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IOWA—Fair Saturday, cloudy, moderate temperature.

Sun rises, 6:37; sets, 5:50.

LOCAL TEMP.—9 p. m. 34; 7 a. m. 30; 2 p. m. 46.

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U. S. TO DEMAND REPARATION FOR THE HANGING OF VERGARA

Decision Arrived at By the President and Cabinet at Secret Session

HUERTA ASKS FOR RETURN OF EMBARGO

Appeals to Washington to Stop Supplying Rebels With War Material

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Secretary Bryan announced late today that a demand for the punishment of those responsible for the killing of Clemente Vergara had been sent by the United States to the Huerta government.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—That the American government regards the hanging of Clemente Vergara, an American citizen near Hidalgo, Mex., as a subject for reparation by the Huerta government, became known after today's cabinet meeting.

While the Benton incident was discussed in great detail, members of the cabinet were particularly concerned over the hanging of Vergara. That act they believed had shocked the American people and should not go unpunished. Steps will be taken to impress the Huerta government of the feeling of the United States in the matter, particularly after repeated assurance had been given by the Huerta government that Vergara would not be harmed.

So far as could be learned, the cabinet was not inclined to condone the killing of Benton, but in discussing responsibility for the act, some members were inclined to think Benton at least was indiscreet in going into the camp of a military commander with whom he was not on friendly terms, and entering into an argument with him.

Final judgment was not reached by the cabinet as to the merits of the Benton case, but it was apparent vigorous steps to procure the body for his widow would be continued.

Vergara's Friends Aroused.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 27.—Friends of Clemente Vergara, the American who was hanged recently by Mexican federalists were aroused today by the reports made by American Consul Garrett to Vergara's brother-in-law, S. J. Hill who yesterday visited the scene of the rancher's execution near Hidalgo, Mexico. Vergara's friends assert that they will press the government and the state of Texas for the fixing of responsibility for the hanging and for punishment of the American's executioners.

The dual investigation into Vergara's death was expected to assume definite form today. The federal investigation began several days ago, while the state's inquiry was ordered only yesterday, by Gov. Colquhoun, who indicated that he might take decisive steps toward punishing Vergara's slayers if they become known.

Huerta Sends Note.

After a long lapse in the diplomatic exchanges between Washington and the City of Mexico, an attempt has been made to reopen the correspondence by the submission of an appeal by the Huerta government for the reconsideration by the United States of the recent raising of the embargo on arms to Mexico.

The feature of the Mexican communication said to have been issued at Mexico City last night is the allegation that a state of anarchy now exists in so much of Mexico as is occupied by the rebel forces and it is also charged that the immediate effect of the decree permitting the exportation of arms has been to place the rebels in a favorable situation for permitting outrages while preventing the Huerta government from repressing them as quickly and energetically as it desires.

On the other hand, it is set out that wherever the Huerta government is in power, full protection has been given to natives and to foreigners. Therefore, the United States is invited to reflect seriously "on the sad consequences" that arising of rebels will bring, in the opinion of Huerta.

No Result Expected.

The assumption in official circles is that Huerta does not by the presentation of such a remarkable note expect to bring about, immediately a change of policy on the part of the Washington administration. The real purpose is believed to add another note to the exchanges, perfecting his case, as it were, for the consideration of the world powers.

It is not expected that the state department will return any formal answer to this last communication. Charge Algra at the American embassy, was notified today that the

Assurances Received From Gen. Villa That Benton's Body May Be Seen

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Consul Edwards at Juarez today reported that he saw the American, Gustav Bauch in the Juarez jail on Feb. 18 and that according to authorities in the border city, Bauch was afterwards removed to Chihuahua with other Americans, names not given.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Consul Letcher telegraphed Secretary Bryan today that Villa would permit two Americans, two British representatives and two members of the family of William S. Benton to view the body of the dead ranchman. It is assumed that the body is at Chihuahua City.

Consul Letcher also reported that General Villa would permit two physicians to accompany the American and British representatives and members of the Benton family and that he would furnish transportation and accommodation for all of them.

Secretary Bryan said just before entering the cabinet meeting that Consul Letcher's dispatches also confirmed previous information that Benton's body was in Chihuahua City. He said arrangements would be made soon for the visit of the commission to Chihuahua to view the body and intimated that the disposition of it would be settled after the medical examination.

Relay Trip to Chihuahua. El Paso, Texas, Feb. 27.—George C. Carothers special state department agent today admitted that he had postponed his departure for Chihuahua and while he was silent as to his reasons it is assumed that the arrival here of the British emissary, Charles Arthur Perceval to participate in the Benton investigation and the receipt by Carothers of a bulky dispatch from Mexico, account for the delay.

The presence of Perceval who came here from Galveston, where he is British consul, is believed to mark the beginning of important developments in the Benton case. Official news of the killing of Benton, a British subject, was made public just a week ago today.

General Hugh L. Scott, Carothers and Perceval maintained complete reserve as to their plans.

Perceval who received a bulky packet which he said contained his instructions is expected to be guided by General Scott in his official actions.

It is believed however, that when the commission to examine Benton's body departs for Chihuahua, where General Villa says it is buried, the British official will accompany it.

Meantime, an inquiry over the disappearance of Gustave Bauch continues although he is apparently not involved in the Benton investigation.

Rebels of Juarez and Chihuahua both deny that they have him and the belief of the report that the German-American was shot as a spy last Friday is general on this side of the Rio Grande.

Why Villa is Delaying. Chihuahua, Mex., Feb. 27.—As an explanation of his continued delay in attacking the federal army at Torreon, 300 miles south of here, opinions were expressed freely by close advisers of General Francisco Villa today, that the rebel leader is quite content with his present supreme authority and that he will not move southward until necessity seems to require it. Practically

TOOTH CAST LANDS THIEF

Resourceful French Magistrate Uses Unique Means to Establish Man's Identity.

Paris, Feb. 27.—An expert criminal, Julien Lemas, was caught here last night in an ingenious manner. Lemas' specialty was robbing dentists. Yesterday he called on a fashionable dentist and asked that a gold crown be fitted on a tooth. The dentist took a cast and while he went into his laboratory with the mold Lemas pocketed a large quantity of sheet gold and walked out. Lemas was arrested shortly afterwards. Before a magistrate he strenuously denied being the man sought and was about to be set free when the magistrate decided to send for the cast taken by the dentist. This was found to fit Lemas' tooth exactly and the thief was held for trial.

MEDICINE PROVES FATAL

Nurse in Des Moines Hospital Dies in Convulsions; Authorities Make Investigation.

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—Miss Ruth Underhill, 20 years old of Ochevedan, Iowa, died early today at the Methodist hospital here, where she had been employed for about a year as a nurse.

TAFT ASKS THAT THERE BE CHANGE

Former President of U. S. Talks to Committee on Judiciary Reform

CALLS PATRONAGE DANGEROUS THING

Says Present Procedure Is Resulting in Building Legal Families

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Former President Taft appeared today before the house judiciary committee in the capacity of president of the American Bar association and with several other members of the association advocated passage of the Clayton bill to authorize the supreme court to prescribe forms and rules of procedure for federal courts on the common law side.

"All men delight in the exercise of patronage," said Mr. Taft. "Of course on this matter I am speaking to the republicans on your committee, not the democrats," he added with a smile, and continued.

"One of the troubles with life appointments for judges is that the temptation is strong to build up 'judicial families.' Lawyers know that it is often a dangerous thing to make any charge against a court clerk before the judge who appointed him. Third temptation could be removed by Congress and the courts as they are now constituted could be vindicated without resort to the recall, which I believe is harmful. Appointments of receivers by federal judges should be made from a list furnished by the interstate commerce commission.

"At some later date it probably would be advisable to provide for the examination of the rules of procedure by a commission with a view to harmonizing and administering the two sides of federal court work. For the present I believe the authorization contained in the bill is all that should be attempted."

Alton B. Parker said there was an ideal in view as suggested by Mr. Taft, of complete uniformity in procedure throughout the federal courts, and perhaps even the state courts at some time.

Senator Root declared state legislators had built up under the pressure of individual interest, code of procedure which prevented the courts from administering justice. His state, he said, was the worst sinner in that respect. The man of small means soon became discouraged or even ruined, he said, while men of wealth secured

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CLAIM STRIKERS BEGAN BATTLES

Numerous Witnesses Tell of Fights Between Miners and Sheriff's Men

INVESTIGATION IS GETTING RESULTS

Threatening Notice Issued Leader of Posse Put Into the Records

Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 27.—Fresh tales of bloodshed in the Colorado labor war were recounted to the congressional committee today. The mine owners continued to introduce evidence intended to show that the strikers were the aggressors in most of the battles in the strike zone.

An important witness of the day was Z. Martin, under the sheriff of Las Animas county, famous as the leader of many of the posses of deputies sent into the Ludlow district in the days immediately preceding the occupation of the strike zone by the militia. Martin gave many stirring accounts of the battles in which he participated.

In the cross examination of Martin, attorneys for the strikers introduced a notice which the witness admitted was posted in the Forbes tent colony on Oct. 23 when six strikers were killed.

The notice bore the signature of Sheriff J. S. Grimshaw by Zeck Martin, under sheriff and read as follows: "This is to advise you that your camp is surrounded by a body of armed men, under the command of the undersigned, sheriff of Las Animas county, Colo. We have warrants for the arrest of a number of men in your colony. We take this method of advising you of the situation to avoid alarm. It is hereby requested that all male inhabitants of the camp come out this morning so that men for whom we have warrants may submit to the service thereof. We admonish you to submit to this request without resistance, because we are prepared to serve these warrants over any resistance that may be offered regardless of consequences."

"You are further admonished to come without weapons of any character as the exhibition of such weapons will be regarded as an act of hostility. Immediate compliance with this order is demanded."

STOCK RAISER DIES.

New York, Feb. 27.—Announcements made here today of the death in Eastbourne, England, on Wednesday of Thomas Sturgis, for many years a resident of Missouri and later of Wyoming here he engaged in stock raising and formerly fire commissioner of New York. He was 67 years old.

Try to Bring 'Jobless Men' and 'Manless Jobs' Together

New York, Feb. 27.—Delegates to the national conference on unemployment gathered in the city hall today to plan a practical method of bringing together "the jobless men and the manless jobs" and to so organize the labor market that there may be a permanent thinning in the swollen ranks of the unemployed.

This floating army of men without jobs has assumed such proportions in New York City that a municipal employment bureau recently was formed. On the authority of the census "twenty-five per cent of the entire number of working persons in the city are unemployed from one to three months during the year."

Mayor John Purroy Mitchell opened the conference, which is today and tomorrow, with an address on "Public Responsibility." The delegates brought special home problems from every large city in the country.

"This problem," said Dr. John B. Andrews, secretary of the American association for labor legislation, "will sift down to this: How are employers to employ a constant staff of men and keep them busy in slack seasons? Germany has done it and certain manufacturing concerns and railroad companies in this country have shown that it can be done by shifting men engaged in construction work from one part of the country to another as the slack season in any given locality leaves a surplus of labor. This obviates the necessity for the annual discharge of employees and the consequent swelling of the ranks of the unemployed."

"The definite constructive policy of this conference" he concluded "will be the establishment of a great many employment exchanges which ought to be run by the state."

Already, according to Dr. Andrews many cities have established free employment exchanges.

RICH CHICAGOAN TO PAY LARGE TAX

ONE MAN MAKES RETURN SHOWING AN INCOME OF ABOUT ONE MILLION EACH YEAR.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Income tax schedules filed yesterday at the United States internal revenue office showed that one Chicagoan will pay taxes on a yearly income estimated at nearly \$1,000,000. The office was notified that a man whose name was not made public was prepared to pay \$42,516.65 as his next tax on an income of \$759,000, derived between March 1 and Dec. 31. The man's income for the ten months was estimated at \$900,000 as the tax is required only on six-twelfths of the total. The internal revenue officials estimated his yearly income at nearly a million dollars.

The four next highest returns filed by Chicagoans were \$490,000; \$450,000; \$250,000 and \$129,000.

Many Big Incomes.

New York, Feb. 27.—According to figures compiled by internal revenue collectors made public today, returns have been filed by 37,000 persons whose incomes are taxable under the new law. These returns do not include the district in Brooklyn, the Bronx or northern New Jersey, all of which are usually included in the greater city financial statements and reports. With returns for Thursday, today and tomorrow yet to be compiled it is estimated that at least 50,000 incomes are subject to tax in Greater New York.

FREE SERVICE IS BLAMED FOR LOSS

"SPOTTING" OF CARS FOR BIG SHIPPERS HELD TO BE CAUSE OF DEPLETED TREASURES.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Further inquiry was begun by the interstate committee today on the question of the so-called "free service" by railroads, including "spotting cars" for loading and unloading on private spur lines, trackage, ferry car service and tunnel and litigation services. In the eastern classification territory where the proposed advance of five per cent in railroad freight rates is proposed to be applied, there are approximately 25,000 spur tracks and sidings. It is the desire of the commission through the hearings resumed today, to determine two things:

First, the propriety of a charge by the railroads, in addition to the regular freight rate to a given destination for the spotting and ferry car service, and second, the amount of the charge and the manner in which it should be assessed.

Witnesses before the commission have asserted that "free service" performance by the railroad for certain large shippers is so costly that if the practice were eliminated it would substantially affect the revenues of the roads, and possibly make unnecessary an increase in freight rates.

The importance and interest in the proceedings attracted to the hearing room of the commission several hundred railroad officials and shippers.

MANY POSTOFFICE JOBS TO BE FILLED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Examinations to fill more than five thousand fourth class postmasterhips, made necessary by an executive order placing all such offices under civil service regulation, will be held in April, according to an announcement today by the civil service commission.

REVOLT ON IN PORTUGAL

News of Internal Disturbance in New Republic is Received in Spanish Towns.

Madrid, Feb. 27.—The Spanish government has received information that an important revolutionary movement is in progress in Portugal. According to an announcement made today by the Spanish under secretary of state, for the interior, a condition of anarchy exists throughout Portugal.

Every effort is being made by the authorities here to obtain full particulars of the occurrences in Portugal but this has been impossible to learn and definitely is taking place, as all communication, even wireless telegraph is interrupted.

BLOWN OUT OF ENGINE CAB

Boiler of Rock Island Locomotive Explodes and Two Men are Seriously Injured if not Fatally Hurt.

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—Charles Shafer, engineer, and Charles King, fireman, were seriously injured today when the boiler head of a heavy Rock Island freight locomotive exploded in front of the station here. King was blown from his seat over the tender a distance of twenty-five feet and besides being seriously scalded, sustained injuries about the shoulders. Shafer was thrown to the ground and his leg broken, in addition to being badly scalded.

TRY TO BREAK PRISON.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 27.—Eleven men were killed and thirteen wounded in a sharp fight today between the government troops and prisoners attempting to escape from the penitentiary.

NAME NOMINEES IN CONVENTION

H. B. Somers and George F. Heindel Are Choice of Delegates

TE TO CONTINUE PRESENT METHODS

Plan to Use Non-Partisan Manner of Placing the Candidates in Field

H. B. Somers, a republican living in the first ward and George F. Heindel, a democrat living in the third ward were chosen as the nominees for school directors at the convention held Thursday evening in the court house. Thad Harlan was chosen as the nominee for school treasurer. These names will be placed upon the ballot to be voted upon at the school election which will be held on Monday March 9. The committeemen and delegates present also voted to continue the school convention method of placing non partisan nominees for election.

The meeting was called to order by J. J. Smith who discussed in a brief way the object of the session. He stated that it had been the custom in Ottumwa for a number of years to carry on a non-partisan school election and under the present state law it seemed to be the object to make the elections non-partisan throughout all of Iowa. The main idea of the gathering was clearly set forth as being that of agreeing on certain men who should be informally selected as the candidates.

Smith is Chairman.

Mr. Smith was elected chairman for the evening and C. E. Fairney was chosen secretary. C. C. Porter moved that the committee on credentials be dispensed with and the delegates present be empowered to cast the full vote of their ward. This motion carried and T. H. Pickler then arose and placed the name of H. B. Somers before the men. Mr. Pickler stated that it was greatly desired by the residents of the first ward that they have a representative on the school board. He stated that the extreme eastern part of the city was not taken care of in the matters of the educational board in the way that the residents felt that they should be. Walter T. Hall whose nomination papers had been circulated for the past few days withdrew his name. F. A. Tisdale also withdrew when his name was placed before the convention. Carlton Hughes and H. W. King and John Wormhout were also placed in the nomination list. The vote stood Somers 23, Hughes 5, King 25, and Wormhout 3. On the second roll call on the question of Somers being declared the nominee the vote stood 34 in favor and 32 against. Somers was then declared the unanimous choice of the convention.

On the next informal ballot the names of H. W. King, Carlton Hughes, George F. Heindel and S. P. Hartman were given out. The vote on these names stood; King 19, Hartman 13, Heindel 15 and Hughes 12. On the

UNEMPLOYED MEN ON WAY TO CAPITAL

Richmond, Va., Feb. 27.—Two hundred unemployed men equipped with blankets and cooking utensils, have left here on a march to Washington to petition congress for work. The men recruited at San Francisco, across the bay. On their arrival here yesterday they were fed by the local authorities.

The men expect to obtain rations from the various towns on the line of march.

MAY ADMIT CHINKS TO SAVE THEIR LIVES

Nogales, Sonora, Feb. 27.—As a result of the anti-Chinese demonstrations at Cananea, Sonora this week, arrangements were made today to transport Chinese and other foreigners who might be engaged by a recurrence of the demonstration across the international boundary into the United States. Should further anti-foreign riots occur, it was announced, temporary special dispensation regarding the oriental immigrants would be made by the United States immigration officials along the border.

BOSTON NEGROES TO COLONIZE AFRICA

Boston, Mass., Feb. 27.—D. B. Garrett of Boley, Okla., who calls himself a recruiting officer for Alfred Charles Sam, organizer of a proposed negro colony in Africa declares that he has enrolled more than 100 Boston negroes as prospective colonists. Garrett and G. W. Lane of Oklahoma have established headquarters in a restaurant in the negro quarter. Sam's operations are under investigation in New York.

Report Criticising State Administration Suppressed

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—Severe criticism of the organization of the public work in Iowa's state departments and bureaus, is understood to be incorporated in the report of the efficiency engineers employed by the legislative committee on retrenchment and reform in the last legislature, which was filed with Joseph Byrnes, deputy auditor of state yesterday.

American Heiress to Pay Income Tax in Great Britain

London, Feb. 27.—The court of appeals today decided that Mrs. Malvina Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., is liable for the payment of income tax in England on money remitted here from the United States under the provisions of the will of her late husband for the education of her children. The suit was brought by the British collector of tax in reference to a specific sum of \$50,000 remitted to Mrs. Drummond in the year 1908, but the effect of the judgment is to render her liable for the payment of income tax on all sums remitted to her under the will of Marshall Field, Jr. The will provided that proper maintenance should be given to the children until they come into control of the money bequeathed to them.

WOUND FAILS TO STOP COURTING

MUSCATINE YOUTH SPENDS EVENING WITH GIRL DESPITE BEING SHOT IN ARM.

Muscataine, February 27.—Walter Becker, aged 17, while going to call on the home of Miss Edie Smith, 299 Clinton street, last night, was shot by a hidden assailant, the bullet passing through his arm. After reaching the young woman's home, Becker, accompanied by Miss Smith went to the doctor's office where the wound was dressed, telephoned to the police about the assault, and then returned to the Smith home where he finished his interrupted call. At 10 o'clock he returned to his own home and then for the first time the members of his family heard that he had been shot.

The cause of the shooting is a mystery. Becker says he has no enemies that he knows of but is said to have received several letters in the past few weeks. The police have no clue to the assailant. Becker was not seriously hurt.

ESCAPES GALLOWS AFTER LONG WAIT

FOUR GOVERNORS REFUSE TO FIX DATE FOR EXECUTION OF A WOMAN; GETS PARDON.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Kate Edwards who has been in the shadow of the gallows for nearly thirteen years for the killing of her husband was released from the Berks county jail today, under a pardon granted by Gov. Tener, and secretly taken from the city to begin life over again. She was convicted of first degree murder in 1903 and sentenced to be hanged but four governors declined to fix the day for her execution.

After her conviction, petitions were circulated in many parts of the country and were signed by thousands of women protesting against the execution of one of their sex. William A. Stone, who is now trying to prevent Harry K. Thaw from being returned to New York state from New Hampshire when governor refused to fix a date and passed her case along to Gov. Pennypacker, who left her death warrant repose in a pigeon hole, as did also Governor Stuart and Governor Tener.

Much secrecy was maintained as to the date of the woman's liberation. Her pardon arrived last night and she was released before dawn today. It is believed she was taken to Philadelphia where she will be placed in an institution and cared for. She is nearly 60 years old.

Mrs. Edwards was convicted of the murder along with a negro, who was employed with her husband in a quarry near her home. The husband was found dead with his head battered in.

The woman later confessed that the negro was innocent of the crime and she was granted a new trial and acquitted. Mrs. Edwards has five children, who are living in different parts of the country.