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MEXICAN BANDITS SLAY CALIFORNIA POSTMASTER

Burned Customs House and Postoffice in Raid on City and Then Made Escape.

CANNOT FIND TUNNEL

Rebels Murder Five Priests and Hold Three Others in Mountains for Ransom.

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

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Orders today were telegraphed to Major General Murray at San Francisco to have a sweeping investigation made immediately of the raid into lower California Saturday by Mexican bandits. They were said to have burned the customs house and postoffice at Tecate and murdered the postmaster, Frank V. Johnson, as soon as Secretary of War Garrison received the report it will be turned over to the state department and representations made to the Mexican authorities. In addition, the commander at Fort Rosecrans has been directed to patrol the border at this point and endeavor to locate the bandits who may still be in American territory.

A report was awaited today from Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City, detailing the refusal of Huerta to assume financial responsibility for the care of the federal refugees, new prisoners of war at Fort Bliss, inasmuch as this government intends to hold the permanent government of Mexico, when peace is finally restored, responsible for these bills. Huerta's refusal will make no change in the care of the refugees. Reports received at both the state and war departments before communication south of Juarez was interrupted, indicated that what should prove the sanguinary conflict of the present Mexican rebellion has begun well to the north of Torreon.

Up to the present, no representations concerning Carranza's latest note have been received by the state department from any of the representatives of the powers here. The state department refuses to comment on it for publication. Secretary Bryan believes that there would be no further trouble with the constitutionalist leader and that hereafter he will personally see that all foreigners and foreign interests are safeguarded.

Five Priests Murdered.

NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—That five priests have been murdered by rebels in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, and that three are still held for ransom by Mexican rebels, was the statement of two Catholic priests, Father Jose Madina and Father Ramon Gonzales, who came here yesterday from Brownsville, Texas, after being driven out of Victoria, Mexico. The priests described a reign of terror which they said has been on in Tamaulipas since last November.

Father Madina who acted as spokesman, in describing the rebel atrocities, said the climax of their troubles came three weeks ago, when Colonel Cavalero, at the head of the rebels, demanded money. The priests, he said, gave all they had but the rebels, dissatisfied, wrecked their church, stole the sacred vessels of gold and silver and threw the archbishop, Jose Guzman and his aged aunt into the street. Father Guzman, they said, died two days later, Father Madina said that a church at Tula was wrecked in the same way and that three priests from there, Fathers

D'Shone, Basilio and Romanes were kidnaped and taken to the mountains where they are being held for ransom.

Investigation Begins. SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Post-office inspectors were dispatched from Los Angeles and San Diego today to Tecate, on the Mexican border, where Mexican bandits are reported to have murdered Frank Johnston, the American postmaster, and collector of customs. Major General Murray, commanding the United States troops here, telegraphed Major Davis, commander at Fort Rosecrans, for information. Davis is in the field investigating personally, and has been unable to report.

General Murray is expected to go to Tecate personally. Governor Johnson will be asked to act, but probably will leave everything to the federal authorities.

No Tunnel Found.

EL PASO, Texas, March 16.—As the result of the story told of General Hugh Scott Saturday night by two Mexican women that 3,600 Mexican federalists intended on the Fort Bliss reservation planned to tunnel out of the reservation and escape, the U. S. military authorities today doubled the guards about the federal camp. Examination of the prison camp by the Twentieth U. S. Infantry to discover where a tunnel had really been dug from the camp to a point outside the stockade, continued all of Sunday without result. Hundreds of tents were examined but no tunnel was found. General Scott announced investigation would continue until every one of the 2,000 tents had been explored. U. S. soldiers hereafter will patrol the streets in the camp night and day and any prisoners leaving their tents after nightfall will be compelled to explain. The guards outside the stockade will also be extended to cover the Arroyos or other depressions in which such a tunnel might end, giving escaping prisoners a chance to get away without exposing themselves on the sky line.

None of the federal prisoners would discuss the reported plot to escape, reorganize and seize Juarez while Villa is busy at Torreon.

Blew Up Troop Train.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, March 15.—(Delayed by censor)—General Villa's headquarters today confirmed reports that a Mexican federal troop train had been blown up by constitutionalists at Zavala today, although no figures are given in the dispatches as to the killed, wounded and captured.

General Euginio Aguirre Benavides commanded the rebels, according to the advices from Escalon. They say that Benavides Saturday night drove a federal attacking party in retreat from Peronal to Bermijillo but in doing so ran into an overwhelmingly superior force. The reinforced federalists compelled Benavides to retreat to Conchos where he entrained for Escalon.

During the night, finding he had not been followed, Benavides mined a long section of the Mexican Central railroad track, running through a narrow pass, just south of Zalvalza, and connected the mines with electric batteries posted over a hill where the operators would not be discovered. A section of track sufficiently long to accommodate half a dozen trains was mined.

This morning Benavides dispatched a train to the southward to a point just north of Conchos where he discovered four federal troop trains leaving Peronal. He retreated to Escalon and as he passed Zalvalza, notified the battery men of the coming of the federalists. The men manipulating the keys, evidently became excited and when one of the troop trains got upon the mined section of

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A TALK WITH PRESIDENT

What Mr. Wilson Had to Say Today to Callers at His Office in White House.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, March 16.—President Wilson made it very plain to callers today that he considers the entire agitation resulting from the London speech of Ambassador Page, due to a misunderstanding. The president has heard from the ambassador by cable and the latter has emphasized that he was misquoted in the synopsis of the speech cabled to the United States. One notable incident was cited by the ambassador. That was where he was declared to have said that President Wilson recommended the repeal of the canal tolls preference "not merely to please England" while in the speech as really delivered the word "merely" was not included. There are said to be many similar omissions and additions. The president has not yet taken up for consideration seriously the applications and suggestions for membership on the federal reserve board. The selection of the reserve cities has been delayed by the illness of Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Secretary of Treasury McAdoo will not be able to announce these cities until after the first of April. Meanwhile the president will continue to sift out the various candidates, but will not finally make up his mind who are to be appointed until after the list of cities is announced.

Although the high officials of the American Federation of Labor have been appealing to members of congress to have labor unions specifically exempted from the operation of the anti-trust program of the administration, they have made no appeal to the president in person. He told callers today that no consideration whatever had been given to this feature. The president will confer tonight with Representative Clayton and the subcommittee of the house judiciary committee which is drafting the anti-trust bills and as a result, it is expected all bills will be introduced in this connection within the next day or two.

So far as the Mexican situation is concerned, the president made it plain today that there have been no new developments during the last forty-eight hours. With the exception of the campaigns now in progress about Torreon, Monterey and Tampico, matters are generally quiet in Mexico.

SUFFRAGETTE WAS KNOCKED DOWN

Man Got into Action When Woman Began to Weild Her Whip.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] GLASGOW, March 16.—Rushing upon Dr. James Devon royal prison commissioner, a militant suffragette, horsewhipped him today as Devon was entering the Duke street prison. As the woman applied one lash, Dr. Devon threw up his hands for an instant to protect himself, out as the attack was continued he did not emulate the example of Premier Asquith and others who have been hit. Devon got into action himself. After a few cutting blows had landed, the prison commissioner knocked the woman down. Screaming protests, the suffragette was arrested and detained in the prison for a time. On being released she declared the attack was made on Devon because of his advocacy of forcible feeding.

Brazil vs. America.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, March 16.—All warmed up with patriotism and notoriety, W. W. Yager, a San Francisco merchant, is speeding to the coast today while Senator Jose H. Ferraz, of Rio Janeiro, is nursing a cut face, the result of a stiff hook which followed what Yager took as an insult to his land. The trouble occurred when both were coming up the bay on the liner Verdi. Ferraz waved a Brazilian flag right under the nose of the statue of Liberty, and incidentally in Yager's eye. The punch followed and a riot on the dock was narrowly averted when the Brazilian's four husky sons barely missed Yager in a hurried search.

Charged With Incendiarism.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LACEIBA, Honduras, March 16.—Dr. Benjamin R. Lee, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., and recently manager of a drug store here, is held today on suspicion of starting the recent fire which ruined the city, with a loss of \$3,900,000. Feeling is intense and the suspect is heavily guarded.

ANOTHER WOMAN IS SET FREE

Mrs. Dietz, Accused of the Murder of Her Husband is Permitted to Go.

IS NUMBER FOR TEEN

State's Attorney Calls Wholesale Acquittal of Women a Public Scandal.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, March 16.—Mrs. Augusta Dietz, wealthy widow, was today freed of the charge that she murdered her husband, George Dietz, tailor and art connoisseur, by crushing his skull with a hammer on the night of April 14, 1913.

Assistant State Attorney Fleming asked that the case be nolle prossed when it was called for trial today, declaring that the state had not sufficient evidence to convict. The court granted the request and by the same action freed George Nurenburg, harness manufacturer who was indicted as Mrs. Dietz's accomplice on the theory of the state that he was her affiant.

Judge Kerstein rapped the state's attorney's office for procuring indictments against Mrs. Dietz and Nurenburg without having sufficient evidence to carry the case to trial. Attorneys for the accused pair told the court that they had prepared no defense, counting on the weakness of the state's case to acquit both defendants. The prosecutor's action today left the Dietz case, one of the most baffling murder mysteries in the history of the Chicago police department, unsolved.

A score of north side club women and neighbors of Mrs. Dietz crowded around her and offered their congratulations. She entered a motor car and drove to her home immediately after the court order was announced.

Calls it Public Scandal.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Declaring that recent wholesale acquittals of women charged with murder in Chicago has become a "public scandal," States Attorney McClay Hoyne this afternoon issued a statement caustically criticizing jurors, newspapers and police officials. Hoyne's statement was made in connection with the action of his office today in nolle prossing the murder charges against Mrs. Augusta Dietz who had gone to trial for killing her husband, a wealthy tailor. It was partly inspired by the fact that Mrs. Louise Van Keuten and Stella Czeremowska, two women murder defendants, were freed by juries in Cook county last week and that twelve other women have been given their liberty under similar circumstances in recent years.

"Some women murderers in Chicago have exhibited a ferocity and fiendish brutality beyond that of the worst male criminal," said Hoyne. "Yet jurors have melted before womanly beauty, the capacity to throw fainting fits in the court room, and flood gates of tears. 'The newspapers are partially to blame. For years the results of confidential investigations by the police departments have been published in the Chicago papers long before they reached this office. The Dietz case for instance, was thoroughly threshed out in the newspapers and adjudicated nearly a year before the case was slated for trial.' Certain police officials, Hoyne charged, have favored certain criminal attorneys and practically acted as their agents. 'I am going to put a stop to this practice if I have to file wholesale charges against police officials,' said the states attorney.

Believes She is Dorothy.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 16.—That Mrs. Charles O'Dell, wife of a young chauffeur here, really believes she is Dorothy Arnold, the missing New York girl was the statement of Dr. A. S. Coolidge who examined her today. She is in a local hospital but is under charge of having passed bogus checks.

Dr. Coolidge believes she is suffering from some mental trouble and that when she signed the alleged bogus checks, she believed herself to be somebody else. At times she says she imagined herself a great moving picture actress. She still believes she is Miss Arnold and refuses to recognize her mother or her husband.

IRISH HOME RULE SPEECH

Premier Asquith States Government's Views on Plan to Placate the Ulsterites.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, March 16.—Premier Asquith in the house of commons today made his promised statement on the government's views as to Ulster opposition to Irish home rule, announcing a determination which it is believed may possibly change the British assembly.

Jammed to the doors, every gallery full to overflowing, the premier gave in great detail, the concessions the government is willing to make to placate Ulster, declaring giving Irish counties the right to vote on whether they would accept an Irish parliament for a period of six years was as far as the administration could go. Asquith, while his words were practically mild, confirmed the recent statement of Secretary Churchill, that no further concessions of any sort would be made. He said if the proposals of the administration for a counties plebiscite were acceptable to the leaders of Ulstermen, the government would proceed to make such supplementary financial and administrative adjustments of the home rule plan as would appear necessary. He insisted, however, that the government had no idea of wasting its time by working out these details if its proposals looking to peace were rejected.

The premier's speech was received with little enthusiasm by the opposition benches and on several occasions murmurs of disagreement were so strong as to force him to pause. Finally the premier put the straight question to the opposition as to whether or not the government proposals were satisfactory to them.

Premier Asquith's direct challenge to the opposition to reveal where they stood on the Ulster matter seemed to mollify his opponents. While evidences of dissent were heard from all over the chamber, not one of the unionist leaders arose to make direct reply and the impression was general that rather than carry their opposition to the point of war, the Ulstermen and their friends in the commons at the last moment will agree to accept the administration's plebiscite proposal as the best that can be obtained.

Moosers Return to G. O. P.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] FLORA, Ill., March 16.—The largest attended township convention in this township was held here by the republicans Saturday. The majority of those who voted the progressive ticket at Flora in 1912 attended and participated. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the record of United States Senator L. Y. Sherman and endorsing his candidacy for re-election.

Hard Work for Cards.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 16.—Hard work is ahead of the Cardinals for the remaining eight days in camp. A fast workout in the morning and a six-inning afternoon session each day is expected to put the finishing touches on the squad.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Slightly cooler tonight. Moderate wind.

For Illinois: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight and northeast portion Tuesday. Moderate winds.

For Iowa: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Slightly cooler tonight. Moderate winds.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Cooler tonight. Light to moderate winds.

Weather Conditions.

A depression which moved along the northern boundary, is central in Ontario this morning, and caused much warmer weather from the plains eastward, yesterday, the temperature rising to 80 or more at several stations in Missouri, while snow was falling at Marquette, Mich., this morning.

Throughout the west the weather is generally fair and somewhat cooler, under the influence of high pressure in the northwestern states.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Tuesday, and somewhat cooler tonight.

Local Observations.

March 15 7 p. m.—29.81 65 W Clear
16 7 a. m.—30.13 43 W Cl'dy
River above low water of 1864, 4.1.
Change in 24 hours, rise 9 tenths.
Mean temperature 15th, 56.
Lowest temperature, 41.
Highest temperature, 76.
Lowest temperature last night, 42.
FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE SHAKES THE SEISMOGRAPH

One of the Most Extraordinary and Severe Ones Ever Recorded in This Country.

PROBABLY IN JAPAN

One Near Tokio on Sunday is Thought to Have Taken Considerable Number of Lives.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 16.—The most extraordinary and severe earthquake tremors of years were recorded on the seismograph at St. Ignatius University here early today, beginning at 2:36 a. m., reaching a maximum at 2:58 and ending at 3:16 a. m. One continuous tremor lasted two and one-half minutes. Father Odenbach estimated the disturbances at a distance of five thousand miles.

Intermittent tremors were recorded throughout the day yesterday. The seismographic records either indicate another tidal wave following that which cost hundreds of lives and devastated the shores of the sea of Azov in southern Russia or renewed volcanic activities in Japan, Father Odenbach said. The maximum tremor of two and one-half minutes was followed by other records of two minutes' duration. A Bad One Sunday. TOKIO, March 16.—Grave fears were expressed today that the restoration of communication with the district shaken yesterday by the earthquake will reveal heavy loss of life. The volcano Asama Yama is ninety miles northwest of Tokio. Although telegraph as well as railway service is badly interrupted, advices so far received declare several persons were killed in the city of Akita by the quake. Many houses were shaken down. The villages of Kowakuba and Kitamone were wrecked. Sixty bodies are reported to have been found in the Omono river. At Tsunmudato, a copper mine caved in. Three hundred men are said to have been in the mine, but their fate is unknown. Could Not Feel It. WASHINGTON, March 16.—Father Torndorf, in charge of seismographs at Georgetown university said today his instruments had failed to record any trace of the earthquake tremors reported by the St. Ignatius university seismograph.

REIGN OF TERROR BY SUFFRAGETTES

Burn Six Passenger Cars and Ruin Memorial Window in Cathedral.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, March 16.—The reign of terror instituted by militant suffragettes following the recent arrest of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, was directed toward the railroads yesterday. Suffragettes swooped down on the railroad yards near Birmingham and burned six passenger cars standing on a siding. Three others were badly damaged.

With the new wave of militancy assuming greater proportions daily, some action was expected to be taken as a result of a letter received by the dean of Westminster from Sylvia Pankhurst declaring that east London suffragettes will march to the abbey next Sunday and attend the evening service. Miss Pankhurst said she would be present and asked that special services be held. It was feared today that the famous Burnes-Jones window in Birmingham cathedral is permanently marred as a result of the suffragette raid yesterday. The words "votes for women" were painted across the window. The floors, pews and pulpit of the cathedral were disfigured by the women.

Congress of Thrift.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, March 16.—Proposal to hold an international congress of thrift at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco next year, will be considered at a meeting of the directors of the American Society for Thrift in Chicago next week. President Simon W. Straus, of the society for thrift, who is now in Europe studying thrift conditions, received an invitation to hold the convention from James A. Barr, manager of the bureau of conventions of the exposition.

His Trial Postponed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, March 16.—The trial of "Handsome Jack" Koettler, charged with the murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft, Cincinnati, Ohio, woman, in the Saratoga hotel here, was today postponed until Friday.

SENSATIONAL ESCAPE FROM THE MILITARY PRISON

Two Men Made Rope Out of Chapel Carpet and Slid Down.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LEAVENWORTH, Kans., March 16.—Lloyd H. Blitzburger and Bert Adams, the latter having several aliases, made a sensational escape from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth early today. The men broke the lock on their cell door, broke into the pris-

on chapel, made a rope of the chapel carpet and lowered themselves forty feet from the chapel upper window to the busiest thoroughfare of the military post. They are thought to have swam the Missouri river.

Dummies had been left in the cell and their escape was not discovered until early today. Blitzburger had been sentenced fifty-nine times by court martial, once from Fort Sheridan, for a disciplinary offense and the others for escape. He was considered the most desperate man ever confined in the military prison here. Adams was serving a term for desertion and assault.

Bowles had been quoted as denying the assertions of DeKnight and the committee wants his story under oath. Edward W. DeKnight, a brother of the alleged lobbyist, was also subpoenaed, the committee having been informed today that he has in his custody most of the more "interesting" letters and files of his brother.

Pastor Kissed Married Woman. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, March 16.—That he gave a married woman parishioner one kiss on the back of the neck and another under the right ear is a story told on Dr. Jacob E. Price, of Washington Heights M. E. church here which has convulsed but not convinced that congregation.

Mrs. Claude Dore made the accusation and she says received the snacks. The annual conference of the church next month will probe the charge but at yesterday's service, an officer of the church read a statement upholding Dr. Price. It was followed by the singing of "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Corruption in Election. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16.—The first intimation of corruption in connection with tomorrow's primaries non-partisan election, came today when residents of the sixth ward claimed that members of the old machine are attempting to influence the voters. In several political meetings held last night, it was claimed that the old ringers were attempting to buy election judges.