

# BRITAIN PLEDGES STRONG SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S POLICY IN MEXICO

## NO INTENTION INTERVENTION DECLARES GRAY

Foreign Minister in Speech in Parliament Outlines British Policy—Benton Case Not to Be Dropped, But Reparation to Be Demanded.

England to Leave Matter With Washington, But Latter Not Held Responsible for Outcome.

LONDON, March 3.—England has no notion of intervening forcibly in Mexico.

Nevertheless, it does not intend to let the Benton case drop.

If the Washington administration investigates the incident to the bottom England will be glad to leave it to the Washington administration to do. Otherwise the British government will itself exact reparation—as soon as it can.

Those concerned in the Benton affair show every indication of a desire to hide the truth.

### Gray's Announcement

The above was the gist of a statement by Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey in the house this afternoon. He spoke in reply to interrogation by a member concerning the status of the Benton case.

"Thus far the United States government has shown as much interest in the death of a British subject as it does in the death of its own citizens," Sir Edward said. "It has indicated every desire to secure protection for Englishmen in Mexican territory under the constitutionalists' control.

"Its efforts have as yet failed to obtain an investigation of the Benton case and the persistent difficulties interposed by the constitutionalists in the way of such an investigation create the presumption of a desire and an intention to conceal the truth.

### America Not Responsible

"Communications with the United States government are still proceeding, but I repeat what I said last week—that these communications do not imply that the United States government has any responsibility for what has taken place.

"I would sum up the situation by saying that, if the United States thinks it proper to take further steps in behalf of its own citizens and of this British subject, we will gladly await the result. But if, for its own reasons, the United States does not

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## ASKS PROBE OF GRAIN BROKERAGE IN WHEAT PITS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Charging that speculators juggle prices and that elevators "doctor" low grade wheat so as to make it pass for high grade, Representative Manahan of Minnesota today urged the house rules committee to investigate the alleged control of wheat prices by the Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth grain pits.

"Men are tempted to ruin, families are wrecked and would-be speculators get into jail for embezzlement because of the grain exchange's lure," said the congressman. "Wheat prices are not regulated by the law of supply and demand but by traders' futures."

He introduced figures to show that prices went up with increased supplies and declared that the market operators wanted an investigation and remedial legislation except in Chicago.

### BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER SUPPORTS AMERICAN POLICY



## ELLIS BLACKENS DEAD WIFE'S NAME TO SAVE HIS NECK

CHICAGO, March 3.—William Cheney Ellis, formerly a wealthy harness manufacturer of Cincinnati, was stricken with an epileptic fit here today while testifying in his own defense at his trial for wife murder. The witness dropped unconscious from the stand when an attorney introduced a copy of a telegram the murdered woman is alleged to have sent to Fred Caudwell at Brantford, Ont. It asked Caudwell to meet her in Chicago.

Ellis confessed to the police that he murdered his wife here after witnessing a performance of "Damaged Goods" at a local theater. He also admitted on the witness stand that he was incurably diseased when he married.

Ellis was revived, but broke down after reading the telegram over again. "I knew it was true," he moaned. "How could they do it? I am fighting now for my babies, so they will not be fatherless as well as motherless."

The defense rested after introducing the Caudwell telegram. Robert Hosen, the aged father of the murdered woman, and Mrs. Hosen were astounded by the contents of the message and left the courtroom in tears.

Just before resting their case, defense attorneys charged that wealthy Cincinnati had conspired to hang Ellis in order to save his wife's name.

### MRS. FRENCH GRANTED DIVORCE FROM RICH BANKER

NEWPORT, R. I., March 3.—Superior Judge Burrows today granted Mrs. Pauline Leroy French a divorce from Amos Tuck French, the New York banker. Mrs. French alleged neglect to provide and no defense was offered by the banker. The couple have five children.

## 30 YEARS PRISON FOR STEALING KISS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 3.—Thirty years in San Quentin penitentiary.

That was the sentence pronounced today upon Charles H. Guyton, who held up Miss Daisy Stagwall, 18, robbed her of a dime, stole a kiss and returned to her the coin, remarking that the kiss was worth the price.

Guyton's adventure with Miss Stagwall occurred last December, and he was arrested and charged with highway robbery. He was found guilty by a jury, and brought before Superior Judge Willis for sentence.

Guyton made a tearful plea to the

## BRYAN PLEASED BY ATTITUDE OF GREAT BRITAIN

State Department Officials Satisfied by Statement of Gray—Carranza's Attitude Regarded as Crux of Situation—Support of Great Nations.

Carden and Spring-Rice in Conference With Bryan and Shively—Anxiety Over Fate of Bauch.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—State department officials expressed satisfaction by the statement by British Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey concerning the Mexican situation. Secretary Bryan received a copy of it from United States Ambassador Page in London and read it to the cabinet. He gave out no interview concerning it, but it was evident that it pleased him. Other officials of his department said it amounted to a pledge of even stronger support of the administration's policy than had been expected.

No reply had been received from the second communication sent to General Carranza, asking him to modify his refusal to treat with the United States concerning the Benton case.

### Anxiety Over Bauch

Anxiety concerning the fate of the German-American, Gustave Bauch, was also increasing. General Villa's remark that the man probably had been "killed by his enemies," was considered ominous and the opinion was freely expressed that the case would develop into another Benton incident.

General Carranza's attitude was recognized here today as the crux of the Mexican situation.

If the Washington administration can get pledges of support from the rebel leader before the latter is able to execute such a coup as will force his recognition, it was agreed that the outlook would be considerably clarified. To have outsiders enter into negotiation with him, on the other hand, it was admitted, might mean complications.

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## CRUISER BOSTON RAMMED BY YUCATAN

PORTLAND, Or., March 3.—In a mishap in Portland harbor this afternoon the cruiser Boston was struck by the freight and passenger liner Yucatan of the North Pacific teamship company. The Yucatan, bearing down on the warship, smashed in one of the six-inch guns, tore the steam launch from the davits and did other damage.

The Yucatan had been taking cargo for San Pedro and Captain Paulsen started to shift to another dock. The vessel failed to answer her helm promptly.

### Court for leniency. He has a wife and baby and a little home at Glendale. Judge Willis listened dispassionately when he sobbed:

"Judge, I swear to God I didn't do this. I'm innocent."

The court then said the words that will send Guyton to prison for all the rest of his useful years. He is just 40 now.

Guyton collapsed and was carried moaning from the courtroom.

In passing sentence Judge Willis remarked that the prisoner wasn't fit to be at large. He had been accused before of trying to kiss other women.

### SOCIETY AND STAGE QUICKLY ADOPT EUROPEAN FASHION OF COLORED WIGS



MISS FANNY MARINOFF AND MISS JULIETTE LIPPE WEARING COLORED WIGS

Soon after the news of its appearance in Paris and London had been flashed by cable under the sea, the colored wig was accepted by New York. Men and women of society and the stage have taken advantage of the bizarre opportunities which it offers, and wig makers and designers of coiffures are busy preparing to meet the demand for brilliant head coverings which promise to be a feature of entertainments during the remainder of the season. The above photograph shows Miss Fanny Marinoff and Miss Juliette Lippe, of New York wearing colored wigs while out shopping.

## LOUIS W. HILL NEW PRESIDENT OF GREAT NORTHERN

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 3.—Louis W. Hill was elected president today of the Great Northern, succeeding Carl Gray, resigned to become president of the Western Maryland railroad.

Hill's election had been scheduled in advance and the formal ballot occupied but a few minutes. It was the main business, however, of the regular weekly meeting of the Great Northern's board of directors. Hill was at Del Monte, Cal., but was expected back shortly. Besides assuming the presidency, he will retain the chairmanship of the board of directors.

The rumors, almost always current when an important Great Northern official retires, that Gray had resigned his post because of friction with the Hills, were in circulation this time. Gray himself, however, reiterated his previous statement that the relations between himself and the Hills were, both personally and from a business standpoint, of the best.

He had accepted his new position, he explained, solely because he thought it afforded him a broader field, but he did not conceal that he felt some regret at leaving his old one.

Gray will take up his duties as president and chairman of the board of directors of the Western Maryland between March 10 and March 15.

## SMITH IRRIGATION BILL IS ENDORSED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—President Wilson today endorsed the Smith irrigation bill, which would give irrigators on government projects 20 years to pay for their water rights.

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## GOTHAM SLOWLY RECOVERS FROM WORST STORM

Death List From Blizzard Exceeds 25—Meager Reports on Account of Prostrated Wires—14,000 Men Shoveling Snow.

Railroads Still Badly Hampered—Underground Construction Protects United Press Wires.

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—Greater New York was slowly recovering today from the most destructive storm since the blizzard of 1888. Meager reports filtering in over disrupted telegraph and telephone wires indicated that at least 25 persons met death. Twelve deaths were caused in and around New York City alone.

The city was still buried today under 12 inches of snow. Fourteen thousand men were put to work by Street Cleaning Commissioner Featherstone, but he admitted it probably would require at least ten days to clear away the snow.

Railroads Resuming Operations  
Railroads resumed a semblance of normal conditions today but they were still badly hampered. Only a few telegraph wires were working out of New York and up state points were still isolated. One of the big telegraph companies estimated its loss at \$200,000 for New York and adjacent territory.

Railroad service between New York and Philadelphia was resumed this morning after 25 hours of interrupted service. The New York Central and other lines with terminals here also reported improved conditions.

The job of clearing the snow from the street here was a stupendous undertaking. Drifts around fire plugs were being cleared away first. Then the snow about firehouses was shoveled away. Business firms owning automobile trucks aided the street cleaning department by tendering these vehicles for use in removing the snow.

### Wires Storm Proof

Although the commercial wires on the Atlantic seaboard were prostrated by the storm of Sunday night and Monday, the United Press report was not delayed.

## ASKED CONGRESSMEN FOR CAMPAIGN FUND

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Admitting that he tried to get \$100, from each senator and representative for general campaign purposes, Chairman Doremus of the democratic congressional campaign committee nevertheless denied today before the house elections committee that he was subject to criminal prosecution for his activities. The corrupt practices act, he argued, does not prohibit such contributions. The charge that he had violated the penal code was made by Congressman Mann, republican floor leader.

## SUFFRAGETTES QUARREL IN HOUSE

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openly in the committee's presence. The only contingent which seemed united was the one opposing the franchise for women.

Mrs. Medill McCormick said women wanted a state referendum. Mrs. Mary Beard declared they wanted a constitutional amendment. A third faction demanded a national referendum.

"The fact is that they do not want the vote," said Mrs. Arthur Dodge, "anti suffragette."

### PRESIDENT TAFT'S BROTHER, SAVED NATIONAL LEAGUE



Charles P. Taft, brother of former President Taft, has saved the National league in its most dangerous crisis in many years by purchasing the interest of Charles W. Murphy in the Cubs of Chicago. Murphy himself has said his own share was 53 per cent and that Mr. Taft paid him on a basis of a value of more than \$1,000,000 for all the stock.

## CLAIM DYNAMITE FAKE PLANT TO DISCREDIT STRIKERS

SEATTLE, Wash., March 3.—Investigations of county officers into the discovery of a dynamite cache at 1111 Sturgis Way brought out the emphatic declaration today that the case is a rank fake and that the twelve sticks of high-grade explosives and a bomb were "planted" with the intention of discrediting striking teamsters and causing the arrest of two innocent men.

Two union teamsters are known to have lived at 1119 Sturgis Way. Officers now declare that the men who planted the evidence had planned to expose the deal and work up a plausible case against the two men. They missed the house, hiding the dynamite in a barrel and burying the bomb in the rear of 1111 Sturgis Way.

After the cache was "tipped off" to county officers, Charles Kilman, a strikebreaker, was introduced as the man with inside knowledge of the job. His extreme assurance in uncovering the cache caused his arrest by Deputy Sheriff John Roberts and J. J. Sullivan, who are handling the county probe.

Kilman claimed he was a detective working on the case for Seattle firms, but officers declare he is a notorious strikebreaker and rough. They charge that he offered to "turn the trick" against union men if he were paid \$100 for the job. He is today locked up in the county jail. Another arrest is expected to follow.

## TO OPEN RESERVES TO STOCK RAISERS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—Government experts and stockmen today urged the house lands committee to open the public domain to stock raisers as a panacea for the high cost of living. This it was predicted, would cheapen the cost of meat.

"The number of food animals in the west," said Representative Kent of California, "will be increased if public lands were fenced and leased."