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VILLA RETURNS TO RENEW SIEGE ON CHIHUAHUA CITY

AFTER FLAT FAILURE IN THREE ATTEMPTS TO STORM THE CITY YESTERDAY BANDIT LIES IN WAIT AT DAYBREAK THIS MORNING AND STRIKES FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES—BLOODY FIGHTING REPORTED THIS AFTERNOON—OUTCOME STILL IN DOUBT.

El Paso, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Villa has again attacked Chihuahua city after an unsuccessful attack yesterday. Four thousand bandits advanced on the southern and western sides of the city and made a simultaneous assault at 10 o'clock. General Trevino has wired Consul Garcia, intimating Villistas had penetrated the outskirts.

Mining representatives have received code messages that large groups of Villistas were west of Chihuahua City during the night, waiting for daylight before renewing the assault.

Villa ordered these troops to charge the city this morning.

El Paso, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—A message today declared one Carranza general, two colonels, and 100 defacto soldiers were killed yesterday. Their names were deleted, and it is believed the dead includes General Ozuna. The Mexican consulate here admitted three high officers were killed. Consul Bravo made a statement declaring the bandits' morning attack was repulsed. He said "Fighting continues and is becoming more general."

Surrender Is Likely

The heaviest fighting is between the penitentiary and the water works. The city's surrender is imminent.

Juarez, Mex., Nov. 24.—(Special)—Three times yesterday Francisco Villa attacked the first-line trenches which defend Chihuahua City and three times he was repulsed, leaving his dead and wounded on the plains outside of the city of the south.

At 11 o'clock the high-crowned hats of the bandits were seen to the south, along the Mexican Central main line, according to these messages. The battle was opened a few minutes later with a salvo from cannon on Santa Rosa Hill, the key to the state capital. The first and second-line trenches, protected by barbed-wire entanglements, took up the fighting and by noon a general engagement was in progress along the entire southern front, which continued through the early afternoon.

Villa is reported by General Gonzales to have at least 3500 men, practically all of whom are armed and mounted. He is also believed to have machine guns, but no heavy artillery. For this reason the 20 or more heavy field guns of General Trevino's command were able to rake the advancing lines of Villa bandits, the messages from the state capital said. The field was covered with dead and dying men, one message said.

A sortie by Carranza cavalry, supported by artillery, resulted in the capture of many Villa prisoners, who were without ammunition and had gone since morning without food or water, another message declared.

Villa, in person, was leading his forces against the Carranza troops yesterday, according to the reports being received at the Juarez military headquarters from Chihuahua City, given out by Carranza officers. The bandit leader is said to be riding horseback, with his crutch strapped to his saddle.

Rev. Clark Hurt by Charging Mule Team

Attempts to Stop Runaway on Streets But Hold Slips and He Is Knocked Down—Head Gashed and Leg Hurt.

Rev. G. L. Clark has a painful knee and leg and a gash in his forehead today because he tried to stop a span of mules that were running away last night. Seeing the animals moving along the streets without a driver Rev. Clark instinctively moved to bring them to a halt but his hold on the nearest animal was elusive and he was knocked down and kicked. While he was able to officiate at prayer meeting shortly afterwards, he is not as lively this morning as normally. His many friends are indeed thankful that the injuries were no more severe than they were.

Weather Forecast.

Rain and heavy wind on coasts, fair eastward.

Oregon "Burbank" Wants Jackrabbits

Famous Plant and Animal Student Wants to Investigate Laws of Heredity and Seeks Pure Jackrabbit Specimen.

Father George Schoener, the plant and animal student at Portland who has come into reknown not far remote from that attained by Luther Burbank, is seeking a trio of live jackrabbits and has asked Union county to supply them. He writes to Attorney Turner Oliver concerning his wishes. Of the latter Mr. Oliver said this afternoon:

"I have a letter from Father Schoener of the 'Schoener Scientific Gardens,' 768 Lombard St. Portland, Oregon, asking if it is possible to get for him three jack-rabbits, one buck and two does for experimental breeding purposes in a study of the laws of heredity. If these animals can be caught for Father Schoener they ought to be furnished. Father Schoener is the Burbank of Oregon, and has done more than any other man in the State in developing new varieties of berries, and other fruits, and probably no other person in the world has done more for the development of choice roses. Cannot some reader of the Observer furnish him with the desired jackrabbits? He suggests animals eight or nine months' old."

Starts Highway Campaign.

Portland, Nov. 24.—(Special)—Will G. Steel, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, has started a campaign for a \$1,500,000 highway from Medford to Crater Lake. He will ask the state and Jackson county to provide \$350,000.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. K. Garrison, general agent for the Milwaukee line, at Portland, and his lieutenant H. W. Peterson were in La Grande this morning en route to branch line points.

Mrs. Goldie Chamberlain and Mrs. Mary Whitmore have gone to Coffee Creek, Mont.

Mrs. J. D. Heckman, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hillhouse were among the passengers last night for Chicago from here.

Colon R. Eberhard, district attorney, and August Hug, sheriff, went to Elgin this morning to participate in the trial of O. R. Barnes accused of bringing in an auto load of whiskey from Utah points.

Attorney E. W. Eastman was a business visitor in Elgin today, going down on the morning train.

M. Parkins, formerly of Hood River, has arrived in La Grande to make his future home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Thompson of May Park are moving to town to give their children better school facilities during the winter.

Leon Stoddard has been down from Baker to visit his mother Mrs. J. B. Stoddard who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at her May Park home.

G. A. Barnes, representing The Bogue-Wensley Lead company, of Denver, was in La Grande today calling upon the newspaper, hardware and plumbing firms.

Julius L. Louissian, manager for M. A. Gunst & Co., of Portland, and Charles Oliver, traveling salesman, spent last night and this morning in La Grande on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Price left last night for Portland and other coast cities to spend their honeymoon. They will return to La Grande to make their future home as Mr. Price is a machinist with the O.-W. R. N. Co. They will be at home after Dec. 1st, at 1003 Jackson street.

Atlantic Fleet Has Maneuvers in View

Biggest Ensemble Since Trip Around the World Set for Second Week in December—Entire Fleet Will Pass in Review.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Lean greyhounds of the Atlantic fleet, swift destroyers and bobbing Government coastal cutters—vessels of every kind and character will assemble in Hampton Roads the second week of December on the occasion of the eighth annual convention of the Southern Commercial congress, at Norfolk, Va. The gathering will present one of the most impressive grand ensembles of naval vessels since the mobilization of the American fleet for the trip around the world. The entire Atlantic fleet has been ordered mobilized for the ceremonies, by Secretary Daniels, and the Departments of Commerce and Labor, have given similar orders for all vessels of their departments.

The officers and men of the fleet, with the Virginia national guard will participate in a military parade, Sunday, preceding the formal opening of the congress. The fleet, together with all visiting ships, will pass in a grand naval review earlier in the day.

President Wilson has been requested to address the congress on Monday morning. Secretary of State Lansing will speak Monday.

Big Park Bridge to be Moved Southward

Undermined Abutments Require Repairs—Channel of the Stream To be Changed to Relieve Strain on Foundation Pillars.

The Riverside bridge, one of the largest in the county, which was undermined by floodwaters last spring and, though new, has been a problem during the past few months, will be moved south about five feet and put on new foundations. The change will place the bridge five feet nearer La Grande than it is, rather than either up or down street, and the new foundation will be sunk as far as possible with the aid of pumps and other bridge appliances, and the present abutments will be allowed to stand in hopes that they will protect the new foundations. Piling will also be driven about the new foundation. At the same time this is done the Park commission and the county court are jointly rearranging the breakwater built by the Park association recently, so that the current will not be thrown so sharply against the piers. Likewise some work above the bridge is being done with the view of shooting the main channel directly under the bridge instead of against the abutments.

SEND JOY TO THE TRENCHES

Christmas Gifts Will Be Gathered at New York and Forwarded to Soldiers.

New York, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Christmas cheer for the French soldiers, who "somewhere in France," are helping hold the long cold fighting line, will be gathered tonight at the ball "La Paquet du Soldat" at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. Eugene Maloubier, president of the society, has received a list of soldiers who are without friends to send them Christmas gifts. These will be the first to receive gifts from the society. Tobacco and cigarettes will form a fair share of the consignment. Proceeds of the ball go to the gift fund.

LONDON'S BODY CREMATED WITH ALL ABSENCE OF CEREMONIALS

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Jack London's body was cremated without ceremony today. Mourners included Mrs. Eliza Shepard, a sister; Irving Shepard, her son; J. Bryne, his secretary, and daughters Joan and Bess, by his first wife. E. B. Payne, a close friend and Mrs. Charmion London, the widow, were so grief stricken they were unable to attend.

Hundreds of telegrams have arrived at Gleen Ellen from all parts of the world. San Francisco telegraph wires handled nothing except sympathy telegrams. Johnny Heinold, of "First

2ND HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK IN WITHIN WEEK

BRAMER CASTLE GOES DOWN IN IN AEGEAN SEA BUT NONE ABOARD DROWNED

NEW RUSSIAN PREMIER ANNOUNCED BY CZAR

Conflicting Reports From the East Show Both Sides Gaining, but Germans Evidently Hold the Best of the Argument—Heavy Artillery Fire Prevalent Throughout the Western Front.

London, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—The admiralty has announced that another British hospital ship, the Bramar Castle, has been sunk. It was homeward bound from Salonika to Malta, and sank in the Mykonos channel of the Aegean sea, not far from where the Britannic sank a few days ago. All of the Bramar Castle's occupants were saved. She either struck a mine or was torpedoed. The latter theory is the more popular.

New Russian Premier. Petrograd, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—General Treppoff has been appointed premier. The present Premier Sturmer has been named grand chamberlain.

The war office has announced further Dobrudja advances. They crossed the Karal at several places and reached Tashul.

Germans Free to Advance. Berlin, (Via Sayville) Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Faulkenheim is approaching the Alt valley. Resistance in the west corner of Roumania is broken.

Germans Stop Ancre Attacks. Berlin, (Via Sayville)—Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Germans have captured Orozova and have forced a Roumanian retreat. British attacks at Ypres and north of Ancre collapsed despite the violent artillery. There is canonading in St. Pierre Vaast woods and the Chaulnes district.

Teutons Crossing Danube. Bucharest, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Germans attempted to disembark troops and cross the Danube today to invade Roumania through Zimnicea. Superior forces necessitated a Roumanian retreat in Oltenia Valley.

Allies Report Enthusiastic. Paris, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—French have rushed trenches in Alsace, taking prisoners. There is lively artillery around Sally-Saizyl.

Five German aeroplanes destroyed. Allies have progressed west of Monastir but the battle northwest of the city is continuing. Italians under Saritel have reached Nezeploli.

Print Paper Inquiry Partially Finished

Washington, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The federal trade commission announced late today that it had completed an important stage of its inquiry into the high cost of news print paper and developed the fact there is no shortage of Canadian print paper and that the price of that paper has increased only 43 cents a ton. The investigation revealed that imports of Canadian news print paper have greatly increased.

Federation Seeks Embargo.

Baltimore, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—The American Federation of Labor today unanimously voted in favor of an embargo on exportation of wheat and foodstuffs until prices are again normal.

Candidates Spend Little for Office

Many Affidavits Show No Expense of Any Kind—Political Parties Show Receipts and Disbursements During the Campaign.

Amounts, if any, and so indicated if not, spent by candidates and parties in the November election in Union county have been filed with the county clerk. That is all but three of them which are still delinquent.

In many instances candidates spent nothing. The following is a complete list of expense accounts filed by county office seekers, district and state have been filed at Salem:

County Commissioner—W. J. Townley, \$25.

For Sheriff—Lee Warnick, \$62.50; T. H. Williamson, \$84.00; William Zeigler, no expense.

County Clerk—Lewis W. Smith, no expense; Kenneth McCormick, \$32.25.

County Treasurer—John Frawley, nothing.

County Assessor—U. G. Couch \$94; W. A. Maxwell, \$59.05; W. T. Grider, nothing.

School Superintendent—Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, \$25.

County Surveyor—L. D. Howland, nothing; Arthur Curtiss, two cents.

B. P. Burnett, nothing.

Coroner—J. P. Graham, nothing; E. W. Barnes, 50 cents.

Justice of the Peace—A. C. Williams, \$5; A. J. Sullivan, nothing.

Constable—C. E. Dobson, nothing; I. W. Faulk, nothing; T. J. Pierce, nothing; Richard Burnett, nothing; Thos. N. Stepp, nothing.

R. E. Moorehouse, chairman of the Socialistic committee, reported receipts from various sources to the amount of \$29.68 and expenditures to the amount of \$29.60.

W. R. Hunter received \$32.50 and spent a like amount for the Democratic Central committee in this county. His statement shows that he paid the expense account himself.

J. H. Pearce, chairman of the Republican Central committee received \$310 and spent \$309 leaving a balance of \$1.00.

O. F. Coolidge, treasurer of the Hughes Alliance, received a total of \$116.50 and spent \$172.50. The affidavit declares the statement by Mr. Coolidge does not include the items of collection yet to be made and payment of balance due.

Tax Delinquencies Cut Down Recently

Although the Total Is Still Higher Than Usual, Delinquencies Month Ago Are Greatly Reduced Now.

When taxes first became delinquent this fall there were \$25,000 unpaid but during the month or six weeks elapsing since then, the Union County Tax Collecting department has taken in sums that bring the total to about \$16,000. This amount is about \$2000 higher than last year, but much the same condition is reported from all counties in the state.

Since Nov. 5th there has been a five per cent penalty outright, in addition to one per cent per month interests penalty.

TESTING OUT GRAND OPERA

Cleveland Has Remarkable Scheme Afoot With Music Experiments

Cleveland, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Preparations are being completed today for the opening Monday in Cleveland of a unique experiment in grand opera. Monday night Cleveland will listen to the first presentation by the Cleveland Grand Opera company, Wednesday the company will sing in Pittsburgh, Thursday in Cincinnati and Saturday in Detroit. Such will be its schedule for each of the six weeks of the proposed season. If the patronage warrants the season will be extended.

If successful, careful observers say, it will be followed by similar organizations in many groups of cities too small in music patrons to have a company of their own or to be visited by the New York or Chicago company.

SIR MAXIM, INVENTOR DIES

Father of Automatic Arms Passes After Short Illness—Of Advanced Age

London, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Sir Hiram Stevens Maxim, inventor of automatic firearms and cordite, died at 2:30 this morning, aged 76 years. He was reported seriously ill several days. He was born in Maine, but knighted in 1901. He was a brother of Hudson Maxim.

RAILROADS TO GIVE PRESIDENT A FREE REIN

HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HIM TO AVERT STRIKES BY PASSAGE OF NEEDED REMEDIES

EXECUTIVES THEMSELVES COMPLETELY STUMPED

Corporations, Brotherhoods and Public Believed To Be Safe in the Hands of the President—Test Case Being Prepared but Which Road's Injunction Will Be Made Basis Unknown.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—It is learned railroad officials have assured President Wilson of free rein in working out legislative remedies for industrial disputes. Road executives believe railroad corporations, brotherhoods and public can depend on President Wilson to formulate a plan of eliminating strikes.

Railroad executives have admitted themselves unable to formulate a feasible anti-strike plan, after many conferences.

Selecting Test Case. Kansas City, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Railroad officials and government representatives conferred today, deciding whether the Santa Fe or the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad's injunction suit against the Adamson law should be used as a test. The conferees refused to divulge which suit is selected, until they receive word from Attorney General Gregory.

ALL REFRIGERATOR CARS ARE CALLED TO HOME LINES

Washington, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—The Car Efficiency Conference committee has announced all railroads have been ordered to immediately return all fruit and refrigerator cars to their home lines. The order was issued to avert a threatened car shortage for fruit.

Marion County Bone-Dry. Salem, Nov. 24.—(Special)—District Attorney Ringo announces he will make Marion county bone-dry as soon as Governor Withycombe announces by proclamation that the new prohibition amendment has carried.

Archbald Under Knife. New York, Nov. 24.—(United Press)—John D. Archbald, the oil magnate, underwent an appendicitis operation today. His condition is satisfactory.

Strike Of Nurses Is Beaten. Buenos Aires, Oct. 15.—(United Press).—(By Mail.)—The city authorities today believe they have beaten the strike of nurses in the Buenos Aires municipal hospitals.

The walkout resulted from the attempt to substitute women for men nurses. It was contended that the former were better than the latter who were gradually being replaced as women were graduated from the local school for nurses. In an effort to compel abandonment of this system, the men nurses struck, leaving 4,445 patients temporarily unattended for.

Students of Charity medical students and other volunteers rallied to the aid of the women nurses already in the service and now the city officials say the change from men to women nurses has been made for good, though they were forced to affect it sooner than they had originally intended.

The Time To Do Your Christmas Shopping and Advertising Is Now

The time to do your Christmas shopping is now when the stores are full of stock to select from. The wise merchant will do his Christmas advertising now. All the December magazines are out with their appeals for mail-order advertising. The time to meet this competition is now.

The place to buy things is here at home, where every article advertised in foreign magazines can be had cheaper and better than you can send away for and buy "sight unseen."