

DON'T BLAME ANYONE FOR TIKAS DEATH

CORONER'S JURY DOES NOT FIX RESPONSIBILITY ON ANYONE.

SOME SAY IT WAS MURDER

No Other Disorders Have Been Reported Since Federal Troops Arrived.

Trinidad, Colo., May 2.—The fire which destroyed Ludlow tent colony on the night of April 29, causing the death of thirteen women and children, was started by militiamen, or a mine guard, or by both, according to the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury late today.

No responsibility for the killing of Louis Tikas, was fixed by the jury, which found he was with seven other men, who were shot in the battle. It has been charged by the strikers that Tikas received a blow on the head which fractured his skull. No disorders have been reported since the arrival of federal troops.

ROCKEFELLER STANDS PAT.
Washington, May 2.—Messages telling a story of futile efforts at Washington to bring about a settlement of the Colorado coal mine strike, including a telegram from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., saying that the mining company officials of Colorado are the "only ones competent to deal with the question," were made public tonight.

Representative Foster, chairman of the house mines committee, who gave out the telegraphic correspondence, has been attempting to get Rockefeller operators and officials of mines which the Rockefeller partly control and the striking miners together, following a White House conference.

Conference With Rockefeller.
He told of a conference with Rockefeller at New York, during which he spent a month in Colorado by direction of the house of representatives, as chairman of the committee on mines and mining, investigating conditions.

He declared Rockefeller had not been there in ten years, and said he is convinced there is nothing in the differences which cannot be settled by arbitration, and added he understood that the demand that the International Mine Workers union be recognized is not an issue now. He said: "The great question now confronting the strikers and the owners is, Will you agree to submit the matter to adjustment by arbitration?"

SPENCER MORGAN IS NOW ENGAGED

Son of Late J. Pierpont Will Wed Miss Louise Converse of Boston.

Boston, Mass., May 2.—The announcement of the engagement of Junius Spencer Morgan, son of J. Pierpont Morgan, New York, to Miss Louise Converse, daughter of Frederick Shepherd Converse, of Boston, was made today by the woman's parents.

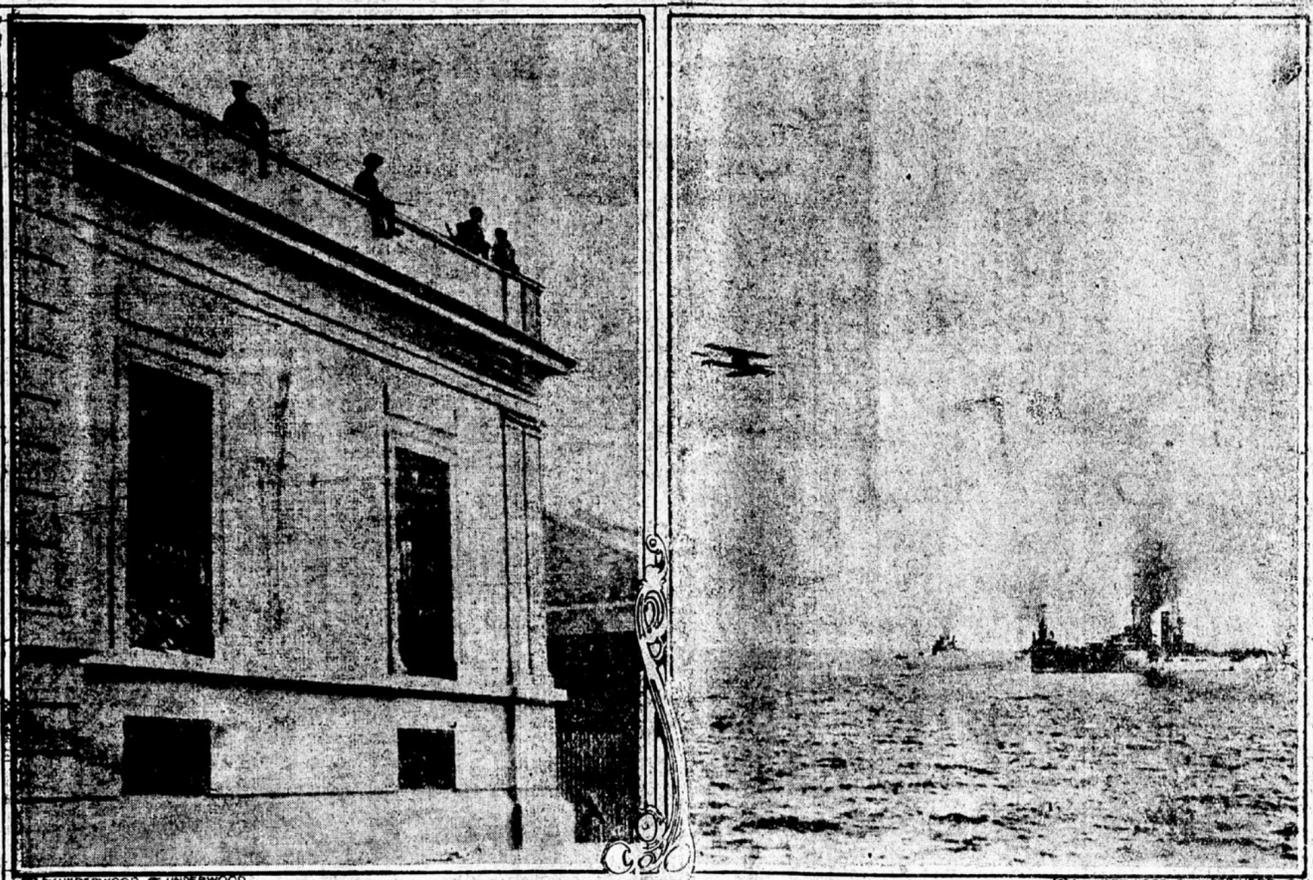
HAVE CONTEST AND A FAIR

Exhibition of the Agricultural Products of McKenzie County Farms.

Alexander, N. D., May 2.—A fair is to be held here this fall in connection with the rural school industrial contest and farm products show. A committee is already arranging to have an exhibition a big array of farm and dairy products, live stock, including cattle, horses, hogs and chickens, fancy work, handicraft and culinary exhibits will also be included. Various forms of amusement will be provided.

TWINS WED SAME DAY.
Raleigh, N. D., May 2.—Twin sisters, Misses Jennie and Emma Pack, were married on the same day to two enterprising young men in this vicinity. The former was married to Mr. Carl Schiech and the latter to Mr. Edward McFall.

HOW THE AMERICAN SHARPSHOOTERS AND THE AEROPLANE FIGURED IN VERA CRUZ BATTLE



AMERICAN SHARPSHOOTERS PICKING OFF MEXICAN SNIPERS ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

LIEUTENANT BELLINGER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY MAKING A CRUISE OF INSPECTION NEAR VERA CRUZ.

Lieutenant Bellinger, commanding the aeroplane squad of the United States army, is shown making a flight to ascertain whether the San Francisco Bridge, on the Inter-oceanic Railroad, was still intact. The United States battle ship fleet is seen in Vera Cruz harbor, from which Lieutenant Bellinger started on his twenty-five mile flight.

BLOODLESS BATTLE IS FOUGHT OVER POSSESSION OF WORKS

Mexicans Demand Surrender of Water Plant in Ten Minutes But Fade Away When Funston Rushes Troops to Outpost

Vera Cruz, Mex., May 2.—At 11:30 a. m. this morning Mexican forces, estimated at 400 or 500, appeared near the waterworks and demanded surrender within ten minutes. Major John Russell, with but 250 marines, sent the messengers back admonishing them not to waste ten minutes waiting.

Russell then prepared to resist attack and wireless for reinforcements. In a little less than an hour from the time the wireless message was received at Vera Cruz reinforcements increasing Russell's command to 1200 were in position at the waterworks, while the entire garrison of Vera Cruz was ready for any movement ordered.

When the reinforcements arrived at the waterworks, Russell's men were not at all hard pressed. The Mexicans had contented themselves with a scattering fire, consisting of not over four or five shots at a range of 1500 yards from Russell's lines. Only one shot was fired and it is generally assumed that the Mexican threat to take El Tejer is little more than a bluff.

It is thought the Mexicans perhaps hoped the American outpost, with little more than half their number, might surrender or they might defeat the Americans before reinforcements could arrive. There are no fears felt for a renewed attack.

READY FOR NEW BECKER TRIAL

BOTH SIDES ARE READY TO PROCEED WITH HEARING AT ONCE.

TESTIMONY IS DISCREDITED
Prosecution has Completed Preparations for Trial of New York Policeman.

New York, May 2.—District Attorney Whitman and his aids have practically completed their end of the preparations for the second trial of Charles Becker, former police lieutenant, on charges of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, for which the four gunmen were recently executed in Sing Sing. The District Attorney will be ready for the trial to proceed next Monday, which is the tentative date fixed by Justice Seabury of the supreme court. If there is any postponement when the case is called it will be on motion of counsel for the defense.

The principal work of the District Attorney's office in preparing for the new trial has been in the rounding up of the witnesses. Since the first trial, which took place a year ago last fall, the witnesses for the State, or the most of them, have forsaken their haunts in the metropolis, and some of them have taken up permanent residence outside the city and State.

MOVING TOWN ACROSS LINE

Minot Man Has Unique Job of Moving Westby, N. D. to Montana.

Minot, N. D., May 2.—Neil McDougall of this city has the unique job of moving one town, Westby, N. D., over the line into Montana, where the Great Northern Fairview-Dakota extension has established its station of Westby.

Also, there is another peculiar condition attached to this town. A bank in order to do business was established as nearly on the line as possible and while in North Dakota, some of the officers have their residences in Westby, Montana.

EXAMINATIONS JUNE 13.
At a special meeting of the North Dakota State Bar Examiners, it was decided to hold the annual bar examinations at the University Law school on June 13 to 20. The date had been set for the first part of June, but, as the regular law school examinations come at that time, it was not thought fair to place the bar examinations at that time also.

MC CUMBER IS FIGHTING FOR GRAIN INSPECTION

Washington, D. C., May 2.—The passage of agricultural appropriations bill is blocked in the senate by an effort of Senator McCumber to get an other consideration of grain inspection legislation.

CANAL OPEN FOR TRAFFIC IN TEN DAYS

CARGO STEAMERS WILL MOVE THROUGH CUT AS FAST AS WORK WILL PERMIT.

WORK NEARLY COMPLETED
Panama, May 2.—Plans are being matured under instructions of Governor Goethals to put Panama railroad steamer through canal within ten days. A cargo steamer also will go through, after which the canal will be open for as much traffic as work on Culebra slide will permit.

WANT BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

President VanBrunt of Midland Investigating Conditions On the Line.

Jamestown, N. D., May 2.—Officials of the Midland Continental railroad company are taking under advisement the improvement of the service. The first step to be considered is the putting on a motor car between Edgley and Jamestown, to handle the rapidly increasing business.

LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT STATE ENDEAVOR MEETING

SOME OF MOST NOTED SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS GATHERING IN BISMARCK THURSDAY.

BIG BANQUET IS PLANNED

Cordial Invitation is Extended to Public to Attend Sessions.

The largest attendance in the history of the North Dakota Christian Endeavor union is expected at the annual convention of the organization which convenes in Bismarck next Thursday afternoon. Unexpected interest and enthusiasm has been evidenced among the endeavorers everywhere throughout the state and it is now expected that practically every society in the state will be represented at the convention, which will surpass any other gathering of its kind ever held by the younger people of North Dakota.

Fine Program Arranged.
An unusually splendid program has been prepared which includes a number of strong addresses by Christian Endeavor leaders of national and international note, among them Rev. H. H. Rottmann of Ripon, Wis., interstate field secretary for the northwest; S. A. Martin of Winnipeg, field secretary for Manitoba, Karl Lehman of Boston, Mass., who enjoys the distinction of being associate president of the United Society for the world; Rev. J. O. Buswell, of Minneapolis, and Wm. H. Otterburn of Fargo, president of the North Dakota state union. Local endeavorers will also occupy prominent places on the program.

Local Arrangements Completed
Under the direction of Robert Dutton, president of the Bismarck society and Fred J. Grady, chairman of the convention committee, local arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting delegates have been completed.

In this work they have been granted a great deal of valuable assistance by P. E. Young, secretary of the Bismarck Commercial club. Among the entertainment features planned is an automobile trip about the city, which is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Banquet Saturday Evening.
On Saturday evening the delegates will be entertained by the Bismarck endeavorers at a banquet, to be held at the Grand Pacific hotel. Following the banquet a program consisting of a number of addresses and musical numbers will be given. Governor L. B. Hazen will be one of the



ROBERT DUTTON, President Bismarck C. E. Society, who is making arrangements.

MARTIN VODAS PLEADS GUILTY

Andrew Knoll Waived Examination and Was Bound Over to the District Court.

Mandan, N. D., May 2.—Martin Vodas, who was arrested at his place in Dogtown Saturday night in a blind pig raid was arraigned this afternoon before Judge Nichols and pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the prohibition laws of the state.

He was sentenced to ninety days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$200 and costs of \$10. Vodas is an ignorant Hungarian laborer and considering the circumstances of the case, it is probable that the sentence may be changed by the court.

Andrew Knoll, who was arrested Tuesday night on the charge of pigging was also arraigned this afternoon before Judge Nichols and waived examination. He was held to the district court for trial under a \$500 bond.

BLIZZARD IN MOUNTAINS.
San Bernardino, Cal., May 2.—A blizzard is raging in the mountains on the California and Nevada border, according to a message received from George West, snowbound with an automobile party. West said the prospects are that he will be snowbound for a day or two.

HUERTA MAY RESIGN IS A LATE RUMOR

AMERICAN OUTPOST ATTACKED BY MEXICANS; AID IS ASKED.

PEACE PLANS PROGRESSING

United States Asked to Name Its Representatives for Conference.

HUERTA MAY RESIGN.
Vera Cruz, Mex., May 2.—Considerable force of Mexicans attacked American outpost at water plant, nine miles out, at 11 a. m. today, according to wireless, which asked for aid. Supporting troops immediately ordered by train to El Tejer, where waterworks are situated.

Situation at Mexico City has every appearance of becoming serious for administration. In well informed circles it is expected Provisional President Huerta might resign any moment.

Washington, May 2.—The three South American envoys who have undertaken the task of pacifying Mexico by diplomacy made another decisive move in their plans by requesting the United States government, Huerta and Carranza to appoint representatives to confer with them in Washington.

Ambassador De Gama of Brazil, Ministers Naon and Suarez of Argentina and Chile, respectively, called on Bryan, asking him to designate a United States representative to attend the conferences of the mediators. At the same time they wired Huerta and Carranza to the same effect.

Make No Announcements.
No announcements of the subjects to be considered by representatives of the three parties to mediation, or as to the powers and functions of the new envoys, were made. The speakers at the meeting were designated representatives of the result of an all day session of the south American envoys.

The envoys are confident tonight that the step taken will meet with the favor of all concerned. Thus far, responses from Huerta and Carranza are not clear regarding the difference between the United States and Mexico. Whether the Tampico incident alone is to be considered by them or whether they will consent to a general discussion of the Mexican problem is not known.

May Bridge Difficulties.
Such difficulties may be bridged over by sending representatives. It is known that the mediators intend to concentrate attention on the broad subject of pacifying Mexico, hoping the difference between the United States and Mexico will become secondary in view of the solution of the entire Mexican problem. Should Huerta and Carranza decide to send special envoys it will take at least ten days for them to get here. In the interim it is not believed vital points can be reached by the mediators. Official Washington is interested in the resignation of Lopez Portillo Rojas of the portfolio of minister of foreign affairs in the Huerta cabinet.

The appointment of Esteva Ruiz, under secretary of foreign affairs and close friend of Portillo, gave the impression that there is nothing ominous in the change, as far as mediation is concerned.

Was He Forced From the Cabinet?
If Portillo was forced from the cabinet the incident is of personal significance.

Few Scattered Shots.
Reports from General Funston tonight said a few scattered shots were fired at American troops guarding the waterworks outside of Vera Cruz. None was killed or injured. Reinforcements reached the scene, but were not needed, and later returned to Vera Cruz.

Funston Now in Command.
Governorship of Vera Cruz was handed over late today by Robert Kerr, who recently was appointed civic governor to Brigadier General Frederick Funston. Military government, which is now established, understood to follow closely lines of civil government hitherto in existence. As many Mexican officials as desire may accept or continue in office, or be employed in administration.

Law courts requested to continue functions in accustomed way, and all their acts be nearly as possible in accordance with Mexican law. Every branch city administration, however, under military supervision. Such military and naval officers as held office under civil government probably will be retained, especially Comman-

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