

# VILLAISTAS QUELL FOOD RIOT AT CHIHUAHUA CITY

EL PASO, Tex., July 26.—An incipient food riot was quelled in Chihuahua City Wednesday, according to arrivals from the south today. A mob of Mexicans marched to the state palace and demanded reduced prices on foodstuffs.

Guards were ordered to restrain the paraders, it was said, while Governor Fidel Axila, addressing the crowd, said to have numbered several hundred, promised the Villa government would endeavor to bring about reduced prices. The promise had a quieting effect, the paraders withdrawing.

General Villa and his cabinet arrived at Chihuahua today from Torreon, according to private advices. The purpose of their visit, it was said, was to continue the discussion of methods by which a peace conference with General Carranza or his officers might be attained. George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department, is attending the conference.

# 10,000 APPLAUD WM. J. BRYAN'S PLEA FOR PEACE

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will have to come to an end.

**United States a World Power**

"Is it not strange that any American citizen can talk about it being necessary for us to arm ourselves to the teeth in order to be a world power? Why, my friends, this Nation has been a world power for more than a hundred years—yes, for more than a century this Nation has been the greatest power in the world, and I would not exchange the glory of this Republic for the glory of all the empires that have risen and fallen since time began.

"Oh, how little faith they have in the true greatness of our Nation. Think that we must now begin to imitate the other Nations when heretofore we have set the world an example. If you tell me that we must get ready for war and we must join in this mad race for power, I remind you that when we were but a little Nation we wrote a Monroe doctrine, and although we had but a little army and little navy, we had no difficulty in maintaining that Monroe doctrine."

**Evening Death of 100**

"How many men will it take to avenge the death of a hundred or more who ought not to have gone to sea and taken their country into the risks of war? Will anybody guarantee that if we enter this war we will not have to spend more than 100 of our brave boys?"

**Five Millions Wounded**

"Five millions have been wounded in this war. This is the awful toll of a war that has not yet lasted for one year. And then consider the amount of money that is being expended on this war, \$400,000,000 each week—more than a billion and a half every month—more than fifteen billions in the time that the war has lasted.

"There is not a neutral nation—there is not a nation at peace that is not bearing a heavy burden because of this war. Little countries in Central and South America are compelled to increase their expenditures trying to protect the neutrality of their governments.

"Our country, the greatest of the neutral nations, has suffered great inconvenience. We are now paying a war tax.

**Diplomatic Exchanges**

"Our country today is in a diplomatic correspondence with Great Britain, Great Britain insisting upon doing things that we protest against as violation of our rights under international law. We have a correspondence with Germany because some of our citizens have suffered death because of the submarine attacks of Germany against Great Britain. And here we are suffering because these people are engaged in alternate cruelties and competitive inhumanities.

"This is war.

"At this time, when the passions of war do not excite us—at this time, when we can calmly consider these questions—I beg you to help to create a public opinion that will not draw a line between killing on a small scale and killing on a large scale. My friends, these are the things that are overlooked by those who espouse the doctrine that night makes right. I remind you that the moment you discard the moral phil-

osophy that applies to the individual units of society there is no other philosophy to take its place.

**Murder All the Same**

"The nations over there expect us to decide as between their methods of killing people. Why, if you read the statutes written in civilized lands you will find that there is not a single instance in which a statute against murder attempts to discriminate between the different means that may be employed in taking human life, and so, my friends, I cannot conceive it to be the duty of this great neutral nation to attempt to decide which is more cruel—to try to drown people at sea or try to starve people on land.

"We cannot, it seems to me, afford to go into this question and with scales attempt to weigh the different kinds of cruelty of which the belligerents have been guilty.

"I supposed when this war broke out that there was one argument that would never be made in this country again, and I remarked soon after it began that I supposed we were done at last with the argument that to us might ought never to have been made in this country—the argument that the way to prevent war is to get ready for it.

"Why, my friends, it was the prepared nations that went into war. The Nebraskan insisted that if America refuses to remain neutral it will miss the greatest opportunity in its history.

**The Arbitration Treaties**

He cited the arbitration treaties entered into with 30 nations while he was secretary of state.

He explained that his peace treaties involved 1,200,000,000 human beings, making war among them impossible without a year's investigation, and left open the choice of war, if arbitration having failed, the people still insisted upon war. And he endorsed the plan of having those who voted for war do the fighting first, and the very first to lead the battle line to be the jingo journalists whose clamor had excited the people to war.

**Highways and Battleships**

"I have been out here in this great state. I have been interested in your splendid roads. I have never enjoyed automobiling as I have since I have been in Oregon. To me the great objection about automobiling is the dust, and here in this state I have been riding over smooth, polished roads, and I was told that you had issued bonds to pay for your magnificent highway that is to traverse your county and extend from Alaska to Mexico, and the state plans to spend \$10,000,000 on its system of highways. Splendid enterprise!

"But, my friends, when we launched the Arizona the other day we launched a ship that has cost \$15,000,000, that is over five million dollars more than the proposed Oregon system of highways will cost, and one torpedo properly aimed will send it to the bottom.

"And yet, my friends, if we are going to spend \$300,000,000 on the navy and \$150,000,000 on the army, we will have almost \$500,000,000, and yet that in ten years' time would be sufficient to make these highways north and south, east and west, only 12 miles apart and bring a lasting blessing to all the people of the United States.

"But instead of doing that, you are going to spend it on battleships and ammunition and on getting ready for war."

**The New Defense Plan**

"I read that it is expected that congress will be in favor of spending \$300,000,000 on the navy, and they were going to have an increase in the army and then a reserve of 500,000 men.

"Now, that is what they think they need to get ready, measuring their preparation by the preparation of other countries. But suppose we do this, what are the other countries going to do. Suppose we make fools of ourselves. Do you think we have all the fools in the world? Don't you know other countries have fools, too? And if we can delude ourselves into taxing ourselves to make this preparation, don't you think that every battleship that we make will have its picture sent to all other countries, and they will go to making battleships, too? And when we get enough to prepare us for what they are now, they will be ready to prepare for what we have, and then we will prepare and then they will prepare because we prepare, and we will go on preparing against each other. That is what it means. It means that there is no end but bankruptcy in money and in the morals of the nation.

**Just Waste Money**

"You are not only going to waste the money, but you are going to cultivate a hatred that will get you into war and you are going to turn your thoughts from the peaceful occupations of productive industry to the swaggering, bullying habits of those who go out and steal and rob and murder by wholesale. That is the change that they ask to have made in this country.

"If there is but one man against it I pray to God he will give us strength to fight it.

# BECKER DIES IN CHAIR; PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE

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followed the prison priests chanting a prayer which was repeated by the condemned man.

**Straps are Adjusted**

"Jesus, Mary, Joseph, have mercy on my soul," nervously spoke Becker, as deputy warden stepped forward and adjusted the straps.

Hardly a minute lapsed before the electrode had been adjusted to the legs. After this the executioner jammed the switch.

The first shock lasted a full minute and the executioner said that it was 1850 volts and ten amperes in strength. It came while Becker was still commending his soul to his Maker.

The two prison physicians stepped forward to examine the collapsed figure that sat supported in the death chair by the thick leather straps. The stethoscope was applied to the heart and Dr. Charles Farr, the prison physician pressed his finger against the artery in the neck. There was still a feeble fluttering of the heart.

**Three Shocks Administered**

The physician stepped back from the rubber mat and again the electric current pulsed through the body. The shock lasted seven seconds. After a hasty examination Dr. Farr asked that a third shock be given. This lasted five seconds. An examination that lasted several minutes followed. Three physicians among the witnesses then made an examination and Dr. Farr at 5:55 o'clock announced, "I pronounce this man dead."

During the night Becker peelted on a piece of paper what he captioned "My dying declaration." It was taken to the warden's office where two copies were typewritten, which Becker signed with his fountain pen in a bold hand. To Deputy Warden Johnson, who had charge of the execution in place of Warden Thomas Mott Osborne, who does not believe in the death penalty, the one time police lieutenant gave his fountain pen as a gift. "It is the last thing that I have to give away, and I want you to have it. I want you to give this statement to the newspaper men."

**Becker's Dying Statement**

Becker's message given out just before he went to his death read: "Gentlemen, I stand before you in my full senses, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me, and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness by destruction by the state, which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. And now on the brink of my grave I declare to the world I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker. This acknowledgment is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all good bye. Father, I am ready to go. Amen!" (Signed) "CHARLES BECKER."

**Negro is Executed**

After his wife had said farewell shortly after midnight, Becker maintained a casual conversation with Deputy Warden Johnson, who sat beside the screen in front of his cell.

An autopsy on the body of Becker was performed, according to law, immediately after the execution. After Becker's body had been removed from the electric chair Samuel Haynes, a negro murderer, was brought into the execution room and electrocuted. One of Becker's last requests to Warden Osborne was that he be put to death before the negro Haynes.

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# POPE PREPARING MOVE FOR ARMISTICE

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, July 30.—A despatch from Madrid to the Overseas News agency says the Spanish newspaper A. B. C., reports from Rome that the Pope is preparing a great action through the episcopate of the belligerent countries with the object of securing an armistice. The archbishop of Pisa is quoted as confirming the story and adding that Pope Benedict himself is aware of the grave difficulties which he has to overcome.

# IOWA SOCIETY HOLDING PICNIC ASHLAND CANYON

The Iowa society is holding its annual picnic in Ashland canyon today, with between 400 and 500 Iowans from different sections of Jackson and Josephine counties in attendance. A large delegation journeyed from this city. Speeches, sports, and a dinner made up the day.

# CRATER LAKE'S GREATEST NEED

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preparations had been made to receive the party, which arrived at midnight, despite the fact that the hotel had been notified that the party would arrive. Beds were hastily improvised and the Bryans' good naturedly accepted the situation.

A motor-boat trip on the lake to Phantom Ship and Wizard Island occupied the morning. Late luncheon was enjoyed at Greaves' at Prospect, the party arriving without mishap or delay at Medford at 6:30 o'clock.

A dinner was tendered the Bryans at the Hotel Medford by the Commercial clubs and Greater Medford club before the lecture, with plates for the following: C. E. Gates, W. J. Vawter, ex-Mayor Purdin, Mrs. Purdin, acting Mayor Medynski, J. E.

# Public Reception

After the address public receptions were tendered Mr. and Mrs. Bryan at the hotel, Mr. Bryan meeting the people in the lobby and Mrs. Bryan in the ladies' reception room which had been decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the Greater Medford club. Afterwards Mr. Bryan attended a reception at the University club. They left on the Shasta Limited, being escorted thither by A. S. Rosenbaum, who put them aboard the train still sounding praises of Medford's hospitality.

The Bryans passed through a thunder shower on "Topsy" grade on the Klamath river, which culminated in a severe electric storm at Crater Lake which struck and shattered four large trees at Victor Rock, 100 yards from the Crater Lake Inn at 5:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Bryan was so pleased with the courtesy shown him at Prospect, that he presented James Greive with a subscription to the "Commoner."

It is estimated that the tunnel required to reach the lake would be about 2300 feet in length. This could be materially shortened at a higher elevation.

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		<p><b>WASH DRESSES At Less Than the Cost of the Material.</b></p> <p>50 Wash Dresses made of good material, fast colors, up to \$5.00 values, this sale ... <b>98c</b></p> <p>100 Wool Skirts and Wash Dresses all good styles and colors carried over from last season, some of these garments sold up to \$10.00, this sale ... <b>\$1.98</b> only, each</p>

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<p>Women's Sleeveless Vests, good 15c grade, this sale ... <b>11c</b> each</p> <p>Women's Porus-Knit Union Suits, 65c grade now ... <b>48c</b></p> <p>Women's Union Suits, fine 35c grade now ... <b>29c</b></p> <p>Boy's Porus-Knit Union Suits, now ... <b>48c</b></p> <p>Comfy Cut Vests for women, 20c grade ... <b>14c</b></p> <p>Women's fine-knit Union Suits, 75c grade ... <b>69c</b></p>	<p>36 inch fine Cambrie, worth 15c, this sale, a yard ... <b>9c</b></p> <p>36 inch House Lining, 6c grade, this sale, a yard ... <b>4c</b></p> <p>Good size Huck Towels worth 12 1/2c, now, each ... <b>9c</b></p> <p>Extra large Bath Towels 25c grade, each ... <b>19c</b></p> <p>60c Bleached Sheets ... <b>39c</b></p> <p>18c Pillow Slips ... <b>12 1/2c</b></p>	<p>Kayser's two clasp Lisle Gloves, 25c grade, now ... <b>21c</b> a pair</p> <p>Kayser's 16 button Chamoisette Gloves, 75c grade, now ... <b>44c</b> a pair</p> <p>Kayser's 16 button Silk Gloves all colors, special ... <b>98c</b> a pair</p> <p>Women's Muslin Gowns, made of fine Lingerie Cloth, all sizes, nicely made, worth 75c, this sale, each ... <b>48c</b></p>	

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