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BITTER FEELING ALONG THE BORDER

State Department at Washington Harshly Criticised at Indignation Meeting at El Paso

PUBLIC MIND INFLAMED BY BENTON'S DEATH

Resolutions Adopted Demanding From Government Record of Crimes and Outrages Against Foreigners in Mexico—Benton, Whom Villa Accuses of Threatening Him, Never Owned a Revolver, His Friends Declare—Two Englishmen Who Went in Search of Benton Have Failed to Return—Villa Refuses to Deliver Benton's Body to American Consul—Intervention Feared at Mexico City.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—A storm of indignation broke today along the border when it became known that S. M. Benton, a British subject and wealthy landholder in Mexico, had been executed by rebels in Juarez after General Francisco Villa alleged depositions of the constitutionalists.

A mass meeting was held tonight and resolutions were adopted censuring the state department of Washington for its alleged suppression of the consular report on the Benton case and calling on the state department from the state department a full record of alleged crimes and outrages against foreigners in Mexico.

Open Meeting Not Permitted. The excitement caused by news of the death of Benton. The meeting was first called for Cleveland square, but Mayor Kelly in a letter to George Curry, former governor of New Mexico, asked him to meet at a different place.

Former Governor George Curry of New Mexico was the principal speaker. An impromptu indignation meeting in the hall of the Sheldon, headquarters of the foreigners driven out of Mexico, Mr. Curry was named a committee to investigate the killing of Benton, but his inquiries developed nothing new.

Consul Gave Promise of Silence. "I have telegraphed the secretary of state that Benton's death has been officially reported to Mexico," stated the consul. "Other than by mail, General Villa said he did not care to talk of the case to the press, public, but gave me the information for Mrs. Benton, the widow, and the state department. Thus far, I have not spoken, but I promised the general I would remain silent."

Asked as to his use of the phrase "officially reported dead," and if he personally thought the official report of Villa might be misleading, the consul said that inasmuch as the rebels have been sending Chihuahua prisoners to Juarez, he had a faint hope that Villa might have misled him.

Mr. Edwards made his first inquiry of Villa regarding Benton, yesterday afternoon on receipt of instructions from Secretary Bryan, who made the investigation at the request of the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

Mr. Edwards, Villa is reported as saying, "Mr. Benton dead. You are an official of the American government and I give you this information as officially reported. You have no right to deny it, as this is not a matter for the public. It is for the information of the widow and of the state department."

What also passed between them Mr. Edwards would not say. He generally believed that Villa, who had known Benton for years, was trying military consular aid to liberty to talk to Benton's well known disposition to speak his mind frankly, without regard to consequences.

Edwards waited until after his last hope flickered away with the departure of Villa's train. He then telegraphed Mrs. Benton that her husband was dead. She is a Mexican and while highly sympathetic to the English, she is not English.

Wanted to Bring Cattle to United States. The inability of friends of Benton to get definite details had much to do in arousing excitement, and the ultimate selection of the British consul as agent to seek the truth. After leaving the consul, the latter called at the residence of General Garza, the jefe d'armas, but the latter was absent.

Just what passed between Villa and his ill-fated visitor last Tuesday may never be known. Through the widow and a cousin, William Benton, and through friends of the deceased, it was learned that Benton wished permission to bring to the United States 400 head of cattle on his ranch, Los Remedios, in western Chihuahua.

Benton Never Owned Revolver. Benton was not in accord with the Madero revolution which expelled Porfirio Diaz from Mexico, and in the foreign club at Chihuahua was wont to express his opinions freely. Succeeding revolutions also were criticized

Cabled Paragraphs

Tasmania to Participate. Hobart, Tasmania, Feb. 20.—The Tasmanian government decided today to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Not British Museum Pictures. Paris, Feb. 20.—It developed today that the pictures which the police seized from the museum of the Northern railroad terminus here yesterday and which it was first believed had been stolen from the British museum, were taken from the collections of Count De Cleeft and others in Flanders.

Where is Mrs. Pankhurst? London, Feb. 21.—The whereabouts of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, is a mystery to the police. Not since she addressed a crowd from the window of her temporary residence in Campden Hill square over a week ago has she been located by the authorities, who are trying to arrest her.

Consul Has Sentence of American Reduced. Refused to Stand During Rendition of Austrian National Anthem. Vienna, Feb. 20.—Through the intervention of Frank Deodmyer, the American consul at Prague, who was vigorously supported by Frederick Courtenay Paulsen, the American ambassador here, a sentence of fourteen days' imprisonment against S. Kruty, a native of Bohemia and an American citizen residing in Chicago, was reduced today to three days' imprisonment and an order for his deportation was revoked.

ENGINE AND SNOW PLOW GO THROUGH A BRIDGE. Four Men Killed at Scotch Settlement, New Brunswick. Moncton, N. B., Feb. 20.—Four men were killed today when an engine and snow plow went through a small bridge at Scotch Settlement, ten miles northwest of here. The dead are: Frank Hall, superintendent of the crew; Engine Driver Smith; William Brakeman Bourque; and a fourth man whose name was not known.

AMERICAN FARMER NOT EXTRAVAGANT. Will Not Abuse Rural Credit System, Says Dr. Coulter. Washington, Feb. 20.—The American farmer is not squandering his money on frivolous luxuries, Dr. J. M. Coulter told the joint congressional rural credits committee today.

MRS. BOND APPLIES FOR A NEW TRIAL. Eleven Grounds Set Forth by the Woman's Counsel. Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 20.—Motion for a retrial of the \$50,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond against Oklahoma City against United States Senator T. P. Gore, in which a verdict of \$50,000 was returned last Wednesday, was filed in behalf of Mrs. Bond today. Date for a hearing has been set for Feb. 23.

Fears Felt for Kines. Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20.—Grave fears were felt here tonight for the safety of the young seaman Kines and his crew of eleven men supposed to be somewhere off the Atlantic coast, battling with a raging gale in a blind fog. The schooner was sighted by the steamer City of Atlanta Wednesday.

Train Held Up—Three Killed. Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 20.—Three passengers on a Great Northern passenger train bound for Vancouver, B. C., rested three bandits tonight and were shot dead. Thomas B. Wade, a Canadian Pacific conductor of Vancouver, B. C.; R. L. Lee of Bremerton, Wash.; and M. B. McElhannon, a conductor of Vancouver, B. C., were the men killed.

Rev. Dr. Adam Accepts Chair. Hartford, Conn., Feb. 20.—An announcement was made today that Rev. Dr. J. Douglas Adam had accepted the chair of practical theology at the Hartford Theological Seminary.

New Haven Fur Store Burned. New Haven, Conn., Feb. 20.—Fire of undetermined origin did damage estimated at \$4,000 tonight to the fur store of M. Smirnow at No. 154 Orange street.

Two More Missing. Englishmen Who Made Search for Benton Failed to Return. El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—Two more Englishmen are reported as having "disappeared" in Juarez. The report came tonight from Samuel Stewart, a member of the British consulate here, who says that the men, John Lawrence and a companion named Curtis, went to Juarez Wednesday to search for Benton. Stewart today expressed the fear that they, like Benton, had been shot.

Peace Society Against Free Tolls. Boston, Feb. 20.—The report that President Wilson to secure the repeal of the clause in the Panama canal act exempting American coastwise vessels from the payment of tolls were approved by the board of directors of the Massachusetts Peace society today.

Steamers Reported by Wireless. Stable Island, Feb. 20.—Steamer Prinz Adelbert, Hamburg for Philadelphia signalled 100 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon.

United States is Blameless

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BENTON'S EXECUTION. SENTIMENT AT CAPITAL. Villa's Action Discussed by Secretary Bryan and British Ambassador—Also Discussed at Cabinet Meeting.

Mexican situation was aroused to a Washington, Feb. 20.—A slumbering point of international interest.

Bulletin Advertising Draws Trade

Just what the outside trade, that which is within the trading radius of Norwich means to the business houses of the city has been fully realized since the extensive branching out of the electric lines.

The most effective, satisfactory and economical method of doing this is by advertising and taking advantage of the columns of The Bulletin.

The railroads and railways will bring people here but The Bulletin advertising columns will draw business to each and every business house. If you are not profiting by it, it is time to commence.

Table with columns: Bulletin, Telegraph, Local, General, Total. Rows for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Totals.

May Not Rule on Thaw's Bail

JUDGE ALDRICH MAY NOT TAKE JURISDICTION. As Case is Likely to Go to Supreme Court, May Allow It to Be Decided There—\$160,780 Windfall for Thaw.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 20.—Reasons for granting the petition of Harry K. Thaw for a writ of habeas corpus to

Condensed Telegrams

Negro Pupils in Kansas City schools 33.88 more per pupil for tuition than whites.

Mrs. Robert Heman is dying at Unadilla, N. Y., as a result of being bitten by her pet cat.

A Series of Earth Shocks occurred at Reno, Nev., between 2 and 4.06 o'clock yesterday morning.

William Whitman Bailey, professor emeritus of the botanical department at Brown university died yesterday.

President Wilson yesterday nominated Earl B. Rose of Ashland, N. H., to be clerk of the United States court of China.

Abbott Kinney, founder of Venice, Cal., offered \$1,000 a pound for the first grandson born to him. He paid \$10,000.

Sunday Night Secretary Daniels will speak from the pulpit of Rev. M. D. Hardin, of the Third Presbyterian church, Chicago.

Geo. Barnhardt, a cook, was arrested yesterday in West Orange, N. J., charged with waiting on threatening letters to President Wilson.

Ernest and Otto Stutz, wholesale meat dealers, were indicted in New York on a charge of shipping pork unfit for food to the south.

An Involuntary Petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court at Dallas, Tex., yesterday against the Southern States Cotton corporation.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, a prominent Methodist clergyman, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Norman Barnaby, at Scarborough, N. Y.

Lieutenant Commander Roland I. Curtin died at the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., yesterday. Death was due to the hardening of the arteries.

A Bill in the New York legislature, providing for a red or black flag or any sign containing the flag of the United States, was introduced in the assembly.

An Approximate Shortage of about 60 per cent. in the production of apples in the annual report of state horticulturists.

ARBITRATION OPPONENTS DEFEATED

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Will Pay a Visit to New England. Government Officials Seek Light on Railroad Situation. Washington, Feb. 20.—With a view to securing more information at first hand about the best way in which to handle the Boston and Maine railroad from the New Haven, T. W. Greer, special assistant in the department of justice, will leave today on a journey and after their arrival here they were kept under guard.

STRIKEBREAKERS WERE KEPT UNDER GUARD

Testimony Presented at Copper Strike Investigation. Hancock, Mich., Feb. 20.—Employed men imported to take the place of copper miners who were on strike today, the copper miners' committee testified that they had come here with the understanding that the strike virtually was over, but they were kept under guard.

Rebel Army Routed at Cape Haitien. Refugees Seek An Asylum at the Foreign Consulates. Cape Haitien, Haiti, Feb. 20.—The rebel army was routed today after several days' fighting with the government forces and fell back inside the city of Cape Haitien. The leaders of the rebel army were killed and 300 men were taken prisoner.

To Establish Motive for Buffum's Murder. Prosecution to Show Relations of Wife and Ernest Frhm. Little Valley, N. Y., Feb. 20.—George W. Cole, special prosecutor, finished his opening statement today in the trial of Mrs. Cynthia Buffum for the alleged murder of her husband, Ernest Frhm.

Revising Trade Commission Bill. Washington, Feb. 20.—Determined to get decisive action on framing an inter-state trade commission bill as the keystone of the administration's anti-trust legislative program, the senate committee on interstate commerce today decided to complete its revised draft of the measure within a few days. The finished draft, it was stated, will be submitted to President Wilson and Attorney General McCreynolds before the committee reports it to the senate.

Roma's Passengers in Quarantine. New York, Feb. 20.—Because of two suspected cases of typhus discovered on the Fabre steamer, that steamer's Roma, when she arrived at Providence from Marseilles in a damaged condition, her passengers are to be quarantined here for a fortnight. The passengers were brought here by rail, but were not deemed expedient to transport them in the damaged Roma.

Railroad Fined \$400,000. Gulfport, Miss., Feb. 20.—The Louisville and Nashville railroad today was fined \$400,000 and enjoined from doing interstate business in Mississippi by a decision in chancery court here, based on the charge that the railroad company had failed to obey an order of the Mississippi railroad commission to the effect that Louisville and Nashville trains should stop at Bay St. Louis.

Wants Extreme Penalty for Ray St. Louis. Chicago, Feb. 20.—The death penalty for the killing of his wife in a hotel here last October is facing William Cheney Miller, former Cincinnati leather merchant, whose trial began today. Stephen Malloy, assistant state attorney, who has charge of the prosecution, demanded that every venemans that he announce his willingness to inflict the extreme penalty if the evidence called for it.

Freight Engine Derailed. Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 20.—Superintendent R. D. Fitzmaurice of the New York and New Haven railroad today said a freight engine went off the track at a side track at Devoe belonging to the staff trucking company at 3:15 tonight.