

FEARS MASSACRE IN MEXICO

GARY DINNERS PRICE FIXERS; BILLION MADE

SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF TRUST MAGNATES BLIND FOR "GENTLEMEN'S" AGREEMENT—MORGAN INTERESTS REAP MILLIONS BY FINANCING STEEL TRUST TO SUCCESSFUL CONTROL OF 80 PER CENT OF THE INDUSTRY.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—Social functions known as "Gary dinners" control absolutely the prices in the steel industry and that the United States Steel corporation is operated in restraint of trade through this price control and its domination of raw material, were conclusions reported to the Stanley steel committee of the house today by Farquhar J. McRae, the committee's expert accountant. McRae's report was the result of a detailed examination of the books of the steel trust. At the Gary dinners, representatives of the steel corporation and independent concerns meet and agree "to reduce their production conformably to their estimate of the demand existing." "It can be no justification of the co-operation of the participants in the Gary dinners that no penalty attaches to a violation of the declarations mutually exchanged," the reports commented. A fabulous profit was made out of the formation of the steel trust by J. P. Morgan & Co. which framed the combination. A total of \$69,300,000 was paid the Morgan concern; \$62,500,000 was a promoter's profit, and \$6,800,000 was the profit of a bond conversion scheme. In its first nine years the corporation earned net, the report says, \$1,029,685,389, instead of \$980,000,311, figures of the corporation officials. This is a net profit of \$13 a ton on finished steel. Eighty per cent of the steel producing properties of the country are dominated by the corporation. The dividends paid by the subsidiary companies of the steel trust during the first nine years were \$753,134,386.53. "One hundred and eighty-one previously competing corporations

TO-DAYS ODD NEWS

Have you registered? (By United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO—Registrar Zemansky forgot it was leap year and advised a pretty Canadian girl to marry a young American, so she would be a citizen right away. "You marry me?" said the girl. Zemansky fainted.

If you don't, Pettit may be defeated. ESCADA, Ore.—"Stop! Lemme go!" yelled Max Klatch, bear hunter. Bruin had come up behind him, knocked him off a log and had rolled him over a couple of times. The hunted hunter fled, and hounds arrived and saved their master.

Some police heads would have asked just one question about the Larchmont tragedy—"Is it outside the city? Then let the sheriff take care of it." Chief Fraser, Capt. Darnell and three detectives were of material aid to Sheriff Longmire. CHICAGO—Frank Farrar was sentenced by Municipal Judge Caverly not to attend a theater for a year. He show he saw so funny that he laughed so hard the manager had him arrested.

Already there is much talk on the street about a pardon for Brown. Harry Thaw kept out of prison for a long time with a much weaker case. But then Brown had only a little acre plot of land, partly paid for and no other money.

ELLENSBURG—Girl friends of Mrs. Hazel Gray, who killed her husband by taking carbolic acid in a Seattle hotel last Thursday, carried her coffin to the grave today. Over 700 people attended the funeral.

"Keep out of politics," Gov. Hay tells state employees, with a wink. Notice how Hay is boosting for Taft as hard as he can?

PORTLAND, Ore.—A "Made in Oregon" dinner, at which only foods grown in Oregon and manufactured in Oregon will be served, will be given by the Manufacturers' association here Tuesday, March 5, in furtherance of its "Made in Oregon" campaign.

But then Hay will only be governor till the people can get a real one, anyhow.

NEW YORK—Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Spaleck, 99 and 96 years old, today celebrated 79 years of wedded life. Mr. Spaleck smokes three cigars a day.

Frank Hickey will give Owen Woods a stiff race this spring, they say.

PARIS—George Le Blanc Maertelink says the most interesting thing in America is the "relentless chase of visitors by newspaper reporters." It was uproarious fun, though, he said.

KANSAS CITY—Judge Porterfield told a young woman appearing in his court in a low-necked frock to cover up, and go home and put on some clothes.

Gesozus Plots, the Sixth av. philosopher, says he'll run for Weeks' job if he can get the Commercial club to back him.

Members of a Cleveland bridge party got an assortment of diseases by kissing in greeting. Come on with that sterilizer.

If Roosevelt wants to show Tacoma that he is a real progressive, he'll do the Woodrow Wilson stunt to Ralph Standpat Metcalf.

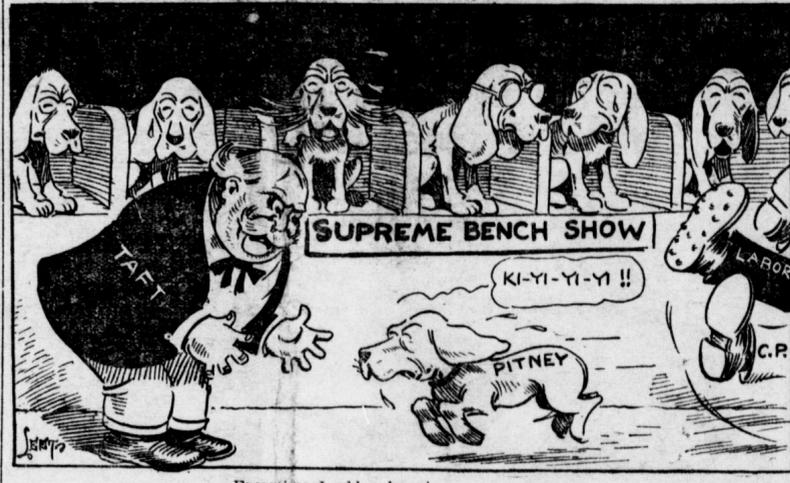
WICHITA, Kas.—While eating a boiled potato, Mrs. Alice Miller swallowed her false teeth. Three surgeons, by a speedy operation, saved her life.

A \$200 reward is offered for the capture of his daughter, "unmarried," by a Kentucky blue grass farmer.

Jones is for Taft. Will some bright statistician tell us how often Wesley voted with Aldrich on the tariff.

Straw hats and dusters are worn in Alaska during this, the mildest winter on record. It sounds like a frost—one of Jack's.

THEY GOTTA STOP KICKIN' HIS DAWGS AROUN'.



Everytime I add a houn' The folks start kickin' my bench show 'roun' I don't care if ev'ry one's a houn', They gotta stop kickin' my dawgs aroun'.

SUES PETTIT FRASER AND POLICEMEN

T. Howard Coppock, cigar salesman, who was caught and locked up at the city jail January 16 in connection with the recovery of a young girl who disappeared from the home of her friends and was later found in the Berkshire hotel, this morning brought suit against Commissioner Pettit, Chief Fraser, Captain Darnell and Detectives Wiley, Albertson and Royal for \$15,000 damages. Coppock was held on suspicion while the case was being investigated but was released on being taken to court as there was not sufficient evidence to hold him. The young woman was turned over to her father.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and Thursday.

Shake Dice for a Wife And the Winner Loses



PETER DEMAR AND WIFE, WHOM HE MARRIED AFTER RIVAL HAD WON HER AT DICE.

Won as a bride by Ernest Legler, Miss Lizzie Shorton of Rustatown, Fresno, Cal., has concluded that fate shall not decide her destiny. Legler, after becoming engaged to the girl, left Fresno, and Peter Demer appeared as a suitor. Legler was soon forgotten, and Demer and the girl secured a marriage license. Legler next day appeared before the county clerk for a license to marry Lizzie Shorton, explaining that he and Demer, the holder of the first license, had shaken dice for the hand of the fair Lizzie and that he had won. But Legler was left waiting at the church, for Lizzie married his rival despite the result of the dice game.

MADERO ISSUES THREAT EQUAL TO EDICT OF WAR

ONE U. S. SOLDIER IN MEXICO MEANS SLAUGHTER OF AMERICANS IN MEXICO CITY—TAFT AND WAR SECRETARIES CONFERENCE—SITUATION GRAVE—AMERICAN LIVES TAKEN AND PROPERTY DESTROYED BY MARCHING REBEL FORCES—BATTLES ON AMERICAN SOIL.

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The administration fears a slaughter of Americans in Mexico which thus will force an American invasion as the result of the incendiary statement today given out by Sanchez Azcona, Madero's secretary. Following information of the statement's being issued, President Taft, Secretary Meyer and Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson went into a protracted conference. It is believed here that Azcona's statement was issued to cause America to modify its position regarding a neutral zone and it is feared that the American occupation of such a zone would cause a massacre of Americans in Mexico. Senator Lodge said today that President Taft had declared the situation "very dangerous and delicate."

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—Sanchez Azcona, Madero's private secretary, issued a statement here today declaring that a massacre of Americans in Mexico City is probable if American troops cross the border. Representatives of the foreign legations immediately conferred and planned to unite to defend foreign residents in the event of a crisis. Foreign diplomats are puzzled as to why the statement was issued. President Madero declares that the fall of Juarez is trivial and that Colonel Villa's force of federals will surround the town and by starvation force the rebels to come ten miles out from Juarez to give battle.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 28.—Boldly crossing the border the Mexican rebels raided the Wilson cattle ranch, near Alpine, where they stole cattle and engaged in a battle with the posse of Americans. The marauders were overtaken, four were killed and Chas. Tuttle, an American, was wounded. Badly beaten, the Mexicans escaped into Mexico. Heavily armed posses are patrolling the international line and are prepared to fire on any Mexican marauders that attempt to cross into Texas. Routing the Mexican besiegers a strong band of American cowboys, after a hard ride from the Texas line, last night rescued the hard pressed defenders of the Nelson Morris ranch near Sierra Blanco, Mexico. Pscal Brown, manager of the ranch, according to reports received here today, was wounded and two friendly Mexicans who aided in the defense of the ranch were killed.

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Feb. 28.—American lives and property were placed in imminent danger today through the capture of the rebels of Velardena and Arasco, the American residents being compelled to remain in both towns. It is feared that the rebels will destroy American property wherever found. The situation through Northern Mexico, especially at Durango and in the Laguna section is extremely critical. Unrestrained by their officers, 2,000 rebels are looting the Laguna district.

MADERO MAY STEP DOWN

JUAREZ, Mexico, Feb. 28.—Within 24 hours, in the opinion of rebel chiefs here, Francisco I. Madero will resign as president of the republic and succeed Emelio Gomez will succeed him. President Madero made every effort to stamp out the uprising but the rebel leaders learned their trade under him and are as relentless in their demands that he resign as he was when at the point of the bayonet he forced Diaz to flee from Mexico.

Tragedy, Comedy and Farce at the Court House Today

After 80 days of unhappy married life, Andrew Johnson gave Emma, his wife, \$2,400 and quit. He got a divorce today. Both are advanced in years.

Though County Clerk McKenzie pointed out that his clerks got less than those in Seattle and Spokane the commissioners today denied his request for raises.

Mrs. Lora Otterson got a divorce today from Samuel B. Otterson, wealthy Orting rancher, for cruelty. The property will be divided.

Judge W. B. Reynolds, road supervisor. Reynolds, wealthy retired lawyer, former city attorney, was kicking to the county commissioners about the roads in the mountain district. "You need a good supervisor," he said.

"You can have the job," said Torger Peterson, sarcastically. "I'll take it," said Reynolds, just like that. He's arranging his bond now. The job pays \$4 a day—when working.

J. B. Walsh, wife beater, of Spanaway, must go to jail for 30 days. Mrs. Walsh, sick in bed, must get along as well as she can without his earnings.

Walsh pleaded guilty today before Justice Graham. "She was sick and that made me nervous," he said. "So I got drunk and beat her."

Some day we'll have a law that wife beaters will work out their punishment and be paid for it, the money to go to their families. As it is now Mrs. Walsh is punished equally with her husband for his offense.

T. Nishigaki, who killed Y. Mimura at the Alliance mill two weeks ago, will be arraigned before Evans today.

Ben and Albert Jackson, sons of Mrs. Josephine Brown, who was murdered by her husband at Larchmont Sunday night, will get \$1,250 insurance. It will be turned over to executors.

Court officials are trying to locate the woman's relatives in Illinois and will send the boys there if possible.

Red hot school board election coming off at Home Colony Saturday. A. P. Myers and D. Debusman are the conservative candidates and M. A. De Crane and Charles Greenhouse are picked by the real blown-in-the-bottle anarchists.

The conservatives intend to challenge every opposing voter and make him swear in his citizenship. Leonard Hicklin, conservative, asked Sheriff Longmire today for police protection, stating that he expected trouble. Longmire refused to interfere.

Say Kids Another Times Party at Empress Coming

Another Times party next Saturday afternoon at the Empress. A coupon clipped from Friday's edition of the Times with five cents admit the youngsters. The bill this week is one which will find favor with the youngsters. The Toy Girls, by Maxwell's Dancing Girls, is one which

\$80 Worth of Words Is Wasted On Pole Debates

DISPUTED QUESTION IS UP TO OWEN WOODS AFTER ALL. That Gove st. pole line again! Gove st. was on hand at the city hall this morning as usual. The people said the Seattle-Tacoma Power Co. is setting its poles despite their protests. So the council debated about it

again for two hours more. It has put in two hours every day this week.

At 1.50 an hour, which is the rate for commissioners, \$60 worth of time has been consumed wrangling. Mayor Seymour has talked away \$25 worth of time alone.

And then City Atty. Baker, Chauffeur Miller and Clerk Edwards have been on the job all the time, too. Their time would be worth at least \$20.

Besides the city has used a lot of gasoline running up to Gove st. Woods has been up, Gronen went twice, and this morning was ordered to go again, and finally, after all, the council discovered that they had nothing to do with the case—it is all up to Owen Woods, and what he says goes.

If Woods says Gove st. for the pole line, there she stays.

Big Damages

Bert G. Clark fell off the stairway leading from the 11th st. bridge down to the municipal dock in December and this morning he filed a claim against the city for \$40,000 damages.

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You Can't Vote This Spring Unless You Register Before March 12