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VILLA EXECUTES LUIS TERRANZAS ASSERTS RUMOR

Millionaire's Son Held for Ransom Reported Hanged—Villa's Law- lessness Makes Situation Grave— Carranza Hastens to Intervene.

Villa Said to Have Seized Five Mil- lions of Foreigners' Property, But Authentic News Missing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—General Villa's behavior was worrying the administration today.

An unconfirmed report was even current that he had hanged Luis Terranzas, the Mexican millionaire's son, because he was not ransomed promptly enough.

If the stories told by refugees from Chihuahua City are true, it was admitted the situation is serious. These stories did not take the form of official complaints, but assuming them to be substantially accurate, no attempt was made to conceal the fact that the rebel leader's attitude threatens trouble for the United States in solving the Mexican problem.

Unpleasant Rumors

Secretary of State Bryan telegraphed to American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City for a report, but did not say what reply he had received. As unpleasant a report as any that was current was to the effect that Villa had refused to let Letcher telegraph a cipher report to the state department.

The hanging of Terranzas, should it prove really to have happened, would also be likely to mean grave complications. As a Mexican subject, the United States would not ordinarily have had anything to say concerning the Chihuahua magnate's fate, but the fact that he was taken from the British consulate put a different face on the matter. The rebels were said to have gone so far as to threaten Consul Harry Scofield that they would break in the consulate door unless he surrendered the refugee.

Accounts of Villa's seizure of stores, factories and stocks of goods, some of them belonging to foreigners, to the value of \$5,000,000; that he had threatened to expel German Consul Kueck for protesting against the exaction of tribute from the Kaiser's subjects, and finally that he actually had expelled the Spanish residents were further sources of anxiety.

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HITCHCOCK READ OUT OF PARTY FOR ACTS ON CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Owen this afternoon practically read Senator Hitchcock out of the democratic party.

By his attempts to alter the administration's currency bill Hitchcock has not endeared himself lately to his democratic fellow senators. Consequently, when Hitchcock, resenting certain attacks made on him on the senate floor, asked today to have them expunged from the record, Owen was ready for him.

Hitchcock's actions, he said, had not shown party loyalty and he plainly invited the Nebraskan to leave the democratic party. The references Hitchcock had objected to, however, were unanimously expunged.

Senator Lewis, democratic whip, predicted a vote on the currency bill by Thursday.

By a vote of 40 to 35 the senate defeated the first of Senator Hitchcock's amendments to the currency bill. The amendment was intended to fix the number of regional banks for reserve at four and to require the sale of the reserve banks' stock first to the public. Senator Poin-dexter voted with the democrats.

SUFFRAGISTS WHOSE REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MESSAGE WAS DENIED BY PRESIDENT WILSON.



SOME OF THE SUFFRAGISTS WHO APPEARED TO PRESIDENT WILSON

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President Wilson declined to grant the request of one hundred women suffragists who called on him at the White House, that he urge their cause in a message to Congress. They want Congress to submit to the States a constitutional amendment enfranchising women.

Besides this, Mr. Wilson told the women that he could not use the power of the administration to bring about the organization of a special committee in the House to take up the suffrage question. He gave them a measure of hope, however, by saying that already a member of the House Rules Committee had asked him for his personal opinion as to the advisability of establishing a House Suffrage Committee and he had replied that he thought it a proper thing to do.

REBELS WITHDRAW FROM TAMPICO SUFFERING HEAVILY

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 15.—Though the rebels had withdrawn from Tampico's immediate vicinity, according to wireless messages from Admiral Fletcher, it was believed a resumption of their attack was only a question of as much time as would be needed for them to resupply themselves with ammunition and bring up more artillery from Victoria.

Before going, Fletcher stated, the rebels cut the city's water supply. They also took with them all the locomotives from the railroad station, which they held for some time, furnishing them with means for greatly facilitating the transportation of military supplies to the front.

No definite news had been received as to the number of killed in the fighting, which appears to have continued up until late Saturday afternoon, but it was believed the fatalities were numerous. The rebels in particular, not having the advantage of fighting behind entrenchments, as the federals did, were said to have suffered heavily.

One message did mention the federals as having more than 200 wounded, and it was said American medical officers had gone ashore to aid in caring for them.

Edward Finley, said to be an American, was spoken of as having been slightly wounded, but it was understood no other foreigner was hurt.

PRESTON TO SUCCEED M'NAB AS PROSECUTOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The nomination of John W. Preston of Ukiah, Cal., to succeed John L. McNab as United States district attorney for the northern California district was sent to the senate today by President Wilson.

NORTH BANK HEAD CONFIRMS RESIGNATION

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 15.—In a message received today, J. H. Young, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, confirmed reports to the effect that he had resigned to take effect January 1.

\$20,000,000 LOAN FROM ENGLISH BANK CLAIMED BY HUERTA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—We are able to state this morning that English bankers have obtained \$20,000,000 to the Mexican government," announced the newspaper El Imparcial today. Believing it inspired by President Huerta, foreigners did not accept this statement implicitly, however.

Hearing that most of the rebels in Guaymas had gone south into Sinaloa, General Ojeda, commanding the federals at Guaymas, sallied out with 1000 men to learn if it were true. He found it was not, for he met a hot resistance and fell back into the city.

Though the war office denied them, most people believed the reports that the rebels had captured Salinas Victoria, in Nueva Leon state, killing Colonel Aristo, the federal commander, in the fight.

Louis Baird, English, a mining engineer, was a prisoner in bandits' hands today in the state of Jalisco. Unless thirty thousand pesos were sent to ransom him, it was said he would be shot.

HEIRESS KEEPS STENOGRAPHER'S JOB

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Miss Challetta Hall, aged 19, employed as a stenographer by Swift & Co., worked today, despite the fact that her uncle, Joseph Snyder of California, who died recently, had willed her \$500,000, provided she married within a year for love.

"I have never experienced true love," said Miss Hall, "and I shall never marry unless I do. There is no prospect of my acquiring that \$500,000 very soon."

POSTCARD RECEIVED FROM JESSIE M'CANN

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A postcard signed "Jessie," believed to have been sent by Miss Jessie McCann, the missing daughter of William McCann, a wealthy wholesale grocer, was received at the McCann home here today. It read:

"Dear Mother: I will be home Thursday afternoon. Do not worry." Miss McCann, a prominent social worker, disappeared December 5. Her parents believe she is being detained somewhere against her will.

\$300,000 BLAZE REVENGES ARREST MRS. PANKHURST

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Militant suffragettes started a fire at Devonport today which did \$300,000 damage.

The conflagration entirely destroyed the Fox-Elliott company's lumber yard and several nearby buildings. For a time it threatened to spread to still other structures, and soldiers from the Devonport barracks and sailors from the warships in the harbor were called to the firemen's aid. The incendiaries left a placard posted near the scene of the fire, inscribed "Revenge for Mrs. Pankhurst."

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who, like her mother, has been serving a jail sentence for inciting a riot, was released this afternoon at the point of death from a hunger, thirst and sleep strike.

Besides refusing to eat, or drink, she walked constantly about her cell to keep herself from sleeping. When given her liberty under the "cat and mouse" act, she was at the point of collapse from exhaustion.

Suffragette leaders, referring to Mrs. Pankhurst, who is still in prison, also refusing to eat or drink, sent the following telegram to King George:

"In your majesty's name a noble woman is being done to death. We call upon your majesty to stop this crime before it is too late."

MOOSE EMBEZZLER SEEN IN MEDFORD

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 15.—Search was continued here today for C. A. Rudell, who disappeared after a warrant had been issued for his arrest charging him with embezzlement of funds from the Moose lodge, of which he was treasurer.

It was rumored here that Rudell had been seen in Medford.

A message received by Mrs. Rudell that her husband had met with foul play was believed to be a fake.

POISONED LUNCHES BAIT FOR MURDERER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 15.—That attempts have been made to poison Ralph Lopez, Mexican murderer, besieged in the Utah-Apex mine near Bingham by a posse numbering more than two hundred men, was reported here today.

ARMY AND NAVY SOCIETY ASKED TO EXPLAIN ITS SATIRE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In compliance with a request from President Wilson, Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels today asked explanations from Quartermaster General Aleshire and Rear Admiral Howard to satirical references to the administration's Philippine policy at Thursday's annual banquet of the Order of the Caribou, an army and navy society, at which Aleshire and Howard were the senior officers present.

Objection was raised, among other things, to one of the songs—"Damn, Damn, Damn the Insurrectos." Offense was also given by the exhibition of three big models of battleships labeled the "Fellowship," "Friendship," and "Piffle." A moving picture showing a three year pursuit of a Filipino rebel colonel who was finally captured, only to be made governor of a province, also was criticized.

It was made plain by the president, through Garrison and Daniels, that while outsiders may satirize the administration as they please, those in its service, like army and navy officers, should refrain from ridiculing its policies, even though they don't support them.

"We shall endeavor to learn whether the facts warrant a court martial and a reprimand," said Secretary Garrison.

The president this afternoon withdrew from membership in the Caribou society, with which he has had an honorary connection.

BUSINESS MEN SEEK LOWER COAL RATES

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The fight of the Business Men's League against the Baltimore and Ohio, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, the Missouri Pacific, the Rock Island, and nearly a score of other roads, on the question of coal rates to St. Louis was resumed here today at the federal building before Interstate Commerce Commissioner James B. Harlan. The whole fight centers around a 20 cent arbitrary toll rate on all coal crossing the railroad bridges into St. Louis from East St. Louis. It is possible that the commissioner may also further consider the request of the North Springfield mines for a fifteen cent cut under "Egypt" based on the alleged class relation of the railroads and the Southern Illinois coal companies.

RETELL STORY OF GIRL'S MURDER BY SCHMIDT IN COURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Details of the murder of Anna Aumuller, as told by Hans Schmidt, the unfrocked priest, on the day of his arrest, were recounted from the witness stand this afternoon by Police Inspector Faurot, the detective who ran the confessed slayer to earth. A crowded courtroom, composed mostly of women, listened breathlessly.

Faurot denied that Schmidt was subjected to the "third degree," adding:

"We took Schmidt to the flat where he had killed Miss Aumuller and dismembered her body. He described to us in an even voice just how he crept into the girl's room while she slept. He said he carried a butcher-knife and a saw.

"Schmidt's frame shook with sobs as he told how he cut up Miss Aumuller's throat, and then carried the corpse to the bathroom. 'I severed the head first,' Schmidt, told us, 'and then I dismembered the body. It was gruesome and it required exactly three days for me to dispose of the remains, bit by bit.'"

MYSTERY SURROUNDS ARREST OF COOLEY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Aaron R. Cooley, aged 47, said to be a brewer of Portland, Oregon, was arrested here today at the instance of Stephen Doyle, a special representative of Governor West of Oregon.

Doyle intimated that the arrest was in connection with a crime committed fourteen years ago, but refused to go into details. He said any information concerning the case must come from Governor West. Cooley also refused to talk.

CINCINNATI REFUSES TO SELL JOE TINKER

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 13.—The directors of the Cincinnati National League Baseball club this afternoon disapproved of the sale of Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the club, to the Brooklyn Nationals. This was believed to mean that Tinker will be reinstated as manager of the Reds. Brooklyn offered the Cincinnati club \$25,000 for Tinker's release.

ACCUSE BULLIS OF CONSPIRACY TO GRAB MINE

Sterling Mining Company Secures In- junction Against Owner of Med- ford Trolley and Sons, Alleging Company Double-Crossed.

Agreement Violated and Property Permitted to Go to Sheriff's Sale and Bid In—Water Rights Seized.

Alleging conspiracy to defraud, and charging Spencer S. Bullis and his sons, G. C. Bullis and R. S. Bullis, with attempting to secure by a judgment of \$1000, ownership of the Sterling mine, valued at \$400,000, famous as the largest placer in the world, together with water rights involved, by double-crossing them upon an agreement, the Sterling Mining company through its attorneys, A. E. Reames and Durham & Richard, secured Monday from Judge Calkins a temporary injunction restraining the Bullis' from further activities in connection therewith.

Loaned Company \$10,000

It is alleged in the complaint that Spencer S. Bullis, who is the owner of the Medford trolley franchise, became possessed of a large amount of the capital stock of the Sterling Mining company as collateral security for loans made by him to T. H. Barnsdall. That the company was in financial embarrassment in November, 1912, owing the Nunan-Taylor company \$810.45, the Jackson County bank \$2500, and Y. H. Allen \$1400, and that it was necessary to do certain work upon the property to protect it and maintain its water rights, and that Mr. Bullis proposed to loan the company \$10,000, to be secured by mortgage, the money to be used liquidating the indebtedness. The remainder of the \$10,000 was to be spent repairing ditches and investigating the property, and if such investigation proved the property a valuable mine, Mr. Bullis would furnish the additional money necessary to put it into operation. The proposal was accepted, the loan authorized and the mortgage executed.

The complaint says that instead of complying with the agreement, Mr. Bullis allowed the mine to be sold by the sheriff to satisfy the Nunan-Taylor judgment, and through R. S. Bullis, bought the property and now claims ownership upon sheriff's deed.

Allege Double-Cross

In part the complaint reads: "That soon after being placed in the possession of the property of the plaintiff, the defendant, Spencer S. Bullis, discovered that plaintiff's property was very rich in gold and of great value, and conceived and entertained a desire to be possessed of and acquire title to the same, and, actuated by greed, envy and cupidly and with a desire to acquire and appropriate to himself the plaintiff's property, the defendant, Spencer S. Bullis, and his two sons, the defendants, J. G. Bullis and R. S. Bullis, conspired, confederated and agreed together, each with the other, to enter upon, and did enter upon, a plan, scheme and system of actions for the purpose and with the intent of defrauding and dispossessing the plaintiff of said property and acquiring the same to their own use

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30-DAY REPRIEVE FOR HENRY SPENCER

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A reprieve of thirty days from December 19, was granted today to Henry Spencer, sentenced to die for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, a Chicago teaching of dancing, by Governor Dunne to allow Spencer's attorney time to appeal to the supreme court. Attorney Zeman said he expected to prove Spencer was insane at the time he murdered Mrs. Rexroat. He also charged that the police "railroaded" his client.