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CARRANZA TROOPS ENGAGE OUTLAWS IN SHARP BATTLE

Bandits, Numbering 200, Flee Before Attack By Government Force, Abandoning Machine Gun and 85,000 Rounds of Ammunition—Baca Valles, Leader of Outlaws is Executed By Firing Squad at Juarez—Refugees Report Pillaging.

Chihuahua, Mex., Jan. 18—Fighting between bandits and Carranza troops occurred yesterday at Guerrero, 125 miles northwest of Chihuahua, according to advices received here today. The bandits numbered 200. They fled leaving one machine gun, 85 rifles and 85,000 rounds of ammunition in the hands of the Carranza troops.

Villa Bandit Leader Executed.

El Paso, Jan. 18—Colonel Miguel Baca Valles, bandit chief, captured at Palomas, south of Columbus, N. M., was executed at 5 o'clock this morning by a firing squad at Juarez. Two bullets fired at close quarters penetrated his heart.

Baca Valles arrived at Juarez last night on the train which brought the body declared to be that of Jose Rodriguez, the bandit chief executed near Madera last Thursday. Baca Valles, who was known as Villa's executioner at Juarez, was marched through the dimly lighted railway station where many families spent their nights. Executions had been so frequent at Juarez in the final days of the Villa regime, however, that little interest was shown.

The proceedings were brief. The prisoner said: "I am not responsible for the acts of Villa. I beg to see your general."

VILLA'S OUTLAW BANDS PILLAGING COUNTRY, MEXICAN REFUGEES SAY

El Paso, Jan. 18—More than 100 refugees from Paral, Chihuahua, arrived here today aboard a special train which started from the Mexican mining center yesterday afternoon. They reported that Villa's bands in groups were scouring the country, clearing ranches and other property belonging to foreigners of everything of value. As far as is known, the refugees said no one was molested after the eighteen Americans, belonging to the Cushman-Mine Mining Company party, were massacred a week ago at Santa Ysabel.

The statement that the victims of the massacre did not carry safe conducts when they went into Mexico and were slain by persons who claim to have seen the passports which were issued by General Alvaro Obregon.

A number of Americans on board the train made the statement that General Obregon is practically a prisoner at Queretaro. The popularity he acquired on the border is deemed to have met the displeasure of Carranza.

CRANE CO. REVIVES ITS ONCE DEFEATED SCHEME TO SHUT SOUTH AVENUE

Unheralded and with little attendant interest, a petition appeared last night in the common council reviving the plan of the Crane Co. to close South avenue from Iranian avenue to the Barnum dyke.

The petition was referred to the committee on streets and sidewalks, and it didn't attract much attention.

After the petition had been referred to the streets and sidewalks committee, Alderman MacFayden proposed that a public hearing on the matter be set for Monday evening, Feb. 7, which is the next regular meeting date of the council. The council later in the evening voted to adjourn until Jan. 31, but no action on the petition can be taken at this meeting.

Several years ago when the Crane Co. attempted to have this street closed it did not own both sides of the thoroughfare. Now the company owns property on both side of South avenue and along that section adjoining Barnum dyke. After a great fight and many protests from the public, the council turned down the petition.

Besides the fact that the street is used often for trucking by other concerns than the Crane Co., the city uses it frequently for carrying fill to the marshes west of Barnum dyke. Thousands use the street in the summer time as a short way to the public bathhouses.

The greatest objection, according to those interested in the matter, is that the city is filling the marshes and soon a considerable part of the park will be west of Iranian avenue. The northerly entrance to it will be cut off, if the street is closed, and a large detour will be necessary. Development of the park will be hampered also, it is believed.

Cedar creek dock holders will also be inconvenienced, according to persons interested.

Two other street closing proposals.

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MANUFACTURERS ACT TO RELIEVE FREIGHT TANGLE

Will Urge Consignees to Unload Cars Within Twenty-Four Hours.

BELIEVE CAMPAIGN WILL AID SITUATION

Waterbury Chamber of Commerce to Have Conference With Railroad.

Manufacturers of Bridgeport today took first steps in an active and systematic campaign to aid the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad in an attempt to clear up the worst freight congestion in the history of the road.

Bridgeport is one of the freight centers of the state where the congestion is heaviest. Following a conference in New Haven yesterday between officials of the road and officers of the State Manufacturers' Association, the local association today is working on the following relief plan:

The railroad will transmit to the headquarters of the Manufacturers' Association here a daily list of consignees whose cars are ready for unloading.

The association will notify consignees and urge that the unloading be as expeditious as possible, regardless of the time set for demurrage to begin. Daily checking up systems between the railroad and the manufacturers will result, it is believed, in the unloading of a large number of cars within a short time after they are placed on sidings.

In adopting this plan, the local Manufacturers' Association is acting in concert with similar bodies in Hartford, Waterbury, New Haven, Meriden and other points where congestion is heaviest. According to the railroad officials, it now takes eight days instead of the customary two days for the annual report of quantity. It is said to the fact that truckmen are busy and consignees haven't acted promptly in the emergency that has arisen.

The Manufacturers' Association, so Secretary F. A. Bennett said today, will give the relief plan a thorough trial. If results show that delays in unloading aren't the cause of the congestion, other steps will be taken. Mr. Bennett and A. H. Bullard represented the local body at the New Haven conference yesterday.

WATERBURY ASKS AID IN SITUATION THERE

Waterbury, Jan. 18.—The freight congestion on the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad here will be the subject of a conference of the chamber of commerce today. As was the case at New Haven yesterday, it is expected that the railroad's conditions will be discussed by Vice President A. R. Whaley, in charge of operations, Vice-President Benjamin Campbell, in charge of traffic and General Manager C. L. Barlow on the local situation.

There were two conferences in New Haven yesterday, and the facts about them were reported. It is understood, personally to President Edward E. Wilson, that "stop the persecution" of her family.

She said that "persecution" he not visited upon his (Huerta's) children during the time they must remain in this country."

At the first conference yesterday Vice-President Whaley was asked if relief would be afforded by cancelling some passenger trains, and he replied that this would have to be carefully considered. The problem just now is to find trackage for freight cars brought into terminals at every siding, every spare track was jammed with cars, and freight houses were piled to the roof with freight.

He said that the road has motive power enough to move trains. What is needed, is more tracks on which to set off the trains. He alluded to Waterbury as a destination point for freight cars consigned to private sidings as an illustration of the difficulty being faced in that city.

It is thought the question of taking off a few local passenger trains will be discussed at today's conference here.

SILVER COMPANY SALES DEPT. HEAD KILLED BY TRAIN

Meriden, Conn., Jan. 18—Abraham Uncles, head of the sales department of the International Silver Company, was killed by a passenger train today. He was struck as he was crossing the tracks on his way to the office and dragged under the engine half the length of the station platform, a distance of about 50 feet before the train was brought to standstill.

REDMOND NINES HE IS TO RESIGN

London, Jan. 18.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, denied emphatically today a report that he had asked his colleagues to accept his resignation from the leadership.

THE WEATHER

Local snows tonight. Wednesday fair; moderate to fresh south to west winds.

U. M. C. CO. BUYS ANOTHER BLOCK FOR FACTORIES

Parsons Foundry Will Be Moved to North End Location At Once.

MUNITION PLANT TO EXTEND EASTWARD

Foundry Landmark Soon Will Disappear From East Bridgeport Site.

Papers filed in the capital increasing the capital stock of the R. E. Parsons foundry of Bridgeport, disclose a change that will be momentous in the foundry interests of this city.

The R. E. Parsons foundry located at Barnum, Hallett and Helen streets will disappear and the whole block probably will soon be demolished to make way for new factory buildings of the U. M. C. Company.

A new Parsons foundry will raise its walls nearly 300 feet in length and half that breadth at the corner of North Washington avenue and Frederick street, where a large tract of property has been purchased from Henry Parrott.

R. E. Parsons, who for nearly half a century has been active head of one of Bridgeport's foremost interests has resigned from the company. The directors of the new company are John W. Cottrell, for many years identified with the concern, who now appears as president; Clarence A. Bliton, head of the Standard Manufacturing Company, treasurer and secretary; and Frederick Rhoads, secretary of the Standard Textile Company.

The old Parson foundry formerly known as the Crescent foundry, on the site once occupied by the Monumental Bronze Co. has been a landmark in the East Side for over half a century. It occupies a portion of the ground occupied as a city pound many years ago, and the ground was once owned by P. T. Barnum.

In civil war days the foundry turned out thousands of car wheels which noted all over the United States for their durability. At present the plant is occupied by a number of low, rambling buildings.

It was admitted by the new officers today that the ground had been sold to agents believed to represent the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Company and it is rumored that other buildings in the block extending between Barnum and Maple streets either have been purchased or now are under option. Confirmation of such a purchase could not be secured from Remington Arms officials today.

GERMANY DENIES VON PAPAN PAID FOR BOMB PLOTS

Says Checks Seized in London Were Used For His Personal Business.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—A denial that Captain Franz Von Papan, recalled German militia attaché at Washington, paid money to individuals in the United States in connection with attempts to blow up munitions and bridges was made today by the semi-official Overseas News Agency.

The agency's statement says: "Berlin press reports state that the former German military attaché at Washington, Captain Von Papan, had in his possession letters and bank books seized by the British at Exmouth, which contain evidence that he paid money to persons connected with explosions in munitions factories in the United States and to other criminals."

The Overseas News Agency bears from competent authorities that these assertions are not correct.

"Captain Von Papan's letters and bankbooks, which were seized in violation of the safe conduct guaranteed to him, are of a purely personal character or have to do with usual business affairs. Captain Von Papan never paid money to persons connected with explosions or attempts to attempt against munitions plants, bridges or any other American property. No check ever was paid to Werner Horn who is accused of an attempt to blow up Canadian railway bridge.

"The letters and checkbook stubs, if reproduced in fac-simile, would prove that nothing in the way of illegal relations was established between the dates of such payments and of criminal attempts."

CONFESSED SPY, HELD HERE FOR ENGLAND, FLEES

New York, Jan. 18.—Ignatius T. T. Lincoln, a former member of the British parliament, and a self-confessed German spy and who was being held here pending extradition to England, escaped from a United States deputy marshal last Saturday. It was learned today and has not been seen since.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license was granted today to Burton W. Cromwell, 26, mechanic, 253 Broad street, and Henrietta L. Chaffee, 26, nurse, of the same address.

BIG LINER CRIPPLED; 3 KILLED

Steamer Ryndam Nearing London, With Bows Down and Heavy List—Stokers Killed and Injured, Probably By Explosion—Sailed From New York and is Four Days Overdue At Rotterdam.

New York, Jan. 18.—A censored despatch from London, this afternoon, says that the Holland-American liner Ryndam has passed South End, down by the bows and with a list to starboard.

All passengers are safe, the despatch says. Three stokers were killed and four injured.

Because of the censorship, no details have been received here as to the nature of the trouble aboard the liner.

The Ryndam left here January 4 and was due in Rotterdam on January 14.

Several months ago, the Ryndam was forced to put back to port here, following trouble with machinery when several hundred miles out. It was denied then that a bomb had caused the accident.

The brief news despatch from London saying that stokers were killed and injured led to the belief here that an internal explosion had occurred aboard the Ryndam.

London, Jan. 18.—The Ryndam is proceeding to Gravesend under her own steam.

The nature of the accident has not been learned.

ENTENTE POWERS GIVE ULTIMATUM TO GREEK RULER

Allies Request Immediate Dismissal of Teutonic Envoys, or Threaten "Necessary Measures" to Accomplish This—French and British Troops Are Landed at Port of Athens, is Report to Berlin and London—Montenegrin Fall Causes Joy in Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—A note to the Greek government, amounting to an ultimatum, is said by the Overseas News Agency to have been presented by France and Great Britain.

According to a Sofia despatch to the news agency, Greece is required to deliver their passports to the ministers of the central powers within 48 hours, failing which the entente will take "necessary measures."

Allied Troops Return to Ships

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The Gazette received information today to the effect that the French and British troops which landed at Phaleron, near Athens, have returned to their ships.

Troops Landed at Corinth

London, Jan. 18.—A despatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that French and British troops have been landed at Corinth, Greece, 45 miles west of Athens.

ALLIES LAND TROOPS AT PORT FOR ATHENS

London, Jan. 18.—Reports received this morning from German sources state that the Allies have landed at Piraeus besides those disembarked at Phaleron. The Salonik correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the Allies are continuing to land troops at Orfano, 50 miles northeast of Salonik.

BERLIN REJOICES OVER MONTENEGRIN RESULT

Berlin, Jan. 18.—"Berlin newspapers" say the Overseas News Agency, "in expressing satisfaction over the surrender of Montenegro, point to the political abilities of King Nicholas and recall the fact that the Emperor of Russia called him his "unique friend." It is argued by the press in its comment that if King Nicholas was disinclined to follow the example of King Peter of Serbia, who at his home in an Italian Palace, they say awaits a final victory of his allies after having been deserted by them, the reason is that he considers the entente cause lost."

Amsterdam, Jan. 18.—A despatch from Berlin says that an official announcement was made yesterday in the Prussian Diet, before its adjournment, of the capitulation of the government of Montenegro. The news was hailed by those present with enthusiastic applause.

TURKS HOLDING RUSSIANS.

Constantinople, Jan. 18.—The Russian forces which recently began a general offensive in the Caucasus are superior in number to the Turks opposing them, but according to the Constantinople war office effective resistance is being offered the Russians. Today's official statement says that...

London, Jan. 18.—The news of the capitulation of the government of Montenegro arrived here too late for editorial comment in the morning newspapers. In giving the news, however, the press generally explains that the event was not unexpected as a consequence of the crushing of Serbia.

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