

CITIZEN OF UNITED STATES SHOT IN COLD BLOOD IN MEXICO CITY

Mob Rule and Looting Cause Reign of Terror in the City

BRITISH CRUISER IS SUNK

GERMAN SUBMARINE PICKS OFF BOAT AND SENDS 200 OF CREW TO WATERY GRAVES.

LIFE BOATS OF CORPSES

ENGLISH ARMY OPERATING IN FLANDERS UNDERTAKES BIG TASK.

London, March 12.—Just as the French attacked the Germans in the western campaign when von Hindenburg made a big rush from East Prussia last month, so the British army operating in Flanders, has undertaken a task of relieving the pressure on its Russian ally now that the Russians are again being attacked in North Poland. This is apart of the general plan of the allies. When one is attacked, the other attacks, so compelling the Germans and Austrians to keep strong forces at every point.

At present Germans are occupied with an attempt to crush the Russians. They have an army estimated at half a million proceeding along the roads toward Pzhasnyz.

Cruiser Goes Down. The admiralty announces the loss of the auxiliary cruiser, Bayano, while engaged in patrol duty. It is officially stated: "On March 11 the wreckage of the Bayano and bodies were discovered. Circumstances point to her having been sunk by the enemy's torpedo."

Chased by Submarine. Eight officers and eighteen men were rescued, but the remainder of the crew was lost. The captain of the Bel faast steamer, Castlereach, reported passing a quantity of wreckage and dead bodies in life belts. He attempted to search for possible survivors, but was prevented by the enemy's submarine which chased him 20 minutes.

It is stated the Bayano was torpedoed Thursday morning off the Corse Wall Point, Wiktownshire, Scotland, and nearly 200 lives were lost, the cruiser sinking immediately. The vessel carried a crew of 216.

Generals Wounded. While inspecting the German first line trench through the embrasure about ninety feet distant, General Maudslayi, commander of one of the French armies, and General de Villaret, of commander corps of his army, were wounded by bullets. The gravity of wounds was not stated.

PLOYHAR TURNS DOWN FRANCHISE

VALLEY CITY GAS MAN REJECTS CITY'S OFFER—SAYS IT IS UNDESIRABLE PROPOSITION.

Frank E. Ployhar, president of the Valley City Gas company, who asked for a gas franchise of the city of Bismarck, has rejected the offer of the city commissioners. Mr. Ployhar wrote the following letter to City Commissioner R. C. Battery: "Dear Sir—Copy of franchise received and am sorry to say that I cannot accept same with the amendments embodied therein. Section 15 is particularly objectionable, making it an undesirable business proposition. Thanking you for your kindly interest in the matter, I remain, yours truly, Frank E. Ployhar."

Section 15, to which Mr. Ployhar objects, is the clause in which the city retains the right to purchase the gas plant from Mr. Ployhar's company at any time, the price to be fixed by an appraiser.

RECESS DECLARED IN ELECTION FRAUD CASE

Indianapolis, Ind., March 12.—Judge Anderson has declared a recess over Saturday in the trial of the twenty-eight men charged with conspiracy in the November election of Terre Haute, and he left late tonight for Sheboygan, Wis., to attend a funeral. There were no important developments in today's session.

Mob of 2,000 Terrorizes City of Vera Cruz Where Several Are Assassinated

CRY OF "VIVA HUERTA" UNLOOSENS PASSION OF CROWD AND KNIVES ARE DRAWN—PRIESTS HELD FOR RANSOM ANGRERS POPULACE—BATTLE LASTS FOR TWENTY MINUTES.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—A demonstration before the Corpus Christi church on the Alameda was the beginning of a riot by a mob of 2,000 there yesterday, in which Octavio Bertrand, chief of police, and two assassins who attacked him were killed, and a hundred others wounded. The message concerning the riot was received here from Vera Cruz by Antonio Villareal, Carranza's representative. The Villa headquarters received a similar report from Galveston.

Orators on the steps of the church were urging a throng of excited people to rush upon the national palace, when the police chief, with a platoon of officers advanced. Shouts of "Vive Huerta" greeted the officers and knives flashed.

A moment later Bertrand fell with a wound in his hip. He drew a revolver and killed the man who stabbed him. Another blade sank into the prostrate chief's body. The shot was fired by a policeman which killed the second assassin. The mob rushed toward the national palace, where 250 priests, confined by Obregon, were imprisoned until they consented to pay a ransom of \$500,000 in gold. The battle lasted 20 minutes, when the mob scattered.

American Citizen Shot Down In Mexico City

Washington, March 12.—Encouragement regarding the Mexican situation was awakened in government circles by a report of the evacuation of Mexico City by Obregon and that relief had come to the Mexican capital but suffered a relapse when the Brazilian embassy at the Mexican capital reported the killing of John B. McManus, an American citizen.

It was reported McManus was shot down in his own home, during the occupation of the city by the forces of Zapata. The door of his home had been sealed with a coat of arms and the United States Stars and Stripes floated above his dwelling.

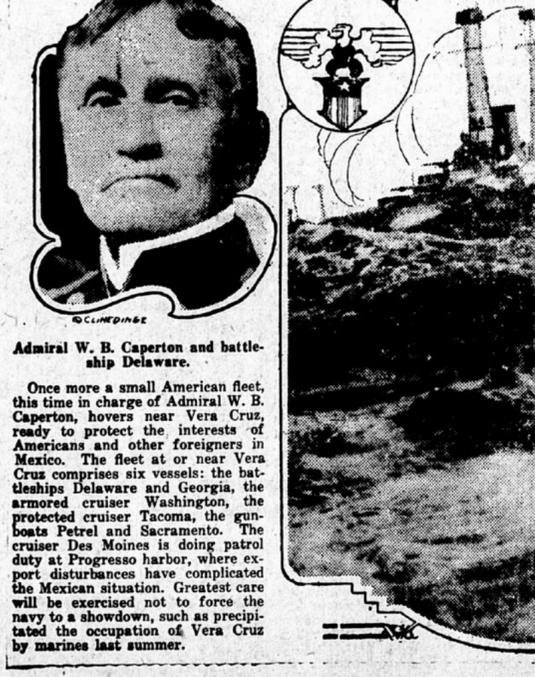
DEMAND FOR PUNISHMENT. An instant demand was made by the Brazilian minister on behalf of the United States for the punishment of those guilty. Secretary Bryan telegraphed the Brazilian minister, approving of his action, and adding a demand for reparation to the family of the victim. The minister was directed to insist the an early punishment of the offenders. Zapata promised that the demands of the United States will be met promptly.

ZAPATA ENTERS CITY. The occupation of the city by Zapata, enthusiastically greeted by the people was marred by three cases of looting. Foreigners are alarmed at the killing of McManus and the tension was relieved when assurance was given of protection. The Brazilian minister reported the motive of the crime was undoubtedly revenge for the killing of two Zapata soldiers by McManus when their forces left Mexico City. It was said on that occasion the soldiers attempted to loot McManus' home. Evidently shots were fired at short distance, as McManus' hat was filled with bullet holes. The killing, coming after serious developments in the situation of last week increased the apprehension of officials for the safety of foreigners. During Obregon's occupation a Swedish subject and four Spaniards were killed.

ASSIGNS A CRUISER FOR PATROL DUTY

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Secretary Daniels late today announced that the armored cruiser, Brooklyn, the receiving ship at the Boston navy yards, had been ordered to patrol the harbor there to guard against violations of neutrality. The German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinzessin Cecilie is interned at Boston.

HERE'S ADMIRAL AND ONE OF HIS BATTLESHIPS AT VERA CRUZ.



Admiral W. B. Caperton and battleship Delaware.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DID A GOOD WORK

SECRETARY GIVES BRIEF RESUME OF ITS WORK IN ANNUAL REPORT

1914 WAS A BIG YEAR IN ALL

Results Obtained In Various Lines of Work Undertaken by Club.

A splendid showing has been made by the Bismarck Commercial club in the nine years of its existence and particularly in the year just passed, according to the annual report of the secretary of the club, which was read at the annual club meeting held on Wednesday evening.

The club was organized in the old city hall the evening of December 1, 1905, the first officers being A. W. Lucas, president; Andrew Miller, vice president; F. L. Conklin, secretary, and J. L. Sell, treasurer. The first board of directors was composed of R. D. Hoskins, P. C. Remington, E. P. Quain, H. H. Newton, G. C. Wichter, G. H. Will, O. N. Dunham, Wm. O'Hara. Since the organization, Messrs. A. W. Lucas, Geo. A. Welch and F. L. Conklin have been the club presidents, and Messrs. Conklin, A. D. Welch, H. T. Murphy and F. E. Young have at various times been the club's secretary. Many of the leading business men of the city have been directors.

During the nine years of its existence, the club has had many ups and downs, and at various times has met with considerable opposition from those who could not direct its course, but it has, nevertheless, gone right ahead with its work, its officers and members doing all they could to help the progress of the city and county. The club has made many mistakes during its life, but generally speaking, the results attained were good. The report spoke of the hundreds of various matters attended to in the nine years, of few of these things being of major importance to the city and community, and of the many, many trivial affairs, but all of them in the total working for the great good of Bismarck.

Last Year's Work. As regards the last year, the report showed that 1914, despite the handicaps under which the organization had worked, had in results been one of the most successful years in the club's history. The first matter taken up was that of good roads and working in harmony with the county commissioners and Automobile club, a system of good roads had been

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Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Wife of Richest Man in World, Dies at Tarrytown

WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER ILL. Brunswick, Ga., March 12.—William Rockefeller, who is suffering from a severe cold at his winter home on Jekyll Island, will not be permitted by his physician to attend the funeral of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller. He was advised it would be unsafe.

Tarrytown, N. Y., March 12.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the richest man in the world, died suddenly today at the Rockefeller country home at Pocantico Hills, aged 76. She had been an invalid for a year and during the last few months her health was so improved that a rapid turn for the worse was not anticipated. For this reason the only relative at her bedside when she died was her sister, Miss Lucy Spelman. Her husband and son, John Junior, are at Ormond, Florida. A special train is bringing them to Tarrytown tonight. Until they arrive the funeral arrangements will be deferred. Funeral arrangements will be held in advance, but it is thought the burial undoubtedly will take place at Cleveland, where the Rockefeller plot is located. The funeral probably will be held Sunday. Mrs. Rockefeller's illness dates back to the fall of 1912, when she was stricken by pneumonia.

Laura Celestia Spelman Rockefeller was born in Wadsworth, Ohio, of well-to-do New England parents, on September 9, 1839. She was her husband's junior by two months. As a child she lived in Wadsworth, in Burlington, Iowa, in Akron, Ohio, where her father, Harvey B. Spelman, achieved a competence in the drygoods business, and later in Cleveland. In the grammar school at Cleveland she met John Rockefeller when they were 15 years old.

Daughter of Leading Citizen. Rockefeller was a country boy. She was the daughter of one of Cleveland's leading citizens. His home was a little farm house; hers, one of Cleveland's handsomest residences. His associates, outside of school, were mostly farm hands and country boys; hers were talented folk of affairs drawn to her father's handsome home, for her father then was a member of the Ohio legislature, a public-spirited citizen interested in philanthropies and a man of many activities. Notwithstanding other differences, the awkward youth and the city girl had in common a love of study and simple tastes, and they became fast friends.

Quiet Studious Girl. Laura Spelman's school-mates knew her as a quiet, studious girl who would rather read a good book than go to the theater; as a devout church-goer and as a girl who was always well dressed in good taste, avoiding extremes and seeking simplicity. She was intensely practical and home-loving. At high school she caused some surprise by taking not only the prescribed course but bookkeeping and other commercial studies little pursued by young women in those days. There seems to have been little sentimentality in the friendship between Miss Spelman and young Rockefeller, but for ten years each was the other's best friend. During the days of Rockefeller's early manhood, when he saw his hopes of a college education fade away, and soon thereafter when he was trapped in the streets of Cleveland for weeks in a seemingly hopeless search for work, she encouraged and cheered him. Soon after he had established himself in his first place—as bookkeeper at \$500 a year—she left Cleveland to complete her education at Worcester, Mass. She returned when she was 20 years old and taught in Cleveland's public schools. Her first class was the "A" grammar grade in (Continued on Page Two.)

BISMARCK LOST OUT LAST NIGHT

TOWER CITY BUNCH BEATS LOCAL TEAM BY 2 POINTS IN AN EXTRA SESSION.

Playing without House, the Bismarck High School basketball team held Tower City to an even score in 40 minutes of hard play. In the extra time the Tower City boys secured the first field basket and they were returned a winner over the local aggregation by a score of 22 to 20. This puts Bismarck out of the final games, which will be played tonight at the University gymnasium. In the second game of the evening Minot easily beat Park River by a score of 28 to 19.

The Bismarck boys played a good game and, in spite of the loss of House, they made the Tower City lads time to time. This makes the second time that Tower City has nosed out a victory in the extra period. Their defeat of Fargo in the district tournament played two weeks ago, was over the same route. The score of that game was 17 to 15.

Hope Minot Will Win. Loc fans are hoping that Minot will eliminate Tower City in the finals tonight. This will give the western part of the state the title for this year. Last year Fargo was returned the final victors.

The Bismarck team has defeated Minot two games this year, the result of the game at Minot being 29 to 19, and of the game at Bismarck 55 to 22. The Minot team is playing a better game of basketball than when they were in this city and their chances exceedingly good.

Regarding the Protest. A statement was made that it was generally understood in this city that the protest lodged against House was instigated by Valley City. There was no intent at nudging, the basis for the statement was contained in a letter written by the Tower City Athletic association to Supt. P. S. Gerg, president of the league. In a recent interview with Supt. Hanna, it appears that the protest did not emanate from the Valley City school authorities or students.

THAW'S FATE UP TO JURY

RETIRE FOR NIGHT WITHOUT REACHING A DECISION—RETURN FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

New York, March 12.—A jury sitting in the case of Harry Thaw, and four co-defendants on trial charged with conspiracy, was locked up late tonight after it deliberated nearly five hours and failed to arrive at a verdict. Thaw was taken back to his tomb cell. It was announced that a recess would be taken until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. The jurors apparent by questions asked when the foreman came in for instructions seemed to be divided on the question as to what Thaw's legal status was at the time of escape, and what part his belief that he had a right to flee should play in determination of the verdict. The case went to the jury this afternoon after a day spent in completing cross examination of Thaw.

GERMAN RAIDER MAY STAY

REPORTS CONFLICT AS TO FUTURE MOVEMENTS OF THE CRUISER EITEL FRIED

RICH—STATE DEPT. SILENT.

CRAFT MAY BE INTERNED

Commander of Frye on Way to Washington to Confer With Federal Authorities.

Newport News, March 12.—The converted German cruiser Eitel Friedrich will not leave here until the end of the week, according to a statement tonight by Captain Kiehne, master of the American sailing vessel, William P. Frye, which the German raider destroyed in the South Atlantic.

Kiehne refused to say why he is able to make such a positive statement regarding movements of the German raider, but he said he knew the Eitel came here to stay.

When he made the statement Kiehne had just hidden farewell to Commander Thierchens of the Eitel. He had paid off the crew and was leaving for Washington to confer with the government officials regarding the destruction of the Frye.

Reiterates His Decision. Notwithstanding the statement Thierchens reiterated his purpose to leave American waters as soon as possible. According to reports tonight, the German officers explain the sinking of the Frye by the fact that they found in papers a record that the ship with a cargo of wheat was bound for Queenstown, Falmouth or Plymouth for orders, and that since Plymouth was a fortified port wheat was contraband.

Their Additional Light. Kiehne threw additional light on the coming of the Eitel to this port, and insisted that the German commander deliberately chose Newport news as a haven of safety.

Officials of the American government decided that time will be allowed the German raider, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, to repair at Newport News shall remain an official secret. Whether the vessel will be interned probably will not be decided until the expiration of this time limit, which is believed to be at least three weeks.

When the German gunboat, Geler, docked at Honolulu, the British and Japanese cruisers kept a vigil outside the harbor and the English ambassador repeatedly asked that time be allowed. Information was refused on the ground that to reveal a favor to waiting cruisers, would deprive the Geler of the usual opportunity afforded under the international laws to escape from a neutral port. The United States is to keep secret not only the time limit, but repairs and also the hour of departure. It is believed the vessel eventually will intern although the decision of the commander to have repairs made has been puzzling officials who believe if the ship interns, it will be useless to incur the added expense of temporary repairs.

There were no developments in the situation in regard to sinking of the Frye beyond further consideration of the commander of the raider. Until the investigation is completed, no diplomatic action will be taken. Unless Germany makes voluntary reparation a protest by the United States for damages will be lodged, it is understood.

MOVEMENT OF COLONISTS TO THIS STATE BEGINS

Jameson, N. D., March 12.—Five carloads of emigrants' effects reached Jamestown this week, the cars placarded with signs which informed the public that the shippers had bought land of B. F. Felton of this city. They came from Marble Rock, Ia., and the shippers will locate in the vicinity of Buchanan, where they have secured holdings west of that thriving station.

Paul Krapp had three carloads of horses and farm machinery and Paul Stout and Nick Sand each had a carload. Three families were represented in the shipment and all will become permanent residents of the county. They come from a rich region of Iowa, where corn and clover, dairying and silos are found on every farm and the price of the land from a few dollars to, immense sums.