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ONE BANDIT IS TAKEN AND IS LEADING THE OFFICERS TO RENDEZVOUS OF OTHERS

BELIEF IS THAT CONFESSION OF MEXICAN WHO WAS CAPTURED BY HARLINGEN OFFICER, WILL LEAD TO CAPTURE AND BRINGING TO JUSTICE OF OTHERS OF BAND THAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MURDERED SEBASTIAN FARMER AND HIS SON YESTERDAY BESIDES MANY OTHER RECENT CRIMES

GAVE NAMES OF SEVEN OTHERS, ALL OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO OFFICERS

Caller-Herald Special.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, August 6.—One of the members of the Mexican bandit gang which has been waging a reign of terror, the climax of which was reached today when A. L. Austin, a farmer near Sebastian, and his son were brutally murdered at their home and their bodies unnamed with bullets and with the heels of the murderers after death, has been captured. He is leading the officers to the meeting place of the other parties, who, he declares, are to hold a conference tonight.

He gave the names of the leaders of the several gangs, this information, as the other above, being gained after he had been put through a "third degree" by his captors.

The City Marshal of Harlingen made the capture and scared the Mexican into the confession that is believed will lead to the capture and bringing to speedy justice of the entire band. He gave the names of seven of the criminals. All of them are known to the officers, they say.

The officers took the Mexican in charge and, carrying him with them, are en route to the scene for the purpose of ascertaining the truth or falsity of his statements.

Major Anderson of Harlingen ordered out all of his troops with the exception of a few men who will remain there on guard. The Rinaldo left at once on a special train for the spot where will be held the meeting of the band, if the captured man's statements are true.

Governor Ferguson has promised to send aid to the people in the troubled district within twelve hours for the relief of conditions. He has been in touch with the army officials and is keeping a close watch upon conditions here.

The Murders and Robbery.

Sheriff Allen left Brownsville this morning by a Mexican train opposite at the farm house of A. L. Austin, near Sebastian. Found the mother Austin and his son at work in the fields and they went to the unfortunate men's home where both men were shot to death. Their bodies were found later, mutilated and they have partially buried under the heels of the murderers. Austin was the leader of the law and order League formed within the last few days for the purpose of putting an end to just such crimes, and it is thought this activity on his part led to his death as an act of vengeance.

A few minutes after the killing of Dave Cavanaugh, T. J. Alexander, proprietor of a store in Sebastian that is also the post office, turned from the store to find four mounted men with guns levelled at his body standing inside the doors of the building.

They proceeded to help themselves to the stock, taking considerable foodstuffs and large quantities of ammunition. Then they rifled the stamp drawer in the post office of the contents, and left, pointing eight officers equally well armed and mounted composing at the door. The whole party rode away.

APPEAL TO GOVERNOR

Caller-Herald Special.

LYFORD, Texas, Aug. 6.—The following message was tonight wired to Mayor Miller at Corpus Christi, requesting that he communicate it to Governor Ferguson who is on a fishing trip at Rockport.

"For more than a month Mexican bandits have roamed this country. Every day they grow bolder. Officers in pursuit have accomplished practically nothing. This morning at daylight bandits robbed a store in Sebastian and then went to farm home of A. L. Austin and murdered him and his son who were unarmed. They boldly threatened by name certain officers and citizens who have attempted to establish order. Several of the bandits are known to be residents near Sebastian. Reports prevail that sheriffs, rangers and soldiers are not working in harmony and that more or less jealousy prevails.

"In the meantime citizens have been murdered. Others are threatened and we are all in danger. For God's sake do something."

Signed: O. M. Siecht, cashier First State Bank; C. C. Perkins, Justice; E. L. Jones, pastor Methodist Church; Lyford Garage and Machinery Company; Lyford Meat and Ice Company; R. H. Deyo and Son, bankers; O. Raymond Winfrey, editor Lyford Courant; R. D. Farris, O. F. Gothers, merchant; H. P. King, merchant; W. A. Landreth, blacksmith; Lyford and Rio Grande Lumber Company; Dr. W. P. Webb, Lyford Gin Company, S. W. Paterson, merchant; Lyford Drug Co., Gulf Coast Gin Company, Lyford Hotel.

TWO ARRESTED AT SAN BENITO.

SAN BENITO, August 6.—Two Mexicans who are said to be members of the bandit gang that have been terrorizing sections of the Rio Grande Valley for the past month were arrested and brought here today and tonight are in the county jail under heavy guard.

There was a feeling of confidence here tonight that within another twenty-four hours rangers and other officers will have under arrest practically all members of the Mexican gang.

BATONGEN, August 6.—Another member of the gang that today killed two men at Sebastian was arrested tonight. The officers say that he confessed to them that the attack was planned and that the gang expected to kill some others.

The raiders he said expected to attack a ranch near Arroyo tonight. The officers have gone there.

FUNSTON REFUSES

SAN ANTONIO, August 6.—General Funston refuses to send more troops to Cameron county, saying that the outlaws that are creating trouble there are natives of Texas and that they are not violating federal laws.

MISS HELEN M'CUMBER

Miss Helen McCumber is the pretty daughter of Senator Porter J. McCumber of North Dakota. Miss McCumber and her mother take a prominent part in the social activities in the national capital.

HEINZ HARDENBURG

Hardenburg is being held in New York as a witness in the case of Gustav Stahl, who is accused of perjury in swearing he saw guns on the Lusitania just before that vessel sailed on her fatal trip. Hardenburg and Stahl are supposed to be members of the German secret service system.

UNITED STATES TAKES CONTROL HAITIEN CITIES

AMERICAN FORCES, LANDED TO SAFEGUARD AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY, OCCUPY THE TWO PORTS BY FORCE OF ARMS

HAITIEN SENATE PROTESTS

Taking Possession of Customs, National Palace and Gunboat, United States Troops are Resisted and Open Fire Killing one Haitian Soldier

BENJAMIN F. TRACY PROMINENT JURIST DIED YESTERDAY

THE GENERAL WAS A LAWYER, SOLDIER JURIST AND STATESMAN OF GREAT BRILLIANCE

60 YEARS IN PUBLIC EYE

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—General Benjamin F. Tracy died of paralysis here today, aged eighty-five.

General Benjamin F. Tracy, lawyer, soldier, jurist and statesman, stood prominent in the limelight for more than 60 years. At the age of 33 he argued a case before the Supreme Court of New York with brilliance unsurpassed by years.

"Some people have called me the father of the lightning navy," he had said recently. "I don't deny it. I believe I did. I used to take the Navy Department out of politics and I believe I succeeded."

He entered to the days when he served as Secretary of the Navy under President Benjamin Harrison.

"At that time," said Gen. Tracy, "the greatest Dreadnaught was the largest and strongest ship we had, and she was only a protected cruiser. I saw the necessity of building ships which could fight if they had to."

"What's the use of building a ship that can't run away from a ship it can't whip?" demanded the Secretary in his appeals. The phrase has become historic.

He was the father, as a consequence, there appeared three new types of naval vessels: the armored cruiser, the armored battleship, and the scout cruiser. He also replaced all steel armor with the present day nickel-steel. This caused England and Germany "stripped the armor from their ships," he said. All naval powers were compelled to adopt the new methods of protection.

Gen. Tracy led a versatile and brilliant career. Born in Owego, N. Y., in 1830, he was a pupil and schoolmate of Senator Platt. He was admitted to the bar at the age of 21. When 23 he was elected district attorney of Tioga county.

He helped Horace Greely organize the Republican party in New York state at the age of 25. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was serving in the New York Legislature as an Assemblyman. It is said that here he made the first legislative speech in the United States in favor of paper money for war expenses. Like many of his colleagues, Assemblyman Tracy went to the front, after resigning two regiments. He served first as colonel of the 169th New York.

At the battle of the Wilderness he won the Congressional Medal of Honor and was brevetted brigadier-general of volunteers at the close of the war. Four times in the Wilderness he rallied his regiment to finally sweep over the Confederate ramparts. At the moment of victory he fell desperately wounded upon his battle flag. Historians say his died made possible Sherman's march to the sea. He closed his war record as commander of the military post and prison at Elmira, N. Y.

Gen. Tracy met most of the great Americans of the last half century.

"The greatest man with whom I ever came in contact with was Abraham Lincoln," he said. "I did not know him intimately, but the strength of the man lingers in my mind.

"The greatest president since the Civil War," he continued, "I think was McKinley. He could make a man feel happy while refusing to appoint him to office."

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JAMES A. HILL ARGUES TO TAKE TARIFF OUT POLITICS

WOMAN WANTED BODY OF MAN TO SELL FOR DEBT

FREAK MAN COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE OF WORRY OVER MISPLACED HEART AND ORGANS

By Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, August 6.—The coroner here today refused the request of a local boardinghouse keeper that she be given the dead body of William Greenmiller so that she might sell it to the highest bidder and thus get back some money she advanced him just before his suicide.

The man's heart is on his right side and his other organs are out of the natural position. Worry over the peculiar construction caused him to take his own life.

REAR ADMIRAL BADGER RETIRES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, recently commanding the Atlantic Fleet, is retired today, under the age limit regulations, having reached the age of 62. Admiral Badger has been one of the shining lights of American naval history. He is a native of Rockville, Md., a graduate of the Naval Academy, and has been in service for 41 years.

His retirement makes room for the appointment of Capt. H. O. Dunn, recently of the Wyoming. Admiral Fletcher's flagship, as rear admiral from his command and will be commissioned today.

ATHLETICS AT FRISCO THREATEN RECORDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—One of the greatest gatherings of American athletics of tried and true calibre is that which began this morning the two-days' track meet for the national amateur championships at the Exposition. Records are threatened in all the events, for the cream of the amateurs has come from the East and Middle West to meet the Pacific Coast team. The eyes of the spectators will be centered particularly on Norman Taber and Ted Meredith, while Howard Drew and other Coast boys will be favorites in their events.

TODAY'S CALENDER.

Local forecast for today: Generally fair; light variable winds.

At The Theatres.

Amusu—Grace Cunard in third installment of "The Broken Coin" and two comedies "Hunting a Husband" and "He's a Bear."

Lyric—Helen Leslie in "A Weird Nemesis" and a one reel comedy "The Curse of a Name."

Rex—Four reels late release pictures.

Today's Local Calender.

Women's Day at the Epworth Encampment at Epworth-By-The-Sea.

Recess meeting of the City Council this afternoon.

Meeting of Farmers' Institute at Council Hall this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Excursion to Port Aransas on power boat Japonica leaving the Pavilion Wharf this morning at 9:00 o'clock.

BARRISTERS DEPLORE "AMBULANCE CHASING."

ST. CLOUD, MINN., August 6.—Unprofessional practices by attorneys, more particularly along the line of "ambulance chasing," so called, have developed to such an extent as to involve abuses which the Minnesota State Bar Association will endeavor to correct at the annual meeting which opened here today. The question of ethics will occupy much of the discussion during the three-day meeting. Forty three judges of the district courts and several hundred prominent attorneys from all over the state are attending. At the annual banquet, to be served tomorrow night, C. C. Brown of Winona will be toastmaster. Gov. Winfield S. Hammond will be one of the principal speakers.

D. W. Taylor of Bishop was a business visitor yesterday.

PLANNING NEW YORK CONNECTION NOW FOR THE BARGE PIONEER

INTERCOASTAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY BIDS FOR SUCH CONNECTION AT FREEPORT

Caller-Herald Special.

FREEPORT, TEXAS, Aug. 6.—If present plans materialize, Corpus Christi, Victoria, Rockport, Seadrift, Palacios, and other lower coast points may hereafter avail themselves of an all-water freight route from New York and Baltimore through the port of Freeport and through the intercoastal canal. The Intercoastal Transportation Company of Corpus Christi are now negotiating with steamship interests for with a view of creating such a service. The Intercoastal Company now operates through the canal the power barge "Pioneer" which can negotiate the waterway at its present depth with as high as 100 tons of freight, and should the service contemplated justify, other carriers would be provided by the company. The Victoria service could be provided after the Guadalupe River, in its lower portion, will have been cleaned out and obstructions removed, which, it is said, is possible to be done without any great expense.

The SS "Kennebec" left port Monday with the heaviest cargo of sulphur it has yet carried from here, the vessel being laden with 3,614 tons. The SS "Honduras" is due in port on the 12th with a cargo of general merchandise from New York and will carry out a full return cargo of sulphur. It is planned by the Seaboard & Gulf S. S. Co. to here-after make sailings from both Baltimore and New York to Freeport.

A large force of men are now working in Freeport in the ballasting of terminal and switch tracks of the Houston & Brazos Valley Ry. Shell is being used for the road bed and in addition to the yards here, the line running from Freeport to the sulphur mines will also be ballasted.

THE PAN AMERICAN DIPLOMATS FINISH WORK AT CAPITAL

WILL MEET AGAIN NEXT WEEK IN NEW YORK CITY—ARE IN ACCORD WITH WILSON

SCOTT OFF TO MEET VILLA

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The Pan-American Congress that is considering means to restore peace in Mexico, adjourned today to reassemble in New York City next week.

It is stated that the conference here developed no divergency of opinion as to the general purpose, but all the participants refused to talk after they left the State Department. The Latin American diplomatists will now communicate the result of the conference to their governments. It is understood that all the conferees are in accord with President's Wilson's plan.

Major General Hugh Scott, Chief of Staff, left tonight for the border for a conference with General Villa and to confront the situation of the American forces because of the recent threatened attacks upon the border towns.

It is believed General Scott will tell Villa that the recent military successes of Carranza entitle him (Carranza) to a greater measure of consideration.

It is understood that today's conference resulted in no change in the first plan to send final representations to the Mexican leaders at once, demanding, for the sake of the millions of non-combatants, that they form a new government that the American nations and the whole world can recognize.

The conferees realize the importance of the questions now up for consideration by them, in the light of Mexico's international obligations which the nations that are now preparing for her rehabilitation cannot determine in brief conferences, but must be deliberated carefully.

FUNERAL MRS. E. H. EAST OCCURS IN KINGSVILLE

WIFE OF PROMINENT STOCKMAN DIED IN SAN ANTONIO FOLLOWING OPERATION

KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, Aug. 6.—The funeral of Mrs. Hattie Baxter East, wife of E. H. East, prominent stockman and pioneer of the Gulf Coast section, was held here this afternoon at Chamberlain Burial Park. Mrs. East was 55 years of age and leaves, besides her husband, four sons.

Her death occurred in San Antonio Thursday where she underwent an operation that her condition rendered fatal, following a long sickness.

The ceremony was attended by hundreds of citizens from many sections of the state, those from Corpus Christi included Mayor Roy Miller, Joe Hirsch and P. J. Mulligan and others. Business was suspended during the funeral in respect to the memory of the deceased.

SIOUX HONOR MEMORY OF BELGIAN MISSIONARY

GREENWOOD, S. D., Aug. 6.—About 4,000 tribesmen of the Sioux have gathered here to honor the memory of Rev. DeSmet, a Belgian missionary who converted the chiefs of the tribe 75 years ago. Rev. Dr. William H. Ketcham, director of the bureau of Catholic Indian Missions and Rev. Thomas L. Gasson, S. J., of Georgetown University are the principal speakers at the big Indian church congress.

RUSSIANS ARE IN PRECARIOUS FIX IN SWAMP

HEAVY RAINS IN PAST FEW DAYS HAVE FILLED MARSHES BETWEEN BUG AND VISTULA AND MOVEMENTS ARE HAMPERED

HOLD NOVOGEORGIESVK

With the Exception of This Powerfully Fortified Place, the Entire Line on the Vistula Has Been Forsaken to Advancing Teutonic Armies.

By Associated Press

Russian Army Headquarters, Aug. 6.—The position of the retreating Russian forces between the Bug and Vistula rivers, is growing more precarious hourly due to the heavy rains in the past few days. All the marshes are filled with water, thus confining the movement of the troops exclusively to the few roads.

The Russians are sacrificing men recklessly and it is believed that many prisoners will fall into the hands of the Teutons before the Russians reach their new positions.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Aug. 6.—With the exception of the great entrenched camp of Novogeorgievsk, the Russians have evacuated the entire line on the Vistula river.

Following the fall of Ivangorod the Russians are now making their way Eastward to the Brest-Litovsk line. The idea of leaving a garrison at Novogeorgievsk, according to the Petrograd announcement of it, is to deprive the Germans of the use of the line to bring up supplies.

Novogeorgievsk is situated at the junction of the Vistula, the Narew and the Wkra rivers, Northwest of Warsaw, and has powerful batteries. It is believed the Russians will be able to hold it for many months, and the laying of the siege of that fortress may prove to be one of the most interesting operations of the war.

Little is known of the retreating Russian armies except that they are offering their pursuers a most stubborn resistance and are destroying all bridges behind them.

The Western front is relatively quiet.

Great interest is attached to the negotiations now under way in the Italian capitals between the representatives of the Quadruple Entente powers at Nish, Serbia, who are holding a conference with the Serbian officials.

Simultaneously Bulgaria denies the repeated reports that she has reached an agreement with Turkey.

By Associated Press

VIENNA, Aug. 6 (Official)—The Italian attacks against the heights of Dolgero have been repulsed and the field left covered with the Italian dead. In the Carnian Alps the Austrians have occupied favorable positions on Italian territory.

By Associated Press

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The two American steamers, Liama and Weigo, laden with oil bound for Sweden, have been seized by the Germans.

By Associated Press

LONDON, August 6.—The British Consulate at Riga, Russia, which is being evacuated by the Russians, has been placed under the protection of the American agents.

By Associated Press

PARIS, August 6.—The Chamber of Deputies today appropriated twenty-four million dollars to purchase wheat and flour for feeding the civilian population of France.

LONDON, August 6.—A dispatch from Copenhagen says the Russians are evacuating Kovno, an important fortress in Northwest Russia. Previous dispatches stated that Kovno was to form the Northern head of the new Russian line from Kovno to Grodno to Brest-Litovsk.

FERDINAND SULZBERGER IS DEAD IN GERMAN HOSPITAL

By Associated Press

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Ferdinand Sulzberger, the American meat packer died today in a sanitarium near Constance, Germany, according to a press dispatch received here.

BIG RECLAMATION PROJECT

BAYOU L'OUTRE PROJECT, STARTED BY DEFUNCT BANK, WILL BE RESUMED BY OTHERS

NEW ORLEANS, La., August 6.—The extensive reclamation project started by the Lorimer-Moudy banking interests in Chicago before the crash of their bank, at Bayou L'Outre, will be undertaken by other Chicago capitalists, it is reported. The project plans to reclaim 45,000 acres. The dredging of the first unit of 7,000 acres had gone well forward when the closing of the La Salle Street bank at Chicago left that enterprise without backing. A receiver was appointed several years ago, and the sale of the big stretch was ordered. It is now reported that the project has been taken over and will be pushed to completion. Several other reclamation projects in Louisiana are interesting northern capitalists, and it is expected many thousands of acres will be added to the agricultural area of the state.