

VILLA SHOTS AN ENGLISHMAN

W. H. Benton, Rancher, Killed by Rebel Leader When He Goes to Uphraid for Vandalism Upon Ranch—Complications With Britain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Serious complications are feared as the result of the shooting of William H. Benton, an Englishman, by a firing squad at Juarez Wednesday night.

Discussed by Cabinet Bryan gave out the news of Benton's death on his way to a cabinet meeting.

The text of the telegram announcing Benton's death was also kept secret.

It was just before his departure that Villa had asked Consul Edwards to inform Mrs. Benton of her husband's death.

Shot by Villa Himself? The court martial which condemned Benton to death was said to have been held Tuesday night.

If England or the United States demands explanations, it is believed Villa would say Benton entered his office and threatened him with a revolver.

Benton was last seen alive in Juarez Tuesday, headed for Villa's headquarters.

FIGHT ODDS FAVOR ANDERSON 10 TO 6

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 20.—Bud Anderson of Medford and Red Watson of Los Angeles, welterweights are scheduled to clash here tonight in a 20 round bout at Pavilion Rink.

Anderson ruled a strong 10 to 6 favorite over Watson, despite reports that he is having trouble in making the required 138 pounds.

Charlie Miller, the giant motorman and Jim Cameron, negro, will meet in a ten round special heavy-weight event.

Kid Exposito of Portland and Henry Dickey of Oakland are carded to go ten rounds, and two short round bouts complete the program.

The University club will hold its first annual ball this evening and the affair, the first of its kind, will be one of the society events of the pre- Lenten season.

GOETHALS ASKS REPEAL OF TOLLS

Canal Builder Would Have Every Vessel, American or Foreign, Pay Canal Tolls at Panama—Open Canal by July 1.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—President Wilson's plan to repeal the exemption clause of the Panama canal tolls met with the approval here today of Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the great waterway.

"I always have favored a plan to make every vessel, whether American or foreign, pay canal tolls," Goethals said.

No Danger of Slides "We have every expectation of opening the canal July 1. There is no danger of slides close to the waterway," though geologists say minor slides may be expected when the water rises to its full level in the cut.

Colonel Goethals said he expected to remain in the United States several months, spending most of his time visiting his son.

It was understood Colonel Goethals will ask an appropriation of \$23,500,000 to complete the canal—\$7,500,000 more than the appropriation as fixed at present—though he expects to save about \$5,000,000 by a reduction in the construction force.

Is Not in Politics Colonel Goethals admitted that he was trying to work out a problem of disposing of the canal machinery.

The equipment used by the Panama railroad," added Goethals, "is much wider than the standard gauge proposed for the Alaskan railroad."

Colonel Goethals declared he was not in politics when asked about the efforts of certain democrats to induce him to run for the governorship of New York.

DENOUNCES VILLA AND DISAPPEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—That W. H. Benton, the British mine owner and ranchman who recently crossed from El Paso to Juarez to denounce General Villa to his face, undoubtedly was dead was admitted today by Secretary of State Bryan.

Benton, angered by damage to his Mexican properties, made no concealment of his intention, when he left El Paso, to tell Villa what he thought of him. He never returned.

El Paso despatches said Mrs. Benton remained there, prostrated by anxiety.

BOMB WRECKS THREE BUILDINGS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Twelve persons were injured by flying glass here today as a result of three buildings being partly wrecked by a bomb explosion.

THREE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS RECORDED IN NEVADA BENO, Nev., Feb. 20.—Three light earthquake shocks were recorded here early today by the seismograph at the University of Nevada. No damage was reported.

TRAIN ROBBERS SECURE \$100,000

Three Bandits Hold Up Mail Car of Queen & Crescent's Passenger Train at Irondale, Ala., Getting From \$40,000 to \$100,000.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 20.—With booty in their possession to the estimated value of \$40,000 to \$100,000, three bandits who held up the mail car on the Queen & Crescent's New York-New Orleans passenger train at Irondale last night, were being hunted today by men and dogs in the country northeast of here.

In looting the car the outlaws met with resistance from Chief Mail Clerk A. B. Merville and one of the trio struck him down with a knife, wounding him painfully, though not dangerously, in the shoulders.

Members of the train crew were of the opinion that the men got aboard at Atalla and made their way forward through the coaches, donning masks when they were ready for business.

At a safe distance from the train they forced their way into the mail car, surprised the clerks who, busy at their work, had not realized that anything was wrong.

Railroad officials were of the opinion that the bandits knew the night's mail would be especially well worth looting.

NO 8 HOUR DAY FOR LUMBER MAKERS

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 20.—In an open letter to the public today the mill operators of Willapa Harbor threw down the gauntlet to labor unions and declared their intention of standing unitedly against the eight-hour day and the closed shop.

"We will operate our mills and camps in the future as in the past, ten hours per day, or as many hours as we consider it advisable, according to conditions that may arise from time to time.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL SENT BY PARCEL POST

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 20.—Following her arrival here by parcel post from Grangeville, Idaho, little four-year-old May Pierstorff is enjoying a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. C. G. Vennigerholz, today.

WRESTLER ELOPES WITH 12-YEAR-OLD

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—Glen Bailey, a professional wrestler, 21 years old and Margaret Chamberlain, aged 12, were taken from a Southern Pacific train here early today by Portland police who had been summoned by the train crew.

MEMBERS INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION



Henry Clay Hall Professor Winthrop M. Daniels Henry Clay Hall and Professor Winthrop M. Daniels have been nominated by the president for members of the interstate commerce commission.

PRACTICE PEONAGE IN COPPER MINES

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 20.—Practical peonage in the Michigan copper mining country was charged today before the committee of congressmen investigating strike conditions by Gabriel Mahtson, leader of a gang of Armenian strikebreakers brought into the district in November.

DOUBLE HANGING OF WIFE MURDERERS

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 20.—Two wife murderers were electrocuted today in the state penitentiary here. They were John Chereka, aged 40, and Harry Rasico, 35 years old.

BANDIT CASTILLO PLEADS INNOCENCE

EL PASO, Feb. 20.—Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit accused of responsibility for the Cumbre tunnel tragedy, arrived here this afternoon under a heavy guard of United States soldiers and was locked up in the guardhouse at Ft Bliss in a cell adjoining General Salazar's.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

WILSON FAVORS PINCHOT'S PLANS

Administration on Record as Approving Conservation—Garrison Reverses Himself in Connection With Roanoke River Dam Project.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Wilson administration went on record here today in approval of the Gifford Pinchot school of conservation.

This stand was taken when Secretary of War Garrison reversed himself in connection with the Roanoke river dam project.

Secretary Garrison, with President Wilson's approval, will ask for authorization to issue permits for the construction of water power projects, with the stipulation that they be issued only to concerns incorporated as public utilities under state laws and so restricted that control by monopolistic corporations will be impossible.

VOLUNTEER FIREBOYS STRIKE FOR PHONES

Eighteen members of the Medford volunteer fire department have gone on a strike in protest against the city council's decree to deprive them of telephones at the city's expense.

CREATE PARK FUND FOR CRATER LAKE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Senator Chamberlain today reported favorably from the committee on public lands a bill to create the "Crater Lake National Park Revenue Fund."

ARMSTRONG ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED GRAFTING

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—County School Superintendent Armstrong and his brother, Robert H. Armstrong, were placed on trial before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh today charged with having furnished secret and special information regarding an examination for police captain while A. P. Armstrong was a member of the city civil service commission.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

ASHLAND FAIR EXHIBIT FAVORED

Boosters Return From Development League Meeting at Eugene Enthusiastic Over Progress Made for Proposed Display Building.

Ashland forty strong returned from the Oregon Development League meeting this morning enthusiastic over the success of the gathering and certain that the exhibit will be established in that city in 1915.

When the train stopped at Medford the Ashland boosters lined up at the depot and to the following questions yelled in chorus "absolutely."

Did we get what we went after? Absolutely! Do you love Eugene? Absolutely! Are you glad to be back in the Rogue river valley? Absolutely!

The members of the delegation were unanimous in their praise of the hospitality and cordial treatment received at the hands of Eugene and all believed that there is no further question regarding the building of the exhibit building at Ashland and the hearty co-operation by every district in the state.

The naming of representatives of the Commercial clubs to attend the Salem meeting will be left to the various commercial bodies.

TWO DEATHS DUE TO HEAVY STORM

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 20.—Two deaths due to the unusual rain-storms sweeping southern California were reported today.

ARMSTRONG ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED GRAFTING

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—County School Superintendent Armstrong and his brother, Robert H. Armstrong, were placed on trial before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh today charged with having furnished secret and special information regarding an examination for police captain while A. P. Armstrong was a member of the city civil service commission.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

BEALL CENSURED BY GRAND JURY

Recommend Multnomah Grand Jury Indict and Prosecute Road Contractor for Libel of County Judge Tou Velle—Vandals Reproved.

Recommending Beall & Co., road machinery contractors, to the Multnomah county grand jury for indictment for attempted slander of County Judge F. L. Tou Velle, censuring A. P. A. fanatics for alleged acts of vandalism, commending the orchard clean-up campaign, recommending the abolition of the county pathologist's office and praising the county poor farm and county officials generally, the grand jury finished its labors Thursday evening and was discharged.

"We respectfully report that we have investigated all criminal matters brought to our attention and have returned true bills in five cases not true bills in four others.

The Beall Scandal "Some scandal attaching to the letting of the contract for the Pacific highway sometime ago was investigated by this jury and witnesses were brought from Portland.

It was voted to hold a meeting of members of the state legislature, members of the state commission on the Panama Pacific exposition and a committee of men from the several delegations at yesterday's meeting in Portland March 2, to talk over the question of maintaining an exhibit at Ashland during the exposition.

The publication of this libel having occurred in Multnomah county we are without jurisdiction to return an indictment but we respectfully recommend that the portion of this report dealing with this subject be transmitted to the district attorney of that county with the recommendation that the matter be submitted

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.

ICE AND MOTORS STOCKS SHOW GAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Early trading in stocks today moved sluggishly, and there was no positive trend to the market.