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GERMANY AIDS VILLA; GIVES HIM BIG SUMS

United Press Correspondent
Learns This On the
Highest Authority

SECRET AGENTS ARE INCITING HIM TO ATTACK

Webb Miller Returns From Trip to Interior Mexico—He Wires That German Agents Are Attempting to Make Carranzistas Oppose the United States.

By WEBB MILLER
(U. P. Correspondent)
Laredo, March 8.—I have just returned from a trip to the interior of Mexico. I am able to state on the highest authority that Germany is plying Villa against Carranza.

Villa is receiving great sums of German money. Germany is inciting him to attack the United States and Carranza.

German agents are attempting to make the Carranzistas oppose the United States.

Two German government agents approached Villa February 12 at the Bustillos ranch.

It was proposed that the resumption of border raids should start at the beginning of German-American war. They conferred two days.

Villa agreed to send small bandit bands to harass the American troops.

The Germans promised the first payment of a quarter million of dollars in gold; to be succeeded by monthly payments thereafter.

KITCHNER BLAMED FOR ARMY DISASTER

War Counsel Also Blamed For Not Meeting During Month of April, 1915.

London, March 8.—(United Press)—A special investigating committee reported Lord Kitchener and the war council responsible for the Dardanelles disaster. The report said Lord Kitchener was responsible for a three weeks delay in sending troops to Gallipoli. It charged that Lord Kitchener insufficiently utilized the general staff's services. It criticized the war council's failure to meet during April, 1915.

The investigators ascertained that the Dardanelles expedition gained important political advantages although it failed to attain its main object.

FRENCH REPORT CAPTURE PRISONERS

Paris, March 8.—(United Press)—It is announced that the French captured prisoners at Emberranil and Lorraine. They entered the line at three points. Lively artillerying occurred between Oise and Aisne.

PRESIDENT IS ILL IN BED; HAS SEVERE COLD

All His Engagements Are Cancelled—Good Care Is Necessary.

Washington, March 8.—(United Press)—President Wilson is confined to bed with an aggravating cold. He cancelled all his engagements. Physicians said his condition was not serious. Every care is deemed necessary to enable President Wilson quickly to resume his duties.

HIP ACTS PLEASE WRITER

Three Vaudeville Acts at Arcade Please Crowded Houses—Eccentric Acrobats, College Playlet and Dancers Are Good.

BY L. D.
Was sent to cover Hippodrome last night. Was tired, too, and could have hated the esteemed c.e. (city editor) for the assignment. Show was good, however, and kind of awakened me. (Possible extracts from a reporter's diary.)

It fits my case last night. People yesterday told me the Hippodrome acts at the Arcade were good so I went. It was just as though I was again in Portland and I had jumps to the Hip.

Frank Darro is billed as an eccentric comedy acrobat. He is both eccentric and acrobatic. He has kind of a phoney falsetto voice which he uses to good effect as he does his stunts.

A college chap whose head is turned by the success of his play given by his junior classmates has a lesson taught him by the girl who loves him, in the one act playlet put on by the four members of the Miss Edna Riese company.

The dancing Cronins live true to their name. Cronin is a big fellow and his wife, a mite of a girl, but she does dance well. The Cronins have studied with the Vernon Castles. I particularly liked Mrs. Cronin in her sinewy, sensuous interpretation of the dancing Carmen. The sailor's hornpipe by Mr. and Mrs. Cronin was good.

Besides the Hippodrome acts there was a five-reel photoplay starring Herculean Douglas Fairbanks in a Patagonian love affair and intrigue.

Carload New Mitchells Arrive.
A carload of new Mitchell automobiles arrived in La Grande Thursday for B. C. Hamilton. The two five passenger, and the two seven passenger cars are of the stream line type which caused a great deal of favorable comment in the eastern shows. The sloping windshield and the baked enamel over the entire body are features.

Mrs. John S. McClure of Denver visited her son, Donald Sargent, yesterday.

Don Sargent went to Weiser, Idaho today to see his grandmother, Mrs. Heck, who is seriously ill.

Dr. Phyl of Hot Lake states that C. E. Short is much better today, and is able to walk around some.

BEND WOMAN CHARGED WITH ROBBERY AGED MAN

Bend, Ore., March 8.—(United Press)—Mrs. J. J. Bailey, a Harney homesteader, was arraigned on the charge of luring a rancher, L. A. Rawlings, to her cabin and keeping him a prisoner two days and stealing a five hundred dollar note. It is alleged her son helped overpower and tie up Rawlings. The woman is charged with larceny. Rawlings is eighty years old.

THE WEATHER

Portland, March 8.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Rain in west. Rain and snow in east. South winds."

ELEVEN GIRLS ENTER STYLE SHOW RACE

Young Women Enter Into Spirit of Contest and Begin Rehearsing.

MISS VAUGHAN PLEASED WITH LOCAL TALENT

First Rehearsal Was Held Yesterday—And By the Way Mere Man Is to Have a Chance Too—Manager Allen Is Reported to Be on a Still Hunt for Men Models.

Local girls who will appear in first annual Spring Style Show:

BLANCHE BLACK
MAYME WOODELL
ALTA GUILMETT
GENEIVE STODDARD
DORA VAN FLEET
MABEL HERZINGER
STELLA DESILET
EDITH LEWIS
LEONA NEWLIN
LORRIANE STALEY

Exactly eleven La Grande girls were nominated by admiring friends and relatives to appear in the first big Style Show that will be on the boards at the Arcade theater next Monday and Tuesday evenings with a special matinee for ladies only on Tuesday. Every one of the eleven girls were on hand at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for the first rehearsal. Each girl listened attentively to the instructions given to them by A. H. Allen, who is directing the production for local merchants.

All of the young ladies entered into the spirit of the affair with a determination to do their best. After the rehearsal both Miss Mabel Vaughan, the professional New York model who will star in the local Style Show, and Mr. Allen expressed their surprise at the talent shown by the local girls. "Why, we have never had such material to work with," exclaimed Miss Vaughan. "There isn't a single girl who will not do splendidly. All of the girls went into the rehearsal without frivolity and we made great progress. They are a lovely group of girls and I can say right now that this La Grande style show is going to be one of the best that I have ever

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IRISH PLAN TO GET HOME RULE

London, March 8.—(United Press)—The Irish party members have issued a manifesto asking Americans to aid the home rule movement. They asked Americans to urge the British government to make Great Britain give Ireland self government principles that President Wilson enunciated in his senate speech. The Irish Nationalists conferred. They strongly oppose Lloyd-George's suggestion to give a portion of Ireland home rule. Lloyd-George refused to force Ulster to accept. The Nationalists may adopt the policy of active opposition to Lloyd-George in the attempt to force a general election. Newspapers have attacked Redmond.

Check for \$11,137
Paid Mrs. Stoddard

E. N. Strong, assistant manager of the Oregon Life company, was in La Grande today. He brought with him a check for \$11,137 in favor of Mrs. Ellen S. Stoddard, widow of the late George E. Stoddard, being full payment of a \$10,000 life insurance policy taken out in Oregon Life by Mr. Stoddard, who was one of the founders and directors of the company, and the dividends which had accumulated on the policy. The proofs of death were received in Portland yesterday, and the check was delivered today to the beneficiary, it being one of the aims of the company to make prompt settlements.

BOYS TO BUILD BIRD HOUSES AND GET PRIZES

CONTEST WILL BE OPEN TO ALL BOYS OF CITY—PRIZES WILL BE ON EXHIBITION.

Another opportunity awaits the boy in La Grande.

Through the cooperation of the Y. M. C. A. and the schools, the city and The Observer, several projects are being planned that will take care of the boy problem this spring and summer.

The first will be the bird house contest and it will be open to all the boys in La Grande.

The object of the promoters of this project is to educate the boy to realize that the bird is very useful; it is said that every destructive insect is on the bill of fare of one or more of our native birds. A single bird often eats more than 100 insects in a single meal and sometimes consumes several thousands small insects.

Birds on a 200 acres farm in North Carolina destroyed a million green bugs or wheat aphids daily. There are many localities where birds have saved certain trees, garden crops, or farm fields from total destruction.

With at least 100 boys in this contest, it is estimated that when the bird houses are placed in the different parts of the town, out of the way from the destructive cuts, that a great material help will be given these little loyal workers that will last for years, especially during the hard winters, when there is always a grave fear entertained for the birds.

This movement may not interest all, but there is no question but that it bears a relationship to the gardener, the farmer, the person that grows flowers more vital than any sprayer yet discovered.

Information will be given any boy that wishes to enroll, at the Y. M. C. A. or the public schools. Mr. Harold Mason, supervisor of the manual training department, will furnish plans and will willingly give any suggestion desired.

Liberal prizes will be given the boys with the best and original houses. The contest will close the 15th of April and the prizes will be placed on exhibition during the week of the stockmen's convention.

John Berg Is 39.
In a typographical error The Observer yesterday gave Wrestler John Berg's age as 29. He is 39 years old.

J. A. Pilcher of North Powder was in the city today.

GERMAN PLOT TO BLOW UP PANAMA CANAL

Washington, March 8.—(United Press)—Germany's India plot involved the Panama canal. Diplomatic information showed that the Germans had planned to use bombs to destroy the canal and thus to strike a crucial blow at the United States in event of war. The Secret Service learned that the German plot extended from India to Guam, the Philippines and Central America.

ANCIENT CITY OF BAGDAD IS SOON TO FALL

BY ED L. KEEN.
London, March 8.—(United Press)—The ancient city of Bagdad may soon fall into British hands. It is officially announced that the British cavalry are within twelve miles of the stronghold. Its capture is a foregone conclusion.

General Maurice said: "The Turks cannot defend it. We expect their last stand six miles from the city. Turks must retreat north."

The Turks have held Bagdad since 1638. The capture will be a tremendous blow to the sultan's prestige. The city is a center of Arabic traditions.

ARMED SHIP DECISION IS NOW DELAYED

President Wilson's Illness the Cause—He May Prefer Extra Session.

Washington, March 5.—(United Press)—President Wilson's illness delayed the announcement of the armed ship decision. It is apparent orders for arming will not be delayed much longer. Many believe President Wilson prefers to call an extra session and remove all doubt of his action's legality.

The war department announced the February recruiting total was nearly five thousand. It credited the result to increased patriotism and re-enlistments swell the total still larger.

It is officially learned that German activities in South America involved Peruvian naval officers in a plot to raid the Allies commerce in the Pacific.

Moose Nominate Officers Last Night

George Young and W. C. Hansen Are Out for Dictator—About One Hundred Members Meet.

Last night about one hundred members of the Loyal Order of Moose met at the lodge room for their regular weekly meeting, and this also being the night for the annual nomination of officers.

It is the custom of this lodge to nominate the officers one week and to hold the election the ensuing week. The meeting was called to order by George Young, dictator, and after the initiation of a large class of candidates, the following were nominated for respective offices: Dictator, George Young and W. C. Hansen; vice dictator, George Richardson; prelate, Jap Stevens; secretary, Harry Swartz; treasurer, Tom Hughey; inner guard, Fred Smith; outer guard, C. J. Richards and Mr. Shanks.

The next annual meeting of the supreme lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held at Pittsburg, Pa., July 22 to 27, 1917. George Young was nominated as the representative of La Grande lodge to the convention at Pittsburg, and R. J. Green was nominated as alternate.

Just before the nominations Mr. Kenneth Evans read the following from yesterday's Oregonian:

"350 TO BECOME MOOSE—VALLEY TOWNS TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO INITIATION—ELABORATE CEREMONIES TONIGHT FOLLOW ARRIVAL OF SPECIAL TRAINS WITH CANDIDATES AND MEMBERS."

"Three hundred and fifty candidates will be initiated at elaborate ceremonies to be held by the Loyal Order of Moose tonight."

"A special train from Newburg will carry 75 candidates and about as many more participants in the celebration to Portland. Twenty-five candidates will come from McMinnville and 50 from the St. John's order. Portland will contribute 150 candidates to the initiation."

"The officers who will officiate at the ceremonies are: George R. Funk, dictator; C. E. Yeomans, vice-dictator; Allan Joy, prelate, and Dr. Theodore Fessler, orator."

"The degree team will put on a series of stunts under the direction of its captain, L. F. Knowlton. The program also includes selections by the Moose band of 25 pieces, by the orchestra and by the glee club."

"The affair will close with a big banquet at the hall, in which about 600 to 700 Moose are expected to participate. The band and the degree team in all probability will meet the trains at the depot and escort the visitors to the hall for the ceremonies."

CITY CAN NOT CHECK OVER VIADUCT PLANS

CITY ENGINEER IS NOT HERE—MANAGER DOESN'T LIKE JOB.

THREATS OF SUITS MADE ARE NOT YET CLEARED

Municipal Judge Given Power to Remit Unpaid Portions of Fines and to Parole Prisoners—Power Herebefore Not Definitely Centered—City Manager's Report Filed.

It's pretty trite to say it but like Banquo's ghost, trouble over the Second street viaduct will not down. Last night at the city commission meeting the final and detailed plans of the O. W. R. R. and N. company for the viaduct were submitted to the city by S. Murray, the railroad's chief engineer, but neither the city manager nor the commissioners care to take the responsibility of checking over the blue prints. City Engineer Neill is out of the city. It is probable that some local builder will be asked to look over the plans and specifications as submitted by the company.

Besides the inconvenience of having no one to check the railroad's figures is the threat of suits by property holders along Second street who have declared they consider their property would be damaged by the proposed viaduct and have made veiled threats of suits.

A resolution was offered the commission, and passed, providing that the approach grades to the proposed viaduct should conform to the street grade.

A resolution was offered and passed giving permission to the municipal judge to remit portions of unpaid fines assessed in his court, or paroling from jail. Heretofore both these actions have been taken but no one was specifically authorized to do so.

The city manager's report follows: To the Honorable Commission:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit you my report for the week ending March 3, 1917, as follows:

The fire chief's report shows six department calls for the month, with 61 volunteer firemen responding, at a total cost of \$66. The loss by fire is reported at \$2800, not including the W. A. Thompson fire loss which has not been adjusted.

The police reports 15 arrests for

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SENATE WILL PASS CLOTURE RULE VERY SOON

Washington, March 8.—(United Press)—The senate cloture rule bill will probably pass within two days.

Twelve filibusters admitted their inability to halt the passage. Senator Stone pledged support to the amendment.

Senator Norris hotly defended the obstructionists. He cried: "If this is treason make the most of it." He supported cloture.

Senator Sherman denounced President Wilson's statement attacking the filibusters. Senator Lewis attempted to introduce a resolution pledging the senate to support any move the president makes. Senator Retain objected.

The resolution was withdrawn.

tors to the hall for the ceremonies. "The Newburg lodge is one of the biggest in the Willamette valley, and is preparing to make an impression with its brilliantly illuminated and decorated special train."

At the close of the reading Daddy Burt said, while Portland was initiating three hundred and fifty, La Grande was going them one better before the close of the campaign.

At the close of the meeting a banquet was set for the members present.