

MEXICANS ASK THAT AMERICAN CATTLE THEVES BE PUNISHED

Point to Promptness With Which Carranza Authorities Visit Justice Upon Offenders South of Rio Grande.

U. S. SOLDIER CHARGED WITH WANTON SHOOTING

Conflicting Stories Regarding How Wound Was Inflicted Upon Alejandro Soto Near City of El Paso.

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 24.—Gen. Gabriel Gaviira, commandant of the Carranza garrison at Juarez, presented to the American military authorities here today a request that a United States soldier named Harrison be punished for having fired on and wounded a Mexican civilian late Saturday afternoon.

Mexicans Ask Justice. The Mexican authorities made a point of this in view of the prompt punishment they meted out to the Duran brothers, Mexican cattle thieves, who were executed yesterday for the murder of Bert Akers, an American killed last Friday while seeking to recover stolen cows from a ranch in the vicinity of San Lorenzo, a few miles below the boundary.

Mexican authorities at Juarez said they hoped prompt action would be taken by the American authorities, as there was apparent in Juarez a pronounced feeling resulting from the shooting of the civilian, Alejandro Soto, by the United States soldier, Harrison, last Saturday.

How Soto Was Wounded. According to the Mexicans, Soto was shot while adding a Carranza soldier to water some horses in the Rio Grande river. A preliminary investigation already made by army officers on this side is said to have shown that Soto was on American territory when he was shot.

Carranza Men Aid Americans. Collector Cobb reported to Washington today that the Carranza authorities were doing everything possible to aid Americans. He was advised this afternoon that the Chihuahua state officials were shipping to the border \$25,000 worth of silver bars belonging to the Yonqui Mining company, an American concern.

The bars had been seized and preparations were being made to mint them into money.

NO POLITICIANS ARE WANTED BY CARRANZA. Washington, Jan. 24.—Determination to house his official family and congress where they will be free from the influence of professional politicians and capitalists, both native and foreign, are unofficial reasons given here for General Carranza's unwillingness to set up the capital of his new government in Chihuahua state.

Neither the state department nor the Mexican embassy has received confirmation of reports that Carranza will establish his capital at Durango Hidalgo and in officials' express doubt that the little town of 6,000 will be the place selected.

Carranza has made it secret of his antipathy towards Mexico City, having declared publicly that the residents of the city should be punished for failure to support the revolution more earnestly.

Further steps toward rehabilitation are announced in dispatches from the Mexican embassy today telling of the establishment of an agrarian commission to effect restriction of communal lands to municipalities, to study the tax laws with a view to formulating a taxation system to stabilize the country and to cultivate their lands or sell them.

The Day in Congress

SENATE. General Crozier and Macomber discussed army reorganization before military affairs committee.

HOUSE. Debated debate on Shackleford, \$25,000,000 road and rail bill.

THE WEATHER

WEATHER FORECAST. Denver, Jan. 24.—New Mexico: Cloudy with local snow east portion Tuesday night or Wednesday; colder east portion.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT. For twenty-four hours, ending at 6 p. m. yesterday: Maximum temperature, 61 degrees; minimum, 24 degrees; range, 37 degrees; temperature at 6 p. m., 46 degrees; southwest wind; clear.

CITY BANK CLEARINGS. Yesterday \$52,271.58.

PROPOSES ABOLITION OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Norris, of Nebraska, republican, today introduced a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college. It proposes that voters cast their ballots as heretofore. The candidate receiving a majority in a state would be certified to congress to receive as many votes as the state has senators and representatives.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO BUY HAMMOND TORPEDO

Washington, Jan. 24.—Adoption of the armor controlled torpedo invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr., was urged today by Secretary Garrison, Major General Scott and Brigadier General Weaver, at an executive session of the house fortifications subcommittee.

BRYAN NOT TO FOLLOW PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS

Miami, Fla., Jan. 24.—William J. Bryan today issued a statement saying he had no intention of following President Wilson on his trip through the middle west to make speeches in evidence to the president on preparedness.

ELFEGO BACA IS NOW ON TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

Special Dispatch to Morning Journal. El Paso, Tex., Jan. 24.—The trial of Elfego Baca, the New Mexico attorney, for the murder of Celestino Otero in this city on January 31, 1915, was called on for trial in the thirty-fourth district court here this morning.

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DIVORCE SUIT OF MRS. MOHR GETS LAWYERS INTO ARGUMENT

Legal Battle Over Technicalities Precipitated When Allegations of Petition Are Offered in Evidence.

DOCUMENTS EXCLUDED BY RULING OF COURT

Noted Murder Trial Continues to Engage Attention of Rhode Island Jury; Attorneys Have Heated Discussion

Providence, R. I., Jan. 24.—The introduction of the divorce petition of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr against her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, in the trial of Mrs. Mohr and two negroes, Cecil Brown and Henry Spelman on charges of murdering the doctor, precipitated a legal battle today. Before it was over, testimony was produced that there was nothing in the records to indicate that the divorce suit was down for a hearing in September, 1915, although George Heals, the doctor's chauffeur, who has turned state's evidence, had previously testified that Mrs. Mohr had urged him and his alleged accomplices to kill the doctor on the night of August 31, as it was "the last chance" before her suit came up for a hearing "the first of next month."

This information was given by Edward C. Root, assistant attorney general, in answer to questions put to him by Attorney General Rice, Mr. Root said that the divorce petition of Mrs. Mohr had never been heard, that there had been no filing of a question as to whether Dr. Mohr's cross bill shows any time states at the date of the marriage. He charged the prosecuting attorney with "attaching a sinister meaning" to his question.

In Mrs. Mohr's case she was married "on or about May 15, 1902."

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MAY TURN OVER PHILIPPINES TO NATIVES WITHIN NEXT TWO YEARS

Hitchcock and Clarke Confer With President Regarding Program for Granting Independence to Islanders.

COLORADO SENATOR WANTS TO TURN LOOSE

Borah and Thomas Agree That Best Thing for United States Is to Get Rid of Asiatic Possessions Quickly.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Granting independence to the Philippine islands in not less than two years and not more than four years may be favored by the Wilson administration. Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the Philippine committee, discussed with President Wilson late today a provision to that effect which Senator Clarke of Arkansas has introduced as an amendment to the pending Philippine bill.

Senator Hitchcock went to the White House at the request of Mr. Wilson to discuss features of the Philippine bill and the chances of securing its passage in the near future.

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Senator Clarke's amendment was the subject of an animated discussion in the senate during the day. Senators Borah, republican, and Thomas, democrat, both expressed themselves as believing the amendment would be the best thing for the United States.

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All Objections to Law Are Swept Aside and Way Is Opened for Raising Additional Revenue.

CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE HANDS DOWN OPINION

Sixteenth Amendment to Constitution Construed in Unanimous Decision of Far-reaching Effect.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The income tax was declared constitutional today by the supreme court in a unanimous decision which swept aside every contention against it and in the opinion of congressional leaders opened the way for increasing the rate on great fortunes to help pay for national defense.

Proposals are pending in congress to tax incomes of more than \$100,000 as high as 50 per cent. Leaders on all sides agree that out of the impetus which the decision today will give, such proposals are likely to come a definite movement to levy on the revenues from great private fortunes for some of the millions the government must raise to carry out the army and navy increases.

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Representative Hall is preparing amendments to carry the tax incomes below \$2,000 and make graded increases in the tax on incomes exceeding \$20,000 a year.

New Law Construed.

The able error of those who attacked the constitutionality of the tax Chief Justice White held, was in regarding the sixteenth amendment as empowering the United States to levy a direct tax without apportionment among the states according to population.

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ROCKEFELLER PLAN DENOUNCED BY WALSH

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Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 24.—The water had completely receded today from the business section of Yuma and the greatest menace now apparently is danger of collapse of several large buildings. The Candelario hotel has been condemned as unsafe. The foundations of several stores appear to be settling.

KOO WANTS EXCLUSION CAREFULLY CONSIDERED

Washington, Jan. 24.—If any of the immigration bills now before congress come to President Wilson containing oriental exclusion features, they will be carefully considered by the state department in the light of existing treaties and foreign relations.

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NEGOTIATIONS GUARDED WITH STRICT SECRECY

Believed in Official Circles That Satisfactory Conclusion of Eight Months' Wrangle Is Now in Sight.

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It was also stated authoritatively that in his latest communication Germany makes no reference to a desire to see the United States take action in regard to the questions involving the freedom of the seas.

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