

BENTON'S REP. ON THE BORDER

Benton was Hot-Tempered, His Friends Say, but Generous, Honest and Brave

El Paso, Feb. 25.—Interest in the execution of William S. Benton by Gen. Villa last Tuesday continues with little abatement.

Consul Edwards at Juarez said the state department's request that Benton's body be turned over to the widow, had met with no response from Gen. Villa, who is at Chihuahua. The request was telegraphed last Saturday and it is reported that Consul Letcher at Chihuahua will renew his plea.

Believe Benton was Murdered

Benton's friends assert that while Washington may for diplomatic reasons accept the official version of a court-martial which the rebels alleged tried Benton and found him guilty of attempting Villa's life, there still is no disposition among them to change their own verdict of "murder."

They are working tirelessly and with some hopes of finding a witness to the shooting upon whose word they can rely. There is said to be evidence that an American witnessed the shooting, but that his associations with the rebels make it unlikely that he will speak unless unusual pressure is brought to bear on him.

The federal junta, which has energetic secret agents at work as well as many sympathizers, is engaged also in an attempt to ascertain the details for the purpose of discrediting the constitutionalists.

Rebel agents are frequently to be met with within public places volubly explaining what a hot-tempered man Benton was. Their favorite story was that Benton in the Foreign Club at Chihuahua once asserted hotly that he wished his skin was darker so that he would not be mistaken for a "damned gringo."

The incident is said to have occurred a year ago and to have resulted in a fist-fight between Benton and Phil McLaughlin, a newspaper man then resident of Chihuahua. The pair returned from the field of battle on a friendly footing. These occasional outbursts of the fiery Scotchman never affected the real friendship which the Americans felt for him because of his known integrity and blunt honesty.

Was a British Subject

"I have lent Benton as much as \$5,000 without the scratch of a pen," related an American, well known in Mexico, but now among the refugees here. At Chihuahua it is said that Villa is trying to find in the court records something to show that Benton had become a Mexican citizen, but his cousin, William Benton, in this city, says Benton was very careful to maintain his status as a British subject, and that in a number of legal papers he was scrupulous to have this fact set forth.

Anxiety over the fate of Gustav Bauch, the German-American, officially reported by Villa to have been removed to Chihuahua for review of his case wherein he is charged with being a spy, today cropped out anew when it was reported that Consul Letcher, who had been instructed by the state department to safeguard the prisoner's interests, had been unable to see him.

Legal documents setting forth Bauch's birth by German parents in New Iberia, La., received here by Mrs. J. M. Paterson, his sister, will be forwarded to Chihuahua.

There still is no trace of Harry Compton, Roger Laurence or of the ranchman, Curtis, who have disappeared in Mexico, nor is there any

confirmation as to the date of the arrival of the special train on which Villa promised to return fifteen rejected American recruits, among whom the rebel leader suggested the missing Americans might be found.

An American employed on the railroad bridge said that when Villa departed with fifteen or eighteen prisoners last Friday he noticed a tall man in a golf cap, and a shorter one, who appeared to be an Englishman.

A rumor that Villa took his prisoners only a few miles south of Juarez and then shot all of them, has received some circulation, but its origin could not be traced. Rebel officials laughed at it.

VILLA'S OWN VERSION

Of the Killing of Benton Sounds Fishy to Both English and Americans

Chihuahua, Feb. 25.—Gen. Villa's story of the killing of William S. Benton, told to reporters here yesterday, differs but little from official statements given out Saturday at Juarez.

The Juarez statement declared that when Benton reached toward his hip pocket, Villa knocked him down with a blow of his fist. Villa said that when Benton made this move he poked his own pistol into Benton's stomach and then turned him over to the guards.

Benton's Mission a Pretext

Villa insisted that Benton came to take his life and referred to Benton's mission concerning the welfare of his ranch as a "pretext" to gain admittance.

According to Villa Benton, after the verdict of the court-martial confessed his guilt and declined to ask for mercy. He merely requested that his property be turned over to his widow.

Villa contradicted his official report to the American consul at Juarez that Gustav Bauch, the German-American accused of being a spy, had been brought to Chihuahua. Villa said he knew nothing of him.

Homage Paid to Villa

The rebel general yesterday received the homage of his officers and prominent citizens at the gubernatorial palace.

He sat in a high backed gilded chair in the big chamber of delegates beneath a canopy of deep red velvet embroidered in gold, looking on the scene from wide set, glowing black eyes, saying but little. A medal was presented to him by those of his men who have followed him since the Madero revolution three years ago, when he forsook his outlawry and blossomed into a militant patriot.

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ALFRED OLIVER WAS HONEST

But Served Prison Terms in Two States for Crimes Committed by His Twin Brother

Americus, Ga., Feb. 25.—Twin brothers separated in early boyhood, have furnished for the criminal history of the South its most remarkable case of dual identity.

Alfred D. Oliver, ex-banker and ex-social leader, has just stepped out of prison, after serving a sentence for a crime, he alleges, was committed by his twin brother, Louis C. Oliver.

Also Alfred served a four-year sentence for bigamy, because Louis' wife insisted that he (Alfred) was her husband.

The twin brothers look so nearly alike that their best friends, their relatives even, could not tell the one from the other.

One twin grew up prosperous, respected, honest—he has just come out of a prison cell.

The other is alleged to have grown into the "black sheep"—and to have committed the crime for which the former was punished.

These Oliver twins were born 49 years ago at Climax, Ga. They were dressed alike, acted alike, and were the image of each other. Even their playmates did not know the difference.

When nine years old, they were wading in a puddle near their home. Louis stepped on a tin can, and the big toe on his left foot was cut off.

Then Parents Die

Not long after, their parents died and Louis was taken by a family named Harding. Alfred lived with an aunt. A year later the Hardings moved away with Louis, the twin brother with nine toes. He had been legally adopted, and instead of being Louis C. Oliver, he became Louis C. Harding.

That was the last the brothers heard of each other until ten years ago, when Louis wrote to Alfred he said, and owned three big lumber mills near Greenwood. Also he had a pretty wife.

Alfred, in Georgia, also was prosperous. He had amassed a fortune, owned a chain of banks, and was a social figure.

Two years later, Louis was arrested on charges of swindling several lumber dealers, was convicted and sentenced to prison for ten years. He escaped.

His photographs were sent broadcast. No trace of him was found. He is now said to be in Honduras, Central America.

Other Twin Weds

Alfred, the other twin, a few weeks later married Miss Rosebud English, a Georgia belle.

Mrs. Louis Harding, wife of the twin brother in Mississippi, saw a photograph of Alfred Oliver, and his bride in a newspaper.

"That's Louis, and he's married again!" she exclaimed.

Alfred, believed to be Louis Harding the escaped convict, was arrested as a bigamist. His pretty bride stood firmly by him until Mrs. Harding took the witness stand.

"That's my husband, and he escaped from the prison at Greenwood," said Mrs. Harding, pointing to the accused Georgia banker. Oliver's witnesses who had known him for several years, testified that he was not Harding, but the wife's testimony outweighed theirs.

Alfred Oliver was sent to the state penitentiary for four years for bigamy. His wife, believing herself

married to Harding, who already had a wife, was granted absolute divorce.

Police sent Alfred Oliver's picture broadcast, and one fell into the hands of the sheriff at Greenwood, Miss. He wired to the Governor of Georgia that Oliver was wanted in Mississippi to serve out a ten-year term under the name of Harding.

Ends Bigamy Term

So, when Alfred Oliver's bigamy term was ended, a sheriff of Mississippi met him at the door of the Georgia penitentiary.

Oliver continued his fight for liberty, insisting that it was his twin brother they wanted, but he was placed in the penitentiary and identified by residents of Greenwood as Harding.

"I'm not him, and I'll prove it to you some day," he told his jailors.

The other day Alfred Oliver went before the court to make a final determined fight to prove that he was serving sentence for his twin brother; that he served four years in Georgia as a bigamist, because of the mistaken identity, and lost a wife and fortune, also.

"My twin brother, who now is known as Harding," said the prisoner, "is the man you want. He has nine toes; I have ten."

Chancellor Jones looked over the Bertillon measurements of Harding and those of Oliver. It was true, as the prisoner said, that Harding has only nine toes, while Oliver has ten. The chancellor then granted an order freeing Alfred D. Oliver.

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION

Sure to Bring Great Trouble to the Country, Particularly, to the South

Washington, Feb. 25.—Diplomatic muzzling of the Japanese question was swept aside and Japanese labor was pointed out as a "menace to the whole United States" by Anthony Caminetti, commissioner of immigration, before the committee recently.

"Japanese settlements throughout California, Oregon and Washington are steadily increasing," Caminetti asserted, "despite official statistics the past few years stating the number of Japanese in this country was diminishing. I sincerely believe in California they are double the number they were six years ago. This means they are coming in illegally."

"Japanese become acclimated in this country to every sort of climate we have, so that today they constitute a direct menace not merely to the Pacific coast states, but to the whole country," he said.

Caminetti was giving his sanction to Hindu exclusion legislation when he was drawn aside to talk of the Japanese.

"In my judgment," he said, "there are at least 30,000 Hindus in California, although there are but 6,656 legally residing in the Pacific coast states. They started coming in 1890, when only fifteen arrived, but it is the same with the Japanese and Chinese."

"We had better deal with the Hindus before they arrive by the hundreds of thousands. When you open our doors you throw down the bars to 350,000,000 people, and you are going to have them occupy a great part of your south central section, as well as the Pacific coast. This kind of immigration is a menace to our coast and to the South as well."

Asked by Raker whether diplomatic adjustment might prove satisfactory, Caminetti replied:

"The people of California have waited patiently for diplomatic adjustment of the Japanese problem. I do not think they want to wait for diplomatic settlement of the Hindu question."

WILSON HONORED GEO. WASHINGTON

In Spite of a Blizzard, he Attended Birthday Celebration at Alexandria

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson yesterday crossed the ice jammed Potomac in the naval yacht Sylph and from a glass enclosed stand reviewed a civic and military parade in Alexandria, Va., which marched through a snow storm in honor of the first president of the United States.

With the exception of brief exercises in the Senate, the national capital turned to Alexandria, in the environment where George Washington had lived, for its official celebration of the first day. Vice President Marshall laid a wreath on the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon, and, returning to Alexandria, joined the president, members of the cabinet and Gov. Stuart of Virginia, in watching the parade.

Besides the fraternal organizations of the city, the fire companies of ancient and modern equipment, and floats showing scenes of colonial days, with army and navy, took a prominent part in the pageant.

Boy Scouts trudged through the snow with the same fortitude as the soldiers while the blizzard raged. Little girls in a covered float showed a school room in Washington's time. On a blackboard was a drawing of the White House which amused the presidential party very much.

In the parade were a black faced minstrel, a wagon load of "equal suffrage advocates" and some children in grotesque Indian garb.

Weather conditions interfered considerably with the plans for the pageant and it was delayed in starting by the failure of the president to arrive on time, the ice in the river making a landing difficult.

GUARDSMEN WILL GO TO GREENVILLE

To be Decided Later Which of Our Florida Companies Will Make the Trip

Jacksonville, Feb. 25.—It has been announced that one of the regiments of National Guard troops from this state will go to Greenville, S. C., for maneuvers this year. It is the turn of the Second Regiment to make the trip, but owing to the fact that that organization has but nine companies at the present time it is doubtful whether or not it will be selected.

The First Regiment has but eleven companies. Neither is complete and for this reason officers of the guard are speculating upon what the result is to be. One whole regiment may be made of parts of the two and the result sent to Greenville, but at the present time no one is able to say just what is to happen.

In April there will be a federal inspection. At that time it is likely that recommendations will be made to disband or consolidate all companies short of men. This may materially reduce the number of companies. However, the decision in the matter will be made in due time from the office of the adjutant general.

EUREKA

Eureka, Feb. 24.—There is quite a difference in our burg since the 20th. You can find most any one at home now days. Before that date they were all off on a hunt. There

were some fine buttheaded buck killed and brought across the Ocklawaha river at Eureka.

It is a grand sight to go around and see the large hides tacked up on the barns and those large heads of horns. The largest set of horns was 18 points, killed by Mr. John McQuaig, Jr., and he was awarded a fine pair of buckskin pants by his friends for being the champion hunter.

Mr. Gilbert Proctor was the best trapper this season. I passed his house yesterday and he was out sunning and counting his skins. It was a grand sight to see all of those large coon, skunk and possum hides and among the lot was a large bob cat that he had captured with his trap. I had to laugh when told what a time he had to capture that cat. He had only set the trap for possum and only had a small strap to the trap not thinking of a bob cat coming along there. I will just leave it for the reader to say how fast the trapper had to run to get his gun for you can bet he didn't stand there when the cat began to come for him. I have never had much experience hunting and trapping, but I should think it would take a brave man to trap with out a gun along with him.

Following are the names of some of the season's lucky hunters:

Mr. J. N. Brinson, 3 deer; Mr. F. M. Harp, 3 deer; Mr. John McQuaig, Jr., 2 deer; Mr. L. B. Marsh, 1 deer; Mr. Henry Lemar, 2 deer; Mr. A. Hinson, 3 deer; Mr. A. W. Wilson, 2 deer; Mr. Floyd Dudley, 1 deer; Mr. D. A. Jones, 2 deer; Mr. Ed Tutton, 3 deer; Mr. W. W. Waldron, 3 deer. There are several others that I cannot think of that killed turkeys but as we did not keep account of how many they killed, we feel sure our number is correct.

Now that the hunting season is over every thing is busy again and the farmers are preparing their land for a good crop so that we will all be able to go hunting next season as there is nothing better than being a farmer and being where you can get all the good things that a man could wish for.

Wishing all a prosperous year, and that we will all live to meet at the Eureka ferry on November 20th, 1914 for another big hunt.

ELECTRA

Electra, Feb. 24.—Mr and Mrs. Jacob Oquin, of White Hall, S. C., spent last week with their sister and brother, Mrs. R. A. Halford and Mr. G. W. Brant.

Mr. Samuel Halford, of Sumner, Fla., is visiting his brother, Mr. J. P. Halford.

Mr. Earl Smith from Swansea, S. C., is visiting his many friends at this place.

Miss Angie Collins is spending a few days with Miss Maryella Mock.

Mr. G. W. Brant Jr. and his cousin, Mr. Clarence Boltin, were out from Gainesville, on a visit to Mr. G. W. Brant.

Mr. Peter Holly was out from Ocala last Sunday.

Rev. J. R. Gorbitt filled his regular appointment February 22nd.

Miss Myrtle Mock spent a few hours with Miss Mae Halford last Sunday.

Mr. Jim Collins is up from Okemumkee, where he has been for some time past.

Some of Miss Fannie Marshall's school friends were with her last Sunday.

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