



3 COWBOYS SLAIN BY MEXICAN BAND

Dead Bodies Are Found by Mormon Scouts.

VICTIMS BADLY MUTILATED

Desperate Struggle Against Heavy Odds Indicated by Cuts and Bruises.

HEARST RANCH IS RAIDED

Villa Commander Kills Two of Hands, Loots Buildings, Drives Off Horses.

HACHITA, N. M., Feb. 15.—Lem Spillsbury, Mormon scout, and companions late today discovered the bodies of Andrew P. Peterson, Hugh Acord and Burton Jensen, American cowboys kidnaped last Monday when Mexican bandits raided the Corner Ranch, 60 miles southwest of here.

The bodies, badly mutilated, were found on the Mexican side, three miles south of Monument No. 53. It was believed they were taken across the international line and killed when they attempted to break away from their captors.

Desperate Struggle Indicated.

According to the story told by Spillsbury and companions, each victim had been shot in the head several times. Acord's head had been mutilated with a machete. The clothing had been torn from all three and there were numerous cuts and bruises, indicating, it was believed, a desperate struggle of the Americans against heavy odds.

Search had been kept up continuously since late Monday, when the news of the raid and kidnaping spread. Spillsbury, who served as scout with General Pershing's punitive expedition in Mexico and who owns a ranch in the Palomas Lake region, was one of the first to volunteer his services. Others then joined in the hunt.

Men Captured North of Border.

According to information gathered here, Acord, Peterson and Jensen late Monday rode into the camp of the Mexicans on the American side. They were unarmed, it was said. They were taken into custody immediately and carried into Mexico.

With the finding of the bodies of the three men, confirming fears of cattlemen and frontiersmen, taken in connection with the threat of Jose Ynez Salazar to raid American towns, considerable feeling was in evidence tonight on this section of the international border.

While close observers of the border situation professed to see nothing alarming in Salazar's threat, a majority of the population looked with apprehension on movements of rebel bands in Northern Chihuahua.

Movements of Band Not Known.

Later movements of the band which killed the American cowboys are unknown here.

It became known here tonight that the \$5000 demanded by Salazar of the Warren interest not only included the ransom of Spencer and his wife, but also carried with it a threat that unless it was paid 1000 head of cattle at Ojitos would be confiscated, the ranch buildings burned and all property destroyed. Salazar was said to have 500 men at Ojitos ready to carry out the threat.

EL PASO, Feb. 15.—Julio Acosta, a Villa commander, raided the Naherachic ranch, belonging to Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, two miles from Madera, Chihuahua, on February 8, killing two Mexican ranch hands, wounding several others, completely looting the ranch houses and driving off several horses, according to a message received here tonight.

Madera is 250 miles southwest of Juarez and is the center of the Pearson Milling Company's interests. The same message also told of the looting of the Pearson company's store there, according to local Hearst representatives.

Salazar Wants Ammunition.

Jose Ynez Salazar's real motive in operating near the American border in the Ojitos district, now is believed to be smuggling of ammunition, shells and rifles for the Villa force which he commands, before the expected attack on Juarez is started.

Government agents here have been watching the movement of a number of alleged ammunition smugglers who

TOURIST FUND OF \$45,000 IS AGREED

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CUTS \$5000 FROM REQUEST.

Representative Kubli, who has been fighting for the measure, secured a tie vote of the committee on the \$50,000 request and on a compromise the entire committee joined in recommending the \$45,000 for the next two years.

There seems to be every indication that the committee's recommendation will meet with favor in the Legislature. Representative Kubli said he would take a chance on raising the other \$5000 in Portland.

MISS HARRIET LANE WEDS

Daughter of Oregon Senator Bride of Norfolk Physician.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 15.—Miss Harriet Lane, second daughter of Senator and Mrs. Harry Lane, of Oregon, was married in Baltimore last Saturday to Dr. S. D. Hicks, a practicing physician of Norfolk, Va. The couple are now on a brief wedding trip. They will make their home in Norfolk, where Dr. Hicks has a substantial practice.

No announcement of the wedding was made at the time, and not until today did the news reach Washington. When interrogated today, Senator Lane confirmed the report.

Miss Lane met Dr. Hicks at a social function in Washington last winter, and it had been rumored for some time that they were to be married. Their friends were not advised that the wedding was to take place in February.

NAVY RATES SMALL CRAFT

Officers Inspect Every Boat on Puget Sound.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Special).—Tacoma's mosquito fleet was inspected by United States naval officers from Bremerton, with a view, it is declared, of placing these small boats in service should war come. Every boat on the Sound is being checked by the officers from the Navy-yard.

The officers did not give out any information, but it was understood that the small boats could be used for patrol service. Each craft will be given a rating according to her speed.

WILSON BELIEVES WAR IS INEVITABLE

Overt Act Awaited to Arouse People.

UNITED NATION IS DESIRED

Minor Illegal Acts by Central Powers Overlooked.

TEUTON PLOTS SUSPECTED

German Money Behind Disorders in Cuba and Mexico—Blockade by Intimidation Threatens Prosperity of Country.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(Special).—I have returned to Washington after an absence of several months to find that the President and those closely associated with him regard war with Germany and her allies as absolutely inevitable.

In their judgment, it is merely a matter of time, perhaps of days, before the "overt act" which will draw the United States into the world conflict is committed.

United Nation Desired.

Before the President appears before Congress to describe the necessity for the use of force, Germany must take some step which will cause the entire American people to realize that their honor, their dignity and their interests have been violated.

Mr. Wilson does not intend to have any section of the population question the propriety of his conduct. He does not want a divided Nation to face Germany and her allies. He wants an united Nation behind him. He is seeking the general effect which will be produced if all the American people say that their Government must strike.

Illegal Acts Overlooked.

Since the new German decree went into effect 12 ships carrying Americans as members of their crews have been sunk, and some of the Americans have been killed or drowned. Two American ships, one the L.A.W. have been sunk, but with warning.

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TROOPS GUESTS AT BANQUET AND DANCE

Event Climax of Homecoming Welcome.

PATRIOTISM IS KEYNOTE

Oregon and Washington Men Hear Services Lauded

GOVERNOR FIRST SPEAKER

Captains White and Helme Express Appreciation of Reception for Troop and Battery—Affair Held at Multnomah.

It's a far cry from the sun-baked, cactus-dotted plains of Calexico to the banquet hall of the Multnomah Hotel, but the returned Oregon and Washington troops who were entertained last night showed they were able to bridge the gap and that they are as fit for a frolic as the afternoon's parade showed they are for a fight.

Last night's banquet, reception and dance brought the end to a perfect day for the "sunburned border bullies." There have been but few happier occasions in the city. The soldiers enjoyed every minute of the entertainment, they did ample justice to the dinner, applauded the talks heartily and danced with complete happiness until midnight.

Patriotism Is Keynote.

Patriotism was the keynote of the banquet. The big hall was gala with flags. Patriotic airs welled from the instruments in the hands of the orchestra, the printed menu cards bore a waving banner on the cover, the tea cream marched in with tiny flags sticking from each delicious mound and, as might have been expected, the addresses were strongly patriotic in spirit.

A delightful musical programme was a feature of the entertainment. Bianchep Eteika Burnett, accompanied by Miss Mildred Raymond, gave a number of songs that were insistently encoed, and she offered some surprises that were intensely pleasing. Miss Margarita Egbert, daughter of Percy Egbert, sang a number of songs.

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GERMAN RAIDER IS SUNK IN ATLANTIC

BRITISH CRUISER AMETHYST ENGAGES THREE IN BATTLE.

Another Said to Have Been Beached in Damaged Condition—One Man Aboard Pursuer Is Killed.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 15.—An officer of the British cruiser Glasgow has confirmed reports of a recent naval battle off Fernando de Noronha, 125 miles off the eastern extremity of Brazil, according to the newspaper Rua. The Glasgow received a report of the fighting through a wireless message from the British cruiser Amethyst, which alone gave battle to the German raiders.

Before 6 o'clock in the evening the Amethyst sighted some steamers, which she signalled to come nearer. They did so. Then it was seen that these vessels, not two, as first supposed, but three large steamers, were clearing for action. Almost immediately they opened fire.

The Amethyst returned the fire and steamed toward the enemy, whereupon the raiders took to flight, but continued firing.

The real fight occurred near Fernando de Noronha. One of the raiders, seriously hit, was observed to be sinking. The others escaped. Night prevented the Amethyst from ascertaining to what extent they had been damaged. One raider is believed to have beached in a battered condition.

The Amethyst suffered slight damage and had a few wounded and one man killed.

38 HOUSE MEMBERS INDORSE ROAD BILL

Final Passage Today Not Improbable.

ONLY ONE SPEECH IS MADE

Rivalry Develops for Honor of Introducing Measure.

PROPOSED WORK IS LISTED

By Going on Record as Eliminating Multnomah County as Beneficiary Support of Up-State Representatives Is Assured.

HOUSE MEMBERS INDORSE ROAD-BOND BILL. STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special).—List of 38 members of House who joined in introducing road bond bill:

Anderson, Ashley, Barber, Bean, Belland, Brand, Brownell, Burdick, Callan, Clark, Corbett, Elgin, Elmore, Forbes, Fuller, Gordon, Gore, Griggs, Hodgen, Kubli, Laugaard, Lewis, Lumber, Mackay, Martin, Matthew, Mueller, Ritter, Rowe, Schimpff, Sheldon, Small, Staffin, Stott, Sweaney, Mrs. Thompson, Willett and Speaker Stanfield.

TENTH TWINS ARE HERE

Stork Brings Two Bouncing Girls to Home of John Belletish.

And now comes the tenth pair of twins for 1917. They were born Monday at the home of John Belletish, 283 North Fourteenth street. Both youngsters are girls weighing six pounds each.

Dr. W. E. Stewart, attending physician, says both of the girls are strong and healthy in every respect. They have not been named yet.

250 CHILDREN IN REFUGE

Party Reaching Holland From France Show Effect of Hardships.

ROOZENDALL, Holland, via London, Feb. 15.—The first party of children from the occupied portion of France, numbering 250, arrived here today. Their ages ranged from 6 to 14 years. They presented a most distressing spectacle, bearing evident suggestions of having endured hardships, and all told stories of scarcity of food.

Honor of Introduction Sought.

Considerable friendly rivalry developed over the honor of introducing the bill in the House, so the plan of letting everyone introduce it was hit upon as a happy solution of the difficulty.

Every member was given an opportunity to join. While some declined, this does not mean they will not vote for the bill. On the other hand, all who signed their names to the introduction list are morally bound to support it on the floor.

Representative Schimpff, of Clatsop County, who is chairman of the House committee on roads and highways, had the distinction, by virtue of his position, of formally passing the measure up to the desk. He couldn't resist the temptation to make a little speech.

Mr. Schimpff Makes Talk.

"This means," he said, "that Oregon at last is to get out of the mud and get some first-class roads.

"We have been enacting road codes and a lot of other road legislation ever since we came here, but we have provided no means of building these roads.

"This bill is supposed to furnish the means, and the best part of it is the fact that it doesn't contemplate a tax on the people.

"The automobile owner is going to foot the expense."

This bill is exactly the same, with (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1.)



GLIMPSES OF YESTERDAY'S PARADE OF TROOP A AND BATTERY A, JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICAN BORDER DUTY, THROUGH PORTLAND STREETS.

1—Oregon's Border Veterans Passing Reviewing Stand at Central Library. 2—Spanish War Veterans in Parade, a Portion of Escort. 3—Grand Army of the Republic Veterans Lined Up at the Library. 4—Group of Patriotic Children Who Greeted Troops With Waving Flags at Library.

YESTERDAY IN THE LEGISLATURE.

THE House preferred to go hungry rather than hold a night meeting and continued in session until late tonight. The desk was wiped clean. The House now is in good shape to dispose of all its business, so it can adjourn sine die in good time on Saturday night.

Thirty-eight members of the Senate joined together in introducing the big road-bond bill, which provides a broad, comprehensive plan for highway construction during the next five years.

The House today passed Representative Eaton's bill increasing the inheritance tax rates.

The measure is expected to add more than \$100,000 annually to the revenues of the state.

Appropriations aggregating \$336,489.23 were passed by the House and additional appropriation bills carrying \$608,177.45 were introduced by the ways and means committee.

The House and Senate met in joint session at noon and elected George H. Kelly a member of the Port of Portland Commission.

Senator Pierce's grain-standard bill, backed by the Portland Public Dock Commission, went through the House.

The House disposed of Senator Smith's bill lengthening the commercial fishing season at Grants Pass without much of a fight. Something unusual for fish legislation.

Representative Stott's bill paving the way for a parental school in Portland also was passed.