



REBELS IN MEXICO EXECUTE AMERICAN

Prisoner Sentenced for Breaking Big Gun

APPEAL TO WASHINGTON VAIN

Thomas Fountain, of New Mexico, Gives Self Up, Slain.

"LAW OF FLIGHT" INVOKED

Captive Given Liberty of Streets and Shot Down From Behind on Assumption That He Was Trying to Make Escape.

EL PASO, Tex., April 10.—An American newspaper man who returned today from Parral with 184 American and other foreign refugees from the battle-swept district, brought news of the execution of Thomas Fountain, of Las Cruces, N. M., by the rebels.

Fountain was captain of a federal gun under General Pancho Villa. When Villa retreated last Thursday night, Fountain removed certain parts of the piece and concealed himself in a private residence. The occupants were ignorant that they had a guest in a part of the house seldom visited.

Three Drives Him Out. The American was driven by thirst and hunger to reveal his presence on Sunday, after 72 hours of self-imposed torture.

He was armed with a revolver, but made no resistance. On Monday he was compelled to show the rebels where he had secreted the missing parts of his rapid-firer, was tried by court-martial and condemned to death, apparently for having disabled the gun.

American residents made every effort to secure a modification of the sentence, but without avail. Finally American Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua, sent to General Salazar what is believed to have been an appeal from Washington that his life be spared. In delivering the message to a messenger, the Consul remarked:

"This is the last resort."

"Law of Flight" Acts. "In Mexico there has recurred to what is known as the 'law of flight,' under which a prisoner who has been condemned, but where there exists a doubt as to the legality of the sentence, is allowed his freedom within certain limits. The prisoner knows that his fate is sealed. Even if he does not walk a step, from some unexpected quarter the fatal bullet will come and the report will be made that he was shot while 'in flight.'"

It was thus in Fountain's case. He told the correspondent that there was no hope but strolled about the streets waiting for death.

When his body was brought in it contained four bullet wounds made by shots fired from behind.

The young man's father was Colonel Albert Fountain who, with another son, was shot by the rebels in New Mexico 15 years ago. Colonel Fountain was one of the most famous lawyers of the then territory and was noted in particular as a prosecutor.

ARTIST'S WILL IS FILED

Edwin A. Abbey Makes Requests of Public Character.

LONDON, April 10.—(Special.)—The will of the late Edwin A. Abbey, the American painter, was offered for probate today. It disposes of an estate valued at \$24,648. There are several bequests of a public character that are to become effective immediately on the death of Mrs. Abbey, who before her marriage was Mary Gertrude Mead, of New York. The Abbey house, at Morgan Hill, in Gloucestershire, and Chelsea Lodge are to become a residence for the president of the Royal Academy. The picture, "The Crusaders Sighting Jerusalem," is bequeathed to the National Gallery.

Abbey's drawings of the comedies and tragedies of Shakespeare, his painting of "Hamlet," and portraits of his wife and mother will go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The residue of the property is left to the Royal Academy to found the Mead-Abbey fund to purchase the best academy pictures for the Corcoran Art Gallery at Washington. These pictures are to become the property of the American Nation.

LAFFERTY AGAIN CHANGES

Candidate Now Says He Will Not Return to Oregon for Campaign.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 10.—"I will not return to Portland to wind up my campaign for re-nomination," said Representative Lafferty today. "If I am hooked I am hooked already and cannot change the result, and if I win, my fight is already won."

Mr. Lafferty has been undecided of late whether to go home or stay in Washington and changed his mind with each recurring day. He said, however, that his decision announced today is final and not subject to revision.

UNION AFFILIATION BARS CITIZENSHIP

STARS AND STRIPES MUST BE HELD ABOVE SECT.

Judge Frater Refuses Naturalization to Man Who Values Organization Higher Than Government.

SEATTLE, April 10.—Superior Judge A. W. Frater denied the application of Lars Emanuel Boman for naturalization today because Boman said he would stand by his labor union in preference to the Government of the United States. Boman attempted to evade the question when Judge Frater asked him what he would do if the court should issue an order that conflicted with the orders of the union, and when pressed for a direct answer retorted:

"A man who belongs to an organization should stick to it."

The courtroom was filled with applicants waiting for their citizenship papers and Judge Frater told them that if any entertained ideas similar to Boman's they might retire. A dozen men left at once.

"I want it understood now and forever that the man who would supplant the Stars and Stripes with the red flag or any other flag need not expect to be made a citizen in this court," said Judge Frater. "You must give your highest oath of allegiance to the Government, and to no sect, society or organization."

COUNCIL IS "HONORED"

Six Members Referred to as "Reputable Citizens."

Members of the City Council are accepted now as "reputable citizens," apparently, for yesterday the Council received applications from John H. Burgard and R. E. Menefee, Councilmen, for real estate licenses, both being in that business.

Under a new ordinance real estate dealers must apply for a license, furnishing six "reputable citizens" as references. Mr. Burgard was first to submit his, followed quickly by Mr. Menefee. Both applications contained as reference six members of the Council, occasioning laughter, not to say surprise.

"I signed both applications," said Councilman Jennings, addressing Mayor Rushlight, "because I was glad to see that Burgard and Menefee are going to work."

CLEW TO NAME IS SOUGHT

Man Seeks Mother, That He May Know Who He Is.

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—(Special.)—There is a man in Milwaukee who does not know his own name and who says he cannot ascertain it unless he locates his mother, who has the information. Because he thinks it sounds something like his name, he signs himself Alfred Nehring and he is asking the police to help him.

He writes that his mother, a widow, whom he has not seen for many years, is living here, but he has been unable to get in touch with her. The family was large and he was turned over to others when a child and gradually all trace of his name was lost.

He does not know his mother's name or either, but he spells it Nehring. It may be entirely different, he says, but he has hope that she will recognize it.

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"GAG RULE" IS MODIFIED

Taft Order Permits Civil Service Employs to Present Petitions.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—President Taft today, by executive order, modified the so-called "gag rule" on civil service employes, which practically forbade them to petition Congress except under certain restricted conditions.

A new order issued, superseding two on the same subject by ex-President Roosevelt and one by President Taft, permits Federal employes to employ to present petitions to Congress or any of the committees through the heads of their departments. Heretofore they could petition only by authority of the department heads.

Department heads hereafter will be obliged to forward petitions with any comment they think proper.

ELEVATOR CLAIMS LIFE

Postoffice Clerk at Corvallis Crushed to Death.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Walter Corbett, clerk in the Corvallis Postoffice, was killed in an elevator at the Hotel Julian tonight.

He started to jump into the elevator as it was leaving the floor, but missed it and was caught between the elevator and shaft wall, being crushed before the elevator could be stopped.

He was an efficient employe, and one of the most popular young men in Corvallis. He was 25 years old. His parents reside here.

No blame for the accident attaches to the hotel management or employes.

RAIN PLEASES FARMERS

Heavy Fall in Sherman County Helps Spring Crops.

MORO, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—A good hard-falling rain, uniform over Sherman County last night and today, has been a great benefit to Spring grain.

Ninety per cent of the farmers have finished seeding and now are harrowing their Fall grain, where there is too heavy a stand.

JONES LIKENS T. R. TO PONTIUS PILATE

Senate Engages in Biblical Debate.

APPEAL TO PASSION DEcriED

Justice and Fair Dealing Declared Thrown to Winds.

ANARCHY IS SUGAR-COATED

Washington Member Says if Colonel Had Seen Jesus Surrendered to Mob, He Would Have Called Action Righteous.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Biblical students in the Senate dismissed today the likeness which Senator Jones, of Washington, declared between Colonel Roosevelt and Pontius Pilate. Senator Jones quoted the recent Detroit speech of the ex-President condemning the majority members of the Lorimer committee, favorable to the Illinois Senator, as not being responsive to the sentiment of their constituents.

"This is the latest rule for judicial action suggested by this self-proclaimed leader of progress," said Senator Jones.

"Because we have not followed it we are not progressive but reactionary. This was the rule of action followed by Pilate nearly 1900 years ago. This is the first time, I venture to say, in our history or in the history of any civilized people that Pilate's rule of judicial action has met the approval of any man, save those who would crucify Jesus, and they despise him for following it."

Poiindexer Asks Question. Senator Poiindexer, taking up his colleague's comparison of Colonel Roosevelt to Pontius Pilate, asked Senator Jones if he meant to draw a parallel between Senator Lorimer and Jesus Christ.

Mr. Jones did not reply.

In response to a question by Senator Borah, Mr. Jones said he thought the case had been settled by the Senate's former consideration, at which Mr. Lorimer was acquitted.

In the debate which followed, Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, proclaimed that Pilate was "an unspokeable scoundrel and a standard pie-eating politician from Rome."

Pilate Not "Progressive." The Senator read copious extracts from the Bible as he spoke. Senator Owen declared that Senator Jones had mistaken the character of Pilate and the proceedings in the trial of Jesus and that Pilate was neither an upright judge nor a "progressive."

Senator Jones interrupted to say that he had not defended Pilate or criticized Christ. Senator Owen asserted that the essence of the doctrine of Christ was the moving force in the

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SLEEPLESS FOR 30 YEARS, MAN TIRES

UP ALL NIGHT, HE IS FRESH AS DAISY IN MORNING.

Albert E. Herpin Works in Pottery All Day, Studies on Inventions at Night—Weariness Slight.

TRENTON, N. J., April 10.—(Special.)—Having been without real sleep 30 years, Albert E. Herpin, a Trenton man, at last complains of feeling weary. Mentally he experiences no weariness, but says he is physically weak. He believes a nap of only five minutes' duration gives him new life. Physically, who have been following the case "100 years" for years say he is sufficient.

Herpin, always "up" at 20:30 when he reports to his employer, in the morning, seems fresh as any fellow workman.

Herpin lost his ability to sleep after the death of his wife 30 years ago. He was then 30 years old. Experts from all parts of the United States visited Herpin's home, studied his condition and left convinced he has been awake longer than any man in the world. Herpin enjoys the visits of the experts, as many of them remain with him at night. He says he believes he will never sleep again.

"I don't believe," he said, "a man needs sleep, and I believe I shall live a long life without it. Until a few days ago, when I began to feel weary, I felt as well as I did when I was a young man. I hate to sleep a part of my life away. I find I can think and work better at night than I can in the day time. I never was really sick in my life."

His sleeplessness has brought him considerable money, as he has worked out inventions at night that resulted profitably. He works day times in a pottery.

MEMBERS OF CAST DEAF

Play to Be Given in Sign Language at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 10.—(Special.)—The Merchant of Venice will be presented in the sign language by the pupils and students of the State School for the Deaf in Mead Hall, in this city, on the evening of April 27.

The students themselves are making the costumes, painting the scenery and preparing the stage setting for the pantomime. What is made from the proceeds will be turned into an athletic fund.

The play will be interesting to watch, both for the deaf pupils and for the general public, who are invited to attend.

This will be the first time that anything so elaborate has been attempted in Washington by the pupils of the state school. The entire play is to be presented in signs and Pottia will be there to make her silent plea, and though Shylock will not be heard, his sign will speak as loud as a man with a megaphone to those who can understand.

Fred Stebbins' Body Found.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 10.—(Special.)—Floating on the surface of the river only a short distance below the Donovan mill, in South Aberdeen, the body of Fred Stebbins, aged 26 years, who was drowned nearly three months ago, was discovered this morning by a laborer at the mill. County Coroner R. F. Hunter, of Hoquiam, was immediately notified and shortly before noon had the body removed to the Whiteside undertaking parlors.

TEDDY GETS A MAVERICK.



HOPE DAWNING FOR ANTHRACITE PEACE

Both Sides Show Willing Spirit.

MEN OBJECT TO ARBITRATION

Sub-Committee, However, Will Consider Compromise.

WAGE ISSUE DISCUSSED

Reading President Says Operators Desire Settlement, and Are Restrained Only by Exigencies of Economics.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Prospects of an early resumption of anthracite mining grew brighter today after the miners and the operators decided to talk over their differences.

When the negotiations broken off on March 25 were resumed here this afternoon, George F. Baer, president of the Reading Company, proposed, on behalf of the operators, to arbitrate their differences—that is, to let the anthracite strike commission, which settled the strike of 1902, investigate present conditions and decide whether any modification of the commission's award is necessary at this time.

Miners Reject Proposal. In the discussion that followed the miners practically threw this offer aside and the conference agreed fully to appoint subcommittees to take up the demands of the miners, with the power to make recommendations for adjustments.

The subcommittees were appointed and after a brief joint session they adjourned until tomorrow.

Alvan Markle, of Hazleton, an independent operator, will act as chairman of the conference, but will have no vote. Aside from the offer to put the settlement of the differences up to the strike commission, neither side made a proposition, but the willingness with which they agreed to discuss the demands is looked upon as a good sign.

It is expected that concessions will be offered in the subcommittee sessions.

Wage Increase Analyzed. When the conference met, President White laid the miners' demands before the operators. On the wage question, President White said:

"You lay stress upon the fact that, since 1902, the anthracite mine workers received an increase aggregating \$30,000,000. The size of this amount, while we believe not intended, might create a false impression. There are employed in the anthracite mining industry approximately 120,000 men. Thirty million dollars distributed among them gives to each about \$175."

"Inasmuch as this is the total amount for a period of 10 years, the anthracite miner received the magnifi-

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HONEYMOON TRIP IS TAKEN ALONE

VANCOUVER, B. C., BRIDEGROOM LEAVES WIFE BEHIND.

Actress, Hurriedly Married, Stays to Fill Engagement Before Joining Love of Former Days.

LOS ANGELES, April 10.—(Special.)—Miss Hattie Boyd, who is an actress, was married today to Alexander McDonald, of Vancouver, B. C., Rev. Dean McCormack performed the ceremony, after which the bridegroom started on his honeymoon trip alone.

He is a real estate man and business of importance compelled him to return to British Columbia without delay. Miss Boyd did not think it right to her manager to depart without two weeks' notice, so she stayed behind.

Miss Boyd and Mr. McDonald became acquainted two years ago. They met and parted, but each remembered the other. Recently business brought the British Columbian to Los Angeles. He strolled into a theater one night and to his surprise beheld little Miss Boyd in the chorus. The wedding followed.

POLITICS RIFE AT O. A. C.

Fair Co-Eds to Make Race Against Brother Students.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 10.—(Special.)—The political fever has fastened itself upon the students at Oregon Agricultural College and it is fed instead of starved. Plans are complete for a big free-for-all nonpartisan nominating convention which will be held Thursday evening, April 18.

In order to obtain proper representation for all the states, a committee from one of Mr. Peterson's classes in public speaking has assigned the proper proportion of students to each state by an alphabetical division of the college enrollment. Each state group is to have a mass meeting before Friday, April 12, for the purpose of electing a National committeeman. These committeemen will meet in caucus and arrange all details pertaining to the apportionment of delegates from the several states and the election of such delegates to the convention.

According to instruction given out, suffrage in all the states is to be universal, and it is understood that suffragettes can and will make the race for election as delegates in the states which permit woman suffrage.

HIGHER AUTO TAX URGED

Pomona Grange Would Charge \$1 a Horsepower of Cars.

EAGLE CREEK, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Pomona Grange of Clackamas County here today at which 25 members were present, action was taken in the form of a resolution, urging the passage of a law at the next session of the State Legislature changing the method of registering automobiles in Oregon.

The present plan of registering is from \$3 to \$10 a year, but the Grange asks that a new plan be adopted charging \$1 a horsepower, thus making auto licenses run from \$20 to \$50 a car. The farmers ask that the money derived from this plan go to building and improving state roads. The Grange also endorsed the high school fund law and the plans for school falls for the benefit of the children. J. B. Chittwood, Damascus master, presided.

FRENCH MILITARY COSTLY

Budget for National Defense Is \$16,000,000 More Than 1912.

PARIS, April 10.—Practical expression is given in the French budget for 1913, introduced into the Chamber of Deputies today, to the remarkable wave of patriotism now sweeping over France. The estimates provide for \$16,000,000 more than in 1912 for national defense.

It was intimated that in 1913 the total expenditure will be \$932,933,000, or an increase of \$53,340,400 over 1912. Of the total amount, \$5,200,000 goes to social reform, more especially for old-age pensions.

TONSILLITIS DEATH CAUSE

Blood Poisoning Develops Making Most Unusual Case.

EUGENE, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—The monthly report of County Health Officer F. W. Prentice, made public today, mentions a most unusual case of death—blood poisoning developing from tonsillitis. A man 51 years old was the victim. Tonsillitis refused to yield to treatment, finally developing into gangrene. Dr. Prentice says this is a rare instance of such a case in the state.

The report also shows 41 births and 26 deaths in the county for March, and five cases of scarlet fever.

HUMPHREY IS CANDIDATE

Representative Will Run for Re-election to House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 10.—Representative Humphrey, of Seattle, today issued the following statement:

"I expect to be a candidate for re-election. I have never had any other intention if I did not receive the judgeship. I have absolute confidence that I will be re-elected. From recent reports I have received from all parts of my district, the situation looks much better than it did this time two years ago."

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TAFT'S ANTI-TRUST POLICY EXPLAINED

Ohio Statesman Defends President.

FARMERS CHEER SENTIMENT

Washington County Strong for Administration.

SHUNS SELF ADVERTISING

Republican Party Wisely Trying to Restrain Illegal Activities of Corporate Wealthy, Says ex-Congressman Cole.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—With the Taft anti-trust policy as the keynote of his address, Ralph D. Cole, ex-Congressman from Ohio, took Washington County by storm tonight at a public mass meeting held in the County Courthouse here. Lively strains of patriotic music from a brass band of 30 pieces, cheers and applause from large delegations who gathered from far and near greeted Mr. Cole, and acclaimed unanimous endorsement of Taft policies. The enthusiasm demonstrated beyond cavil that this county will vote solid for the renomination and re-election of Mr. Taft.

Farmers from almost every section of the county and in the face of threatening weather proceeded to Hillsboro to take part in the demonstration.

Not for years has there been such an enthusiastic political meeting in this section of the state.

Mr. Cole arrived here from McMinnville in the afternoon and was met at the depot by a committee comprising E. W. Haynes, chairman of the Washington County Taft campaign committee and ex-President of the State Senate, Dr. W. D. Wood, of Hillsboro, Professor Ben Kori, of Forest Grove, and Dr. J. P. Tamerle, of Hillsboro.

Taft Short on Pomp. The visitor was taken to the Washington Hotel, where a banquet was tendered him by the Taft committee of this county, after which he was escorted by the band to the Courthouse, where the meeting was held. The large hall was well filled with enthusiastic Republicans and others. Mr. Cole was introduced by Mr. Haynes as one of the sons of Ohio, the motto of the State, after which the meeting assumed an aspect of unusual enthusiasm.

"It would be difficult to tell everything about President Taft in one evening," said Mr. Cole, "so I will confine myself principally to some of the more important problems which he has faced honestly, sincerely and fearlessly. In the first place, I will give to the pomp and display of official position do not appeal to President Taft's democratic tastes, and self-aggrandizement is not a trait of his character."

"He does not advertise himself. He has done his great work so quietly and with so little display that the public does not fully appreciate its importance. He tries lawsuits in the courts and not in the press."

Serious Problem Confronted. "The most serious problem before the American people at the present time is the control of corporations. It is not the policy of the Republican party to destroy, but to restrain the illegal activities of corporate wealth. A wise and persistent effort to accomplish this result was the dominant policy of the Roosevelt Administration. This policy was stamped with approval by the Republican platform of 1908. That document says: 'The great accomplishments of President Roosevelt have been first and foremost a brave and impartial enforcement of the law and the prosecution of illegal trusts and combinations.'"

"The party also specifically indorsed the Sherman anti-trust law as the measure best calculated to provide the proper remedy. Here is the declaration of the platform on the subject of trusts:

"The Republican party passed the Sherman anti-trust law over Democratic opposition and enforced it after Democratic dereliction. It has been a wholesome instrument for good in the hands of the wise and fearless Administration. Experience has shown that its effectiveness can be strengthened and its real object better attained by such amendment as will give to the Federal Government greater supervision and control over and secure greater publicity in the management of that class of corporations engaged in interstate commerce having power and opportunity to effect monopoly."

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