

VILLA REPORTED TO HAVE CAPTURED LEON STRONGHOLD

WASHINGTON, July 7.—The Villa agency today issued this statement: "A report from the front, unconfirmed by official advices, had reached the confidential agency to the effect that the advancing Villa army had captured the important stronghold of Leon and that the Carranzista army continues its retreat southward."

LAREDO, Tex., July 7.—No reports arriving up to noon today of fighting about Paredon where Carranza and Villa troops lost heavily in a battle Monday. Train service from here to Monterey, which is near Paredon, continued annulled.

Carranza authorities in Nuevo Laredo received reports today that their forces are within a few miles of San Luis Potosi and expect to capture it. The Carranza troops facing San Luis Potosi advanced, it was said, via Tampico, repairing the railroad from Tampico to the threatened city.

BELLE OF HOBOKEN WINS \$5000 BEAUTY PRIZE



Mrs. Justine Johnstone of Hoboken, N. J., who won the \$5000 prize for being "the most beautiful girl in America."

HOLT PLANNED TO DESTROY LINERS

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LEAPED FROM TOP OF CELL TO FLOOR CRACKING SKULL

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over, issued a statement after an autopsy had been performed by the prison physician. He said:

"Holt came to his death by a compound fracture of the skull and cerebral hemorrhage caused by a fall."

Dut to Fractured Skull

Although the autopsy performed on Holt's body early today by Dr. Guy Cleghorn established definitely that his death was due to a fractured skull, Walter R. Jones, the coroner, said he would hold an inquest into the manner in which Holt met his death. This, Mr. Jones said, was purely formal.

Jeremiah O'Ryan, the keeper who was on guard at Holt's cell when Holt committed suicide, today gave a connected story of what happened. O'Ryan said that he had been employed by Sheriff Pettit to guard the prisoner with instructions to watch him from 8 o'clock at night till 8 in the morning. Last night when O'Ryan went to the entrance of Holt's cell Holt seemed to be cheerful.

Last Words of Holt

"I had some food today and managed to retain it," O'Ryan says Holt told him. "I feel much better now, but I must get some sleep. These detectives have been coming in and asking me all kinds of questions and they have been bothering me day and night. I must get sleep. I have got an important statement to make tomorrow, and I must be able to convince people that what I say is true."

O'Ryan said he told Holt to go to sleep and that Holt turned over on his side with his back to O'Ryan and remained there about an hour. Then O'Ryan heard a noise in the next corridor. He glanced at Holt and saw that he was facing the door, but apparently Holt was sleeping. O'Ryan then crept, he says, on his hands and knees down the corridor to check the disturbance so that Holt might sleep. He looked into the other corridor and found there was nothing there. As he was about to start back O'Ryan said he heard a noise like a revolver shot.

Fell Over His Body

"I ran back to the cell and said to myself, 'He's done it; somebody slipped him a gun.' I looked into his cell and didn't see him. Then I thought that maybe he had been shot from outside. I said to myself, 'He might shoot me,' so I drew my revolver and went into the cell, expecting him to jump at me. It was dark and I couldn't see him. I tripped and fell. When I looked down I saw that I had fallen over his body."

Martin W. Littleton, who had been retained as counsel for Holt, reached Mineola today and examined Holt's cell closely. Mr. Littleton climbed up the iron bars on the side of the cell as Holt apparently had done before committing suicide, to see if it were possible for a man to kill himself in that manner. Mr. Littleton was convinced that it was.

On leaving the jail Mr. Littleton sent the following telegram to Thos. R. James at Dallas, Tex.:

"Holt a suicide in jail here. Undoubtedly demented. Do you wish body shipped to Texas?"

"Sure, then, you are related to Barney O'Brien?"

"Very distant; Barney was me mother's first child—I was the sixteenth!"

SPY IN SKIRTS! ALL ENGLAND FEARS HER AS THE "MOST DANGEROUS WOMAN IN THE ENTIRE WORLD"

As Famous Beauty Specialist, Mme. Trost, a German Special Agent, Wormed State Secrets From Wives of Men in High Offices of British Government.

(From Our Special Correspondent.) LONDON, June 14.—The most dangerous woman in London has just been deported as an alien enemy. And there never was a more harmless looking person.

In early Victorian dress, with snow white hair arranged in nodding curls Mme. Trost has for years been one of the most picturesque figures in the West End and Hyde Park.

Regularly every afternoon she drove in the park dressed in figured silks worn over an ample crinoline, a poke bonnet half hiding her delicately rouged face and grandmotherly hair.

It was vaguely known that she claimed to be a reincarnation of Marie Antoinette and that at her splendid house in Marlborough-gate, W., she had enshrined a coffin "that she might be beautiful in death."

Obviously Mme. Trost was rich. She maintained a splendid home just opposite Kensington Gardens, where she lived surrounded by Louis XVI furniture and superb plate.

But while girl pages in rich silk gowns of Louis XVI period served the guests at madam's frequent "at homes," the queer old lady kept no servants, but lived quite alone, doing all her own cooking and much of the housework.

This seemed more remarkable because Madame Trost was a beauty specialist in Bond street W. A business woman whose trade it was to pander to the follies of the idle rich.

Practically all her clientele occupied important social or official positions. Were women wearing out fast in the maddening whirl.

After a treatment those who wished to rest their nerves could drink tea and play bridge. If they lost, madame was a liberal banker. As time passed and accounts grew the ensnared clients became helpless before their creditor's curiosity. A more inquisitive old lady never lived. For wheedling information she was almost without a rival.

But one day, after war began, Mme. Trost asked an apparently harmless question of a clear-headed, debt-free woman. That night Scotland Yard became mildly suspicious of the beauty specialist.

Official investigation proved that the quaint Victorian in life was a German subject born in Frankfurt, that she had lived thirty years in London and identified herself with everything English, but had never been naturalized.

Scotland Yard delved deeper and discovered that long ago, when Bertha Trost was quite a young woman, she stood in the shadow of Austrian royalty until her connection with an intrigue caused someone highly placed at the Vienna court to suggest that she would be better off in London, where suitable provision would be made for her.

The Bond street "business," with its bizarre bouillottes, was merely a blind to hoodwink the police. The receipts did not pay the rent. Behind the trellis screens and rose-string shutters madame could carry out her schemes. The important women whose physical defects she knew, whose notes of hand she held, could often be induced to yield up official gossip, even secrets of state.

Madam Trost's subterranean profession became daily more obvious. Recently she began to drive out with wounded officers just home from the front. Then, grown suddenly reckless, she attempted to visit the camps of German prisoners in England.

Scotland Yard called a halt and demanded an explanation. The truth came out. Madam Trost, married thirty years ago in Germany, was searching for her son, a German prisoner, now interned in England. Mother love had made her careless of consequences.

In an effort to nullify the decree of exile to her own country, she attempted to marry a British subject by special license. But the Birmingham bridegroom, who answered the summons by the first train, arrived in London just as the Lady of the Crinoline was arrested.

Now her long scheming is ended. Her splendid home and her "business" premises are held by the public trustee and the curious, triple-sheathed coffin is in the hands of the bureau of criminal investigation.

For the "dear old English lady" was a dangerous secret agent, a spy in skirts, in the pay of Germany.

HER DESIRE

Said Mrs. Hippopotamus, "Oh, I'll be happy when The fashions grow more sensible

—And hips come back again!" —Judge.



The spy in crinoline! Mme. Trost, German agent who lived for years in London, where she was widely known because of the quaint period dresses she wore.

SPAIN PREPARES FOR TROUBLE BY WAR PREPARATIONS

MADRID, June 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Spanish government recently has been active in the preparation of military and naval armament. Artillery, arms and projectile factories are working night and day and the minister of war, desirous himself of learning their capacity has during the last several days visited those at Traña Oviedo, Granada and Seville.

Military and naval commissions have left for the United States and Italy for the purpose of acquiring arms and ammunition as well as the machinery for their manufacture.

There is talk also of the acquisition by Spain of a number of submarines and of large quantities of mines for coast defense purposes.

All these activities are being conducted with the greatest secrecy, the government having requested the press to maintain rigid silence on the subject. It is said that the motive behind these warlike preparations is by no means to enter the present European conflict on either side, but to strengthen Spain and prepare her for any event which may follow the present war.

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BOMBS PLACED ON SHIPS CARRYING WAR SUPPLIES

NEW YORK, July 7.—Detectives today examined all the left-over packages on the piers of the American and Cunard lines, but none of them seemed to tally with the description of the dynamite bomb they were working on. The police do not think the bomb, if it was sent, was dispatched by parcel post.

The police learned today that Holt had bought 100 fulminating caps, 100 feet of fuse, 100 extra explosive caps and 200 sticks of dynamite from a local powder company. This order was delivered to Holt at Central Park, L. I., on June 29.

It was ascertained today that Holt left Ithaca on June 8 with the sulphuric acid that he used in the bomb that he exploded at the capitol at Washington. The acid was purchased in an Ithaca pharmacy.

In each case, it was said, the bombs had been placed aboard a vessel carrying automobiles and other supplies for the French army.

The United States secret service and the French government, it was said, had joined in an investigation.

In at least one case the bomb consisted of two large iron cylinders, one of which contained acid and the other explosive which would be set off when the acid should eat its way through the walls of the cylinder.

BEGIN INQUIRY AT ASHLAND OF EXCURSION WRECK

Inquiry into the cause of the wreck in the Ashland yards Tuesday morning that resulted in injuries to twenty-one persons returning from a baseball excursion to Yreka is being held in Ashland this afternoon. Thos. K. Campbell of the state railroad commission is conducting the hearing on behalf of the state. Most of the Medford people returned to this city yesterday after a day in the hospital. The doctor's bills were paid by the Southern Pacific.

It is generally believed that the baseball special was forgotten and made possible the accident. The excursion train was running as second No. 12. The regular No. 12 had passed, and it is presumed the engineers of the two switch engines overlooked the schedules or they would not have been on the main line in the face of an approaching passenger train.

The following telegram was received this morning by R. L. Ewing, manager of the Medford ball team, from Yreka:

"Just learned of your sad misfortune, but no particulars. On behalf of the Yreka ball team and band wish to express our deepest regrets that such a pleasant celebration should have such an unfortunate termination. It has placed the whole town in gloom. (Signed.)

"E. S. VAN CAMP."

GREAT INCREASE IN CRATER LAKE TRAVEL

A hundred per cent increase in auto travel and a 35 per cent increase in the number of tourists visiting Crater Lake up to and including July 4 over the travel of a year ago, are reported by Superintendent Will G. Steel. The figures follow: 1914, autos 78, tourists 688; 1915, autos 152, tourists 933.

The largest single day at the lake reported this year was July 4, 1915, when 32 autos and 142 tourists were registered.

The total travel for 1914 was 1355 autos and 7530 visitors. This year the record promises to reach 2500 autos and 12,000 tourists.

BRITAIN PUTS LID ON METAL EXPORTS

LONDON, July 7.—Steps have been taken by the British authorities to prevent the further exportation from Great Britain of lead, spelter, anti-mony, nickel or any other metal necessary in the manufacture of munitions of war.

Announcement to this effect was made by Munitions Minister Lloyd-George in the house of commons this afternoon.

The failure of the acid to penetrate the iron and reach the explosive during the voyage across, it was said, frustrated the plots.

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