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GERMANS RUSH REPLY TO THE WILSON EDICT

NUMEROUS CONFERENCES AT
BERLIN WHILE ANSWER
IS DRAFTED.

GERMANS RETAIN HOPE OF AVOIDING A BREAK

Famous Writer Sets Out in Article
Upholding Wilson's Policies as to
Submarine that War Supplies Go to
Nation with Greatest Wealth—
Gerard Busy Meeting Germans.

Berlin, April 24.—President Wilson
may know within the day what Ger-
many's reply to the submarine note
will be. Ambassador Gerard sent a
long message last night after a con-
ference between Von Strumm, of the
foreign office, and Von Helldorf, of
the Reichstag.

It is rumored these two men out-
lined the answer. Chancellor Beth-
mann von Hollweg has returned from
the Kaiser's headquarters. While no
statement is made, there is a feeling
that a solution will be reached with-
out a break.

The American envoy and Chancellor
Hollweg conferred this morning for a
time.

Maximilian Harden, in an article in
his weekly, upheld the Wilson note as
regards munitions and submarine.
He reminded critics in Germany that
modern war supplies come to the na-
tion with the most money.

No Break Desired
Washington, April 24.—Official in-
formation indicate Germans do not
want a diplomatic break. In face of
this they are in a quandary as to how
to meet the American demands and
the popular desire for continued un-
dersea warfare at the same time.
Berlin dispatches confirm the Holtz-
endorff interview of last week when he
said Germany could make no further
concessions, but at the same time it
is held they positively do not want
a break.

England, Too, Obstreperous
Ambassador Spring-Rice has deliv-
ered England's reply to American pro-
test against the blockade. It is un-
derstood the reply refuses to acknowl-
edge the justice of the demand and
cites the Civil war as a precedent
for the blockade.

Surveying Crew Out North.
L. E. Gilham arrived yesterday
from Portland with a crew of eight
men and left this morning for the
North woods, says the Wallowa Sun
a few days ago. They are here to
make topographical maps of the Geo.
Palmer Lumber Co. on 44,000 acres of
their timber holdings in this county.
The object of this work is to cruise the
timber, survey grades for the logging
roads, etc. As soon as their work is
completed it can be figured from the
office where the roads can be most
easily built to remove the timber.
Another crew of 12 men will come in
next week to assist in the work. The
work is being done by the Lumber-
men's Engineering Co. of Portland.

CONVENTION DATE SET.

Knights of Pythias of Union and Wal-
lowa Counties to Meet June 2nd.

June second is the date set for the
Union and Wallowa county convention
of the Knights of Pythias to be held
in La Grande. The convention com-
mittee are arranging for a big meet-
ing and an all round good time.
George Huntington Curry, K. R. &
S. of Red Cross lodge No. 27 of La
Grande today sent out invitations to
all the other lodges in the district to
attend in a body and bring with them
as many candidates as possible.

DELEGATES ELECTED.

W. O. W. Choose Representatives to
District Convention.

At the last regular meeting of the
Woodman of the World, that lodge
elected delegates to the district con-
vention to be held in Astoria. Umatilla
county, for the Eastern Oregon dis-
trict. They are: J. J. Murchison,
S. R. Haworth and John Scott. Al-
ternate delegates are Robt. McLane,
O. L. McDowell and E. W. Eastman.

Horse Killed by Lightning
Quite an electric storm visited parts
of the north end last Friday evening,
says the Enterprise Record-Chiefman.
It seemed to be worse in the Paradise
country than elsewhere. Near the
Stowell place the telephone wire was
burned in two. A short while ago a
horse belonging to a Grande Ronde
rancher was killed by lightning
during an electric storm.

EASTER PARADES UNMOLESTED

Beautiful Weather, Beautiful Gowns,
Beautiful Bonnets on Same Day.

Beautiful head adornments and
handsome gowns were in the heyday
of their glory in La Grande yesterday.
From daylight until sundown there
wasn't a moment when the weather
wasn't ideal. Easter garment par-
ades were indeed propitious. It was
the most elegant weather the present
year has seen, and there was happi-
ness and peace extant in all corners
of the city.

Beginning with sunrise prayer in
some of the churches, the day's festi-
vities continued until a late hour
last night. After church services yes-
terday numerous automobile parties
dashed hither and yon, and pedes-
trians were out in the radiant sun-
shine—all in all it was a day long to
be remembered.

ATHENA WOMAN DEAD.

After Protracted Illness, Paralytic La
Victim of Ailment.

Mrs. Nancy E. Kirk, aged 66,
whose home was in Athena, died in
this city last evening after an illness
of two years of paralysis. During the
past nine months she has been bed-
fast, and was nursed during that time
by Mrs. Judson here and at Hot Lake.
The body will be prepared for ship-
ment to Athena tonight by J. C.
Henry.

Sons survive at Pendleton and La
Crosse.

REGISTRATION TOTAL IS 5072

REPUBLICANS LEAD IN COUNTY BY WIDE MARGIN.

Registrations About 2000 Short of the
Voting Strength.

Practically 2000 short of the esti-
mated voting strength of Union county
the total registration figures for the
May primary have been com-
puted. Figures added by County
Clerk Ed Wright show there are 5072
people registered while the approxi-
mate strength of the vote here is
7000. The Republican party leads by
a substantial majority, the figures by
party being:

Republican	3048
Democrat	1615
Socialist	164
Independent	118
Prohibition	93
Progressive	25
Mis.	9
Total	5072

Union Boy Wins.

Leo Crouter of Union won the Fel-
lowship for the University of New
York and will leave for that city some-
time in May, says the Scout. Leo has
attended the O. A. C. for two years
with marked success in advancement
and is the first Westerner to win the
coveted fellowship.

Concerning the above the Corvallis
Gazette says: "Leo Crouter, of Union,
graduate of the O. A. C. School of
Commerce and now secretary to J. A.
Bextell, has been offered a fellowship
in New York University. The fellow-
ship is one great honor and of particu-
lar interest as it is the first offered
an Oregon student of commerce and
possibly of the Pacific Northwest.
Union county friends, as well as those
in Corvallis have been interested in
watching Mr. Crouter's steady ad-
vancement and will be glad to know
of his latest honor. He is a brother
of Miss Eleanor Crouter, a teacher in
the South School."

DIAZ BANDS GATHER.

Mobilization Taking Place Opposite
Texas Frontier Is Report.

Washington, April 24.—Strong
bands of Felix Diaz supporters have
concentrated in northern Mexico, op-
posite Texas, according to department
of justice information.

ODD INDICTMENT DRAWN.

Portland Jury Finds Automobile Is a
Dangerous Weapon.

Portland, April 24.—The first in-
dictment of its nature was returned
by a Multnomah grand jury today
charging C. A. Wawiner with assault
with a dangerous weapon as the re-
sult of the automobile accident re-
cently injuring Mr. and Mrs. Harry
Beckman.

BISHOP'S SCRIBE ACCUSED.

Portland Squabble Over Church
Papers End in Indictments.

Portland, April 2.—The grand jury
has indicted Charles B. Pfahler, sec-
retary to the late Bishop Seading, of
the Episcopal church for destroying
books and records of a corporation.

Today's Oddest Story.

Delaware, O., April 24.—When An-
son James went to feed his 61 pigs, he
found sixty of them minus tails. The
sixty-first pig was frantically
chasing his own tail, with his mouth
wide open. "That pig," said James,
pointing at No. 61, "chewed the tails
off the others. I guess he was try-
ing to bite his own tail off to estab-
lish an alibi."

VILLA'S WHEREABOUTS IS KNOWN TO HEADQUARTERS

Fuller Information Sought From Captured
Bandit Chiefs.

El Paso, April 24.—While the car-
eers of Pablo Lopez and Manuel
Irujo, prominent bandits, are reported
to be ended, renewed activity on the
part of Canuto Reyes is seen in the
attack on a Mexican Central train in
which 24 passengers are reported
killed. The trouble occurred between
Torreon and Jimenez. Constitutional-
ists at Chihuahua where Lopez is a
prisoner, gave the bandit a third de-
gree to make him reveal Villa's where-
abouts, according to Consul Garcia.
He is reported to be wounded in both
thighs but his life was spared for the
present in the hopes that he will dis-
cuss where Villa is.

Baca was killed at Santa Thomas
where either citizens or Americans,
repulsed the attack.

General Pershing is aware of Villa's
approximate whereabouts, but will not
resume pursuit until communications
are reestablished. General Funston is
also in possession of this information

VON IGEL CASE DEEPENS

Counselor Advises State Department
To Keep Famous Papers

Washington, April 24.—Counselor
Gregory has advised the state depart-
ment to not return the Von Igel docu-
ments to Ambassador Bernstorff.
Gregory, however, offered a subordi-
nate recommendation to any later
question.

The department admittedly views
the situation with seriousness. Greg-
ory intimated diplomats are involved.
Officials of the department of justice
claim the case has passed their lands,
except to be taken for the papers.

Attended Mother's Funeral.

E. C. Skiles, salesman of druggist
supplies and well known in La Grande,
arrived today to resume work after
having accompanied the remains of
his mother to Denver for burial. His
mother was Mrs. Cornelia Irons Skiles
and her death occurred in Spokane.

but he, too, refuses to discuss it.
A mile-long column has marched in-
to Mexico.

Mexican prisoner officers are re-
ported to be held in hostage at Ameri-
can camps to prevent sniping. A re-
turning rancher said the mayor of
Las Cruces suicided rather than be tak-
en prisoner by the gringos. An of-
ficial trying to escape was shot dead.

Scott To Visit Obregon

San Antonio, April 24.—General
Scott, chief of staff, who has been
visiting General Funston headquar-
ters, is to confer with General Obregon,
prominent Carranza official.

Chamberlain Wants Data

Washington, April 24.—Senator
Chamberlain of Oregon has introduced
in the senate a resolution to have
Secretary of War Baker submit a re-
port of the strength of the military
posts at Oregon and Washington in-
cluding the armament, men, equip-
ment and fortified strength.

RATES AGAIN DISPUTED.

Intermountain States Want Lower
Rates Than the Coast.

Washington, April 24.—Instigators
have opened a hearing on railroad
rates east to intermountain and Pa-
cific coast states. Intermountain ship-
pers are expected to plead the condi-
tion has changed so that low rates on
goods shipped directly to the coast dis-
criminate against them. They want
rates equalized so they will have
lower tariffs than coast shippers.

Aeroplanes Driven Away.

London, April 24.—German aero-
planes were driven away with land
batteries at 1:45 a. m., and no bombs
were dropped.

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slight progress on the Verdun front by
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lages, too.

LOWELL OPPOSES BONDS.

Pendleton Jurist Discussed Umatilla
Bond Issue at Length.

In a communication to the Pendle-
ton Tribune, apropos bonding Uma-
tilla county for good roads, Stephen
A. Lowell, Pendleton jurist, says:

"The measure looking toward a
\$980,000.00 bond issue for road pur-
poses now actually confronts the peo-
ple of this county. Its advocates have
succeeded in securing sufficient sig-
natures to their petitions, and the Com-
ty Court will be compelled to call a
special election thereon. Primary
election day will doubtless be design-
ated, and it behooves every voter,
male and female, to be present at the
polls that day. From this date for-
ward every patriotic citizen must be
vigilant in using all honorable means
to defeat this scheme.

"It seems incomprehensible that
any person interested in the welfare of
Pendleton can vote for this bond is-
sue, upon consideration. Some who
were originally favorable, are now
known to oppose, and their numbers
must increase as they think upon the
menace which the proposal carries. It
means, to all intents and purposes, an
added mortgage upon every home and
every piece of real property in the
city, indeed in the county, but I am
writing to Pendletonians.

"Assuredly Pendleton has bonded
burden enough already, with \$77,000
levee bonds, \$40,000 sewer bonds, \$40,-
000 city hall bonds, \$18,000 street
intersection bonds, \$75,000 general in-
debtedness bonds, and \$325,000 water
works bonds, now outstanding. To
this list must be added approximately
\$123,000 paving bonds making a grand
total of \$858,000 indebtedness resting
on the property of the people of this
city.

"We are confronted with the estab-
lishment of a rival town at Pilot Rock
junction, and rest assured it will
prove no mean rival, unless Pendleton
soon finds some means of reducing
taxation. Taxes can never be re-
duced by increasing indebtedness.

"Do not be lulled into quiet by the
seeming inactivity of the forces be-
hind this measure. They are not to
the front these men who are pull-
ing the strings, but rest assured they
are not tyros in politics of this kind,
and they are always on the job. When
the vote is ready to be cast, their
work will be manifest, not before."

BANQUET POSTPONED.

Near Approach of New Administra-
tion Prompts "Y. M." Delay.

Because a new secretary is soon to
take hold, directors of the Y. M. C. A.
have agreed that the Father and Son
banquet set for Friday evening of this
week should be postponed. This does
not mean annulment but it is thought
best to let the new secretary have
charge of the event as the initial un-
dertaking of the new administration.

KNIGHTS GO TO BAKER.

No Session at Red Cross This Evening
on Account of Exodus.

Because practically all officials of
Red Cross Lodge No. 27, K. of P.,
went to Baker this afternoon to be
present there tonight when the su-
preme keeper of record and seal ap-
pears there with the Rathbone bible,
there will be no meeting of the La
Grande lodge tonight. Some have
gone by trains and others motored
over, leaving late this afternoon ex-
pecting to return tonight after the
lodge session.

Off For General Conference

Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of the
Methodist church leaves tomorrow or
the next day for Saratoga Springs,
where he will attend the general con-
ference of the Methodist church dur-
ing the month of May.

VERDUN STATUS IS UNCHANGED

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In Contrast, French Makes Gains
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3 PRISONERS CUT WAY OUT VIA THE WALL

DAYLIGHT ESCAPE ONE OF
BOLDEST ON RECORD IN
HISTORY OF COUNTY.

PASSING BOYS GIVE THE ALARM TO PARENTS

Authorities on Trail in Few Minutes

But Three Had Hidden Themselves

Effectively—Iron Knife Used to

Loosen Brick in Court House Wall

From Corridor.

With a display of boldness almost
unprecedented in jail history in this
county, three men bored their way out
of the brick walls of the county jail
between 11 o'clock and high noon yes-
terday and late this afternoon are still
at liberty. The three to cut their way
to freedom are Burrell Tiffany, of this
city, serving a jail term for stealing a
bicycle and with but 19 days left,
and two men captured by a train crew
at Union Junction some time ago af-
ter they had broken into some Greek
and Japanese bunk houses and pocket-
ed valuables. Their names are
Charles Broomsickle and George
Stuffer, two strangers.

It is the practice of authorities to
allow prisoners into the corridors of
the jail at portions of the day and to
lock them up at night in individual
cells. In order to negotiate their es-
cape as they did, the men had to uti-
lize the brief period of time they were
left in the locked-up corridors, alone.
With an iron knife they dislodged a
brick in the wall, and the time needed
to remove mortar and brick in suf-
ficient number to give easy access to
freedom, was of course short after
the first brick was loosened.

Boys Witness Escape.

The three were emerging from the
hole in the wall when the Wilcock
boys were passing along South
Fourth. They hurried home and noti-
fied their parents who in turn tele-
phoned to the fire department where
Fireman Riley relayed the message to
Deputy Sheriff Weagle. In this way
officials were on the trail in about 20
minutes but so effectively had the
men hidden themselves in that time
that minute search failed to discover
their whereabouts. No. 6 was closely
watched, as it pulled out soon after
the delivery but none boarded that
train that might be the fugitives from
justice.

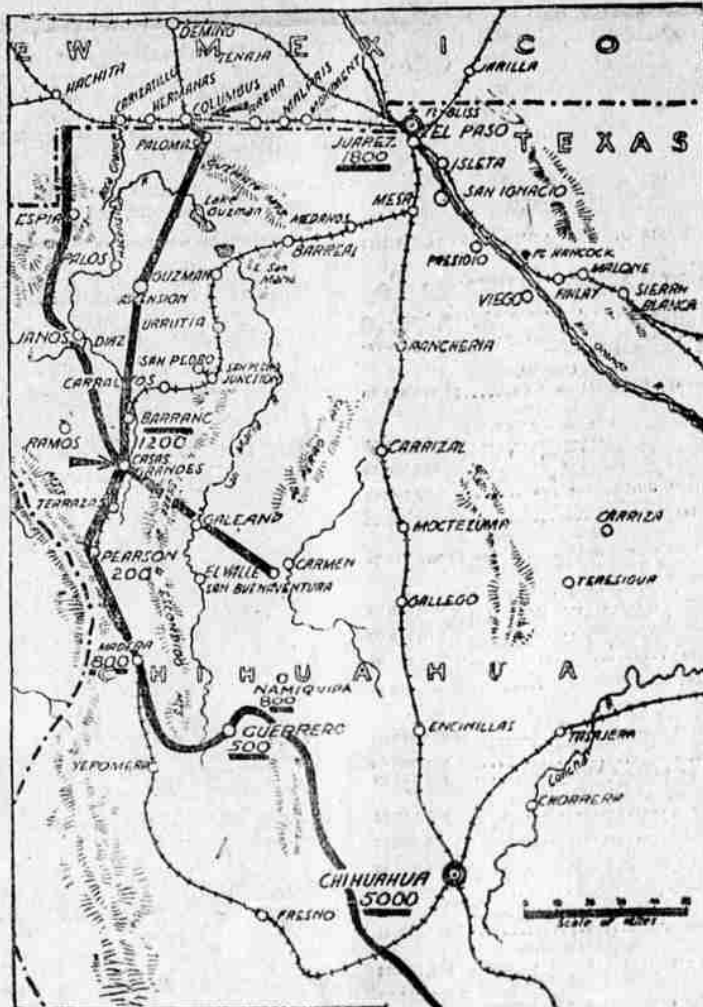
Many believe that Tiffany was
dragged into the escapade by his
companions as his time was about up.
The others had been bound over to
the grand jury.

Famous Collections at Auction.

New York, April 24.—The rare col-
lections of Thackeray and Dickens'
first editions, owned by Stanley Kid-
der Wilson of Philadelphia and Edwin
Goggeshall will be auctioned at Ma-
dison avenue and Fortieth street here,
beginning today. Collectors from sev-
eral American cities are expected to
bid against each other for the books,
which are valued at thousands of dol-
lars. This afternoon and evening the
collection of Wilson of Philadelphia,
illustrated by John Leech, will be of-
fered together with original drawings
by Leech. On the afternoons of April
25, 26 and 27 the famous Dickens and
Thackeray collections and miscellane-
ous books of Edwin W. Goggeshall
will be sold.

Thackeray called John Leech "his
best friend." Included in the first
half of the collection are books il-
lustrated by Leech. Among these are
the scarce first editions of the "In-
goldsby Legends," with an autograph
letter by the author; Bentley's "Min-
cellany," the first thirty-eight vol-
umes, with many of the most famous
illustrations by Leech and Cruikshank.
In the second session of the sale is
"The Race for the Derby," the finest
and largest Leech water color in ex-
istence. "Pewick Papers," in the
original green pictorial wrappers, all
dated 1836, is one of the finest items
of the collection. There is also a
page of the original manuscript, of
which only thirty pages are known to
exist. "Vanity Fair" is in the original
ra-ts with Thackeray's original draw-
ing in color of Becky Sharp, and a
fine autograph letter. Among other
items are Dickens' own copy of Dr.
Johnson's Dictionary, his copy of
George Eliot's first book and many
other items of especial interest. In
the miscellany offered for sale is an
armchair used by President Lincoln
in the White House, and first editions
of more than twenty-five distinguished
authors.

AMERICAN LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS MENACED.



General Pershing's force of 12,000
men in Mexico—since Carranza has
not permitted use of the railroads for
supplies—is now menaced on a line
some 400 miles long, reaching from
Columbus, N. M., to Parral, where
Major Tompkins has clashed with a
mob. This line, over which automo-
bile trucks have carried provisions for
his soldiers, reaches from Columbus
through Casas Grandes, Chihuahua,
and Satevo. Whether or not supply
autos are on their way to Parral to
help Major Tompkins is not known.
Carranza has many thousands of sol-
diers scattered through this territory.
They would be used at once against
American troops if the clash came.
They are distributed as follows: At
Chihuahua, General Gutierrez with
5,000; at Parral 500; at Jimenez 500;
northern Sonora, General Calles with
12,000; at Satevo, General Herrera

with 1,200; at Juarez, General Gavira
with 1,800; at Madera, General Bar-
tana with 800; at Namaquipa, General
Cano with 800; at Guerrero, General
Cacasson with 500, and at Casas Gran-
das, General Davila with 1,200. At
Torreon, southeast of Parral, General
Trevino has 4,000. The Arrieta broth-
ers are operating in Durango with
about 3,000 men and then there are
the Villa bandits.