

DEATH OF ONE BRITISHER SEEMS TO BE IMPORTANT

Wilson and Bryan Stirred up More Than if Fifty Americans Were Massacred.

TODAY IS ANNIVERSARY

Just a Year Ago Today President Madero of Mexico Was Shot Down Like a Dog.

[By John E. Nevin, staff correspondent of the United Press.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Despite a plainly apparent effort to force optimism on the part of high administration officials, the Mexican situation was very grave tonight.

The danger was felt not to be so much from Great Britain, despite the fact of the slaying of the British subject Wm. Benton, precipitated the crisis, but it came from the general feeling of unrest engendered in the chancelleries of Europe and the orient by the summary drumhead court martial and execution—if he was executed—of a foreign subject without the United States consular representative's even knowing that the man had been arrested.

In every embassy and legation tonight this fact was the chief topic of conversation. There was no doubt from the attitude of the various foreign representatives who were accessible, that their home governments were more vitally concerned than ever before with developments south of the Rio Grande. It was emphatically, although privately, stated that the United States, having assumed through her non-resistance policy, a protecting position over all foreigners in Mexico, this nation should have already made it impossible for a foreign subject to be executed even under due process of military law without the representative of this government knowing all the facts and without having an opportunity to protest. Not a single word was obtainable here regarding the search for John Lawrence and James Curtis, the British subjects, and Gustav Baugh, the German-American, missing from Juarez. Bryan said the consulate representatives in Juarez and Chihuahua city were still searching for them. But he insisted that while no word regarding their whereabouts was obtainable, there could be little doubt that they were still alive, although prisoners. It is believed that they were expected to precipitate the gravest crisis yet encountered in the Mexican situation.

President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan, although doing everything possible to "soft pedal" the developments, were plainly worried to night. Every word received at the state department was hurriedly translated and copies sent to the secretary and the president. Not a single word of comment on the situation was obtainable from a responsible official. The open criticism of the administration by Senator Fall of New Mexico on the floor of the senate was ignored. The president was not accessible while Secretary Bryan declined to comment on the western senator's criticisms on Villa in any way. And the secretary of state announced on going home to dinner that he would keep in touch with his office all night to handle any new developments that might arise. The revolutionary junta in this city hurried to the defense of Villa. It issued a statement defending his execution as "entirely within the provisions of military law." But in the published statement it was admitted that there had been a personal encounter between Villa and the stalwart Scotch rancher in which the latter was flogged by the rebel chief. The junta insisted that Benton drew a revolver and threatened Villa. On the proof of this fact may hinge Great Britain's rights to protest the subsequent happenings. If Benton went to Villa armed and belligerent, international law would sanction his court martial and possibly his execution. And it is to bolster this contention, the junta officials admit that they have made public their version of the events.

All of the particulars received here came in a cipher from R. E. Muquiza, constitutional agent at El Paso. The first claimer that Benton was a Huertista sympathizer and flatly alleged that he granted aid and comfort to federalists. Then Muquiza added:

Benton entered Villa's room unexpectedly, demanding protection of his interests and insulting bitterly the constitutionalist army and General Villa himself. General Villa flatly told him that he was an enemy to the constitutionalist cause and that in order that he might not continue working against it he (Villa) intended to pay him the value and confiscate his property in Chihuahua state. Benton became enraged and drew a revolver and tried to kill the general. The latter knocked him down, disarmed him, and sent him to jail. Benton was afterwards tried by a special military court, sentenced to death and executed, all under the laws of war.

Heroic Defense.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—The story of the heroic defense of Jalapa in the state of Zacatecas, by a priest was brought here by a courier. Father Martin Lara, heading his determined parishioners fought the rebels for two weeks, finally defeating them and putting them to rout. In one battle eighty rebels were killed and the situation.

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SLIP 'TWIXT CUP AND LIP

Enraged When He Saw His Sweetheart Drinking Whiskey, Man Shoots up Boarding House.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 21.—Enraged when he found the woman he loved drinking whiskey, Herman Peters, a German-American employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, tonight shot and killed two women, fatally shot one man, seriously wounded two other women and then killed himself, in a boarding house.

The establishment was kept by Mrs. Lillian Blosser, a young widow with whom Peters was infatuated. When he came in tonight, Peters found Mrs. Blosser with a group of men and women boarders in a bar room attached to the boarding house. They all were drinking and Peters entered just in time to see Mrs. Blosser raise a glass of whiskey to her lips. The sight infuriated Peters and he rushed upstairs. Coming down with a revolver, he opened fire on the crowd.

Mrs. Margaret Schneider, 21, a bride fell dead at the first shot and Mrs. Annie Tension was killed. Ole Tension, her husband, was fatally wounded and was taken to a hospital. Mrs. Esther Parker was seriously injured.

Mrs. Blosser was seriously wounded by the last shot Peters fired into the room. The crazed man then ran back upstairs where he encountered Mrs. Esther Parker coming out of her room. He shot her, inflicting a slight wound.

Peters entered his own room and fired two shots into his head.

California Train Service.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 21.—The following report was issued tonight on its train service between here and Los Angeles by the Southern Pacific.

Not a train passed through in either direction last night or today. None will go through tomorrow.

The Owl and Lark trains will be canceled tonight and probably tomorrow as well. The lines are open north to Santa Barbara on the coast line and south of Bakerfield on the Valley line.

Trains are moving very slowly over these sections which are threatened by washouts.

ORDERS BUMS OUT OF CITY

Army of Unemployed Told by Chief of Police to Sound Bugle Call for March.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 21.—"The army of the unemployed must move by tomorrow at the latest. San Francisco has supported it long enough."

This was the ultimatum delivered here today by Chief of Police White to "General" Charles T. Kelley, heading the "on to Washington" movement of 3,000 idle men. Kelley immediately announced his intention of defying White. "We will not move Sunday," he said. "If the police want to drive us out, let them club us, kill us, or do anything else they please."

"I will be there with my men tomorrow, but I will not be responsible for what the men do. Let the consequences be on the head of White."

A faction of unemployed, resenting military rule, circulated reports early today that Kelley planned to take the men into Colorado to act as strike breakers. This was followed by Kelley expelling company B for insubordination. The chief of White, however, resulted in a cessation of internal strife and the massing of a solid front of 3,000 idle men against the police ultimatum.

He Has Leprosy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Physicians at the county hospital were puzzled tonight as to what to do with Charles Walgren, 37, a patient who has been found to be suffering from leprosy in an advanced stage. Walgren's case is the first found in Chicago in many years.

Bolivian Married.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Feb. 21.—The marriage was solemnized here this afternoon of Ismael Montes, son of the president of Bolivia and Miss Evie Oke-Curtis of South Kensington, England.

AXE MURDERER HAS CONFESSED

Conscience-stricken at Hannibal, Mo., and is Now Under Arrest.

ADMITS KANSAS CRIME

Tells of Slaughtering the McAnnally Family and May be Guilty of the Villisca Murder.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] HANNIBAL, Mo., Feb. 21.—John Kidwell was arrested here today after he had confessed to the murder of the McAnnally family, an aged man, his wife and grown daughter, at Wellington, Kansas, October 18, 1912. Kidwell is believed to be the axe murderer who terrorized Kansas and his arrest may clear up other crime mysteries, including the Villisca, Iowa, murder of five people.

Kidwell is forty-two years of age and for the last three weeks has been working in Hannibal. He came here from Moberly, Mo.

Conscience-stricken, Kidwell within a week after coming here dropped a remark that he was wanted in Wellington. He talked with Robert Merrick, a Burlington railroad detective. Merrick was taken into Kidwell's confidence and told the story. The arrest followed. The three members of the McAnnally family were killed while sleeping in a tent near the Santa Fe railroad roundhouse at Wellington. They were shot and their heads beaten with a club.

GIRL'S MOTHER BEFORE PETRAS

She will Confront Man who is Accused of Murder of Miss Hollander.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] AURORA, Ill., Feb. 21.—In an effort to force a confession from Anthony Petras, former sweetheart of Miss Thressa Hollander, murdered last Monday, police planned to take Mrs. Alois Hollander, the murdered girl's mother, to Petras' cell tomorrow. They believe if he is guilty, Petras cannot stand unmoved before the mother's bitter denunciations.

Petras was more cheerful in his cell tonight than at any time since the murder. He held a short conference with his attorney and said he was confident he would be exonerated of all blame by evidence before the coroner's jury. Search of the mysterious mania in the case ended tonight when Chief Michaels questioned the half-witted son of a neighbor of the Hollanders. The lad, who is a former inmate of an asylum, established an alibi after being identified by a man who saw him skulking about a freight car in the Burlington yards the night of the murder.

Mrs. Cox Marries Again

United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Mary L. Cox, former wife of Governor Jas. M. Cox was quietly married here late today to Richard H. Lee, lawyer and society man.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. S. Williams of Calvary Presbyterian church at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Gall. Only a few intimate friends attended. The bride was divorced from Governor Cox here four years ago when the latter was in congress.

The groom was recently elected president of the Cleveland Auto club.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Weather forecasts: Iowa: Snow and much colder Sunday. Monday unsettled. Missouri: Rain Sunday and probably Monday; colder Monday. Illinois: Fair in north; snow or rain in south portion Sunday. Monday fair and colder.

Local Observations.

Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. Feb. 21 7 a. m. . . . 30.20 22 S. Cloudy 21 7 p. m. . . . 29.90 36 NE Clear River above low water of 1854, 8 tenths.

Change in 24 hours, fall 2 tenths. Mean temperature, 31. Highest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature, 17. Lowest temperature Friday night, 17.

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LOST GIRL IS FOUND AGAIN

Man Arrested by Sheriff's Posse Says Child Dressed as a Boy is Missing Winters Girl.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 21.—Catherine Winters, 10, daughter of Dr. W. A. Winters of New Castle, Ind., who disappeared March 20, has been found in the mountains near Huntsville, Madison county, in custody of George Stuart, 60, according to the statement of Sheriff Shuster, who arrested Stuart and listened to his confession that the girl is the real Catherine Winters, for whom a nation wide search has been made for a week by a syndicate of seventy newspapers.

Stuart says he married the divorced wife of Winters and became attached to the girl. He arrived with her at Huntsville Tuesday. The girl was dressed in boy's attire, part of the time and this aroused the suspicion of neighbors who secured newspaper pictures of the lost Winters girl, and struck by the resemblance, made an investigation.

Stuart remained in Huntsville which is a small town forty miles from a railroad but a short time and then struck into the mountains. Last night Sheriff Shuster organized a posse of eleven men and took up the hunt, locating Stuart, three miles northeast of Springdale, in a farm house. The house was surrounded and Stuart arrested and lodged in jail. Sheriff Shuster believes Stuart's story.

Every effort is being made to confirm the identification and to secure a statement from the child herself.

Damage Suit for \$20,000.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 21.—Filing of a suit for \$20,000 damages against Emil Leffert, Council Bluffs, Iowa jeweler by Miss Grayce Maudslan J. Jones, on a false arrest charge and the issuance of a warrant against Miss Jones, charging her with being a fugitive from justice were developments today in the tangle growing out of Miss Jones' detention at the city hospital for the Council Bluffs authorities.

The warrant sworn to by Leffert, charges that Miss Jones obtained goods from him by false pretenses.

WAS WIDOW FOUR WEEKS

English Actress Married Her Manager in Order to Gain Permission to Remain in United States.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21.—Bowling to the decree of U. S. Commission of Immigration Caminetti, Miss Marie Lloyd, English comedienne and Bernard Dillon, her manager, were married this afternoon. The nuptial knot was tied in the British consulate by Rev. Father Thompson of the Catholic church. Only a few persons were present.

Commissioner Caminetti issued an order several days ago permitting Dillon to enter the United States from Vancouver, B. C., where he has been detained for two weeks on the grounds that he was an undesirable alien, providing he would marry Miss Lloyd upon his arrival in Portland. The actress was also compelled to deposit a bond of \$4,000 as a guarantee that Dillon would not remain permanently in the United States.

Miss Lloyd appeared to be very happy tonight, but declared the wedding would not have taken place at this time had not Caminetti insisted upon it. She thought more than four weeks should have elapsed after the death of her former husband before her marriage to Dillon. Miss Lloyd is under bond of \$4,000 to leave the country on the completion of her present theatrical tour.

Aliens to Celebrate Today.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Five thousand aliens who have been naturalized within the past year, will participate in the celebration of George Washington's birthday at the Auditorium here tomorrow. Practically every country of the civilized world will be represented by naturalized followers who will listen to addresses and see moving pictures on the life of the "father of his country."

Miss Christie Nelson, operatic star, will sing American patriotic anthems in foreign dialects.

THROW EVERYBODY OUT ON THE FIRST OF APRIL

Miners Occupying Company Houses Have Been Ordered to Get Ready to Move.

REAL CRISIS THAT DAY

Strikers Will be Forced to go Back to Work Then or Take to the Open.

[By N. C. Parke, staff correspondent of the United Press.]

HANCOCK, Mich., Feb. 21.—The real crisis in the bitter drawn out labor battle in the Calumet copper country is expected to be reached within a few weeks when the mining companies start wholesale evictions of strikers' families from company houses. This much was indicated this afternoon by Attorney Allen F. Reese, chief of counsel for the Calumet and Hecla and subsidiary companies, in a statement before the congressional investigating committee that aroused widespread interest over the copper country.

Reese interposed his statement after five strikers had testified that they and their families were driven from their homes early in January by the Winona Copper company for non-payment of rent.

"This is the first I had heard of any evictions," said the Calumet and Hecla attorney, "and I want to assure the committee that to the best of my knowledge none of the companies I represent has evicted strikers' families from company-owned houses. However, they have served a large number of notices to vacate, with the understanding that no ejectments would be carried into effect until April 1."

The mining companies have prided themselves on the fact that though they have received no rentals from strikers since the walk out last July, only a few strikers' families have been evicted during the severe winter.

Western Federation of Miners' officers took the statement to mean that the companies will attempt with one sweeping blow to force the strikers to return to work April 1 by wholesale evictions. It is believed here that such a coup would mean either a sudden collapse of the strike or a renewal of the open warfare in the copper country.

Colorado Witnesses.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 21.—The congressional investigation of the Colorado coal strike took a sensational turn here late this afternoon when Representative John Evans, of Montana, a member of the committee, announced that he had found the camp interpreter employed by the Victor

American Fuel company at Delagua, Colo., alone in a room with four witnesses called by the committee itself to testify regarding charges of peonage in the coal fields.

Chairman Foster rebuked the operators, saying to Frank Gove, of counsel for the companies:

"The chairman presumes to think the operators have not been frank with the committee when they slipped their own interpreter in with the committee's witnesses."

Gove assumed responsibility for the interpreter's presence.

The four miners were called from Delagua today when a miner from that camp testified last night that he knew they were being held in the mines against their will. Two of four men told stories favorable to the Victor American Fuel Co., saying working conditions were favorable and that they were free to leave the Delagua mine whenever they desired. Then Representative Evans stroked into the witness room and found Anof Yamicly, the interpreter. The congressman immediately demanded that Yamicly be summoned as a witness. Yamicly said he was employed by the operators and admitted he had written fifty names to labor contracts in Pittsburgh last December under which illiterate Italians were brought to southern Colorado to work in the mines. All but fifteen of these, he said, had run away from the Delagua mine. He asserted soldiers at Delagua had arrested men who tried to escape and had taken them back to work for the company. He testified he had told strike breakers in Pittsburgh that it was all right for them to come to Colorado and had shown them a letter from Governor Ammons to the coal companies, saying state troops would protect men from other states who wished to go to work in the mines. He asserted he was furnished with a pass which permitted him to go anywhere in the Delagua camp without molestation by the soldiers.

Coxey's New Army.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—With a huge ruby and diamond scarf pin, in his tie, and looking prosperous, "General" Jacob S. Coxey tonight established quarters at the Waldorf and began handing out interviews regarding his coming march on Washington.

"I'll start from Massillon, Ohio, in the same old phaeton I used when the last democratic president before Wilson was in the white house," said Coxey. "The start will be promptly on April 16. We will have a corps of women. We hope to reach Washington in May. The march will be to emphasize and warn against the terrible crisis which is coming."

Burned to Death.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—John Walker, twenty-four, a chauffeur, was burned to death and Conrad Engeman was seriously burned about the face and hands in an explosion tonight at the storage house of the Riverdale Oil company.

THAW, LIKE GROUND HOG MUST STAY IN SIX WEEKS

Another Delay in His Fight for Freedom, Puts Liberty Far in Future.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 21.—The failure of Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States district court to render a decision at the close of today's hearing on Harry K. Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus, to prevent his extradition to New York and on his request for admission to bail was a disappointment to the Thaw forces, who hoped to see him released on bail today.

The fugitive won a minor victory, however, when the point of a state's right to request extradition of a warlord of the state was raised and for the first time it was William T. Jerome, leader of New York forces and not Thaw's own attorneys who asked extension of time in which to meet a legal point with a brief.

Jerome has ten days in which to present his brief. Thaw's attorneys have another ten days in which to reply and it is expected that Judge Aldrich's decision will not be rendered until about two weeks late, keeping the case pending in New Hampshire for six weeks yet.

Replying to the charges of bad faith on the part of New York state made by attorneys for the slayer of Stanford White, a memorandum signed by Attorney General Carmody of New York state was filed this afternoon citing six reasons why New York is so anxious to return the fugitive to Matteawan. The six charges follow:

Improper inducements to jurymen at the first homicide trial.

That women were paid large sums to leave New York City and avoid execution.

Thaw's wife was paid to absent herself during the habeas corpus proceeding in 1905.

Merrill, keeper of disorderly house was bribed by a Thaw agent not to appear at the habeas corpus hearing.

The conviction of Attorney Anhalt for attempting to bribe Superintendent Russell of Matteawan.

Bribery of one of the keepers at Matteawan last August, at the time of Thaw's escape.

Of the Thaw party which furnished principals for a "movie" drama to be shown on Broadway next week, Jerome expects to leave at once for New York. Thaw's sister, Mrs. Whitney, the former countess of Yarmouth left for her Brookline home and the prisoner's mother will probably remain until early next week.

CALIFORNIA IS LIKE SPONGE BULGING WITH MOISTURE

Most Disastrous Flood and Storm in History of the South End of State.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 21.—With five persons known to be dead, the flood waters piled up by the most disastrous flood and storm in the history of southern California were receding tonight and further damage was considered unlikely.

Estimates of the damage here are \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. All of southern California was swept by the storm but because of wire prostration, the extent of the outside loss could not be learned.

Hardly a wheel turned on the transcontinental railroads. All trains tonight were annulled and interurban service here has not been restored. Railroad officials refuse to state when they will try to operate trains. At Summit where the Santa Fe enters southern California proper, 300 overhead passengers are marooned. They have practically no provisions and late tonight all efforts of the railroad to reach them had been futile. A hundred other trains were stalled at isolated places.

A Salt Lake train was reported wrecked at Lago, high in the moun-

tains. Twelve persons are said to be injured, but the railway officials were unable to get into communication to learn details.

No word had been received from the revenue cutter Manning which is searching for the steamer Eureka, reported in distress between Santa Barbara and Port Harford. Small shipping and various ports near Los Angeles have suffered heavily.