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## Washington Clamors to Avenge American Murders

### THREE ARE CLIMBING FOR PLUM

A friendly campaign is being waged by Postmaster Earle L. Hunter, Deputy Marshal James L. Manning, and Zina M. Bradford, for the local postmastership. Although a Republican, Postmaster Hunter is receiving the endorsement of numerous businessmen, for reappointment when his term expires in April.

On the other hand, Mr. Manning who was chief clerk under Postmaster Hunter before appointed deputy marshal, has had plenty of support and his bid for the office will be accompanied by an abundance of endorsements. It is indicated, Mr. Manning is a brother-in-law of Charles M. McGrath, a prominent Sitka democrat, and is also a member of that party.

Mr. Bradford's petition to Washington is signed by a large number of businessmen, including members of the Democratic Club. He is endorsed for the place by his uncle, National Committee man Z. R. Cheney, and by Marshal Harry Bishop. He is interested in the Sanitary Grocery and has been a resident of Juneau for six years.

### U. S. CABLE IS REPAIRED LATE TODAY

Three cheers and a tiger almost lifted the ceiling of The Empire office at 4 o'clock this afternoon when Operator C. F. Roberts, in charge of the United States cable office telephoned that the motor barge Waikana had spliced the break in the army cable at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Sitka immediately got into communication with Seattle and the "crisis" again has been passed.

### PLENTY OF WATER

Mayor Reek said this afternoon that by tomorrow night there will be plenty of city water in the mains. He said: "We have investigated the situation and today found that the main intake was higher than the water level on the large north spring. The trouble will be repaired tomorrow."

### CORPORATIONS FILE WITH THE SECRETARY OF ALASKA

Three notices of corporations and two corporations naming their agents were received at the office of the Secretary of Alaska today. The F. C. Barnes Company, a fishing corporation existing under the laws of Oregon filed their articles. F. C. Barnes was named as agent and he is located at Lake Bay, Alaska. The notification also bears the signature of F. Collison, as secretary of the company.

The Columbia & Northern Fishing & Packing Company, organized under the laws of Oregon, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary's office and named F. Matheson, agent of the company, at Wrangell. E. H. Joseph is vice-president of the company and Harrison Allen is secretary.

One Al'en corporation, the Alaska Venture Syndicate, Limited, filed its articles, also financial statement as required by the Territorial laws, with the secretary of Alaska. The syndicate exists under the laws of Great Britain and is permitted to do business in England and elsewhere.

### NEW MOON SHINES ON NEWLY WEDS EXTENDING BEST WISHES

With the rays of the new moon shining through the windows, as if in its silent but only manner it had of showing its well wishes, Mrs. A. D. Grove and Louis A. Burns were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at the manse of the Presbyterian church, last night. Rev. J. B. Stevens officiating. The wedding was private. Both of the contracting parties are well known on both sides of the channel.

### B-R-R-COLD WEATHER!

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 13.—The mercury has dropped from 35 to 50 degrees within the past 36 hours in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska and Texas.

The entire Middle West today is enveloped in a terrible snowstorm, and great damage will be done, it is feared.

### THE WEATHER

Thursday, Jan. 13.  
Maximum—36.  
Minimum—15.  
Clear.

### RATE CUTTING IS OPPOSED BY S. S. COMPANIES

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Officials of Seattle steamship lines and transcontinental railroads who met here yesterday to consider reduction in the through passenger rates between ports in Alaska and the East as a result of the rates quoted by the Grand Trunk Pacific, failed to reach an agreement.

Of the \$10 difference in the rates between the Canadian road and the rate from Seattle, the steamship companies refused to absorb \$4.00, although the railroads expressed a willingness to reduce by \$6.00 their rates.

Fare via Seattle Higher

The fare from Ketchikan to the East is \$16 higher than via Prince Rupert. From Juneau to the East via Prince Rupert, and the Grand Trunk Pacific the rate is \$10 cheaper than via Seattle and the American transcontinental lines.

From Skagway the rate to the East is \$14 lower by way of Prince Rupert than via Seattle.

"By an adjustment of passenger fares to meet as nearly as possible those in effect via Prince Rupert the Seattle railroad and steamship lines should make a new effort to protect Seattle as the gateway to Alaska," said Harry Brandt, general agent of the passenger departments of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company.

May Confer Again

Another conference may be held in the near future. The lines represented yesterday were the following:

The Great Northern Railway Company; Northern Pacific Railway Company; Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company; Canadian Pacific Railway Company; Pacific Coast Steamship Company; Southern Pacific Railway Company; Alaska Steamship Company; Pacific Alaska Navigation Company, and the Border Line Transportation company.

### ALCOHOL SELLING JAPANESE ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—S. Takana, a Japanese druggist, who is alleged to have sold unlabeled wood alcohol which caused the death of seven persons, was made a defendant to manslaughter charges in the superior court yesterday.

The information against Takana was filed by County Prosecutor Lundin.

### CONTRACT IS CLOSED FOR NEXT SEASON'S ANTIMONY SHIPMENTS

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—The American Yukon Navigation Company has just closed a contract with W. R. Taylor, of Kantlenna, St. Scruffard and the Northern Commercial Company of Fairbanks, for the shipment out via St. Michael during the coming season of 3,000 tons of antimony ore for treatment at plants at San Pedro.

### BIG COAL PROPERTIES ON BERING RIVER TO BE OPENED

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—The Alaska Petroleum & Coal Company, which recently received patent to 150 acres of coal land in the Bering River section, is planning to begin work in the spring on the development of their coal land and oil holdings in that section.

According to the reports of the engineers made to the Alaska Petroleum & Coal Company, the coal claim contains not less than five million tons of merchantable coal. The company also proposes to build 11 miles of railroad from the coal mine to Uldavater.

It is also stated that former United States Senator George Turner will shortly institute suit against the government for patents to the other coal claims in the Bering river region, claimed by the company, and to which patent has been applied.

### ALASKA COAL COMPANY WOULD BUILD RAILROAD

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—The Alaska Petroleum and Coal company, of which Clarke Davis is manager, announced yesterday that it had decided to construct a railroad from Goose City, on Goose Bay, Southeastern Alaska, to the company's property, a distance of seventeen miles.

Mr. Davis asserted that the company expected to expend \$75,000 at once on the construction of coal bunkers, after which oil wells will be drilled on their properties.

### REVOLTERS SLAIN

HONGKONG, Jan. 13.—Reports from Tam 'Sui, Potomga, Pockle and Yentz are that many Chinese revolutionists have been slain in a series of engagements between the revolters and Imperial troops.

### SEATTLE MAN SUICIDES

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—A. C. Kean, president of Kean Brothers, realty dealer, shot himself yesterday with suicidal intent, and was dying in a local hospital last night.

### SITUATION FOUL SAYS DYNAMITER

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Matthew A. Schmidt, convicted on December 30 of first degree murder as the accomplice of James B. McNamara in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building here five years ago, was formally sentenced to Folsom Prison for life imprisonment today. The jury had prescribed the punishment Schmidt should receive, the same penalty imposed on James B. McNamara after the latter had confessed in court four years ago that he had placed the bomb that destroyed the newspaper plant.

When asked by the Court if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced, Schmidt delivered a tirade against industrial conditions, which, he said, were "rotten to the core."

The specific charge against Schmidt was of having murdered Charles Harty, one of the 29 victims of The Times explosion.

The Court's charge to the jury had been regarded as distinctly favorable to the defendant and the verdict came as a surprise to Schmidt and his counsel.

David Caplan, another alleged accomplice of McNamara, who was arrested last February near Seattle, shortly after Schmidt had been taken into custody in New York, is in jail awaiting trial also on the charge of having murdered Charles Harty.

### DETECTIVE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Peter Peterson, a Russian interpreter for the Burns detective agency was lured away from his home in Seattle, by a forged telegram on October 15, the wire summoning him to Mount Vernon, apparently on business.

Peterson has never been heard from since he left here and his family is positive that he has been murdered by enemies.

### WATER SITUATION ACUTE AT SEATTLE AND ITS USE COMMERCIALY PROHIBITED

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—The repairs to the Cedar River water system so far baffled all attempts at being repaired and so scarce has become the water that the city today absolutely prohibited the water's use for commercial purposes. All hydraulic elevators, both for freight and passengers, were shut down. All hotels, business houses and soft drink places were notified to turn the water off from all flush tanks. The city itself is prohibited from using any water whatsoever for washing of streets. Water wagons are hourly going about the high elevations peddling the fluid to householders.

### ATTEND WEDDING OF HIS DAUGHTER—MAKES MILLION

SEATTLE, Jan. 12.—Several weeks ago Dr. Rufus Smith went to New York City to attend the wedding of his daughter Margaret to John Davis, the wealthy real estate agent of this city. During the honeymoon of the couple, while awaiting their return from a short trip to rejoice him on their way here, Dr. Smith took a whirl on the stock market and according to reports has cleaned up almost a million dollars on his speculations.

### HOW VANCOUVER, B. C. WAS SAVED FROM TEUTONS

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—A New York special quotes Charles B. Bedell, chief engineer of the Electric Boat Co., as saying that a German attempt to seize Vancouver, B. C., was foiled in the early stages of the war by the purchase of two submarines by the Canadian government. The boats were purchased by Canada just before the declaration of war by England. Off Vancouver at the time, awaiting the declaration of war, were two German cruisers, with men on board ready to land at Vancouver and seize the city but on the appearance of the submarines they left hurriedly, so the story asserts.

### INCREASE LIKELY

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—The longshoremen's demand for an increase in pay with a wage agreement for next year and a rate of 35 cents per hour, as paid in New York and Portland, will be granted by the steamship interests here, it is believed. Longshoremen are now receiving 33 cents per hour on general cargo and 50 cents per hour for night work.

### IMMIGRANTS FEWER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—According to available statistics, in the year ended June 30, 1915, 326,700 immigrants have arrived in the United States, compared with 1,218,490 in the year 1914, the smallest total for over 20 years. The excess of alien arrivals over departures was only 59,010 in 1915, compared with an excess in 1914 of 789,278.

### ROCKEFELLER MUST AGAIN STAND TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—It was learned on positive authority today that the government will again prosecute William Rockefeller and four other directors of the New Haven railroad, under the Sherman anti-trust laws.

Six of the former directors at New York Monday were found not guilty, and the jury disagreed in the case of five others, including Rockefeller, after a trial lasting several weeks. The charge was criminal violation of the Sherman law.

Blames The Lawyers

Rockefeller did not testify during his recent trial, because of illness. In his depositions, however, he placed the responsibility for the alleged unlawful acts of which he is accused chiefly on Edward D. Robbins, former general counsel of the New Haven Railroad, who became counsel in 1907, was described in the depositions as a man "who by reason of his learning and great experience in railroad matters, was supposed by Mr. Rockefeller to be peculiarly well qualified to advise the board with respect to the legality of the various transactions proposed to it from time to time."

The deposition added that other "lawyers of standing" advised the board, and that "in addition there were always on the board a number of members well acquainted with the law and members well accustomed to defer, and that he, Rockefeller, was never advised and never supposed that any acquisition for which he voted was in violation of the Federal anti-trust act or was open to question under said act."

Conspiracy Denied

Rockefeller denied that he had ever entered or formed a conspiracy to monopolize the commerce of New England, and said that the various properties taken over by the New Haven during his service as a director were not in pursuance of a "pre-concerted plan," but on account of "special circumstances which immediately induced the acquisitions."

In so far as he exercised his best judgment, "acting in the belief that the acquisitions were in the best interests of the New Haven Company and of the service in which it was engaged," in no case, he swore, had he profited personally thereby.

Of the negotiations which led up to the New Haven traffic agreement with the Grand Trunk railway of Canada Rockefeller professed "ignorance and said that he had been distinctly told by Charles S. Mellin that the agreement had nothing to do with the abandonment of the Grand Trunk's extension in New England, which the government alleges was a condition of the agreement. He averred ignorance, also, of the Metropolitan Steamship transactions.

### NARROW ESCAPE FOR PREMIER

TOKYO, Jan. 13.—Count Okuma, the Japanese Premier, had a narrow escape from death today at the hands of assassins. Returning from the royal palace shortly after midnight Count Okuma's aide saw two men skulking near a building and a warning shout came just in time. Two bombs were hurled at Count Okuma, one exploding near him. He was not injured. The assassins escaped.

### FRENCH FORCE LANDS ON GRECIAN ISLAND

ATHENS, Jan. 13.—A French expeditionary force has landed on the Greek Island of Corfu and a protest is expected to be filed by the Hellenic government immediately.

### DANUBE TRAFFIC LARGE.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Belgrade correspondence declares that Danube traffic is exceptionally heavy. It is said that commerce commenced while there was yet firing along the banks. For the first two weeks only military supplies came down. A day's traffic averages about 6300 carloads. It is estimated that five days' traffic will amount to over a million tons.

### SALEM REBUILT.

SALEM, Mass., Jan. 13.—Since the great fire of eighteen months ago, Salem has restored 1870 buildings, valued at \$6,000,000, it is published here.

### NORWAY BORROWS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The Norwegian minister of finance has arranged with the National City Bank of New York for a 6 per cent loan of \$5,000,000, redeemable in seven years.

### NIP LOT TO SHIP RUBBER

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Government detectives have unearthed an alleged plot to supply Germany with rubber by having women travelers carry it in their trunks, and eight boxes with 3,500 pounds of rubber were seized last month, it is said.

### AUSTRIAN NET BEING TIGHTENED

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Montenegro's plight today is said to be serious, with the Austrians advancing on Cetigne, the capital, from the seaport of Cattaro, and Fudina.

Advices received today were that the Austrian forces have reached Mchitz, five miles from Antivari, an important seaport, which is being bombarded from land and sea. At the same time a strong hostile force is invading Montenegro from the East.

Advices from Constantinople are that the Turks have completely routed the British forces from Seddul.

### GERMANS RAID ALLIED BASES AT SALONIKI

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A squadron of twelve German aeroplanes, armed with explosives and incendiary bombs, bombarded Saloniki at dusk yesterday, inflicting great damage on the military camps of the French and English.

The air raiders set out from the German army headquarters in the neighborhood of Strumitza and 18 bombs were dropped by the invaders, with generally accurate marksmanship. Allied aeroplanes, surprised by the attack, were some few minutes in answering the attack, but two of the hostile fleet were brought to earth, one by a French aeroplane and the other by the fire of a British anti-aeroplane gun.

The balance of the Teutonic flyers returned to their base.

### SEVENTY KILLED; TEUTON POWDER STORES EXPLODE

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—A German ammunition depot in the Southeastern section of Lille, France, has been blown up, according to an announcement of the war office in an official communication issued last night. Seventy were killed and forty injured and a large amount of munitions destroyed.

### ANOTHER AT DUPONT

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 12.—An explosion occurred yesterday evening at the Hagley plant of the Dupont Powder Company, the third within 48 hours.

### GERMAN SEA CAMPAIGN DESTROYS 734 SHIPS

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—"It is stated on competent German authority," says the Overseas News Agency, "that since the beginning of the war to the end of November last 734 enemy ships, with a total tonnage of 1,447,628 tons, were destroyed.

Of these 588 with 1,079,492 tons, were destroyed by submarines and 85, with 347,700 tons, by mines.

"Of the ships destroyed 624, with 231,944 tons, were British, which means a loss of 5.9 per cent. of the total British tonnage."

### PARIS PAPER SAYS GERMANS ARE LYING

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Figaro says that representatives of a German cop-trading firm have been telling prodigious yarns to natives of the South Sea Islands, declaring London was razed by typhus and New Zealand entirely quarantined.

### PORTUGUESE PLAN TO BUY INTEREND SHIPS

PARIS, Jan. 12.—A Lisbon special declares that a Portuguese company, allied with British shipping interests is said to be forming to purchase the German vessels interned in Portuguese ports. Welsh mines are suffering from a dearth of bottoms to export their product and import pit exports there. While the United States in eight months increased its coal exports 3,000,000 tons, Welsh exports decreased 3,500,000 tons.

### CANADIAN JAPS TO FIGHT

OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Major General Sir Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, has received from British Columbia a proposal to organize a regiment of Canadian Japanese for service in Europe. One thousand Japanese who have been naturalized in Canada will be enlisted at once, under the proposal, and sent over seas. Not only will the ranks be made up entirely by Canadian Japanese, but the officers will be naturalized Japanese.

### SIMPLE, ISN'T IT?

BERLIN, (via London), Jan. 13.—On the authority of Emperor William the name of the Polish fortress town of Novogoragievsk, which was captured by the Germans last August, has been changed to its historic Polish name, Modlin.

### MUTILATED BODIES ARE IN EL PASO

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 12.—That General Jose Rodriguez, a Villa staff officer said to have issued the command for the execution of seventeen Americans, principally mining men, at Chihuahua has been captured near Madera, by a posse of Americans, is the gist of a report received here this afternoon. The message stated that a number of the Rodriguez men were killed but that other Americans in that vicinity are calling for help, as the bandit band is large.

Citizen Regiment is Threatened

A plan is afoot to form a regiment of 1,000 Americans and enter Mexico for the purpose of running down all the bandits responsible for the massacre of the Americans. The plan had gained momentum late this afternoon, and it is possible that it will be carried out.

Mutilated Bodies Arrive

The bodies of the seventeen Americans killed by the Villa bandits reached here this morning. They were in a mutilated condition, and had been stripped before the shots were fired into them.

### HUERTA DYING

EL PASO, Jan. 12.—General Victoriano Huerta is dying. The last sacrament was administered last night. The dictator of Mexico has been unconscious for several hours.

### LINERS HIT MINES

ROME, Jan. 12.—The Italian steamers Citta de Palermo and Crindist have been sunk in the Adriatic Sea, after striking Austrian mines, the admiralty announced. Fifty lives were lost when the Crindist went to the bottom, but the passengers and crew of the Palermo were saved.

### RUSSIA PREPARES TO INCREASE HER REVENUES

PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—The Russian finance ministry has prepared a bill providing for a general increase in direct and indirect taxation. It is expected to result in an increase of revenues of 636,000,000 roubles, or (about \$318,000,000).

### MOTION TO REJECT CONSCRIPTION LOST BY A BIG MAJORITY

LONDON, Jan. 12.—A motion to reject the Asquith modified conscription bill in the House of Commons was overwhelmingly defeated yesterday afternoon, the vote being 431 to 39. True to their promise, the Irish Nationalists were lined up on the majority side.

The bill affects single men, bachelors and widowers without dependent children. It is expected that 5,000,000 men will be recruited under its provisions, after it becomes law.

Miners Oppose It

A meeting was held today of members of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain and a resolution was passed unanimously, opposing the bill providing compulsory military service.

### VISCOUNTESS ARRESTED

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Viscountess Marguerite De Maistre, an American married to a Hungarian nobleman, was bound over to two scotlens, in the Richmond police court on the charge of being an alien enemy. The Viscountess, who is separated from her husband, pleaded that she violated the military regulations through inadvertence.

### FRENCH SOCIALISTS FIRM

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Socialists of Paris and of this district met in private session, and, it is reported, voted almost unanimously that France should pursue the war so as to render the defeat of Imperialism in Germany more effective, as the resolution put it, and peace more durable. It is stated that the vote was 6,000 in favor of the resolution to 100 against it.

### WILSON AGAINST COMPULSORY FORM OF MILITARISM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—President Woodrow Wilson has made it known that he is strongly opposed to a compulsory military service in the United States, and in conversation with correspondents indicated that the administration believes it can raise an adequate army without making conscription a part of the regulations.

### RICKARD OFFERS \$45,000 FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Tex Rickard, promoter of the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, has offered Jess Willard and Frank Moran \$45,000 for a 10-round fight here March 3.

L. P. Shackelford accompanied by his wife, children and maid, will leave on the Jefferson tonight for a short trip below.

### CARRANZA MUST ACT SPEEDILY

EL PASO, Jan. 13.—The demands of the American government for retribution in the murder of seventeen American citizens were conveyed today to General Carranza through U. S. Consul John R. Billman at Queretara. The document denounced the slaying of the Americans as a dastardly crime and calls upon the Mexican president to immediately pursue, capture and punish the perpetrators of the deed. The statement closed by urging Carranza to immediately dispatch troops to other districts where Americans are in danger.

A dispatch from Washington says President Wilson and Secretary Lansing expect prompt compliance by Carranza with the demand that he punish the Mexican bandits who killed American citizens near Chihuahua.

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—As a result of the murder of seventeen unarmed Americans in Mexico, Republicans in the United States Senate, have demanded intervention by the United States and her Pan-American allies.

When the Senate assembled at noon yesterday, the Republicans, through Senator Jacob H. Gallinger introduced a resolution proposing intervention in Mexico by the United States and six Pan-American nations which have acted with it in recognizing the government of Venustiano Carranza. The resolution demands immediate military action unless Carranza complies with the demands of the United States to protect foreign lives and property. The resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee.

Secretary Lansing issued a statement in which he said that the state department felt that it had taken every possible precaution to prevent Americans from exposing their lives in the region where the Mexican guerrilla warfare is now in progress, and that his advice had not been followed. "Every step will be taken to see that the perpetrators of this dastardly crime are apprehended and punished," the statement concluded.

Secretary Lansing telegraphed General Carranza calling for a prompt punishment of the bandits who executed the seventeen Americans after taking them from a train at Chihuahua City Monday. A reply was received from Carranza, in which the Mexican president expressed his sorrow at the execution of the Americans and asked for further details. Every dispatch from Mexican sources confirmed the story that the Americans were murdered in cold blood. Those killed were from Texas, Arizona and California, a number of whom were mining men. Through Eliseo Arrando, newly appointed Mexican ambassador at Washington, it was arranged to bring the bodies of the victims from Chihuahua to Juarez by a special train.

Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the Senate committee on foreign relations, believes that intervention in Mexico is justified, but is anxious to give President Carranza an opportunity to punish the murderers before the United States takes drastic measures.

### 10 OTHERS ARE SLAIN, REPORT

EL PASO, Jan. 12.—The report was current in Chihuahua, according to Americans arriving here today, that ten more Americans and two English women had been killed by Villa troops at Madero. One woman reported murdered is said to have been the wife of Jack Lettbridge, a retired British army officer, and had been staying at the ranch home of W. H. Hearst, the American publisher, near Madera.

### Confirmation Lacking

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Up to until a late hour today the department of state had received no confirmation of the report that ten more Americans had been slain at Madera, by Villistas.

### "ABANDON MONROE DOCTRINE OR PROTECT U. S. INTERESTS"

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—Prof. A. B. Hart of Harvard University, speaking in Worcester said that the United States "must either give up the Monroe doctrine or make preparations to protect what it believes to be its interests."

### PREPAREDNESS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The army engineering board has recommended to Congress the federal improvement of the Connecticut river from Hartford to Holyoke at a cost of \$1,870,000. The plan involves the construction of terminals at Hartford, Holyoke and Ch'copee and also a dock at Enfield, to be constructed by the power interests located there.