

FULL DETAILS BENTON CASE IN BRYAN'S HANDS

Account of Court Martial and Execution Received and Being Translated—Army Surgeon to Examine Corpse When Widow Views It.

Foreign Relations Committee Considers Situation—President Asked About Protection for Americans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A detailed account of William H. Benton's court martial and execution at Juarez was received at the state department this afternoon. It was in Spanish and its translation was progressing as rapidly as possible. Its source was not stated, nor was it announced whether, when translated, it would be published.

Secretary of State Bryan announced officially that an army surgeon will examine Benton's corpse when, in accord with General Villa's permission, the widow is allowed to see it. Villa agreed to this examination by a properly accredited representative of the United States government. It was believed the examination would show whether Benton was killed out of hand by Villa or executed by a firing squad.

American Citizen Killed
Bryan had not abandoned his efforts to have the body returned to the United States, though the English government signified it would be satisfied with an army surgeon's verdict.

Official confirmation was received of rumors that Clemente Vagarez, an American citizen, had been put to death near Nuevo Laredo. Earlier reports had it that Vagarez was killed by federalists, but the later version was that he was executed by the rebels.

It was said he was lured into his executioner's hands on the promise of indemnity for horses he had lost.

Secretary Bryan was closeted for some time today with the members of the senate foreign relations committee. "I detailed the facts concerning the situation in Mexico," he said when he emerged from the committee room, "and told what the government is doing in connection with the Benton case."

House Seeks Information
Representative Ainey of Pennsylvania introduced today in the house a resolution asking the president if not incompatible with the public interest, to inform the lawmakers what steps have been taken to protect the lives of American and other foreign residents in Mexico, and to give details of any outrages which have occurred.

The republicans plan to denounce the administration's Mexican policy tomorrow when the house discusses the army appropriation bill.

FARMERS USE GUNS TO PROTECT WATER

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Feb. 25.—Gun fighting between farmers and miners on Slate creek, this county, and employees of the Excelsior mining & Water company was threatened today. The company claims the creek water, ordered every one to cease using it and destroyed the irrigation ditches tapping it. The farmers and miners repaired the ditches and were guarding them today with shotguns, rifles and pistols.

M'GRAW SERIOUSLY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Manager Callahan of Chicago announced at the luncheon this afternoon that Manager McGraw of the New York Giants was seriously ill and unable to leave his room. McGraw, he said, was stricken with a threatened attack of pneumonia, shortly before noon.

PRESIDENT HUERTA AT A DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION



Despite his trials and the difficulties he finds himself in, President Huerta of Mexico has time for social affairs. In fact he is enjoying himself to the limit. Every evening he is entertained or entertains. In the days Huerta was a mere general or colonel in the Mexican army he did not associate with the best society in the capital. Being part or whole Indian, the pure-blooded Spaniards had no use for him. They rather looked down on him and his family. But since his rise to power he has proved himself the strongest man in Mexico, and now those who scorned him are glad enough to do him honor.

ABUSE BY DROWN DROVE WIFE CRAZY ALLEGES DEFENSE

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 25.—An altercation over mundane hams furnished a lone ray of humor in the Drown murder case continued today before Superior Judge Ogden. There was a sharp dispute as to whether the ham in question, which the murdered man had bought on credit and sold to buy liquor, could be introduced to the jury. Judge Ogden held that the hams could go in, despite the fact that they were supposititious, until proved. A clear idea of the line of defense was indicated in questions to jurors after Judge Ogden had thus let down the bars.

Mrs. Amelia Drown, the accused woman, sat immovable as a statue throughout the morning, her face cupped in her black gloved hands, not glancing at the jury, paying no attention even to the fourteen women in court, who sat beyond the rail. They claim they are girlhood friends of Mrs. Drown and have come from San Francisco and other bay points.

SPECULATORS FORCE PRICES DOWN SOME

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Generally lower prices marked early trading in stocks today. Mexican Petroleum and M. K. & T. each lost 1. An effort was made to influence the market by uncovering weak spots through speculative selling. Professional traders confined their attack principally to the southwestern railroad shares. Later weakness in this group spread to the general market. M. K. & T. common dropped 1 1/2 and the preferred 3. Bonds were easy. The market closed steady.

MEXICAN POLICY LEADING TO WAR SAYS CONGRESSMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In the house today Congressman Ainey was severe in his criticisms of the Mexican situation. "Conditions in Mexico have become intolerable," he said "and the American people are unwilling to have them continue. The peace, security and good will of this country with other countries is endangered. President Wilson's policy is not leading us toward peace, but irresistibly toward war.

"The time has come to intervene or to adopt some policy of determination which will cause these intolerable conditions to cease."

WEST STARTS FOR WASHINGTON SATURDAY

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Governor West is preparing to start Saturday for Washington, D. C., to co-operate with the Oregon delegation in congress for the adjustment of state land matters. Many were settled by Miss Fern Hobbs the governor's secretary, when she in Washington last fall, but the executive is particularly concerned with the bill now pending in the house authorizing the exchange of a solid piece of land in the Santiam National forest for school scattered lands. Another question is the relinquishment of land in the Coos Bay wagon road land grant.

COURT EMASCULATES FOOD LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—That the United States supreme court had drawn the teeth of the pure food and drugs act by recent decisions was the declaration here today of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief chemist in the department of agriculture. Discussing the court's ruling in the bleached flour case yesterday that adulteration must be harmful to health to come within the prohibition of the law, Dr. Wiley said:

"To permit the unrestricted addition of poisons to foods unless such can be proved specifically injurious, is to paralyze that section of the act relating to harmful adulterations. The court also dealt a body blow to the drug section of the law when it announced, in the Jansen cancer case, that the clause forbidding false and misleading statements applied only to the constituents of the medicines and not to their drug properties.

"According to the court's latest



ruling, a man may add traces of arsenic, strychnine and other drugs to food with impunity. The fault, according to the court's decision, consists in the phrase: "Which may prove harmful to health." The people should demand that congress immediately eliminate that phrase."

VILLA REFUSES TO HAND OVER BENTON'S BODY

Mexican Leader Will Allow Widow to View Remains, But Will Reinter at Once—Second Demand Made by Bryan—Polley Ninges Upon Result

Ugly Rumors Current—Bauch Believed Slain—Texans Likely to Recover Benton's Body Forcibly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Strong pressure on General Villa to surrender William H. Benton's body was brought today by the Washington administration. It was believed President Wilson's policy toward the Mexican rebels hinged on the result.

The situation unquestionably was most serious. England was incensed by Villa's refusal to hand over Benton's corpse to the widow. Secretary of State Bryan plainly was greatly worried, though he said nothing. He left the president's army and navy reception at 12 last night and went to the state department, where he spent most of the rest of the night.

Bryan Renews Demand
He carefully re-read the report by United States Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua City, saying that Villa would allow Mrs. Benton to see her husband's body but would immediately re-inter it. Then he sent fresh instructions to Letcher, in which it was understood he renewed in strong terms his demand on Villa to surrender the body at once.

The local Mexican rebel junta was also warned that the administration intends fully to investigate the Benton case, whether Villa likes it or not.

Ugly rumors were current. The state department was nearly convinced that Gustav Bauch, the German-American accused by Villa of being a federal spy, and Lawrence, the Englishman who went from El Paso to Juarez to look for Benton, had been executed. Not a clew could be found to the whereabouts of either.

Texans May Invade
Army officers on the board reported an intense anti-Mexican feeling. Unless Villa surrenders Benton's body, they said they were afraid his friends would cross the border and attempt to recover it forcibly. They were threatening to do so openly.

A report was current here that the war department had ordered the commanders of the four United States border cavalry posts to be ready to take the field on short notice.

Bryan would not give out a statement except to that the Mexican general's first reply to the demand for the surrender of Benton's body was a refusal even to let anyone see it, but that when American Consul Letcher told him he considered this unfriendly, Villa consented to let the widow view the corpse in the presence of American representatives.

The secretary did not say how he replied to this proposition but it was understood he reiterated his demand for the body's delivery. It was intimated, however, that if he persisted in his refusal the government might send an army surgeon to examine the corpse.

CONVICT STABS MATE WITH HOME MADE KNIFE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Thomas Clark, a convict at the state penitentiary here, today stabbed Herman Reynolds, a fellow-prisoner, using a knife he had made himself. The men were being led from their cells to close confinement in the prison yard and Harris made the attack as they left the corridor. Reynolds was severely cut about the head and hand.

FRANK GOTCH FATHER OF YOUNG WRESTLER

HUMBOLDT, Ia., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Frank Gotch, wife of the heavy-weight champion wrestler of the world, gave birth to a son here today.

MISS ZELIE EMERSON ASKS FOR U. S. AID—FEARS DEPORTATION



MISS ZELLE EMERSON.

Threats to deport from England Miss Zelle Emerson, the American "fighting suffragette," who has had her skull injured and her arm twisted by British police and has had periodical sentences to jail, brought her to the American Embassy to appeal for protection to the United States government. Miss Emerson spent more than an hour with officials of the Embassy and was in high spirits when she left.

"They haven't deported an American citizen for nearly a hundred years," she said, "and if I am to be the first one it will only be after a fight."

THREE MILITANTS WITH SYMPATHIZERS GET PRISON TERMS

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Three suffragettes and three masculine sympathizers with their cause, went to jail here today, following their appearance in Bow street police court.

Laurance Housman, the author and artist; Henry Nevinsom, war correspondent, H. D. Harben, Mrs. D. A. Thomas, wife of a millionaire coal mine owner, and Miss K. Haig would have been released had they given each a \$25 bond to keep the peace for six months, but for refusing will have to spend the time in prison instead. They were accused of obstructing the police during a street demonstration last night against Premier Asquith's refusal to see a suffragette delegation.

Miss Phyllis Brady was given eighteen months in prison at hard labor on being found guilty of firing the residence of the widow of Field Marshal Sir George White.

REBEL ATTACK UPON MAZATLAN UNDER WAY

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25.—That a rebel attack on Mazatlan had begun was learned here this afternoon. President Huerta was censoring the news strictly, so that no details were obtainable.

MOYER BRUTALLY TREATED DECLARES MINE ORGANIZER

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 25.—Brutal usage at the hands of the members of the Citizens' Alliance, whom he held responsible for the deportation of himself and President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners from the copper country several weeks ago, was charged today by Charles Tanner, a federation organizer, before the congressional investigators of the Michigan mine strike.

First, Tanner said, Sheriff Cruz of Houghton county and a committee of citizens called at his own and Moyer's room in the Scott hotel to demand a public statement from Moyer urging the relatives of victims of the Calumet Christmas eve fire panic to accept relief donations.

Moyer, the witness testified, refused.

Three minutes later, he continued, a crowd of members of the Citizens' Alliance rushed in. He said they beat Moyer nearly double and one man pounded him on the head with a revolver until it went off and the bullet struck the federation leader in the back.

"Then," said Tanner, "the men who were holding me accused me of firing the shot."

As they were dragged toward the railroad station later, according to the witness' account, their arms were kicked, struck and threatened.

The miners expected to finish their testimony today.

BECKER STATES REAL MURDERER STILL AT LARGE

New York Police Captain Names One of Witnesses Against Him as the Slayer of Rosenthal—Was Drunk on Night of Crime.

Refers to Death House as an Inferno—Believed Impossible to Convict Becker in New Trial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Strong belief that former Police Lieutenant Charles F. Becker, yesterday granted a retrial on charges of murdering Gambler Herman Rosenthal, would be freed at the second trial, prevailed here today. Defense attorneys were confident that the action of the circuit court of appeals in criticizing Justice John W. Goff, who presided at the first trial, and of its attack on the admissibility of the evidence offered by Sam Schepps, indicated certain success for Becker.

Becker probably will be returned to the Tombs here from the death house at Sing Sing tomorrow. If he is acquitted, he intends to seek reinstatement to the police force and sue for back salary.

An interview granted by Becker to a representative of the New York World was published here today. In it Becker declared he believed the slayer of Rosenthal to be still at large and named one of the witnesses who testified at his first trial as the actual murderer.

"I have not the proof now," said Becker, "but I believe this man is the slayer. According to his own testimony he was drunk on the night of the murder, and did not remember what happened.

"I feel sorry for those boys in the death house, for I do not believe they had anything to do with the actual killing of Rosenthal."

Becker referred to the death house as an inferno, adding: "Imagine yourself sitting in a chair facing another holding a cocked pistol at your head. That's the way I felt, despite the fact that deep down in my soul I knew that right would prevail."

CARRANZA HELPLESS TO ENFORCE ORDERS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 25.—Members of the constitutionalist junta at Agua Prieta, Mexico, across the border from here, asserted today that General Carranza cannot undertake to compel General Villa to surrender the body of William H. Benton, an English subject he executed last week. Carranza, they said, is without means to enforce any orders he might issue to constitutionalist field commanders.

American army officers here were awaiting despatches today regarding the whereabouts of General Carranza. It is known that he has departed from Hermosillo for the border, but before leaving there he told newspaper correspondents that he probably would make several stops en route. He was expected to arrive at Nogales, however, before night.

American Consul Simplex is at Nogales today, supposedly waiting by Secretary Bryan to request Carranza to interpose himself in the recovery of Benton's body.

LIKES REFORM SCHOOL BETTER THAN HOME

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25.—Footsore and mud-spattered from their long walk from Dallas, Ernest and Richard Minty surprised Superintendent Will Hale of the state training school for boys, today by appearing at the institution and asking for admission. Ernest had been sent to the school a year and a half ago, but was paroled. Feeling he liked the school better than home, he started back, taking his brother with him. The superintendent has notified the boys' parents.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

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Gentlemen—I ran a 25-cent want ad in the Mail Tribune, issue of Friday, February 20, offering Duroc swine breeding stock for sale. As a result, I have today, Monday, February 23, made cash sales of over \$200 worth of stock and have inquiries and prospects of sales of nearly \$100 worth more.

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