

FIENDISH SLAUGHTER DONE BY REBELS FROM AMBUSH

ZAPATISTAS IN MEXICO ATTACK TRAIN AND MURDER SOLDIERS AND PASSENGERS.

NO CHANCE FOR VICTIMS

Train is Derailed in Canyon and Heavy Fire Poured into Coaches—After the Murders the Bandits Set Fire to Cars and Burn Wounded—Dead Are Mutilated and Robbed.

Mexico City, Aug. 12.—Thirty-six soldiers and more than 20 passengers were slaughtered yesterday by Zapatistas in a canyon one kilometer north of Tlaxman, 110 miles southeast of Mexico City, when a passenger train southbound from this city was attacked from ambush. Only meager details have reached this city. So far as known only a part of the train crew escaped.

The first news of the attack was sent to Mexico City by Conductor Marine and Collector Dominguez, who, although wounded, had managed to make their way to Yustepec, 12 miles away. They were forced to steal through the Zapatista lines and did not arrive at the telegraph station until this afternoon.

After the murderous rifle fire had ceased the rebels swarmed down the hillside and set fire to the three cars composing the train. A few of the wounded had crawled out of the window on the right of way, thus escaping the fate of those unable to leave the cars, who were burned.

Slaughter Without Mercy.

According to the report, the leader of the rebels made absolutely no effort to restrain his men from acts of brutality greater than any that have marked the campaign in the south. The wounded, pleading for their lives, were struck down without pity and even looting was held in abeyance until the slaughter was complete.

Not satisfied with robbing their victims in any ordinary manner, the fingers of men and women were chopped off that rings they wore might be more quickly obtained. Ornaments were torn from the cars of women and their bodies were otherwise mutilated.

Newspaper Men Victims.

Among the passengers were two newspaper men and they were among those killed. They were on their way to interview Emiliano Zapata, the chief of the rebels. One of these, H. L. Strauss, a native of Uruguay, and consul agent of his country in this city, was employed at one time on the New York Herald. He was making this trip to see Zapata as a representative of El Imparcial. The other correspondent was Ignacio Heras of El Pais.

The ill-fated train left yesterday morning from Mexico City. Most of the passengers belonged to the farmer and lower classes. The soldiers who had been detailed to act as a guard were from the Eleventh battalion, commanded by Lieutenant Revonaza. By costly experience, the troops had learned to be on the alert, but from the time they left the national capital not the least hostility had been encountered until the train ran into the canyon.

Here a rail had been loosened and as the locomotive left the track a volley of rifle shots was poured into the train with deadly effect. It was centered on the coach in which most of the soldiers were riding, but soon became general, the rebels apparently

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NO TRACE IS FOUND OF ESCAPED CONVICTS

Butte, Aug. 12.—Convicts Jowl and McAdams, who escaped from the custody of a deputy sheriff while aboard a Northern Pacific train near Pipestone early Sunday morning are still at large with every indication that they successfully have effected their getaway. All the possemen dispatched by Sheriff John O'Rourke of this city, have returned, without even picking up the trail of the fugitives, and the penitentiary officials at Deer Lodge are without advices.

OLYMPIAN WRECKED AND FIVE ARE KILLED

PUGET SOUND'S CRACK TRAIN, WESTBOUND, GOES THROUGH BRIDGE IN WASHINGTON.

Seattle, Aug. 12.—Five persons were killed and several injured late today when the westbound Olympian train of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad broke through a bridge half a mile west of Keechelus, 67 miles east of Seattle.

The dead: MRS. SIMON JURICH, Seattle, ENGINEER TOWNSEND, ENGINEER NOBLE, FIREMAN THIMMEL, BAGGAGEMASTER A. D. Sibley, Express Messenger C. M. Thomas and brakeman Thomas Marshall were injured. All will recover.

Engineer Henry Noble lived in Seattle and Engineer H. Townsend's family is in Salem, Ore.

One report from Keechelus said the forward end of the day coach fell through the bridge on top of the wrecked locomotives and baggage cars, which were piled in a ravine 40 feet deep. Mrs. Jurich was standing at the forward end of the car and was crushed to death.

Engine Derailed.

The train, drawn by two locomotives, was approaching the summit of the Cascade mountains when the forward engine was derailed on a bridge over a small stream. The pounding of the wheels over the ties broke down the bridge, and both engines, the mail car and the baggage car fell into the creek. One coach was partly derailed. The rest of the train remained on the track.

The train, which left Chicago Friday night and was due in Seattle tonight, was running on time and passed Keechelus at 5 o'clock, a minute before the accident occurred.

Wrecking trains were sent from both ends of the division to repair the bridge and open the line to traffic, which is being handled over the Northern Pacific tracks across the mountains.

A SUICIDE.

Butte, Aug. 12.—(Special)—Fred Sockerson, a prospector and wood-hauler living near Bernice, committed suicide today by shooting.

BEWARE THE DOG



NICARAGUAN REBELS BREAK SOLEMN ARMISTICE

ADVANCE IN FORCE AND FIRE ON CAPITAL, BUT ARE TWICE REPULSED.

Managua, Aug. 12.—The combined rebel forces under General Luis Mena, the secretary of war recently deposed by President Diaz, and General Zeledon, one-time secretary of the cabinet of former President Zelaya, began a bombardment of the Nicaraguan capital at 6 o'clock Sunday morning. For several hours the attacking guns were out of range and the shells fell short of the city. At noon the rebel pieces were advanced and shrapnel shells frequently burst over the city proper. Several women and children were wounded by bullets from the exploding missiles.

When the bombardment became general the government troops replied to the attack with the guns on Loma hill, the fortress defending the city, and the firing continued heavily all afternoon.

Driven Back.

At 5 o'clock the rebels made a fierce onslaught on the capital and directed their fire on the government troops defending that portion of the city, but again was repelled.

The bombardment began in violation of the armistice arranged by the opposing armies on Saturday and, despite protests made by the American minister, George T. Wetzel, as dean of the diplomatic corps, and by Captain Warren J. Terhune, commander of the United States gunboat Annapolis, now stationed off Corinto. From this vessel a detachment of blue-jackets was dispatched to this city to protect the lives and property of the Americans.

Foreign Flags Flying.

The national flags of the members of the diplomatic corps and the foreign consuls, as well as those of foreign residents, are flying over their respective dwellings and business houses.

When it became known that the rebels were in earnest in their announced intention of bombarding the city, the government issued a proclamation warning the people to leave the capital. Many heeded this advice and impressed into service all available means of transportation.

President Diaz is relying on the support of the United States in his efforts to withstand the attacks of the revolutionaries and to maintain control of the government.

CANDIDATE HIRAM JOHNSON IS WARMLY WELCOMED HOME

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Governor H. W. Johnson, progressive nominee for vice president, was proclaimed tonight the party's logical candidate for president four years hence. This prophecy and proclamation was made by C. H. Rowell of Fresno, one of the speakers at a mass meeting called to welcome to San Francisco Governor Johnson on the occasion of his return from Chicago.

DARROW DENOUNCED AND ARRAIGNED BY FORD

PROSECUTOR MAKES FOUR-AND-ONE-HALF-HOUR ARGUMENT FOR THE STATE.

Los Angeles, Aug. 12.—Alternately denouncing Clarence S. Darrow as a corrupter of men and lauding his brilliance of mind, Assistant District Attorney W. J. Ford made today the opening statement in the Darrow bribery trial. The denunciation extended to others connected with the defense of the Chicago lawyer, to Job Harriman, who Ford maintained was an accomplice in the alleged bribery of jurors, to Lincoln Steffens, designated as a "Christian anarchist," and to other defense witnesses of lesser importance.

Time after time Ford assailed Darrow personally, either because of his philippic teachings or his conduct of the McNamara defense.

The climax of the prosecutor's personal denunciation was reached in his charge that Darrow, by his teachings, was responsible for the blowing up of the Times building and its attendant fatalities. J. B. McNamara, he said, had been deluded by the doctrines advocated by Darrow. At another time the speaker referred to the defender as the "brilliant gladiator of the courts."

"If there was any frameup in this case," he said, "it was between the district attorney and Lockwood to trap Franklin, and they did it."

The prosecuting attorney asserted that testimony of Lincoln Steffens as the so-called "peace negotiator" was ridiculous and not to be believed. Steffens was denounced as a "man who believed a man should not be punished for mere murder—he says the man should have gone free because it was a social crime."

Ford closed with a plea for conviction, telling the jurors that it was the only verdict possible under the evidence. He spoke for four and a half hours.

THE YOUNGEST MOTHER.

Iowa City, Iowa, Aug. 12.—The youngest mother recorded in Iowa medical history is an 11-year-old girl from near Davenport, who gave birth today to a healthy 8 1/2-pound child. The hospital authorities did not make public the girl's name.

STONE SAYS TAFT IS A GOOD MAN GONE WRONG

PRESIDENT IS A PATRIOT AND HAS VERY HIGH MOTIVES, BUT—

Washington, Aug. 12.—"A shining example of a good man going wrong," was the characterization of President Taft made by Senator Stone of Missouri in a speech in the senate today attacking the president's veto of the democratic-progressive wool tariff bill.

Senator Stone credited the president with high motives, but said he had "allowed himself to become the victim of environment."

"The president is a high-class man," he said. "His ideals and impulses are naturally good. I believe him to be a patriotic American devoted to the interests of his country and its people. If left to follow the bent of his inclination he would, I think, seek with singleness of purpose to promote the public weal."

"But he is so environed with political exigencies, so bound by the interest to which his party is obligated, that he often allows himself to be over-ruled. Instead of leading, he too often allows himself to be led. He becomes the servant of the special interests instead of the people."

"In short, he becomes the shining example of a good man going wrong."

Senator Stone devoted much of his criticism to "that elusive, but potential quantity known as the tariff board."

Senator Stone said the president had vetoed the wool bill again "out of a tender regard for a few men unknown to fame, whom he had appointed to make an investigation."

"It looks too much as if the president were playing politics," he added. "He is a candidate for re-election and he is beset by numerous embarrassments."

"Governor Wilson declares for a revision downward in accordance with his party's platform, and the bull moose is roaring for a radical cut in all the schedules."

"With Wilson to the fore, calm, self-possessed, masterful, marching on triumphantly, and with the wild bull moose roaring and roaring promiscuously, what can a standpat candidate do?"

HIS PERSONAL MAIL RIFLED SAYS SENATOR LA FOLLETTE

RAVALLI TO HAVE THIRD-PARTY TICKET

Hamilton, Aug. 12.—(Special)—The Ravalli County Republican Progressive club, in a well-attended meeting this evening, voted to cut loose from the republican party and join the progressive party. A resolution, introduced by W. B. McLaughlin of Hamilton, was adopted. This means that there will be a complete third-party ticket in the county. About 50 were present this evening, including a few from Stevensville and other points in the Bitter Root. The meeting was held in the chamber of commerce building.

DECLARES POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS USED "RUSSIAN ESPIONAGE."

"RIDICULOUS," SAYS ONE

Wisconsin Man Charges That Certain Persons Tried to Get Information as to Certain Department Investigation, and Tampered With Letters Addressed to Him.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The senate, after five hours' work today on the postoffice appropriation bill, reached an agreement to vote on the measure at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Discussion of the bill continued late in the day when Senator La Follette, speaking on a house provision granting to employees of the postal service the right to organize, charged officials of the postoffice department with rifling his mails in an effort to delve into an investigation he was making into the postal service.

Almost Russian.

The Wisconsin senator said that his mail had been "subjected to an espionage almost Russian in character" and he showed to the senators a bundle of letters which he said had been tampered with.

"Absurd" and "ridiculous" are adjectives applied by officials of the postoffice department to Senator La Follette's charges. It is declared positively that if the senator's mail has been rifled the crime was committed by somebody not connected with the department.

Dr. Charles P. Grandfield, first assistant, in the absence of Mr. Hitchcock, acting postmaster general said:

Absurd.

"We have never heard until now that Senator La Follette's mail had been tampered with. I think the senator is mistaken, when he charges that officials of the postoffice department rifled his mail in an attempt to learn the result of an investigation he is making, or for any other purpose. As to the senator's statement that his mail was subjected to an 'espionage almost Russian in character,' the charge is absurd, as no one in the postoffice department has the slightest interest in the replies of the clerks to the senator's inquiries. All mail addressed to members of congress in Washington passes out of the hands of the postoffice department when it reaches the house and senate postoffices."

Chief Inspector R. C. Sharp was equally certain that Senator La Follette's charges were unfounded and was emphatic in his denial of them.

"No attempt, of course, ever was made to watch Senator La Follette's mail or to ascertain the contents of any letter addressed to him or sent out by him," said the inspector. "Any inspector caught opening sealed letters not addressed to him would be subjected to the full penalty of the law. In fact, an inspector, having knowledge of the law on the subject, could not in such circumstances escape a penitentiary sentence."

Other Charges.

Senator La Follette, after making his charges, said that men were removed from the railway mail service, "for no other reason than that they had joined organizations designed to improve labor conditions in the service."

He cited several instances, including

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WELCOMED HOME



GOVERNOR HIRAM W. JOHNSON.

HIS MAIL RIFLED



SENATOR ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE.

COLORADO WILL HAVE THIRD-PARTY TICKET

Denver, Aug. 12.—That there will be a complete state and county ticket in the field in Colorado by the progressive party is the word brought from Chicago by E. P. Costigan, who attended the convention of the progressive party there last week and who is nominee for governor on the progressive ticket.

"There will be no coalition with the republican party which supports Taft electors," he said.

Denver is to be one of the five division points in handling the progressive convention, according to Costigan, with P. A. Lindsey in charge of the Denver headquarters.