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TENSION OVER PARKS SLACKS WITH PROMISE

Spanish Ambassador Is Advised Fed- erals Will Investigate Disappearance Of United States Soldier.

SILLIMAN DECLARED SAFE.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—Spanish Ambassador Riano today received a dispatch saying the Mexican federalists immediately make a complete investigation of the disappearance of Parks, who recently wandered into the Mexican lines around Vera Cruz. His advice was in reply to Secretary Bryan's demand yesterday for information concerning Parks.

Riano's promise for an investigation of the soldier's disappearance relieves in part the great tension over him.

The constitutionalists today confirmed their assurances of a welcome to Americans back at Tampico. The Mexican petroleum company reported that one of its steamers has returned to Tampico with a large load of oil laborers.

It was learned today the federalist boat Vera Cruz was not beached, but sunk in the Panuco river.

The constitutionalists are maintaining perfect order in the country about Tampico.

Renewed assurances that Cassin Silliman is safe and en route to Mexico City were received today from the Mexican minister at Mexico City, who says that delayed trains prevented Silliman's arrival in Mexico City before this.

Confirmation of the capture of Silliman by the constitutionalists under General Aguilar were received at the State department today.

FEDERALS DESTROY ALL AMERICAN PROPERTY IN EVACUATING MONCLOVA

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 16.—The federals destroyed all American property at Monclova before evacuating the town yesterday, says General Francisco Mugia in a report here telling of the occupation of the town last night by fifty constitutionalists.

It is believed that the federals will concentrate at San Luis Potosi, abandoning Saltillo make their final stand against Villa's southward march.

AMERICAN SEAMEN TRAMPLED ITALIAN FLAG IN BELIEF IT WAS A MEXICAN FLAG—AMBASSADOR COMPLAINS

Washington, D. C., May 16.—Two American seamen mistook the Italian flag for the Mexican flag in Philadelphia on May 14 and trampled it. The Italian ambassador Confalonieri, today complained to Secretary Bryan against this insult of his flag.

Bryan said the seamen would be punished if found. This explanation was accepted as satisfactory.

GOVERNOR AT MAZATLAN FEARS INTERNAL REVOLT; DISARMS THE POLICE, PLEADING SHORT OF ARMS.

Aboard U. S. Ship "California," Off Mazatlan, May 16.—The besieging constitutionalists cut off Mazatlan's water supply. Sickness and the death rate are increasing alarmingly as a result.

Pleading a lack of munitions, the Mazatlan governor disarmed the police. It is believed he feared an internal revolt.

MEXICAN DELEGATES THIS AFTERNOON DUE AT WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON—STATE DEPART- MENT SENDS REPRESENTATIVE AND PRIVATE CAR.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—The three Mexican delegates to the mediation conference are due here this afternoon. They are traveling in a private car offered by the State department, and are accompanied by Stedman Hinks, a State department representative.

The party consists of seven officials, six ladies and three servants.

MEXICAN MAILES ARE INCREASING

WITH CAPTURE OF TAMPICO CON-
STITUTIONALISTS WILL HAVE
RAIL COMMUNICATION FROM
TAMPICO TO MATAMOROS.

MORE OFFICES SERVED

MANY POINTS IN STATES OF NU-
EVO LEON AND TAMAULIPAS
NOW SENDING MAIL THROUGH
BROWNSVILLE TO U. S.

With the capture of the city of Tampico by the constitutionalists local postal authorities are looking forward to a large increase in the Mexican mails passing through the Brownsville postoffice. The Mexican National even before the capture of Monterrey was in operation from Monterrey to within twelve miles of Tampico, and now both Monterrey and Tampico in rebel hands it is expected there will be no delay in the opening of the line from the seaport to Monterrey.

The Brownsville postoffice for months has been handling the United States and Mexico mails between Victoria and overland route, and points as near Monterrey as fifty miles. This mail has not been very large, but the volume of mail out of Monterrey to points in the United States is increasing daily, and large amounts are expected to begin arriving soon from all points between Monterrey and Tampico along the Mexican National railroad.

Notwithstanding the continued reports that the railroad tracks in North Mexico are all destroyed, it seems that as quickly as the constitutionalists capture a point the railroad can at least be run over them. This was found to be true in the case of the Monterrey and Matamoros line, when the constitutionalists operated a train out of Monterrey to the border city on the morning following the capture of the city.

Work is reported to be progressing rapidly on the rebuilding of the line from Monterrey to Laredo, which seems to have received most of the attention of the dynamiting crews of the contending forces in the trouble. However this road it is not thought will be opened very soon, as it is reported that there are still a few small forces of federals operating in that section.

The international mails being handled through Brownsville are now heavier than they have been since a little more than a year ago, when the war put the Matamoros and Monterrey railroad out of commission. At that time carloads of mail were in Brownsville, and were kept here for some time, finally being sent into Mexico by ship at Vera Cruz.

FARM INSTITUTE DATES

Austill, Tex., May 16.—Commissioner of Agriculture Ed R. Kone announces that the next meeting of the State Farmer's Institute will be held at College Station on July 17 and 18.

MANY FARMERS ATTEND MEETING

LARGEST CROWD EVER GATHERED
IN SAN BENITO ATTEND MEETING
ON UNIT MARKETING SYSTEM
PROPOSITION TODAY.

CRYSTALLIZATION OF ENTHUSIASM IS SOUGHT, AS WELL AS
MATTER OF ACTUALLY BEGIN-
NING ENROLLMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

San Benito, Tex., May 16.—The largest crowd of farmers that ever gathered in this city are in session at the high school auditorium this afternoon to discuss plans and suggestions for the launching of the unit marketing agency for the farmers of the valley, this meeting is to serve the double purpose of crystallizing enthusiasm in the movement and actually begin the enlistment of membership among local farmers.

Colonel Alba Heywood was called to the floor immediately after the meeting was opened and is addressing the farmers on the vital necessity for some sort of action.

In a few words, the colonel expressed himself as favoring a new order of things of government by the growers over the distributors. His whole plan is warmly supported by the farmers and business men of this section and there is no question but that the growers of San Benito tract will join the new organization in a body.

TEXAS PACIFIC TRAIN WRECKED

TEED HUNT, ENGINEER, IS SAID
SCALDED, AND LEG IS CRUSHED
—PASSENGERS AND TWO OTHER
TRAINMEN INJURED.

(By Associated Press).
Marshall, Tex., May 16.—Texas & Pacific passenger train No. 53 west bound was wrecked last night near Gloucester on the Louisiana division. A split switch was the cause.

Teed Hunt, the engineer, of Marshall was badly scalded from the waist down and one leg was crushed. Two passengers and two other trainmen were injured.

PRESENT DAY LITERATURE IS ATTACKED

(By Associated Press).
Nashville, Tenn., May 16.—At the Southern Baptist convention today Dr. Lansing Burrows, presiding officer, attacked present day literature, asserting that the "best sellers are the best smellers."

Dr. Burrows charged that cheap magazines print "attractive pictures of underclothes, and God's people fill their draped forms, and even advertisements reveal women in corsets and men in unceremonious around which gather unsuspecting children with these seductive influences."

MANY WITNESS A PERFORMANCE

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH
NED" PRESENTED BY PUPILS OF
SAN BENITO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(Special to The Herald).
San Benito, Texas, May 16.—A packed house witnessed the presentation of "What's the Matter With Ned," by pupils of the local high school last night. The play contained an unusual number of characters for amateur production, but through their training this detracted in no way from the interest in the play. Leading parts were played by Oscar Mertz, Fenton Caldwell, Lillian Thompson, and Gladys Estes.

The further commencement exercises of the high school will be Sunday morning when the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. M. Ratliff, pastor of the local Methodist church, and Monday evening diplomas will be presented. On this occasion Dr. S. K. Hallam of Brownsville will deliver the annual commencement address.

THAW TO BE MOVED

WITH A GUARD HE WILL GO TO
LAKE MASASECUM TO LOCATE
FOR SUMMER IN A HOTEL.

(By Associated Press).
Concord, N. H., May 16.—Harry K. Thaw in a week will leave the hotel here with Sheriff Drew and Policeman Stevens, his guards, and visit Steven's camp on Lake Masasecum. They will probably locate for the summer at a hotel in Gorham.

NEW TRIAL IS WANTED BY THE LABOR LEADERS

(By Associated Press).
Chicago, Ill., May 16.—Arguments were made here today in the United States circuit court of appeals for a new trial of the labor leaders convicted of transporting explosives to Los Angeles in the dynamite cases. These three are O. A. Treitmire, R. H. Houlihan, and William Bernhardt.

The arguments revolved about the circumstantial evidence upon which the three were convicted.

HAY THEFT ATTEMPTED

UNITED STATES SOLDIERS FIRE
ON SOMEONE IN DARKNESS—NO
ONE INJURED.

(By Associated Press).
San Benito, Tex., May 16.—An attempt was made last night to steal hay from the United States cavalry camp in this city. The thief was seen in the act and several shots were fired by the soldiers, but in the darkness the thief escaped, apparently without injury.

LEVEE RECEIVES OFFICIAL NOTICE

WITH RIO GRANDE AT BANK FULL
CITY OFFICIALS GET BUSY ON
MATTER OF PROTECTION, AND IN
SPECT LEVEES.

MAY RESULT IN WORK

CITIZENS DECLARE FLOOD WA-
TERS SUCH AS OCCURRED LAST
FALL CAN BE AVERTED BY RE-
CONSTRUCTION OF LEVEES.

With the Rio Grande at its highest stage since last November, city officials today got busy with the matter of inspecting the levee work along the river in the city limits to ascertain what could be done to avert a situation such as occurred last fall when a large section of the city along the river was flooded with water, in some places several feet deep.

The matter this morning was more than bank full, the crest having been reached. Early in the morning it began to recede, and by this afternoon had fallen nearly a foot. Reports from up the river indicate that there have been no further rises within the past twenty-four hours.

W. H. Putnegat of the streets and bridges committee and F. H. Williams, superintendent of the light and water department, this morning went out in an automobile for the purpose of inspecting the levee, and it is probable that some action may be taken at the meeting of the city council on Monday with regard to Mayor A. Albert Browne. Alderman to the work.

A long stretch of levee was washed into the river about a year ago by the river encroaching on the bank west of the city. Nothing was done towards building another levee in place of the one destroyed, and it is charged that this lack of action was the direct cause of the floods that occurred in the fall. Several stretches of levee have been built by private parties to protect their lands, and one of these said today these levees would not benefit the city generally but only such by those lands on which the levee was built.

The success of the brush mattress recently built along the bank at the foot of Levee street will be determined by the present rise. If the sediment carried down by the river settles in this brush as it is expected to do, it is believed by the builders that the bank can be strengthened and extended considerably more than is now in contemplation.

This brush work is intended to protect valuable property at the foot of Levee street. The water today reached within twenty feet of the plant of the Model Laundry. The street in front of the laundry some months ago gave away, part of it sliding toward the river. It is feared that the continual washing of the stream at this point, which is a turn in the river, would encroach still further in toward the laundry. Indications now are that the brush mattress work will solve the problem.

BABY IS NOT FOUND

MRS. MALCOLM McDONALD STILL
AT A LOSS TO KNOW WHERE
HER HUSBAND AND CHILD CAN
BE.

Notwithstanding that officials all over South Texas have been advised of the disappearance of Malcolm McDonald and his 22-months old baby, Orville, from San Benito on Tuesday morning, not a clue had been obtained to their whereabouts. Mrs. McDonald is almost in a state of collapse as a result of the disappearance of her husband and their child.

Search has not let up in the least, and Mrs. McDonald, and her father are writing to every possible place they believe Mr. McDonald might have gone.

R.R. INTEREST IN STEAMERS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C., May 16.—The senate today passed a resolution, presented by Senator Sheppard, empowering the Interstate commerce commission to call on all railroad lines for data regarding their interest direct or indirect in steamship lines.

WEATHER.

New Orleans, May 16.—Coast
Weather: Unsettled tonight and
Sunday; probably showers; gentle
to moderate easterly and southerly
winds.

I. C. C. WANTS TO KNOW MUCH

EXPECTS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
AS TO WHO GOT THE VANISHED
MILLIONS BELONGING 89 STOCK
HOLDERS IN NEW HAVEN RAIL-
ROAD.

MELLEN MAY BE ASKED

AUTHORITATIVELY STATED DE-
SIRE FOR THIS INFORMATION
WAS PURPOSE IN FORCING EX-
AMINATION OF WITNESSES.

(By Associated Press).
Washington, D. C., May 16.—Just who got the vanished millions belonging to the stockholders of the New Haven railroad and how the deals were carried out when these millions were turned from the railroad's treasury to the pockets of favored financiers are questions the Interstate Commerce Commission expects to get answered in its inquiry.

It was authoritatively stated today that this was the purpose in forcing the examination of Mellen and other witnesses.

WOULD MANDAMUS STATE SECRETARY

PIERCE OIL COMPANY REFUSED
PERMIT TO OPERATE IN TEXAS,
SEEKS MANDAMUS TO FORCE
—PERMIT IN SUPREME COURT.

(By Associated Press).
Austin, Texas, May 16.—The Pierce Oil corporation today filed a petition for a mandamus in the state supreme court to compel the secretary of state to issue a permit for it to do business in Texas.

The secretary refused the permit because the company is a successor of the ousted Waters-Pierce company.

NEXT MEETING IN 1918

GENERAL CONFERENCE METHO-
DIST CHURCH, SOUTH, TO BE
HELD MARCH 2 OF THAT YEAR.

(By Associated Press).
Oklahoma City, Okla., May 16.—The general conference of the Methodist church, South, today decided to hold its next quadrennial meeting March 2, 1918. The place is to be selected later.

MOTION IS OVERRULED

JUDGE BURNS REFUSES RAILROAD
ATTORNEYS IN DAVILLA CASE
A NEW TRIAL.

Judge Waller T. Burns yesterday afternoon refused the motion for a new trial of Graham, Jones West & Dancy, attorneys for the Brownsville & Matamoros Bridge Co., in the Davilla damage suit case. An appeal will be taken to the United States court of circuit appeals at New Orleans.

Davilla, a boy of nine, was awarded damages to the amount of \$1750 for injuries received when a motor car cut off his right arm in the railroad yards over two years ago.

MISSION COUPLE MARRIED HERE

PROMINENT DRUGGIST AND HIS
BRIDE SOUGHT TO ESCAPE THE
EXCITEMENT OF A HOME WED-
DING, CAME TO BROWNSVILLE.

Seeking to escape the excitement that would have accompanied a wedding at home, Herbert Clinton Jeffries, a prominent Mission druggist, and Miss Genevieve May Parker came to Brownsville on the motor car this morning, and within five minutes after their arrival they were made one by the Rev. J. S. Bowles, pastor of the Methodist church. C. H. DeBardleben, a friend of the young couple, had been previously advised of their intentions, obtained the necessary license and all was ready for the ceremony, which was at the home of the minister.

Both stand high in Mission social circles, and preferred a quiet wedding rather than one at home that would have been attended by much ceremony and considerable social activity, besides the rice and old shoes that usually precede the departure on the honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries will leave for Galveston tomorrow afternoon, and after the honeymoon will return to their home at Mission.

SWEENEY NOMINATED

(By Associated Press).
Washington, D. C., May 16.—President Wilson today nominated B. C. Sweeney of Seattle to be assistant secretary of the interior.

OKLAHOMA JUSTICE DEAD

(By Associated Press).
Oklahoma City, Okla., May 16.—Justice Stillwell H. Russell of the Oklahoma supreme court died here suddenly today. He was an ex-confederate. He formerly resided in Texas.