

PERSHING WILL INSPECT CORPSE RUMORED TO BE THAT OF BANDIT VILLA

San Antonio, April 17.—General Pershing has left Cusihuic today to view the body exhumed near here, which Mexicans claim is that of the bandit Villa. He should give General Funston positive advice within a few hours, unless the body is so badly decomposed as to be unidentifiable.

It is believed the government will soon know if the latest rumor is a hoax or the truth. Many fear it is a blind.

A train left Jaurez this morning carrying several Americans. It is expected they will meet the train bearing the body of the supposedly dead Villa at Chihuahua. Carlos Carranza is due in Chihuahua today, escorting the body.

Mexicans state that Villa was hit in the battle at Guerrero and followers carried him to Temosachic, where the village doctor amputated the infected leg. Later he was taken to Cusihuic, where he is reported to have died, and to have been buried in a lonely spot secretly.

Hunger Prompted Riot.
The riot at Parral, reported to be due to excitement over Villa's death, is now attributed to hunger. Small wages and famine prices placed food beyond the reach of poor families. It wasn't an American demonstration.

Court Martial Stands
Washington, April 17.—President Wilson has approved the court-martial's findings in the case of Col. Goodier, reprimanded for alleged activities in the recent aviation scandal. Sec. Baker later censured General Scriven and relieved Colonel Reber from aviation duty as a result of the army board's inquiry. Reber was charged with a long list of offenses including disrespect and failure to observe laws and restraints.

Shackleton Rescue Begins
San Francisco, April 17.—En route to London to organize an expedition to rescue Lieutenant Shackleton, Sir Douglas Mawson arrived on the liner Venturia today and left for New York immediately. Shackleton is believed to be in danger somewhere south of South America.

Old Town Team Wins.
The Ladd Canyon baseball nine and the Old Town nine played a very interesting ballgame Sunday on the Ladd Canyon grounds. About 150 spectators witnessed it, and made things lively and interesting. Ladd Canyon took the lead and it looked as though they would keep it but in the fourth inning the Old Towners strengthened up and from then on the game was in their favor, ending seven to three. The Ladd Canyon team is reported as having a strong nine and in about two weeks will meet the La Granders who will have to hurry to beat them. The batteries: Ladd Canyon—Martin and Ferguson. Old Town—Miles and Matott.

Divorce Case Heard.
Baker vs. Baker, in which Mrs. Baker alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, is the title of a contested divorce suit heard before Judge Knowles today. E. W. Eastman, R. J. Green and C. R. Eberhard, the last named representing the state, are attorneys in the case.

Mrs. Rosa Rosenthal in La Grande.
Mrs. Rosa Sommer Rosenthal and daughter, Miss Caroline, arrived today from Spokane and will remain the rest of the week. They are registered at the Sommer hotel. Mrs. Rosenthal has property interests in La Grande, including the Sommer building, on which improvements are contemplated. She is a daughter of the late Aaron Sommer, founder of the Sommer hotel and the owner of the Sommer building, on the corner of Depot and Adams.

Removed Steel From Eye.
Dr. Bouvey, the specialist, removed a splinter of steel from an eye of a young man named Barnes, of Elgin, yesterday evening. The patient is at the Grande Ronde hospital and is improving.

EMPTY HOUSE DAMAGED.
Tramp Seen to Leave Place Shortly Before Conflagration.

An empty house at R and Greenwood, owned by A. S. Geddes was badly damaged by fire early this morning. Neighbors in that vicinity saw a tramp leave the place shortly after daylight. Shortly a fire was discovered to have a firm grip on the interior of the building and the fire department was called. A profusion of partitions and small rooms made it difficult to reach all incipient flames. The damage was considerable. It is thought the tramp may have been responsible for the flames.

ROY CLARK WILL LEAVE LA GRANDE

SON'S CONDITION COMPELS A CHANGE IN CLIMATE

Full Functions of Y. M. C. A. Generalized During Brief Connection With Institution

Roy J. Clark, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has resigned, effective June 1st. The directors of the institution have called to this city J. Garfield King, now located at Roslyn, Wash., and while nothing definite has been heard of him, it is anticipated that he will accept. Neither is Mr. Clark certain of his future location, but the serious illness of his son has made it obligatory on his part to move to a lower altitude, and he has received a call from Astoria which he now has under consideration. It is likely that within the course of a week or 10 days both Mr. Clark and the local institution will know definitely of the future schedule.

Though here less than a year, Mr. Clark has done a tremendous work. He inaugurated the membership campaign last fall soon after his arrival in September, and the growth to 250 members was rapid and marked. Finances were in bad way when he came here, but that phase has been remedied and now the deficit, which was a large one, has been wiped out and current expenses are being met with business-like precision. Not only able to engineer the dollar and cent column, which is the bane of all Y. M. C. A. institutions, he conducted the many side lines of such an institution. Team workers have been sent to outlying districts, a half dozen important classes were set in motion in the building where night school facilities were afforded; gym and natatorium classes were recruited to full strength and, in short, all the functions of a full-steam-ahead Y. M. C. A. have been enjoying healthy life. His successor will have put to keep the present field moving ahead. Mr. Clark did the organization and development. Because of his many-sided qualifications Mr. Clark is a valuable man to the Y. M. C. A. field, and La Grande loses a first-class executive.

Sparling Was Refused Pardon.
A pardon has been refused Charles Sparling who was sent to the Idaho reformatory from one to fourteen years for securing money under false pretenses. Sparling at one time operated in La Grande and secured a considerable sum of money in one way and another through methods in which he was very adroit.

SAFETY MEETING TODAY.
Usual Delegations from La Grande Division Assembled Here.

The monthly Safety First meeting of representatives from all lines of railroading between Huntington and Pilot Rock Junction, was called to order here at 9 o'clock this morning. Usual routine business came before the meeting, all tending to improve safety for public and employee and better conditions generally.

Note Is Ready.
Washington, April 17.—The latest submarine note to Germany will probably go to Berlin tonight. The cabinet has already ratified its substance. The White House stated the president has devoted practically all of Saturday and Sunday to the document, and expected to complete it this afternoon. He has not to date conferred with senators over the note though he may this afternoon.

COURT ISSUES WRIT.
Olcott Must Show Cause for Leaving Hughes' Name Off.

Salem, April 17.—The supreme court has issued a writ of mandamus citing Secretary of State Olcott to show cause why he shouldn't put Hughes' name on the primary ballot. Wallace McCamant petitioned for the writ.

Justice Hughes' letter declining to become a candidate has not been received.

Mr. Berry Moving Store.
W. W. Berry, clothes presser and tailor, is moving into the building formerly occupied by the Oregon hotel. He is leaving the Lewis building.

WORLD CROP OF WHEAT WILL BE CURTAILED

CROPS IN NORTHWEST PROMISE TO BE GOOD BUT ACREAGE IS SMALL

WHOLE WORLD FACES DECREASE IN YIELDS

Twenty Million Bushels Is Prediction for Oregon, Idaho, 11,000,000 and Washington 35,000,000 for a Grand Total in Northwest of 66,000,000 Bushels in 1916.

(BY HLMAN H. COHEN)
(Written for the United Press and the Oregon Journal)

Portland, Ore., April 17.—All over the world the 1916 wheat crop promises to show a most serious decrease from that of 1915.

In most sections of the world the decreased production outlook is due to the falling off in the area planted to this cereal, but in many instances the crop has passed through the winter with very liberal amount of winter killing of plants and other damage.

In the Pacific Northwest the condition of the crop is most excellent and better than an average yield per acre is the present outlook. Notwithstanding this, the total production of wheat in Oregon, Idaho and Washington now promises to show a decrease from 1915. There is a very material decrease in the acreage. This is the leading reason for the expected drop in the total volume expected during the coming harvest.

While previous to the cold snap it was believed that the crop would move above that of 1915, even though the acreage of winter planting was somewhat less than a year ago, a considerable amount of seeded land was winter-killed, and the returns received at this time indicate that the spring planting will prove one of the smallest in years as far as wheat is concerned. A considerable portion of the land usually sown to wheat will be planted to oats, but accurate reports regarding this are not yet obtainable.

From over 200 special crop correspondents located in practically every growing district in the Northwest, returns indicate that the area of winter wheat available at this time for the coming harvest is showing a total of but 2,075,000 acres compared with a showing at this time in 1915 of 2,450,000 acres.

The spring planting returns of the three states indicate a total area of 1,240,444 acres compared with 1,390,000 acres in 1915. Therefore, the total spring area planted is showing a heavy decrease from a year ago instead of the increase expected earlier as a result of the smaller fall sowing.

On the face of these figures of the wheat acreage, it would look as if the Pacific Northwest is doomed to produce one of the smallest wheat crops in many years. This is rather severe, and is not exactly a fact. The condition of the planting is somewhat better than normal in the three states. This is especially true of the light land sections, which this season have apparently an over-abundance of moisture. This means that Oregon, with a greater per centage of light land sowing than either Idaho or Washington, will fare somewhat better and will bring the total crop in this state to within a fraction of a year ago.

On the basis of normal production on the acreage indicated, the wheat crop in Oregon now looks like 20,000,000 bushels, Idaho 11,000,000 bushels and Washington 35,000,000 bushels—a grand total of 66,000,000 bushels. The last returns of the 1915 crop showed a grand total of 71,000,000 bushels.

The total acreage planted to wheat in the Pacific Northwest for three years is as follows:

	1914	1915	1916
Oregon	17,000,000	17,000,000	17,000,000
Idaho	11,000,000	11,000,000	11,000,000
Washington	35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000
Totals	63,000,000	63,000,000	63,000,000

Winter and spring wheat acreage for two years in the three states of the Pacific Northwest show the following:

	1916	1915
Oregon	800,000	900,000
Washington	900,000	1,000,000
Idaho	375,000	550,000
Totals	2,075,000	2,450,000

TRUNK, BOOZE TAKEN, GUILT IS ADMITTED

MONTANA LIQUOR ON WAY TO PRICE GATES BARN WHEN CONFISCATED

SUSPECTED THAT MOVE WAS PART OF BIG PLAN

Officials Get Clue to Scheme and Nab Man and Liquor in Trunk—When Taken Before Magistrate Guilt Is Admitted and Fine Applied—Drops of Liquor From Trunk First Clue.

Charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance, a man giving his name as O. L. Turner, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Williams Saturday night and got off with a fine of \$50, but had to submit to the confiscation of 36 perfectly good quarts of whiskey, which the officers charged him with having that day brought with him from Montana in a trunk carried as baggage, without marks of identification required by the interstate laws. The man and the baggage arrived on the midnight train Friday night, it is said, but it was not until afternoon of Saturday that District Attorney Eberhard started a force of officers from the sheriff's office, on what then seemed to be a "fresh trail." Within a short time after taking up the scent, the officers observed an expressman to whom the baggage check had been delivered, take the trunk from the railroad company and haul it to the barn of Price Gates, on Grandy avenue, between Second and Third streets, and there deliver it to Turner. When Sheriff Hug and Deputy Weigel, who were in charge of active operations, interrogated Turner, he promptly admitted that the trunk was his and that he had had the delivery made, but was non-committal as to the contents. The officers immediately took Turner in charge and took him before Justice of the Peace Williams, where he was charged with maintaining a nuisance. A search warrant was immediately issued and the trunk taken in charge. It was found to contain nothing but cases of whiskey of a standard brand.

Pleading to the charge against him, Turner admitted his guilt, but insisted that if he had violated the law, he had not intended to do so, as he had recently hired out to work for Mr. Todd, a horse trainer, and that he had brought the liquor along for his own personal use. He, however, waived all preliminaries and further trial regarding the illegal possession of the whiskey, and consented to its immediate confiscation. Considering the willingness of the defendant to offer no resistance to the operation of the prohibition law, and in view of the fact that the district attorney was not able to produce any direct evidence in refutation of Turner's claim that he brought the liquor with him for personal use, there having been no sufficient time afforded to show any other use, the justice of the peace imposed a fine of \$50.

After several vain efforts on the part of the defendant to get the fine reduced, he finally produced the money as well as the key to the trunk, which he had previously stated that he was unable to find or produce. The officers had suggested that an axe would easily answer the purpose of the key to the valuable trunk.

In some quarters there is a disposition to believe that the officers acted too hastily in that they should have awaited developments and perhaps might have gained additional information as to methods in vogue

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WORKMEN IN SHOPS, MILL, AT NOON MEETING

O-W AND PALMER OFFICIALS GRANT PERMISSION FOR UNIQUE SERVICES

PASSION WEEK MESSAGE CARRIED TO WORKMEN

Under Shadow of Mills and Shops, Workmen Join in Singing Songs and Listen to Prayers and Brief Sermons—Scheme Is Carried out Throughout the United States Today.

Over 200 workmen between 12:30 and 1 o'clock, employed at the George Palmer Mill and the O-W railroad shops, listened to the initial services of Passion Week shop messages which will be carried daily to workmen as a preliminary to a municipal service in Sherry's theater Good Friday afternoon.

The services today are part of a nation-wide scheme to carry the message of religion to workmen during Passion Week. It was eminently successful in La Grande. Teams from various churches of the city asked for and obtained gracious permission to conduct these services.

Shopmen Hear Speaker.
Jesus Christ was pictured as a very virile young man, worthy of any man's thought and study, in an address to the shopmen at 12:30 this noon. Roy J. Clark, Y. M. C. A. secretary, was the speaker and he pointed out how in 12,000 shops at noon-time today, throughout the United States, the theme of Jesus Christ was being discussed in a way similar to that in vogue in La Grande. Mr. Clark told the shopmen that this "virile young man, Jesus Christ, was an ideal worthy of consideration and if given entry into a man's life, all those things that are obnoxious and have a tendency to tear down the character of a man, will have to step out."

Several pastors accompanied the Y. M. C. A. secretary, the team being treated with deep courtesy by officials and employees alike. The same courteous treatment was accorded at the Palmer mills where President Palmer exerted himself to accommodate the speakers.

The meetings will continue until Wednesday noon, inclusive, the teams switching so that each minister will have opportunity to speak at these noonday services.

Mill Men Attend
At the Palmer mill over 100 men gathered at 12:45. Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church was the speaker. Three or four songs were sung with enthusiasm, and Rev. Ford of the Christian church read a scripture lesson. Rev. Clark spoke touchingly of the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and brought it down to today by affirming that "Christ's entry into the heart was made possible and is desirable." He advised hearers to take Him in that that which was bad in the soul might go out. Rev. Gibbs of the Episcopal church offered prayer and with the echoes of the last song still vibrating through the big planing mill, the men hurried off to their respective jobs.

Both meetings "went big." The scheme is a new one here but the initial attempt was such a huge success that the men who schemed it are already well repaid.

In each case the workmen displayed keen interest in what was said.

RAILROAD GENIUS COMING.

Special Train to Bring Marvin Hught to La Grande This Evening.

Coming from the west in a special train, Marvin Hught, chairman of directors of the Northwestern line, will arrive in La Grande tonight about 5 o'clock. It is expected J. D. Farrell, president of the O-W, will accompany the distinguished railroader. Mr. Hught, who is a strong rival of "Jim" Hill, has been a railroad official continuously for 50 years. He is 78 now but is spry. Railroad employees from the Northwestern delight in singing his praises and he is in many respects a more noted railroad man than Mr. Hill himself. It is expected the special will tie up at Baker for the night.

Mr. Mishkind Leaving.

The New York store, on Depot street, of which Mr. Mishkind is proprietor, is being closed out and Mr. Mishkind will return to Boise where he has extensive property interests.

AIRMEN BOMBARD FLEET

Paris, April 17.—A French aviator dropped 16 bombs from an altitude of 100 yards on the decks of the German warships in the North Sea, it is officially announced. It is believed the missiles were effective.

Aviators were active last night from Verdun eastward, despite a dense fog. They bombed the railway stations at Conflans, Pagny, Arneville and Rompach.

German batteries shelled the French on the Meuse but no infantry fighting of importance occurred.

Greece Hangs In Balance
London, April 17.—Allies may force Greece into the war against her will. Overriding objections the entente powers today are transporting Ser-

ARNOLD GIRL WAS KILLED

PENITENTIARY INMATE TELLS OF DEATH

Missing Heiress Mystery Probably Cleared Up By Confession
Providence, April 17.—Edward Glenoris, an inmate of the penitentiary, told the police he stood guard while a partner buried the body of Dorothy Arnold, the missing heiress of New York, six years ago. The story is being investigated.

He said a mysterious rich man hired two to kidnap the girl and murder her. He feared violence if he named his employer.