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MEXICAN BANDIT SENDS 6 AMERICAN RAILROAD MEN AND 35 PASSENGERS TO DEATH

FORTY DEAD IN FLAMING TUNNEL, IS BELIEF

Mexicans from Scene of Outlaw Outrage Say Passenger Train Ran Unsuspecting Into Blazing Inferno.

MEN NOW MISSING AFTER FOUR DAYS

Tunnel Still Burning and Investigation Impossible; Definite Information Difficult to Get.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Juarez, Mex., Feb. 7.—Gravest fears that the six American railroad men and 35 passengers on the Mexico and Northwest-ern train which ran into the burning Cumbre tunnel last Wednesday have perished were expressed by railroad men here this afternoon.

Two Mexicans who left the train at Cumbre, say the passenger was not held up but ran into the tunnel innocent of the danger. The fact that none of the crew or passengers have been seen since, although four days have elapsed, is regarded as the saddest evidence of their fate for which the bandit leader, Maximo Castillo, who failed to leave warning that he had set a freight train on fire in the tunnel, is regarded as responsible.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS ARE SLOW TO BELIEVE IT

Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 7.—Definite information of the fate of the ten American railroad men captured by Mexican bandits was still lacking today, although in this city railroad officials were still disposed to discredit the rumor that they, or at least the six of them who were on the passenger train, were locked in the train and sent to their deaths in the blazing Cumbre tunnel.

Some circumstances thus far learned are against the truth of the rumor. According to P. C. Theide, superintendent of the Pearson plant at El Paso, the train stopped at the station of Cumbre. This is only a quarter of a mile from the big Cumbre tunnel, and Mr. Theide said that at that distance the train could not have gained sufficient momentum to bring on a wreck so complete that all persons in the train would have been killed. There were about 35 Mexican passengers.

The rumor was started by a Mexican who is now believed to have been instructed to tell the story to delay pursuit of the bandits and their prisoners.

There were six Americans on the passenger train, and two American conductors and two American engi-

neers on the freight, which was a doubleheader, and which was set on fire to destroy the tunnel. A number of Mexican trainmen also are missing.

The flames in the tunnel prevented investigation yesterday, but F. C. Clark of the railroad, Dr. H. C. Hurr and four assistants left Madera again this morning to visit the scene and a definite report is hoped for by night.

ONLY BRIEF REPORT IS RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 7.—Only a brief report of the train wreck and destruction of Cumbre tunnel by Mexican bandits has been made by American Consul Edwards. From Acapulco news uprisings are reported on both coasts and frequent conflicts of guerrilla bands occur.

Telegraphic and railway communication between Monterey and Nuevo Laredo have been re-established.

HEARST RANCH COWBOYS TO HELP NAB BANDITS

Juarez, Mex., Feb. 7.—Aroused to high pitch of anger by the capture of American railroad officials and trainmen by Maximo Castillo's bandits, the burning of a passenger train and the wrecking of the big Cumbre tunnel, possess are being formed in the Guerrero district to assist the rebels in running down the band.

One posse is reported to consist of cowboys from the Hearst ranch. Railroad employes and men from the Madera Lumber company's plant are said to be among those who have volunteered to assist in the hunt.

From Madera came a rumor which was generally discredited, that when the passenger train was sent crashing into the burning tunnel the passengers, including the Americans, were locked inside the cars and perished.

In previous exploits of the kind Castillo has treated the passengers generally with great consideration and when the telegraph wire to Madera was restored this afternoon railroad officials there threw doubt on the rumor. Nevertheless, news from F. J. Clark, superintendent of the Chihuahua division of the road, who left Madera to investigate the whole occurrence was eagerly awaited.

The railroad from Eagle Pass to the City of Mexico, via Torreon, where the next big battle of the revolution is expected to take place, was reported open today.

VANDERBILTS RETURN WITHOUT THEIR YACHT

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
New York, Feb. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt and party, including the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, reached New York today on the United Fruit company liner Almirante from Colon and Kingston, finishing a trip necessitated by the Vanderbilt yacht Warrior's grounding off the coast of Colombia.

According to last reports the yacht was still stranded and all but ten of the crew were taken off. A special tug met the Vanderbilt party at Quarantine.

To Dissolve Clothing Company.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 7.—A motion to dissolve the Binghamton Clothing company, which lost all its property in the fire that cost thirty-two lives last July, was made in the state court today. The capitalization of the concern is \$100,000 but there is only \$2,400 to divide among the stockholders. A test action against the stockholders has been commenced to recover \$15,000 for the loss of one life.

To Abolish the Bushel.

Kansas City, Feb. 7.—Abolition of the bushel and the use of the central or 166-pound measure in its place, was advocated at today's session of the convention of the Western Fruit Jobbers' association here.

Wireless Waves Didn't Explode the Volturro

Expert Ridicules Idea That Unseen Waves Could Have Produced Marine Disaster; Not Strong Enough.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
London, Feb. 7.—"It is absurd," was the comment today of Prof. William Henry Eccles of University College, an eminent radio expert, when shown the suggestion made by a Paris engineer, M. Durozier, that the explosions on board the steamship Volturro, the French battleship Liberté and in the Universal colliery near Cardiff, were due to wireless waves.

"I wish it were true," Prof. Eccles added. "It would mean a tremendous increase in the power and usefulness of wireless waves if it could obtain such results. As it is, wireless waves are only sufficient in strength to move the most delicate instruments. They have not nearly enough energy to enable us to write with them."

SUFFRAGIST TEST CASE MADE IN ILLINOIS

Adverse Supreme Court Decision Will Nullify Registration of 158,000 Women in Chicago.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Chicago, Feb. 7.—The Illinois woman's suffrage test case, officially entitled *Shaw* against the election commissioners of the city of Chicago, is on the calendar of the state supreme court for Friday, February 13.

Counsel for the suffragists said today that the answer to the brief of the appellants, who are attacking the constitutionality of the suffrage act, would be filed in the supreme court before next Friday. Should oral arguments be heard immediately by the upper court, a decision would be possible before the spring elections.

A decision adverse to the constitutionality of the suffrage would nullify the registration of the 158,000 Chicago women who visited the polling places for the first time last Tuesday.

STRIKE PROBERS HAVE ARRIVED AT MINES

Houghton Committee Meets Congressional Investigators and Tenders Them Key to the City.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Houghton, Mich., Feb. 7.—Congressmen Taylor of Colorado and Casey of Pennsylvania who are members of the subcommittee appointed to investigate the strike in the Michigan copper country, arrived today and Representative Howell of Utah is expected tomorrow.

A local committee met the investigators and tendered them the use of the city hall for the hearings, which probably will begin on Monday.

Mr. Taylor, who is chairman of the subcommittee, said that no plan of procedure had been agreed on and that arrangements for the hearings would be made after the arrival of Mr. Howell.

Slow progress was made in the Seaberville murder trial today. Stanko Stepeck, who was one of the men shot, again took the stand and described how he was wounded. He did not witness the killing of Steve Purlich, for the alleged murder of whom two deputy sheriffs and three Waddell-Mahon guards are on trial.

Son of Eminent Frenchman Convicted.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 7.—Averard Nyayit, slayer of Marie Prandis, a woman of the underworld, when sentenced to life imprisonment in San Quentin prison, told the court that he was the son of Vice Admiral Nyayit, of the French navy.

His brother William, he said, is a captain of the guard in Paris.

Until his father discovered his relations with the Prandis woman, Nyayit received a remittance of \$450 a month. Afterward he worked as a cook.

ERUPTION FERCE AND TERRIBLE

Hundreds of Lives Blotted Out Far Under Streams of Lava in Japan May Never Be Accounted for.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF RECENT DISASTER

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
San Francisco, Feb. 7.—The first detailed account of the terrible eruption of Sakura-Jima, on the southern coast of Japan, as received here today by mail from the Tokio correspondent of the Associated Press, places the loss of life conservatively estimated at "several hundred."

Not only was the island of Sakura-Jima itself, with its dozen villages, flooded by a torrent of flaming lava and buried under a hail of incandescent rocks, but the beautiful city of Kagoshima, overlooking the Golden Gate, was partially destroyed, several towns and villages on the mainland to the east were sore hit, and the villages of Akademia, Yokoyama and Koko were literally swallowed up by the molten lava. Until they are dug out no specific count of lives lost ever will be possible. The account follows:

"While a Tokio audience of Japanese was assembled at the Imperial theater, viewing moving pictures of the Last Days of Pompeii, the suburban fires of their own empire, imprisoned for more than a century, were surging upward, beneath the Isle of Sakura-Jima, in the southwestern part of the realm. Soon began an eruption as fierce and terrible as to take place at once with the historic demonstrations of Vesuvius.

"The 23,000 inhabitants of Sakura-Jima fled wildly in all directions, in a pitiful quest for food and shelter. Shrieks of terror filled the air from one end of the island to the other. From thickly settled villages and farm houses, embosomed in groves of oranges, peaches and plums, the farmers ran to the shores of the bay. Horses neighed and snorted in terror and all manner of domestic cattle bellowed and cried to be let loose. Many freed themselves and began a wild stampede through and over their human companions.

"Many old men refused to try to save themselves and had literally to be dragged along by the younger. Women and children were seen off first, the women carrying their infants slung Japanese fashion across their backs, their hands filled with portable household goods. Some shielded themselves with mattresses, others wore metal and earthen pots for helmets. It was a wild huggers-mugger; a pell-mell rush; a fight of indescribable panic and confusion."

BOARD OF FOOD AND DRUGS IS ABOLISHED

Secretary Houston Takes Action for Which Dr. Harvey Wiley Has Been Fighting for Many Months.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Washington, Feb. 7.—The board of food and drug inspection in the department of agriculture, which was often the center of attack by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief chemist, has been abolished by Secretary Houston.

At the department of agriculture it was said the board had been abolished in the interest of efficiency and economy. Dr. Carl Albert, who succeeded Dr. Wiley as pure food chief, will decide the appeals that formerly went to the board. He will be assisted by Dr. H. L. Emerson of Boston.

Dr. Wiley hotly attacked the pure food board in unmeasured terms at various stages of his administration, declaring its operation hampered administration of the spirit of the pure food laws.

Under the new plan the enforcement of the pure food law will virtually be entrusted to one man. That was what Dr. Wiley contended for.

New Governor General.

London, Feb. 7.—It is officially announced that the Right Hon. Ronald Craufurd Murray-Pearson, member of parliament for Leith, will succeed Lord Deans as governor general of Australia.

Wireless Calls for Vessel Lost in Icy Waste

Sturdy Navy Tug Passes from Human Ken After Vain Attempt to Rescue Crews of Fishing Schooners.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Washington, Feb. 7.—Wireless calls were spattering out from the big navy tugs at Arlington today to the frozen wastes of the Newfoundland coast, searching for the navy tug Potomac, lost in the ice after an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the crews of the fishing schooners Hiram Lowell and Frances Willard.

The heavy ice packs in the Bay of Islands turned the sturdy Potomac back from her work of rescue after days of useless smashing at the frozen fields that hold the Lowell and the Willard prisoners, who left the tug for North Sydney Thursday night and should have put into port yesterday. When the tug was not heard from today, navy officers said there was no cause for alarm, but put the wireless feeling for her. They thought she may merely be delayed, making her way through the ice in the straits.

HEARING HELD ON REGIONAL BANK IN EL PASO

Secretaries McAdoo and Houston Will Get Views of Business Men of Pass City This Evening.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 7.—Secretaries McAdoo and Houston will hold a hearing tonight at the El Paso custom house to get the views of El Paso bankers on the location of regional banks and branches in the west. The secretaries will arrive here at 4:20 and will be the guests at Fort Bliss at 5 o'clock at a review of troops. Then they will inspect the Mexican refugee prison camp and at 6 they will be guests of the chamber of commerce at dinner. The hearing will follow and at 10 o'clock they will leave for the east. The El Paso bankers and business men will present their claims in five-minute arguments, each speaker representing some interest centered at El Paso. El Paso is only asking to be kept in the same regional bank district as its surrounding trade territory.

SECRETARIES DEPART ON THE HOME STRETCH

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—Secretaries McAdoo and Houston left here late yesterday on a home stretch tour of the country made in their capacity as location committee of the federal reserve board to find the best locations for the eight "core" regional banks to be established. They will reach El Paso tonight.

PERUVIAN CONGRESS WILL REWARD THOSE WHO PULLED COUP

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Lima, Peru, Feb. 7.—An extraordinary session of the Peruvian congress was called today to meet on March 1. At the opening session the government will make a statement in regard to the overthrow of President Billinghurst. Rewards for the persons who distinguished themselves at the time of the change of government will be asked and congress will be requested to approve the budget and other projects.

The provisional government today made grants of \$500 to each of the families of soldiers who died during the fighting at the capture of the presidential palace.

The second vice president of the republic, Miguel Echenique, who took office at the same time as President Billinghurst, resigned today.

ROCKEFELLER FAILS TO LIST PROPERTY

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Cleveland, O., Feb. 7.—With John D. Rockefeller in New York, where he went from here yesterday afternoon, John D. Fackler and William Agnew, deputy state tax commissioners, said today they would take no action to list Rockefeller's \$500,000,000 personal property on the Cuyahoga county duplicate here until Monday. Today marks the expiration of the time provided by law for Rockefeller to voluntarily list his property here.

ITALY'S PROTEST AGAINST ALIEN BILL HEARD BY SENATE

Opposes Provision to Place American Surgeons on Emigrant Ships, Thought Essential by Author.

OWEN MEASURE IS STRONGLY ATTACKED

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Washington, Feb. 7.—Italy's protest against the new immigration bill's provision to place American surgeons on emigrant ships was before the senate committee today waiting the result of conferences with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

Representative Barnett, author of the bill, thinks the provision one of the most valuable, but should the senate at the wish of the administration strike it out, the house probably will not insist on it. Leaders thought the object could be accomplished other ways.

The house bill was today substituted for all other pending senate bills and with amendments will be taken to the floor very soon. Chairman Smith has consulted President Wilson on the literacy test and other restrictive phases.

"I am in no position now to discuss the president's views," he said. Hearings may be ordered later.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MEASURE BEFORE SENATE

Washington, Feb. 7.—The agricultural extension bill was before the senate today for a final vote. It already has passed the house. By a graduated scale of appropriations it proposes eventually to have the government aid agricultural colleges in all states to the extent of \$3,000,000 a year. A proposal by Senator Jones of Washington to amend the agricultural extension bill to distribute a portion of the proposed appropriation for farm demonstration work to negro agricultural colleges in the south, was defeated today in the senate, 32 to 22.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF OWEN BILL QUESTIONED

Washington, Feb. 7.—Representatives of the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York testified today before the senate banking committee on the Owen bill for the incorporation of stock exchanges and federal regulation of their practices.

H. H. Boynton, counsel for the Consolidated Exchange, questioned the constitutionality of the Owen bill. He declared exchanges could not oust objectionable members without much delay if they were incorporated and courts could issue injunctions.

Mr. Boynton declared the object of publicity was meritorious but drawn in the bill was dangerous. He thought it possible for three or four big corporations whose stocks were largely traded in to give one exchange a monopoly of business.

"What would become of the Consolidated, the Chicago and the Boston exchanges if these big corporations reported only to the New York stock exchange," he asked.

"They would be put out of business and stockholders would be deprived of a ready and stable market."

HITCHCOCK'S OPPOSITION BLOCKS COAL LAND BILL

Washington, Feb. 7.—Opposition by Senator Hitchcock today blocked consideration of Senator Meyers' bill to authorize the sale of three sections of public coal lands in Montana to the Republic Coal company for the use of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, which, it is said, had been unable to get coal for operation from its competitor, the Northern Pacific. Mr. Hitchcock said he was prejudiced against selling public lands for such a specific purpose and the bill went over to next week.

ANOTHER RADIUM BILL INTRODUCED TODAY

Washington, Feb. 7.—Another radium bill to encourage exploration for the precious healing ore, was introduced today, this one by Senator Walsh. The government would have the first right to buy ore found on private lands as well as the public domain. Private lands, unworked for their deposits, might be taken over by the government. Some of the house provisions for a reducing plant in the west were included in the new measure.

Big Indoor Track Meet at Boston.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Champion athletes of all the larger colleges and athletic clubs of the east are among the 427 entrants for the 25th annual indoor track and field games of the Boston Athletic association today.

ANTI-HUERTA CONSPIRACY FOILED

Extreme Military Vigilance Observed in Mexican Capital to Keep Lid on Enemies of Government.

PALACE HEAVILY GUARDED BY TROOPS

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.]
Mexico City, Feb. 7.—The federal capital was quiet today. The authorities had feared that conspirators against the administration would attempt an armed uprising, but no outbreak occurred.

Troops guarded the palace, the arsenal and the artillery barracks throughout the night as the result of last night's reports that conspirators had planned a coup d'etat against Huerta.

Considerable excitement was caused by the activity of the soldiers and fear that an outbreak had actually occurred in Guadalupe, seven miles northeast, where fighting was said to be in progress.

Telephone messages failed, however to confirm the rumors of fighting. It was thought the fact that troops had been sent to the suburb in accordance with military plans to be in readiness for a possible uprising was responsible for the reports.

Reports about the capital were that 2,500 police were involved in the plot and that they had pledged themselves to revolt with certain of the troops.

The beginning of the new revolt, according to the reports, was fixed for February 5.

The secret police today arrested a number of clerks and small business men alleged to have been connected with an anti-governmental conspiracy. The authorities declare they found on the prisoners cards indicating their connection with the movement. The police believe they have succeeded in frustrating any important plot. They are maintaining great vigilance.

Jose Vera Estanol, brother of Jorge Vera Estanol, minister of public instruction in the Madero cabinet, who was arrested a few days ago on suspicion of conspiring against the government, was released today.

BRITISH CHARGE ARRIVES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, Feb. 7.—Thomas H. Hoher, British secretary and charge d'affaires at Mexico City, arrived here today with the purpose of getting first hand impressions of the attitude of public men toward the Mexican problem.

GENERAL MAAS PROMOTED BY PRESIDENT HUERTA

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 7.—General Joaquin Maas, Jr., has been appointed by Provisional President Huerta as commander of the Mexican army division of the Bravo, according to advices received here today.

General Maas recently forced evacuation by rebels of their provisional capital at Piedras Negras and practically drove the rebels in the state of Coahuila from Monclova to the border. He was appointed military governor of Coahuila. He succeeds General Telles as commander in the Bravo division, the latter going to Mexico City.

EMISSARY OF DIAZ WELL TREATED BY GEN. VILLA

Havana, Feb. 7.—Jose Flores Sandoval, a Mexican attorney and intimate friend of General Felix Diaz, arrived here today from northern Mexico by way of New Orleans, where he is reported to have been on a secret mission to induce General Francisco Villa to renounce General Carranza and recognize General Diaz as the leader of the Mexican rebellion.

Senior Sandoval refused to disclose the nature of his trip to the state of Chihuahua, in Mexico. He said he met General Villa, previous to the latter's execution of Francisco Guzman, who also was reported to have tried to persuade Villa to desert Carranza. The Mexican lawyer said he was well treated by General Villa, who told him that the rebels were ready to attack the town of Torreon and then would proceed to Mexico City.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS OF UNITED STATES ARMY

Washington, Feb. 7.—Brigadier General Funston, who has gone to take command of the maneuver camp at Texas City, probably will take command of the southern department when General Tasker H. Bliss is relieved in April to come to Washington to become assistant chief of staff of the army.

Major General W. W. Witherpoon probably will become chief of staff when Major General Leonard Wood retires to take command of the Department of the east.

General Witherpoon will be relieved for age next November and it is