

CITIZENS CALL ON CONGRESS TO ACT

Mass Meeting at El Paso Declares Belief State Department Suppresses Facts.

VILLA HELD "DISGRACE"

Administration Condemned for "Vacillating Policy" That Offends Salazar, Castillo and Officers of Their Kind.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 20.—Resolutions condemning the Government for its handling of Mexican affairs were adopted at a mass meeting held in a theater here tonight to protest against the execution of W. S. Benton by General Villa at Juarez.

The meeting came as the climax of a day of excitement caused by news of the death of Benton. The meeting was first called for Cleveland square, but Mayor Kelly urged the renting of a hall, as he regarded an open meeting as dangerous. The Mayor said he would suppress any attempt to hold the meeting in open.

Richard Dudley, head of the contracting firm which built several hundred miles of the Mexico Northwestern Railroad and one of the most wealthy and influential refugees from Mexico, promptly paid \$150 for the use of the theater.

Brutal Assassination Charged. The resolutions declare that Benton was brutally murdered and assassinated at Juarez by Francisco Villa, and declare the desire of the citizens of El Paso and refugees from Mexico to set the facts before the world. They continue:

"The cold-blooded and heartless assassination of William S. Benton is but another example of the blood and but another crime to be added to hundreds, with members driven from their homes, their property destroyed, in many cases women have been outraged and foreigners murdered in cold blood, and for no other reason than on account of their nationality.

"We believe that the department at Washington has persistently suppressed facts concerning the true conditions in Mexico and endeavored to mislead the American people and form public opinion for political purposes in support of a policy that is inimical to all foreign interests in Mexico and to the Mexican people themselves.

Bryan's Statement Challenged. "In support of this statement we would call attention to a recent article in the New York World which purported to be a semi-official interview coming from the Secretary of State's office and which stated that while a great many Americans personally regret lives in Mexico not one had been murdered solely on account of his nationality. This statement we know to be absolutely false, we believe that reports on file in the State Department from our own consuls to the contrary recall the last few months cases, the last few months of Mr. Burton at Santa Rosalia, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Thomas at Madera and the Brooks in Chihuahua, and in every one of these cases they were most brutally murdered for no other reason than that they were American citizens.

"Some months ago the State Department officially declared in one of its messages to Mexico that it would hold the Mexican leaders personally responsible for outrages committed against American citizens. At the present moment Mexico, however, is harboring General Ynez Salazar, who has an unbroken record ever since he took the office in Mexico of outrages committed against our citizens. There are many citizens of this city who were cruelly and brutally treated by this man, many whom he has held for ransom and at least one, Mr. Fontaine, who was shot by his order, and thus far he has been immune from all punishment by our Government.

"Vacillating Policy" Blamed. "At the present moment Maximo Castillo, who for many months has been at the head of an outlaw band in Northern Mexico, harboring our citizens for ransom and perpetrating all kinds of outrages, whose band recently returned alive between 50 and 60 passengers in the lumber train on the Northwestern Railroad, is being given asylum and protection by our Government.

"We submit these facts as evidence that our Government is, through a weak and vacillating policy, encouraging the lawless leaders to commit all kinds of outrages against foreigners and doing a great injustice to our own people that is resulting in a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars of foreign capital, the murder of many of our citizens, in assaults on American women and in the ruination of Mexico itself."

The resolutions declare it a "disgrace" our Government to tolerate Villa and demand that the Congress take action to protect Americans and "maintain the honor and prestige of our country in the eyes of the world."

THAW RECEIVES HOPE

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Jerome Directly Accused. "When I charge bad faith I do not make the charge against the people of New York or the Governor of New York, but a representative of New York State. The record on its face contains evidence of unconscionable acts of bad faith. For instance, Mr. Carmody, Attorney-General of the State, instead of procuring an indictment, went down to New York and procured an indictment. The grand jury of Dutchess County had failed to find such indictment.

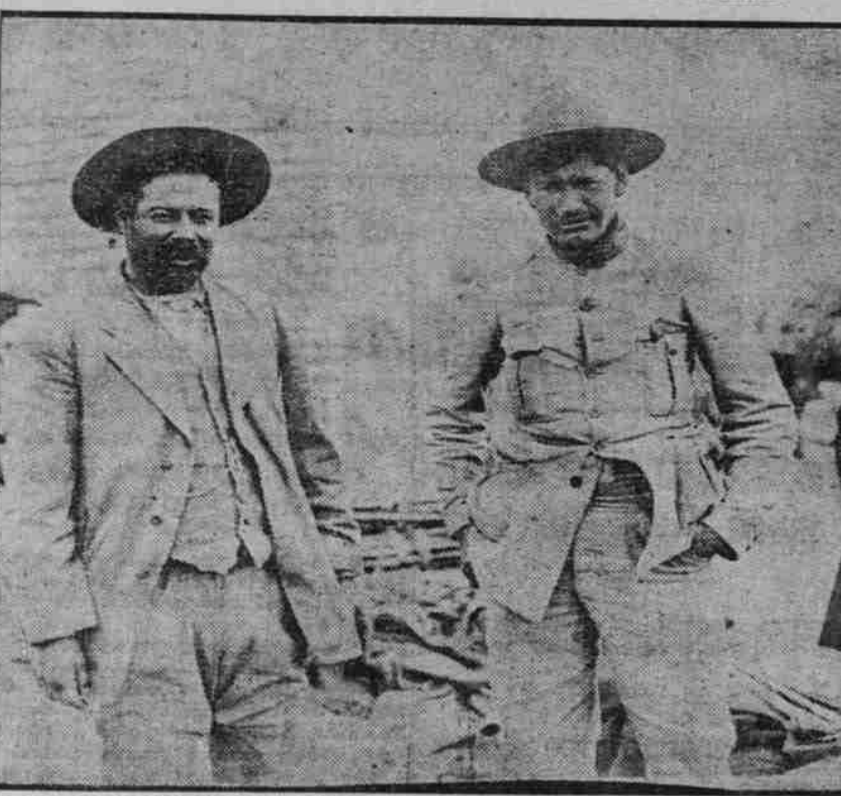
"Furthermore, we found that Mr. Jerome did not go into the jury room as counsel, but as a witness. He crept in to testify against Thaw where there was no counsel of judges to check his efforts to get Thaw back to New York.

Answer is Promised. "I would rather have my name on the doopost of any county jail in New York than to have my name on that indictment against this poor unfortunate man, who had nobody in that grand jury room to protect him."

Mr. Jerome said that he would answer all the allegations in the Thaw brief.

In the event that Thaw obtains the habeas corpus writ and no appeal is taken by the State of New York he will be a free man. If New York appeals Thaw will be held pending the determination of the appeal.

MEXICAN REBEL GENERAL ACCUSED OF MURDERING BRITON AND UNITED STATES CONSUL AT JUAREZ



Above, General Francisco Villa and One of His Aides-Below, Consul Thomas D. Edwards.

BRITON IS KILLED

Occurrence Causes Great Excitement on Border.

DETAILS ARE HELD BACK

Outspoken Ranchman Known to Have Declared He Would Speak His Mind if Rebel General Refused His Request.

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The result was that while he was telling the tragic story the widow, on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of her sustained anxiety, gathered into the purport of the tale—that her husband was no more.

Villa had gone and thus his version of the story remained locked up in the Consul's breast and in his records. Just what occurred between Villa and his ill-fated visitor last Tuesday may never be known. Through the widow and a cousin, William Benton, and through friends of the decedent it was learned that Benton asked permission to bring to the United States 400 head of cattle on his ranch, Los Remedios, in Western Chihuahua.

His cousin, who is part owner of Los Remedios, thought that the request would be granted, although other foreigners have been considerably treated when asking him favors. Charles Qualey, of New York and Mexico, a friend now here among the other refugees, advised him of the probable procedure.

Benton Threatens Accusations. "Villa probably will grant your request, but he'll give you a lecture, and you must not resent the lecture. If you do, you may get into trouble," said Qualey.

"If he lectures me, I'll lecture back," replied Benton. "I have never made a mistake in my life, and if he accuses me of it, I have some accusations of my own to make."

Benton made the request and his military friend, a curio of the sentence of the court, setting forth the evidence in the case, was promised the American Consul, while and it is admitted that there was no one there to represent him.

Torrents Carry Damage. (Continued From First Page.) luting the entire coast with rain for the past two days is being felt especially in the region of San Francisco Bay, which is experiencing heavier precipitation than any other section except Los Angeles.

Vessels coming to San Francisco from the north are being held back by the southerly wind, which blew 50 miles an hour at Point Reyes today. There was heavy weather at sea.

The wind blowing down Market street caused several amusing sights. A woman who slipped on the sidewalk was unable to arise and was literally blown along the width of two stories. Hats were blown over the tops of skyscrapers, while boards came hurtling down from house-tops. A 200-pound policeman was picked up by a playful gust on Market street, and rolled into the muddy gutter. Considerable damage was done to fences and signboards all over the city.

The adage that lightning never strikes twice in the same place was contracted at Lick Observatory. In a severe electrical storm bolts of lightning twice landed on the dome of the observatory. The motor that revolves the great James Lick mirror telescope was burned out of commission. Lightning struck the mountainside all around the observatory.

Disclosure Drives Woman Insane. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 20.—Miss Mary McCormick, who created a sensation on a crowded street last Sunday by holding up and threatening to shoot a young woman stenographer was judged insane today. She became mentally unbalanced, it was said, when she learned just before the date set for her marriage to a New York man that he was already married and had a family.

NEW DEVELOPMENT STRS WASHINGTON

British Ambassador Calls on Bryan to Discuss Killing of Subject in Mexico.

FULL REPORTS ORDERED

Persons Familiar With Aggressive Attitude of Great Britain in Similar Cases Predict Interesting Outcome.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A slumbering Mexican situation was brought quickly to a point of intense international interest today by the flash of a message that William S. Benton, a British subject, had been killed in Juarez by order of General Francisco Villa, the constitutionalist commander.

Mr. Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, conferred with Secretary Bryan about it; President Wilson and his Cabinet discussed it briefly, and a thorough investigation was ordered by the State Department from consular representatives on the border.

Warning Plainly Issued. In this case, for the first time since the present revolution began a year ago, the warning from the United States Government to Mexican factions to protect all foreigners went unheeded, although there is every evidence to show that both the British Ambassador and the State Department were advised too late of Benton's impending fate to intercede for him.

Fear was expressed tonight that he had come to believe that General Villa fully realized the position of the American Government in regard to the protection of foreigners in Mexico, particularly in the north of that country.

Bryan Reserves Opinion. "I haven't sufficient facts on which to base an opinion," Secretary Bryan said today. "Until I have the department report I can't express an opinion."

This was the official view of the situation. Only a few details were announced by the State Department—that Benton had been executed after a Villa had personally explained the incident.

Interesting Developments Foreseen. The killing of a British subject under circumstances such as dispatches from the border portrayed caused a stir in diplomatic circles. Those familiar with the aggressive attitude of Great Britain assumes in pressing for reparation when her subjects have been wronged were inclined to foresee interesting developments impending.

Discussion of the case between the Ambassador and the Secretary of State went clearly to the absence of any responsibility on the part of the United States for the killing of the British subject, even though investigation should prove it to have been unjustifiable. The United States simply had acted as a friend and exerted every effort to save the man's life and the fact that he had been executed after the American Government might have virtually recognized the de facto condition of the country.

Tales of Outrage Printed in Spain. MADRID, Feb. 20.—Stories of the shooting to death of 75 Spaniards and the burial alive of others by Mexican rebels in Torreon are published at length in most of the newspapers of Madrid and the provinces today.

FRANCIS LAUDS BIG FAIR

EXPERIENCE OF ST. LOUIS CITED AS EDUCATIONAL.

Traveling Orchestras, Says ex-Governor of Missouri, Must Maintain Standard Exposition Set.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—"Seven years ago I visited the Panama-Pacific Exposition and have more educational value to a youth than two years in any one of the best universities in the country," said David R. Francis, ex-Governor of Missouri, Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland and head of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, in a speech before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce today.

"St. Louis has been a different city since we had our exposition. Traveling orchestras have to play a different kind of music now than they did before the exposition. There are more works of art in St. Louis. There are more beautiful yards surrounding the homes. The same conditions prevail throughout the world. Arkansas, Indiana, and in fact, all the Middle Western states.

"The great rule of life, and if you will change your exhibits up to the time your gates close, and make it a progressive change, your exposition will be scores of years ahead of the people of California and all who stay long at the fair."

AIRMAN TO CROSS STATES

Roy Francis to Learn Route for 1915 'Round-the-World Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—Roy Francis, aviator, announced today that he would make a preliminary cross-continent flight over the proposed route of the Panama-Pacific exposition around-the-world contest in 1915, to be held at Washington, as follows: Charles B. Penfield, Jared, vice W. G. Merryweather, resigned; Ferdinand C. Bussing, Steamville, vice T. R. Tilly, resigned.

HOLDUP MAN KILLS THREE

(Continued From First Page.) bandit took effect, but he kept the passengers in a state of fright, a half dozen women fainting.

Women Give Purse. The robber who killed the men turned and started back to the front of the coach. As he passed along several women passengers held their purses out in front of them and then ran.

the wildness of the surrounding country and the ability to get away in a boat to San Juan Islands, little hope is held out for their capture.

Girl and Escort See Bandits

Sheriffs' posse traced the bandits along the waterfront for a quarter of a mile, but lost trace of them where they intercepted along the waterfront, all built from the shore to low-water mark by oystermen.

A young man and woman strolling along the tracks where the train came to a stop saw the three bandits leap from the steps of the day coach and run along the train to the engine tender. They attempted to crawl upon the tender, but the engineer turned a flashlight in their direction, when they darted under the train and disappeared along the tidesflats.

Poses from two counties joined forces tonight and a strong patrol was established along the waterfront, all wagon roads and the interurban line which skirts the waterfront at this place.

WIFE ACCUSES PASTOR

MINISTER SEEKING DIVORCE DECLARED WEALTH-SEEKER.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—"Unbridled" speculations and his desire to acquire riches," as well as his "ambition to become a man of great power and influence in the church and community," led to financial embarrassments of Rev. A. H. Barnhise, ex-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and finally to the estrangement from his wife, charges Mrs. Olive H. Barnhise in her answer to Barnhise's divorce complaint, filed today by her attorney, Maurice Langhorne. The Barnhises are widely known in church circles and the divorce has caused a mild sensation.

In 1902 they came to Tacoma and the plaintiff became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at \$2400 a year. Mrs. Barnhise says she was led to believe that her husband had a net income of about \$1500 from other sources.

She says she never had any information about her husband's affairs until when she was on a visit for her health in Santa Barbara, in February, 1913, when she learned her husband was demanding that she sell her \$20,000 farm and give the money to him, saying that unless she complied with his demand he would leave her. She says she was shocked and humiliated and returned to Tacoma, where he reiterated his demands, and she did sell the land at a sacrifice for \$15,000 and gave the money to him, and that within 60 days thereafter he started the divorce suit.

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DRINK DENIAL IS PENALTY

Seven and Half Years' Sentence Instead of Jail Is Imposed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Seven and a half years of total abstinence from liquor instead of seven and a half years in jail was the sentence imposed by Supreme Court Justice Davis today on Joseph A. Sheridan, president of the Independent Ice Dealers' Association, convicted of attempting to extort \$1000 from the Knickerbocker Ice Company when he tried to have the company's campaign against the company.

"It is apparent," Justice Davis said, "that you are a victim of drink and it will do you good to send you away to get liquor out of your system. I will suspend sentence with the understanding that if you drink you will be brought before this court and sentenced."

Seven and a half years' imprisonment was the maximum penalty for the crime.

AMBASSADOR ABOVE LAW

State Cannot Compel ex-Justice Gerard to Decide Case.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court declared today that an American Ambassador at a foreign power is above the law of his state at home and on this ground refused to compel James W. Gerard, Ambassador to Germany, to return from his post and decide the appeal in a case which came before him when he was a Justice of the Supreme Court. The parties to the litigation declared that their case on appeal "must" be settled by the justice before whom it was tried, and an order to that effect was obtained, directed to Ambassador Gerard.

BOMB-WRECKERS CONFESS

Two in Chicago Admit Blowing Up Building When \$1000 Refused.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Salvatore Sorlino and Frank Caprelli confessed today to the police that they placed the bomb that wrecked a building in the Italian quarter early today and injured several persons.

The men said they attempted to blow up the place because they had not received a reply to a letter demanding \$1000 from Leonardo Melone, whose bank and grocery store occupied the first floor of the building.

Two Postmasters Named. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 20.—Two postmasters have been appointed for Washington, as follows: Charles B. Penfield, Jared, vice W. G. Merryweather, resigned; Ferdinand C. Bussing, Steamville, vice T. R. Tilly, resigned.

Moneyback means Schilling's Best; and it means the grocer returns a dissatisfied customer's money as quick as he can.

What happens then? She isn't dissatisfied; can't be.

Who is? Nobody. The grocer has lost nothing, and she has lost nothing. That's how we look at it.

Schilling's Best was your first definition of moneyback. A Schilling & Company San Francisco

NOBLEMAN ON TRIAL

Polish Count Accused of Killing Wife and Her Nephew.

FRUIT UNION INDEPENDENT Yakima Organization Likely to Reject Second Affiliation Offer.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Following the refusal of the Yakima County Horticultural Union to affiliate with the Northwestern Fruit Exchange in fruit marketing, the president of the concern, W. M. Nelson, received a telegram from the headquarters of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors in Spokane, proposing affiliation with that organization.

The matter will be considered formally at a meeting of the directors of the union tomorrow, but President Nelson said tonight in a telegram that the proposition undoubtedly would be rejected and that the union would have no other affiliation this season than that with the Puget Sound Fruitgrowers' Association.

FISHING RULES PROTESTED

Proposed Forbidden District at Mouth of Columbia Opposed.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—During the past few days quite a number of letters have been sent by packers and fishermen to Colonel McKinstry, of the United States Engineers, protesting against the proposed department to prohibit fishing within a prescribed district at the mouth of the river.

The protests are based on the fact that hundreds of gillnetters fish in the lower harbor during the season, as that is the best drifting ground in the Columbia, and it will be impossible for the fishermen to drift in that section of the river without danger of being carried within the forbidden district.

REBEL ROUT MAKES PANIC

American Warship Again Lands Marines at Cape Haitien.

CAPE HAITIEN, Haiti, Feb. 20.—The rebel army was routed today after several encounters with the government forces, and fell back inside the City of Cape Haitien. The leaders of the revolt are preparing to flee to Guanaminthe, 20 miles to the east. Panic prevails and an American warship has landed marines. The consulates are giving asylum to refugees.

The city authorities have given \$4000 supply rations to the revolutionary soldiers in order to keep them from looting.

Clackamas Teachers to Meet Today. OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The teachers of Clackamas County will meet tomorrow at Canby for their second institute this school year. A number of men, prominent in the educational work in the state, including Frank Rigler, State Superintendent Churchill and N. C. Maris, will speak. All the teachers in the county have been invited to attend. Clackamas County Superintendent J. P. Clavano expects that nearly 100 will be present.

MAN IS HELD FOR MURDER

Henrieville Resort Keeper Accused of Killing John Kelly.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—District Attorney Lilljquest directed the inquest here last night over the body of John Kelly, who was killed at the Henrieville embroglio on Sunday. About 20 witnesses were examined and five swore that James Ferrer went out of the Galt house, where

Corporation Declared Outlaw. DENVER, Feb. 20.—The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company was held to be a company, operating without a legal right to use the streets and alleys of Denver, in a decision handed down in the District Court here today. The decision was rendered in quo warranto proceedings brought to compel the company to show by what right it used the streets of Denver for its equipment.

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