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MEXICANS GET 3 WEEK STAY OF EXECUTION

GALLOWS CHEATED AT THE
LAST MOMENT BY BOARD
DECISION.

FEDERAL JUDGE REFUSES TO GIVE HABEAS CORPUS

Outcome of International Issue at
Arizona Again Delayed—Warden
Ready to Spring trap but Pardon
Boards Acts at the Eleventh Hour
and Nine-Week Stay Is Granted
Men.

Florence, Ariz., May 28.—The State
Board of Pardons has granted the five
Mexican murderers a reprieve not to
exceed nine weeks. Therefore they
will not hang today as scheduled, and
the request of Secretary of State
Bryan is listened to.

Tucson, Ariz., May 28.—Federal
Judge Sawtelle has refused to issue
writs of habeas corpus for the five
murderers scheduled to be hanged at
Florence prison today. An attorney
representing the condemned men
asked Judge Sawtelle to grant an ap-
peal to the United States supreme
court from his decision. Sawtelle
said he would give his answer at
1:30 o'clock.

Warden Awaits Word.

Florence, May 28.—Warden Sims
said this afternoon the execution of
the five Mexicans would start as soon
as the board of pardons gave the
word. The board was still in session
at that hour, awaiting official word
from Sawtelle's decision.

Work on Millsite Under Way.

Enterprise, May 27.—Activities of
the East Oregon Lumber company
now center on the plant in Enter-
prise. A crew of men with plows and
scrapers was put to work Monday
morning, starting work on the mill
pond. Engineer J. C. Edsall returned
to the task of laying out the ground
for the buildings. Part of the con-
crete foundations for the many struc-
tures were put in last fall, and the
others will be constructed without
further delay. About 10,000 con-
crete piers will be required all told,
for foundations for the buildings and
for the lumber yard.

The company's locomotive is not
in use this week, but is kept in the
shop, where it is undergoing an
overhauling, after continuous daily
service since tracklaying was re-
sumed in the middle of January. The
tracklayers who have been ballasting
the road bed for some weeks are now
putting down tracks on which the
heavy machinery can be hauled direct
to the buildings. Carpenter work
has not started, and cannot until
further progress has been made with
the foundations. But this will not
take much longer.

J. H. Pollitt, the superintendent,
who came from Kansas City last
week, is in personal charge of the
construction work.

Averill With Biological Survey

Pendleton, May 27.—As a direct
result of the efficiency he displayed
as district game warden and his re-
cord while holding that office, Edgar
F. Averill of this city yesterday re-
ceived the appointment to the office
of field assistant in the United States
biological survey and as such will
have charge of the work of extermin-
ating predatory animals in Oregon.
His particular duties at this time will
be to take charge of the campaign
to stamp out the rabies in the stock
counties and to confer with Dr. Cal-
vin S. White, state health officer, up-
on this matter. He left last night for
Portland.

Mr. Averill was inducted into office
yesterday by Edward R. Sans, biolog-
ical assistant out of the Washington.

ODD VISITOR PUT IN CELL

"KING OF HOLLAND, MEXICO AND AMERICA" TITLE

Man Supposed to Be Distant Relative
of Gen. Otis, in Trouble.

Washington, May 28.—A man giving
his name as Hugh Otis, of San
Francisco, is detained for observation
in a Washington asylum following
his attempt to see President Wilson,
at the white house. Otis claims to be
distantly related to General Otis of
Los Angeles, who has been notified.
Some time ago Otis wrote several
letters to the President, declaring
himself king of America, Mexico and
Holland. When arrested he carried
a loaded revolver.

HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE A HERO IN FRANCE AND HAVE THE GENERAL KISS YOU?



ABOVE, GEN. GALLOPIN,
NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR OF
PARIS, DECORATING WOUNDED
FRENCH OFFICERS WITH
THE LEGION D'HONOR MEDAL,
AND KISSING EACH OFFICER
WHILE PRESENTING THE
MEDAL. BELOW IS AN EN-
LARGEMENT OF THE INCID-
ENT PICTURED ABOVE,
SHOWING THE GENERAL SA-
LUTING WITH A KISS A
YOUNG CAVALRY LIEUTEN-
ANT.

DAMAGE JURY OUT LONG MRS. TIPPETT'S BODY IN CITY

Enterprise, May 28.—Late this
afternoon the jury is still out in the
O-W. damage case.

The damage suit is one in which
H. M. McQueen demands \$25,000 of
the O-W. R. & N. company. It was
called before Judge Knowles Mon-
day and that afternoon was spent in
getting a jury. Last night the case
went to the jury.

Mr. McQueen was in the county
last summer selling stock in an out-
side corporation. He was at Wal-
lowa August 14, and that night was
a passenger on the freight train for
Enterprise. The train was very
heavy and stalled between Wallowa
and Lostine. The engine left the way
car standing on the track and pulled
most of the cars ahead into Lostine.
Then it returned to the way car, and
when it reached the car, it bumped
into it so hard as to knock down some
of the passengers. Mr. McQueen al-
leged that he was severely injured at
that time, and started suit against
the railroad.

He has spent considerable time
since then at Portland, and was in
Kansas City in the spring.

Mr. McQueen's attorney is J. A.
Burlingame and the railroad is re-
presented by Charles E. Cochran and
Daniel Boyd.

The list of professional witnesses
heard include Dr. C. J. Smith of
Portland, democratic nominee for
governor last fall, whom Mr. Mc-
Queen consulted, Dr. Kenneth A. J.
McKenzie also of Portland, Dr. M.
K. Hall of La Grande, Dr. C. T.
Hockett, Dr. C. A. Ault, and Dr. W.
R. Adams of Enterprise and Dr. V.
E. Gregory of Joseph. Others who
were on the train at the time have
been called, and still others acquaint-
ed with Mr. McQueen, including J.
A. Clarke, William Morelock, Joe
Richardson, H. W. Shutt and mem-
bers of the train crew.

The jury consists of H. M. Ogan,
C. W. Amey, S. A. Gotter, Joe Cor-
nelison, J. H. Hartshorn, L. J. Jordan,
C. H. Pagel, W. P. Warnock,
Wilbur Homan, J. A. Funk, L. Knapp-
er and F. S. Ashley.

D. C. office. His territory will be
the entire state of Oregon and under
his supervision will be all of the
government hunters and trappers in
the state. The position is one of
much responsibility and will keep Mr.
Averill almost constantly on the
move. He will maintain headquar-
ters at Pendleton.

The appointment came to Mr. Av-
erill entirely unsolicited and without
him having any knowledge of the cre-
ation of the office. Assistant Dis-
trict Forester Thomas P. MacKenzie
of Portland received a request from
the chief of the biological survey
through the chief forester for a re-
commendation for the appointment.
Mr. MacKenzie requested the super-
intendents of the various forests for
recommendations. All four of the
forest superintendents in Oregon
joined in recommending Mr. Averill
as a man "above the average in abil-
ity, personal character and general
fitness," they having come much in
contact with him while he held the
office of district game warden.

Steel Makers Meet in Washington

Washington, May 28.—The Steel
Plate Transferrers' Association will
meet here tomorrow and delegates are
arriving.

War Bulletins

Mobs Vent Spleen.

Milan, May 28.—The first serious
outbreak against the Germans oc-
curred today with the storming and
ransacking of the Metropole hotel by
Italian mobs. The Metropole is un-
der German management.

Rumors were circulated that sig-
nals were being flashed from the roof
of the hotel to Austrians. Mobs
poured into the hotel and drove the
employees out and searched the place
from cellar to roof for spies or sig-
naling apparatus.

Italians at Grado.

Rome, May 28.—Italian forces
have occupied Grado in Austria, 22
miles southwest of Trieste, on the
Adriatic, it is officially announced.
The advancing troops are being
greeted enthusiastically by people of
Grado.

Petrograd, May 28.—Russians have
occupied Urumiah where wholesale
massacres of Armenians had recently
occurred, it is officially announced.
The Turks were driven out by the ad-
vancing Russians.

Hardware Men's Banquet

Cleveland, O., May 28.—The an-
nual convention of the American
Iron, Steel and Heavy Hardware As-
sociation closes here tonight with a
banquet in the Hollenden Hotel.

SEA ROBBED THESE KIDNAPERS OF FATHERS. BUT LEFT THEM HEIR TO VAST FORTUNES



THESE BABIES ARE NOW THE RICHEST CHILDREN IN THE
WORLD. JOHN JACOB ASTOR, JR., SON OF COL. ASTOR, LOST ON
THE TITANIC, WILL INHERIT \$10,000,000. ALFRED GWYNNE
VANDERBILT, JR. (AT RIGHT) WHOSE FATHER WAS LOST ON
THE LUSITANIA, WILL SHARE A FORTUNE OF \$70,000,000.

IRENE HORROR BLAMED TO SPY BY ADMIRALTY

SIX VESSELS, ALL TOLD, SUF-
FER SERIOUSLY FROM VAR-
IOUS REASONS.

PAST FEW HOURS SEE MANY CRAFT DISABLED

Storms Aid Mines and Torpedo in
Claiming Heavy Toll on High
Seas—Danish, British and French
Boats Torpedoed and Other Ships
in Danger from Storm—American
Cruiser Ashore.

(London, May 28.—Six ships of
nearly as many nations, have been
torpedoed, rammed against mines, or
come to serious grief from other re-
asons on the high seas during the past
24 hours. Among them is an Ameri-
can warship cruiser which had in
weather troubles. One steamer was
damaged but her 900 passengers
were saved. Countries losing ships
from torpedo or mine sources during
this period include France, Britain
and Denmark.

Sheerness, May 28.—Rumors are
persistently circulated that a German
spy caused the explosion which de-
stroyed the steamer Princess Irene
last night with a loss of 300 lives.
The admiralty has ordered an in-
vestigation of the disaster, but it is
declared the explosion will be surely
side, bits of floating wreckage are
seen, but in the harbor there is no
trace of the ship. The explosion
which wiped out a crew of 250 and
78 dock-yard employees literally blew
the steamer to atoms. The boat was
in the employ of the navy.

900 Passengers Saved.
Nantes, May 28.—The French liner
Lachampagne is ashore near Saint
Nazaire, 40 miles west of Nantes.
The steamer is reported to be badly
damaged. Nine hundred passengers
aboard have been rescued.

Ships Save Steamer Crew.
Liverpool, May 28.—The Glasgow
steamer Arylshire was damaged by
being torpedoed by a German subma-
rine. Distress signals were sent
out and other vessels hurried to as-
sist the ship. The admiralty could
give no information in regard to the
attack on the vessel. The message
merely stated she had been torped-
ed. She was attacked off the Irish
coast.

Stockholm, Sweden, May 28.—The
Danish steamer Ely struck a mine
and sank yesterday in the Aland sea.
The Ely was carrying a cargo of coal.

British Steamer Sinks.
Penzance, May 28.—The British
steamer Caedery, en route from
Oporto to Cardiff, was torpedoed and
sank by a submarine off Cornwall, it
is learned when survivors commenced
to land at Newlyn aboard fishing
vessels.

STORE ROBBERS SUCCESSFUL

Ten Dollars Taken from Ten-Cent
Store Last Night.

Scorning some Canadian coins, go-
ing directly to a secluded spot where
the money had been hidden for the
night by the proprietor T. L. Fisher,
a robber or robbers last night got
away with \$10.00 from the Fisher 10-
cent store. The money was not left
in the cash drawer but had been hid-
den. Entrance was gained from the
rear, and it is supposed that the
thief had seen the proprietor place
the money in hiding for safe keeping,
and then, at a suitable hour made his
successful entry.

This is the second time within a
fortnight that the store has been
robbed.

Two Declared Disorderly.
C. E. Hendricks and Frank Simpson
were this morning given 10 days
apiece on the streets for being dis-
orderly.

Today's Oddest Story

Minneapolis, Minn., May 28.—
Because she is a mere girl clerk
ran the Minneapolis health de-
partment, bossed the boss, and
refused to pay any attention to
Dr. C. E. Dutton, according to
his plaintiff allegations,

Miss Bada Johnson is today
enjoying the two weeks with
pay renewed. Doctor Dutton
appeared before health board
alleging that the girl dictat-
ed to him, dictated to all other
clerks, and defied Doctor Dut-
ton to fire her because of civil
service regulations.
These were investigated and
it was found that rules per-
mitting the discharge of an em-
ployee did not include a clause
permitting an employee
to be discharged because he or
she just wanted to run things.
So the girl is being given an
indefinite vacation with
full pay "while developments
are pending."

WASHINGTON DIPLOMAT IS URGING HASTE

KAISER APPEALED TO BY HIS
AGENT TO ANSWER WIL-
SON'S NOTE AT ONCE.

VON BERNSTORFF ADMITS NEBRASKAN BLOW STIRS

While Von Bernstorff Urges Berlin
to Make Speedy Answer, Secret In-
quiry Is Going on in Regard to
Nebraskan's Accident—Green In-
clines to Torpedo Theory.

Berlin, May 28.—A message has
been received from the German am-
bassador, Von Bernstorff, at Wash-
ington, urging an early reply to
President Wilson's Lusitania note.
"The tension in America is increased
by the explosion which damaged the
Nebraskan" the ambassador stated
in his urgent appeal for a speedy re-
ply. It was announced that the an-
swer would be sent Monday or Tues-
day of next week. The Nebraskan is
still an unexplained incident and
mystery here.

Liverpool, May 28.—A naval at-
tache of the American embassy at
London has begun secret investiga-
tion in an effort to determine the
source of the explosion which dam-
aged the Nebraskan. Captain Green
and officers of the vessel, who ar-
rived at midnight, were quizzed as to
details and their stories forwarded to
Ambassador Page. Captain Green
frankly admitted that he wasn't pos-
itive whether the Nebraskan was tor-
pedoed or had struck a mine. "The
best I can say is something struck
us, and it is my belief that she was
torpedoed," he said.

National Child Labor Conference in

San Francisco, May 28.—Among all
the exhibits at the great Exposition
being held here none is of greater
importance to the country than the
national conference on child labor
which opens here today. It will be
in session until May 31.

The Conference will be principally
concerned with the national aspects
of child labor. The defeat of the
Palmer-Owen bill last winter by the
vote of Senator Overman of North
Carolina after the House of Repre-
sentatives had passed it by an over-
whelming vote will be followed up by
still more vigorous campaign in the
next Congress. Dr. Felix Adler, chair-
man of the National Child Labor
Committee, Mrs. Florence Kelley,
general secretary of the National
Consumer's League, Senator Robert
L. Owen and Francis J. Heney, all in-
terested in the national regulation of
child labor, will be among the speak-
ers in San Francisco and will help
to perfect the plans for the coming cam-
paign.

Many prominent Californians have
been active in making the arrange-
ments to bring the child labor con-
ference west of the Mississippi for
the first time in the history of the Na-
tional Child Labor Committee and
will take part in the session devoted
to the consideration of child labor in
the west when a report of conditions
actually existing in the west will be
presented by one of the National
Child Labor Committee's investiga-
tors who is making a study of them.
Others active in educational work will
lead discussion on the kind of educa-
tion that must supplement child labor
legislation.

New York Law Institute Election

New York, May 28.—The New
York Law Institute today holds its
annual election of officers. The ticket,
nominated some time ago, that is
likely to be successful is: Presi-
dent, United States Circuit Court
Judge E. Henry Lacombe; vice-presi-
dents George L. Ingraham, Alton B.
Parker, Thomas H. Hubbard, Eg-
erton L. Winthrop, Jr., Alfred E. Hen-
richs, members of the executive com-
mittee, class of 1918, Lewis Cass Led-
yard and Robert Ludlow Fowler;
members of the auditing committee,
Daniel S. Remsen, John H. Parsons
and John Henry Hammond.

INDIANAPOLIS RACES HALTED

BAD SPEEDWAY CAUSES POST- PONEMENT.

International Races Now Set for
Decoration Day.

Indianapolis, May 28.—The annual
500-mile international sweepstakes
automobile race, has been postponed
from Saturday to Monday.

Bad condition of the speedway
grounds and threatening weather is
given as the reason.