

see what his brother thought of it, but in a few moments the two Durans appeared on the roof and began shooting at the visitors. The two Americans and the Mexican officer returned the fire, at the same time backing away, in order to get their horses to flee. The Duran brothers started in pursuit, Federico Duran after the Mexican officer and Bernardo after the Americans. One American reached his horse, but the Mexican officer could not get to his mount.

"The Mexican officer was overtaken and relieved of his arms and badge. Duran exacted a pledge not to report the matter, and was taking the officer back to the house, when a detachment of soldiers, detailed on duty in the neighborhood, heard the shooting and started to investigate. The sergeant in command apprehended Federico Duran and the Mexican officer. Duran said he had just killed an American in self-defense. He said he had pursued the two Americans about three miles, when he saw one of them fall. The other American jumped off his horse and disappeared.

"The sergeant brought to general headquarters in Juarez the whole party. "I ordered an investigation at once. The Duran brothers have not satisfied the authorities as to how they obtained the cows. In my opinion the men were thieves, and that the cows were stolen.

"The names of the men are Bernardo and Federico Duran. Bernardo killed the American and his brother Federico pursued and captured the policeman. "I sent a party of police to bring the body of the American to Juarez. I have asked Consul Garcia, of El Paso, to request the penitentiary officials at Santa Fe, N. M., to look up the record of Bernardo Duran, who is reported to have been a prisoner there on account of cattle stealing, and who escaped.

"I announce that if the Durans are found guilty they will receive the punishment they deserve."

SLAVER ESCAPED FROM CONVICT CAMP IN IDA
Bernardo Duran, the man who is said to have admitted killing Akers, escaped from the San Marcial convict camp of Santa Fe, N. M., January 19, where he was serving a term three to five years for cattle robbery, according to the local police.

"At the Mayor's office in Juarez it was said that Juan Barrios, the police officer who accompanied Akers and Downs to the ranch, was under arrest pending an investigation. All the prisoners had been turned over to General Gavira, commandant of the district, for speedy trial.

"It was said an effort was being made to apprehend the three bandits who escaped. "The body of Akers was delivered to the United States consular agent at Juarez by the judge of letters of Juarez. The consul and B. W. Eganoff, of Ysleta, a relative of Akers, identified the body.

"An examination showed that Akers had been apparently shot first through the heart from the rear and then through the head.

MEXICANS FIRED 200 SHOTS AT UNARMED AMERICANS
YSLETA, TEXAS, January 22.—Douglas Downs, companion of Bert Akers, who was killed by Mexican bandits, cattle and horse thieves just below the border of San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, died today that five Mexicans fired 200 or more shots at them. He said neither he nor Akers was armed.

Downs said the Mexican who killed Akers first fired point blank at him. Downs had missed. Downs then hid in a Mexican bandit's chicken coop where he found a flintlock musket. With this he prepared to defend himself, but the slayers abandoned the chase.

Downs was found early today at the home of Mrs. J. D. Murphy, sister of Mrs. Akers. He lay in bed as he told the story of the shooting. He told of locating the house where the cow stealers from Mrs. Murphy's ranch were found. They had been rebuffed and were disguised in other ways. Federico Duran acted as lookout for Akers and the Mexican detective Juan Barrios, when they came to the house. Later he went back into the house, saying he wanted to speak to his captives. Very soon four Mexicans appeared on the roof, Downs said, and began shooting at Akers and him. Downs fled across an irrigated field, mounted on a pony, but Akers left his horse and tried to escape on foot.

"The field was soft from recent rains," said Downs, "and my pony was almost up to its knees in mud and Akers in his hands. Akers, however, said 'For God's sake stay,' and said to me as he drew nearer, and I pulled him up on my horse with me.

CRASHED BY MEXICAN WHO SHOOTS AT EVERY JUMP
"A heavy set Mexican, Bernardo Duran, I believe, in the morning had gotten hold of a horse and a pack of corn, and was coming after the pack like an Indian and shooting at every jump. My pony carrying a donkey load jumped, and I fell. Another came on sight, and shot me. At the second ditch the pony fell. I went out of the saddle and started afoot. Bert jumped onto the saddle. The Mexicans were popping at us from every side.

"I was aiming to make for cover on foot, but when I saw Bert slip into the saddle, I jumped on my horse, and I rode for a while. I took a pony head and swung up back of Bert on my own pony again. Instead of cutting across fields, Bert headed for the road leading to citizens' quarters on the other side of West Ysleta and about three-quarters of a mile from the Duran house.

"The man charging in was close on us and shooting all the time. I looked back once and saw him reloading his gun. I thought I stood a chance on foot, and jumped off my horse, aiming to get behind the fence. The road was like a bat out of hell, and the speed threw me over. When I got up I was still in the road, and the Mexican, on Akers' horse, pulled up quickly. I will tell you if you can, he said to me in English. I said, 'I don't intend to run. I will stop.'

"Then he said, 'I will kill you any way,' and fired almost in my face, but he missed me again. I took a pony head and swung up back of Bert on my own pony again. Instead of cutting across fields, Bert headed for the road leading to citizens' quarters on the other side of West Ysleta and about three-quarters of a mile from the Duran house.

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the men who shot at us, and that Bert was not hurt. "Four Bert, if he had not gotten down off his horse before the shooting that Mexican who killed him would never have had the chance to get to Mrs. Murphy's cows, but our three horses, one of which had been loaned to Barrios."

BANDITS IN OAXACA KILL AND ROB AMERICANS
DOUGLAS, ARIZ., January 22.—The State of Oaxaca, Mex., is overrun with bandits, who have been killing and robbing Americans, despite every effort of the Carranza authorities to preserve order, according to an affidavit made by Andrew J. Trumbo, of Los Angeles, a mining man, who arrived here early today from Oaxaca.

At El Paso yesterday Trumbo related an account of the blowing up recently of a passenger train near Puebla, with a loss of twenty-three lives.

"Twenty miles southwest of Julia I saw the bodies of men hanging to trees, and I was told they were Americans," Trumbo stated in his affidavit. "No one knew their names. About a quarter of a mile farther on I saw two more badly decomposed bodies hanging to a tree. I was told they also were Americans."

Conditions became so unbearable that he could not remain in the Mexican state with his family. Trumbo declared in his statement in explaining his departure from Mexico. He and his wife were mistreated and insulted, he said. The affidavit of Trumbo, to which was appended his passports, letters, etc., to show that he had been in localities mentioned in the statement, says, in part:

"My name is A. J. Trumbo, and for eleven months I have been employed by the Indiana Oaxaca Mining Company, with headquarters at Mineral Carminé. While the government of that state affords all possible protection to foreigners, the country is overrun by bandits and dominated on the north by General Aguilera, a former Federal commander, who exacts ransom from every foreigner passing through his stronghold at Telapa.

"He is fortified there by 300 ex-Federal soldiers armed with cannon and machine guns. Their position is such that they entirely dominate that section of the country, and they can easily stand off an army of 25,000 Carranza soldiers.

"Zapata bandits are everywhere within a half-mile of the railroad. They frequently dynamite trains, and are robbing or killing foreigners at will. "On one train dynamited just outside of Tehuacan twenty-three or twenty-four passengers were killed."

DUTCH FIGHT DISEASE
Foot-and-mouth Affliction Among Cattle Causes Big Loss to Netherlands Government.

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS, January 22.—The Dutch government has decided the combating of foot-and-mouth disease among cattle by the slaughter of diseased animals will be abandoned and some other method tried. The slaughter of cattle infected with the disease cost the government nearly \$2,000,000 in indemnities in 1915, for the disease is widespread in the Netherlands. Everywhere in the rural districts boards bearing the notice, "Foot-and-mouth Disease" are to be seen on the borders of the pastures. The number of infected cattle slaughtered in the last twelve months was over 24,000.

The appropriation for the payment of indemnities to the breeders has been reduced to the almost negligible sum of \$70,000 in the budget for 1916, but a bill has been introduced, placing \$800,000 at the disposal of the minister of agriculture for the purpose of finding other means of slaughter for dealing with the disease. The breeders are to be asked to isolate cattle suspected of infection while experiments are tried in treating the disease with none of the cures recently reported as having been discovered both in the United States and Switzerland.

In Leuwarden, the center of the Friesland cattle country, the greatest interest is displayed in the government's intention. Leuwarden is the biggest cattle market in the Netherlands, over 200,000 heads being sold there every week, many of which go to the British Isles and Germany.

A peculiar theory in regard to the cause of the spread of foot and mouth disease was recently advanced in the Netherlands by the district veterinary surgeon who placed the blame on the flocks of wild geese which fly over the Netherlands on their way to and from the south, which they migrate to escape the northern winter. He says that just in those places where the wild geese make a halt on their flight foot and mouth disease often breaks out at intervals without cause, and he attributes its appearance in the district to the carrying of the parasites by the geese, which spread them on the soil.

JAPAN CLAIMS INFLUENCE
Postponement of Establishment of Monarchy in China Regarded as Due to Tokyo's Advice.

TOKYO, January 22.—Baron Kikuri Ishii, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today told the House of Peers that China had informed Japan that it had postponed the establishment of a monarchy on account of the conditions throughout the country. The postponement is interpreted here as signifying Japan's influence in China. It is understood that Yuan Shi Kai has been sending Japan in an effort to obtain the recognition of the monarchy.

The declaration of Japan to receive the Chinese special mission headed by Chow Tsu Chi, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, and reports that Japan is preparing another representation in behalf of the postponement of the monarchy on account of the revolution, it is believed, have induced Yuan Shi Kai to yield to the advice of the powers.

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VILLA HAD NO PART IN SANTA YSABEL MASSACRE

Did Not Hear of Killing of Americans Until Six Days After It Occurred.

SENDS WORD TO UNITED STATES
Personally Orders Body of Cavalrymen to Scene of Crime to Capture Men Responsible—Still Wants Confidence of American People.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
EL PASO, TEX., January 22.—Major Theodore Prieto today reached the border with the following statement from General Villa:

"I say, as in the days when I was in power, that I still wish to retain the American people in my confidence. "It was last Sunday when I first heard of the massacre of eighteen of your countrymen by armed Mexicans near Santa Ysabel. Carranza's whole army and the power which he professes to enjoy has not worried me as much as the news that several of your countrymen had been murdered by my people.

"I knew nothing of this massacre until six days after it happened. It is untrue that I have directed my men to murder Americans. "To prove my innocence in the matter, I personally sent a body of cavalrymen to the Santa Ysabel district to try to capture the men responsible for this massacre.

"Although I have no friendly feeling for Mr. Wilson or men who surround him, I am not cruel enough to take innocent blood to avenge my anger. "I will show President Wilson and his Cabinet, and the American people, that I, Francisco Villa, am fighting for principle, and that I am an honorable man; I will show President Wilson and his Cabinet that his recognition of Carranza is a mistake, because I will prove that Francisco Villa's principles are the dominant principles in this revolution; that they are friendly to Mexicans, as they are to the people of your own country."

ASKS THAT HIS MESSAGE BE GIVEN FULL PUBLICITY
"Please give this message from me full publicity. I want to reach every mother's heart and every intimate friend of the men who were so cruelly massacred on January 19 by my countrymen. Carranza officials in the Santa Ysabel district may be found as much responsible for this murder as my men. I will capture the murderers and bring them to justice."

"I have ridden hard for five days from Western Chihuahua to carry word to the United States that General Villa is innocent of the massacre of the officer today. "Furthermore, he told me to say that he will execute the men who did it if he captures them, even though they belong to his own group of followers. We were then at El Rucio.

"He called for a volunteer to carry word to the border of his innocence and also in order to punish the murderers if he catches them. I was chosen to carry the message. I can't recall where I crossed the border, because on my journey I had to dodge several Carranza patrols and I expect to rejoin Villa.

"The general is gathering men about him in the border of Chihuahua, and he will soon be strong enough to treat the war. His old companions in the mountains are flocking to his standard by hundreds. The rumor that he was captured is false. Villa will never be caught by these clumsy Carranzistas. He knows the mountain country too well. If he is ever made prisoner, it would be after he is dead."

VISIT SOLDIERS AT FRONT
United Socialist Party Wants Committee From Chamber of Deputies to Go to Fighting Line.

PARIS, January 22.—The United Socialist party will petition Parliament and the government to authorize a committee of members of the Chamber of Deputies to visit the front and to talk freely with the soldiers, so that closer relations may be instituted between the army and Parliament.

At a meeting of representatives of the party today in the chamber, which will be presented in the chamber. It is suggested that forty-four members of the chamber be selected from the various parties, and that they be authorized to discuss with the soldiers on the fighting line all subjects except military orders or military policy. The resolution says that in this way the men in the trenches will be made to realize that they have the sympathy and support of Parliament.

UPDIKE FORGIVES SONS
They Confessed to Plotting to Murder Him Week Ago; Now He Hires Lawyer to Defend Them.

CHICAGO, January 22.—Furman D. Updike, whose sons, Irving and Herbert, confessed to plotting to murder him a week ago, announced today, after visiting them at the county jail, that he had forgiven them and had hired a lawyer to defend them.

"I love you and your mother, I love you," he is reported to have said to his sons. "It hurts me both to have you here. We would rather die than see you suffer harm, but you had better remain here until public attention is directed elsewhere. I have no resentment toward either of you."

"We may have to remain here for six months," said Herbert.

"Well, the hospital will do you both good," the father replied.

"It is a hard thing to say, but it will be a good lesson to you."

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U. S. CAN UPHOLD POLICIES ONLY IF BACKED BY FORCE

Tradition of Avoiding Entangling Alliances Further Emphasizes Need of Preparedness.

COMMITTEE HEARS ARMY MEN
President of War College Says This Country Must Be in Condition to Fight Alone for Its Ideals—Mills Indorses Garrison's Plans.

WASHINGTON, January 22.—National policies of the United States, particularly maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine, an open door in the Orient, supremacy in the Pacific, and Asiatic exclusion, can be upheld only if backed by force, Brigadier-General Montgomery M. McComb, president of the Army War College, told the Senate Military Committee today. The tradition that entangling alliances should be avoided, he declared, further emphasized the necessity that the United States be prepared to fight alone for its ideals.

"Unless there is force behind these policies," he said, "they will not play an important part in the history of the world."

General McComb, who appeared at a hearing on the army increase measures, suggested that the Monroe Doctrine be toward development of a Pan-American English system, might or might not be a good thing, but not alter in his opinion the urgent necessity of military preparedness.

General McComb said the War College had taken the policies he mentioned as the basis of its study to formulate a definite plan, already made public for a regular army of 500,000 men with the colors or in reserve within eight years, and a continental army of 1,000,000 men in the same time.

MILLS INDORSES PLANS PROPOSED BY GARRISON
Brigadier-General Albert L. Mills, chief of the War Department division of militia affairs, preceded General McComb and indorsed the plans proposed by Secretary Garrison, which are a modification of the War College proposals. He outlined many faults of the present National Guard system, including lack of proper reserves to supply war wastage, lack of auxiliary arms, inadequate training, constantly changing personnel, and lack of uniformity of State militia units.

"These conditions produce," said General Mills, "forty-eight little State militias organized without reference to national needs, and each clinging jealously to certain State rights."

Judging from his experience as a military observer in the Russo-Japanese War, General McComb said most people utterly miscalculated the amount of training necessary for an infantry soldier. On the infantry, he said, "depended the final outcome of any fight."

He estimated it would take two years of five hours intensive work a day to make "what we call a good soldier."

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MRS. LAURA BELL DIES AS RESULT OF WOUNDS

Was Shot by Robert S. Fields, Who Later Committed Suicide.

BODY IS TAKEN TO AMHERST
She Is Survived by Her Parents and by Two Children—Her Father Is Summoned to Her Bedside by Surgeons.

Mrs. Laura Bell, the woman shot through the body by Robert S. Fields in his home, 2215 Carrington Street, Thursday night just before Fields fired a second shot through his own heart, died at Virginia Hospital this morning at 1:20 o'clock. With her at the time was her father, G. T. Grubbs, of Lynchburg, summoned to this city yesterday when it became evident to surgeons attending the woman that she had only a few hours to live.

Mrs. Bell was a native of Amherst County, and her body will be taken there for burial.

According to persons living in the neighborhood where the shooting occurred, it was the culmination of an old attachment between the man and the woman, and it is thought this attachment had something to do with the woman's divorce several years ago and Fields' separation from his wife.

Fields, who died a few minutes after shooting himself with a revolver, has a child and wife in Lynchburg. He was a native of Amherst County also, and his body has been taken there for burial.

Mrs. Bell was twenty-eight years old, and is survived by her parents and her two children, who have been living at 2212 Carrington Street during the present week. Her father stopped with them while in Richmond. She was supporting the children by working in a tobacco factory.

Fields had recently returned to Richmond, after standing trial in Lynchburg on a nonsupport charge. Early Thursday afternoon he sent a message to Mrs. Bell, asking that she visit him at the house he was occupying, a few doors distant from her own residence.

Leaving her two small children, Raymond and Fannie, asleep in their bed, she went across the street to see Fields. The police learned that the woman had severely entered the front room of the house when Fields pressed the muzzle of the single-shot pistol to her breast and pulled the trigger. The clothing was burned and the flesh seared. The woman staggered out into the front yard of the house, and was seen there by Ambulance Surgeon Porter, who rushed her to the hospital.

Fields did not leave the room. He crammed another shell into the pistol and, pressing the muzzle to his own body, fired. The bullet passed directly through his heart and he fell across the bed in the room, dying in a few minutes.

FIX PRICES OF METALS
Difficulties Occupying Attention of British Authorities for Several Weeks Now Practically Solved.

LONDON, January 22.—The difficulty of fixing maximum prices in the metal industries which has been occupying the attention of the authorities for some weeks, is now practically solved. Within a fortnight an order in council making the agreed maximum law will probably be issued. The officials of the Ministry of Munitions, who have had the matter in hand, have had no easy task, as different maxima have had to be arranged for varying centers of production and supply of raw material in various districts have had to be taken separately and prices fixed according to local requirements. A complete settlement, however, is

thought to have been reached, and the maximum prices will cover every kind of metal and other material used in connection with the making of munitions, from coke to high speed steel tools.

The chief object the authorities had in view was the prevention of artificially inflated prices and to insure the nation a full supply of material now urgently needed. Pig iron, for instance, is required to be produced on a larger scale at a cost fair to the maker and to the government or their establishments working under the munitions act.

On the northeast coast, the new prices will give makers a good profit and will recognize their dependence on the cost of freight for ore from Spain, by establishing a sliding scale which operates with any change in the freight rate. It is possible that the government will also deal soon with the enormous freight rates now ruling.

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