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FIVE CENTS

BODIES OF SIX AMERICANS HANG FROM BIG TREE

Mexican Bandits Reported to Have Slain, Hung and Shot Victims.

TWO MURDERERS TO BE EXECUTED TODAY

Villa States He Had Nothing to Do With Santa Ysable Massacres.

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 22.—State of Oaxaca, Mexico, is overrun with bandits, who have been killing Americans while carrying on a campaign of murder and plunder, despite every effort of the Carranza authorities to preserve order, according to an affidavit made by Andrew J. Trumbo, of Los Angeles, a mining man who arrived here today from Oaxaca, the capital of that state.

At El Paso yesterday, Trumbo related an account of the blowing up recently of a passenger train near Pueblo, with a loss of 23 lives.

Twenty miles southwest of Ejutla I saw the bodies of six men hanging to trees, and I was told by Mexicans that they were Americans," Trumbo stated in his affidavit.

"No one knew their names. About a quarter of a mile farther on, I saw two more badly decomposed bodies hanging from a tree. I was told they also were Americans."

Conditions became so unbearable that he could not remain in the Mexican state with his family, Trumbo declared in his statements. He and his wife were mistreated and insulted, he said.

Execute Murderers. Telegrams from El Paso state Bernardo and Frickiano Durano, the Mexican cattle thieves involved in killing Bert Akers, an American, yesterday at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, just below the boundary line, will be executed tomorrow at five o'clock, according to an announcement made tonight by Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul here.

"The Durans confessed their crimes and were sentenced to death today," said Mr. Garcia, "and a firing squad will execute the penalty."

Body Brought to El Paso. The body of Akers was brought to El Paso today to await instructions from the widow. Juan Worsbi, the police officer, who was with the American, is held pending investigation.

Was Kentuckian. J. Bert Akers, killed by Mexicans yesterday at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, was a son of P. B. Akers, a prominent farmer near Horse Cave, Ky.

Emissary from Villa at Border. Theodore Prieto, who says he is a major in the Villa army, arrived here today and declared that he had been sent in disguise to the border by General Villa to say that Villa had nothing to do with the massacre of eighteen foreigners at Santa Ysable January 10.

LA CROSSE MAN IS HELD FOR FORGERY

Claims He Is Innocent But Will Return to Set Things Right.

Chief of Police Charles Downing arrested James J. Coleman, who was wanted at La Crosse, Wis., on a charge of obtaining money under false pretense. The information charges Coleman with having forged a check for \$65 and later skipped out for the northwest. In checking his trunk through to Bismarck he left a clue whereby the officials at La Crosse succeeded in obtaining trace of the man wanted. Writing immediately to the chief of police, Downing, giving a description of the man and mailing it so that it arrived here nearly as soon as the alleged forger. Acting upon this information Downing began a search of the down town hostleries and found his man sitting in the lobby of the McKenzie hotel, where the arrest was made.

Will Return to La Crosse. And Coleman says there must be some mistake and that he is willing to return to La Crosse to prove his innocence without the official's having to secure extradition papers. He says further the check must have been written by his brother, whom he has not seen for three years. Officers from La Crosse are on their way to Bismarck to get Coleman.

THE WEATHER

North Dakota: Unsettled; weather Sunday and Monday; probably light snow; colder Monday.

Teddy Wont Allow Use of His Name

Minneapolis, Jan. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, in a letter received today by A. A. D. Rahn of Minneapolis, asks that his name not be used in the Minnesota Republican primaries. Petitions which Mr. Rahn has put in circulation will be recalled, it is announced.

DR. MERRIFIELD DIES SUDDENLY AT PASADENA

Was One of the Greatest Educators North Dakota Has Known.

CONNECTED WITH STATE UNIVERSITY

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 22.—Dr. Webster Merrifield, former president of the University of North Dakota, and who retired from that position in 1909, died today at his home in this place. He leaves surviving him a wife and three children.

Well Known Educator. Dr. Merrifield was born at Williamsville, Vt., July 27, 1852, and was one of the best known educators of the middle west. For many years he had been identified with the most advanced thought along educational lines and saw the University of North Dakota through the trying days of its infancy to the great and well known institution of the present time. He attended school in the town where he was born, and from that place went to Powers and Wilbraham academies in Massachusetts. Later he was graduated from Yale in 1877. Two years later he went to North Dakota and made his home at Grand Forks. He was called back to Yale and served as an instructor in that institution until 1884 when he cast his lot with the University of North Dakota.

Retired Seven Years Ago. After a life filled with labor to build up the University of North Dakota to its well known position among the schools of the west, he retired from school work in 1909 and moved to this state. Here he has made his home since that time. Last June he returned to North Dakota to be present at commencement and at a special day designated as Merrifield day. He later suffered a stroke of paralysis and from that time on has been unable to accomplish much work. Funeral arrangements will be given later.

LIND DISAVOWS WILSON CHARGES

Says Newspaper Accounts of His Remarks Were Misleading.

Minneapolis, Jan. 22.—In reply to a letter from Henry Lane Wilson, former ambassador to Mexico, calling on him to disclaim alleged statements made at a church meeting here that Mr. Wilson knew of the plot to murder Francisco I. Madero, John Lind, former personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, sent to Mr. Wilson the following letter, made public tonight by Charles D. Elliott, Mr. Wilson's local attorney:

"Honorable Henry Lane Wilson, Indianapolis, Indiana: "Dear Sir: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter. "In the course of the address to which you refer I commented on the events which led up to and culminated in the death of President Madero. What I said was stated in good faith in the course of that discussion, and in the full belief of the accuracy of my information. The press reports of my utterances detached from the other language of my remarks are misleading and susceptible of misinterpretation. I was not responsible for their publication, assumed no such responsibility and disavow them. "Very respectfully yours, "Signed: John Lind."

GOV. HANNA CABLES SECRETARY HIS CONDITION

A cablegram received at the capital by C. L. Ziegler from Gov. L. E. Hanna at Christiania, states that the governor is not well enough to return to the United States just now. Also to give the contents of the gram to Mrs. Hanna and cable any information necessary to The Hague, for which place he will soon leave.

GARRISON PLAN IS ENDORSED BY DEFENSE LEAGUE

National Security Association Believes It Sound Policy.

FORMER CABINET MEMBERS IN ACCORD

Root and Stimson Praise Scheme of Reorganizing Federal Army.

Washington, Jan. 22.—An endorsement of Secretary Garrison's efforts toward enlargement of the nation's military forces was voted today by the National Security league with the reservation that the regular mobile army should be even greater than that contemplated in the war department plan and that adequate national defense would depend ultimately on "universal obligatory military training and service."

A greater building program for the navy than has been outlined by the navy department was urged as essential in another resolution adopted.

Organizations to Merge. Steps to co-ordinate the work of the various organizations seeking greater armament was endorsed and it was understood tonight that definite plans had been made for a general consolidation of such organizations in a defense league with Robert Bacon, former secretary of state, as its president.

Besides the National Security league, societies expected to enter the new organization, includes the Navy league, the Army league, the American Defense society, the Aero Club of America, and many others, which have joined in the movement for preparedness.

Root Endorses Plan. Adoption of the resolution followed endorsement of Secretary Garrison's program as the first sound step toward adequate preparedness by Elihu Root and Henry L. Stimson, both former secretaries of war in republican administrations.

At a banquet tonight concluding the three-day meeting of the league, Geo. W. Wickersham, attorney general in President Taft's cabinet, advocated universal military service and immediate repeal of the law under which the National Guard would be called into service in advance of volunteers.

Senator Lodge's Opinion. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking member of the republican committee, praised Secretary Garrison's efforts to secure military increases, but declared he favored a greater military program, calling for a regular army of at least 210,000 and a reserve of 1,000,000.

"I quite agree that it is not a party question," said Mr. Lodge. "But I will say this, that if those gentlemen of either party or of both parties who are now standing in the way of national defense do not look to themselves a party will arise somewhere that will carry national defense through."

National policies of the United States, particularly maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine, an open door in the Orient, supremacy on the Pacific and Asiatic exclusion can be upheld only by force. Brigadier General Mont McComb, president of the Army War college, told the senate military committee today. The tradition that entangling alliances should be avoided, he declared, further emphasized the necessity that the United States be prepared to fight alone for its ideals.

PERSIA SINKING STILL A MYSTERY

Both Germany and Austria Disclaim Culpability of Their Submarines.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The state department virtually has abandoned hope of determining what destroyed the British steamship, Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean with the loss of two American lives.

Austro-Hungary and Germany have disclaimed responsibility for the disaster and affidavits of survivors being inconclusive, but one avenue of information remains open. This is through the British government, which had in its possession affidavits of members of the crew.

The opinion prevails, however, that if conclusive proof that the Persia was torpedoed was contained in the affidavits mentioned of the fact would have been made before this time by the British government.

SUBMARINE FLOATED

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 22.—The submarine H-3, which ran aground on Mudd flat yesterday, was pulled off today by the mother ship Cheyenne. She was reported to be undamaged.

SIX KILLED IN SNOW SLIDE ON GREAT NORTHERN

Two Cars Hurlled Down Cascades Near Seattle by an Avalanche.

COACHES SLIDE DOWN MOUNTAIN

Only Fifteen Passengers Were Injured; None Seriously.

Seattle, Jan. 22.—Early tonight four bodies had been recovered from the day coach of the westbound Great Northern Cascade Limited train, two cars of which were struck by an avalanche near Corea Station, on the west slope of the Cascade mountains, and carried down the mountain side today.

A ten-year-old boy is missing and it is feared he is dead. Still another passenger, name not known, has not been found. The railroad company says the total list of dead will not exceed six.

Fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously, except Ernest Smith, of Spokane, a small boy. The injured were taken to the hotel at Scenic, a few miles below Corea, and cared for by physicians. The injured and uninjured passengers were brought to Seattle tonight. None of the train crew or dining car employees was killed.

Held At Corea. The train was held at Corea by a small slide. When the track was about cleared an avalanche broke from the mountain and caught the dining car and day coach. They went down the mountain side like chips, and the diner caught fire and was destroyed.

Concrete snow sheds were erected on the approaches to the Cascade tunnel following the tragedy of February 28, 1910, when 1800 passenger trains were swept from the track by a snowslide near the scene of the present accident. Railroad engineers believe that all points liable to be reached by slides are protected.

Peter Saver of Leavenworth, Wash., was in the smoking car when the avalanche struck the train. At first, he thought there had been a collision. The car began to rise and all passengers rushed to the front to get out. He looked out of the window and saw the chair car and dining car tumble over, slid many feet and then burst into flames. All those escaping injuries rushed to extricate the passengers buried in the snow.

WOMAN FORCED TO GO WITH NEGRO

Abandons Home and Family to Save Relatives From Mulatto's Revenge.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 22.—Police officials throughout southern California have been asked to aid in a search for Mrs. Viola Hood, 28 years of age, wife of a San Diego hotel proprietor, and who it is alleged was forced by Raymond Dadds, a mulatto, to leave her husband and flee with him from this city. Dadds formerly a chauffeur in the employ of Hood, is alleged to have threatened to kill the Hoods and Mrs. Hood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. McPherson, if she did not accompany him.

Investigation by local police has revealed that a woman answering the description of Mrs. Hood purchased a ticket for Los Angeles yesterday, and five minutes later a negro who fitted Dadds' description appeared with two suitcases.

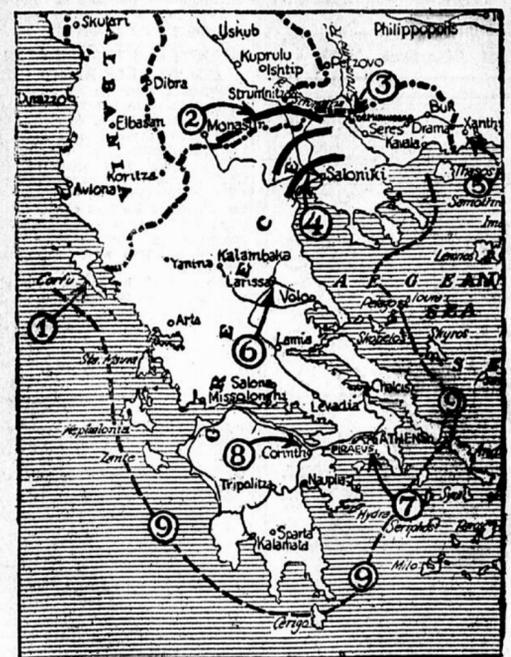
Had Taken Only Course. This morning, Hood said he received a telegram from his wife, at Los Angeles, which read: "I have taken the only course open to keep my family from death and I am leaving here right now. I will write again soon. Go to Mama; she will tell you all. Brace up; you cannot suffer more than I am, or have been. Tell the people we had trouble and I left. With love, good-bye."

Discharged For Theft. Dadds is 6 feet 5 inches in height, and about 30 years old. According to the police, he was dismissed from Hood's employ for alleged theft. After his discharge, it is alleged, he declared he would "get even" with Hood.

MISS WISON LEAVES HOSPITAL

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—Miss Margaret Wilson, (President Wilson's daughter, left the hospital today, where on January 13, she underwent an operation for the removal of adenoids and both tonsils. The operation was successful in every respect, it was stated.

HOW WARRING POWERS HEM GREECE IN



1—Allies seize winter palace of Emperor Wilhelm on Corfu and occupy island. 2—Austro-German-Bulgar forces massed on Serb-Greek frontier for attack on Allies before Saloniki. 3—Allies at Saloniki cut rail communication with northeastern Greece by blowing up bridge across Struma river at Demirhisar to prevent advance of Bulgars and Turks from Xanthi. Action also isolates Greek army corps in this section of kingdom. 4—Allies' line before Saloniki to resist advance of Teuton-Bulgar armies. 5—Turks reported to have massed 400 guns and large forces withdrawn from Gallipoli at Xanthi on eastern Greek-Bulgar frontier. 6—Reported Greek government has removed official archives from Athens ultimatum to Greece. 7—Allies land troops at Phaleron and Piraeus, near Athens. 8—Allies reported to have landed forces at Corinth, 48 miles west of Athens. 9—Anglo-French fleet tightens blockade of Greek coast and is searching inlets and islands for German submarine bases.

WOULD BAR JAP LABOR

Immigration Bill Proposes Stringent Rules on Immigration of Asiatics.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Drastic restrictions would be thrown about the immigration of the Japanese to the United States, and both Hindus and Chinese virtually would be barred from the country by a provision that has been written into the immigration bill to be reported to the house next week by the committee.

The new features relating to immigrants from Japan would have their most far-reaching effect in the expectation of committee members in shutting off effectively the influx of Japanese laborers, whose competition with American labor on the Pacific coast has aroused a pronounced anti-Asiatic sentiment.

As agreed upon tentatively by the committee, the exclusion section of the bill includes a paragraph barring "Hindus and all persons of the Mongolian or Yellow Race, and the Malay or Brown Race." Before a report is made to the house, however, a proposed qualification probably will be added, providing that there shall be such exemptions as may be set forth in any existing agreement as to passports or by treaties, conventions or agreements that may hereafter be entered into.

Exclusion of Chinese and Japanese students, business men, travelers and certain other excepted classes is not anticipated by members of the committee.

YUMA VALLEY IS FLOODED

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 22.—Yuma valley was covered to a depth of from one to four feet by flood water from the Colorado river tonight, as a result of the breaking of the government levees near here today. The city of Yuma was in darkness and without a supply of water, as the plant supply ing gas, electricity and water were flooded.

A citizens' committee was maintaining order here, Mayor Charles Moore having died of heart failure during the excitement that prevailed shortly after the levees gave away.

Business houses in the main street here were flooded to a depth of four feet by the water and many of the older buildings were washed away or badly damaged. Residents were sent to the hills.

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM THE WAR ZONES

Montenegro Denies Having Considered Surrender to the Teutons.

MILITARY AGE LIMIT INCREASED FIVE YEARS

Parliament of Greece to Open With Speech From the King.

London, Jan. 22.—On none of the major fronts of the field of war in Europe are notable military operations in progress so far as the official reports show. Not even from Montenegro have there come additional reports of fighting following advice that hostilities had been resumed.

Situation Clouded. The Montenegro situation remains somewhat clouded in view of the conflicting statements that came respectively from Teutonic and Entente allied quarters. Vienna declares that the Montenegrins are proceeding with the laying down of their arms as agreed upon, but that the difficulty of communication, together with other factors, are making the process a slow one.

Repeated denials come from Montenegrin sources that they had capitulated, one official statement from Rome even declaring that no negotiations preliminary to peace with Austria were ever entered into.

Conflicting Reports. "Latest reports from the Austro-Hungarian press bureau," says the Overseas News agency, "state that the negotiation regarding the places where the Montenegrins shall lay down their arms will be closed within a few hours. Also that an agreement will be reached regarding the location where they will be provided with food and housed."

"All this, it is explained, will take a certain amount of time because of the difficulty of communication, which will also influence to some degree the general disposition of the population."

"It is further reported that King Nicholas in a manifesto to his people urges the citizens of Cetinje to receive the army of Emperor Francis Joseph as if its arrival were an occasion for popular rejoicing, for this is in the interest of the country and the wish of the king."

No Change. From the northern front in Russia to Bessarabia there are no changes in positions of the various forces. According to the official report indications are that the Russians have again ceased for a time at least, their attacks on the Austrians near the southern end of the line, while Berlin mentions only artillery action in sectors where German troops are holding the front.

A dispatch to the Havaas agency from Athens, under date of Friday, states that the Greek chamber of deputies will commence work on Monday, with the usual speech from the throne, the government reserving its declaration on the political situation until later.

A decree will be issued Sunday by the Austrian government extending the military age limit from fifty to fifty-five years. The levy above fifty years will be employed for garrison or other like services.

Russian torpedo boats in the Black sea have announced the sinking of two Turkish ships.

Submerged Dutch Steamer. The Dutch steamer Apollo, of 799 tons, was sunk last night near Gibraltar by the army of Emperor Francis Joseph as if its arrival were an occasion for popular rejoicing, for this is in the interest of the country and the wish of the king.

Serbs At Corfu. A dispatch from Athens states the Greek government, according to announcement here, sees no objection to the temporary establishment of the Serbian government at Corfu.

King Nicholas at Brindisi. King Nicholas of Montenegro has arrived at Brindisi, on his way to Lyons, according to a dispatch to the Stefani bureau. Prince Mirko and three cabinet ministers will remain in Montenegro at the request of the army, which has been placed in command of General Tukovitch, and will continue the fight in an endeavor to join the Serbians in Albania and cooperate with their allies defending Albania with headquarters at Scutari.

Bank Monopoly. Reports from Berlin say the Bundsrath has adopted a measure creating a monopoly under the auspices of the Reich bank for buying and selling foreign exchange. Besides the Reich bank, twenty-five of the leading Berlin, Frankfurt and Hamburg banks will participate in the monopoly.

Another Vessel Sunk. The British steamer Trawman, 2,665 tons, has been sunk. The crew has been landed.

Train Bandits Get \$70,000. Newton, Ia., Jan. 22.—Bank drafts with an estimated value of \$70,000 and a small amount of money were in a mail pouch stolen and rifled here after the outbound mail left the post-office last night. Three arrests were made today.