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ANOTHER FIGHT WITH VILLISTAS

Ten of the Bandits Were Killed
and Two Others Were
Captured.

YELLOW REPORT SAYS VILLA NOW HAS 2000 MEN

More Reliable Report Says He
Has Two Hundred Followers
With Him.

(By United Press)
El Paso, April 7.—Villa has gathered 2000 men at Parral, determined to stand against the Americans, the Mexicans informed General Bell today. Col. Dood's column is reported near Parral. The size of the Villista force surprised the officials. The Villistas are believed to be poorly mounted, frequently compelled to halt and rest. The Carranzista garrison is supposedly at Parral, where a number of foreigners remained. Fears of their safety is felt.

San Antonio, April 7.—Col. Letcher reported to Gen. Funston that several thousand Carranzistas had congregated at strategic points south of Satevo to intercept Villa. Passing Cieneguilla Tuesday, Villa had 200 men. Gutierrez declared that Vazquez routed 50 Villistas there. An aeroplane is scouting south of Cusihuirachi, where a big American column arrived Wednesday.

Colonel Brown went broke at Cusihuirachi and asked the telegrapher to send a collect message to San Antonio asking for money. The operator said nothing doing. A mounted courier went to Letcher, at Cusihuirachi, to ask for money to buy meals for the soldiers.

Washington, April 7.—The Americans and Villistas fought a third engagement Tuesday, the war department announced. Cooperating with the Carranzistas, the Americans killed ten and captured two. The battle occurred at Cieneguilla. The message confirmed the reports of a fight at Aguas Valientes Saturday.

Russians After Tribezond.
Petrograd, April 7.—Russian troops are approaching Tribezond on the east and south, it is announced. The Turks were ejected from fortified positions southward. A Russian submarine destroyed a Turkish steamer and eleven windjammers on the Black sea. The destruction of a German airship southwest of Dvinsk and the capture of Svetkavrot in Galicia, is claimed. The Austrian attempts to retake the vilkake were defeated.

Dirigible Escaped.
(By United Press)
Pensacola, Fla., April 7.—A huge, cigar shaped dirigible escaped from the naval aeronautical station today. A light breeze carried it inland and it was lost to sight. It will float indefinitely at a thousand feet altitude. On account of their limited traveling radius, aeroplanes cannot pursue to tow it home.

WIFE BEATER RELEASED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION

Upon complaint of Herbert Gotsch, George W. Faulkner, who lives near Crabtree was arrested yesterday afternoon by Special Constable Ben Clelen on a charge of wife beating. The sheriff's office was queried yesterday as to the manner of proceeding where a case of wife beating was in evidence, it being stated that a neighbor was seen to violently strike and kick his wife. The arrest yesterday is thought to be the result of this. Faulkner is charged with cruelty and badly mistreating his wife. The case was brought before Judge L. L. Swan, but after both parties had been in conference with Deputy District Attorney Willard L. Marks, it was announced that the prosecution would not be carried out, so the case was dismissed.

WILL ACCEPT Y. M. C. A. CALL TO CANTON, CHINA

M. E. Kees, of the Albany
Y. M. C. A., Will Leave in
June For China.

M. E. Kees, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has formally accepted the call to the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at Canton, China, where he formerly spent two years. He is specially wanted there now, not only on account of his splendid personal qualifications, but also because of his familiarity with the people and their language. The work is a good one, fast spreading, requiring additional effort and more men to cover the field. The many friends here of Mr. Kees will regret to see him leave for personal reasons, but will appreciate the urgency of his call to this important field. Mrs. Kees and their children, and Mrs. Kees' mother will go to Los Angeles for two years, for the benefit of Mrs. Kees' health. While there Mrs. Kees will study medicine to assist in the work later. Mr. Kees expects to start for China in June.

SPLENDID ART EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY HERE TODAY

Wonderful Collection of Prints
and Reproductions of Masters
Is Best Seen Here.

The Democrat takes pleasure today in calling attention to the advertisement of the Albany Art Craft announcing the display of the Brown-Robertson Company, Inc., of New York, art subjects. Mr. C. H. Jensen, traveling representative of the company, arrived in the city last evening from Salem, where he had the display for two days to the delight of hundreds of art lovers of the capital city. The display presented today is one of the best ever seen in this city and should be seen by every one interested in art, or at least in beautiful pictures. The collection is valued at \$30,000, as it stands in the Art Craft, one little bunch of engravings being worth \$2,000. One of the remarkable sets in the collection is that of the American Society of Etchers, and the color etchings of Senseney. The latter are beautiful, wonderful examples of the etcher's art. Another set of etchings represents the Entire American exhibit in the Salon in Paris. The reproductions of the old masters in oil color on canvas are splendid, as are the Academy prints of the old masters, imported from Florence. A collection of over 400 subjects in Sepia taken from the best in art forms another interesting exhibit. American artists are also displayed, among them being Chase, Inness, Rehn, Sargent, Whistler and others, who have won fame with the brush. The Aztec prints are an interesting group. In fact there is so much of interest that one deeply interested in the subject can not hope to get through Mr. Jensen's display in a day. Although the decree of some home decorators calls for the absence of pictures from the walls, it is hardly probable that mere fads and plays of "styles" will ever bar for long what is best in the world's art in home, school, library, or office. The display will be in this city at the Art Craft for two days, nothing is for sale, and all are urged to take advantage of this opportunity while it lasts.

Market Expert Here.
G. Lansing Hurd, of the department of markets of the extension department of the O. A. C., is in the city today working on the market survey which he is making in this county.

Improving Home.
Ex-Councilman Chas. Carter is making several improvements to his home at Eighth and Lyon streets. A new front porch which extends across half of the front of the house is one of the most important features.

Eugene Auto Party.
Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Paine, and son, Elmer D. Paine, Miss Blanche, McNair, of Tillamook, and R. A. Howe, of Eugene, motored to Albany last evening and spent the night in this city.

Miss Vera Geddis returned to Mill City this morning after visiting in this city.

SENATOR HARDING TO BE CHAIRMAN

Ohio Man to Be Temporary
Head of Republican National
Convention.

WILL GIVE THE KEY- NOTE FOR CAMPAIGN

At Committee Meeting Roose-
velt's Announcement Was
Not Mentioned.

(By United Press)
Chicago, April 7.—The committee on arrangements has unanimously selected Senator Harding, of Ohio, temporary chairman of the Republican national convention here in June. It is believed that Harding is acceptable to the conservative and progressive elements. Some considered him a compromise chairman, to conciliate Roosevelt. He will deliver the keynote speech. Hilles said that Roosevelt's announcement of candidacy was not mentioned in the short committee meeting preceding Harding's election. He wouldn't comment on Roosevelt's candidacy. Williams, of Oregon, said that the only surprise in connection with Roosevelt's announcement was its mildness.

Washington, April 7.—Cloakroom talk at the capitol indicated that the Republican presidential nomination fight will be between Roosevelt, Hughes, Senators Warren, Curtis and Nelson. Senator Gallinger is openly for Hughes. Senator Poindexter declared that a dozen men who at heart have no use for Hughes said they were for him, seeing the trend of sentiment toward Roosevelt, they were willing to do anything to beat him. Senator Penrose is believed likely to declare himself for Roosevelt soon.

Executed for Treason.
(By United Press)
Amsterdam, April 7.—Mademoiselle Petit, a Belgian, was executed by order of the German courtmartial, Echo Belge declared. She was accused of treason.

TUSKEGEE STUDENTS MADE HIT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Fine Singers and Entertainers;
Mahogany and Maple Woods
in Evidence.

The Baptist church was crowded to the limit last night when the Tuskegee students, with their instructor, Prof. Woods, presented a program that captured the audience. It was full of snap, one of the best things given here. The quintet is a good one. Prof. Woods, besides singing is also a reader and impersonator of rare genius. Coming from the school made famous by Booker T. Washington, one of the world's great men, they are attracting attention everywhere. At the close a liberal offering was taken up for the work of the school. Prof. Woods, of the high school was asked to help take up the collection and did so. Some one remarked at the coincidence of two Prof. Woods, when the Tuskegee Woods said: "Yes, mahogany and maple," provoking a hearty laugh. The concert was given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and was appreciated. The amount of the offering was \$32.41, all of which will be sent direct to the institution, the First Baptist church making no charge for the building.

Mr. Wood told the story of Booker T. Washington and his great service to the colored people of the South, which is incidentally a great service to white men in his struggle with the "colored problem." Mr. Washington's ideal is to give the negro cultured education, but above all manual skill and economic power. "Put his feet in the soil" and give him the incentive of ownership.

SHEDD BOY RECENTLY LEFT HOME WITHOUT WARNING

Mrs. Chas. Arnold, of Shedd, was in the city today, seeking information in reference to her son, Stewart, a sixteen year old high school student at Shedd, who left home a few days ago, and has not been heard from since. It is thought he went to Montana with some people who went there, but this is not certain. Young Arnold has been the Shedd correspondent of the Democrat for several months. He had no special reason for going so far as is known.

BETHINCOURT IS NOW IMPERILLED

Germans Having Captured Hau-
court Will Now Attack Next
City Towards Verdun.

CANADIAN TROOPS REPORTED IN BATTLE

French Do Not Fear Danger of
Germans Getting Verdun
Later.

(By United Press)
London, April 7.—The surrender of Haucourt has imperilled the French positions at Bethincourt, which the Germans heavily bombarded last night. The Germans apparently preparing a terrific smash at Bethincourt. Brilliant defense saved the city on Wednesday. Though it is increasingly probable that the French will be forced to withdraw toward Esnes, there is no alarm felt regarding Verdun itself. Severe fighting is reported at St. Elix, the Germans heavily attacking the British. Canadian troops were in the thick of the battle. The Germans last night captured a section of French trenches at Bethincourt-Chattincoy highway. Paris admitted Counter attacks ejected them partly. The French made small gains southwest of Douaumont.

It is feared today that heavy losses occurred in the sinking of the liner Simla, in the Mediterranean. Recent Athens reports of the sinking of the Allied transport, it is believed referred to the Simla. The admiralty has made no statement. Lloyds stated later that eleven Asiatic sailors perished on the Simla. Others were saved.

Fighting the Match Over.

(By United Press)
New York, April 7.—The seventh round of the Willard-Moran battle in Madison Square Garden March 25 was fast, but not half as fast as the fight talk the fans are now indulging in today. Buzz, buzz, buzz, Willard this, Willard that, Moran this, Moran that, goes the gossip where the ringside fanatics and the rafter railbirds foregather. The bout busted the gossip yide open. Some think it was a great fight, some think it was rotten; some are for ten round championship bouts ever week, others think they should be abolished altogether. "As a result of the brutal, degrading exhibition of the brute in man at the Willard-Moran fight," boxing should forever be abolished in New York, says one clan. "The bout showed conclusively that the city wants boxing and wants it bad. To give the people what they pay for the state should at once permit twenty-round bouts with decisions," is the conclusion of another. In between is a host, and each host has an idea of his own.

MANY PEOPLE MOVING.

The War Has Upset Things in Lon-
don, Causing Great Mov-
ing Commotion.

London, April 7.—More moving is being done in England today than ever before in the country's history. The movers are the families of married men who expect to leave shortly for one of the war fronts. This is the end of the "quarter" and as few middle class Englishmen can keep up their homes in their absence, they are breaking them up. Furniture movers are hopelessly swamped. Not only has the unprecedented amount of business overwhelmed them, but like everybody else, they have already given most of their able-bodied men to the colors. The elderly, extremely youthful or weakly laborers they are compelled to rely on are unable to handle the work expeditiously. Prices have jumped correspondingly. Mrs. Jennie Knapp, of Eugene, is a guest in the city. E. W. Hahn, of Jefferson, is in the city today.

DEATH IN PORTLAND OF FORMER RESIDENT OF ALBANY

Mrs. Richard E. Conn, Daughter
of Mrs. S. J. Cowan at
Age of 52 Years.

Mrs. Mary Florence, wife of Richard E. Conn, died in Portland last evening, at the age of fifty-two years. She was born in Illinois and came with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cowan, to Albany, when seven years of age, spending her younger days here, where she was married to Mr. Conn, a native of this city. They moved to Portland over 25 years ago. She was a member of the Christian church, a woman of pleasing personality, beloved in her home and by a large circle of friends. She leaves a husband and daughter, Mrs. Pearl McFarling, of Portland. Her mother, Mrs. S. J. Cowan, and brother, J. E. Cowan, reside at this city. Mrs. Cowan went to Portland yesterday and J. E. Cowan will go tomorrow morning. It is thought the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon in Portland.

FRUIT JUICE MEN TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT ALBANY

Their Decision Not Made Yet As
to Where Fruit Juice Plant
Will Be Located.

George G. Brown and W. S. Hidden, of the Brownada Fruit Juice Co., of Portland, returned home last evening after a thorough investigation of the prospects for establishing a fruit juice factory in this city. They held a conference with Manager Ira F. Hutchings, of the Linn-Benton Growers' Association and agreed upon certain concessions in case they decided to locate here. In the afternoon they were taken over the country by W. A. Eastburn, of the Commercial club and shown the immediate prospects for business in this section. It is estimated that at present about 300 acres of loganberries could be contracted for this year. The company wants all that it can get. Prospects for the future call for an immense acreage of this berry alone. No information could be obtained from Messrs. Brown and Hidden. They would make no statements regarding their conclusions. In fact, they had promised to visit Woodburn and McMinnville, and nothing will be done until after those towns are seen. This industry means much to this city if it can be secured and local officials are doing all in their power to bring the deal to pass.

COAST TO HAVE AIR FLEETS

Fifty Aeroplanes to Patrol the Coast
About One Every Fifty Miles.
Washington, April 7. It was learned today that a fleet of fifty aeroplanes to patrol the Pacific and Atlantic coast as auxiliaries to the U. S. Coast Guard cutters, is the proposition set forth in a bill to be introduced during the present session of congress. The bill will ask for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the purchase and maintenance of the fleet. There are 3000 miles of coast in the U. S. and it is proposed to have an aeroplane every 100 miles. Lookouts in aeroplanes would be able to sight ships in distress much more readily than the lookouts on board coast guard cutters; and since the air machine can attain a greater speed than the cutters, aid could be dispatched to distressed vessels more quickly. It is maintained that these coast guard aeroplanes would be a valuable addition to the military forces in time of war. The possibilities of this fleet are great. Equipped with searchlights at night they might prove far more than light ships, and it is held that an aeroplane would be of great service to coast guards in carrying breeches buoy lines to ships ashore, when the surf is running too high for the launching of a life boat.

FORMER BODY-GUARD OF CZAR NICHOLAS TALKS

On Saturday evening at the First Methodist church, Lieutenant Swartzkopensky, formerly officer and body-guard of the Czar of Russia, will tell of his exile to Siberia and his escape after one year spent in a dungeon. The lieutenant comes under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., an interesting character and has a thrilling story to tell. There is a large educational value in his lecture as he will graphically tell the actual conditions in the Czar's great empire. Merely from the historical and geographical standpoint anyone is well repaid in hearing him. With this he mingles his own unique experience which gives point to the situation. He brings a message of humanity, which is instructive without the objectionable features of bitterness. A nominal charge of admission will be taken at the door.



Lieut. Swartzkopensky, who is to lecture at the M. E. Church Saturday night, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., on Russia and His Experiences As a Siberian Exile.

BIG STEP LADDER FACTORY HERE

Gradually There Has Grown
Up a Fine Industry in
Our Midst.

SHIPMENTS AMOUNT TO \$100 A DAY

Four Travellers Now Covering
the Coast Selling to Trade
Albany Product.

Without any blow or bluster there has been gradually developing in Albany a factory that is reaching big dimensions, probably the largest of its kind on the coast, one for the manufacture of ladders. The proprietors are the Far West Manufacturing Co., composed of Amandus Butcher, H. P. and D. C. White. The factory is at the foot of Ferry street, in short the Cameron Planning Mill, which at the present time, though the mill has been nearly all turned over to the business, is unable to meet the demand for ladders. At this time \$100 worth are being shipped daily, fifty or sixty ladders, to all parts of the coast, which is being covered. The company has four men in the field, covering California, Oregon and Western Washington, and adjoining states partly, and another agency is to be opened at Spokane for Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Montana. In a quiet way the company has been reaching out for business until a big industry has resulted. The present capacity is to be doubled in a short time, and probably more than that. The company has three patents, which are attracting attention, so much so that there is an offer of \$20,000 for the patents. One is the common stepladder with special features. The great seller is a nest ladder extending to nine feet, and a smaller one to six feet, solid and absolutely safe at the top, another is an adjustable ladder for farmers and painters, that is a gem, being changeable from a step ladder to a single ladder 12 to 20 feet long. The price of the step ladders depends upon the length, with a basis of 25 cents a foot. Permanent sellers, it means that Albany has a factory that is bound to be a factor in the industrial progress of the city, one of the things our people are demanding, and should appreciate when gotten. The company also makes ironing boards with demand for the goods. Starting on almost nothing the showing is one that deserves commendation.

Wheat Crop.
Washington, April 7.—A reduction of 24 per cent of the price of winter wheat compared with a year ago is indicated by the department of agriculture's report. The average condition of the winter wheat in Oregon Saturday was 95; Washington, 85, and Idaho 94. A small production, 495,000,000 bushels is forecasted. Far western sections showed the best results.