

BRYAN SAYS MEXICAN SITUATION BRIGHT

VILLA AGREES TO BRYAN'S DEMAND IN BENTON CASE

Special Train to Be Furnished Widow and Representatives of United States and England to View Body, Which Will Be Disinterred.

Missing Gustav Bauch Not at Juarez—Probably Taken to Chihuahua City and Executed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—English Consul Percival at Galveston will represent England at the examination of William H. Benton's body. Percival will name the other British representative. Bryan asked Secretary of War Garrison to choose an army surgeon as one of the American representatives. A civilian surgeon, to be chosen by Bryan and President Wilson, will be the other. Sprine-Rice intimated that England was willing to withdraw its demand for possession of Benton's body.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Washington administration and General Villa had come to terms today concerning the Benton case. The statement was made on Secretary of State Bryan's own authority. The secretary seemed much more hopeful than hitherto, when he attended today's cabinet meeting, that international complications would be avoided. In addition to having reached an understanding with Villa, it was believed that he had received a reply from General Carranza, though this was a matter he would not discuss. From Mexican constitutionalist sources here it was intimated that Carranza had promised to prevent a recurrence of "Villiamism" in Northern Mexico.

Widow to View Remains
Villa, it was learned, agreed to permit Mrs. William H. Benton to see her husband's corpse, in company with two American and two British government representatives. He had no objection to letting an American army surgeon examine it, but drew the line at an autopsy. General Scott, commanding the American troops at El Paso, it was expected, would designate a surgeon to go with the party, and it was taken for granted that British Consul Percival at Galveston, would be one of the British representatives.

"Villa's offer," said Bryan, "made through United States Consul Letcher, at Chihuahua City, seems perfectly frank. He says positively that Benton's body is buried in the national cemetery at Chihuahua City. He offered to furnish a special train to take Mrs. Benton, with two representatives of this and two of the British government, all of whom

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NO WAR AT COVE FOR COUNTY JUDGE MAKES TOWN DRY

SALEM, Or., Feb. 27.—There will be no war at Cove and no calling out of the troops or state officials. Following close on the heels of Miss Hobbs' visit and a letter written by the governor on her return, the judge of Union county this morning sent the following dispatch to the governor: "Hon. Governor West, Salem, Or.: Your letter at hand and would say that the county court will convene on Wednesday, March 4, and at that time will declare the town of Cove dry. Yours, J. C. Henry, judge of Union county."

GENERAL VILLA IN HIS FIRST UNIFORM



Pancho Villa, former outlaw and bandit, now a full-fledged general, appeared a few days ago in a new uniform, the first he has ever worn. Probably his moving-picture contracts and his assumption of autocratic rule over Chihuahua have brought about this dress reform.

STATE OF ANARCHY PREVAILS AT LISBON FOLLOWING STRIKE

MADRID, Feb. 27.—Reports of serious rioting at Lisbon and elsewhere in Portugal were confirmed in a statement issued here today by the interior department. The statement declared that a state of anarchy prevailed at Lisbon, and that a serious uprising was threatened. The troubles were said to have developed from the strike on the Portuguese railroads, which finally became revolutionary in character. Though there seemed to be no monarchist sentiment, the people clamoring only for a change in republican administrations, it was thought the monarchists might seize the opportunity to attempt a coup. In Lisbon, Oporto and elsewhere street battles were reported between troops and rioters.

SENATE REFUSES TO CURB PARCEL POST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—By a vote of 53 to 27 the senate this afternoon decided that the amendment tacking from the post master general the power to change weights, rates and zones of the parcel post system was not in order and could not be considered in connection with the post office appropriation bill. An amendment forbidding the post master general increasing the weight limit above fifty pounds was then introduced by Senator Bankhead of Alabama and rejected by a vote of 28 to 27.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY A VERITABLE PARADISE; MEDFORD A SELF-STEERING COMMUNITY

(David Swing Ricker in the Portland Oregonian.)
MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special)—Few of us are self-steering men. We sit among the cushions, contented, complacent or in a quarrel with our desires and our purposes and let other hands manipulate the steering gear. Usually our chauffeur is Circumstance. Sometimes Lack-of-Opportunity or Short-sightedness. Most often it's Poverty. But whatever his name—the name we blame so that we may hold ourselves blameless—we allow him to take us wherever he wants us to go.
Most People Followers
We surrender our right of self-

INTERVENTION UNJUSTIFIABLE ASSERTS KENT

Would Result in Sacrificing Lives as Valuable as Those Who Have Expatriated Themselves for Profit, Declares Congressman.

Uncle Sam Should Co-operate With South American Nations and Demand That War Cease.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—"I have felt that the desire of many for intervention in Mexico sprang, not from the heart or the mind, but from the picketbook," said Congressman Kent, in an interview here today. "I believe it is no more than right," he continued, "to expect those in or out of Washington who are making the loudest clamor for somebody to intervene and get killed, to volunteer to act as the front of the entering wedge. "American intervention single-handed would be interpreted in the minds of the Mexicans as an act dictated by a selfish national interest. In one sense it would be a good thing for Mexico, because it would unite the Mexicans where now there is strife.

"Intervention surely would result in the sacrifice of many American lives, as innocent and as valuable as the lives of the Americans who have expatriated themselves for profit. We can never justify it under any doctrine of altruism or as being part of 'the white man's burden.' "To my mind we should have an understanding with Brazil, Argentina, Chile and the responsible European governments to send a deputation, jointly and severally with us to Mexico City to demand that war cease and that the foundation be laid for a responsible, reputable government.

"By such action notice would be served on Mexico's allies that there would be no territory stealing."

KATE EDWARDS FREE 13 YEARS IN PRISON

READING, Pa., Feb. 27.—After living in the shadow of the gallows for thirteen years, Mrs. Kate Edwards, convicted of the murder of her husband in 1901, was given her freedom here today. She was sentenced to hang, but three governors of the state refused to set a date for the execution. Her release was ordered by the state pardon board.

HOTEL GUESTS CHASE FOX THROUGH BUILDING

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 27.—Millions of guests at the Hotel Virginia helped pursue a red fox which wandered into the basement door today and raced through the hotel, followed by two score men. Women stood on chairs and shrieked until a bellboy felled the fox with a kick on the head.

THIS MOTOR SLEIGH RUNS SIXTY MILES AN HOUR.



COMTE BERTRAND DE LESSEPS IN HIS MOTOR SLEIGH
Motorists who have been unable to get much use out of their automobiles during the recent snow storm will be probably interested in the motor sleigh which Comte Bertrand de Lesseps has been using in the Valley of Chamoni, in Switzerland. It is an air-propelled machine which is capable of attaining a speed of from fifteen to sixty miles an hour over the snow, according to the conditions of the frozen roads, states the sleigher. The shoe shaped chassis is attached to broad, flat metal runners, and vibration is reduced to a minimum by the addition of strong springs, seen at the side of the body. It will be noticed that the propeller behind the pilot is well guarded by a metal screen. When snow falls, wheels are placed on the projecting pins, which lift the ski from the ground, and the car will then attain a speed of nearly one hundred miles an hour.

DEAD SHOTS ONLY WANTED BY SHERIFF AS STRIKE DEPUTIES

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 27.—"We admit the sheriff did not want church members for deputies; he was looking for dead shots," conceded Judge Northcutt, counsel for Colorado's coal mine owners, at today's hearing before the congressional investigators of the mine strike in the southern part of the state.

His comment followed an admission by Under Sheriff Zeke Martin, who had charge of the deputies in the strike zone before the militia arrived that he killed a man in Trinidad in 1912. He added, however, that a coroner's jury exonerated him. His statement was made in response to questions asked on cross-examination by Attorney Costigan, representing the miners, designed to bring out how many of the deputies had previous records as gunmen.

On direct examination Martin said he led the deputies in several battles with strikers and strike sympathizers and had charge of the force and the machine gun which, as he expressed it, "shot up" the Forbes tent colony October 17. He testified that Sheriff Grisham repeatedly asked the governor for troops before he got them.

MONDELL MAKES PARTISAN ATTACK ON ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Prediction that the country would be "hurled into a vortex of armed intervention" if the Wilson administration continues its present policy toward Mexico, was voiced from the floor of the house this afternoon by Representative Mondell of Wyoming. He declared that withholding of recognition of Huerta "had drifted our government into a condition of vacuous vacillation and aimless inaction, while the secretary of state traveled about on lucrative lecture tours." Mondell defended Huerta and denigrated the constitutionalist as patriotic Mexicans. He said the killing of William H. Benton by General Villa should not cause any surprise. "The administration," Mondell concluded, "set an illuminating and inspiring example when it turned back to Mexico disarmed refugees and soldiers, while protecting women and children refugees from the lust and savagery of the forces we are arming and encouraging against Huerta."

There are approximately 4,000,000 acres of timber land in New Hampshire, of which about half is in farmers' wood lots.

ITALY'S DIPLAY DEPENDS UPON NEW IMMIGRATION BILL

ROME, Feb. 27.—Whether or not Italy will participate in the Panama Pacific exposition in San Francisco next year will depend upon the clauses inserted in the immigration bill now pending before congress in Washington.

This intimation was contained in a note handed to Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page here today by government officials. At present, the note said, Italy intends to take a leading part in the exposition, but it intimated that the clause providing for American medical men on Italian emigrant vessels is one of the things which might cause the government to reconsider its decision. Ex-Mayor Ernesto Nathan of Rome, the Italian exposition commissioner, was host today at a luncheon at which Ambassador Page, Ira Nelson Morris and Francesco Nitti, the Italian minister of agriculture, were guests.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 27.—F. S. Barnes, 75, known all over the world among professional archers as a bow-maker, died here today.

HOUSE WINS IN DISPUTE OVER ALASKAN BILL

Conferees of Senate After Long Debate Agree to Eliminate Bond Issue and Also to Reduce Appropriation From \$40,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

Adjustment Practically Ends All Differences Between Two Houses of Congress—Annual Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The house conferees won out this afternoon over the senate conferees in their dispute over the Alaska railroad bill. After a long debate the senate conferees agreed to eliminate the bond issue and also to reduce the appropriation from \$40,000,000 to \$35,000,000.

The adjustment practically ended all differences between the two houses of congress, but a final meeting of the conferees will be held Monday and then the bill will go to the house and senate for final approval. As the bill now stands, appropriations for the construction of the railroad will be made annually.

Members of the house inter-state commerce committee predicted this afternoon that congress would not adjourn before August. Debate in both houses over proposed trust legislation, they pointed out, would be lengthy and delay adjournment. At the committee hearing Professor Taft denounced the recall of judges and of judicial decisions. He declared that both tended to destroy the efficiency of the courts. Taft also opposed the election of judges.

The ex-president was cordially received by both democrats and republicans alike. When one member called him "Mr. President," he smiled and answered: "I have been called everything but colonel."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The senate was urged today by Senator Ashurst of Arizona to set a definite date for consideration of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment. He suggested March 28. During the debate Senator Reed of Missouri clashed with Ashurst.

GENERAL APATHY IN COMMAND OF STOCKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Apathy was general at the opening of the stock market today. While the undertone was good, business was very light. Reports that President Huerta had requested the assistance of the United States caused activity in Mexican stocks. National Railways of Mexico second preferred rose two and Mexican Petroleum 4 points. Canadian Pacific, Atchafson and Southern Pacific gained 1. The market became dull again after this spurt, when the Huerta report was denied. New Haven dropped 2 1/2. Bonds were irregular. The market closed steady.

CARRANZA'S CABINET ARRIVES AT NOGALES

NOGALES, Ariz., Feb. 27.—Several members of General Venustiano Carranza's cabinet arrived today at Nogales, Sonora. They refused to state whether Carranza himself was on the special train that brought them from Hermosillo. They declared that their chief has formed no opinion in the matter of the execution of William H. Benton at Juarez and will not until he is fully informed of it. Members of the court martial that tried Benton are at Nogales, supposedly for a conference with Carranza.

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