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## WAR SCARE FADES FAST

### CARRANZA TO HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO DRAFT ANSWER TO MR. WILSON.

### SOUTHERN DIVISION CUT INTO THREE DEPARTMENTS

Indicated that Major General Wood May Be Put in Supreme Command at the Border—Troops Who Chased Raiders Saturday Return Safely Today.

Washington, July 3.—The United States government wont press Carranza for an answer to its demands for a statement of his attitude "for the moment." The state department announced this, saying the situation is status quo, especially because Carranza's surrender of the Carrizal prisoners has relieved the tension. The fact Secretary of State Lansing has not attempted to extract an answer from Carranza since requesting Arredondo to hurry the reply, is interpreted as meaning the United States has secret assurances that Carranza will adjust the situation if given time. Indications were he will continue to wait upon Carranza unless there is sinister development below the border. It is indicated the immediate release of the negro troopers has relieved the situation so Lansing can wait until Carranza arranges matters without antagonizing anybody. Secretary of War Baker explained shortening of Pershing's lines was based on good strategic reasons. It is difficult to sustain forces on the arid land below the border.

San Antonio, July 3.—Two troops of cavalry, under Captain Eltinge, which crossed the Rio Grande near Fort Hancock late Saturday pursuing raiders, lost their trail, but returned, it is reported.

Washington, July 3.—The war department has announced a division of the Southern Department into these sections. Commanders are Generals Funston, Pershing and Bell, and Wood may become the supreme commander.

### Carries Coin Whose Flip Named Portland

San Francisco, Cal., July 3.—As a pocket-piece, F. W. Pettygrove of San Francisco carries a copper cent, dated 1835, which was flipped to decide whether Portland, Ore., should be named "Portland" or "Boston."

It was Mr. Pettygrove's father and Amos L. Lovejoy who did the flipping.

It happened in the summer of 1845. Each man held out for the principal city of his native state.

"Best two out of three," said Lovejoy.

First it fell "Portland." Then it fell "Boston."

On the third toss Portland, Oregon, became the namesake of Portland, Maine. But Portland, Oregon, has long since outgrown her god-mother in size.

### War Horses Go.

Kansas City war horse buyers took out a carload of fancy artillery stuff this morning, the purchase having been made in this vicinity.

### Mid-west Motor Boatists Scoot.

St. Paul, Minn., July 3.—A large number of the boatmen contestants in the races and delegates to the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association who arrived here today for the opening of the meet, made the trip from their home ports to the regatta city by cruising up the Mississippi river. The many tributaries to the Mississippi served as good pathways for the boats—and overland shipping difficulties were eliminated. Races begin today and activities will continue for a week. On Wednesday the annual meeting will be held. Delegates from seven states, representing nearly fifty motor boat clubs with a membership of 8,000, are here. About a hundred speed boats are darting about in the Mississippi river awaiting the word to start in the big ninth annual regatta of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat association. "Miss Detroit," a cup winner from the Michigan city whose name it boasts, went 30 miles this afternoon against "Miss Minneapolis," a boat of exactly the same dimensions. Both were guaranteed for 55 miles an hour. Both were built by the same concern, "St. Paul," which was to represent this city in the race, was not completed in time for use.

## O-W OFFICIALS HURT BY UPSET

### SPEEDER HITS DOG AND JUMPS TRACK.

#### Chief Engineer for System Sustains Broken Nose in Smashup— One Escapes.

S. Murray, chief engineer for the O.-W. sustained a fracture of his nose and numerous scalp wounds; Sam Smith, division bridge superintendent, of this city, sustained cuts and abrasions that necessitated careful surgical attention, when a motor-speeder on which these two men and La Grande Division Engineer H. L. Lyons were riding, jumped the track on the West side of the mountain at 6 last evening. The conveyance carrying the officials struck a stray dog and went over in a jiffy, precipitating over a steep embankment. Mr. Lyons escaped uninjured other than a severe jolting. The injured men were brought back to La Grande on No. 18, the accident occurring about the time the passenger was climbing the west side of the Blue Mountains, and physicians were in waiting when the train came. The men were rushed to the emergency hospital but later Mr. Murray was sent to his home in Portland on the first train and Mr. Smith was taken to his home in this city. While the injuries were severe and extremely painful, each considers himself fortunate that he was not killed instantly. Even the dog that caused the spill is alive.

The men had been inspecting bridges and for that reason chose the speeder method of transportation.

### JOHN EDWARDS HURT.

#### Swing Strikes Lad on Forehead In- flicting Deep Wounds.

Accidents were very rare during the vigorous play by children during Chautauqua week, but yesterday John Edwards, son of Rev. and Mrs. Chas. A. Edwards, sustained a deep cut in the forehead when he was struck by a swing. The lad was hurried to town where his wounds were dressed and aside from a severe headache he was in first class condition this morning. He displayed good grit after the injury.

Considering the number of children at play, the accident list was extremely small for the week.

## MOTOR RACE MEET IS OFF

### MUDDY TRACK CAUSES POST- PONEMENT OF SPORT.

#### Ernest Vehrs Injured Quite Seriously Yesterday Morning.

Over-abundance of rain the past week, and today, has compelled the Fourth of July races committee to order indefinite postponement of the events set down for tomorrow afternoon. The track is slippery and it was found necessary to call off the sport for the Natal day celebration. It will be held at the first opportunity however, so that the fans may get a taste of the sport prior to the grand prix.

#### Rider Is Thrown.

Ernest Vehrs wears a flesh wound over his left eye today as a reminder of a spill he took yesterday morning when he was thrown with great force while speeding up his machine on the new oval. The exact cause of the accident is not known. He was just getting out of the curve on the stretch when his front wheel either struck a soft spot or hit a bump and once it had swerved a trifle, necessarily collapsed. Mr. Vehrs was thrown a surprisingly long distance, but his head gear saved him. On the other hand, goggles which he wore seem to have inflicted the deepest wounds over the eye. He was hurried to the hospital in an automobile, and after a very painful afternoon, commenced to rest and this morning wanted to get down town. There seems no reason why he should not recover quickly. His injuries were indeed small in the light of what might have happened. His machine was going about the limit speed when the crash came and the momentum was so great it carried him nearly a half block before he quit rolling.

### Good Speed Made.

After the accident in the morning George Ruby, on an Ex and Tracey Hollister on a Harley cut the track record several seconds. Mr. Hollister is credited with 1:15 1-2 for the mile and a half lap, while Mr. Ruby's mark was a half second more than that time.

Other good records were made yesterday. Mr. Vehrs having lowered his own mark of 1:33 by several seconds in the run which caused his upset.

### Three New Corporations.

Salem, Or., July 1.—Articles of incorporation have been filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman by C. E. Davis, Inc., Portland, capital \$50,000; the North Side Investment company, Silverton, capital \$50,000, and the Portland Broom company, Portland, capital \$10,000.

## GRANDE RONDE VALLEY'S FOUNDERS IN REUNION

### Riverside Park Setting of Pleasant Get-to- gether of Pioneers.

Riverside Park, July 3.—(Special)—There is no doubt that the weather situation curtailed materially the attendance of pioneers at the annual reunion here today. Notwithstanding, there were many of the old-timers present and the pioneer spirit prevailed. As soon as the crowd began to assemble it was the beginning of a general hand-shaking and interchange of greetings.

There were very few who came to the meeting today on the trains. The changes which time has wrought have been accepted by the pioneers and are as extensively enjoyed by the pioneers as by others. More than one gray-haired man and matron who measured the weary miles from the Missouri river to Grande Ronde more than a half a century ago with ox-teams, came to the party today on the cushioned seats of the self-propelled vehicle.

President Brooks called for order in the park pavilion at 11 o'clock and the morning program proceeded.

Just prior to the regular order of exercises as many as could be assembled of the earliest pioneers were provided with seats on the stage, and the venerable men and women made a most impressive and imposing array.

The regular program opened with the singing of "America" by the audience and this was followed by the reading of the minutes of last meeting by Mrs. Wm. Gekeler, acting secretary.

Mrs. Edith Phy, of Union, was called upon for a solo, which was received with such appreciation that the popular vocalist was compelled to respond to an encore.

Hon. W. T. Wright, of Union, gave an address on "My Hawaiian Trip" which was entertaining and instructive in every detail.

This afternoon a splendid program is being heard and tonight the pictures of pioneers, dead and alive, will be thrown upon the screen in a feature of tonight's entertainment. The park is full of campers who joined with the merry old folks in celebrating the reunion.

### Reunion Sidelights

Hon. A. E. Eaton of Union, who had been assigned a place on the pro-

gram, was not able to be present. Mr. Eaton has lately been under the care of a physician and the fatigue of a trip to the meeting, especially considering the weather was deemed inadvisable.

"Jerry" Thompson, of Union, and one of the men who as a house-carpenter in his younger days helped to construct a large portion of the old buildings in South La Grande, was also "conspicuous by his absence." He felt unable to come, but Mrs. Thompson was present.

The pioneer attendants who came a long distance to be present at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Newhard of Portland. Mr. Newhard was for many years the owner of Hot Lake, in fact one of the original owners of that resort. He is an Oregon pioneer of 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Newhard never miss a gathering of the pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rinehart, for many years residents of the Summer-ville vicinity, but lately living in Walla Walla, are among those from a distance who are greeting their old pioneer friends.

On account of the poor health of Mr. B. Morelock, secretary of the Union county pioneer association who recently went to Portland, his place as secretary is being filled, temporarily by Mrs. Wm. Gekeler of La Grande.

Mrs. John McDonald, known in the earlier days as Maggie McLain, but for many years a resident of Wallowa, is receiving the cordial greetings of her pioneer friends and former neighbors of Union county.

On account of the fact that records of deaths have not been kept by the association for the past year a recently published list omitted the name of Mrs. Lavina Payne of Cove. Mrs. Payne was the widow of the late Jas. Payne. She was born in New York in 1841, and she and her husband came to Cove at an early date and in that community she was held in the highest esteem. Mrs. Payne died at her home in Cove March 24, 1916.

## HETTIE GREEN, WORLD'S RICHEST WOMAN, DEAD

New York, July 3.—Mrs. Hettie Green, known as the richest woman in the world, died at her home today. She was 83 years old and had been ill several weeks.

A week ago it was reported she suffered a stroke of apoplexy in March. Physicians said this was slight and she was doing well.

In the past few weeks, four trained nurses attended her, disguised as seamstresses, at the instance of her son, Colonel Green.

Mrs. Green's fortune exceeded \$100,000,000. She made \$93,000,000 herself, starting with \$10,000,000 which a parent left. Accumulation of money was the ruling passion of her life. When she was 30 Edward Green, the big silk importer, publicly announced he intended to marry the wealthiest heiress in America. He was told Hettie Robinson was the person. Green obtained an introduction and made good his brag. They were married in 1867. Miss Robinson agreed to marry Green only after he signed a contract pledging never to touch a penny of her fortune.

### FIRE WRECKS HOME.

#### Saturday Evening Blaze Destroys Contents of Stewart Home.

Fire starting in the kitchen of the Angus Stewart home on G street in South La Grande, Saturday evening wrecked the contents of the home until there remains little of value. Neighbors and occupants alike were

away and the fire was not discovered until the flames were whipping over the main roof and were then detected by the Sacred Heart Academy occupants who called the fire department. One peculiar incident in connection with the fire was that silverware on a buffet had been melted into bullion but an oil lamp at its side was unharmed, and didn't explode.

The question of insurance is not certain, it being feared the policy had expired.

### BUSINESS CLOSES TUES- DAY.

All lines of business will close all day tomorrow so far as possible. This includes grocers, barbershops, retail establishments and food emporiums generally.

### Name of Railway Changed.

Chehalis, Wash., July 1.—J. E. Corlett and W. E. Waldo, who recently purchased the railroad now being built east out of Chehalis, this week filed with the secretary of state amended articles increasing the capital stock of the concern from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 and the name was changed to Cowlitz, Chehalis & Cascade railway.

## FAMOUS SHOW HORSE IS HURT

Goris Fashion, famous Shire stallion which won its most recent blue ribbon by outstripping all contenders at the Union Stock show, and who has won in Washington, Idaho and Oregon state fairs, gaining the reputation as the finest Shire in a wide territory of the northwest, has made his last show. Yesterday morning the beautiful animal broke out of his corral on

the W. R. Leadbetter farm near Allou and so frightful cut himself to pieces that he will be scarred for life. He will be incapacitated for service for several months at least.

Mr. Leadbetter does not anticipate that Goris Fashion will die from the cuts, but his elegant skin is gashed without possibility of removing subsequent scars.

## TAFT RECOMMENDS SCHOOL CHANGES

### EX-PRESIDENT ADDRESSES N. E. A. MEMBERS

#### Ignorant School Boards Deplored By Professor and Statesman At New York

New York, July 3.—Twenty thousand delegates to the National Education association convention here today listened to William H. Taft, ex-President and professor of law at Yale, talk on "Waste in Modern Education."

Non-essentials and lack of economy in school organization and administration, poorly trained teachers and ignorant school boards were scored and Professor Taft advocated a sane reorganization of American schools on the basis of diversified prevocational work in the elementary schools including a general program of work which fits pupils for the life which they are to live.

At the opening of the first general session of the National Education association in Madison Square Garden today addresses were made by Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York; President John H. Finley of New York University and state commissioner of education; Regent Chas. B. Alexander of New York university, Mayor Mitchel, David Starr Jordan, retiring president of the National Education Association and President David B. Johnson, president of the Winthrop Normal & Industrial College, Rock Hill, S. C., who delivered the annual President's address on "Moral Instruction in the Schools."

Other speakers were: P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Cora Wilson Stewart, president of the Kentucky Illiteracy commission and organizer of the famous Moonlight Schools of Kentucky; Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma.

The National Council of Education listens to discussions of local and national movements for the encouragement of preventative medicine and the promotion of better sanitation and hygiene in the school, in the home, on the street and in rural communities, Wycliffe Rose, president of the International Health Commission of New York; President Joseph Swain of Swarthmore College, former president of the association, and Dr. John B. Dodson of Rush Medical College, Chicago, lead the discussions.

## CARNIVAL OF FUN AT HAND

### ALL EAGLES TO MARCH AT 7:30 THIS EVENING.

#### A Patriotic Program Will Be Car- ried Out.

All is ready for the grand opening of the Eagles Annual carnival which begins this evening at Zuber hall. Everything that originality could conceive has been injected into the preparations for this gala and much looked for occasion.

Beginning this evening at 7:30 o'clock, led by Grand Marshal Jap Stevens, the parade of Eagles in all their fancy regalia, will march through the principal streets of La Grande, to the tune of patriotic music. Every Eagle in the city will be in line for the parade.

On reaching the hall, without any special ceremony, the carnival will be started. Arrangements for the entertainment of guests are complete. There are so many novel and interesting events scheduled that it would require columns to explain all. It is sufficient however to say that every entertainment scheme in the program will be worth a visit to the carnival.

The program for each day will be duly announced so that all may have an opportunity of knowing what to expect.

The special patriotic program for tomorrow morning will start at 11 o'clock. The artists engaged and their program are a sufficient guarantee of a high grade entertainment.

### Program at 11 p. m.

Selection, Haines' Orchestra.  
Reading Declaration of Independence, J. H. Stevens.  
"America," Miss Carney.  
Selection, Haines' Orchestra.  
Oration, Wallace G. Trill.  
Vocal Solo, C. P. Ferrin.  
Selection, Haines' Orchestra.  
During the afternoon and evening the regular list of events will be carried out.

### HORSEBUYER LOCATES

Contractor for U. S. Army Horses Will Make Headquarters Here  
Claud Holland, for the past year or so engaged in buying allied army horses in this vicinity, now has come to La Grande to locate and has closed a contract with Uncle Sam to buy army horses for him. Artillery stock is chiefly desired for this country.

Mullenburg Improves.  
John Mullenburg, who attempted suicide Saturday morning, is reported to be greatly improved. He has been taken to the home of relatives.

## ALLIES DEAL HARD BLOWS

### NUMEROUS TOWNS AND LINE TRENCHES CAPTURED BY BOLD CHARGING.

### GERMANS TOO HAVE SUCCESS IN PLACES

#### Allied Offensive Continues With Un- abated Ferocity at All Points— Russians Said to Have Been Halted at One Point—Fighting Unusually Bloody.

British Headquarters in France, Jul y3.—East of Albert the British occupied a higher position near Fricourt, than that taken yesterday. Prisoners total 4000. Returning officers describe the situation at the remainder of the front as "promising." Violent fighting continuing this morning at Laboiselle with Germans bombarding Montauban. British are cannonading at Thierval.

#### Germans Also Aggressive.

Berlin, July 3.—Allied attacks east of Somme last night were repulsed with bloody losses it is announced. South of Somme the Germans withdrew from the second line under heavy French attacks. At the Verdun front the French fruitlessly attacked Thiamont and Frodieterre. South of Vaux Germans rushed the hill and battery at Damplou.

#### Russians Meet Obstacles.

Berlin, July 3.—Russians unsuccessfully attempted to stop the German advance on Volhynia. They attacked last night east and southeast of Lutsk.

Paris, July 3.—Germans early this morning captured Damplou works northeast of Verdun, but immediately were ousted, it is officially announced. Long bombardment preceded the onslaught, which began at three this morning.

Paris, July 3.—French have captured Herbecourt, throwing back Germans on a wide front, advancing with five miles of Peoronne and advanced along a three mile front. The communique said combats south of Somme were entirely favorable to the French.

#### Grenade reconnaissances cleared Deulogues wood of the enemy. Ger- mans failed to counter attack north of Somme.

The statement indicated 40,000 Germans are defending the Peoronne district and about 31,000 Germans suffered terrible losses and were badly disorganized. The French captured prisoners and heavy artillery north of Estrepe. Most of the prisoners are exceedingly young. They admit French artillery preparation was very effective, annihilating defenses and destroying communications. French artillery also destroyed 13 captive balloons.

#### Laboiselle Spruggle Fierce.

London, July 3.—General Haig reported at 8:30 tonight: "Heavy fighting at Laboiselle proceeding satisfactorily to us. Remnants of arsenal surrendered. Other parts of the battle front have made better progress, capturing additional hostile defenses."

Many serial battles were fought and German machines were downed—five damaged. Seven British aeroplanes are missing.

### Held for Carrying Concealed Arms.

Centuria, Wash., July 3.—W. H. Niquette, of Aberdeen, was arrested at the local depot by the police Thursday night on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and was lodged in the city jail while the officers were investigating. In Niquette's pocket was found a diagram of a clock used to set off dynamite bombs. It is known that Niquette shipped a valise from Aberdeen to Tacoma and the authorities of the latter city have been asked to ascertain what the valise contained.

### Motorcycle Road Race to Run.

Douglas, Ariz., July 3.—The first starter in the 140 mile Douglas-Bisbee-Tucson Fourth of July motorcycle road race will start from here at 7:30 a. m. tomorrow. The other 14 entrants are to go at intervals of two minutes. The race, over the famous Borderland route through Bisbee, Tombstone, Benson and Vail to Tucson, is the first event of its kind hereabouts. Among the entries are William Ryan, who won first place in the Douglas-Naco road race in 1915; L. A. Ortmann, who won the Paradise-to-Juan Dios road race in the Canal Zone, making the 35 miles in 30:20; Frank Barrett, who finished second in the El Paso-Phoenix road race last year; Howard Reynolds, Warren Jeffries and Bill Cox, who ran one-two-three in the Oracle road race in January, 1916.