

RING LEADER IS CAPTURED

SIDNA ALLEN TAKEN BY POSSE AFTER FURIOUS BATTLE ABOUT HIS CABIN IN MOUNTAIN GROVE

Wife of Outlaw Killed in Helping Defend Her Husband and Hillville Death List Grows to Five with Others Expected. Murderous Band Is in Mountains Well Armed and Desperate, Determined to Sell Lives Dearly. Quiet Partially Restored.

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 15.—The end of a day's chase of the Hillville raiders brought the death list of the court house tragedy and its sequel up to five.

Sidna and Floyd Allen, two of the chiefs of the band which rode down on the Carroll county court house yesterday and assassinated the judge, prosecutor and sheriff, are in captivity, both wounded severely. Sidna Allen's wife is dead, shot today in a pitched battle with the posse in the mountains while helping to defend her outlaw husband.

The fifth death is that of Nancy Ayers, a girl of nineteen, accidentally shot during the fusillade in the court house yesterday.

All the other members of the gang, probably eighteen, are up in the mountains, toward the North Carolina line, well armed and well supplied, and determined not to be taken.

Battle Like Bombardment

The storming of Sidna Allen's house late today was the next thing to a bombardment. The posse had trailed through the bush four miles up a ridge and surrounded the cabin in a grove. Allen, expecting their coming, was barricaded, well supplied with rifles and ammunition, which he had brought from the store in which he was a partner. From behind stumps, rocks, trees and other natural shelters of the mountain side, the posse blazed away at the house, and Allen blazed back at the posse as fast as the women of the family could reload the rifles.

In a hill, the posse rushed the house and broke down the doors. They found Allen's wife dead, and Allen himself groaning in a heap, bleeding profusely.

Fights Till Exhausted

"You got me because I could not fight any longer," he said to the men who brought him to Hillsville, more dead than alive.

Attorney General Williams, of Virginia, here today, declared that Sidna's bullets killed Judge Massie.

Floyd Allen, the cause of the tragedy, was taken to the lock-up

this morning under a heavy guard. He immediately whipped out a pocket knife and slashed his throat. His wounds, however, are not serious.

Allen's son Victor, Cabell, Strickland, Byrd and Marion, are locked up as witnesses.

Juror Fowler, wounded in the firing is not expected to live through the night.

The wounds of Jurors Kane, Wordell and Clerk Good are not serious.

Daylight is awaited.

Tonight the man hunt is in abeyance waiting for daylight. No native; let alone stranger, would travel the mountain roads after dark with the Allen gang loose.

With the arrival of help early today, confidence began to take the place of the terror which reigned for 24 hours.

Judge Staples, designated by the governor to hold court, took the bench and summoned a special grand jury to indict the murderers.

The report that the Mount Airy gang raided a hardware store and loaded up with arms and ammunition is probably true. Sidna Allen is part owner of the store and reports have been coming down from the mountains all day that the outlaws are recruited by a big band to aid their defense. Officers think this is not unlikely.

Band of Moon-Shiners.

The lawless element of which the Allens are ring leaders have ruled the mountain fastnesses for years. It is saying among revenue officers that every pine tree shelters an illicit still. The battle between law and crime is sure to draw recruits here. Tonight a guard of mountain sharpshooters surrounds the jail ready for any attempt to take the prisoners.

The outlaws could not have picked a better time to make a stand against their pursuers. Every mountain brook is a creek, and every creek is a river. The heavy rains of the last week melted the snows and washed out the roads and carried away bridges and made the mud knees deep.

"PACKY" IS TOO MANY FOR "KID" BURNS

The New Yorker's Seconds Throw Up Sponge in Eighth Round

KENOSHA, March 15.—Hopelessly outclassed, "Kid" Burns, of New York, was saved from a knockout tonight when his seconds tossed a sponge in the ring in the eighth round of the scheduled ten round bout with Packy McFarland, of Chicago.

It was McFarland's fight from the start. He left the ring without a scratch, while both of the New Yorker's eyes were battered and shut and his face was marked badly.

During the first five rounds Burns refused to stand up and box, but continually backed away and covered to avoid McFarland's punches, while the crowd hissed and called to him to fight.

The men boxed at catch weights, and it was announced that both sealed at 140 pounds.

AFTER NATIONAL REGATTA

NEW YORK, March 15.—Western oarsmen never pulled harder in a title race than they are pulling just now for the championship regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. The date and place for holding this summer's regatta will be selected by the executive committee of the association at its annual meeting here tomorrow. The westerners are united in a movement to have Peoria named as the regatta city. It is conceded that the fight is between Peoria and Boston, and from present indication the Illinois city has more than an even chance of winning out.

WEATHER FORECAST.

FOR ARIZONA—Generally fair and warmer.

FREE SUGAR BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

All Amendments Fail and Twenty-Four Republicans Give Their Aid

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The democratic free sugar bill passed the house today by a vote of 193 to 102. The passage was helped by twenty-four republicans although offset by the defection of democratic votes of members from Colorado and Louisiana.

At the last moment Representative Martin, of Colorado blocked the plans to attempt to fix plans for consideration of the excise tax bill.

Mondell, of Wyoming, republican, sought to amend the sugar bill making it become effective only after the receipt of the report on the sugar industry by the tariff board.

Other amendments offered failed.

RAILROAD OWNERSHIP BARS DOOR OF CANAL

Committee Seeks to Put Ban on Transcontinental Lines in Competition

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The house interstate commerce committee, which has before it a bill providing for tolls affecting the Panama canal, today added an amendment to the measure which would have the effect of barring from the canal altogether ships owned by railroad companies, which are engaged in the coastwise trade. An attempt was first made to fix the rates of these vessels higher than those of other American ships, but this was voted down, and an amendment prohibiting the use of the canal by railroad-owned vessels carried. The sentiment of the committee was that general shipping would not be able to compete with railroad-owned ships.

LAFOLLETTE PUTS BLAME OF TAFT ON COLONEL ROOSEVELT

Wisconsin Senator Bestows Praise and Blame on His Rival

MAKES STRONG PLEA

BISMARCK, March 15.—Senator La Follette made a dramatic bid for preference at next week's state presidential primaries today. He delivered his estimate of Theodore Roosevelt at Mandan, a hundred miles from the scenes of Roosevelt's ranching days. He departed with the cheers of the audience ringing in his ears. He delivered many speeches during the day, and spoke tonight in Bismarck.

La Follette was concluding his Mandan speech, which dealt principally with direct legislation, the trust law and the 1907 panic, when a gray haired man in the audience interrupted with, "Who was president when you say those things should have been done?"

"Roosevelt," replied the senator, "but I want you to know that I don't believe he was to blame for the panic. It was a Wall street panic, but Roosevelt passed by a wonderful opportunity there. Now that you have brought him before the meeting, I want to tell you something about Roosevelt."

He then proceeded to give credit to Roosevelt for setting before the people "right moral standards, particularly regarding the holding of office."

"However, no one knew Roosevelt better than he knew himself. He knew he did not have the liking for the plodding research and study necessary to master these great economic problems, and he knew that he had never studied the great railroads of this country and their bearing on the situation that I have described to you. So what do we find he did? He said the ground had been prepared, and said they had arranged for a constructive president to take hold. He selected the man, President Taft. On the constructive side it was a bad guess."

He pointed to Roosevelt's record, where he said, "See that you do not get just talk but get something done."

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SETTLEMENT ARE OFF

British Government Must Act if Strike Is to Be Called Off

LONDON, March 15.—Government efforts to settle the coal strike by effecting an agreement between employees and owners has failed. After three days of joint conferences, negotiations were broken off tonight. Legislative action will now be sought to obtain a minimum wage for all underground workers.

The official account of today's conference, issued tonight, says that Premier Asquith pointed out that the stoppage of work has now lasted more than a fortnight, and was producing incalculable inconvenience, in places actually suffering. After reviewing the attempts to obtain an agreement, the report continues: "The prime minister stated that the government would ask from parliament a legislative declaration that a reasonable minimum wage, accompanied by adequate safeguards for the protection of employees, should be made a statutory term in the contract of employment of people engaged underground, in coal mines."

As regards the important question of how much the minimum wage may be in any particular area, the prime minister, without pledging the government to any precise form of machinery, indicated a district minimum will be fixed locally by a joint board in each district consisting of representatives of employers and employees, with a neutral chairman who might be selected by the parties themselves, but if necessary by the government.

The miners' delegation express satisfaction at the turn of affairs.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

Massachusetts Voters Will Be Given Change to Express Preference

BOSTON, March 15.—Massachusetts today fell into line with the presidential primary preference states. The bill passed both houses of the legislature and was immediately signed by Governor Foss. Primaries will be held April 30.

METAL MARKET

NEW YORK, March 15.—Standard copper steady; 3905 and futures 14.22 to 14.40. Arrivals 445 tons; exports this month 11,630 tons. Lead unchanged.

THE LAW OFFICE OF THE NEAR FUTURE. By John T. McCutcheon.



SUSPECT ASSASSIN ONLY TOOL OTHERS WHO EMPLOYED HIM

Balda Maintains a Vision Ordered Him to Kill Italy's King

GIVES OUT STATEMENT

ROME, March 15.—A suspicion that the attempted assassination of King Victor Emmanuel yesterday, was either the consequence of a plot or instigated by persons who used the weak-minded man for their own purposes, increased today. The revolver used by Antonio Dalba is a costly and formidable weapon a foot in length. Dalba said he found it.

Major Giovanni Lang, the king's aide, who was shot in the head is considered out of danger today.

In a moment of repentance, Dalba today said he was sorry for the act because of his mother. He was told by the police that the same king he tried to kill would assist his mother.

Callers flocked to the Quirinal today to express their gratification that the attempt on the king's life failed. One of the first to arrive was Thomas J. O'Brien, American ambassador. Telegrams from all over the world poured into the palace.

Dalba said to the police today that he is "an individual anarchist" and declared he had no accomplices. "A vision ordered me to kill the king," he said. "Several times at night I could have done so, but waited, having decided to take his life only when he was surrounded by his bodyguard. My first shot would have been all right, but the cartridge failed to explode."

"I have no sweethearts, as love weakens a man, while I wish to be strong. I am not a drinker and do not like wine." Dalba has refused to take any nourishment, saying "Better death than slow agony," meaning life imprisonment.

Strong suspicion exists that the attempt of yesterday on the life of King Victor Emmanuel was the outcome of a plot long arranged. The Italian minister to Switzerland recently notified the government of a plot against the king and cabinet members and gave the names of the anarchists concerned. Local anarchists say Dalba is unknown to them and condemned the attempt. They rather admire the king and queen for their democratic sentiments.

TAFT SENDS CONGRATULATION

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Taft sent the following cable to King Victor Emmanuel: "I send you my congratulations on your escape from the attempt on your life. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to resume your duties soon."

WILEY RESIGNS, IS DISGUSTED

Pure Food Expert Says He Was Too Badly Hampered in His Efforts

TELLS OF INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the pure food expert of the United States who has been in office since 1882, today resigned.

"I resigned from the department of agriculture," declared Wiley in a statement this afternoon, "because I have been antagonized in the enforcement of the pure food laws. One by one I have seen fundamental principles of that act either paralyzed or discredited."

Wiley declared the "interests" engaged in the manufacture of adulterated food, made appeal after appeal to escape the rulings of his board, and as a result, one after another of his activities in behalf of the people have been restricted. Matters that should have properly come to the chemistry bureau, he said, have been taken away from him.

Wiley in his statement thanked Wilson for the "personal kindness and regard shown him," and likewise expressed gratefulness to President Taft for exonerating him last summer in connection with alleged irregularities in employing Dr. Busby, of New York. Wiley remarks, however, that though he was continued in his position after the incident, he naturally expected "that those who had made the false charges" would be dismissed. "One by one," says Wiley, "I found the activities pertaining to the bureau of chemistry were restricted in various forms, withdrawn from its consideration and referred either to other bodies not contemplated by law, or I was directly relieved from further control."

"Official toleration and validation of such practices have restricted the activities of the bureau of chemistry to a very narrow field, as a result of which I have been instructed to refrain from stating to the public, in any way, my opinion regarding the effect of those substances upon health. This restriction interfered with my academic freedom of speech in matters relating directly to the public welfare."

He explained that while he did not determine to leave the service until two days ago, for nearly six years there has been a growing feeling in

RACE FOR SPEAKER TO BE INFLUENCED BY HUNT'S ACTIONS

If Governor Keeps Hands Off Lynch Will Likely Prove Winner

CRAIG IS DARK HORSE

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 15.—(Special)—With the arrival of several additional house members here today the speakership contest becomes more intense. Best information indicates Lynch maintains a lead over Bradner but the situation has as yet been given only slight personal attention by Governor Hunt. Heretofore he has only appeared in the contest by permitting friends of Bradner to claim the support of the administration. Old hands at the political game realize that many points gained by Lynch in the last two days will be lost should the governor become active in opposing him.

It is the governor's desire, however, to make impossible the charge that the executive is attempting to dictate the organization of the legislative branch of the state, but he may be forced into the contest. Craig arrived tonight and will lend his advice to the Bradner forces. As it stands now the speakership matter is not an administration and anti-administration contest but a Lynch and anti-Lynch contest. First the friends of progressive legislation feel that Lynch does not come up to their requirements.

Craig, of Cochise, has three supporters from his county for speakership and arrived this afternoon posing as a likely dark horse.

CONSIDER GOMPERS CASE

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Arguments in the contempt cases against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, American Federation of Labor leaders, were finished today in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and the full bench of justices began consideration of their decision.

his mind "that the differences between my superiors and myself were irreconcilable," and that he had been "conscious of an official environment essentially inhospitable." Wiley is undecided whether to continue his fight for pure foods through the lecture field, or as a writer and editor of household magazines. Until his successor is chosen, Dr. R. F. Doolittle will act as chief of the bureau.

MAY BECOME EDITOR.

NEW YORK, March 15.—It is tentatively announced here today that Dr. H. W. Wiley, who resigned today as pure food expert of the United States would become contributing editor to a publication devoted to household and domestic matters.

VILLA TAKEN BY SURPRISE MAKES ESCAPE

Upon Small Federal Force Which Flees After the First Volley

GOVERNMENT LOSS IS REPORTED TO BE 29

No More United States Troops to Be Sent to the Border at This Time

AMERICANS APPEAL TO WILSON FOR PROTECTION MEXICO CITY, March 15.—Ambassador Wilson received an appeal tonight for protection from Americans in Tampico, who are in danger of violence at the hands of a mob which has already attacked the office of the Tampico Navigation company. Circulars inciting the people to an anti-foreign demonstration were distributed, this afternoon a mob of rioters gathered, and according to the ambassador's report, has practically taken control of the town.

CHIHUAHUA, March 15.—A detachment of government troops under Villa was engaged with the rebels under Col. Alatorre, near Santa Rosalia, this afternoon. Dispatches from Alatorre mention no casualties but state they took fifteen prisoners, and that they had high hopes of capturing Villa himself, as the latter was traveling with an escort of only a hundred men when the forces met.

A later dispatch received tonight says that Villa lost eight men killed and six wounded, besides the fifteen taken prisoners. The rebels sustained no loss, according to their own report.

The scene of the fight was near an immense irrigation project, where an American company is building a dam across the Concho river. Villa was surprised by the rebel band, and sustained his losses at the first volley fired. The federals made practically no resistance and escaped on the run. It was hoped to capture Villa, but the detachment in pursuit failed to overtake them.

Orozco received a report from General Salazar that the entire Camargo district is following the rebel standard, but have no rides with them. The same report said that fifteen hundred rebels are now marching across the state of Durango to join the main body now working slowly south in the direction of Torreon.

H. F. Jenkins, former chief of police of El Paso, who was arrested today, charged with being a secret agent of the Mexican government, was released by Orozco tonight, who characterized the arrest as a "stupid police blunder."

NO MORE BORDER TROOPS

Customs Officials are Expected to Enforce Neutrality Laws

WASHINGTON, March 15.—No more troops will be sent to the Mexican border at present, to enforce the neutrality laws. The army regards that as the duty of civilian and customs officers. Questions regarding the permissibility of shipments of arms are expected to be handled by customs officers or by reference to the president. The troops now on the border will look to the protection of Americans and their property against the attacks of armed bands in United States territory.

MEXICO THANKS UNITED STATE

MEXICO CITY, March 15.—The prompt action of the American congress, and President Taft's issuance of his proclamation forbidding the sending of war munitions into Mexico, is considered by officials here as the highest proof of Washington's friendship to the Mexican government. Former Minister Calero, behalf of President Madero, today called to Senator Root, sponsor of the bill in the senate, the thanks of the Mexican people.

Madero said that with shipment arms stopped, the next four weeks will see great strides in the way of the revolution.

PACIFICATION IS REPORT

LAREDO, Texas, March 15.—Sensory arriving today from Laredo, Texas, report that the campaign of repression is in effect, as the rebellion has diminished in that section. It is reported that the rebellion has been stopped, the next four weeks will see great strides in the way of the revolution.

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