

## GENERAL VILLA'S CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS HELD AS EVIDENCE THAT HE MURDERED BENTON

### American Government Tries to Show Rebel Leader Error of Refusal

### RECEIVE WORD THE BODY MAY BE HAD

### Ten More Americans Missing and Bauch Is Said to Have Been Hanged

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—General Villa's proposal for an American examination of the body of William S. Benton, the English ranchman he executed at Juarez, without permitting its removal from Mexico, has been accepted by this government without waiving, however, any further movement to demand its delivery on American soil.

British Consul Perceval, at Galveston, Texas, was today to proceed to El Paso at once, where he is expected to arrive tomorrow to go to the grave in Juarez with a delegation of Americans. Major General Scott, commanding the United States troops there, will detail an American army surgeon and other officers to accompany the British consul. A member of Benton's family will be taken with the party.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Further representations were made by the American government today to General Francisco Villa pointing out the importance of giving up the body of William S. Benton, the Englishman recently executed at Juarez, whose death is being officially investigated by both the United States and Great Britain.

Immediately on the receipt of word from Consul Letcher at Chihuahua that Benton's body would be exhumed for the benefit of Benton's widow and relatives, who could visit the cemetery with an American representative, a second request went forth to Villa asking that the body be turned over to the widow on American territory.

Villa's refusal to accede to the request for the body has not met with favor by officials here, who are seeking now to impress on him, through Consul Letcher, the importance the world generally will attach to such a refusal.

General Carranza, chief of all the constitutionalist forces is expected in Juarez within a week. It is understood here that he will take charge of an investigation of the Benton case on his own account.

On the character of the wounds found on proof of Villa's version of the killing, if the body is found riddled with rifle bullets, officials think the story of an execution after a court martial will be confirmed, and attention then will be further directed to a point now carefully being investigated as to whether Benton had committed crimes as Villa charges, and was of a disposition to fight with fire arms.

Indications were today that the investigation would last for several days with no final judgment until all the facts had been gathered. Officials regard the delivery of the body as of first importance however.

Secretary Bryan visited the white house before going to his office to read over-night dispatches. He made no comment on the situation.

### Latest Official Reports.

White house officials, after Secretary Bryan had left, stated in regard to the status of the inquiry for Benton's body that:

"Two dispatches were received yesterday, one from Consul Agent Carothers saying Villa would not permit a view of the body 'at this time' but would do so later. That message came during the afternoon.

"Late last night a message was received from Consul Letcher at Chihuahua, who had been in personal conference with him. He reported that Villa was willing to have the widow and relatives of Benton see the body when it was exhumed and that their visit would be permitted in the presence of representatives to be designated by the American government."

"The change in Villa's attitude as reflected in these two messages, it was said was the result of representations made by the United States that his attitude was not satisfactory. The United States will designate an army surgeon as one of its representatives and an examination of the body will be made, according to white house officials.

While apparently satisfied that an opportunity for medical examination of the body has been made, the latest representations to Villa request that after the examination the body be delivered to the widow for burial wherever she may wish.

The state department is hopeful that through General Carranza, Villa's

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## Britons Awaiting Safe Conduct For Consul Perceval

London, Feb. 25.—The British government, it was announced today, is still awaiting an answer from the state department at Washington to its request that the United States government secure a safe conduct from General Villa to enable Consul Perceval of Galveston, to participate in the investigation into the death of William S. Benton at Juarez. Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs, stated today in the house of commons that the foreign office was not prepared to order Mr. Perceval to leave El Paso for the dangerous districts of Mexico until it had received some assurance that he would be safe in doing so.

## NORRIS CHARGES GRAFT

### Congressman Says Stockholders of New Haven Have Been Robbed: Asks Investigation.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The Norris resolution calling on the attorney general for information regarding the New Haven dissolution agreement was virtually defeated in the senate today, being laid on the table.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Senator Norris of Nebraska, author of a resolution calling on Attorney General McReynolds to submit certain information bearing on the negotiations between the dominant police officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad on the proposed reorganization of the system today attempted to bring the measure to a final vote. Several members were disposed to continue debate however, and Senator Lodge had announced his intention to speak on the resolution.

Norris' statement that the stockholders of the company had been misled of \$200,000,000 drew caustic comment and criticism from New England congressmen.

## FIGHT ON GOETHALS BILL

### Rival Delegations Go To Albany to Give Views of Increase of the Police Chief's Power.

New York, Feb. 25.—Rival delegations went to Albany today to appear at the legislative hearing on the so-called Goethals' police bills. Mayor Mitchell headed a group of prominent citizens who wished to see the bills passed. William B. Ellison, a former corporation counsel, was the chief representative of the opposition, which is backed by organizations in the police department.

The purpose of the bills is to enlarge the powers of the New York police commissioner. They were introduced to pave the way for Col. George W. Goethals to accept this offer.

## ALLEGED RIOTER IS FOUND GUILTY

Oskaloosa, Feb. 25.—Mark Bosworth was today found guilty of malicious injury to the electric railway company after the jury had been out only two hours. Bosworth is alleged to have participated in the Oskaloosa street car riots last November at the time when the strike breakers were driven from the cars and much property was destroyed by the mob. Bosworth was indicted and tried in the Mahaska county court. Seven other defendants are under indictment.

## ACCUSED OF HITTING WOMAN WITH POKER

Atlantic, Feb. 25.—Lee Carson is in the county jail, awaiting the action of the grand jury at the April term on the charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury on Mrs. Gillie Gould at her home. The assault, it is alleged, was made Saturday night. It is claimed that Carson struck Mrs. Gould on the head with a stove poker.

## HUNTING MARAUDERS.

Muscatine, Feb. 25.—Local authorities are looking for three youths who broke into five cottages at Geneva Island, the summer colony north of here and wantonly wrecked the interiors of the buildings.

## TO BURY LOUISA MAN.

Wapello, Feb. 25.—The funeral of W. T. Williamson, one of the best known residents of Louisa county, who was born in the county March 15, 1845, will be held from the home tomorrow. The local G. A. R. will have charge of the services.

## Refusal to Produce Body of British Subject Taken as Proof of Crime

### INVESTIGATION IS NOW AT STANDSTILL

### Carranza Adviser Warns the Rebel General to Make Whole Thing Clear

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 25.—Official confirmation of the hanging of Clemente Vergara, American citizen by Mexican federalists near Hidalgo, Mexico, was received today by United States Consul Garrett at Nevo Laredo. The report said Vergara's body is still hanging three miles from Hidalgo. Consul Garrett immediately left for the scene.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 25.—Interest in the case of William S. Benton, who was executed by General Villa at Juarez eight days ago, centered today in the arrival of Charles Perceval, British consul at Galveston, who was expected here today to make a thorough investigation. His efforts to find out just how Benton was killed, it is said, will bring a definite statement from General Villa at Chihuahua as to what may be done with the body. Reports of Villa's intentions were vague and varied last night, ranging from a flat refusal to deliver the body, to permission to relatives to visit the grave. It was reported also that he would permit an examination of the body later.

### Talks of Sacrilege.

In a telegram to one of his subordinates at Juarez, General Villa was reported as saying:

"I will not give up the body out of respect to the dead. It was interred with all religious ceremonies and a cross erected over it and I will not allow the sacrifice of its removal."

United States secret service operatives said they had received information which they did not make public that indicated that Gustav Bauch, the missing German-American has met a fate similar to Benton's.

Constitutionalists today expressed their pleasure over the reported voluntary surrender yesterday of the federal gumbat Tampico, with its crew, to constitutionalist officials at Topolampam. The surrender of the Tampico gave the rebels their first armed vessel.

Louis Cabrera, Carranza's confidential agent, visited the rebel officials at Juarez yesterday and is reported to have done some very plain speaking with reference to the Benton and Bauch matters.

"We must clear up these matters no matter how black they may turn against us," Cabrera told his fellow revolutionists. "Delay only makes things worse. It is like a snow ball growing constantly larger."

As a result of this conference, two rebel officials left Juarez last night on a special train and arrived at Chihuahua this morning after an unusually fast run. Cabrera's representations will be placed before Villa if plans do not miscarry. It is hoped that he will convince that his seeming policy of evasion is a mistaken one.

Consul Edward at Juarez and Geo. C. Carothers, special agent of the state department, were without definite information as to Bauch and as to Benton's body today.

### Took Body to Chihuahua.

A newspaper special last night quoted Villa as saying that he took Benton's body to Chihuahua with him. If so, Consul Letcher of that city has no information as to where it was buried. Also he has no trace of Bauch.

In the case of the latter, Villa officials agreed to the state department's request that Bauch would not be removed from the border. Accord-

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## EFFORT MADE TO LOOT TREASURY

### Four Bandits Invade State Capitol Building and Dynamite the Safe

### CHARGE FAILS TO BLOW DOOR OPEN

### After Second Trial Bandits Quit in Disgust; Night Watchmen Gagged

Des Moines, Feb. 25.—An unsuccessful attempt to dynamite the vault in the state treasurer's office here was made early today, after two of the state house watchmen had been bound and gagged. The safe blowers shortly before daybreak left the capitol building with only \$5, which they took from a cash drawer in the treasurer's office.

The safe contained about \$7,600 in currency and more than a million dollars worth of securities, including \$200,000 worth of capitol extension bonds, according to William C. Brown, state treasurer.

Two separate explosions were caused around the door of the vault. The watchmen who were overpowered were Mills Russell and George Carpenter. A. J. Gay, another watchman, was said by the police investigating the affair to have been "peacefully asleep in the supreme court room," while the attempted robbery was in progress.

The cracksmen, four in number and masked, entered the building about midnight. After binding and gagging the watchmen, they drilled four holes in the vault and set off the charges which failed to open the door.

After they had left Russell succeeded in releasing himself from his bonds and telephoned the police who immediately began work on the case.

### Watchmen Overpowered.

Detectives working on the case today said there was considerable mystery as to how the bandits got into the capitol building. They were hid in the board of parole rooms when Watchman Russell, an old soldier came along. Without warning, Russell said, they jumped upon him, overpowered and tied and gagged him, and dragged him into the treasury offices, where they immediately began work on the vault.

Two of the men were posted as lookouts and as Watchman Carpenter, also an old soldier came along on his rounds, they grabbed him and tied him up and took him to the treasury room alongside of Russell, where one of them stood guard. Beyond a scuffle there was no fight in either case, according to the watchmen.

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## TELEPHONE GIRL FOILS BURGLARS

### HEARS YEGGS CUTTING WIRES AND CALLS UP SHERIFF; BANKS IS SAVED.

Vail, Feb. 25.—Six men early today attempted to rob the Traders bank here, but were frustrated by a call sent to the sheriff at Denison by the telephone operator.

When Mrs. Edward Quirk the night operator heard the men cutting wires about twenty feet from the telephone she called up the Denison sheriff before they completed their work.

Three charges of explosives were set off in the walls of the vault but citizens aroused by the explosion caused the men to leave hastily. The bank rooms were badly damaged but no money was obtained.

## Scientific Methods Urged to End Slack Work Periods

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Scientific management was suggested as a means of ending irregularities of employment by Louis D. Brandeis of Boston who appeared before the federal commission on industrial relations recently.

Mr. Brandeis' statement was made public today. He said employees must be represented by unions if scientific methods are to be installed on a basis that is fair to the workmen. Mr. Brandeis deplored opposition of labor organizations to scientific management declaring it was caused partly by the fact that certain advocates of the new efficiency methods are personally opposed to organized labor.

"Organized labor has just as great a place in a scientifically managed business as it has anywhere else," he asserted. "Methods, standards and rates of payment have to be determined and for all the purposes you require collective bargaining or an equivalent determination just as much as you need it in other plants.

"To introduce scientific management without a labor union to look out for the labor end, would to my mind be almost as dangerous as to vest in the owner of the ordinary business power to deal with the employees individually. Even where the employer is humane, intelligent and benevolent, it is not proper that the settlement of the rights of his employees should rest wholly on his will. Both sides should be represented and for this our trade unionism is essential."

Mr. Brandeis would penalize those employers who needlessly work their men only part time the same as he would those working their men over time.

## GIRL MURDERER ACQUITTED BY JURY

### NOT BLAMED FOR SLAYING OF HUSBAND WHO SOUGHT TO DRIVE HER TO WRONG.

New York, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Maris Masio, 16 years old, who in one year graduated from a grammar school, married, became a mother, killed her husband and was imprisoned on a murder indictment, was quickly acquitted last night by a jury in Long Island city.

When called to hear the verdict in the Queens county court the youthful prisoner held her infant in her arms. Immediately after leaving school Mrs. Masio was married to Tony Masio, 22 years old. After the baby's birth, Masio, it was testified, sought to drive her to the streets that he might receive her earnings. She refused to go and when she was in bed with her baby, he beat her, she testified, and she shot him.

### SNOW STORM DELAYS LABOR DELEGATES

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 25.—The opening session of the convention of the United Mine Workers of Illinois was held today, having been postponed by President Joseph Pope late yesterday afternoon when it was found that but few of the delegates were able to reach the city owing to delayed trains.

Three hundred and sixty-five delegates have voting privileges at the convention, but more than this number are expected to attend. The convention may continue for two or three weeks.

## BANDIT HOLDS UP A PACIFIC TRAIN

### TAKES MONEY AND JEWELS FROM CREW AND STUFFS POCKETS WITH EXPRESS PACKAGES.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 25.—Detectives are combing the city and suburbs today for the masked bandit who robbed a conductor, a brakeman and express messenger and the express company's safe on a Southern Pacific train late last night, between Burlingame, a suburb, and San Francisco, and jumped off the train as it was entering the outskirts of the city.

The bandit forced the conductor, Frank P. Cox, at the point of a pistol, to enter the baggage car, robbed him of \$45 and some jewelry and then turned his attention to E. Cairns, the brakeman, and Frank F. Foster, the Wells-Fargo agent, obtaining from them small sums.

Then the bandit compelled the express messenger to open the safe. Its contents were ransacked, the robber filling his pockets with packages. How much money he obtained was not made public.

## COWDRAY DENIES HE WILL BUY OIL LANDS

London, Feb. 25.—Lord Cowdray today informed the Associated Press that there was no truth in the report current in Mexico City that he was the intention of the federal government to transfer the oil lands in Mexico to him for \$50,000,000 gold after they have been nationalized by the Mexican congress.

The intention of the Mexican government to nationalize the oil lands was admitted yesterday by Querido Mosen, the Mexican minister of commerce and industry.

## NEW CHAMP BORN.

Humboldt, Feb. 25.—A new "wrestling champion" entered the home of Frank A. Gotch today, when a son was born.

## CANDIDATE DIES.

Renwick, Feb. 25.—R. R. Smith, a well known banker here, died suddenly of pneumonia last night. He had recently announced his candidacy for state representative on the republican ticket.

## FAILS IN EFFORT TO TAKE OWN LIFE

Keokuk, Feb. 25.—Phillip Schatzman, a laborer 53 years of age, of Anaconda, Mont., attempted suicide this morning by jumping into the Mississippi river from the draw of the Clark and Hamilton bridge. He was rescued by boatmen in a skiff and will recover. Ill health is assigned as the cause.

## JURIST IS CALLED.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 25.—Judge James S. Young of the United States district court for the western district of Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his home here today.

## TRAINS COLLIDE; NOBODY INJURED

### Passenger and Freight Come Together on the Milwaukee Road

### WRECK TAKES PLACE NEAR BLAKESBURG

### Broken Draw Bar Delays No. 64 Blocking Way of No. 33 Out of Ottumwa

Trains No. 33 and 64 on the Milwaukee came together in a head-on collision Tuesday evening at 6:10 p. m. east of Blakesburg.

The passenger train but the two engines will go into the shop for repairs as each of the locomotives was considerably damaged. The line was not cleared until 1:30 this morning thus tying up traffic for a time but no serious delays were suffered by passenger trains except No. 33.

The cause of the trouble is accredited to the pulling out of a few draw bars on the freight train that was headed toward Ottumwa. In stopping to fasten the disabled cars in the train by the use of chains, the delay was experienced which led to No. 64 being on the time of No. 33, the Seymour passenger train. Fortunately the passenger train was not going real fast when the freight was sighted and the collision while severe enough to cripple both engines, did not result either in train or injury any of the crews or passengers.

The wrecking force from the Milwaukee junction was hurried to the scene of the wreck as soon as possible and encountered a difficult job in trying to clear the track because of having to work from the other end of the freight train, the two disabled engines being of no help in the work of clearing the tracks. The broken draw bars that led to the trouble in the first place made the work of the wrecking crew more difficult in getting the disabled freight train back to Blakesburg.

Passengers on No. 33 destined for Blakesburg and vicinity walked into town rather than wait out in the country on the train. The wreckers were able to clear the line at an early hour and traffic was resumed at 1:30. The two disabled engines will both have to be taken to the company's shops at Dubuque for overhauling as the nature of the repairs will not permit of the local shops doing the work. The engineers were W. F. Execon on No. 64 and Tom Kemp on No. 33.

## LABOR LEADERS ARE PLEASSED WITH LAW

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Conditions in business houses and industrial plants here underwent a sudden change today following President Wilson's signing of the bill limiting the hours of labor of women in the District of Columbia to eight hours.

Labor leaders declared the significance of the law would be felt immediately throughout the country.

The fact that it passed both houses of congress without a dissenting vote, they said, showed it to be an auspicious sign of the times.

Under the law, no female under 18 years old shall be employed, domestics and government employes being excepted.

## DIVINITY STUDENT FALLS FROM GRACE

New York, Feb. 25.—Rev. Francis C. Baker, formerly a Congregational minister in Waterbury, Conn., will be sentenced on Tuesday for grand larceny in connection with a loan swindle for which his partner, William Harney, was sentenced to ten months in prison. The two men induced their victims to pay fees for the work of "searching" titles to properties offered the defendants as security for loans.

The titles were then declared unsatisfactory by Baker and Harney.

A graduate of Oberlin, Baker was for a time secretary of the Young Men's Christian association at Lansing, Mich., and later went to the Yale divinity school.

## TRAINMAN INJURED.

Charles City, Feb. 25.—John Brammer, a brakeman of Albert Lea probably was fatally injured here late yesterday when a train crushed him against the depot platform.

## G. O. P. LOOKS GOOD.

Portland, Me., Feb. 25.—Asher G. Hinds, who recently announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection to congress, has receded his decision and will enter the republican primaries.

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