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FORCE OF WELL ARMED VILLISTAS MARCHING TOWARD THE BORDER

SMALL BANDS FLOCK TO BANDIT LEADER WITH RAID ON AMERICAN TOWN AS THE PURPOSE. VILLA MAY SPOIL PROPOSED PEACE.

El Paso, July 8.—A desperate engagement is raging southeast of Jimenez between 2000 Carranzistas and 800 Villistas under General Contreras, said official dispatches to General Gonzales at Juarez. Unofficially it is reported Villa is heading 3000 troops advancing to attack Parral. Villa evacuated Jimenez, which he captured two days ago and cut communication lines to Parral.

El Paso, July 8.—From several sources today it is reported Villista bands are moving toward the Big Bend country, Texas, to raid American towns. These are believed to be the same Carranza warned Secretary Lansing about, intimating Mexican troops might not defeat the bandits. The Villistas left Falomir yesterday. Smaller groups are joining the band everywhere and they are reported well armed with plenty ammunition and well mounted. Preconcertedly the Villistas gathered at Falomir and are moving toward Lamula Pass.

Army officials believe Villa may succeed in shattering attempts to adjust differences between United States and Mexico. It is reported a bullet through the back muscles on both thighs caused Villa's wounds and he has now recovered sufficiently to walk with a limp. War department officials don't place faith in reports Villa is alive but the state department is less skeptical.

MAY ENLARGE DAM.

Joseph's Big Lake May Become Greater in Area Soon.

Joseph, July 7.—As an outcome of the controversy over rights for water from the Willowa river it is probable a new dam 15 feet high will be constructed at the foot of the lake, to take the place of the present 6-foot dam. A contract providing for the construction of such a dam has been drawn up and awaits the signature of the interested ditch companies. If several of the leading companies sign, they will unite in building it without the assistance of the others.

The contract, drawn up by A. S. Cooley in collaboration with A. W. Schupp, provides that each company becoming a party to it shall pay in proportion to the amount of water claimed by each in the flings with the state water board. Each will be entitled to the surplus store of water on the same basis. Companies drawing from the reservoir created by the present dam will retain their rights to that water, but will have no part or interest in the additional water stored behind the new dam unless they come into the agreement and pay their part for the improvement. If the ditch companies sign up for the new dam it will put an end, it is expected, to the present controversy over water rights from the river. J. T. Chincock of the state water board who took testimony last week in the water cases, continued the hearing until September 18, and in the interim the matter is likely to be adjusted by the formation of the new dam company.

Owners of the present dam hold some land at the head of the lake which they bought to provide for the flooding due to the original job. They also have some overflow rights bought for \$1000 from D. W. Sheahan and Prof. L. F. Anderson. The latter, a member of the faculty of Whitman college at Walla Walla, has his summer home near the head of the lake. It is not known just how much land would be flooded by the higher dam, but it is believed the water would not come within several hundred feet of the buildings of the park, and perhaps Prof. Anderson would be the chief loser.

Rats, Yes! But Cockroaches! Never!

London, June 20.—(By Mail)—One hundred and thirty-eight women war workers who agreed to catch rats for a big London "Rat Catching and Vermin Destroying" establishment opened up a new discovery of feminine nature today.

They will gladly catch rats for \$10 a week but "cockroach decoying" is where they balk. It was where all but two of the rodent catchers balked today when the firm attempted to include destruction of the wily cockroach in the day's routine.

In addition to catching rats and mice, the firm also attempts to eliminate crawling members of the vermin family. When all the men vermin eradicators were forced to join the army, the firm advertised for women. There was a feminine rush for the job. The women were first taught the gentle art of snaring the rodents. Then came the course of cockroaches, "Nothing doing" was the general reply.

WILSON WILL NOT OFFER LOANS UNTIL CARRANZA ASKS FOR IT WHICH HE IS NOT LIKELY TO DO UNTIL THE LAST RESORT.

Washington, July 8.—President Wilson won't endeavor to rehabilitate Mexico with American money until Carranza requests it. Administration officials have been informed offers of financial assistance now would be rebuffed. Carranza needs money, but has refused to consider borrowing from a foreign country, because the loan would mean the right of intervention to collect the interest.

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Robert Pobst Painfully Hurt

Baker, July 8.—Robert Pobst, an elderly resident was seriously injured at his home on Balm street yesterday forenoon. He was engaged in trimming a tree and in some manner fell from the ladder he was standing on. He suffered two broken ribs and his injuries are very painful and such that will confine him for some time. Medical assistance was summoned immediately after the accident and the fractures were reduced.

Installation Monday Evening

New officers of Red Cross Lodge No 27, K. of P. will be installed Monday evening and there will be initiation exercises. Light refreshments will be served after the work.

AUTOS OFFER A 25CT RATE

TRANSPORTATION TO OVAL PROVIDED FOR

Unexpected Interest in Sunday's Matinee Developing

Transportation to the races tomorrow in which an aviator's race with a motorcycle will be a feature, has suddenly loomed quite a problem as it is apparent the audience will be much larger than first expected. The motorcycle races are purely for local riders, more as a tryout for the track than anything else. Then the aviation feature developed and that phase is largely what is drawing out the people. To make accommodations for the late-hour interest, the officers have gone to various taxis and truck owners, seeking a straight 25-cent rate to the oval. This is freely responded to, and while an exact list of such drivers has not been made it is expected that by commencing at 1:30 from Depot and Adams, the taxis will be able to move the crowds before 2:30 when the races start. Many individuals have consented to take out one load before returning for their private parties.

Change in Program

Elsewhere in this issue is listed a string of events for tomorrow. The program has been changed to this extent at the last moment; instead of the 10-mile race there will be a quarter-mile rough race in which strictly stock machines will ride over the rough sod, promising keen sport.

WHEAT PRICES SOAR

Reports of Black Rust Inroads on Wheat Fields Responsible

Chicago, Ill., July 8.—July wheat jumped five points today, closing at three and half above the opening. Reports of a heavy crop damage by black rust in the Northwest has sent shorts scurrying.

CASEMENT PLEA DODGED

Senate Committee Decides Not to Act for Traitor's Behalf

Washington, July 8.—Senate foreign relations committee has decided not to report a resolution urging the President to intervene to save the life of Roger Casement, found guilty and sentenced to death for treason.

WASHINGTON REGIMENTS CAMP ALONG SIDE THE OREGON BOYS AT THE BORDER. IDAHO TROOPS EXPECT TO ARRIVE SOON.

Calxico, Cal., July 8.—The second Washington regiment and auxiliary companies pitched camp today beside the Oregon artillery. There are now more than 3000 men camped here. The Idaho regiment will probably arrive in a few days.

Cherry Pickers Will Be Needed.

Latest reports from the Cove Cherry crop indicate that there will be more of an output than previously estimated, although considerably below the normal. There will be several carloads and pickers and packers will be in demand for the season which will be on hand within a short time.

Spectacle Vendor Under Trial.

J. W. Vogel, who has been through this section at different intervals for many years, is on trial before Justice of the Peace Williams this afternoon on a charge of practicing optometry contrary to the legal regulations. The case is being tried by jury and had not been submitted late this afternoon.

Detained on Bad Check Charge

John Watson, a young man who has recently been with a troupe of Hawaiian musicians but who is himself an American, was arrested last night by the local police on information from Baker, alleging that he had passed a worthless check. He is still in custody awaiting advices from the Baker officials.

Many Hear Lecture.

Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons lectured to over 600 people last evening at the Methodist church. Everyone was more than pleased to have an opportunity to hear this woman who is delivering messages among both the rich and poor. After the lecture she autographed to Elgin, accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Davis and one of Elgin's ministers where she rescued an unfortunate young lady who will be taken to Portland this evening. She was called to Walla Walla this morning to lecture to prisoners at the penitentiary. She has been requested to return here the 15th of July. Her return subject will be "The Second Coming of Christ" and she will also lecture at Elgin the following day. Subject "The Winning Light."

Defendant Was Discharged.

John Underwood, a teamster, was on trial before Justice of the Peace Williams yesterday afternoon on the charge of cruelty to animals, on a complaint filed by Mrs. Violet Morgan. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

INDIAN PRINCESS WOULD RECRUIT SOLDIERS FOR UNCLE SAM.



ROYAL POSITIONS MUCH SOUGHT FOR

SEVERAL YOUNG COVE PEOPLE IN CAMPAIGN.

King and Queen Campaign Now in Its Full Swing—Many Girls Entered.

Cove, July 7.—(Special)—Candidates for the royal robes and duties of King Bing and Queen Anne in the reign of 1916, destined to rule during the life time of the Cherry fair, have been assembled and started on their campaign. For King, Roy Bell is a candidate and has 155 votes while Warner Knutson has 268 votes.

There are more candidates for the queenship. Mary Carter has 800 votes, Jessie Barker 490, Eva Roberts 425, Dorothy Bloom 415, Esther Brazill 250, Florence Severs 275 and Dilly Gray 211. The contest was formally inaugurated July 6th in a meeting in Maccabee hall where a movie film opened the evening's program, and Mrs. A. W. Roberts of Washington, D. C., who is visiting at the Frank Roberts home, sang several selections and rendered several splendid readings.

The Cherry fair committee then took the platform and nominations for king and queen came thick and fast. Penants big and small are being sold to obtain votes.

The contest for honors closes the last of next week with a closing meeting in Maccabee hall where movies will again be shown.

ROCKEFELLER SEVENTY-SEVEN

Richest Man Has Health and \$800,000,000 Too

New York, July 8.—John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world and one of the youngest old ones, is 77 years of age today. Mr. Rockefeller has health and eight hundred million dollars. That's not far short of a billion bucks.

Dr. H. F. Biggar, Sr., Rockefeller's personal physician for 25 years, declares Rockefeller will live to be more than a hundred years old because he follows the rules outlined above. When Dr. Biggar took John D. to make him over the Oil King was going down grade fast. He had worn himself to shreds building up his enormous fortune. The doctor told him he must rest or he would die. Rockefeller has been resting ever since. He works, but just to suit himself.

In addition to having about \$800,000,000 in his own right now, Rockefeller probably has given to his children and his charities and his colleges between two and three hundred million dollars. The realizable market value of his Standard Oil holdings alone recently was estimated at half a billion dollars.

It is estimated that Rockefeller's income is \$60,000,000 a year, which is equivalent to \$5,000,000 a month \$1,533,846.15 a week, \$6,853.97 an hour, \$140.40 a minute, \$1.90 2-3 a second.

Rockefeller has accumulated every cent of this wealth since 1865, when he made his first \$5,000. In 1875 he had \$5,000,000. In 1885 he had \$100,000,000. In 1900 he had \$400,000,000. In 1905 he had \$550,000,000.

HEAVY RAINS CONVERT BATTLEFIELD TO MUD

BILLY SUNDAY BALKS AT HILL

FAMOUS REVIVALIST SHIES AT OFFER!

Pocatello Run Fired by Billy but Hill Frightens ex-Baseball Star.

Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist, and family were passengers on No. 17 this morning en route from the east to Hood River, where Mr. Sunday owns a large farm. At Pocatello yesterday Billy Sunday took the fireman's job on the engine and did the firing out of that place, all of which was duly noted in a special published in the Idaho Statesman this morning.

On reaching La Grande Division Engineer Lyons, who had been a fellow passenger from Huntington, invited the evangelist to repeat the stunt out from La Grande. The distinguished passenger went up the platform to the engine which had just been coupled on; looked up the track and then declined, saying:

"That looks like a pretty steep grade ahead and I guess I'll pass it up."

"That engine has a ten-foot fire box hasn't it? I think I haven't forgotten how and believe I could reach the front, all right," he said as he passed his left hand over the distended muscle of his right arm, "but I'll not try it today." Mr. Sunday kept the passengers in his car constantly entertained.

Storm Sweeps Over Sumpter

Sumpter, July 7.—A heavy thunderstorm swept over this section this afternoon and lightning is reported to have struck in several places. The sub-station at the Ben Harrison mine was struck by lightning, set afire and partly destroyed according to word received here tonight. Some of the phone lines were out of commission, but no word of other serious damage had been received up to this evening.

10,000 JOIN IN PLAGUE FIGHT

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CONTINUES TO SPREAD

Deaths and New Cases Compel Wholesale Preventative War

New York, July 8.—Ten thousand New York citizens, who are members of the Home Defense league, were called out today to aid in the fight against infantile paralysis. Eighteen more deaths and 95 cases are reported today. The majority are in Brooklyn.

Wm. Peterson Home Entered.

Pendleton, July 7.—During the fore part of this week, the house of Will M. Peterson, 305 Lincoln street, was entered and a watch, chain, watch fob and Eastern Star pin, all the property of Mrs. Peterson, were stolen. The loss was not noticed until yesterday morning when Mrs. Peterson was preparing to go to Walla Walla.

The family were gone most of the day July 4th and it is possible that the dwelling was entered then. Entrance is thought to have been gained by a window. Detectives are now on the trail of the miscreants and, provided the jewelry is not returned, prosecution will follow. It is thought the work was done by boys.

Minam Has Contest

A silver medal contest was held at the Minam schoolhouse on the evening of July 1.—The girls of the class were Misses Nellie Conley, Millie Conley, Agnes Clark, Gladys Clark, Myrtle Harland and Letha Hart. Miss Hurt won the medal on "The Two Portraits." Mrs. Anna Miller and Mrs. Bessie Higgins trained the girls, and Mrs. Hattie Fleecer had charge of the program's music. The entertainment was a success and enjoyed by all present. There will be another contest soon, but the time and place have not as yet been decided upon. All the girls are anxious to win medals so the work will go on. A class of small children will also be trained to contest for the L. G. L. medal.

Rides New Machine Home

J. Johns of Elgin who recently purchased a Powerplus Indian, drove the machine from Portland to La Grande arriving yesterday evening having come through from Ione yesterday. He had a three-fourths day delay and made the trip in two days and a quarter.

WILD RUMOR SAYS RETREAT FROM RIGA ON

BERLIN DOES ADMIT SLAVS FORCE BACK AUSTRIANS NEAR VOLHYNIA

SOUTH AND NORTH OF SOMME ALLIES GAIN

London Statement Declares Second Week of Big Offensive Finds Allies Gaining Steadily Everywhere and Holding What Ground Has Been Gained.

Berlin, July 8.—(Wireless to Sayville).—A submerged enemy submarine attacked, unwarned, nine peaceful German trade ships en route to Swinemunde July second. The ships luckily escaped, the admiralty announced. The torpedo wake was clearly observed as it passed between two ships. Armed patrol boats immediately pursued.

The admiralty has denied the correctness of Admiral Jellicoe's version of the Skagerak losses. It declared the German statement was correct.

London, July 8.—The second week of the Allies' offensive found the Allies everywhere attacking and maintaining earlier gains practically everywhere, despite counter attacks. A heavy downpour of rain converted the battleground a great sea of mud. Despite the handicap, French today claimed slight further progress south of Somme, taking 409 prisoners.

British troops north of Somme improved positions taken yesterday.

Fighting in the village of Contalmaison was deadlocked and Paris reported 5000 of the Kaiser's famous Prussian guardsmen killed at Contalmaison.

Petrograd today reported capture of three villages in the region of Kulkid, by bayonet fighting.

Wild rumors that Austro-Germans have begun a general retreat from Riga to Galicia is discredited. British aeroplanes have rendered valuable service despite the weather yesterday and aided in reconnaissance work, completely wrecking an enemy hangar.

Austrian Force Cut Off.

Petrograd, July 8.—An Austrian force estimated at 20,000 to 30,000 are cut off southwest of Kolkomia. The Russians moved eastward but a sudden dash by Russian infantry, seizing the railway station, stopped retreat south. The right wing of Russians severed communications to the north.

Shipping Orders Changed.

London, July 8.—The royal order changing rules of the blockade have been issued. They stipulate ships must prove their destination is unhospitable and permit British to hold neutral ships until they show proof. Neutral ships carrying contraband to an enemy port are liable to capture in the next voyage.

Berlin Admits Reverses

Berlin, July 8.—(Wireless to Sayville).—Austrians have retreated from advanced lines at Volhynia before a greatly superior Russian force, said a Vienna official statement this afternoon.

Contracts Are Extended

Salem, Or., July 7.—At a meeting held yesterday afternoon the state desert land board extended the time on the contract between the Morson Land company and the state until 1920. The government recently extended the time on its contract with the state with relation to the project of the company until that year. The board also reduced the area to be irrigated from 31,080 to 27,200, and the amount of water to be put on each acre.

Recently the board consolidated temporarily the secretaryship of the desert land board with that of the state land board, and directed G. G. Brown, clerk of the latter, to act as secretary of the former board. At yesterday's meeting arrangements were made whereby employes of the engineer's office will perform the duties of secretary to the desert land board with out additional compensation.