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FIRES REKINDLED TO KILL BANDIT

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 4.—Sheriff Smith did not open the Utah-Apex mine last night, as he had intended, to see if Ralph Lopez, the suspected murderer, had been suffocated by the carbonic acid gas with which Smith and his deputies had filled the workings.

Instead, saying he wanted to make a certain job, he had the fires rebuilt at the mine entrance today and dense smoke was again pouring into the levels.

The plan of suffocating the outlaw in his place of refuge was endorsed both by the county commissioners and the county attorney.

A strong guard was still maintained over the mine. Last night the sentinels at one of the bulkheads fired at men who were stealthily approaching in the darkness.

Some people thought Lopez escaped early in the siege of the mine but Smith scoffed at the suggestion.

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN STEEL STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Unusual activity in steel marked the opening of the stock market today. Many large blocks of that stock changed hands.

Later the market moved up but copper shares lagged on reports of further shading in metal prices.

Though the market held steady the advance failed to bring in outside business.

Bonds were firm. The market closed active.

INDIANS ON WARPATH FOR IMPERIAL BANDITS

IMPERIAL JUNCTION, Cal., Dec. 4.—Indians are being used today to trail the pair of robbers who late Tuesday robbed the Palo Verde Valley bank at Blythe of \$5,000, after shooting and killing Cashier A. W. Bowles.

Officers of the bank have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the murderers. They also have retained a Los Angeles detective agency, which has sent several men to take up the hunt.

VERA CRUZ CENSORS WILSON'S MESSAGE

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 4.—General Maas, the federal commander here, today forbade Vera Cruz newspapers to publish President Wilson's recent message to the American congress.

WILSON'S MICAWBER POLICY.

PRESIDENT WILSON is again subject to jingo criticism because of his Mexican policy. In his message to congress he says:

There is but one cloud upon our horizon. That has shown itself to the south of us, and hangs over Mexico. There can be no certain prospect of peace in America until General Huerta has surrendered his usurped authority in Mexico; until it is understood on all hands, indeed, that such pretended governments will not be countenanced or dealt with by the government of the United States.

We are the friends of constitutional government in America; we are more than its friends, we are its champions, because in no other way can our neighbors, to whom we would wish in every way to make proof of our friendship, work out their own development in peace and liberty.

Mexico has no government. The attempt to maintain one at the City of Mexico has broken down, and a mere military despotism has been set up which has hardly more than the semblance of national authority.

This accurately sums up the situation. "Watchful waiting" seems the only possible policy that will prevent a bloody and needless war. So far it has succeeded. The usurper who seized the power through assassination and has maintained it by wholesale slaughter is nearly down and out.

Woodrow Wilson is a man of courage, for it takes more courage to withstand the clamor for war than it does to resist it. He playing the part of Micawber in the cause of humanity because it is the proper time to "wait for something to turn up."

John Barrett, whose long service as head of the Bureau of Latin Republics, qualifies him to discuss the matter, in a recent address justified the administration's policy in the following:

I say that armed intervention in Mexico would be the greatest disaster of American history. The struggle there is among Mexicans, not Mexico against the United States. I want you people to remember that great civil strife of 1861 and that reconstructive distress period of 10 years, then silence that cry for quiet in Mexico under penalty of a punitive war on our part.

Under God's wisdom, let us have no armed intervention.

SOB-SISTERING A MURDERESS.

A GREAT deal of sentimental slush is being indulged in throughout the nation over the prospective execution of Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, convicted in Connecticut of the murder of her husband.

Mrs. Wakefield did not participate in the killing, but she planned it with her paramour, who executed the wife's diabolical plot. Those who sign petitions of clemency because of opposition to the principle of capital punishment are not criticised, for they sign all petitions for clemency regardless of the personality of the culprit.

Strange to say, many of those most active in behalf of the murderess are ardent suffragists whose creed is equality of the sexes. Advocating equal opportunity in the constitution and before the law, they hysterically plead sex as the reason for unequal punishment of crime.

"I never had a chance. I never knew my rights," Mrs. Wakefield is reported as saying as her mother, "folded her to her heart." And straightway interviews galore from prominent club women appear in behalf of giving her a chance.

Mrs. Wakefield's story is one of the short and simple scandals of the poor. Married at 15, the mother of two children, her husband a drunken brute, she left him to live with another man, who she afterwards inspired to murder her spouse. And now this mother of 25 pleads as her excuse that "she never had a chance."

The murderess means she never had any moral sense, that her own mother failed to inculcate in her sense of right and wrong, that wife-hood and even motherhood did not develop it and only the shadow of the gallow created it, and it will probably fade as the shadow fades.

In other words, she is one of the numerous army of defectives that fill our asylums, penitentiaries and scaffolds, a victim of the sins of society sacrificed to save society.

The Greater Medford

I have lived in a great many cities, both in this country and abroad, and have been privileged to be in touch with the very best in music, literature and art and have been identified with a great many forces for social uplift, but have never, and I speak advisedly, known a club to be of such a high order as the Greater Medford club. While not a religious organization it is, nevertheless, purely Christian in its aims and works and in the things which it has accomplished. The results of its efforts are such that the most sceptical must realize and admit that its work is being done in his name.

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terpreters of the masters they have so carefully studied.

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