

MEXICAN ATROCITIES HELD TO RIVAL HUNS

Revolted Outrages Against
Americans Disclosed.

MURDER FOLLOWS TORTURE

Residents From States Held for Ran-
som, Then Tortured by Outlaws
Before Being Slain.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Aug. 21.—Serious charges of
the most revolting atrocities practiced
against Americans on the west coast of
Mexico have been laid before the com-
mittee investigating the relations be-
tween Mexico and the United States by
Representative Charles F. Curry of
California.

These charges, made in a letter writ-
ten to Mr. Curry by Bush Pinnell of
415 Hobart building, San Francisco, in-
dicate that the murder and torture of
Americans by Mexican outlaws, are not
confined to the Texas border, as many
persons suppose. Mr. Curry has laid
the Pinnell charges before Senator
Fall of New Mexico, chairman of the
select committee on investigation of
Mexican conduct toward the United
States; also before Representative
Porter, chairman of the house commit-
tee on foreign affairs, and the repre-
sentative Campbell of Kansas, chairman
of the house committee on rules. The
Pinnell letter says:

"Concerning the congressional in-
vestigation now going on in relation to
Mexican affairs I note that very little
is being said about the west coast of
Mexico and I concluded it was my duty
to inform you of some things that
have come under my personal notice in
the past five years in that vicinity.

Ransoms Are Driven Out.

"Some five years ago I bought land
on the island of Palmito Verde, 50
miles south of Mazatlan and near the
mainland. There were about 50 of us,
all Americans. After we had gotten
nicely started with buildings, farming
machinery, tractors, etc., the so-called
bandits came in and ran us out. They
were all Carranzistas and nothing was
ever done about the loss of our prop-
erty and none of us has ever dared to
go back there. For the past two years
I have been harvesting about 10 miles
from Mazatlan.

"Occupation of my premises by sol-
diers and thefts of horses, mules and
cattle and even baled said have been
very common with the Carranzistas.
Mexican officials, however, I have
said goodbye to my losses, as they are
of no importance compared to the wanton
murder of several Americans. The
most atrocious case is that of White-
ford and Lamb.

"These two Americans were taken
away from the house, dragged to a
held for ransom. Over 30,000 pesos
was sent with full knowledge of all the
generals and other officials and no
effort was made to capture the so-
called bandits. Mrs. Whiteford mort-
gaged her home in Los Angeles and
sent down \$4800 and yet her husband
was brutally murdered. Before they
killed him they sent in a finger nail
and then cut from his hands to back up
their demands for more money.

Murder Follows Torture.

"The Oregon came down and an-
chored within 30 miles of where these
men were held, but no one was allowed
to go ashore, and when she sailed
away the bandits killed Whiteford by
cutting him open with a knife and rop-
ing his body to Lamb. Lamb had been
tied to the dead man 21 hours when he
was found. Lamb had two fingers cut
from either hand, which were sent in
by messengers, in bottles.

"All the officials knew where these
men were being held, because the agent
of the mine owners went to the camp
and tried to induce the bandits to re-
lease Whiteford and Lamb. The
trip in an auto, Lamb has made
affidavit to all this before the Ameri-
can consul at Mazatlan and the state
department must have received it two
months ago. The destruction of prop-
erty along the west coast and particu-
larly along the line of the Southern
Pacific railroad is unbelievable, un-
less one sees it. Carranza officials are
at the bottom of every outrage."

BANDITS FIGHT TROOPS

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for the chase. They are willing to ride
day and night through storms and over
all sorts of trails to overtake the
bandits. Among the most enthusiastic
members of the expedition are the
young aviators, Peterson and Davis.
Matlack said.

"Everyone in the expeditionary force
is well," Captain Matlack said. "We

have had no casualties, except one man
who had a cactus thorn in his hand.

"We are making progress in the pur-
suit of the bandits. Hard storms have
blackened our speed somewhat, but we
consider that we made good time.

"After leaving the Rio Grande Mon-
day morning, soon after daylight, the
expedition followed a fresh trail. The
four men to whom the money had been
paid had a start of more than five
hours on us.

"We followed them to a high moun-
tain pass, where the four scattered,
one going north and three southwest,
as indicated by the fresh tracks. They
scattered like quail, and it was diffi-
cult to follow them because of the faint
trails.

Mexicans Open Fire.

"The fight with the bandits in the
fortified block house started as soon
as the American troops commenced to
search the place, fire being opened by
Mexicans from loopholes. The troops
returned the fire.

"Four bodies were found. Two of
the bandits escaped. They are still
being pursued. These two latter out-
laws are believed to have been mem-
bers of Renteria's gang, but the avi-
ators could not identify them."

Captain Matlack will return to his
troops in Mexico tomorrow. He held a
long conference with General Dickman
and Colonel George T. Langhorne, com-
mander of the Big Bend district to-
night.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Protests
against the entry of American troops
into Mexico in search of bandits who
held two American army officers for
ransom, together with a request that
they be withdrawn immediately, were
made to the state department today by
the Mexican ambassador.

The ambassador acted on instructions
from his government. It was an-
nounced at the state department that
in answer to the protest would be made
today.

While no announcement regarding
the movement of American forces was
made, it was stated that the Mexican
protest would not hasten their with-
drawal.

The troops went in on a "hot trail"
and were not expected to return until
the bandits either had been captured
or the trail had become cold.

A statement issued by the Mexican
government yesterday and received
today said:

"Two aviators of the army of the
United States, through error, so they
state, flew over our territory, landing
approximately 12 kilometers from the
south of the frontier, where they were
captured by a band of 20 bandits. They
have now been liberated.

"Some troops of the 8th cavalry of
the United States crossed the frontier
in pursuit of the outlaws. The depart-
ment of foreign relations gave instruc-
tions at once to our embassy in Wash-
ington to make appropriate representa-
tions, protesting and requesting the
immediate withdrawal of the invading
troops."

Colonel Langhorne, American army
commander in the Big Bend district, to-
day suggested to Coenos Benegochia,
Mexican consul at Presidio, Texas, that
the consul communicate with General
Pruneda, Mexican commander, who
now is near Toluca, Parana and sug-
gest to Pruneda that American and
Mexican troops co-operate in pursuing
the bandits who captured aviators
Davis and Peterson.

Colonel Langhorne informed the con-
sul that it was easier for American
troops to pursue the bandits than for
the Mexican troops, because of an early
start and the availability of greater
facilities.

Mexican to Co-operate.

The Mexican consul assured the
American commander he desired to con-
tinue the liaison between an American
and Mexican troops that was started yester-
day, when an American airplane
carried a message from the consul to
General Pruneda, while the latter was
on the march to Cuernavaca.

As soon as it was sufficiently light
this morning to follow the trail, the
American punitive expedition in Mex-
ico took up the bandit chase for the
third day across the border. One col-
umn followed the hot trail of two
bandits believed to have been com-
panions of the two bandits captured
yesterday by Captain Leonard Matlack.

By sunrise airplanes left the ground
here for Presidio, 60 miles south, where
a flying field base for the expedition
has been established.

The work of the aviators is consid-
ered extremely dangerous, because
there are few landing fields in Mexico.
It is necessary to fly close to the
ground, where the bandits may fire on
aviators as they did Tuesday. Flyers
returning long after dark last night to
headquarters here reported many nar-
row escapes.

When the flyers left this morning
they carried news bulletins furnished
by the Associated Press, which they
planned to drop for each cavalry troop
operating in Mexico, to give them news
of the outside world since they crossed
the border.

PUNITIVE FORCES MOVE EAST

Cavalry Gets Far Into Ojinaga Re-
gion; Mexicans Not Opposing.

MARFA, Tex., Aug. 21.—Major-Gen-
eral Joseph T. Dickman, commander of
the southern department, announced
tonight that he would remain here to-
morrow in order to give orders to the
troops in the Big Bend district with
Colonel George T. Langhorne. General
Dickman's original plans to return to
San Antonio tonight had been an-
nounced earlier in the day, prior to his
arrival here.

At the end of the third day of their
expedition, the American troops pursu-
ing bandits are believed to have pen-
etrated far into the Ojinaga district. The
exact location continues to be with-
held for military reasons.

Adjutant-General James A. Harley
of Texas today telegraphed Colonel
Langhorne that his entire force is at
his disposal for scouting and other uses
in Mexico. Captain Jerry Gray, com-
mander of the Marfa ranger company,
left for the river today to make an in-
spection for a report to the adjutant-
general.

The cavalry troops have penetrated so
far into the interior that it has been
necessary to send money to the com-
manders in the order to buy necessary
purchase supplies, since the line of
communication is getting too long to
transport provisions to the troops. Air-
planes will be used to transport the
funds for these purchases, for the Ameri-
cans have orders to pay for every-
thing obtained in Mexico.

Rebut of a telegram from General
Manuel Dignies, whose command in-
cludes the Ojinaga district, by General
Antonio Pruneda, commander of that
district, stating that American troops
were wholly within their rights in pur-
suing bandits in accordance with the
treaty of 1882, relieved fear that there
might be a clash between isolated Car-
ranza troops of the Ojinaga district and
American troops pursuing bandits.

The treaty of 1882 cited at the time
of the Pershing expedition into Mex-
ico as interpreted here, permits Mexican
troops to come into the United States
in pursuit of bandits who might cross
to the American side from Mexico.

Finnish Minister Takes Hold.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Armas Her-
man Saastamoinen, the first provisional
minister from Finland, presented his
credentials to President Wilson today.

Honor Cross Given Strasbourg.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—(French Wireless
Service.)—The cross of the Legion of
Honor was presented to the city of
Strasbourg, capital of Alsace, by Presi-

LEASING BILL URGED IN SENATE BY SMOOT

Plan Proposed for Develop-
ment of Western Lands.

PRIVILEGES DENIED ALIENS

Author of Measure Not Willing to
Discuss Phase to Which Other
Nations Might Object.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Considera-
tion of the bill providing for the leas-
ing of oil, gas, coal, phosphate and
sodium lands was resumed in the
senate late today with prospects
favorable for a vote tomorrow.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, au-
thor of the measure, said that while
he was opposed to the principle in-
volved in the leasing system, if the
lands of the west were to be developed
some radical change in the policy af-
fecting public lands must be made.

The Utah senator called the attention
of the senate to an alteration in the
bill as printed, providing that the
secretary of the interior shall have the
right to offer for sale all royalty oil
and gas accruing to the United States
under lease.

"Shall offer." All royalties from the
leasing of oil lands would be paid to
the government in oil or gas.

Alienation of Land Opposed.

Senator King, democrat, Utah, de-
clared he was opposed to any legisla-
tion that would operate against aliena-
tion of the land. He insisted that the
best interests of the country would be
served by having the title pass directly
to the operator of the property and
said the effect of the proposed measure
would be to keep the lands indefinitely
in the possession of the government.

Senator Smoot said that from the
present trend toward government
ownership and operation it would not
surprise him before the bill could be-
come fully operative to see all min-
ing and oil drilling on public lands
done by the government.

Alien Leasing Barred.

Senator Smoot's attention was called
to the bill's provision that no alien
might acquire the leasing privilege
except under certain conditions. He ad-
mitted the bill did bar them but said
he preferred not to discuss that feature
unless and until some action was taken
to alter it. He was reminded by
several senators it might have a bad
effect in certain other countries, Mex-
ico and in countries of South America,
where we have protested against the
elimination of the foreigners from oil
operations.

No direct action was taken, but in
connection with his defense of the bill
Senator Smoot said all men knew that
control of oil in the United States or
in any other country means the control
of commerce.

FRENCH AIRPLANE IS LOST

Goliath, With Cargo of Arms, for
Use in Africa, Given Up.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The French air-
plane Goliath, which has been missing
since it left Mogador, Morocco, for
Dakar last Saturday morning, generally
was given up as lost in aviation circles
today. It carried eight passengers.

The Goliath left an airdrome near
Versailles on August 14 and arrived at
Casa Blanca, a distance of 1200 miles,
the same day. After taking on ma-
chine guns, revolvers and rifles to be
used against savage tribes it necessary
it left Casa Blanca on August 14 for
Dakar, a distance of 1600 miles. It
was forced to land at Mogador on Sat-
urday, the only word received from it
was a wireless message last Satur-
day indicating it was within 60 miles
of Dakar.

GOVERNOR HAS GUARD PLAN

Pennsylvania Executive Enlists
Returned Soldiers.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 21.—
Governor William C. Sproule of Penn-
sylvania was the principal speaker to-
day at the closing session of the gov-
ernors' conference. Speaking on "ex-
pansion of the national guard system
as a basis of national defense," Gov-
nor Sproule urged that the returned
soldiers be enlisted in the guard of
the various states to form the defense
reserve of the military forces.

The governor said he had already be-
gun to put this theory into practice in
Pennsylvania.

Governor Simon Bamberger of Utah
was chosen a member of the executive
committee of the governors' conference
for 1920.

TRAINS ARE CANCELED

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ers and others. Yesterday, however,
strike sympathizers began to interfere
with the operation of street cars by
pulling off trolleys, greasing tracks

and throwing switches. Last night
there were two marked clashes, both
of which were stopped by the police.
Arrests were made in both instances,
and Superintendent E. L. Lewis was
beaten in one fracas.

Early today several hundred men
joined hands and formed a ring around
the car, refusing to give way until
police reserves arrived and dis-
persed them. As fast as cars arrived
they were stoned, windows were
smashed and passengers either fled in
panic or were forced out by threats. A
number received minor cuts and
bruises, but none was seriously hurt.

SENATOR FLETCHER HURT

Florida Member Hit by Street Car
at Capital and Bruised.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Senator
Fletcher of Florida was struck by a
street car late today and seriously in-
jured. He sustained severe scalp
wounds, a contusion and a badly
bruised arm.

The Florida senator was on his way
home from the capitol, and as he
alighted from a street car near his
residence he was struck by another
car coming from an opposite direc-
tion.

At the Fletcher home tonight it was
said that the senator's injuries, while
quite severe, were not regarded as
serious, although his exact condition
could not be ascertained until a more
complete examination of the scalp
wound and the contusion was possible.
The senator is 60 years of age.

CONVICTS ARE WARNED

Sheriff at Bend Believes "Story"
Frightened Two Suspects.

BEND, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—
After a warning conveyed in a news
story to the effect that D. C. Brichoux
and Edward Southwick, escaped con-
victs, were being sought in the vicinity
of Bend, the two men, whose hiding
place had been approximately located by
Sheriff S. E. Roberts, have disap-
peared. Mr. Roberts said today.

He believes that friends of the men,
seeing the story, which was given out
by penitentiary officials, communicated
with the suspects this morning. In
the past two days the county has been
known that the men, believed to be the
two who escaped from the state hospi-
tal August 13, were in the county.

His revised made in a telephone call
to Salem, for bloodhounds, was not
granted, and he embarked on a still
hunt in the endeavor to locate his men
before calling out a posse. This morn-
ing the two suspects had gone, leaving
no indication of the direction they had
taken.

FARM BUREAU IS POPULAR

Clarke County Asked to Keep Coun-
ty Agents and Club Leaders.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Spec-
ial.)—At a meeting of the executive
board of the farm bureau, the county
commissioners and a representative
committee of citizens of the county and
state officials, a report was made to
the county commissioners on the work
of the bureau. The commissioners were
asked to retain the county agent and
agent, the county agent and the club
leader in Clarke county. C. P. Bush,
former master of Pomona grange, re-
ported the granges are in favor of
continuing the work.

R. E. Gerrard, president of the farm
bureau, presided. Talks were made by
R. E. Cogburn, state agricultural agent,
Miss Maude Wilson, state home dem-
onstrator, and E. R. Wright, in charge
of the club work in the state.

TACOMA DRIVE PROCEEDS

Judge Chapman Absolves Pierce
County Commissioners From Fraud.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)
—Declaring that there had been no
showing of fraud, violation of the law
or intent on the part of Pierce County
Commissioners to do anything not au-
thorized by the voters in passing a
\$2,500,000 bond issue for roads, W. O.
Chapman, judge, denied a petition from
restraining them from proceeding with
improvement of the east side drive, run-
ning from Seattle and Tacoma.

William Ramage and Abe Young, tax-
payers, sought a restraining order on
the ground that J. W. Slayden, a com-
missioner, was making the improve-
ment to add to the valuation of land he
owns.

MATT ZELL, 16, MISSING

Charles Reed Also Disappears With
\$300 and Foul Play Is Feared.

Mrs. Kate Zell, 1550 East Twenty-
first street, yesterday appealed to the
police to assist her in search for her
son, Matt, aged 16, who has been miss-
ing for several days. He weighs 150
pounds, is five feet five inches tall and
was dressed in a brown suit when he
left home.

Charles Reed, 228 1/2 Washington
street, was also reported as missing
yesterday. He was employed at the
Gem waffle house, 247 Alder street, and
had \$300 with him when last seen, ac-
cording to a report made at police
headquarters. Friends fear he may
have met with foul play.

Hawaii Territory 21 Years.

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 21.—(Spe-
cial.)—The territory of Hawaii reached

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mans, selling to \$49.50....

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mans, selling to \$59.50....

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has tired of them as they are, into at-
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came 21 years old. On August 21, 1898,
the Hawaiian flag was lowered from
the old palace and in its place was
flown the Stars and Stripes, signifying
the annexation of these islands to the
United States and the creation of Uncle
Sam's smallest territory. No particular
ceremonies marked the anniversary.

Belgian Wage Trouble Ends.
BRUSSELS, Wednesday, Aug. 20.—It
was announced in the senate today that
a settlement has been reached between
the government and the railway, postal

Government to Release Liners.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The Ameri-

ican passenger liners Finland, Kroon-
land and Louisville, formerly the St.
Louis, will be released from govern-
ment service as soon as repairs have
been made, the shipping board an-
nounced today.

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