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To-day, cloudy and warmer.
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GUNMEN TELL
TRIBUNE THEY
ARE INNOCENT

"Lefty Louie" and "Dago Frank" Talk Freely of Case to Reporter.

WERE "FRAMED," LIKE BECKER, THEY SAY

Murder of Rosenthal Put Up to Vallon, "Bridgie" Webber and Jack Rose.

ASK ONLY SQUARE DEAL

"We Want No Sympathy," They Say in Statement Signed by the Whole Four.

The first interview any newspaper men have had with them since they were sent to Sing Sing prison to be put to death for the murder of Herman Rosenthal was given yesterday in the small prison counsel room by "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg and "Dago Frank" Crefel to a reporter for The Tribune and one for another newspaper.

The main points in that interview were that they and their companions, "Whitey Lewis" and "Gyp the Blood," are hopeful of eventually escaping the chair, and that they contend they are absolutely innocent of the murder. They charge that the case against them and the case against Charles Becker were "framed up" by Harry Vallon, "Bridgie" Webber and Jack Rose.

"And you will hold to your statement that you are innocent even to the moment of being led to the chair?" asked the reporter.

Will Adhere to Innocence.

"Lefty Louie" placed his hands flat on the table and looked squarely at the reporter.

"To the very finish," he said. "Keeper Thomas F. McInerney, acting principal keeper since Connaughton's death Tuesday, led the reporters from the office of Warden Clancy into the counsel room late yesterday afternoon. The room opens a few feet down a narrow corridor from the cells where sixteen men are waiting for the early morning call to die.

Clad in a dark coat and trousers, under which were striped woollen pajamas, "Lefty" came into the counsel room with McInerney. There was a half-smile on his face, an expression of expectancy.

Before he looked at the reporters he stopped and shook himself, as if ridding his body and mind of the death house atmosphere. Then he looked up at McInerney, who spoke the reporters' names to the condemned man. "Lefty" shot out his right hand to The Tribune reporter and took a long breath.

"This is certainly a treat," he said—and smiled.

Then he sat down at the little table opposite the reporters. McInerney sat at the end of the table.

As The Tribune man was about to ask a question, "Lefty" interrupted.

"I guess," he said, "that the best start would be this way. I'll write out a short statement and then I'll take it in to the other boys and have them sign it with me. After that you can go ahead."

All They Ask Is "Square Deal."

He wrote a few lines on a piece of paper which the reporter gave him and then, with the pen, went with the keeper to the condemned cells. In a few minutes he was back with this statement, signed by all four gunmen:

"We don't want sympathy because of our present condition. All we want is a fair deal. Let the public have all the facts and be the judge."

After he had passed the statement across the table and the reporters had read it, "Lefty" lay back in his chair.

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HOTEL ROUTS SWINDLERS

Band of "Mining Stock" Peddlers Barred from Waldorf.

Six men and six women, whom guests of the Waldorf-Astoria saw about the hotel yesterday and have seen there for many months, will be missing there to-day. Their pleasant manners and entertaining stories, many of them illustrated with "gilt-edged" mining literature, will be missed also, but—

The squad of house detectives decided yesterday that it was the time for action.

Manager George C. Boldt instructed the sleuths, who are both male and female, to go ahead. They did. The twelve loungers occupying the writing room, the Red Room and the foyer departed.

The clean-out, Mr. Boldt said last night, occurs at least four times a year, and sometimes oftener.

MRS. W. ASTOR A SCIENTIST

Now Curing Herself After Serious Operation, Sister Says.

Mrs. Waldorf Astor, of London, who recently underwent an operation, has become a convert to Christian Science and is employing her faith for a permanent cure of herself. Her sister, Mrs. Reginald Brooks, who arrived on the White Star liner Olympic yesterday, said:

"I went abroad to hunt, but my sister was so ill I could not think of it. Mrs. Astor is better now, after her second operation, and with an abundance of faith has benefited greatly by Christian Science."

Mrs. Brooks said she regretted leaving England, because she had become intensely interested in the Home Rule conflict.

'SCIENCE' LEADER RESIGNS

Alfred Farlow Forced by Illness to Quit Committee.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, March 25.—Alfred Farlow, regarded for many years as the real power behind the Christian Science Church, has resigned as chairman of the publication committee on account of severe illness, which has been kept secret from the public. Mr. Farlow has resigned in favor of Albert Miller, a prominent member of the Church, but still retains his power.

His illness caused consternation among leaders of the cult, and it was decided not to make it public. However, the absence of Mr. Farlow from public life created rumors of his death, which have been in circulation here for some time. These have been disproved by the appearance of the patient within a few days in his automobile. Mr. Farlow has been suffering from a general breakdown and from rheumatic troubles.

GET OUT VOTE APRIL 7 IS WIGWAM'S WORD

Life and Liberty Depend on Constitutional Convention, Resolutions Says.

The Tammany Hall executive committee at a special meeting yesterday came out in favor of the proposed constitutional convention, and a resolution was passed calling attention to the special election on April 7. The resolution urged:

"That the leaders and captains of the Democratic party be urged to call to the attention of every voter the importance and duty of voting in favor of holding the convention to provide constitutional guarantees for the lives, liberties, property and general welfare of the people of the State of New York."

One of the Democratic leaders prophesied that out of a total registration of more than 600,000 in this city not more than 175,000 votes would be cast.

CUPID MAKES ALIENS OF 3 YANKEE WOMEN; 1 WED TITLE

Baroness de Kantstein, Wife Five Years, Finds Citizenship Forfeited.

Although she had been married for five years to an Austrian nobleman, the Baroness L. C. J. de Kantstein did not know until yesterday that she was not an American citizen. She was born in this country, and for years her parents, both Americans, have been identified with Morristown, N. J., where the baroness has large real estate interests.

Under the name of Mrs. L. C. J. de Kantstein, the baroness arrived here yesterday from Colon by the Royal Mail steamship Tagus. She was registered on the ship's manifest as an American citizen and protested that she was an American citizen.

The woman said she had made many trips to this city and that never before had her citizenship been questioned.

"I was born in this country and lived here most all my life," she said. "My husband is an Austrian subject, but I am and always have been an American citizen."

MAJORITY 92 FOR ASQUITH; SEELY STAYS

Premier in Great Speech Rallies All Supporters to Enthusiastic Allegiance.

POINTEDLY DEFENDS ACTION OF THE KING

Prospects of Passing Home Rule Bill Now Enormously Brighter.

DISSOLUTION RUMORS

Election Likely To Be Fought on Unionist Attempts to Undermine Military Discipline.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, March 25.—Colonel J. E. B. Seely, Secretary of State for War, was made the scapegoat of the British Cabinet's sins yesterday, and as a result the government was in a much stronger position when the session closed than it was after Tuesday night's debate, or after the publication yesterday afternoon of the White Paper giving details of the trouble at the Curragh camp and the conditions under which General Gough and other officers consented to return to the service.

A remarkable series of happenings marked yesterday's session in the House of Commons. First, Colonel Seely announced his resignation. Then Premier Asquith said Colonel Seely was still a member of the Cabinet. Then Colonel Seely took all the blame for the apparent submission of the government to General Gough, averring that he had inserted the last two paragraphs in the note to General Gough without the knowledge of the other members of the Cabinet. Then Mr. Asquith threw all the blame on Colonel Seely and repudiated the paragraphs inserted by the Secretary for War. Next Mr. Asquith refused to accept Colonel Seely's resignation and wound up amid a storm of cheering from the government supporters by the declaration: "The government will never consent to dictation by officers of the army."

Long and Insidious Campaign.

Now once more it is up to General Gough to show how far he and the officers under him dare follow those who, there is constantly accumulating evidence to show, have been making a long and insidious campaign to create a feeling of class prejudice in the army over Ulster, but for the moment the sting has been taken out of General Gough's declarations on his return to Ireland. "I have got a signed guarantee that in no circumstances will we be used to force Home Rule on Ulster," and "We will not fight against Ulster. If it came to civil war I would fight for Ulster rather than against her."

By the repudiation of submission to the army Premier Asquith has once more solidified the coalition which twenty-four hours ago was on the verge of breaking into fifty groups, all damning the government. The Labor members who on Tuesday night so fiercely attacked the King and the army, with many side slaps at the government, were last night especially vociferous in cheering Mr. Asquith, and when the division bell rang voted solidly for him.

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REBEL LEADERS IN THE FIGHTING AT TORREON.



Left to right—General Fierro, Pancho Villa and General Modina.

FINDS SERUM FOR LOBAR PNEUMONIA

Rockefeller Institute Announces Specific After Long Experiments.

READY TO TREAT CASES AT HOSPITAL

Bellevue Also Reports Development of Remedy for Other Phases of Disease.

After three years of experiment and observation a specific serum for the treatment of lobar pneumonia cases has been offered to the public by the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research. With the offer is the statement that the results indicate the efficiency of the discovery in lowering the mortality from this disease.

Although the result of working on independent lines, an announcement also came yesterday from Bellevue Hospital that a pneumonia serum developed in its laboratories was recently used successfully upon Dr. P. M. Howard, a staff physician of that institution. Its efficacy was marked, and Dr. Howard, whose condition was critical, is now in the convalescent stage.

In neither statement is there a hint of the importance of this new specific remedy. Like the diphtheria antitoxin and the typhoid fever serum, the anti-pneumococcus serum, as it is scientifically known, was subjected to the most painstaking scrutiny and made to prove its worth before the "cure" was admitted to be a fact.

The news from the Rockefeller Institute came in the following form, sent to physicians of standing in the city:

"Acute Lobar Pneumonia.—The Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute is now prepared to treat patients suffering from acute lobar pneumonia with specific anti-pneumococcus sera. The results so far obtained indicate that the proper use of this method is efficient in lowering the mortality from this disease.

"In order to make this method of treatment effective it is necessary that in each case the type of pneumococcus causing the infection be determined before treatment is commenced. In most cases it is now possible to do this within a few hours after the patient comes under observation, but the method is still complicated. Moreover, the supply of serum is limited, and for this reason it is considered advisable that for the present the efforts of this institution be confined to the treatment of patients admitted to the hospital.

"It is desired, however, to make the treatment available for as large a number of patients as possible during the present season, and our ambulance will be sent promptly for any patients suffering from this disease whom you may desire to have admitted."

The detailed work of evolving the serum out of the many experimental cultures was under the direction of Dr. Rufus Cole, medical director of the Institute. For the last three years patients suffering from lobar and plural pneumonia have been subjected to observation. The first difficulty was in the isolation of the pneumonia germ, and when that was accomplished it was found that, like some other infectious diseases, the germ was varied in several "strains."

Luck This Time in Even Numbers

RESOLUTE TO SAIL AS A CUP YACHT

Name Picked for Boat Being Built for Flag Officers by Herreshoffs.

SHAMROCK IV TO BE LIMITED IN TOWING

New York Yacht Club Will Not Recede from Position Taken Several Years Ago.

SIX MEN ATTACK 'RACHEL' WITH KNIFE

Attempt to Kill Man Accused of Helping Whitman in Rosenthal Case.

Resolute is the name that has been chosen for the yacht being built by the Herreshoffs at Bristol, R. I., as a candidate for the defence of the America's Cup, and hitherto known as "the flag officers' boat."

This announcement was made at the New York Yacht Club yesterday by George A. Cormack, the secretary, who is also the secretary of the syndicate that is furnishing the funds to build and race the yacht.

The members of the syndicate are former Commodores Henry Walters, Arthur Curtis James, Frederick G. Bourne and Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Vice-Commodore George F. Baker and Rear Commodore J. P. Morgan. Work on the yacht is so far advanced that it is expected she will be launched on April 17.

Yachtsmen who heard of the name selected for the new yacht last night were pleased and thought it an appropriate one. A member of the New York Yacht Club said:

"I regard the name Resolute as a good strong one, that means something, and I feel that all yachtsmen will approve of it. The fact that there was another Resolute in the old days does not matter. She was a fine racing schooner and a prize winner, too."

The names of all the sloops that have defended the America's Cup since 1881 were the Puritan, the Mayflower, the Volunteer, the Vigilant, the Defender, the Columbia and the Reliance.

Others that were built for the purpose of defending the cup, but were not selected, included the Priscilla, the Jubilee, the Pilgrim, the Columbia, the Constitution and the Independence.

The Resolute and the Defiance, the sloop being built for the Pynchon-Clark syndicate, are the new names, while the yacht being built for A. S. Cochran will be christened in a few days.

SIX MEN ATTACK 'RACHEL' WITH KNIFE

Attempt to Kill Man Accused of Helping Whitman in Rosenthal Case.

Six men went into the saloon of Abraham, alias "Rachel" Braun, who figured in the Rosenthal murder trial as "Rachel" Braun, at Broadway and 58th street, about 11 o'clock last night, and picked a quarrel with him.

In the fight that followed Braun was attacked with a knife, but was saved by the two detectives who had been assigned to protect him.

Braun, who is known among the gambling fraternity as "Rachel" Braun and "Rachie," was a former friend of "Bridgie" Webber, "Jack" Rose and "Beansy" Rosenfeld, and is believed by his previous associates to have given to District Attorney Whitman information as to the murder of Rosenthal. He has considered himself in danger for his life ever since the trial. In May last he narrowly escaped a bomb.

A few weeks ago he was fined \$10 at the West Side Court for an assault on a man named Cohen, who has a drug store at Columbus Circle and is a brother of a policeman. Braun said Cohen had called him a "squealer."

After those proceedings Braun was served with a subpoena from the District Attorney's office.

At once he began to receive threats against his life, as it was supposed he was again giving information as to the gambling situation. Braun communicated with Acting Captain Kerr at the West 47th street police station, and Detectives McGowan and Duggan were sent to keep a guard over him at his saloon.

The six men last night started calling Braun a squealer, gambler and crook, with various other epithets.

Braun went from behind the bar to order the men out and at once they set upon him.

Braun fought and felled a couple of his assailants. His shouts brought in McGowan and Duggan, who seized two of the men. The others got away.

At the police station the prisoners said they were Walter Clarkson, a driver, of No. 312 West 114th street, and Frank Krotel, a driver, of No. 604 East 15th street. They were charged with attempted felonious assault.

The detectives say that Braun was being attacked with a knife as they ran in to his assistance.

VILLA CUT OFF BY FEDERAL CAVALRY RAID

Trapped by Velasco and 3,000 Men, Leader is Now Driven to El Verjel.

NEWS INADVERTENTLY GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC

General Later Declares Rebels Rallied and Routed Enemy.

FEDERALS IN LAST STAND IN TORREON

Benavides Practically Occupies City, Penning Garrison in Western Part.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Juarez, Mexico, March 25.—Cut off from his main command by a Federal cavalry sortie from Torreon, General Pancho Villa and more than two thousand of his men were to-day driven from Gomez Palacio to El Verjel, six miles north. This was stated in an official dispatch received at rebel headquarters here to-night, which was inadvertently made public by one of the attaches before its import was realized.

While General E. A. Benavides was leading the main attack against Torreon, Villa had remained with two thousand men in Gomez Palacio, where the rebel leader had established his headquarters until the Torreon battle was concluded. The Federal garrison in Torreon, having received reinforcements, General Refugio Velasco decided to make a new move, and with three thousand cavalry he surprised the rebels in Gomez Palacio, routed them from their position in the suburban town and drove them back through the pass, where two days before they had pursued the Federal forces from Bermejillo.

This is the substance of the report which has thrown Juarez to-night into alarm and has caused the rebel officials here to issue flat denials. General Chao says no such message has been received. That the message was received and that it came directly from Villa is positively asserted by men who say they saw it.

Federals Making Last Stand.

The reported rout of Villa apparently has had no effect on the battle at Torreon. Last official dispatches from the front, received late this afternoon, said that General Benavides, aided by Generals Fierro and Modino, had practically occupied the city, utilizing an irrigating canal to force an entrance into the heart of the eastern residential section of Torreon and penning the Federal garrison in the extreme western portion, where the Federals appeared to be making a last stand.

General Benavides officially reported to Juarez that he had captured two hundred Federals in the city limits of Torreon after a desperate fight, in which eighteen rebels and fifty-eight Federals were killed. He executed the entire two hundred, according to a statement made at rebel headquarters unofficially to-night.

A dispatch said to have been received direct from General Villa, dated at El Verjel, later to-day said the rebels had rallied at that point and had driven the Federal cavalry back to the south and were pursuing them to Gomez Palacio.

No mention was made in the dispatch of any assistance being given in the attack by General Benavides's command, and it is presumed in Juarez that Benavides is kept wholly occupied at Torreon and that he probably has not yet learned of Villa's disastrous rout. The dispatch added that Villa expected to be in complete possession of Gomez Palacio again by morning.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Gomez Palacio, Mexico, March 25.—General Villa renewed his attempt to capture Torreon early to-day. During the night the rebel leader had suspended operations to give his men a rest. They had been fighting with scarcely an intermission since the advance toward Torreon had started on Saturday with the attack on Bermejillo. There was little chance for sleeping, however, as the Federals kept up an almost constant fire from cannon and machine guns in the direction of the rebel forces, and rebel guns constantly sent replies. The close range made the machine gun fire particularly damaging to the rebels in their unprotected position. At daybreak the men appeared eager to resume the attack, and long before the sun had risen the battle was in progress all along the line, and the fate of Torreon again depended on the strength of the opposing arms.

From the rebel position it appeared to-day that Torreon had been badly wrecked by rebel shells. Several times during the night the red glare in the western sky told of a burning building which rebel shells had fired. How great the damage has been can only be conjectured. In Gomez Palacio there has been heavy damage from Federal shells, but with the exception of the large manufacturing plants most of the

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