

MASSACRE OF AMERICANS BY MEXICANS AROUSES UNITED STATES TO ACTION

INTERVENTION PAN-AMERICAN NATIONS ASKED

New Crisis in Foreign Affairs Created by Slaughter of Americans by Mexican Bandits—Prompt Action Is Taken—Senate Resolution Proposes Joint Intervention.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Mexican situation has been brought to the boiling point again by the execution of sixteen or more Americans near Chihuahua. In congress, at the white house and at the state department today it entirely sideplaced all other international affairs.

Secretary Lansing, after sending a demand for satisfaction to General Carranza, issued a statement declaring it was to be deplored that the Americans had not followed the state department's warning against exposing their lives in the guerilla warfare region, and adding:

"Every step will be taken to see that the perpetrators of this dastardly crime are apprehended and punished."

Asks Intervention

In the senate an expected storm broke as soon as it assembled. Senator Sherman, republican, introduced a resolution proposing that, unless General Carranza gives proper protection to foreign life and property, the United States should invite the Pan-American nations which have been associated in the Mexican negotiations to join in restoring order and government in Mexico.

Senator Sherman's resolution was read to the senate and without comment or discussion of any kind was referred to the foreign relations committee.

In the house, Representative Dyer, republican, introduced a similar resolution, calling upon the president to inform congress if he did not believe the time had come to abandon the "watchful waiting" policy. Other members gave notice of their intention to make speeches. The administration was not without its defenders, who gave notice they also would speak.

Lansing's Statement

Secretary Lansing's statement follows:

"In October the department sent the strongest kind of instructions to the consuls in the states of Chihuahua and Sonora, calling upon them to use every means in their power to persuade Americans to leave immediately for United States territory, and these consuls were instructed to employ special agents to carry this message to Americans located in isolated sections. A few came out; some, regardless of the disturbed conditions existing in Mexico, would not heed the warning.

"It was only two or three weeks (Continued on page three)

HUERTA INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE NEUTRALITY

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 12.—General Victoriano Huerta, his former purchasing agent, Jose B. Ratner, and ten others, were indicted here today by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 12.—General Victoriano Huerta cannot live to stand trial under the indictments filed against him by the federal grand jury at San Antonio, according to Dr. M. P. Schuster, his physician. Dr. Schuster said that while the aged soldier's condition was generally unchanged, he is steadily losing ground.

ONLY AMERICAN SURVIVOR TELLS OF MASSACRE

Train Halted by Band of Bandits Estimated at 200—Americans Taken Off Train, Lined Up, Ordered to Disrobe and Shot Down—Escaped Slaughter by Flight.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 12.—Thomas B. Holmes, the only American to escape the massacre, arrived here about noon today with a more detailed story of the killing. He declared that the train was halted at 2 p. m. by a band of bandits which he estimated at about 200. After the Americans were taken off the train and lined up alongside the track they were ordered to disrobe. Realizing what was about to occur, he said he made a break for liberty, together with C. R. Watson, Tom Evans and R. P. MacHatten.

They were pursued by about fifteen bandits, who one after the other shot his companions in the dash for liberty, but missed Holmes.

He said he ran about three miles, when, noticing he was no longer pursued, he stopped, exhausted. Some ranchmen came to his assistance and loaned him a mule on which he reached Chihuahua City the night of January 10.

Watson Decapitated

Holmes said Watson's head was blown off, and that after the bodies were brought to Chihuahua City it was found they had been riddled with bullets and otherwise mutilated.

Holmes declared he did not know who led the bandits.

Delay in the arrival of the bodies of the eighteen foreigners murdered at Santa Isabel, January 10, has increased popular indignation.

The bodies were reported last night to have arrived at Chihuahua City. They were reported from there by Mexican officials as having started to the border. This morning official advices from the mining association in Chihuahua City were that the train would not start for Juarez until this afternoon, and it was said the train would not reach the border until midnight.

Carranza Inefficiency

As an evidence of the alleged inefficiency of the Carranza military government of Chihuahua, it was learned today that a troop train containing only seventy-five soldiers has been dispatched from Juarez to protect the properties of the Madera Lumber company at Pearson and Madera, western Chihuahua. These properties represent investments of nearly nine millions of dollars, and it is said they are in a program of Mexican bandits to be destroyed, together with all American lives.

GERMANS REPEL FRENCH ATTACK

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The collapse of a French attack on German positions north of Les Meunil in the Champagne along the front of about 1000 yards was announced by the war office today.

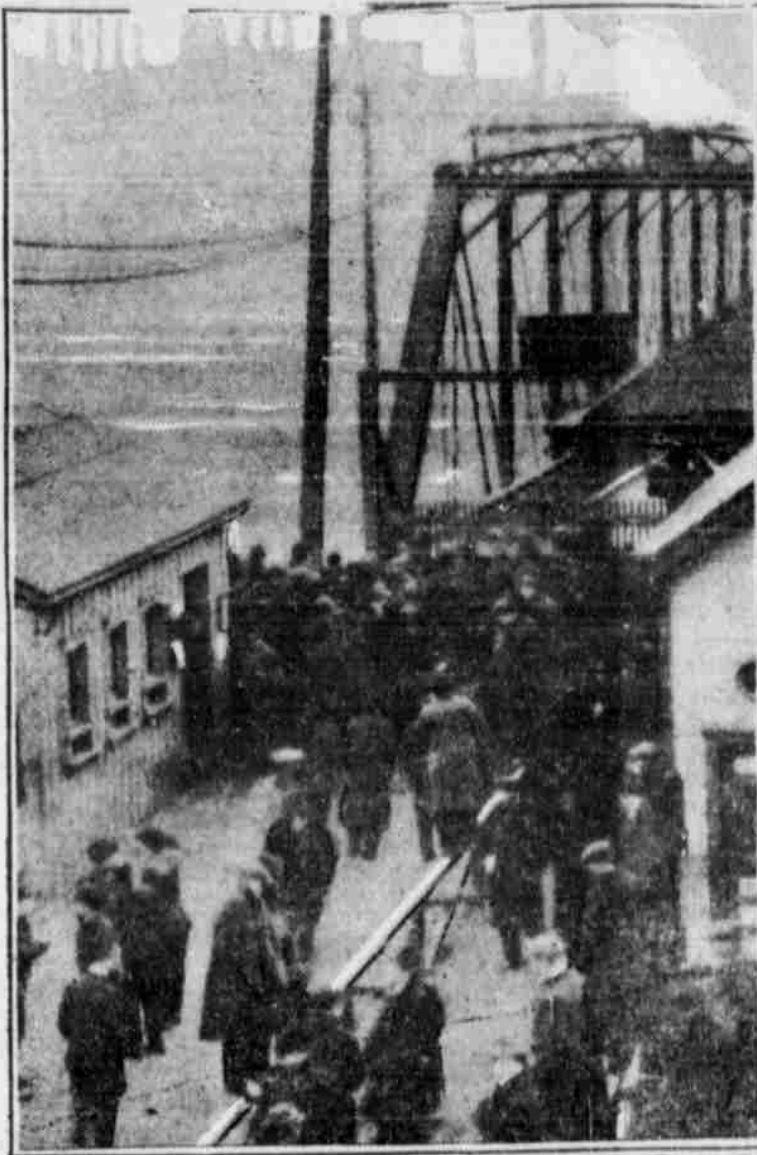
LONDON, Jan. 12.—The official French report of this afternoon received here by wireless follows:

"There were no events of importance last night except in the region between the Meuse and the Argonne, where batteries dispersed groups of enemy sappers."

MURRAY CROSSETT ESCAPES DEATH FROM MEXICANS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 12.—Murray Crossett, reported killed by bandits near Chihuahua, is safe in Chicago, according to a message received by Mrs. Crossett here last night. Business in Chicago prevented him from joining his employees near Chihuahua.

OHIO STEEL WORKERS FIRE TOWN WHEN GUARDS SHOOT INTO THEM



Rushing the bridge in the big Youngstown steel strike riot. This picture shows the approach to the North bridge in East Youngstown, where most of the strike shooting occurred. At the left and right are two offices of the big plant to which rioters applied the torch. The locked bridge gate, which strikers later battered down, can be seen. The picture was taken just before the shooting broke out.

BLANKET OF SNOW IS GENTLY FALLING OVER NORTHWEST

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—A low pressure storm area has appeared upon the Washington coast, coming from the direction of Alaska, and has caused snow and a rise of temperature of eight or ten degrees in western Washington. At Seattle and Tacoma the minimum temperature last night was 22. A wind of sixty miles an hour from the east is reported at Tatoosh island, and northeast storm warnings have been ordered for all seaports in this district.

The conditions are favorable for snow in the Puget sound region tonight and Thursday with strong northerly winds. Low temperature of 15 degrees is forecasted for Seattle tonight. In Seattle light snow fell all night, and continues today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Snow half a foot deep impeded vehicle traffic on Portland's streets this morning and there was no sign of a let up in the storm. Snow in Portland is a novelty, and since New Year's eve almost unprecedented weather conditions have prevailed as hardly twenty-four hours have passed that there has not been a downfall of flakes.

With the exception of the southwestern coast of Oregon, where rain is falling, the snow storm is general over the state. Some delay to railroad traffic is reported and the telegraph companies are having wire trouble.

The thermometer here fell to 13 degrees above zero today, a new low record for the last seven years. At Baker in eastern Oregon, the mercury registered four degrees below zero.

SCHMIDT SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—Matthew A. Schmidt, convicted of murder two weeks ago in connection with the dynamiting of the Times building five years ago, was sentenced today to life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary.

ORANGE GROWERS SAVE CROPS BY ORCHARD HEATING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—With thousands of smudge pots alight orange growers throughout the southern California citrus fruit region fought freezing temperatures last night, and today palls of smoke resting over all the valleys. In most sections it was colder than any time since the disastrous freeze of 1913, but being forewarned and aided by the moisture remaining from the recent rains, orchardists asserted that little damage had been sustained.

In Los Angeles water puddles remaining from the rains were surfaced with ice this morning, the first seen this winter.

In San Bernardino the temperature fell to 24 degrees above zero.

MEXICAN TROUBLE DUE TO OIL TRUSTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Thomas, democrat, of Colorado, charged during the Mexican debate in the senate today that the Standard Oil company, on one hand, and the Pearson Oil syndicate on the other, in rival efforts to obtain a monopoly of the oil industry in Mexico, were responsible for the revolutions in that country, and had covered it "with a sea of blood."

JAMES MONAGHAN SPOKANE PIONEER, DEAD

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 12.—James Monaghan, who came to the north-west in 1859, died at his home here today. For many years he was a dealer in government supplies, a freighting contractor and later a post trader. He was active in contracting work throughout the state.



Sheriff and soldier trying to bring peace to Youngstown. At the left is Brig. Gen. John C. Speaks, in command of the national guardsmen; at the right Sheriff J. C. Umstead of Mahoning county, who was knocked down during the rioting and temporarily blinded with red pepper.

SENATOR STONE SAYS TIME TO END WATCHFUL WAITING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee said he was in sympathy with the general idea expressed by Senator Gallinger.

"Everyone will agree," said Senator Stone, "that some kind of punishment should be meted out to the assassins who committed this crime. The senator from New Hampshire says he thinks the time has come when some permanent step should be taken to protect the lives of Americans in Mexico. Would the senator object to informing the senate and the country just what he thinks our government should do? He knows that we can say easily that these outrages in Mexico ought to stop and that we can denounce them as we can insist that punishment be meted out, but the things that concern me, as a senator, and many others in and out of congress, is just what we are to do. There is where we come to difficulties and on that very important subject I would be glad to have the opinion of one wiser and more experienced than myself.

"My record during this controversy will show," Senator Gallinger said, "that I have carefully refrained from criticizing the government or from making special pleas to protect lives and property in Mexico. I have realized the difficulty confronting the administration and have no disposition to embarrass it simply because it is not of my own party. But here is a very serious matter confronting us."

HEWITT'S LUMBER FIRM INDICTED

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—The Hewitt-Lea-Funk Lumber company of Sumner, Wash., and its assistant treasurer and general manager, William G. Funk, were indicted by the federal grand jury today on charges of fraud in attempting to obtain transportation of building material in interstate commerce at less than the lawful tariff rates in violation of the interstate commerce law. Ten counts were returned against Funk and the company, which is a subsidiary of the Hewitt-Lea Lumber company, one of the largest and richest concerns in the northwest. It is alleged that in invoices of goods shipped by the indicted corporation which does a large mail order business, Funk included such articles as glazed windows and doors, nails, hardware, building paper, paint and other articles, while furnishing the railroad with a false bill of lading certifying the shipment to contain only lumber and shingles which are carried under a lower rate.

CRAZED BY LOVE SAILOR KILLS THREE WOMEN; SUICIDES

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Floyd Peyser, a dishonorably discharged United States soldier, shot and killed three women today and then committed suicide. The first victim of Peyser's revolver was Mrs. Marjorie Hill, aged 19, and divorced, and with whom he was infatuated. The shooting took place in her apartments to which Peyser had gained admission by pretending he was a relative.

After shooting Mrs. Hill, Peyser also killed her mother, Mrs. G. W. Evans, and Mrs. Hill's sister, Mrs. Irene White and then, with two bullets left in the revolver he turned the muzzle against his own head and fired twice.

Mrs. Effie Ramsey, another sister of Mrs. Hill, secreted her eleven year old daughter Jennie, in a clothes closet and escaped injury herself.

Peyser, who had been warned away from the Hill apartment, hunted the women down, from room to room, and shot them as he found them.

BRITISH REPULSE 12 ZEPPELIN RAIDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Twelve attempted raids on London by Zeppelins during December were repulsed by the British, chiefly through large fleets of aeroplanes, and three of the German aircraft were destroyed or captured, according to Dr. W. H. Vincent of the colonial medical corps, who arrived today on the American liner Philadelphia.

"The real reason why Zeppelins have not been able to bombard London or its suburbs since October 14 last," said Dr. Vincent, "is because the British have established an efficient defense against the German air raiders. During December there were twelve separate attempts by Zeppelins to reach London. From two to four Zeppelins participated in each attempt.

MINE MANAGER TO PROBE MASSACRE

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—H. J. Hollis, one of the managers of the Cushman-Michie Mining company, is en route to El Paso, Tex., today to investigate the reported murder by Mexican bandits of nineteen employees of the company. C. R. Watson and W. J. Wallace, whose names appear in the list of the dead, were said by Mr. Hollis to have been Chicagoans. Watson, according to local agents of the Cushman-Michie company, formerly resided in Michigan.

BLIZZARD GRIPS MIDDLE WEST, SNOW ON COAST

New Storm From Alaska Sweeping the Pacific Coast—Cold Wave in Orange Belt of Southern California—Southwest Gets Its First Real Touch of Winter.

With a new storm coming from Alaska, a sixty-mile gale blowing along the coast, and snow falling over the entire northwest, with freezing weather in the Southern California Orange belt, and the middle west in the grip of a blizzard, prospects are for a little real winter weather. Snow is predicted for tonight and tomorrow, though only occasional flurries have fallen so far, which have spread a thin blanket of white over the valley.

Southwest Suffers

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—In Kansas the storm is the most severe since the winter of 1912. A gale from the northwest that reached 59 miles an hour carried blinding snow and sleet before it.

The mercury began to sink at Kansas City during the morning. At noon it had descended to two degrees below zero.

The southwest got its first blast of winter weather today and nature's offerings lived up to advance notices of the weather bureau. The mercury dropped from 35 to 60 degrees in 24 hours in the affected district and this morning temperatures ranging from zero downward prevail throughout Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and this section of Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas too, felt the drop. Snow is falling in much of the territory.

Blizzard Hites Kansas

In Kansas City the death list from accidents as a result of the storm remained at two, while more than a score of persons are in the hospitals recovering from injuries.

North Platte, Neb., reported the lowest temperature in the new storm area—18 degrees below zero.

A blizzard prevailed all over Kansas. A snow measuring from two to four inches fell in the state.

The weather map issued by the local bureau today shows a range of 128 degrees in the United States and Canada this morning. Little Rock had the highest reading—70 above—while Prince Albert, Canada, had the lowest, 58 below. The map shows the northwest still to firmly held by an unprecedented cold wave that has prevailed in that section for a week.

Temperatures of 48 degrees below zero in Montana, 40 below in North Dakota and 22 below at Rapid City, S. D., prevail.

Stock Perishing

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 12.—On the twenty-eighth anniversary of the most terrible blizzard of which there is any record in this section, during which many persons and thousands of head of stock perished from cold the mercury this morning registered nine degrees below zero in Omaha. This temperature was accompanied by a heavy fall of snow and a strong (Continued on last page)

LABOR MINISTERS AGAIN IN CABINET

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The resignations from the ministry of the labor members, Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education; William Bruce and George H. Roberts, respectively parliamentary under-secretary of home affairs and lord commissioner of the treasury, have been withdrawn.

As a concession to the labor opposition to compulsion, Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that the government will introduce an amendment preventing employers from using the measure as a weapon against employees.