

WATCHFUL WAITING STILL WILSON POLICY

PROTEST FROM TEXAS PART OF POLITICAL PLAY

Official Anxiety Over Benton Incident Manifested, But No Change in Policy Probable—No Fresh Demands Made by England.

Benton Tried by Court Martial and Sentenced to Death on Conviction for Conspiring for Villa's Death.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Concealment of officialdom's anxiety over the Benton incident at Juarez was hardly attempted at the state department today. England, however, it was known, had made no new demands, Ambassador Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice having assured Secretary Bryan that he would not take the Benton matter up with London until he received full details of the circumstances of the Englishman's death. It was plain that there was the gravest danger of English public sentiment forcing the London government to ask a change in the United States' passive to an active policy in Mexico. As against this, it was insisted both at the state department and the executive offices that President Wilson would remain as strongly opposed as ever to intervention.

More Men Missing
The state department had received no official information of the disappearance of two more Englishmen, Lawrence and Curtis. Secretary Bryan enjoined silence upon his subordinates.

It was stated on official authority, however, that the administration would ignore the El Paso meeting. At the state department it was intimated, indeed, that ex-Governor Curry of New Mexico, the chief speaker of the occasion, was playing politics. He is admittedly anti-administration.

An American, too—Gustave Bauch, previously a prisoner in Juarez, charged with being a spy—had disappeared.

Tried by Court Martial
The hope still lingered in Washington that General Villa might have executed Benton's death falsely to keep other foreigners away.

It was thought likely Lawrence, Curtis and Bauch had been transferred from Juarez to Chihuahua City.

United States Consul Edwards, at Juarez, reported that he had investigated Benton's death fully and found he was legally tried by court martial. He believed Villa was justified in convening and sentencing to death on conviction of conspiring for Villa's death.

TEXAS PROTEST TO WATCHFUL WAITING READ IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—"William H. Benton was murdered like a dog by General Villa," read Senator Fall of New Mexico, in the upper house here today from a telegram he had received from Chairman R. M. Dudley of the El Paso mass meeting held last night as a sequel to Benton's death in Juarez.

"It is almost certain that Villa did it personally," the telegram continued. "There is no evidence that Benton was the aggressor. Everything indicates it was a coldblooded murder."

"Castillo is the guest of our government, in safety and without punishment. Villa is boasting of his crime."

"Is there no protection anywhere? El Paso is full of rebel officers. The business affairs of the army are openly done here."

"Your thousands of friends here want to hear your voice in the senate in behalf of the sentiment that 'watchful waiting' is a failure."

NAME STEVENS AS PROBABLE HEAD OF GREAT NORTHERN RY.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 21.—L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, and John F. Stevens, famous engineer and railroad builder, formerly president of the Hill lines in Oregon, are spoken of today as probable successors to Carl R. Gray, as president of the Great Northern railway. Rumors to the effect that President Gray will leave the Great Northern in the very near future to cast his lot with the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad as president have been revived.

POWER COMPANY CENSURED BY JURY IN CURRY INQUEST

Condemnation of the power company for maintaining high tension and telephone wires closely suspended on the same pole, and for lack of tension-house of the coroner's jury filed this morning, after investigating the causes leading up to the death of R. C. Curry by electrocution in the bathroom of his own home at Ray Gold last Saturday.

The verdict in full is: "State of Oregon, county of Jackson, ss: Inquisition taken at Medford on the 20th and 21st day of February, 1914, before A. E. Kellogg, coroner of said county, upon view of the body of Richard C. Curry, then and there lying dead, upon the oath of six good and lawful men of said county, who, being duly summoned and sworn to inquire into all the circumstances attending the death of the said Richard C. Curry, and by whom the same was produced, and in what manner and when and where the said Richard C. Curry came to his death, do say upon their oath aforesaid, we find deceased was aged 36 years, a native of Tennessee, and came to his death on the 15th day of February, 1914, at Ray Gold, in this county. We find according to the evidence rendered that the deceased Richard C. Curry, came to his death by the passage of a high-voltage current through his body. The current at the time of death was much in excess of the normal, 110 volts. We also notice and condemn as unsafe the excessive number of wires, consisting of high tension, no tension house service lines and telephone wires closely suspended upon the same poles next the dwelling where the accident occurred. We recommend that this and such similar conditions wherein existing be rectified. "In witness whereof, as well as the said coroner as the jurors aforesaid, as to this inquisition, set their hands and seals the day and date hereof.

RAPP AROUSED BY DIVA'S CHARGES OF MISCONDUCT

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Though William Rapp, Jr., would not discuss today yesterday's amendment to the divorce petition filed against him by his wife, Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, in which he was accused of misconduct with Mrs. K. E. Deano of New York, persons who him well said that he at last he had been aroused to a point where he would fight back hard.

4 LOSE LIVES IN CALIFORNIA FLOOD WATERS

Fifty Houses at Los Angeles Washed Away and Hundreds Forced to Leave Homes—Business Suspended—Main Streets Under Water.

Telegraph and Telephone and Railroad Service Completely Paralyzed as Result of Three Days' Storm.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—Carrying death and destruction in its wake, Los Angeles and the four adjoining counties were still helpless this afternoon in the grip of the worst storm to visit southern California in recent years. Four persons were known to be dead, but it was believed the list would be increased when communication with a dozen or more outlying districts is restored.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—Four persons were known to have met death today in the storm which has been raging in southern California for the past forty-eight hours. The dead:

R. W. Hamlin, drowned at Santa Barbara.

J. C. Rockwell, drowned at Carpinteria.

Miss Grace Sprague, drowned at Victorville.

Mexican named Gonzalez drowned in Los Angeles.

Other reports of fatalities were received here, but up to 11 o'clock had not been verified.

At least fifty homes along the Arroyo Seco were washed away by the flood. Hundreds of persons were forced to leave their homes. All the bridges over the stream except two have been washed out.

Except for the wireless, Los Angeles was cut off from all outside communication both by rail and wire. Hundreds of homes have been abandoned within the city.

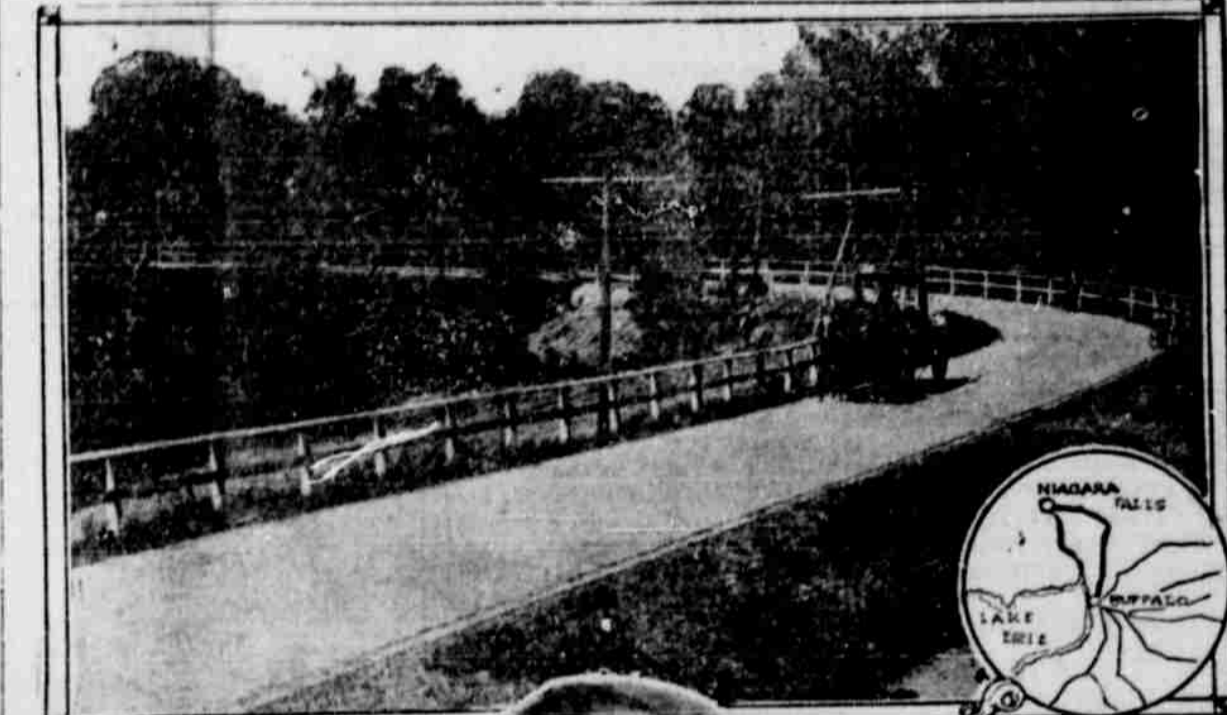
Business in Los Angeles throughout the day was at a standstill. Main street, Spring street and Broadway, the three principal business streets of the city, were inundated and impassable. Scores of basements were flooded and the loss from this source alone will run into thousands.

Telegraph and railroad service were completely paralyzed as the result of the three days of unprecedented rainfall. The only means of communication was by the Federal Wireless company, and the reports of the fatalities and heavy property loss were flashed to the outside world by its instruments.

Streetcar service was at a standstill. The storm wrought havoc in six southern California counties. A terrific storm also prevailed at sea.

The Grants Pass basket ball team will pass through the city tonight at 6:15 o'clock en route to Ashland in a special train, where they will play a game.

WITH FIFTY MILLION IN SIGHT FOR EMPIRE STATE ROADS, ERIE COUNTY OBJECT LESSON IS FOCUS FOR ENGINEERS



A glimpse of typical Erie county highway and William C. Perkins and George C. Liehl.

Permanence is to be the watchword in spending a major part of the fifty millions now available for New York state roads, owing to the success of what is known as the Erie county policy. Under Engineers George T. Diehl and William C. Perkins, Erie county which surrounds Buffalo spent a large part of previous appropriations upon a network of brick highways, leading every way from the city, one of the finest of which extends seventeen miles to Niagara Falls. "Such a highway properly built," says Perkins, "has practically no expense for maintenance."



BLUE SKY LAW VIOLATIONS PROBED BY GRAND JURY

Investigation of alleged violations of the blue sky law, the operation of which has put thousands of dollars of Jackson county capital into mining land and oil prospects in other states and nations, will be begun next Tuesday when a new grand jury will be called. Witnesses who have bought stock will be called. Corporation Commissioner Ralph Watson will aid in the investigation. One indictment has already been returned by the grand jury for blue sky law violations.

A further probe into the malicious attempts of disgruntled contractors in bidding for the Pacific highway work will be made, this time affecting a contractor who is alleged to have written anonymous letters libeling the state and county officials.

Another matter coming before the inquisitorial body will be the case of a long-standing feud over the ownership of a road in the Applegate country, which is said to have reached a dangerous point, with deadly threats being hurled.

MARIE LLOYD TO WED FAMOUS JOCKEY AT PORTLAND TODAY

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 21.—Bringing to an end an episode that has been of interest both in America and England, Marie Lloyd, the English comedienne, and Bernard Dillon, her manager, were married here this afternoon at the British consulate. Father Thompson, a Catholic priest, performed the ceremony. British Consul Douglas Erskine and Vice-Consul John B. Trent were present. Mrs. Collins, traveling companion of Miss Lloyd, was the maid of honor, and Joseph Binn, a vaudeville actor, was best man.

At the conclusion of the ceremony every one kissed the bride, who apparently was very happy. An elaborate wedding dinner was served at the Portland hotel.

The wedding license was secured by Miss Lloyd. The actress gave her age as 33. Dillon's age is represented as 26.

British Consul Douglas Erskine of Portland accompanied Miss Lloyd to the county clerk's office and vouched for the parties to the marriage contract.

HARDWARE SHOP FOUND IN STOMACH OF PENCIL PEDDLER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 21.—The somersaulting of a pencil during the night in his stomach caused the death at the city and county hospital here early today of James Clark, a one-legged pencil peddler. An autopsy performed shortly before noon by Dr. C. B. Montgomery showed that Clark's insides were lined with all manner of hardware. Here are a few of the things found in Clark's stomach:

One metal handled knife with a large blade opened. The blade was 4 3/4 inches long.

A piece of metal 3 1/4 inches long and 1/2 inch wide, with a sharp point at each end.

A piece of wood wrapped with rawhide, apparently a revolver cleaner.

An unsharpened lead pencil eight inches long, with the rubber and metal parts intact.

A piece of whipstock seven inches long.

BUD ANNOUNCES RING RETIREMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Bud Anderson of Medford, who was knocked out last night by Red Watson in the fifth round of a scheduled twenty-round bout, announced his retirement from the ring here this afternoon. He also admitted that he was on the point of calling off the Watson match several times and would have done so had he not posted a forfeit.

Anderson has not informed Dick Donald, his manager, of his intention to retire from the ring. The pair have gone different ways after last night's bout.

"Bud certainly ought to retire," was all Donald had to say when informed of Anderson's intentions.

Donald intends to make his home either in San Francisco or Los Angeles. He will remain here for two or three weeks and then pay a brief visit to Medford to wind up his business affairs.

GENERAL VILLA AND HIS TROOPS IN ACTION



In the foreground of this photo is seen General Villa, the Mexican rebel leader. He is at the head of his troops, which took Ojinaga from the

federals. Villa is given credit for being one of the boldest Mexican leaders in actual warfare. He generally goes into action with his men

to go with his men.

\$30,000 REWARD IS OFFERED FOR TRAIN ROBBERS

All Possible Means of Escape of Two Bandits Who Cold-Bloodedly Killed Three Passengers on Great Northern Near Bellingham Cut Off.

Posses Scouring Country—Railroad Hangs Up Purse for Capture, Dead or Alive.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 21.—L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, is in Seattle today, and his first official act here was to announce a reward of \$30,000 for the apprehension, dead or alive, of the bandits who killed three passengers near Bellingham last night on the Seattle-Vancouver train.

Fifteen thousand dollars of the amount will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the bandit first captured. The remainder of the reward is subject to conditions in a circular issued by Hill announcing the reward.

Escape Cut Off

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 21.—All possible means of escape of the two bandits who last night held up the Great Northern passenger train at Samish Station, south of this city, are being guarded by a dozen or more posses of armed men today, and it is the hope of the officers that the desperadoes will be caught before night. The reward of \$5000 apiece for the bandits, offered by the railroad, is influencing many men to join in the manhunt.

Early this morning Dave and Mose Henry, veteran hunters of Skagit county, took their hounds to the place where the bandits left the train. The dogs took a trail at once, trailing up over the hillside with the strong-lined hunters behind. Another posse is scouring the mountain side from Blanchard, and still another posse left the city and is searching the woods in the vicinity of Alger.

Out With Posses

Sheriff L. A. Thomas of Whatcom county and Deputy Sheriff Stevenson of Skagit county are both out with posses. J. J. Davis of Seattle and E. J. Keith of Everett, detectives for the Great Northern, arrived this morning with a number of men and are now searching for the bandits. The combined forces make a formidable array.

The railroad tracks for five miles about the scene of the holdup is guarded with men armed with rifles. Every bridge and crossroad and railroad station for miles about are closely guarded. It was expected that the bloodhounds from Monroe would be on the scene this morning, but the men in charge failed to connect with the train.

The bodies of R. L. Lee, Bremerton, and Thomas F. Wadsworth and H. R. Adkison of Vancouver, B. C., are held in a local morgue, awaiting word from relatives.

HAWAIIANS PLEASED WITH PHOENIX ORCHARD

H. F. Lewis of Honolulu, H. I., called at the Commercial club rooms before leaving Saturday. He is president of Laurel Hill orchard located near Phoenix. J. W. Peart, local manager. His associates in the 400 acre property are Judge Clemens, federal judge of the Hawaii Islands, also Wm. Henry High, sheriff. These gentlemen will visit Rogue river valley this summer.

Mr. Lewis was highly pleased with the management of this property and intends to spend a large amount of money in making it a first class orchard and stock proposition. He has now two hundred head of hogs on the ranch and there are 100 acres in commercial fruit.