

PUBLIC FEELING RUNS HIGH ON THE BORDER

Over the Murder of William Benton by General Villa, a Rebel Leader.

MURDERED LIKE A DOG Says a Telegram from Texas and Villa Did Act in Person It Says.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—General Villa telegraphed Roberto V. Pesquera, Constitutionalist agent here as follows: "The attention of the commanding general of the division of the north having been drawn to the published report in respect to the recent execution of William S. Benton, he desires to know that the account of the authorities in that case was entirely justified by the laws and usages of war."

"There is absolutely no doubt but that Benton, a Huerta sympathizer and a murderer of Mexican citizens deliberately attempted an act of violence against the person and life of the commanding general and for that reason, in accordance with the laws and usages of war, he was tried by a military tribunal constituted for that purpose, and executed pursuant to its sentence, a proceeding sustained by American and Europe precedents."

DEMANDING DETAILS OF MURDER OF BENTON.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 21.—The official announcement that William S. Benton, a British subject, had been executed by Mexican rebels at Juarez Tuesday night, has led to a series of questions at a mass meeting here concerning the United States government for its handling of Mexican affairs; exchange of shots between members of the Thirteenth United States Cavalry and a score or more of Mexicans, and uncertainty as to the fate of Gustav Baugh, an American, and two Englishmen, John Lawrence and a man named Curtis, were the developments of the last twenty-four hours.

Following in rapid succession these incidents served to bring public feeling to a high pitch and today every official agency was engaged in bringing to light further details. The American consul, Thomas D. Edwards, was officially informed that Gustav Baugh, who was reported executed as a spy last night, had merely been removed from the Laredo street barracks to another lockup and the consul was assured that probably he would be released in a day or two. The accusations against Baugh so far as could be learned, simmered down during the trial to the charge that he had assisted in repairing locomotives for the federals. Baugh is a railroad mechanic.

DIAZ NOT TO ALLY SELF WITH REBELS' LEADERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Felix Diaz, who helped bring about the downfall of Madero but later had to flee from Mexico for his life, arrived here today from Havana. He declared that he had no intention of allying himself with Carranza and Villa and declined to discuss what plans, if any, he had for regaining the power he once had in Mexico. Friends who accompanied him in his exile, said he left Havana because he feared the hostility of the Huertans, who had already made an attempt to kill him since he fled from Vera Cruz.

AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE IS SOON TO BE DEMANDED

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The British government, up to noon today, had not taken any action in regard to the execution at Juarez of William S. Benton, the Scottish ranchman, beyond instructing Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British ambassador at Washington, to obtain from Secretary Bryan all possible information on the affair. Although the tragedy had created a sensation throughout the British Isles, it has not aroused any disposition in the part of responsible members of the British government to change their policy in regard to Mexico. There is no commitment of the fact, however, that a murderer of British subjects in Mexico unless followed by punishment of indemnity, are likely to attract public opinion here that the British government will demand that the British government take a more aggressive attitude. In its official attitude Great Britain is looking to the United States government to protect British subjects and had no doubt that the United States will do its best. The members of the British government consider that the recog-

FEDERAL OFFICE IS TO COME HERE

GLASS BUSINESS

Conditions in General Continue to Be Satisfactory Glass-worker Says.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—The Commission says: General business conditions continue to be quite satisfactory in window glass circles. Orders are coming in rather freely and affairs appear to be progressing nicely. Production of various factories and very few reports of a pessimistic nature have been received. All indications point to a continuance of the present steady run for some time to come. With the advent of less rigorous weather it is thought that the placing of further orders for glass will be greatly stimulated. There is nothing out of the ordinary to record, as far as the business transacted during the last week is concerned, and affairs are pursuing the even tenor of their way.

LAUNDRYMEN

Of Two States are to Hold Their Annual Meeting in the City of Parkersburg.

The annual convention of the Virginia and West Virginia Laundrymen's Association will be held at Parkersburg March 9 and 10, and laundrymen there are making preparations in connection with the occasion. The result will be that the visiting delegates will be shown a good time while in that city, as some very pleasant affairs will be arranged for their benefit outside of business sessions, when they will be given an opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of their Parkersburg brethren and of the citizens generally, all of whom are in favor of civic righteousness and cleanliness, and as the laundrymen are exponents of the latter they will be given a welcome. It is expected that all the laundrymen of the two states will be represented at the convention.

WAITRESS IS SHOT BY A JEALOUS MAN

In a Restaurant and Then He Fires a Bullet into One of His Own Lungs.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 21.—Becoming suddenly frenzied through jealousy, the police say, Carl Kinlock, 38 years old, an automobile salesman, today smashed fishes in a restaurant and then shot up the place, killing one waitress and seriously injuring another with whom he had been infatuated. Then he turned the revolver on himself with probably fatal effect. The restaurant is in the heart of the retail shopping district. Kinlock suddenly rose from a table and began shooting at Ora Griffin, 20, with whom he had been infatuated. A bullet struck her in the side, but he kept on shooting at her as other patrons of the place and waitresses rushed for the doors and dodged behind tables.

When Anna Phillips, 55, fell with a bullet through the back Kinlock exclaimed, "She got all I have and I might as well go to hell," and shot himself through the lung. The Phillips woman, who did not know Kinlock, died in a few minutes. Kinlock's aunt, who lives in Brooklyn, said she had two wives living in New York state, one in Albany and the other in Troy.

MURDERS WIFE

Former Hotel Man at Bradford Takes the Life of Wife in a Brutal Manner.

DANESVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Simon G. Cooney, of Bradford, Pa., killed his wife at a sanitarium here today. Cooney, unperturbed, announced the fact to the clerk. Investigation resulted in the finding of Mrs. Cooney's body in the room assigned the couple on their arrival last night. Examination today by Dr. Arthur Jackson indicated that Cooney was suffering from acute mania. Cooney was later arraigned before Police Justice Anderson. He waived examination and was sent to the county jail. He told the police that early today he and his wife quarreled. He snatched a picture from the wall and with it killed her to the floor. He formerly conducted the Capitol hotel at Bradford. Allen D. Fitzhugh was a business visitor here from Bridgeport Saturday.

Parkersburg Fights Hard against Transfer of Marshal's Headquarters.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 21.—With the appointment of Clarence E. Smith, the Fairmont editor, to the marshaling of the Northern district of this state, comes the rumor from authentic quarters that the new marshal will move the marshal's office from this city to Clarksburg.

No sooner had the rumor materialized than the local board of commerce "got busy" to use an expressive or "stangy" term. Friday Secretary Radeker sent out letters to Senators Chilton and Goff and also to Congressman Moss, in which the board urged glass continues up to the mark in the various factories and very few reports of a pessimistic nature have been received. All indications point to a continuance of the present steady run for some time to come. With the advent of less rigorous weather it is thought that the placing of further orders for glass will be greatly stimulated. There is nothing out of the ordinary to record, as far as the business transacted during the last week is concerned, and affairs are pursuing the even tenor of their way.

Among the arguments advanced against the proposed removal is that there is no fit place for the office in Clarksburg, where the federal quarters in the postoffice are already vastly overcrowded, barely furnishing room for Deputy United States Clerk Harrison's office, in addition to the court room and the straightened quarters allotted to the judge.

BURNED TO DEATH

Is a Civil War Veteran from Dayton, O., in a Shanty in City of Pittsburg.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—William Ucraft, an aged veteran of the Civil War, who recently came here from Dayton, O., to see a dying brother and who has since been living in a shanty in a lonely part of O'Hara township, was burned to death today when the shanty was destroyed by fire.

HOTEL CHANGE.

CASSAWAY, Feb. 21.—A. L. Williams, proprietor of the Valley hotel which was recently destroyed by fire, has purchased the Hotel Gassaway from Mrs. M. S. Disharoon and has taken charge of it.

NEGRO KILLED

And Nine Other Men and Women Are Injured in Coasting Accident at Morgantown.

MORGANTOWN, Feb. 21.—One man was killed and nine other men and women painfully injured early this morning when a bobbed on which they were coasting veered from its course and struck the curb going at a rate of fifty miles an hour. The dead man is Tom Walker, a hotel chef. All are negroes. Walker was catapulted against a telephone pole and instantly killed. The accident occurred about 1 o'clock two hours after the police had been instructed by the mayor to stop all coasting.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT

Is to Be Met by His Nephew in Spain as He Comes Home from South America.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Theodore Douglas Robinson, nephew of Theodore Roosevelt and chairman of the New York State Progressive committee, sailed for Europe today where he will meet the Colonel during the latter part of April. Colonel Roosevelt, now in South America, intends to arrive in Spain during that month. Mr. Robinson came to make a prophecy as to whether Roosevelt would be the Progressive nominee for governor next fall. "There's no telling, I'm sure," he said. "You know the colonel is usually guided by the will of the people. As it now stands he plans to aid congressional candidates in Maine and Pennsylvania. I don't doubt he will be in the thick of the fight for Progressive principles."

THREE KILLED.

ROME, Feb. 21.—Three persons were killed and six seriously injured in a railway collision today near Grosseto. There were eleven Americans on one of the trains but none of them suffered any injury.

LAUNDRY BURNED.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—Fire today destroyed the laundry plant of Mohr Brothers on the Northside with a loss of \$75,000.



ORDERS

Or Decrees Are Entered in a Number of Cases in Circuit Court of County.

In the circuit court Saturday the appointment of Alexander Henderson, Robert Sedwick, Henry Lewis, John Booker, J. L. Ruffin, F. C. Robinson, J. H. Clay, Frank Wells and Burdell Dingerfield as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, colored, was confirmed. Judgment for \$443.96 was given Spang and Company against the Elk Grove Realty Company. Judgment for \$8,000 upon a verdict several months ago was given Schaffner Brothers against the National Supply Company.

A consent decree was entered in the cause of Levi Leeson against the Bastown Glass Company and others. Final decree was entered in the cause of John A. Heldreth against Samuel Swiger. Cuthbert A. Osborn, Thomas C. Swiger and Austin H. Davison were appointed commissioners to partition lands in the cause of May Shaver against Anna Pinnell and an order of reference was made.

Cuthbert A. Osborn, Ernest L. Pigott and Cree M. Bartlett were appointed commissioners to partition lands in the cause of Lloyd M. Terwick against Mary Millan et al. The general receiver of the court was directed to pay certain funds to Edward B. Robinson, guardian, and to Girtle Hurst.

The chancery cause of the Home Bank for Savings against Rachel N. Freeman et al was submitted on final hearing. A divorce was granted Florence Ashcraft from Sylvester Ashcraft on payment of costs. The Tajani Company took judgment for \$510.62 against E. M. Williams. An ejectment suit by Garrett and Arnett against the Sixth Penn Oil Company was dismissed.

FOR NEW CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

WESTON, Feb. 21.—The Catholic congregation has purchased the Turner, Ward and Alfred properties on Center avenue for \$28,900 and will erect a new church edifice and parochial school upon it.

AN APPEAL

Will Be Taken to the Supreme Court No Matter Who Wins in the Thaw Case.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 21.—The grounds on which the state of New York seeks the return of Harry Thaw to answer to a charge of conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Matteawan were set forth by William T. Jerome in the federal court today. Mr. Jerome asked the permission to file supplementary briefs and was given ten days to do so. Thaw's counsel will reply ten days thereafter. Judge Aldrich then will render his decision and an appeal will be taken immediately by one side or the other to the supreme court of the United States.

GIFF TO ATTEND.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 21.—In a letter to Governor Hatfield, Senator Nathan Goff has assured the governor that he will be here next Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Republican state committee and that Senator Cummings of Iowa may be here.

TENDERLOIN PLAY GETS BY CENSORS

Officials Require Private Exhibition of "House of Bondage" at Morgantown.

After a lengthy discussion during which each questionable scene in the films was thoroughly gone over, the city and county officials, who at the request of Mayor Stewart gathered in the Swisher theater at Morgantown yesterday afternoon to witness a private exhibition of "The House of Bondage," the "white slave" photoplay billed for two days at the theater there, it was decided that the pictures are not ones to be barred from exhibition under the city ordinance prohibiting the representation of immoral scenes or characters in any public place, and the show will go on as scheduled.

The private inspection of the films consumed more than two hours, and was carried on behind locked doors. Prosecuting Attorney Goodwin contended that there is one scene in the play which should by all means be eliminated. The scene in particular takes place in a house of New York's tenderloin and is claimed by the producers of the play to be a faithful portrayal of conditions existing today.

The suggestion was made that all boys and girls under 16 years of age be barred from admittance. Mr. Goodwin promptly put the quietus on this suggestion by stating that if this were done it would be a practical admission on the part of the officials that the play is an immoral one. In the opinion of the consensus of opinion seemed to be that while the play might be immoral in some features, the end justified the means, and as the pictures are supposed to teach a great moral, they will be shown.

"The House of Bondage" has been booked for the Robinson Grand theater here Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

POSTAL MATTERS KEEP THEM BUSY

NEWSBOY HURT

Johnnie Goldsboro, Jr., Cuts His Hand Badly While Sled Riding.

Johnnie Goldsboro, Jr., aged 12 years, a newsboy for the Daily Telegram, suffered a serious injury to his left hand about 8 o'clock last night while sled riding on Mechanic street near Water street. In an attempt to stop the sled the young boy put his hand on the curb. His hand came in contact with the jagged edges of a broken bottle and four of the leaders in his hand were pierced by the glass. He was rushed to a hospital where he was given medical attention. He was taken to his home about midnight, where he is resting easier today.

OWLS TO MEET.

Members of Clarksburg Nest No. 1,552 of the Order of Owls are asked to meet at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Williams hall on Second street.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Galliano Scarrati and Rosina Florumby of Torrington.

EPIDEMIC OF MUMPS

Is So Serious in London That Lively Business is Done Insuring Persons.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—An epidemic of mumps has become so serious in London that lively business is being done insuring business men against the disease. Mumps is not on the list of notifiable contagious diseases and the result has been that during the present period of cold damp weather the epidemic has gone like wildfire through the office district of the city. One physician has written to the papers protesting against the levity with which the outbreak has been treated by the press. He asserts that the only funny thing about the disease is its name and concludes that since there are no specifics against the mumps once acquired, strong preventive measures should be taken.

SILVER REVALUED

At the College of Oxford, Some of Which is Very Old and Quite Valuable.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The colleges at Oxford have been having their silver revalued. The total valuation has been given but it may run into many thousands of dollars. One or two colleges are said to have silver to the value of \$100,000. Practically all this was given by old members of the colleges, it being for many years the regular custom for members to give a benefaction of plate when they graduated. Many of the treasures are of great value, having been in the possession of the colleges from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

CATTLE DISEASE

On Americans' Ranches in Mexico to Be Looked into by a Federal Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture, at the request of Congressman Neely, is trying to assist the American owner of a couple of cattle ranches in Mexico. John S. Robinson, of Smithfield, Wetzell county, owns two ranches near Vera Cruz, Mexico, on which he has hundreds of cattle. His stock has been dying recently of some mysterious disease, being suddenly attacked and dying in a few hours after the attack. The Mexican government has undertaken to ascertain what is the matter but has failed. Mr. Robinson has had samples of the blood of the cattle sent to Washington, but the representatives of the Department of Agriculture have been unable to ascertain any cause for the illness. It is now thought a search for poison will be made, to see if the loss of stock is the result of any foul play.

STEAMER ASHORE

In Severe Northeast Gale South of Cape Henry But Crew is Taken Off.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—The British steamer, Riverside, Captain Lormer, from Port Arthur, Tex., to Rotterdam, with lumber, is ashore near Little Island, where she struck last night. The Riverside was bound for ashore about twelve miles south of Cape Henry in a severe northeast gale. The crew was taken off in the breaches buoy and life boats.

CIVIL SERVICE AMOUNTS TO NOTHING NOW

And Official Orders Are Issued Mere for Purpose of Hoodwinking the People.

CASE AT INDEPENDENCE

As Finally Acted on by the Postmaster General Emphasize These Facts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Florence R. Bailey has been appointed postmistress at Independence in Preston county. Her recommendation of Congressman Brown. It is only a fourth-class postoffice, but furnished a fair sample of how much of a fight a community can get into over the filling of a small government job. It is one of the very many of its kind which Congressman Brown has had on his mind since the Wilson administration came into power. It also serves to illustrate how much the very recent official order issued by Postmaster General Burleson (referred to at the time in this correspondence) may be regarded as being a sincere effort not to apply the list to this particular class of postmasters in the order of their averages, with no regard whatsoever to their politics, unless charges were preferred and proven which would make the appointment hurtful to the efficiency of the service; and in such cases as this the next person on the list should be appointed, and so on.

Jason Rogers, a school teacher at Independence, headed the list with the highest average. Mrs. Bailey stood in second place. Rogers is a Republican and Mrs. Bailey is the wife of a very active Democratic committeeman. While Rogers was born in Preston county, he had resided at Independence but two years. It was charged that he was a non-resident, and on that charge, wholly untrue, Congressman Brown was permitted to recommend Mrs. Bailey for the job and she has been appointed. A petition signed by every male resident of Independence except the other applicants for the position, and one other, denying the flimsy charge against Rogers was filed in his behalf by Representative Sutherland, who had recommended Rogers for the position. This just one of the countless cases wherein the civil service laws are made a laughing stock of, and official orders are shown to be nothing except false and insincere utterances published to hoodwink the people.

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