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AMERICAN EMBASSY GUARDED FROM ASSASSINS

THREATS TO KILL CAUSE ACTION OF MEXICO'S RULER

Friendship of O'Shaughnessy for Huerta Given as Cause of Threats to Slay Him--General Carranza Openly Defies Intervention--Says It Would Only Result in War Which Would Create Profound Hatred Against United States--Declares England Is Trying to Use United States as Cat-paw.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Mexico City, March 4.—Following the receipt of threats that he would be assassinated and the American embassy dynamited, United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy was under a strong bodyguard of Mexican soldiers today and the number of sentries about his official headquarters had been quadrupled.

Of threatening letters O'Shaughnessy has received about 20. They purported to come from Carranzistas and denounced the charge d'affaires for his personal friendship for President Huerta, who, it was reported, was the individual who insisted on the body guard, considerably against O'Shaughnessy's wishes.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON IS NOT LIKELY TO SHOW MURDERER ANY MERCY

Telegram of Wife of Slain Man Will Not Influence Him in Farris Case.

SHOULD GO ELSEWHERE

Says It Would Be More Appropriate for Those Opposed to Capital Punishment to Go to Courts.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., March 4.—Ralph Farris, boy bandit and murderer, probably will be hanged in San Quentin prison Friday for the murder of Traveling Passenger Agent Horace E. Montague of the Southern Pacific railroad. Governor Johnson said today: "The telegram of Mrs. Montague will not in any way affect my determination of the Farris case. In cases of this sort I have only one province—to determine whether any facts exist which would warrant me in extending executive clemency."

"I have no right arbitrarily to set aside the statutes of the state. My sworn duty is to uphold the law. "It would be much more appropriate for those opposed to capital punishment to go to the courts and demand of the judges that they refuse to impose sentences of death than for them to demand that I, without reason, set aside the verdict of a jury and the solemn judgment of a court."

Admits Sending Message.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.—Mrs. Edna Gerson Montague admitted today that she has joined the petitioners who are seeking to save from the gallows Ralph Farris, the youthful Southern Pacific bandit who shot and killed her husband, Horace E. Montague, traveling passenger agent for the railroad company, and left her two babies fatherless. Farris killed Montague on a train which he held up near El Monte, three months ago, and was sentenced to death.

"I have no wish for revenge," said Mrs. Montague, "and my husband cannot be brought back if they take this boy's life. I have telegraphed Governor Johnson asking him not to kill Farris, and I shall pray that he will be informed by my wish."

Telegram to Governor.

Mrs. Montague's telegram to the governor, in part, follows: "As the widow of Horace E. Montague, who was killed by Ralph Farris, I beg of you leniency. I believe in the law of love, and that Jesus was right when he said 'forgive them that persecute you and despitefully use you.' I deprecate the Mosaic law. In the name of my two little daughters and myself and my dearly beloved husband, and in the name of humanity and God, I beg of you leniency for Ralph Farris."

The Carranza party was expected to leave for Naco late today. It is the start is made Carranza probably will be at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas, tomorrow. No date has been set for the start to Chihuahua.

Editors Are Jailed.

Mexico City, March 4.—At Huerta's order the six editors of the newspaper 'El Monitor' were locked up in the fortress of San Juan de Ula, charged with disseminating false news tending to inflame Mexicans against the United States. Their newspaper was suppressed.

TOSSES BABY TO HUSBAND AND LEAPS TO SAFETY FROM BAD FIRE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] South Bend, Wash., Feb. 4.—Tossing her baby to the waiting arms of her husband, Mrs. Allen Hall leaped from the second story of her home in the fashionable Nob Hill section early today and escaped from the flames which had roared up through the stairways. The house, which when built, was the finest in the city, was a total loss, not a stick of furniture being saved. The house was built in 1890 by Captain A. T. Stream, a pioneer millionaire.

ROSEBURG BANK HEAD GIVES HIMSELF UP FOR \$75,000 DEFALCATION

Sheridan Out on Bond of \$6000 Which Is Furnished by Two Friends.

IS UNDER EIGHT COUNTS

Indicted by State Grand Jury Several Weeks Ago on Forgery and Larceny Charges.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Ore., March 4.—Thomas R. Sheridan, former president of the First National Bank of Roseburg, gave himself up to United States Marshal John Montague today, after a consultation with his attorney, former Senator C. W. Fulton. Sheridan is charged in a federal indictment under eight counts with having abstracted funds from a national bank.

Although District Attorney Reams says the alleged defalcations actually reached \$75,000, the indictments cover only \$18,000. All, it is charged, were perpetrated between March 8 and May 29, 1911. In June the business of the bank was absorbed by the Douglas County National of Roseburg, but a trustee was appointed to liquidate the affairs of the First National.

Friends Sign Bond.

Sheridan gave a bond of \$6000, which was furnished by Frank Waite, of Sutherlin, Ore., and Fred H. Krebs, a prominent lumberman of Portland. After arraignment Sheridan was given ten days in which to prepare his plea. Sheridan was indicted by a state grand jury at Roseburg some weeks ago on charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses, but these charges have been held in abeyance pending the federal inquiry. Sheridan is said to have been heavily interested in outside operations, and to have obtained the money by means of memorandum checks.

ERIE ROAD OFFICIAL DIES.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Garden City, L. I., March 4.—J. C. Stuart, vice-president of the Erie railroad, died today at his home here. He had been ill for months.

Dr. Cook Plans to Push Libel Suit

MAN WHO CLAIMS HE CLIMBED MT. M'KINLEY AND WHOSE GUIDES EXPOSED HIM, SUES COHAN & HARRIS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, March 4.—That Dr. Frederick A. Cook really proposes to attempt proof, in connection with the \$50,000 libel suit he has begun against Cohan & Harris, that he reached the summit of Mt. McKinley and got to the north pole, was stated today by his legal advisers here.

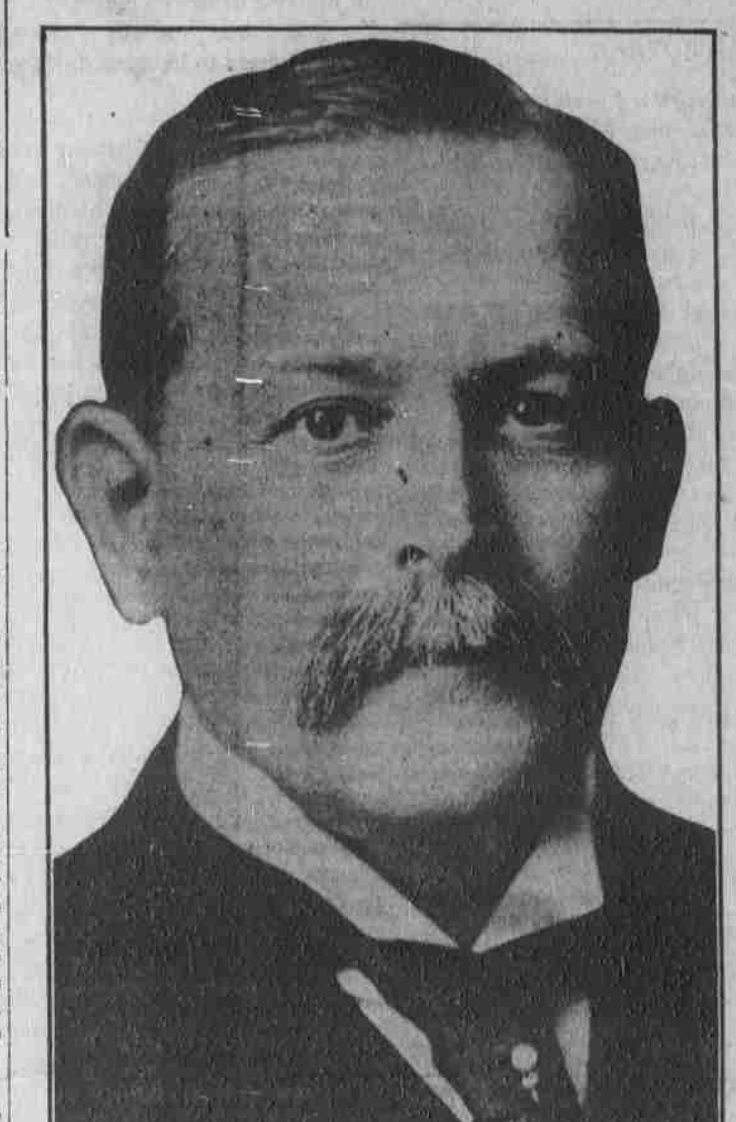
In fact, it was added, at as much for the sake of an official investigation of his claims as because he considered he had been libeled that he began proceedings.

In the play "Seven Keys to Bald Pate," on at Cohan's grand opera house, Cyril Scott, represented as climbing this mountain, says: "After climbing this mountain I can readily believe all that Jack London ever wrote, and all that Dr. Cook lied about it."

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, tonight and Thursday fair east and cloudy west portion, and probably rain, and variable winds mostly easterly.

Great Upbuilder of Vassar During His 28 Years Service



Dr. James Monroe Taylor.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 4.—Dr. James Monroe Taylor, who recently resigned as president of Vassar college, after holding that position since 1886, closed a career of much usefulness to that woman's university. During his incumbency he has seen the sphere of women in the world's work change considerably. He inculcated and encouraged advanced ideals for the girls of Vassar.

Mrs. Wakefield Almost Overcome When Plew Dies

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Hartford, Conn., March 4.—Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, awaiting the state supreme court's action on her appeal from the death sentence pronounced against her for her husband's murder, was almost prostrated today in her cell at the Wetherfield penitentiary following the night of horror she passed but 100 feet from the scaffold on which her affinity and accomplice, James W. Plew, was hanged at two minutes past midnight.

During the early hours of the night Mrs. Wakefield sobbed convulsively but toward morning she fell into a troubled sleep. She had been anxious to see Plew before he died, but their joint request for an interview was refused by the prison authorities. Plew went to his death composure. "I hope she gets a new trial," were his last words. Plew and Bessie Wakefield, "the woman who never had a chance," was convicted of murdering her husband, William Wakefield, last June. Plew and Mrs. Wakefield were both sentenced on November 5, to die on the gallows, following Plew's admission that he planned the murder and aided the woman, who is but 24 years old, in carrying it out. Judge L. E. Burpee passed sentence.

Immediately the woman was sentenced a state-wide fight was begun to save her from the gallows. The fight soon became nation-wide, but Governor Baldwin declared he could not commute the sentence to life imprisonment. It was argued that Connecticut has not taken the life of a woman for more than 100 years; that Plew exerted an almost superhuman influence over the woman, who had been maltreated by her husband, both before and after their marriage. She has two small children, a boy six years old and a girl of four. Shortly after the court ordered both Plew and Mrs. Wakefield to be hanged on March 4, the woman's lawyers secured a reprieve.

MOORE QUITS AS ADVISER.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, March 4.—John Bassett Moore resigned today as counselor for the state department. It was stated that he did so to undertake Carnegie peace foundation work. That the Mexican situation had anything to do with his resignation was denied. When named for the post last summer Moore would not promise to serve more than a year.

WALTHAM WOMAN KILLS SELF. Battle Creek, Mich., March 4.—Mrs. Sarah Drukke, aged 62 years, a wealthy

WEEGHMAN WILL OWN CUBS SOON

Report Believed to Be Authentic Says Head of Federals Will Buy.

METHOD CHOSEN TO AVOID BIG FIGHT

Will Not Drop Federals, Part of Plan Being Recognition of Outlaws.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, March 4.—Charles H. Weeghman, one of the principal backers of the Federal league, will own the Chicago National club before the end of the week, according to a report which originated today from a source close to Charles P. Taft, the present owner of a controlling interest in the club. This is the method, it was said, chosen by the National league directors to avoid a financial battle with the outlaw organization.

Governor John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania, president of the National league, and Taft will arrive here Friday, and it is reported that a meeting with Weeghman has been arranged. It was stated that Weeghman does not intend dropping the Federal league club in Chicago, a part of the plan being to arrange some sort of recognition of the outlaw organization, according to reports. It was not known whether the plan involves the assumption by the National league of Federal league contracts, with a view to disbarring the new organization, or admitting it to organized baseball as a third major league.

MAY HAVE CITY MANAGER.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Colorado Springs, Colo., March 4.—Colorado Springs may follow the example of Dayton, Ohio, and adopt the city manager form of government, it was believed here today, as the result of a recent visit of Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia, secretary of the National Municipal league. Since Dayton adopted the plan, 15 American cities have followed suit. Woodruff urged the plan here.

J. ROCKEFELLOW WOULD BE GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE

A petition for nomination on the Republican ticket for governor, that has many of the earmarks of a fake, was filed in the secretary of state's office this morning. It was that of John Rockefeller, of 1235 Goldbond building, Portland. The name is suggestive, and, so far as can be learned, no one here has ever heard of the man. Besides, there is no such building in Portland that we know of, and the impression is that the filing was made for the purpose of showing that the name of any fictitious persons could be placed on the ballot, under our present law. Anyway, the petition is in proper form and has been filed. John says he will accept the nomination if given him, and he promises to give equitable and impartial enforcement to all laws, and, besides many other things, says he will "seasonably guard the interests in every matter which may involve the rights of property and to give my best efforts to assure courteous treatment to any citizen who may call on the office for advice or assistance."

Uses America As Catpaw. "So she attempted to use America as a catpaw. The more shame to America that she allowed herself to join these infamous powers. "Villa and I are in perfect accord. He obeys my orders without question."

Trying to Curb Congress.

Washington, March 4.—Convinced that General Carranza is about to reconsider his refusal to hear representations concerning the Benton case except from England, the Washington administration was doing its best today to prevent congress from engaging in a general raking over of the Mexican situation, with the possible result of upsetting pending negotiations. President Wilson warned several senators who were anxious to open the whole subject on the floor of the upper chamber how serious the conse-