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ZAPATA TROOPS KILL AMERICAN IN MEXICO CITY

John B. McManus, Prominent American, Shot at His Home-American Flag Floating Over House at Time and Doors Sealed by Brazilian Consul-Killing Said to Be Revenge

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- John B. McManus, a prominent American in Mexico City, originally from Chicago, was shot and killed in his home vesterday by Zapata troopers as they were occupying the Mexican capital after the evacuation of General Obregon and the Carranza forces,

Official dispatches today from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City say the American flag was floating over McManus' house and that his doors had been sealed by the Brazilian con-

Crime One of Revenge

The Brazilian minister's dispute intimated that the killing may have been one of revenge for it was recently occupied the capital, Mc- said in London that ground has been in their mark-manship and have com-Manus had killed three of their num-

The fact that the American flag had been holsted over the house and days ago that this battle had been the doors had been sealed by the consul of a neutral power was taken by officials here to indicate either that McManus felt he was in danger or that all foreigners were fearful of their safety with the entry of the Zapatista troops and took steps for protection. The killing of the American is described in the official dis patches as having caused the excitement in the foreign colony.

To Punish Murderers

The Brazilian minister reported that General Salazar, the Zapata commander, had promised to find the guilty troopers and punish them. It also was reported to the state department that after General Obregon left Mexico City there was some looting in Popotla, a suburb, but that there was no general looting or dis-

After a conference between President Wilson and the cabinet, a formal demand was sent to General Salazar, insisting that the Zapatistas guilty of the murder of McManus be punished and that adequate reparation be made to the family of the vic-

The demand was transmitted in a telegram sent by Secretary Bryan to the Brazilian minister in Mexico City. The state department approved the informal action of the Brazilian minister in asking for punishment of the troopers and instructed him to insist that it be carried into effect.

Villa's Forces Arriving

High officials did not expect the affair would develop further complications of an international character. They were inclined to view the killing of one American in what might have been a personal controversy in which dent Pierre S. Du Pont of the I. U. motives of revenge were involved, did Du Pont de Mours Powder company not necessarily mean that all Amerieans or other foreigners would be generally endangered.

General Villa's post nearest Mexico City when the Zapata troops entered yesterday, according to state departmiles north, one day's march. It is have been received to that effect, that Villa forces are arriving in the cap-

yesterday, said the Zapata troops entered in a body at 9 a. m. in perfect order and were received with enthusiasm by the population of all classes.

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BELGIAN ARMY MAKES ADVANCE

PARIS, March 12.-The official the French war department says:

"In Belgium two divisions of the and 500 meters, notably in the direction of Schoorbakke, to the southto add to yesterday's official state-

GREAT BATTLE NOW RAGING IN NORTHERN POLAND

LONDON, March 12 .- A semi-official statement from Petrograd reorts a new movement of the German forces in Poland. Following the heavy concentration of German troops for the renewed attack on Przasnysz near the Prussian border, reinforcements have been brought up in the Pilicia river region, southwest of Poland. Petrograd, however, reports that these reinforcements are intended merely to hold the present positions rather than institute an-Russian line toward the Polish capi-

Concerning the great battle which Petrograd says is now in progress in danelles from the south. sorthern Poland, few details have been received. The Russian statement mentions a hombardment of Osowetz by German aviators, but is silent as to the course of the main British warships on Turkish positionengagement.

The British attack in Belgium bas brought on two vigorous counter efficacious. The Turks, on their side movements by the Germans, but it is held. In Champagne further progress pelled British vessels to exercise for the French is claimed, although great caution in approaching their the German war office announced two

BAXMYER PROBABLY

CHICAGO, March 12 .- Peculiar circumstances attending the death of Christian F. Baxmeyer, a salesman vesterday, caused the inquest to be inflicted was only slight. continued to March 26. From the testimony of the train crew it was well directed on the whole, but it was one day this week had been carried established that no one had heard not very effective. Of about thirty to her conservatory to see the flowthe shot which ended Baxmyer's heavy shells, ten fell close to the ers. She appeared to be better and life; that his watch chain was dang- Turkish batteries, while the others in good spirits yesterday. that his uncle was in the habit of carrying large amounts of money, though only a few dollars were found in his clothing

Two of the train crew told the coroner that they found the body on the rear coach platform as the train believed the man had died of heart disease. They said Baxmyer had appeared to be in good spirits throughout the journey.

FIVE MILLIONS TO MANUFACTURE POWDER It was evident that the British were exercising the greatest caution.

NEW YORK, March 12.-Presihas announced that sufficient orders have been received from the belligerent powers to warrant the company in making large extensions to its plants.

ment advices, was Tula, about fifty may reach a total of \$5,000,000 or more," he said. "This is an extrabelieved here, although no advices ordinary amount to apply toward the manufacture of military powders."

Mr. Du Pont said that land has been purchased already on the James The last dispatch from the Brazil- river in Virginia for a new factory ian minister under date of 4 p. m. for the manufacture of dynamite and

PRESIDENT PLANS TO END COAL STRIKE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson took a hand in the eastern Ohio coal strike when he consulted with Secretary Wilson of the labor department and representatives statement issued this afternoon by of the coal operators about methods reaching a settlement. Secretary Wilson has already made fruitless Belgian army advanced between 400 efforts to bring the operators and the miners together.

As a result of today's conference, east of Nicuport. On the remainder the president is expected to write letof the front nothing has taken place ters to leaders of the two sides suggesting that the differences be ar-

RUSSIANS BEGIN **SHELLING PORTS** ON BOSPHORUS

Active Co-operation With Allied Fleet -Fire of British Warships Well Directed, But at Times Inefficacious-Turks Accurate in Marksmanship-Not Much Damage Done.

LONDON, March 12 .- It is learned through diplomatic sources in London that the Russian Black sen flect is expected to start a bombardment other atempt to break through the of the Bosphorus ports today in active co-operation with the allied fleet which is attempting to force its way to Constantinople through the Dar-

> CONSTANTINOPLE, March 8, via Berlin, March 1L and via London, March 12, 12:10 p. m .- The fire of in the Dardanelles has been well directed on the whole, but at times inhave shown a fair degree of accuracy batteries.

Warship Fire Scattered

type. The firing started at 11:50 a. present when she died,

nostly fell short. Many of struck at the water's edge.

Vessel Forced to Retreat

A certain British vessel which venared within range of the Kilid Bahr hatteries was subjected to well-aimed fire from them. She retreated hastily. The vicinity of particular barentered Chicago and that they had teries was then avoided the rest of the day. In the afternoon two British vessels came within range of hidden Turkish battery and had narrow escapes from the shore fire. During all the afternoon the British ves-

> At about a quarter before 4 in the says: afternoon several hydro-aeroplanes reconnaisance. To the observers it side of the straits. The nirships retired when fired upon.

"Our expenditures in construction M'ADOO RECOVERS

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Secretary McAdoo was operated on for appendicitis today at a hospital here. The physicians issued a bulletin saying the operation had been successful in every way and that their patient was in a very favorable condition. Mrs. McAdoo, President Wilson's youngest daughter, accompanied her husband to the hospital and waited in the ante room until the operation was over.

CIRCUS FAME DEAD

OIL KING'S WIFE DEAD

Private Vengeaance Declared Re-

MRS. ROCKEFELLER DIES AT HER HOME AT TARRYTOWN N.Y.

TRSJOHN DACKEFELLER

where she has been ill for some time. While Mrs. Rockefeller has been an invalid for many months, it is undertood that her death came unexpectedly. Her husband. John D. Rockefeller, and her son were at Ormond. Kennedy, special deputy attorney the accommodating friends of these from the board of control. There A correspondent of the Associated Mrs. Rockefeller had taken a critical charging that his sole occupation for a knife into John." Press witnessed the bombardment of turn for the worse. Mr. Rockefeller five years had been the case of Thaw. March 5 directed against the post- and his son immediately engaged a He continued: tions at Kilid Bahr, on the European special train which left Jacksonville side of the straits. He could see the early today, it was learned, and is sible for the state of New York were British ships of Agamemnon ler's daughter, was the only relative Thaw upon a puny little charge like was the father of four children.

m. and asted until 4:25 p. m., when Mrs. Rockefeller's sister, Miss "I am somewhat of a cross-exambeen rather scattered. Some of it when she died, News of the death cross-examine Mr. Kennedy." was directed against Dardanus and reached employes at the Rockefeller "Til go on the stand," said Mr. from Portland, Ore., was shot to other points on the European side of estate at Tarrytown after it had been Kennedy. death on a train entering Chicago the straits and the material damage announced in this city. Mrs. Rockefeller had apparently been recovering you will remember what happens," re-A Kilid Bahr the British fire was recently from her indisposition and plied Mr. Stanehfield,

AIRSHIP RAIDS BY BELLIGERENTS ON POLISH FRONTS FORGER BECOMES

PETROGRAD, March 12 .- Bomsels inside the straits were obliged to bardments of the forts at Ossowetz by maneuver actively because as soon as Germans without, however, causing any one of them stopped it invariably damage and other operations by air drew a fairly accurate Turkish fire, craft attached to both armies are recounted in a semi-official communication last night. The statement

of the allies appeared and made a days has been excellent for aeroplane ras apparent that they dropped Both sides have been active in this azine articles to Munsey's, the Rebombs on a village on the European respect and also have used dirigibles. to these fortifications.

cendiary bombs without causing dam- luxuries. age. "Our aeroplanes did excellent shells containing poisonous gases and sentenced man is also a poet. shells so old they failed to explode.

CLAIM DESTRUCTION OF 111 STEAMSHIPS

of merchantmen said to have been NEW YORK, March 12 .- The destroyed by the German navy since death of William Washington Cole, the beginning of the war. According sweepers and one troop transport.

FOR HIS ESCAPE

sponsible for Expenditure of Thousands Upon Thousands in Persecution of Thaw-Special Attorney General Spends Five Years on Case

NEW YORK, March 12.-In his closing address to the jury sitting in the case of flarry Kendall Thaw and not there at time. four co-defendants on trial for conspiracy, John B. Stanchfield, Thaw's counsel, urged the jury today to determine whether they believed Thaw haw recovered his sanity, and if they did, to say so in their verdiet.

Mr. Stanehfield sketched the case NEW YORK, March 12.-Mrs. of the defense and laid particular John D. Rockefeller died at 10:20 emphasis to the claim that Thaw o'clock this forenoon at the Rocke- planned his own escape from the feiler country home at Pocantico state hospital for the committal of Hills, just outside of Tarrytown, the insane at Matteawan because he to remain in the hospital would cause him to lose his mind.

Persecution of Thaw

Fla., and were advised today that general in charge of the prosecution, two slain robbers are waiting to stick will be a president, two vice-presi-

"Some private vengance is respon-

the British withdrew. Their fire had Lucy Spelman, also was with her iner and would give anything to

"If you ever do and I get at you,

Closing Arguments

The defense closed its case after Thaw had answered a few questions of minor importance on cross ination.

The prosecution was to sum up this afternoon. The case, it was said. would go to the jury immediately after Justice Page presiding, had delivered his charge. Attorneys for both sides said they expected a quick ver-

J. C. Devereaux, held in the county jall under an indeterminate sentence of from two to 20 years for "The weather for the last few forgery, was taken to the state prison at Salem Thursday. Devereaux reconnaisances on the eastern fronts, since his incarceration has sold magview of Reviews, and the Literary Di-The enemy's aviators dropped 20 gest, and during his prison term ex-bombs on Ossowetz without damage pects to be able to continue his liter-The enemy's aviators dropped 20 gest, and during his prison term exary work. Most of the articles he "On the right bank of thes Vistula has sold have first passed through we captured an aeroplane. On the the hands of Circuit Judge F. M. Pilica our aviators attacked and de- Calkins for criticism. Practically feated a German aeroplane. At cer- all of his time in jail is spent writtain points the enemy dropped in- ing, a typewriter being one of his

Devereaux is a young man, and bework in correcting artillery fire and fore he landed in the county jail enthe enemy's aviators were similarly gaged in varied pursuits. Friends serviceable, for their artillery suc- will ask the prison authorities to ceeded in firing projectiles of all give him a chance to follow his litersorts on our positions, including ary bent during his prison term. The

RURAL PUPILS DEFEAT THOSE IN JACKSON TOWNS

more accurate and solved more probems than the children of the towns of that county, according to a report made on a test in arithmetic by Coun-AMSTERDAM, March 12, via Lon- ty School Superintendent Wells to don, 1:52 p. m .- The Mittag Zei- State Superintendent of Public Intheir work was more accurate.

M'MANUS SLAIN IN REVENGE FOR KILLING ROBBERS

DENVER, March 12 .- C. D. Wood, Denver real estate dealer and a brother-in-law of John B. McManus, received a message from the state department at Washington today in forming him of the killing of Me-Manus in Mexico City. The state department telegram included a message from Mrs. McManns, dated yesterday, and transmitted by the Brazilian minister. It said:

"Johnnie killed this morning. Attack on house. Rest al! well. Were "RUTH."

Wood was financial agent for the Bryant, Mellhenny & Co., a firm which manages a large group of mines in the Gunnajunta district. He has been in business in Mexico City. about twenty-five years and was a lender in the affairs of the American handling northwestern deciduous colony.

A recent letter to Wood from Mrs. McManus said:

"The raids are so frequent that we annot leave the children at our ranch. I have been uneasy about believed that he was sane, and that John, for he shot two Mexicans not long ago and there is a banch after him. The Mexicans were members of a big gang of robbers who were here Mr. S anchfield assailed Franklin to loot the place. I think some of a governing board of seven elected

Mrs. McManus was Miss Ruth Wood of Denver. She married Me-Manus twenty-five years ago.

Wood said his brother-in-law had fire of either side and note how all due here some time tomorrow, Mrs. spending thousands upon thousands been a resident of Mexico City since MURDERED ON TRAIN the shots fell. The vessels engaged Parmalee Prentice, Mrs. Rockefel- of dollars, probably \$50,000, to try shortly after his marriage and that he

Before he went to Mexico he was widely known among Denver mining ing toward restraint of trade will be men, he said. "He owned a large avoided. dairy and other large property interests in Mexico City. Not long ago there was a raid on his dairy and the Mexicans stole several of his cows, He shot two of the Mexicans in the raid, and when they came again yesterday they came for the purpose of killing him, in my opinion."

RYAN REFUSES TO EXPLAIN LOBBYING

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Allen Ryan of New York, a stock broker and son of Thomas F. Ryan, refused to answer questions today before the senate ship lobby inquiry committee. The committee gave him until Tuesday to consult counsel and threaten-AUTHOR IN JALL ed to turn over his ease to the Unit-ed States atorney. Mr. Ryan was asked on what business he had come to Washington five or six times since

December 1. "With what branch of government was the business that called you here?" asked Chairman Walsh. Ryan declined to answer. He said however, that his visits had nothing

to do with the ship purchase bill.

TO FREE PRIESTS

LOS ANGELES, March 12 .- Two thousand Mexicans stormed the national palace at Mexico City yesterday in an effort to release 250 Catholic priests imprisoned there, according to advices received here today. A riot followed. Gustavo, chief of police of the capital, was stabbed. two Mexican assassins who attacked him were killed and a large number of persons injured.

SALEM, Or., March 12.—The country children of Jackson country were SOUTHERN RAILWAY

NEW YORK, March 12 .- The tung of Berlin has published a list struction Churchill. He says that he Southern Rallway company directors prepared test problems for each of today decided to suspend the divi. Houston of the department of agrithe grades from the fourth to the dend on the preferred stock, ordinar- culture. It followed President Wileighth grades inclusive. The city ily payable in April. In October last son's receipt of a telegram from Govold time circus man, in this city on to it German vessels have sunk 111 children, save in the fourth and fifth the directors declared a dividend at Wednesday night, became known to- steamers with a total tonnage of grades, were more rapid in their the rate of four per cent, payable in spread of foot and mouth disday. Mr. Cole was in his 69th year. 400,000; four auxiliary cruisers with work, he said, but the country chil- five year scrip. Immediately after W. W. Cole's circus was absorbed a total tonnage of 32,500; one sail- dren, with the exception of the eighth the announcement of suspension of industry in Kansas." by the Barnum & Batley organiza- ing vessel, one schooner, eight mine grade, solved more problems, and the dividend stock broke from 50 to 45 %. Its minimum is 43.

SALE PROBLEM

Northwestern Fruit Districts Get Together to Arrange Common Selling Plan-F. O. B. System Recommended-Ship No Fruit Unless Sold -Minimum Upon Consigned Fruits.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12 .- The Northwest Fruit Shippers' Council's committee on organization and membership, submitted its report today. Following are the principal features:

Co-operation with the growers' council, representing 2000 - fruit growers of the northwest. -

fruits to the extent of 50 cars or more and who agree to abide by rules and regulations of the council.

Dues to be \$100 per year for each member, the remaining expense to be assessed on tonnage basis. Expense estimated at \$10,000 per year.

Board of Control Administration effected through a dents, secretary and treasurer.

Only the latter two may not be members of the board of control. The president must be from the governing board.

The object of the organization is to form information and traffic bureaus, study market conditions and extend distribution. Everything tend-

Favor F. O. B. System

The committee to devise ways and means recommended encouraging the method of selling for cash or on firm orders, generally known as the F. O. B. system; discouraging shipping unsold cars, known as thes tramp car evil, seeking the necessary co-operation of growers in this reform; avoidmum price attached; providing ways and means of disciplining unfair buyers who practice unjustifiable rejection of shipments ordered, giving specious excuses when their real motves is to escape losses on a falling market; throwing maximum protection around buyers who practice the square deal.

Tonnage 16,000 Carloads The tonnage controlled by shippers in attendance totals 16,000 carloads. All but a few of the smaller cash buyers and representatives of eastern dealers signed the member-

ship roll. As a result of caucases the following will be elected members of the governing board and the board of

C. M. McKee and H. M. Gilbert, for the Yakima district. Conrad Ross and G. W. Coburn for

Wenatchee valley. W. F. Gwin, general manager of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange,

H. F. Davidson of Hood River, president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, Spokane.

Eight other members of the hoard of control are to be chosen, one by the shippers of each of the following districts: Hood River, Rogue River, Western Oregon, Walla Walla, Southern Idaho, Montana; Spokane and Lewiston Clarkston. These eight will select the seventh member of the governing board.

KANSAS LIVESTOCK SITUATION SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Dr. U. G. Rouck of the bureau of animal husbandry will be sent to Kansas to take charge of the situation that has developed there as the result of foot and mouth disease. This announcement was made today by Secretary ernor Capper of Kansas saying the "threatens to wipe out the livestock

Secretary Houston said he saw no cause for alarm in the situation.