

# Reminder of Her Threat to Kill Girl Is Shock to Mrs. Mohr

WEATHER—Snow to-night, Friday fair, much colder.

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# CAPTURE LEADER OF VILLA BANDITS; 16 MORE REPORTED SLAIN IN MEXICO

## THREAT TO KILL GIRL RIVAL MADE BY MRS. MOHR STARTS WIDOW'S TEARS AT TRIAL

"She Will Never Leave Newport Alive," Was Message to Emily Burger's Relative.

CONFESSIONS RETOLD.

Police Chief Says Negroes Told Him Mrs. Mohr Instigated Crime; to Pay \$5,000.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Elizabeth Tiffany Mohr to-day lost for the first time the firm hold she has had upon her emotions at her trial for the murder of her husband. She broke down and cried, with her handkerchief held to her eyes.

Mrs. Mohr's breakdown occurred during the reading by the State Prosecutor of the post card threatening the life of Miss Emily Burger, Dr. Mohr's housekeeper. Mrs. Mohr admitted having written this to George Rooks, Miss Burger's brother-in-law, about a year before the assassination of the doctor and the murderous attack upon Miss Burger in the physician's motor car. After warning Miss Burger that she should never emerge alive from Dr. Mohr's Newport house if she visited it again, the post card closed:

"The world is with me in my sorrow. I am heartbroken."

It was at these two sentences that Mrs. Mohr's hand suddenly went up to cover her eyes. She bent forward for a moment screening her face from those in front of her with her wide brimmed hat. Then she straightened up and pressed her handkerchief to her streaming eyes, holding it there until she was once more in control of her feelings.

When she again had herself in hand Chief of Detectives O'Neill, the witness on the stand, was telling the jury of the confessions of the negroes Cecil Brown and Henry Spellman, accused with Mrs. Mohr, and of George Healis, Dr. Mohr's chauffeur. Later in his testimony Chief O'Neill admitted that the first to name Mrs. Mohr in connection with the murder was George Rooks. He said that Rooks accused Healis in the Rhode Island Hospital of "framing this up with Mrs. Mohr to get the doctor and Miss Burger."

HOW THE \$5,000 WAS TO BE PAID NEGROES.

The "confessions" of the three negroes have been published several times since they were made on the morning of Sept. 2 last. Eight over their admission in evidence was made by the defending attorneys on the ground that Chief O'Neill had used "third degree" methods in obtaining them. As the attorneys could not prove this, O'Neill was permitted by the Court to relate his conversations with the negroes.

He told of Brown's statement that Mrs. Mohr was to pay the \$5,000 for the murder of Dr. Mohr in three sums, \$2,000 to Brown, \$2,000 to Spellman and \$1,000 to Healis. Then O'Neill came to the arrest of Mrs. Mohr on the morning of Sept. 2, following the statement of the negroes.

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**Mills for Income Tax.**

ALBANY, Jan. 13.—The substitution of an income tax for a tax on personal property was advocated by Senator Gordon L. Mills, chairman of a special legislative committee investigating the subject of taxation, before the New York State Convention of Assessors to-day.

The substitute that is being or soon shall, use the word "Mills." Avoid substitute.—Adv.

## TWO BOMBS ARE HURLED AT PREMIER OF JAPAN

Chauffeur Speeds Up Car as Assassin Throws, and Saves Okuma.

TOKYO, Jan. 13.—Count Okuma, the Japanese Premier, had a narrow escape from death early this morning at the hands of assassins. He was returning from the royal palace, and as he approached his residence two bombs were hurled at his automobile. The Premier was not injured.

Okuma's chauffeur caught a glimpse of the bomb-thrower as he was about to launch his missile and put on speed so that the bomb exploded behind the machine without causing any damage. A second bomb was thrown, but it failed to explode.

The assailant or assailants escaped.

## CANADA DOES HER SHARE, DUKE TELLS PARLIAMENT

Governor-General Recommends That Life of Present Body Be Extended One Year.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 13.—The Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, in his address at the official opening of the Canadian Parliament to-day, strongly recommended that the life of the present Parliament be extended for one year, in order to avoid a general election and "best meet present requirements of the war." A resolution to extend Parliament will be presented. Normally the Parliament would expire next fall. The Duke, praising the Canadian people for their part in the war, said in part:

"The call to service has evoked a widespread and notable response in Canada. Already 120,000 men have crossed the seas, and an equal number is now being trained and equipped for service abroad. A call extending the authorized enlistment to 500,000 men has been received with warm enthusiasm. At the front our gallant soldiers have spread lustre upon their country and upheld its traditions."

"The high courage and the splendid determination which has marked the united efforts of all portions of His Majesty's dominions during a year of unprecedented strain and effort, justify our supreme confidence in the triumph of liberty and justice throughout the world."

## U. S. LETS VERDI SAIL WITH MOUNTED GUNS

Government Rules Italian Liner May Clear With Deck Armed for Defense Only.

Acting under instructions from Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Collector of the Post Dudley Field Malone notified the Italian Line late to-day that the steamship Giuseppe Verdi would be allowed to make her homeward voyage with her defensive guns.

The ship arrived here from the Mediterranean a week ago with two three-inch rapid fire guns, effective at four and a half miles, mounted on the steering gear house on the after deck in such position that they could not be used for an aggressive attack forward, but could be trained to either side and astern.

## SISTER OF KAISER CALLED TO BERLIN, REPORT IN ROME

Wireless Despatch Declares the Queen of Greece Will Hurry to His Bedside.

BETTER, SAYS BERLIN.

Official Statement Declares Emperor's Illness Has at No Time Been Serious.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A wireless despatch from Rome says that Queen Sophia of Greece has been summoned to the bedside of her brother, Emperor William, whose illness is described as serious.

The Queen, the message says, is to depart at once for Berlin.

BERLIN, via Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—The United Press was to-day officially authorized to deny rumors circulated in foreign countries that the Kaiser is seriously ill.

The Emperor's illness has at no time been serious, it was stated. It was necessary for him to remain in his rooms in the Palace for only a few days.

He is now improved to such an extent that he is holding daily military conferences with members of the General Staff.

The above is the first official statement regarding the Kaiser's condition authorized in Berlin since the first brief bulletin, several weeks ago, stating that the Kaiser was suffering from "cellular inflammation" and would be unable to visit the western front.

It is the first despatch dealing with the Kaiser's illness passed by the German censor, all other reports regarding the Kaiser having originated in countries outside Germany and having been based on supposed advice from Berlin. Virtually all these reports have described the German ruler's condition as serious, one report from Amsterdam yesterday declaring he was near death.

## AWARD SIX-MILLION NEW SUBWAY CONTRACT

Booth and Flinn Agree to Have Brooklyn Tunnel Ready in 27 Months.

A contract for \$6,689,028.50 worth of subway work was awarded at this afternoon's meeting of the Public Service Commission. The job is the construction of the tunnel portion of the Fourteenth Street Eastern Rapid Transit Railroad, which is to be operated by the New York Municipal Railway Corporation.

## COLD WAVE COMING!

Weather Bureau Gives Hint of Drop of 10 Degrees.

## DOOMED SING SING CONVICT ENDS LIFE IN DEATH HOUSE

Angelo Leggio Found Hanging in Cell After New Trial Is Denied.

SAW DUPE GO TO CHAIR.

Horror of Following Man He Hired as Slayer Leads to Suicide.

Angelo Leggio, condemned for murder, whose appeal for a new trial was denied by the Court of Appeals yesterday, hanged himself early this morning in his cell in the death house of Sing Sing Prison. Leggio had seen William Flack, a weak-minded youth he had hired to kill Giuseppe Marino, go through the door into the execution chamber, and the prospect of following in his footsteps drove him to self destruction.

Recently the night guard in the death house was reduced and the condemned men were supplied with mattresses and sheets. Leggio hanged himself with a sheet.

Leggio was an East Side white-slaver. He had a girl named Louisa Macaluso, eighteen years old. Giuseppe Marino stole the girl from Leggio and took her to live in a tenement at No. 414 East Thirteenth Street.

William Flack was employed by Leggio to do away with Marino and accomplished the job in a business-like way, killing him with one shot as he lay in bed in his flat. The Macaluso girl was taken away by Leggio, who cut off her hair, dressed her in boy's clothes and established her in a flat in Little Italy in Harlem.

Marino's body was not discovered for several days after the murder, which occurred March 8, 1914. The Macaluso girl returned to the neighborhood to get a dress she had left at a cleaner's and was arrested. She declared that she had killed Marino and said in extenuation that he had forced her to lead an immoral life.

In the mean time Flack had been talking and detectives arrested him. He promptly confessed that he had killed Marino. For a time the girl insisted that she was guilty, but finally she confessed the truth.

Flack was tried, convicted and sentenced to death. Not until then did he involve Leggio, who was arrested, indicted and placed on trial. Flack, who had been brought down from the death house, was the chief witness against Leggio at the trial of the latter last May. The Macaluso girl and a youth named John Orendich, who heard Leggio employ Flack to commit the murder, were also witnesses for the State.

## BERLIN PAPER SPEAKS KINDLY OF AMERICANS

The Tageblatt "Hails With Joy" the Signs of a Mutual Understanding.

BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.) Jan. 13.—In a leading editorial to-day the Berlin Tageblatt declares recent speeches in the United States Congress, and statements in leading American newspapers, indicate that America no longer takes English reports regarding Germany as "truth."

"Germany never asked anything but that things German be looked upon with unprejudiced eyes," said the Tageblatt, expressing satisfaction at this change in feeling in America. "We hail with joy all signs of mutual understanding with the great American Nation, with whom, after the war, we want to continue economic relations to our mutual advantage."

## Villa Bandit Leader a Prisoner, Blamed for Killing of Americans



JOSE RODRIGUEZ

## CARRANZA TO ACT AT ONCE ON MURDER OF U. S. CITIZENS

Mexican Ambassador at Washington Gives Assurance to Secretary Lansing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Ramon Arredondo, Gen. Carranza's Ambassador here, delivered to Secretary Lansing to-day a letter, saying he "deeply deplores the dastardly action of the Villa forces," and giving assurance that the Carranza Government will act at once to "remedy the situation."

Mr. Arredondo's letter to Secretary Lansing follows: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of this date (Jan. 12), with its inclosure relative to the murder by Villa forces of sixteen American gentlemen near the city of Chihuahua and of the situation in the State of Durango."

"Your Excellency may feel assured that my Government and myself deeply deplore the dastardly action of the Villa forces, and that efficient action will be taken to bring the murderers to justice and that my Government will also take the necessary steps to remedy the situation in the State of Durango."

## GEN. RODRIGUEZ CAUGHT BY AMERICANS IN FIGHT; SOME OF HIS MEN SLAIN

Party Which Brings Bodies of Americans Murdered Early in Week Tells of Other Outrages—People on Border Eager for Vengeance.

## 500 CARRANZA TROOPS IN PURSUIT OF SLAYERS,

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 13.—Gen. Jose Rodriguez, the Villa officer credited with having instigated the killing of the eighteen Americans last Monday, has been captured near Madera, Chihuahua, by Americans, according to reports received here. A message received from Madera stated that a number of Rodriguez's men were killed and that the Americans are calling for help.

The capture was made by Maximiano Marquez, it was said. He is an employee of the Hearst interests at Babricora and is now at Madera keeping with him about 125 Americans and a few soldiers. The message stated that Rodriguez was met in a pitched battle, defeated and his men scattered, captured and killed.

Rodriguez has been Gen. Villa's aide and second in command of the Villa forces for some time. Press despatches reported that he was responsible for the murders near Chihuahua.

A report was current that ten more American men and two English women had been killed by Villa troops at Madera, Chihuahua, according to Americans who arrived here early to-day with the bodies of the eighteen Americans who were killed last Monday. One of the women reported killed was said to be the wife of Capt. Jack Leftridge, a retired British army officer, who, with an English woman companion, a Mrs. Berry, had been staying at Babricora Ranch, the Hearst property.

The Madera telegraph operator reported there was no truth in the rumor of ten American men and two English women being killed at that place.

A rumor was circulated here to-day to the effect that three Americans had been murdered in the Cananea District of Sonora in the vicinity of the Phelps-Dodge property. It could not be verified.

Bert Kramer, young American ranchman, was executed by a Villista firing squad at Guerrero Friday, confirmed Chihuahua City advices stated to-day.

With the American mining men shot and killed by a large Villista force near Santa Ysabel on Monday and other reported murders of Americans and foreigners, Gen. Villa's order to "kill the gringos" has already cost over thirty lives within a week, reports here declare.

With the temper of El Paso's citizens rising to the fighting point, authorities on both sides of the border took precautions to avoid a clash between Americans and Mexicans.

The bodies of the Americans killed Monday near Santa Ysabel, Western Chihuahua, which reached El Paso early to-day, were taken in charge by undertakers preparatory to sending them to relatives in various parts of the country.

The body of Joseph Enders, reported to have been killed, was not among those arriving to-day.

A giant crowd of several hundred friends and relatives, gathered at the old Santa Fe station to meet the train, sorrowfully watched the caskets transferred to auto trucks, piled two and three high, covered with a tarpaulin and taken to the Morgue. Jose Maria Sanchez, Mexican miner employed by the murdered Americans,

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## U.S. CONSUL THROWN OUT OF HOTEL BY ENRAGED TEXANS

Try to Link Official at Juarez With Pledge Given Americans of Safety in Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 13.—United States Consul Thomas D. Edwards of Juarez was thrown bodily out of the Sheldon Hotel here this afternoon by American mining men, enraged over the massacre in Chihuahua.

Since the responsibility for Americans entering Mexico has become an issue, Edwards declared that absolute guarantees had been assured the eighteen victims of the Santa Ysabel massacre.

Edwards said that Gen. Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander in Juarez, personally assured him it would be safe for the mining party to return to Mexico and resume operations.

Gavira assured Manager C. R. Watson, leader of the party, that the district through which he would pass en route to the mines would be completely dominated by the Carranza forces.

American mining men, refugees from Mexico, attacked and forcibly ejected him from the lobby of the Sheldon. Edwards ran up Main Street and escaped.

At first the refugees clashed with the consul, loudly denouncing the Washington administration. American mining companies of Northern Mexico are considering a proposition to request permission of the Carranza government for a regiment of American volunteers to enter Chihuahua to exterminate Villa and his bandits. They would be willing to equip and maintain the regiment, if Carranza permits, until the bandits infesting the Mexican mining regions are wiped out.

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