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## OFFERS TO PAY WIDOW TO END BENTON AFFAIR

Carranza Willing to Indemnify Family of Sirin Britisher, But Proposal Not Considered Until Inquiry Reveals Method of Death.

Examination to Be Secret—Uncle Sam Demands Punishment of Persons Responsible for Execution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Anxious to dispose of the Benton incident at Juarez, it was said here today that General Carranza was willing to indemnify the widow if the Washington administration would drop the matter.

A man of better education and wider experience than Villa, the supreme rebel chieftain was understood to appreciate more fully American and English feelings concerning the affair, to realize that there was justice in the Washington administration's demands and to regret heartily what his lieutenant had done.

No Money Considered  
From British sources, it was stated that unless Villa could prove his story of the Benton court martial, showing that the case was not one of plain murder, no money proposition could be considered. The English government according to the same authority, however, would not move further in the matter, until the American investigation had been completed.

Secretary of State Bryan was in communication with Consuls Edwards, at Juarez and Letcher, at Chihuahua City, arranging for a special train to take the Benton investigating committee to the latter point. He also demanded that Villa put in writing his pledge that an examination of Benton's corpse would be permitted, stating also how complete it might be, together with a formal assurance of safety for the investigators.

As soon as these details had been completed, it was said the commission's personnel, would be announced.

Examination Private  
The examination of the corpse, it was understood, would be private. Word was received from United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy, in Mexico City, that he had demanded of the Huerta government the punishment of the persons responsible for Clementon Vergara's execution near Nuevo Laredo and it was said a claim would be filed later for financial indemnity.

Consul Garrett sent from Nuevo Laredo a denial of the Mexican claim that Vergara was a Mexican and not an American citizen.

## KLUG ARRESTED FOR FORGING JUDGE'S NAME

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—George Edward Klug, an attorney who was a candidate for municipal judge, was released on \$2500 bail from the county jail early today. He was arrested late last night on a charge of forging the names of Circuit Judge Cleeton and County Clerk Coffey to a worthless mortgage on which he borrowed \$4000. The alleged fraudulence of the transaction was discovered yesterday when John Dudek took the document to the court house for investigation. The mortgage was signed by the "estate of Charles Herman Herold by Hulda Herold, administratrix." No such estate exists in Multnomah county, according to records.

## CHINESE TROOPS WIN BATTLE WITH BANDITS

PEKIN, Feb. 28.—The government announced its troops had beaten the White Wolf bandits in a fight in Anhwei province with losses of 4000 on both sides, the government force using aeroplane scouts in the engagement.

## QUAKES CAUSED BY SUN SPOTS SAYS SCIENTIST

Every Shake for Months Past Predicted in Advance by Dr. Albert Porta, Associate of Father Ricard at Santa Clara College.

Revolving Sun Brings Spot Within a Certain Distance, Making Danger Zone—Four Storms for March.

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Feb. 28.—That every earthquake for months past has been predicted for weeks or months in advance by Dr. Albert Porta, Father Ricard's associate at Santa Clara University, was the news which leaked out from the university observatory today.

Among those which the doctor foretold, it was stated, were the shakes in Southern Japan, in New York, at Reno, in Canada and those recorded at St. Ignatius College, Cleveland, and in St. Louis more recently.

Forecasts were now being made, it was learned, as far ahead as next December, but for some reason which was not explained, it was said they would not be given out for the present.

Between earthquakes and sun spots, it is the Santa Clara observers' opinion, a direct connection exists. According to their theory, when the revolving sun brings a spot within a quadrilateral seventy degrees square on the side of the sun facing the earth, there is a danger period which increases as the spot nears the solar axis and when it crosses the axis there invariably is an earthquake.

The quake's location, if Dr Porta is correct, depends on the spot's position on the sun.

In his weather forecasts for March, it was learned that Father Ricard sees only four storm dates—March 1 and 2, 7, 10 and 11 and 17. The detailed report is to be published tomorrow.

## ELLIS THREATENED BY VICTIM'S FATHER

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—William Ellis, on trial here for wife murder, took the stand in his own defense today. He admitted that he was incurably diseased but said a physician who examined him before his marriage thought there would be no danger so far as his wife was concerned.

Ellis' admission infuriated Robert Hosea, the slain woman's father. "Damn him," he shouted, "I'll kill him." The aged man advanced on Ellis but was restrained by court bailiffs.

Ellis killed his wife in a Chicago hotel after witnessing the play, "Damaged Goods." He is a wealthy harness manufacturer of Cincinnati.

## RAPID PROGRESS ON ANTI-TRUST MEASURES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Representative Adamson, chairman of the house interstate commerce commission, announced today that his committee would hold no further hearings on the administration's trust measures. He also said he expected the Covington sub-committee to report soon on the redrafted trade commission bill.

## CALL NAVY BILL CRIMINAL WASTE PUBLIC FUNDS

Appropriation Bill Denounced by Minority of Committee — Carries \$129,964,333 for Two Battleships, Six Destroyers and Submarines.

Two New Dreadnaughts to Cost Fifteen Millions Each—Largest Sum Ever Spent in One Year by Nation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Denounced by a minority of the committee as "inexcusably extravagant" and "a criminal waste of public funds," the navy appropriation bill was reported to the house today.

It carried a provision of \$129,964,333 for two battleships, six destroyers, one seagoing torpedo submarine, three coast defense submarines and four small torpedo boats. The navy department's estimates were reduced by \$4,500,000.

Navy increases were authorized which will cost ultimately \$43,338,000, for which initial appropriations of \$17,500,000 were made.

The two new dreadnaughts will cost \$15,000,000 each and will be built in private yards. The coast defense submarines will be built on the Pacific coast. The small torpedo boats will be stationed along the gulf coast.

Smaller appropriations included an increase in the number of navy chaplains from twenty-four to fifty-two and an increase in the allowance for Pearl Harbor drydock from \$3,486,000 to \$4,968,000.

Authority was given to the secretary of the navy to report next year concerning the desirability of constructing a federal armor plate plant with an annual capacity of 10,000 to 20,000 tons.

Those who signed the navy committee's minority report were Congressmen Witherspoon, Hensley, Buchanan and Gray. The proposed appropriation, they declared, exceeded the largest amount ever spent in one year by any nation on earth. The additional battleships, it was asserted, were wholly unnecessary.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCK REGISTERED IN EAST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An earthquake starting at 12:11 a. m. today and continuing until 12:42 was registered by the Georgetown university's seismograph. It was estimated that the vibrations occurred about 2700 miles from Washington.

## ROYAL FLUSH CAUSE OF SPEEDY DEATH

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 28.—Seated at a table clutching a royal flush in his hand, the body of Captain William Collier, with the head and chest filled with buckshot, was found in his hermit's lodge here today. On the table opposite was a "full house." It was believed Collier had been playing poker and was killed by the loser. A sugar planter is suspected by the police.

## BOY DEAD FROM BITES OF TWO DOGS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28.—Mike Testa, 10, is dead today of lockjaw, resulting from injuries inflicted by two dogs two weeks ago. The boy was attacked and mangled, the animals tearing the flesh from his right leg. Amputation above the knee failed to save him.

## THE PATIENT HAS RECOVERED.



THE DISAPPOINTED PALLBEARERS. —FROM THE N. Y. HERALD.

## FIVE STUDENTS PLUNGE IN AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 28.—Plunging in a big touring car over the twenty-foot embankment in front of the residence of President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, five university students were injured today, three of them seriously.

The victims were: M. E. Peler, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, skull and left leg fractured.

J. P. Hotchkiss, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Skull and Keys Honor society, head gashed and internal injuries.

Roy Turner, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Skull and Keys Honor society and manager of the Glee club, head and body cut and bruised.

Lee Arrell, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, back injured.

Fred Schrader, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, head and body cut and bruised.

Turner, to whose ear the accident occurred, was at the wheel, but wanted to make a minor adjustment and left one of his companions to steer momentarily while he did so. The wreck resulted.

## JURY UNABLE TO AGREE IN ARMSTRONG CASE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—District Attorney Evans had not determined today whether or not to begin at once the second trial of County Superintendent A. P. Armstrong, a jury last night having disagreed on his guilt of misconduct while he was a member of the civil service commission. Armstrong was charged with having furnished advance lists of questions to candidates for promotion in the police department.

Robert Armstrong, brother of the superintendent, through whom the negotiations were alleged to have taken place, was also a defendant. The jury was out 3 hours.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY THREATENED WAR ASSERTS GERMAN

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—That Admiral Dewey seriously talked war with Germany at Manila in 1898 was asserted today by Admiral von Diederichs, the German naval commander, who quarreled with him there, in an article in the official Marine Rundschau.

The statement, which is an amplification of Von Diederichs' earlier answer at Baden Baden to Dewey's version of the Manila Bay happenings, in his book, relates that Dewey gradually talked himself into a rage in insisting that the Germans permit his officers to make the necessary investigations to establish the identities of neutral warships at the blockaded port.

"He said," recounts Von Diederichs, "I shall stop every vessel, whatever may be her colors, and if she does not stop I shall fire at her, and that means war, do you know sir?"

"When the phrase, 'If Germany wants war,' was used again I took my leave. I was under the impression that this incident, in itself trivial, put a match to a mass of explosives which had long been accumulating in Admiral Dewey's mind from suspicion, rumor and newspaper reports."

## SMALL GAINS MADE IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Heaviness of Rock Island featured the stock market at the opening today. Specialties showed strength. General Motors advanced 2 and Guggenheim exploration 1. The prices of the leaders, however, remained practically unchanged.

Later the leading stocks moved up but the rises were confined to fractions. Numerous specialties, however, rose from 1 to 5 points. Bonds were steady. The market closed steady.

## TEXAS GOVERNOR SOURCE OF WORRY TO ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Federal administration officials admitted that the attitude assumed by Governor Colquitt of Texas menaced the situation and that the activity of the Texas rangers might precipitate a crisis. There were fears also of a clash between the rangers and United States army patrols.

The administration was beginning to credit reports that Carranza has no influence over Villa.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan were in close touch, discussing the situation.

Counselor John Bassett Moore of the state department was drafting an answer to the last telegram received from Colquitt. It was understood he was notifying the Texas executive that the federal government is doing everything possible to protect Americans generally and Texans in particular warning him that any untoward act by the Texas authorities would be most regrettable and letting him know that his policy was seriously embarrassing the national administration.

Details had been received of the recent mutiny on board the Mexican federal gunboat Tampico. The captain and chief engineer, it was stated, did not join the subordinate officers and crew in deserting to the rebels but were arrested by their own men and sent on board a merchant steamship at Topolabampo.

## PACKEY M'FARLAND TO GO TO AUSTRALIA

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 28.—All hope of fight promoters bringing Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons together vanished today when it was announced that "Snowy" Baker, the Australian fight promoter, had signed up McFarland for two fights in Australia. McFarland will leave for Sydney in June and announced his intention of "taking things easy until sailing time."

## PULLEN LEADS GRAND PRIX RACE AT 35TH LAP

Marquis in Sunbeam Seriously Hurt in First Accident—Overtakes at Death Curve—Cooper and Tetzlaff Eliminated Early in Game.

Oldfield Running Second and Anderson Third—Four Other Cars Still Going—Race is Eighty Laps.

At End of 35th Lap  
Eddie Pullen (Mercedes), first; time, 3:42:18.  
Barney Oldfield (Mercedes), second; time, 3:48:57.  
Gil Anderson (Stutz), third; time, 3:48:58.

At this time the cars remaining in the race, in addition to the first four were:  
Taylor (Aleo), De Palma (Mercedes), Ball (Marmon) and Riechenbacher (Mason).

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 28.—Pounding through lap after lap at a speed better than eighty-three miles an hour, Spencer Wishart, driving a Mercedes car, led the grand prix contestants here today at the end of twenty of the forty-eight laps of the automobile classic. His car was running smoothly and seemed to be in excellent condition.

Half a lap behind Wishart raced his team-mate, Eddie Pullen, whose Mercedes had averaged an even eighty-three miles an hour. Anderson, in a Stutz, Oldfield (Mercedes), De Palma, (Mercedes) and Marquis (Sunbeam) followed in order.

Two Are Eliminated  
Two of the most dangerous contestants—Cooper and Tetzlaff, had been eliminated. Cooper cut early in the race, but Tetzlaff, after showing the craziest speed of the race that far, lasted until the beginning of the eighteenth round.

Police officials estimated at noon that the attendance was 200,000. Wishart in the twenty-third lap lost the lead he had maintained since the third lap. He was compelled to change tires, and Pullen, Anderson, Oldfield, De Palma and Marquis shot by him in order.

Ralph De Palma, winner of Thursday's Vanderbilt cup race, pushed his Mercedes into the lead in the twenty-sixth lap. Oldfield completed this circuit in second place, with Marquis third.

De Palma held his lead throughout the twenty-seventh lap, but Oldfield was forced to give way to Marquis and Anderson and was fighting doggedly to prevent Pullen from dropping him into the fifth position.

Wishart was unable to complete his twenty-seventh lap. Burned-out bearings rendered him helpless, and he was declared officially out of the race.

Verbeck, who had replaced Lewis, drove half a lap and quit. De Palma's time for twenty-five laps was 2:38:37. Marquis' was 2:39:08; Anderson's was 2:39:27.

Marquis is Injured  
Marquis took the lead in the thirtieth lap, when De Palma made his first stop to take on gas, oil and water. At the end of the thirty-two laps Marquis had increased his lead by a considerable margin.

The first serious accident of the race occurred in the thirty-third lap, when Marquis, whose Sunbeam was leading the field by a comfortable

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SETTLERS' TIME IS EXTENDED TO JUNE 1  
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—Settlers on reclamation projects who have payment coming due March 1, April 1 or May 1 will be allowed until June 1 to make them, according to announcement today of E. J. Hopson, supervising engineer of the reclamation service. Hopson received advice that the prospect of early adjustment of rates of payment by congress led the commission to this step. All projects except that of Sunnyside, Wash., are affected.