of no dickering. No hint of the full and exact contents is obtainable.

Washington, April 14.—It is reported the note requests punishment of the offending submarine commanders, demands assurance of a changed policy removing possibility of repetition of the incident which brought the nations dangerously near to a break.

A tentative direct communication will be presented to the house and senate committees before Secretary Lansing writes the formal message. This may result in slight changes of the text.

Card Parties Not Allowed

Portland, April 12.—Card parties in public school buildings will not be permitted, according to a decision reached yesterday by the school board. It was feared that if such a concession were granted, a far greater storm of protest would be raised than was occasioned when dancing was permitted. Requests were before the board for combination dancing and card parties in the school buildings, but they were all denied.

STATE AND DISTRICT SLATE READY FOR THE PRIMARIES

County and district candidates are being called to the mark today for the sprint into the May primaries. Time for filing for state and district offices expires today, and the complexion of the senatorial and representative ticket is practically determined this afternoon.

Tom Walsinger, Republican, who was urged by many of his friends to seek the Union county representative ship at the primary polls, has not responded and his name will not be on the ballot.

It follows then, that there will be three names on the Republican ballot for this office—Curry, Foley and Small which is the alphabetical arrangement of their names. James Woodell will be the Democratic aspirant.

Democratic Ticket Blank.
The Democratic primary ticket will be blank for joint senator. Walter M. Pierce didn't file his petition with the secretary of state. This leaves E. E. Kiddle and S. R. Haworth, both of La Grande, as candidates for that nomination both of whom are Republicans.

Fred Ashley, an Enterprise merchant, and Henry B. Davidhizer, Joseph rancher, are the two Republican candidates for joint representative from Union and Wallowa counties. If any Democrats seek that nomination they have filed at the last moment and

their purposes are not generally public this afternoon.

Candidates for county offices have but a few days to make up their minds in. Filing must be complete by the 19th of this month, and as there already is a big list of candidates, it is assured that the ticket will be of considerable size with numerous interesting races and contests guaranteed.

Good Roads Petition Filed.
A special session of the county court is being held today, and at that time the Union County Roads association will file its list of voters asking for a place on the ballot for the bonding issue. The county court will take the matter in hand, and make final disposition of it.

It is understood that there are 672 names on the petition and that 660 is the number required to compel a place on the ballot.

Salem, April 14.—Supporters of Justice Hughes may demand a writ of mandamus tomorrow to compel Secretary of State Olcott to place the name of Mr. Hughes on the Oregon ballot for Republican presidential nomination. They will attempt to file his petition but Mr. Olcott contends Justice Hughes personally requested omission of the name.

FAIR CASE STUDIED.

Committee to Go Into Financial Problem Facing Fair.

At the recent meeting of the stockholders of the Union County Agricultural association, it was decided to put the whole fair proposition up to the La Grande commercial club. That proposition came before the club at its meeting yesterday evening. There is a mortgage of \$12,300 and four years accrued interest against the fair ground property. The property consists of twenty-three acres and the improvements, which is considered to be worth much more than the claim against it. The "sense of the meeting" was that arrangements should be made to take up this mortgage and for that purpose a committee was appointed, consisting of Fred J. Holmes, Mack Wood and A. R. Hunter. This committee will canvass the situation and see what can be done toward putting the fairground property in a solvent state, all of which is considered the necessary preliminary to a more specific movement toward the holding of a fair this year.

Glandered Horse Killed.

Baker, April 12.—The only case of glanders known to be in Baker or the immediate vicinity, was disposed of this morning, when a party of traveling horse traders who had acquired the diseased horse here a few days ago, killed the animal and buried the carcass, after Dr. Notz had positively diagnosed the case as glanders.

The action of the owners of the horse, Dr. Notz confessed, was a great relief. "The mayor, humane officer and chief of police informed me that they had no authority to kill the animal, or to order its death, and as a private practitioner I would have no authority in the matter. There being no county veterinarian, the state veterinarian is the only one to whom we could apply, and by the time an order from him would be received, the horse could very well have passed into other hands."

Bones of Ancient Animal Found

Baker, April 14.—The jawbone of some prehistoric animal, discovered in a gravel pit in the Virtue district recently by Maurice Werner, will furnish local students of geology and natural history some food for study. As yet the species from which the bone came has not been named. It is on display in the window of the Klein-schmidt hardware store.

The bone or fossil is about 30 inches long, has two protruding tusks in front and very large teeth. It was broken in several pieces when it was removed from the ground, but the pieces were all preserved and as restored it gives a very good idea of the immense frame the animal must have attained.

Will Unload Bridge Steel.

Bridge Superintendent Davis and a crew of men went to Union today to unload the shipment of steel for a new bridge over Catherine creek, near Union, and known as the Eaton bridge.

BIG CANNERY IN LA GRANDE NEAR REALITY

ALL OBSTACLES OVERCOME AND CONTRACT SIGNATURES BEING OBTAINED.

SITE, CAPITAL AND BACKING GUARANTEED

Only Item Unfinished Is Obtaining Contracts With Which to Proceed—Sidelines to Be Important Part of the Cannery's Field—Overland Cider From Nampa Spurs Action.

While the subject has been frequently discussed and agitated the facts seem now to bear out the declaration that La Grande is much nearer a cannery industry than it has ever been before. The meeting of the Commercial club yesterday evening was cannery-charged from the start, and the situation now is that producers are willing to raise the material required; that the money necessary is forthcoming; that there is already a building suitable in every way for the institution and that a portion of the equipment is already supplied; and, finally, that profitable side lines may be carried all of which indicate a clear path to success.

County Agriculturist Spillman, J. A. Russell and C. M. Riddle, the committee previously appointed to canvass the country to see what can be done toward securing the required acreage, reported unanimously that the people are willing and ready to respond. The same committee was continued to go out again and bring in the signed contracts, which they expect to be able to do within the coming week.

Financial Part Ready.
The money part, as heretofore announced, is ready the minute there is assurance that there will be the material supplied to keep the institution going, and proposition number two is, therefore, considered settled. In fact, one man has agreed to secure the capital required as soon as there is the guarantee that the products to work on are forthcoming.

Suitable Site Available.
The cannery establishment will be in the building formerly used as a sugar warehouse. It is built of brick, 60 x 100 feet with concrete floor, and in every way a suitable structure for a cannery. There is also some of the equipment already to be put to use. This part of the proposition, also, is almost the same as made-to-order in advance.

Proposed Side Line.
There was discussion at last night's meeting as to the prospects for a profitable side line which would use up a product that is already at hand—cider from apples.

When Idaho went dry the Overland brewery at Nampa was turned into a cider factory and the output, known as "Overland Cider" is meeting with a wide sale all over the northwest. In La Grande, alone, it is said, a carload of Overland Cider has been consumed within the past month.

It is believed that the cider proposition can be handled as well here as elsewhere, although this was merely a side suggestion in connection with the matter of a cannery to handle the usual garden and farm products for which this section is so well adapted.

The foregoing is the summary of reasons and conditions which make the cannery project look something near like a tangible reality.

Wisconsin Dog Has His Day.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 13.—Every species from Mexican hairless dogs to the kind they can't kick around down in Missouri was entered in the annual dog show of the Milwaukee Kennel club today. This is one of a series of dog shows being held in American cities this spring and summer.

Mrs. Catt Tours Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., April 13.—The final round up of the Iowa campaign for votes for women opened here today with the arrival of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, international suffrage leader, who will give her time from now on until the election in November, to the campaign, delivering at least 100 speeches in every county in the state. Later in the campaign Mrs. Catt probably will travel in a special car attached to regular trains, escorted by state leaders.