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WEATHER

Tonight and Friday rain or snow. Weather Data. Maximum 52, minimum 29, rain fall 0.1; wind, west, light; weather, clear.

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VILLA PAID GREAT SUMS BY GERMAN AGENTS TO INCITE HIM TO AN ATTACK ON U. S.

Teuton Plotters Play Bandit Against Carranza With Hope of Involving America and Mexico in New and More Serious Troubles.

\$250,000 FIRST PAYMENT

Outlaw Agrees to Send Small Bands to Harass U. S. Troops for Initial Installment of That Amount and Monthly Payments Thereafter.

(WEBB MILLER.)

LAREDO, March 8.—I just returned from a trip to the interior of Mexico and am able to state on the highest authority that Germany is playing Villa against Carranza. Villa is receiving great sums of German money, inciting him to attack the United States and Carranza. German agents are attempting to make Carranzistas oppose the United States.

Two government agents approached Villa on February twelfth, at Nog Ranch. They proposed the resumption of border raids in event of a German war. They conferred two days. Villa agreed to send small bands to harass American troops. The Germans promised the first payment would be a quarter of a million dollars in gold and monthly payments thereafter.

Wouldn't Make Large Attacks. Villa refused to attempt any large attacks. He favored sporadic forays at widely separated points. The Germans also approved the plan. Villa refused to start operations until the first payment was made.

The Villa scheme was the first move after Zimmerman's orders reached Mexico. One secret agent traveled north from the capital to San Luis Potosi, where he met another. Both went on horseback from Parral to Justillo ranch.

Wanted to Keep Army on Border. They arranged the Villa attacks principally for use in the event Carranza refused to enter the intrigues. They hoped to involve Carranza and the United States in new and more serious complications to make the retention of a large part of the American army on the border necessary.

German Engineers Note. The Germans told Villa that friction between Carranza and the United States would weaken the defacto government. The German cabinet at Mexico City started powerful underground influences in Carranza to consent to the German alliance.

Carranza's famous note to the neutral powers urging an embargo on the allies munitions was engineered by German propagandists. The Germans wanted Carranza to close the British oil fields at Tampico.

It is rumored two high Mexican government chiefs are cooperating directly with German agents. The Germans subsidized one influential Mexican paper. The Mexican government has established a close military censorship on all cable and telegraph offices to prevent sending unapproved messages.

CITY FATHERS GROW CAUTIOUS AND DECIDE TO ENFORCE LAWS

Recent Hoch Damage Suit Arouses Council to Advisability of "Getting on the Job."

An ounce of precaution is worth a pound of cure. A stitch in time saves nine.

Ergo, strict enforcement of ordinances is better than damage suits. So reason the learned city fathers. The word learned is used advisedly, for they received a \$3996 course of instruction recently. Since the city was assessed that amount in the recent Hoch damage suit, the councilmen have learned many things, to-wit, what their own ordinances provide and what the laws say relative to a city's liability for street accidents, what it costs to get mixed up in a law suit and numerous and sundry other things.

It was made plain last evening at the regular council session that the city is not going to be joined in any further damage suits by reason of laxness, negligence or lack of proper precaution. The street commissioner was instructed to keep the streets and sidewalks free of all obstructions and to enforce all other provisions of the building ordinance which the committee was instructed to report next week upon the amount of bond

WOMAN LURES MAN THEN STEALS \$500

BEND, Ore., March 8.—Mrs. J. J. Bailey, a Harnay Hotel homesteader, has been arraigned on a charge of luring Rancher L. A. Rawlings to her cabin, keeping him prisoner two days and stealing a five hundred dollar note. It is alleged her son helped to overpower and tie up Rawlings. The woman is charged with larceny. Rawlings is eighty years old.

PRICES FORCE KEEPER OF ZOO TO FOOL BEASTS

He Feeds 'em Carrots Scented With Onion Juice.

CINCINNATI, March 8.—It is a terrible deception General Manager Col. Stephan of the zoo is forced by the soaring prices of food stuffs to practice upon his large animal family.

For instance, two giraffes have been getting a half peck of onions a day, but on account of the high price of these vegetables, Stephens has substituted carrots, and to fool the giraffes he rubs onion juice on the carrots. Bears in the zoo like wheat bread, but the zoo keeper cannot afford this, so just enough wheat is mixed in the corn bread to fool the bears.

Monkeys are being deprived of oranges and bananas. Col. Stephan has taught them to like carrots, parsnips and other cheap foods merely by standing in front of the monkey cages and munching at the vegetables. "The hippos eat manure and the ostriches love cabbage," said Col. Stephan, "and when cabbage were \$12 to \$14 a ton, we could give them all they needed. Now cabbage are worth \$125 a ton and the hippos and the big birds must be content with oats and alfalfa mash."

DARDANELLES DISASTER BLAMED ON KITCHENER

Investigating Committee Charges Three Weeks Delay in Sending Troops.

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

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

WEALTHY AMERICAN WIFE SEEKS DIVORCE



COUNTESS CSAKY

NEW YORK, March 8.—The romance of Count Kálmán Csaky and his wealthy American wife, Countess Maed Howard Bryan-Juman-Csaky, is at an end. Count Csaky is a cousin of Count Schochenski, husband of Gladys Vanderbilt.

W. L. THOMPSON TO TALK ON ROADS AT BANQUET TONIGHT

Something of the new road legislation and of the proposed six million bond issue will be told this evening at the community banquet by W. L. Thompson, state highway commissioner. To him has been assigned the subject of roads on the coast list. Other topics will be responded to by Senator Fred Steiner, Representative R. W. Ritter, J. N. Burgess, J. V. Tallman, Mrs. J. R. Kaley and E. H. Aldrich.

U. S. GRANT, JR., AND WIFE IN HAVANA



Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., was photographed recently with Mrs. Grant in Havana. He and Mrs. Grant were there on a vacation. He is a lawyer in San Diego, Cal.

INDISPOSITION OF PRESIDENT DELAYS ACTION

Decision to Arm Ships May be Deferred Until Extra Session of Congress Gives Order

RECRUITING TOTALS INCREASE

Wave of Patriotism That Has Swept Country Reflected in Large Number of Enlistments.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson's illness has delayed the announcement of the armed ship decision. It is apparent the orders for arming will not be delayed much longer. Many believed the president preferred to call an extra session to remove all doubt of his actions legally.

War department announced that the February recruiting total was nearly five thousand. It credited it to increased patriotism. Field enlistments and reenlistments will swell the total later.

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

CLOTURE RULE WILL PROBABLY PASS THE SENATE IN FEW DAYS

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The senate cloture rule will probably pass within two days. The twelve filibusters admitted their inability to halt its passage. Stone pledged his support to the amendment. Norris hotly defended the obstructionists. He cried: "If this is treason make the most of it."

He supported the cloture. Sherman denounced President Wilson's statement attacking the filibusters. Lewis attempted to introduce a resolution pledging the senate support to any move the president makes. Martin objected and it was withdrawn.

ENGLAND WILL TRY FARMING AT NIGHT

To Import 2,000 Tractors From U. S. and Form Army of Soil Tillers.

LONDON, March 8.—"We want 2,000 American tractor ploughs for the use of a civilian army of night ploughers which we are about to enlist throughout the British Isles," said Sir Arthur Lee, director-general of food production today. This new department, which is the outgrowth of Germany's submarine campaign, aims at the enlistment of several hundred thousand civilians to cultivate every available bit of soil.

Several Ford tractors from Detroit recently were received in England and it is expected that they will be used in this experiment.

"We hope to make the tractor ploughs fill the gaps caused by the shortage in labor," continued Sir Arthur. "For this reason we are going to import 2,000, or as many as we can from America. We are going to equip them with headlights for night plowing. Laborers can only work eight hours, but tractors can work 24 hours. They will be driven by taxicab drivers and chauffeurs. "Behind every plough will be a skilled farmer. They will be assisted by prisoners, conscientious objectors, members of the home defense forces and women. In this way, we hope to produce enough food to make us independent of outside help as long as the war lasts. For this we thank the German submariners. They already have given England an agricultural policy which is destined to make us to a large extent self-supporting. The submariners also have revived rural life, given the farmers a minimum wage and generally made our national defense more effective than a thousand speeches in parliament."

FAILURE TO PROVIDE FUNDS STOPS PROBE

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Federal trade commission announced it was unable to start the food price investigation on account of congress's failure to provide money.

BRYAN GIVES HIS VIEWS ON FILIBUSTERERS

Declares Senators Only Wanted to Force Extra Session and Sees no Treason in it

FEARS ACTION OF GUNNERS

Shipowners Having Large Pecuniary Interest in Landing Contraband Cargo Might Force Crew to Warlike Move.

MIAMI, March 8.—William Jennings Bryan gave the United Press a copyrighted statement of his views on the congressional situation. He said he opposed filibustering and favored the senate cloture rule. That the majority should be sufficient to invoke a cloture. He said the filibusters only wanted to force an extra session and asked whether there was anything reasonable in the desire to save congress from an other session.

Gunnery Might Cause Trouble. He said the public had such complete confidence in the president that congress would not hesitate to confer any power Wilson himself could use, but he declared the president could not accompany ships and handle the guns. He said the gunners may be under the immediate direction of a shipowner having a large pecuniary interest in landing a contraband cargo.

Belligerent Ships Clearance. He advocated a law withholding clearance from belligerent ships carrying Americans Europeanward. He asked why should the government permit the United States to be drawn into a war by the folly of an American disregarding the country's welfare by traveling on belligerent ships. He pointed out the British authorities did not allow British women to travel in the barred zone on British ships and asked why American women were permitted.

IS CHARGED WITH CATTLE STEALING

Charged with complicity in the stealing of cattle from Ben Colbin, prominent Grant county stockman, James Clark, well known stockman who has participated in several Round-Ups, was this morning arraigned in the circuit court on an indictment returned by the last grand jury. This afternoon he entered a plea of not guilty and has employed Fee & Fee to defend him. The alleged theft took place just inside the county line. It is claimed.

TWO CENT ADVANCE IN PORTLAND BIDS

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices in wheat market today: Open—High, Low, Close. May \$1.57 1/2 \$1.59 1/2 \$1.55 1/2 \$1.58 1/2. July \$1.57 1/2 \$1.59 \$1.56 1/2 \$1.59. Portland Club \$1.45; Bluestem \$1.70.

MAN AND WIFE ARGUE, MAYOR HAPPENS ALONG HUSBAND IS ARRESTED

With Mayor Best as the prosecuting witness, M. V. Leeder, well known traveling salesman, was yesterday afternoon convicted in police court in a distinctly common complaint, the particular charge being that he used profane language on the public streets during an argument with the mayor.

According to the testimony, the trouble all started over an argument between Leeder and his wife. On Tuesday evening they had walked to the depot to mail a letter and were returning to the Hotel Pendleton. When they reached Garden street back of the Bowman they started an argument as to which street they should walk down. Leeder wanted to return via Main street but his wife insisted on going down Garden, giving as her reason that she had been bowling in Walla Walla and that the unusual exercise had made her muscles so sore that she walked lame.

Mayor Appears on Scene

It was at this juncture that Mayor Best intervened on the scene. He was returning from a professional call and overheard part of the argument. He testified that he misjudged them, having no idea they were man and wife. He felt justified in investigating. Leeder resented the intrusion and

INDIAN PLOT INVOLVED THE PANAMACANAL

Germans Planned to Use the Hindoos to Destroy Waterway and Strike Critical Blow at U. S.

CONSPIRACY WIDE SPREAD

Secret Service Men Learn That Scheme Extended to India, Guam, Philippines and Central America.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Germany's India plot involved the Panama canal. Diplomatic information showed the Germans planned to use the Hindoos to destroy the canal and strike a critical blow at the United States in event of war. The secret service learned that the German plot extended to India, Guam, the Philippines and Central America.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Federal District Attorney Preston plan to give the grand jury evidence in connection with the San Francisco Hindoo plot to invade India via China. Preston said Ram Chandra, editor of the Hindustan Gazar, had knowledge of the conspiracy. Chandra denied any plot here. He claimed the allies threatened to make the United States pay damages for any Indian revolt as a result of plotting on American soil.

AMERICANS HAVE BEEN FREELY PERMITTED TO LEAVE BELGIUM

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Grand Whitlock informed the state department that Germany was freely permitting Americans to leave Belgium. Immediately after the break subordinate officials delayed some Americans without orders.

WILSON CONFINED TO BED WITH HARD COLD

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson is confined to his bed with an aggravating cold. He has cancelled all engagements. Physicians said his condition was not serious but every care is deemed necessary to enable Wilson to quickly resume his duties.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Dr. Grayson announced that President Wilson had a fever. The president is tired as a result of the difficulty of the weeks since the German break. He is ordered to remain in bed several days until he is materially rested and improved.