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MERCADERO READY FOR COURTMARTIAL

General Who Evacuated Ojinaga Willing to Return to Mexico Again to Stand Trial

ACCUSES OROZCO OF PLUNDER AND COWARDICE

Two Other Volunteer Generals, He Claims, Abandoned Their Posts as Soon as Rebels Appeared—Mercado Instructs His Soldiers to Obey the Orders of United States Army Officers—Shows Gratitude For Treatment Accorded.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—General Salgado Mercado and the 3,000 Mexican Federal soldiers who fled into the United States during the battle of Ojinaga, and were interned today at Fort Bliss on the footing of prisoners of war, defended his abandonment of Ojinaga and charged General Pascual Orozco with cowardice and insubordination.

Charges Orozco With Duplicitry. In answer to criticisms from Mexico City, General Mercado gave his reasons for taking asylum in this country. He said that Orozco repeatedly had robbed the federal provision train, had refused to attack the rebels, had abandoned his own troops and had run away under fire to give the impression that he himself would remain on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande to fight more battles, whereas Orozco was afraid to fight because of an indictment pending against him here.

Ready to Stand Trial. General Mercado also charged that General Ynes Salgado, commander of the Antonio Rojas, volunteer commanders, abandoned their posts as soon as the rebels appeared and returned to Mexico City. He said he was ready to go to Mexico City to stand trial by courtmartial. He said he would disavow charges that he left Chihuahua because of money furnished by the Terrazas family.

CONVICTS HAD AID ON THE OUTSIDE

Evidence to Indicate It Unearthed at Investigation.

McAlester, Okla., Jan. 20.—That the three convicts who died for liberty from the state penitentiary here yesterday, took the lives of themselves, through the aid of their friends, the States Judge John R. Thomas, had outside aid was indicated by evidence heard today by members of the board of prison control.

The revolver used by David Koontz, leader of the mob, was identified as having been sold recently by a local hardware dealer. The identity of the man who made the purchase was not established. It was also learned that a horse and wagon, without a driver, was standing at the prison gates when the mob entered the penitentiary. Members of the mob intimated tonight that their inquiry so far failed to connect any "outsider" with the planning or the execution of the attempted escape.

ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE.

Mother of Victim Testifies to Troubles of the Couple.

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 20.—The jury in the case of Michael Rikteriatas, on trial for the murder of his wife on May 19 last, was completed at three o'clock this afternoon. It took four hours to complete the trial. After the jury had been chosen the state went on with its evidence.

WHO OWNS THE INCUBATOR BABY?

Long Legal Fight Dismissed by United States Supreme Court.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The long legal fight for the possession of the St. Louis exhibition "incubator baby" was dismissed in the supreme court today because neither party to the suit had presented the record. Mrs. Louis Heak, of Toledo, Ohio, secretary of the National Society of Mothers, was the plaintiff in a contest which involves the baby of a woman who died in 1907.

OBITUARY.

Emil Liebling. Chicago, Jan. 20.—Emil Liebling, concert pianist, composer and lecturer, died today at his home here. He was born in Pless, Germany, in 1851.

Lord Strathearn. London, Jan. 20.—Lord Strathearn and Mount Royal, high commissioner for Canada, died at 1:45 o'clock this morning, after a long illness, at his home in London. He had been virtually unconscious since last past four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Lord Strathearn, 67, was a member of the House of Lords. He was married to the daughter of a duke and had a son, Lord Strathearn, who is a member of the House of Commons.

Cassidy McGreggor. Chicago, Jan. 20.—Cassidy McGreggor, a well-known actor, died today at his home in Chicago. He was 65 years old.

Well Yields Hot Water. Grand Rapids, Jan. 20.—A hot water well in the city of Grand Rapids, Mich., which had been shut down today because the heat had been destroyed, was repaired and is now yielding water.

Mexico Faces a Coal-Famine as a result of her internal struggle.

Condensed Telegrams

Archbishop Does Not Ban Tango. Ancon, Italy, Jan. 20.—Archbishop Ruffini, while prohibiting the tango, has recommended Catholics not to participate in dances which offend Christian sentiment.

Death of French Political Writer. Paris, Jan. 20.—Jean de Resnais, an eminent political writer and author for a few months in 1880 secretary of the French embassy at Washington, died here today, aged 60 years.

Penfields Presented to Society. Vienna, Jan. 20.—American Ambassador Frederick Courtenay Penfield and Mrs. Penfield were formally presented to the official society of Austria-Hungary this evening, at what is known as the "Austrian court of the Receptivment."

Bishop of Verona Prohibits Tango. Verona, Italy, Jan. 20.—Cardinal Bartholomew Scacchi, bishop of Verona, has issued a pastoral letter strongly condemning and prohibiting the tango. He calls attention to the fact that the tango has already been prohibited by the pope and that it is a "disrespectful and indecent" dance.

Move Against Tobacco Trust. Dresden, Saxony, Jan. 20.—A search of the premises and archives of the leading German cigarette concern, which is in the hands of an American tobacco company, has been in progress for two days under the charge of officials of the German government.

Refugees Prepare a Meal. Soon after their arrival the refugees were spread over the reservation, mixed with the regular army and the militia out of four furnished by the American army. How long the Mexicans will be detained is not known.

Huerta to Feed Refugees. San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 20.—General Huerta has ordered that 200,000 pounds of flour be sent to the American army to feed the refugees.

Make People Ready For Government Ownership, Says Senator. Washington, Jan. 20.—What has happened in the case of the New York, New Haven and Hartford system was held up to the senate today by Senator Kenyon of Iowa as an argument for government ownership of railroads.

Progressives Disappointed. Members of the house judiciary committee and members of the senate interstate commerce committee conferred today on plans for amending the bill to be submitted to congress.

Supreme Court to Hear it on Day Preceding Execution of Plew. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 20.—Appeals of Mrs. Bessie J. Wakefield and Joseph H. Bergeron from the sentence of the supreme court of errors here today, but as the briefs of counsel for the defendant were not ready, the court will not hear the case until the next day.

Officers Elected by the Connecticut Temperance Union. Hartford, Conn., Jan. 20.—At the annual meeting here today of the Connecticut Temperance Union, officers were elected.

Hotel Clerk Arrested on Embezzlement Charge. H. S. Hale Accused by Mohican Hotel Manager at New London. New London, Jan. 20.—Henry S. Hale, 47, up to ten days ago a bookkeeper in the employ of the Mohican hotel here, was arrested today on a charge of embezzling \$1,600.

Eight Accused of Conspiracy. Involved in Alleged Concealment of Assets in Bankruptcy Case. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 20.—Philip Rubin of Naugatuck, charged with concealing assets in his petition to bankruptcy and seven others, who are charged with conspiracy in connection with the case, were held in \$3,000 bonds each by Judge Thomas in the United States court here today.

Threaten American. Federal Troops Assume Menacing Attitude Toward Otto Winters. Laredo, Texas, Jan. 20.—Mexican federal troops were ordered to march on the border, have renewed threats to kill Otto Winters, a resident of the New England states, who held bonds here for Joseph Winters, a resident of the New England states.

Smallpox Spreads. Churches Decide to Close—Lodges and Theatres May Follow Suit. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 20.—With 100 cases of smallpox on the records of the health department of the city today, steps were taken to close all places where public meetings are held.

Unusual Care in Selecting a Jury. Precautions Against Another Disagreement in Schmidt Case. New York, Jan. 20.—Unusual precaution in the selection of jurors in the case of the murder of William Schmidt, a German ex-priest accused of the murder of a woman, was observed today.

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Wine His Case in Wisconsin—Refused Marriage License Because He Lacked Certificate of Health.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 20.—The Wisconsin supreme court today provides for the issuance of marriage licenses only upon a certificate of a clean bill of health including the Wasserman test, from a physician, was this afternoon declared unconstitutional by Judge F. C. Schwab of the circuit court.

Impairment of Individual Rights. Judge Schwab held that the eugenic law was unconstitutional because it impaired the right of persons to enter into matrimony. The law is pronounced because its enforcement is practically impossible.

An Unjust Burden Upon the Fit. The court held that if the state wishes to exercise its right for preventing marriages between persons who are afflicted with a hereditary disease, it should assume the burden of weeding out the unfit and thereby not cast upon the fit an unjust and material burden.

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Six Months Imprisonment and \$300 fine each were imposed yesterday in the United States district court at Mobile, Ala., upon Harold Shirley and C. W. Oberkirch, shipping masters convicted last Friday of "shanghaiing" two 16-year old boys aboard the Italian bark Mifcilo.

Charles T. Mongerella, the 23 year old pay clerk of the Virginia Electric company, who several weeks ago simulated the effects of an attack with the "poison needle" and was paid a payroll of \$2,300 by his brother, was yesterday sentenced to the Elmira reformatory.

The Task of Securing greater security for ships at sea and the representation of the international conference of safety at sea at London, which was held at New York, was yesterday taken up by 14 nations signed a convention laying down regulations for the future.

Still Searching for Missing Schooner. Portland, Me., Jan. 20.—The revenue cutter Androscoog, which came into port last night to permit her commander, Captain Hall, to confer with the owners of the missing five masted schooner, the "Hesperus," resumed her search for the vessel today.

Kansas City Gets Balloon Race. New York, Jan. 20.—This season's international balloon race for the James Gordon Bennett cup was awarded today by the contest committee of the Aero Club of America to the Kansas City Aero club. The race will be started October 5.

Cabled Paragraphs

James F. Fielder was yesterday inaugurated governor of New Jersey.

The First Day of the campaign to raise \$30,000 for the Danbury hospital resulted in \$1,500 being contributed.

The Number of Saloons in New York state has decreased 218 since 1899, when the present excise law was passed.

The Factory of the Medway, Mass., Box company was burned to the ground yesterday with a loss of \$25,000.

Francisco Zaraglia, Duke of Massachusetts, was granted a divorce from the duchess yesterday.

William A. Clark, former senator from Montana has been elected a member of the board of trustees of the Corcoran Art gallery.

The Haffen Brewery, the largest in the Bronx, operated by J. & M. Haffen Brewing Co., has been purchased by Col. Jacob Ruppert.

Mrs. Vera Studley and her four year old son, Hector Kenneth Studley, were found dead from asphyxiation at their home at Pawtucket, R. I., yesterday.

Mrs. Constance Benewick, 26 years old, Monday shot and killed John Himes, a farmer, who had attempted to break into her house at Kenosha, Wis.

The Collection of Art Treasures bequeathed to J. Morgan by his father, the late J. Pierpont Morgan, are not to be sold, Mr. Morgan said yesterday.

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CONGRESSMAN STARTS A FIST FIGHT

Johnson of Kentucky Precipitates Disgraceful Scene In a Committee Room of the House

KNOCKS A WASHINGTON LAWYER TO THE FLOOR

Latter Defends Himself Whereupon Statesman Calls For His Revolver and Threatens to Kill Attorney—Spectators Seek Places of Safety—Melee Stopped by Committee Clerks—Controversy Over Washington Policemen's Bill

Washington, Jan. 20.—A brisk fight between Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky and John R. Shields, a Washington lawyer, broke up a meeting today in the house district committee room and threatened to turn into a tragedy. Committee clerks separated the men after both had landed telling blows, then Representative Johnson, with blood streaming down his face, broke away and dashed into his private office, shouting "I'll kill him."

Spectators Seek Refuge. Someone closed the door and held it before the enraged congressman reappeared. Shields had been hustled away from the scene and had been behind and committee men and spectators had made a hasty retreat, some of them taking refuge behind the great marble columns of the corridors until they were satisfied there was to be no shooting.

Johnson said he "had been in the game too long to keep on when a fight is over" and Shields gave a statement, declaring that he had acted in self defense and indicated that he did not expect any aftermath.

The trouble started while a subcommittee of the district committee, of which Representative Johnson is chairman, was hearing Representative Kahn of California argue for a bill to allow Washington trolley cars when in uniform. Mr. Shields was present to support the bill.

Representative Johnson entering the room just as Representative Kahn commenced his argument, Johnson declared that Shields had collected a few of four or five thousand dollars from crossing policemen who were pending and announced a recess.

Congressman Makes First Attack. "I want to be heard," insisted Shields, who went on to say that he had collected \$75 to \$100 a month for the first year after the bill passed.

Police Contract with Shields. Shields said: "I acted in self defense. Johnson struck me when I was not looking for him. He did not warn me without the slightest warning or foundation. I had hardly finished the sentence 'I am not looking for you' when Johnson, at whom I was not looking, struck me full force in the back of the head."

Later in the day the subcommittee called a dozen crossing policemen, who had been arrested by Shields, and they had crossed to pay Shields \$100 a month in event he devoted his efforts to securing the passage of the bill.

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