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U. S. TO INVESTIGATE KILLING OF RANCHMAN AT JUAREZ, MEXICO

Mystery Surrounds Death of El Paso Man; Subject of Great Britain

HE HAD A MILITARY TRIAL

Indignation Meeting Is Talked of Among Refugees of For-eign Powers

Bryan to Probe Death of Benton

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Secretary Bryan after a Cabinet conference ordered an immediate investigation of the killing of W. S. Benton, the English ranch owner, at Juarez.

By Associated Press

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—William S. Benton, of El Paso, Scotchman, subject of Great Britain, is dead. The death of the man is confirmed by General Pancho Villa and was officially conveyed to the widow here by United States Consul T. D. Edwards, of Juarez.

Mystery surrounds the report of the death. William Benton, a cousin of the dead man, confirmed the report.

"Consul Edwards told Mrs. Benton," he said, "that her husband was dead in Juarez. The Consul said Villa has confirmed this, but said that Villa had asked him not to make public the details except in official dispatches of his government."

Benton was executed Tuesday night after a trial by a military court in Juarez, of which Frederico Gonzales Garza was the head, according to what appears to be a correct version of the affair. The charge against Benton was that he was implicated in a plot to take Villa's life.

Villa left for the south this morning on a special train. Benton was last seen alive in Juarez Tuesday morning. He was making his way to Villa's home and said he was going to "tell Villa what he thought of him," for the manner in which his ranch, the "Los Remedio," in western Chihuahua, had been looted and raided by rebel soldiers.

Instructions had been sent by the State Department yesterday to Consul Edwards, it is reported, to see that no harm should come to Benton, the instructions being sent at the request of the British Ambassador at Washington. The warning, it now appears, came too late.

It is supposed that Villa's defense will be that the man was shot because he entered Villa's office and started to draw a gun, although the cousin says Benton did not go to Juarez armed. Benton had been in Mexico for about twenty-five years. He was about 45 years old.

Benton and Villa have been acquaintances for many years. Benton new him when as an outlaw, more or less accepted as a part of the Mexican social fabric, the then bandit crossed the Benton ranch.

Yesterday Villa, who had consistently denied that he had Benton in custody told a reporter that Benton was armed when he made his visit.

Friends of the ranchman assert that Benton, while of fiery temper and ready to use fists, was of sober habit and never known to carry a gun. His great reason for going unarmed was his own knowledge of his temper.

Consul Edwards was the first to learn the true facts. He gave Mrs. Benton only a bare outline of the case.

"I have telegraphed all details at my command to Washington," said the Consul, "and if made public it must be from there. I pledged my word to Villa not to make the details public."

Asked what disposal had been made of the body, Edwards replied:

"I do not think it will be seen on this side of the border."

Villa's sudden departure with his

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MASKED BANDITS ROB TRAIN OF $40,000 AND ESCAPE IN DARKNESS

Robbers Overlook Sack Containing $10,000 and Big Consignment of Stamps

WHISTLE WHILE THEY WORK

Railroad Police With Bloodhounds Scour District For Three Men

By Associated Press

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—Railroad police with bloodhounds early to-day began a search for three robbers who last night held up the Queen and Crescent's southbound "New Orleans Limited" twelve miles north of Birmingham and rifled mail pouches of registered mail said to contain more than $40,000. Just how much was taken, it was said, would not be known until post office authorities had checked up. In their haste the robbers overlooked a sack containing $10,000 consigned to New Orleans and a big consignment of stamps.

The fast train, crowded with passengers on their way to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, had just left Atalla, Ala., when B. J. Murphy, the engineman, heard the stern command: "Throw up your hands."

He turned to find a masked man standing in the locomotive cab with a revolver leveled at his head. Two other men were climbing down the coal in the tender. The first robber took hold of the locomotive throttle and stopped the train, while his companions guarded engineman and fireman.

Train Cut Apart

When the train came to a halt the robbers forced Murphy and his fireman to uncouple the locomotive and mail car from the express and passenger coaches and bidding them stay by the rest of the train opened the throttle and sped away into the night.

Two miles down the track the robbers again stopped and went back to the mail car. Realizing a robbery was planned, the five mail clerks had extinguished the lights in their car and had locked the doors. They opened up to the robbers, however, when threats to dynamite the car were made and the robbers entered unresisted.

"Who's the chief clerk?" the leader asked.

"I am," replied A. B. Merville.

"Well, let's have the registered mail, and be quick about it," was the order.

Whistle As They Work

The bandit leader's two companions forced Merville's four assistants to leave the car. Merville himself was slow about complying with the order to disclose the whereabouts of the registered mail and one of the robbers stabbed him in the shoulder with a dirk.

Merrily the robbers set about their task, whistling as they ripped open the sacks. One took the registered account book and checked over the parcels while the others worked.

Having, as they thought, obtained all the registered mail, the robbers wished Merville "good luck" and after cutting the mail car from the locomotive climbed aboard and were off.

The locomotive was abandoned near Birmingham and at this point early to-day officers started the bloodhounds.

WILL TEST LABOR LAW

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 20.—The constitutionality of the new State labor law, prohibiting the employment of women in factories and mercantile establishments between the hours of 10 p. m. and 6 a. m., is to be tested in the Court of Appeals in the case of Mrs. Mary Cashel.

AT WORK ON TREATIES

By Associated Press

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Extension of general arbitration treaties with eight foreign nations still was before the Senate to-day. Discussion centered upon an amendment by Senator Chamberlain to exempt from arbitration the paramount issues involved in foreign relations of the government at this time.

WITH BEER BOTTLES IN ARM, TINY TOTS TODDLE ABOUT HOMES

Mothers Sit and Drink With Children, Lawyer Tells License Court

MANY SIGN REMONSTRANCE

Church Council Has Tip That Certain Witnesses Have Committed Perjury

"Small children go about their homes carrying bottles of beer in their arms—bottles that are nearly as large as the children.

"Mothers get the beer and drink it before and with their children.

"Beer is taken into the houses by the keg and the case and the men drink and drink until it is all gone.

"Beer they will have; beer they must have. That is and always has been their custom."

On the witness stand in Dauphin County License Court this morning David P. Baker, who is asking for a retail liquor license in the South Third street foreign quarter, to-day told President Judge Kunkel that these were some of the evils that were due to the lack of a licensed hotel in the foreign section.

Because there is no bar near by at which they can go and get their glass of beer and drink it and go home after the day's work, the foreigners buy the liquor in larger quantities, form parties at their homes, drink until the keg or case is emptied. Then the carousals that frequently give the police so much trouble follow.

Baker Case Now On

Baker and John Shupp, another Steelton applicant, were the only cases which occupied President Judge Kunkel's attention this morning. The Baker case extended into the afternoon. Shupp wants a license for Front and Mohn streets. No testimony was heard, however, the application for the license and remonstrance only being filed.

In addition to the Steelton school board, which objects to the South Third street hotel because of the proximity to one of the school houses and the moral effect on the children, a long list of Steelton citizens remonstrated against both applications. Strenuous objection is also being made by the Pennsylvania Steel Company.

Baker On Stand

Baker himself was on the stand most of the morning. Most of his testimony was based on what he declared is a need for the foreign section. No remonstrance against Baker's fitness as a licensee was filed. Baker is well known and liked in county and Courthouse circles, being connected with the court as an interpreter.

The Rev. John H. Daugherty, president of the Civic Council of Federated Churches of Harrisburg, declared this afternoon that the executive committee meant to investigate with a view to prosecuting for perjury several of the witnesses who testified in one of yesterday's liquor application hearings.

"We've reason to believe from what developed on the stand and from information we had before the hearing was held that some of these witnesses for the applicants didn't tell the truth and in fact really perjured themselves," declared the Rev. Mr. Daugherty. "We mean to look into this and, if possible, to bring prosecutions."

To Install Pastor of Holy Communion Church on Sunday

The Rev. John Henry Miller will be installed as pastor of Holy Communion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sevententh and State streets, on Sunday morning, at 10.45 o'clock.

The Rev. H. Branson Richards, president of the Lancaster Conference, will conduct the installation ceremonies, and the Rev. Dr. J. C. Kunzman, of Philadelphia, superintendent of English home missions of the General Council of the church will make the charge to the pastor. The Rev. C. Krauth Fegley, of Allentotwn, a former pastor of Holy Communion Church, will make the charge to the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Fegley is field missionary of the Board of Home Missions.

At the evening services, the Rev. Mr. Richards will preach the sermon.

Prominent Choir Singer in New York Arrested For Attempted Robbery

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 20.—The initials in a hat left behind by a burglar in a Bronx flat led to the arrest and confession, according to police announcement to-day, of George W. Acker, 23 years old, professional choir singer, who detectives were loath to accuse because of his high standing in church circles.

The arrest of Acker followed an attack made on Mrs. Charles Rose on Wednesday night by a burglar, who, after failing to cow her at the point of a revolver, beat her with his weapon and escaped, leaving his hat behind. The burglar had posed as a gas inspector to gain admission to the flat.

The initials in the hat were "G. W. A." and the space under the band served as an envelope for several contracts issued by an uptown church and also for several colored cards awarded for continuous attendance at the Sunday school at that church.

Going to the church, the detectives got a list of every member whose name begins with "A" and found the name George W. Acker.

DIVORCE BILL AMENDED

By Associated Press

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—The divorce bill filed here by Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink-Rapp, the grand opera singer, against William Rapp, Jr., of New York, was amended today so as to carry a statutory charge against Rapp. "K. E. Deane," was the name given in the amendment as that of the woman in the case. Rapp was alleged to have been acquainted with her in New York in 1912 and 1913.

"BUTCH" M'DEVITT TO SPEND TWO DAYS WITH REILY HOSE COMPANY

Millionaire of a Day Will Exhibit Statue and Make Speeches at Firemen's Fair

WILL ARRIVE HERE MONDAY

Plans Lecture Tour of the State and Will Try His Voice in This City

"Butch" McDevitt's star has not set. He is coming to Harrisburg next Monday for a two days' stay, when he will give a lecture twice each evening at the Reily Hose Company's fair, and, oh! yes, will exhibit his statue.

"Butch," known as the "millionaire for a day," opens a tour of the State in Harrisburg. He will arrive from Wilkes-Barre Monday afternoon and will be met at the Pennsylvania Railroad station by the Reily Hose boys in full uniform and the West End band.

On Tuesday McDevitt is to be taken about the city and will probably call on Governor John K. Tener and other State officials. McDevitt will leave for home Wednesday morning.

The Reily boys last night were visited by thirty members of the Citizen company and received a big cake from their fellow-firemen.

Administration Takes Up Water Rights Question

By Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 20.—Conservation—particularly as it affects the building of water power project in the navigable streams of the country—was added to the chief administration policies under discussion.

Conservation interests in and out of Congress, learned in a preliminary way the answer of whether the federal government or the States shall be supreme in the matter of water rights in navigable rivers. Secretary Garrison has written a letter on the subject addressed to Chairman Adamson, of the House committee on Inter-State and foreign commerce. Until he has consulted Mr. Adamson, Secretary Garrison will withhold formal announcement of his views.

Spaniards Buried Alive in Torreon Is Report

By Associated Press

Madrid, Spain, Feb. 20.—Stories of the shooting to death of seventy-five Spaniards and the burial alive of a number of others by Mexican rebels at Torreon, are published at length in most of the newspapers of Madrid and the provinces to-day. The incidents were narrated by passengers on board the Spanish steamer Antonio Lopez, which sailed from Vera Cruz on January 27 and has arrived at Cadiz.

Did You Ever Get Sarcastic With Such a Telephone Girl?

MAYBE YOU'VE CUSSED HER OUT

You Never Can Tell, You Know, What Pretty Ear Suffers When You Jiggle the Receiver Hook

Ever get excited and peevish because you couldn't get that phone number?

Ever jiggle the receiver-hook, and get sarcastic, and finally angry because you couldn't get the connection?

Ever feel mad enough to cuss?

Or, aye, did you ever even cuss?

Well, it doesn't matter whether you admit it or not, the real question at issue is how'd you feel if you got mad and fumed and even swore at any operator as nifty to look at as this? And she might be the girl that handles your calls. Never mind who it is. She is one of the big group who works the Bell Telephone Co. exchange and helps handle as many as thirty-five to forty thousand calls that go through every day.

An interesting lecture on the telephone girl, her duties, her trials with peevish patrons, something of her hours, the nerve strain of the work, all—that is to be told to-night by Shirley B. Watts, local Bell manager, in an illustrated lecture at the Technical High School auditorium. Admission will be by ticket which can be had upon application at the manager's office. Indications up until now have pointed to a big attendance.

CHURCH FOLK WILL PROTEST AGAINST FORRER'S DISMISSAL

Civic Council, Official Representative Body to Meet in Special Session

Harrisburg church people represented by the Civic Council of Federated Churches will meet in special session Monday evening to formally protest to City Council against the dismissal of Y. Grant Forrer as park superintendent.

Forrer is one of the city employes slated to be dropped March 1 by the provisions of the Lynch resolution and who will likely be held over for a month by a resolution to be offered by Commissioner Taylor, superintendent of parks and public property.

In some of the city churches Sunday the ministers from their pulpits will call attention to the dismissal of Forrer; to-night the Harrisburg Track Athletic Committee will meet to adopt resolutions on the subject which will be forwarded to Council, and to-day the petitions of protest were in circulation among the children of the playgrounds.

Children's Giant Petition

All told there are in the neighborhood of 6,000 to 7,000 youngsters who frequented the playgrounds and ever

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Goethals Does Not Want to Attend the Formal Opening of Big Canal

By Associated Press

New York, Feb. 20.—Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, may not be present when the new waterway is opened to commerce. He said himself he hoped he would not be there.

Colonel Goethals arrived from Panama yesterday and after a few hours in town took a night train for Washington where he is to discuss with administration officials the reorganization of the government of the canal zone. He refused to talk about accepting the police commissionership of New York city.

It was while talking of the formal opening of the canal that Colonel Goethals remarked that he had hoped he would not be present at that function.

"It will be a great show," he said, "but I hope I won't be there." Then he added: "Now there is nothing significant in that. You know I don't like celebrations and never did. When they have this celebration I think I shall go away for a little trip until it is over."

FOUR FAST TRAINS ON PENNSY MAY BE TAKEN OFF TO SAVE EXPENSE

No. 43, No. 47, No. 36, All Express, and a Night Local West Go Under Retrenchment

With a desire to further retrench expenditures, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's passenger department officials are contemplating the withdrawal of two fast trains between New York and Pittsburgh; one train between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, and one eastbound fast express between Pittsburgh and New York.

The through trains all have western connections at Pittsburgh. They are No. 43, known as Pittsburgh Day Express, west, arriving in Harrisburg at 1.49 p. m.; No. 47, Panhandle Express, west, arriving at Harrisburg at 4.25 p. m.; and No. 36, Panhandle Express, east, arriving in Harrisburg at 11.56 a. m. The local train is a night express making stops at Coatesville, Lancaster and other points and leaves

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Consistory Buys Ground to Build $200,000 Cathedral This Year

Harrisburg Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons has announced that it has acquired title to the old Diven property, at North and Capital streets, adjoining the site of the present brick structure known as the cathedral and are now ready to erect the new cathedral for which plans have been laid.

Every part of the corner needed to carry out the proposed plans for a new building had been secured before, but the house at North and Capital streets could not be obtained until recently.

The property is 100 feet in North street and 120 feet in Capital street. The new building to be erected will be worth about $200,000. Plans are yet in a tentative state, but it will be large enough to give ample room for the 2,000 members.

Fear Ragpicker Put End to Life on the 13th

It is believed by the police that one of Harrisburg's ragpickers ended his troubles in the Susquehanna river on February 13.

Since one week ago to-day a ragman's pushcart has been standing along the edge of the Susquehanna river bank, at Front and Boas streets. In the cart are four empty bags. There is no name on the cart.

PENNA. STEEL CO.'S POLICY GIVING MEN STEADY EMPLOYMENT

Concentrating Energies on Building Up Business Outside of Railroad Circles

Promise of more regular and constant work at the plant of the Pennsylvania Steel Company is given in a new policy which is now said to be directing the efforts of the company's officers.

For years the business has been confined practically to railroad supplies, and whenever there has been stagnant condition in railroad extension or improvements, the steel company has had to lay off men and shut down. Gradually, however, the commercial steel business is being developed by the company so that even under the present slow sale of railroad

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Man Commits Suicide While Riding in Taxi With His Sweetheart

By Associated Press

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 20.—Harry F. Lambert committed suicide by taking poison this morning while in a taxicab with his sweetheart, Katharine Laraia, because of a quarrel with the young woman.

She refused to attend a dance with him last night but went with a relative. When she emerged, Lambert was waiting for her. He called for a taxicab, they both got in and the chauffeur was told to drive to her home.

The poison was taken in a glass while on the ride to the girl's home, she told the police.

3 Guesses on Weather; So Take Your Choice

Three chances are open on the weather to-night and to-morrow, according to Local Weather Forecaster Demain.

It may snow; it may only be cloudy; and it may be clear.

A storm which caused the rain of yesterday is centered over South Carolina to-day. All depends on what this storm desides to do. If it goes out to sea far enough, it will be clear here; if it decides to visit in the northeast and slides up along the coast it may be cloudy; but if it doesn't want to get wet feet, and travels north by land—we'll have some more snow here to-night.

BRITISH SUBJECT IN MEXICO IS EXECUTED UPON VILLA'S ORDER

William S. Benton Is Said to Have Threatened Life of Rebel Leader

ALL FOREIGNERS ARE AROUSED

Villa Expresses Profane Indifference Toward an Appeal to England

By Associated Press

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—William S. Benton, the British subject who disappeared in Juarez Tuesday night, is dead, according to news brought Mrs. Benton by Thomas D. Edwards, American consul at Juarez. A telegram from Washington said that details are in the hands of Secretary Bryan.

Benton was tried by court martial and found guilty of complicity in a plot to take Villa's life. He was executed by a firing squad Wednesday night.

Villa, whose act is stigmatized by Benton's numerous friends as wanton murder, left suddenly for Chihuahua to-day. No single act of any of the revolutions, not excepting the Cumbre tunnel disaster has so stirred indignation. When extra editions were placed in the streets they were frantically seized upon and read.

Benton's ways were blunt but his friends admired him for them and there were moist eyes and muttered imprecations among them when they heard the news.

"No foreigner is safe in Mexico," was the general comment and a suggestion that a mass meeting of protest be held here met with considerable favor.

Secretary Bryan Says He Received No Details

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Bryan was advised to-day of the death of W. S. Benton, an English ranch owner in Mexico, recently reported in the hands of the rebels. No details were given.

Secretary Bryan announced the news of Benton's death, as he went into a cabinet meeting at the White House. He declared he had absolutely no details. An official dispatch from Consul Edwards merely announced the death of the Englishman.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador who called upon Secretary Bryan to ask for information of Benton, also was told of the news.

Benton was arrested in Juarez last Tuesday and had not been heard from since. His wife and friends feared he had been executed by General Villa, the Constitutionalist leader. Villa at first denied knowledge of Benton's whereabouts but yesterday in conversation with inquiries, intimated that he knew something about the Englishman and added that Benton had threatened him with a revolver. Villa was quoted as expressing profane indifference toward an appeal to the British ambassador at Washington.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice asked the State Department yesterday to take steps for the protection of the British subject. Mrs. Benton had received an unconfirmed report that her husband was a prisoner in a Juarez jail. He was largely interested in mining and had a hundred thousand-acre ranch in Chihuahua.

TWO HAVE SMALLPOX

Mrs. D. C. Good and her 15-day-old son, D. C. Good, of 1627 Market street, wife and child of D. C. Good, who was taken to the sanitary hospital with smallpox ten days ago were discovered to have the disease this afternoon by John M. J. Raunick, health officer. They were removed to the sanitary hospital this afternoon.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow to-night and Saturday, not much change in temperature.
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow to-night and Saturday; high northeast winds on the coast.

River

The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will remain about stationary to-night and Saturday with no change in ice conditions.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 22.
Sun: Rises, 6:48 a. m.; sets, 5:41 p. m.
Moon: New moon, February 24, at 7:02 a. m.
River Stage: 3.3 feet above low water mark.

Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 34.
Lowest temperature, 29.
Mean temperature, 32.
Normal temperature, 30.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Earnest S. Adair and Celia M. Showers, Madison township, Perry county.

"Ich Dien"

The motto "I serve" on the feathered crest of the Prince of Wales might well be taken as the motto of good newspaper advertising.

It is the most faithful of public servants and the most generous.

It rewards the man who writes and the man who reads.

It brings buyers and sellers together in transactions of mutual pleasure and profit.

It keeps the wheels turning and the pay envelope full.

It saves time and saves money.

It speaks directly and to the point.

It brings its message to the home and the fireside.

Let the winged words of the world's work as they appear daily in the advertising columns of this newspaper SERVE YOU.

Late News Bulletins

CHAMBERLAIN AMENDMENT REJECTED

Washington, Feb. 20.—By a vote of 40 to 13 the Senate in executive session to-day rejected the Chamberlain amendment to the Spanish general arbitration treaty to exempt from arbitration questions relating to Panama tolls, immigration, admission of children to State schools and all questions involving the Monroe Doctrine.

EXAMINE INSANE INMATES

Dr. D. Schaffner and Dr. C. J. B. Flowers, county physicians, this afternoon examined seventeen inmates of the county almshouse with a view to transferring them to the State Insane Asylum in accordance with the action taken recently by the Poor Directors and the State Board of Charities.

CHICK HARTLEY JOINS FEDERALS

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—Chick Hartley, a former Harrisburg, Pa., pitcher, has signed with the St. Louis Federals.

STEAMER TOWED INTO PORT

Queenstown, Ireland, Feb. 20.—The big Dutch oil tank steamship Rotterdam was towed into port here to-day by a tug and three steam trawlers. She lost her rudder in the Atlantic during a gale when eight days out from Amsterdam on the way to New York.

NO DRY DOCK FOR ATLANTIC COAST

Washington, Feb. 20.—The House Naval Committee to-day voted against building a naval dry dock at any point on the Atlantic coast this year and thus disposed of the rival claims of Norfolk and Philadelphia.

GIFT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

New York, Feb. 20.—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church announced to-day that it had recived a gift of $175,000 from a donor whose name is withheld. The money, the largest single gift ever made to the board, is to form a permanent endowment fund for mission work.

Wall Street Closing.—Amal. Copper, 76; American Sugar, 105¼; Atchison, 98⅛; Baltimore and Ohio, 92½; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 93; Canadian Pacific, 214⅜; Chesapeake and Ohio, 64¼; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 103; Lehigh Valley, 151¼; New York Central, 90½; Northern Pacific, 116⅛; Reading, 167⅜; P. R. R., 113⅜; Southern Pacific, 96½; Union Pacific, 161⅞; U. S. Steel, 66⅛.

New York, Feb. 20.—The market closed steady. Apathy was the distinguishing feature of the late dealings. The narrow fluctuations were in keeping with the idleness of the market.