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VERGARA WAS KIDNAPPED, THEN SHOT, BY MEXICAN TROOPS OF HUERTA'S ARMY

Washington Gets Report That American Was Not Hanged by Band of Raiders.

CASE IS BEING PUSHED.

Commission Ready to Start for Chihuahua to Examine the Body of Benton.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Officials here discussed with much interest to-day the report of Capt. Sanders of the Texas Rangers, saying Clemente Vergara, an American citizen, reported hanged, had really been kidnapped and shot by Huerta's Federals. While Consul Garrett had been ordered to make an extended inquiry and vigorous representations demanding reparation have been made to the Huerta Government at Mexico City, there was little official information to-day on the Vergara killing, which has admittedly stirred the Washington Government just as much as the recent execution of William S. Benton, a British subject, at Juarez.

Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City reported that he had made representations concerning Vergara's death and that the Huerta Government had promised a full and detailed explanation of the killing.

The inquiry into the Benton case was planned to begin in earnest to-day or to-morrow with the departure of a special train from Juarez for Chihuahua, furnished by Villa, bearing representatives of England and the United States. In Chihuahua American Consul Letcher will join the investigators.

Opinion is divided here on whether Benton's body, after being buried nearly two weeks in a tropical climate, would show if his wounds were inflicted by a pistol or a firing squad. While no satisfactory answer has been made to the American Government's request for the surrender of the body to the widow, that point will not be pressed until all the evidence of a medical examination is secured.

REBELS WILLING TO PAY DAMAGES FOR BENTON'S KILLING.

That Gen. Carranza was rapidly getting into touch with the situation at Juarez and Chihuahua and would exert his influence to clear up the Benton case, was the informal assurance reached here to-day. It was also supposed that Carranza will secure com-

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Justice Blackmar Grants Certificate of Reasonable Doubt and Raises New Point.

Supreme Court Justice Blackmar in Brooklyn issued a certificate of reasonable doubt to-day in the conviction of William Willett jr. who was found guilty of buying a nomination to the Supreme Court bench. He fixed bail for Willett at $30,000.

"There seems to me," said Justice Blackmar, "to be sufficient material evidence to warrant the jury in finding the facts charged in the indictment. But I cannot escape a doubt whether the facts so alleged constitute a felony under section 775 of the Penal law rather than a misdemeanor under section 751. If they do constitute a felony the indictment is triable in Kings County.

"Section No. 775, under which the defendant was indicted, is entitled 'Corrupt Use of Position or Authority.' Does it apply to bribery of a delegate to a convention or a political leader who controls that convention?"

Justice Blackmar went on to say that he should not go into the merits of the point. It is considered by lawyers a strong point in favor of the former Rockaway Congressman.

Aside from this fact, Justice Blackmar was influenced to the granting of the certificate by the fact that William Berri's editorial in the Standard Union accusing some one of graft in connection with the Supreme Court nominations and the statements of Patrick Callahan and Surrogate Ketcham, practically fixing this charge on Willett, were admitted into evidence at Willett's trial.

Robert H. Elder, Willett's counsel, said he would not try to free his client until Monday. Bail will be backed by privately owned real estate.

THOUSANDS WALK TRACKS.

Third Avenue "L" Blocked by Burning of Feed Wire.

A blockade that lasted over an hour this morning on the Third avenue elevated line extended from the One Hundred and Thirty-third street station north to One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street.

The tie-up was caused by the burning of a heavy feed wire at the One Hundred and Thirty-third street station just at the rush hour and hundreds of passengers, not being able to persuade the guards to open the gates, climbed over them and made their way along the elevated structure to One Hundred and Fory-ninth street to take the subway.

When the blockade cleared and trains began to move again there were still many people on the tracks. These were allowed to re-board the trains.

SAILING TO-DAY.

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Calamares, Jamaica .....12 M.
Rochambeau, Havre ..... 3 P. M

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GIANTS START HOME WITH WHITE SOX; GET BIG SEND OFF

English Join With Americans in Farewell to Ball Players Who Board Lusitania.

SPEECH BY M'GRAW.

He Gave Thanks for Courtesies to Round-World Teams—Due Here Thursday Night.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—An enthusiastic demonstration was made to-day by membebrs of the American colony in London and English athletes and sporting men, who had gathered at the station to bid farewell to the American baseball teams when they departed from London for Liverpool to board the Lusitania on their return to the United States.

The players expressed regret that they could not stay longer in London, where they had been extensively entertained at dinners, luncheons and theatre parties given by their admirers.

John J. McGraw in a short address made from the train uttered the thanks of the teams to both Americans and English present for the cordial way in which the tourists had been received here.

The ball players sailed from Liverpool at 6.15 P. M. They are due in New York next Thursday night.

Among the other passengers on the Lusitania were the members of a Japanese Government Commission headed by Baron Kogoro Takahira, former Ambassador to the United States, which has been investigating the judicial systems of Europe and expects to continue its work in the United States.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, widow of the late American Ambassador to Great Britain, and Dr. Howard Kelly of Baltimore were also on the liner.

$200,000 IN CASH STOLEN FROM A VAN OF PARIS POST-OFFICE

Thieves Get Plunder While Mail Sacks Are Being Unloaded at Railway Station.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Upward of $200,000 in cash was stolen to-day from a post-office van at one of the railroad stations in Paris. As this is the last day of the month large sums were being transmitted to various points for the payment of monthly salaries and accounts.

The police would give no details of the robbery except that the van was one among several being unloaded at the time and that there was a great deal of confusion.

CLAIM INCREASE DENIED.

Federal Judge Rules Against $6,000,000 Street Railway Plan.

The $3,000,000 increase in the claim of the Third Avenue Railway and its receiver was denied in a decision handed down to-day by United States Circuit Court Judge C. J. Lacombe, sitting as a Judge of the District Court.

The claim, entered under the title of the Pennsylvania Steel Company versus the New York City Railway Company, was filed on Jan. 20, 1910. In delivering his decision Judge Lacombe asserted that so long a time had elapsed that to allow the claim to be amended seemed inequitable.

$9,000,000 GRAFT ON ROADS IN 1912, SULZER SWEARS

Deposed Governor the First Witness Before Assembly Investigating Committee.

HAS TALK WITH SMITH.

Hennessy Raps Barnes by Testifying That Boss's Friend Got Contracts.

Former Gov. Sulzer has become a sort of "stock witness" in graft investigations, and to-day he took the stand at the first hearing of the Assembly graft hunting committee, headed by John Leo Sullivan of Chautauqua, in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

The others present when the committee was called to order by Chairman Sullivan were Thaddeus C. Street of Oswego, Speaker of the Assembly; Franklin W. Crestman of Herkimer, Charles A. Brewster of Steuben and Alfred E. Smith and Michael Schaap of New York. The absentees were William J. Maier of Seneca, Alvah W. Burlingame of Brooklyn and Samuel A. Jones of Chenango.

John Kirkland Clark, formerly of District-Attorney Whitman's staff, counsel to the committee, opened the session by stating that he had received 2,400 pages of testimony taken before Special Commissioner Osborne.

SULZER TELLS WHAT HE DID TO EXPOSE GRAFTERS.

Former Gov. Sulzer's first testimony concerned the work he had done when he became Governor to see that the people received a dollar's worth of good roads for every dollar expended.

Then Mr. Sulzer explained that he could not get funds to pay expenses of the Hennessy investigation and it became necessary for Hennessy himself and some others to bear all the expenses.

"I gave $2,500 toward it," he declared. "Mr. Hennessy's investigation of a number of roads showed me that of the money expended on them 30 per cent. went for the roads and 70 per cent. was stolen."

Sulzer was asked if he had a copy of Hennessy's report on highway graft after the conviction of Bart Dunn in Rockland County. He handed a copy to the stenographer. Assemblyman Smith of New York, who was Speaker of the Assembly when Sulzer was impeached, glanced at it and said it might be marked as an exhibit.

"It's not on the record now?" he said inquiringly.

"No, but let's read it into the record," said Mr. Sulzer quickly.

"That's closed, that's closed," retorted Mr. Smith, flinging the report to the stenographer.

"We'll get to that in good time," replied Mr. Clark.

"Mr. Sulzer is only a witness here," declared Smith, "and it's not for him to tell this committee what to do or how to do it."

The report, a pamphlet of 16 printed pages, was handed from hand to hand down the committee.

SMITH CALLS ON SULZER FOR DOCUMENTARY PROOF.

When Mr. Sulzer's testimony had ended, Mr. Smith spoke up again.

"The witness," he said, "stated on the floor of the Assembly that he had documentary evidence of the theft of $6,000,000 of the peoples' money in 1912. I suggest that counsel ask for this documentary evidence."

Sulzer turned upon Smith, holding out his hand for the pamphlet.

"Let me read that into the record,"

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Woman Poisoner of Husband, Sentenced to Die in April

CYNTHIA BUFFUM

FRENCH BARON SLASHED IN SWORD DUEL WITH COUNT

Le Vavasseur Has Artery Cut by d'Heursel in Meeting Over Card Scandal at Club

PARIS, Feb. 28.—A sword duel between Baron Robert Le Vavasseur and Count d'Heursel, fought in the suburb of Neuilly to-day, resulted in Le Vavasseur being wounded, one of the arteries of his right arm being cut.

The encounter is believed to have arisen out of the recent card scandal at the fashionable Jockey Club, where Baron Le Vavasseur was alleged to have been guilty of cheating.

At the preliminary meeting of the seconds of the two principals Raeul Mourichon, the explorer, and Jacques Caillaud, who were acting for Count d'Heursel, raised the question whether Le Vavasseur's honor had not been already so affected that he was unworthy to fight.

Baron Le Vavasseur's seconds were A. Avon and Georges Breittmayer, the latter of whom is reputed to be the most deadly as he is the most notorious duellist in France. M. Breittmayer declined to discuss the question of Le Vavasseur's honor, saying it was sufficient that Gen. Avon and he had consented to act as seconds and they would therefore take full responsibility for the honor of their principal.

Job in Sight, Man Ends Life.

Mott C. Kent, formerly a locomotive engineer on the Long Island Railroad, who had been thrown out of work by the increased electrification of the system last fall, was found dead of gas to-day in his room in the lodging house of Mrs. Mary McSheffrey at No. 807 Driggs avenue, Williamsburg. He had been dead about twenty-four hours. Kent's brother-in-law, Henry Goldstein of No. 1746 Hughes street, Glendale, discovered the body when he called with news of a possibility of a job.

MRS. BUFFUM TAKEN TO AUBURN; UNMOVED BY DEATH SENTENCE

Found Guilty of Poisoning Her Husband and Sentenced to Die in Week of April 5.

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum, under sentence of death for poisoning her husband, Willis Buffum, with arsenic, was taken to Auburn Prison to-day. There was no change in the attitude of sullen calm she has maintained since her arrest after Buffum's death on Aug. 24. The only times she has displayed any emotion was when during the trial her attorney, in his final plea to the jury, portrayed her girlhood, and when she kissed her mother, her brother Arthur and her little son Francis goodby after sentence had been pronounced.

The jury deliberated for five hours and twenty minutes. When she was declared guilty Justice Brown at once sentenced her to die in the week of April 5.

Mrs. Buffum was awakened by Sheriff Dempsey at 5 o'clock this morning. At 6 o'clock her five sons were in the cell to see her. None but little Francis, thirteen years old, showed any grief at parting. At 7.18 Mrs. Buffum was started on her trip to the death house at Auburn Prison.

All during the night the little pale-faced, sullen woman had been carefully guarded in her cell. She had made threats during the last few days that she would never see Auburn.

Her nerve unbroken, she relies on the encouragement from her counsel, Patrick S. Collins, who said to her just before her departure:

"Don't worry, now; keep quiet and leave it all to me. You will never die in the electric chair."

Before leaving the jail Mrs. Buffum asked that Frahm be sent to her. She warned him to "keep his back up" and "don't let Cole break you."

ARE YOUR FRECKLES IF DARING YOUNG BEAUTIES OF RED HAIR DO NOT REMOVE THEM

POLICE BLOTTERS TO SHOW ROSE LIED, LAWYER DECLARES

Records of Becker's Attendance at Stations Refute Evidence That He Was Present When Murder Was Plotted in Harlem.

SAM SCHEPPS VANISHES WITH BAG AND BAGGAGE

"Will Never Go to Chair," Say Gunmen, "but, If We Do, It'll Be Without a Whimper."

An alibi for Charles Becker to shatter the keystone of the charge of conspiracy in the murder of Herman Rosenthal will be the feature of the defense in the second trial of the former police lieutenant. The alibi is of importance in that it attacks the alleged meeting of Rose, Webber, Vallon and Becker in a vacant lot in Harlem on a night in June, 1912, preceding the tragedy at the Hotel Metropole.

In the opinion of the Court of Appeals it is held that the District-Attorney, by failing to produce the chauffeurs who are alleged to have driven Rose, Webber and Vallon to this meeting place, committed a vital error. It is now claimed by Joseph Shay, counsel for Becker, that he can show that Becker could not have attended any such meeting as that described, and this meeting forms an important item of the prosecution, as it is claimed that it was the birth of the conspiracy.

"I expect to prove an alibi for Becker," said Mr. Shea this afternoon, "by the records in the police stations he visited in his official rounds each night during the month of June, 1912. It is charged that he met the gunmen on a vacant lot on One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street during one night of that month. The police records will show exactly the time he visited and was in each station, and I expect to show this meeting was an impossibility. Becker was on his post at the time he is charged with meeting the gunmen.

SAYS BECKER WILL NOT TALK ANY MORE.

"There will positively be no more statements from Becker at any time. This has been found necessary because of inaccurate reports of his remarks, and Charles Becker will not issue another statement of any kind until after he is set free.

"No other man probably in the world's history was ever characterized as Becker has been. He has been termed a grafter, but there has been no charge made against him specifically pointing out wherein at any time any person ever paid a penny further than the statements made by the vile, disreputable reptile Rose, who to save his own life concocted this vile conspiracy that almost caused the State of New York to be shamed forever in the eyes of the world."

Shay also asserted that Sam Schepps probably has disappeared because he feared an indictment charging him with extortion. Mrs. Becker, in explaining this, said that she knew nothing about Schepps except that one day word was brought her that a cablegram was at the Tombs for her. She went down and secured it. It was signed by Schepps and said:

"Can save Charlie. Have [illegible]

TURKISH AVIATORS FLYING TO JERUSALEM ARE PLUNGED TO DEATH

Fethy Bey, Who Made Record as Army Scout in Balkan War, One of the Victims.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 28.—Fethy Bey and Sadik Bey, two young officers of the Turkish military flying corps, were killed to-day while attempting to make a flight from Constantinople to Alexandria, Egypt. After leaving Damascus on the way to Jerusalem the aeroplane broke down in midair and the two aviators fell with it from a high altitude and were instantly killed.

Fethy Bey rendered great assistance to the Ottoman army during the Balkan war, often making daring flights over the Bulgarian positions and bringing back valuable information.

LILLIAN'S LITTLE JOKE.

The Airy, Fairy One Slams a Bit of Repartee on Latest Hubby.

Lillian Russell and her husband, Alexander Moore, were among the passengers on the Calamares, which sailed for the tropics at noon to-day. The erstwhile airy, fairy Lillian and friend husband graciously posed for a photograph.

"I suppose this is a sort of honeymoon trip?" suggested a reporter.

"Indeed it is," agreed Mr. Moore, who edits a paper in Pittsburgh.

"It may be yours," said Mrs. Moore to Mr. Moore.

Which remark, it may be said, was some repartee.

Irish Beat Scotch at Rugby.

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 28.—The Irish fifteen to-day beat the Scottish fifteen by 6 points to nothing in the fourth match of the international Rugby series. In the first match England beat Wales. In the second match Wales beat Scotland. In the third match England beat Ireland.