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## MEXICAN CONGRESS HAS HOLIDAY UNTIL APRIL

In the Meantime Huerta Will Govern About as He Pleases.

DID NOTHING EXCEPT RATIFY A CONCESSION

Session Just Closed Unproductive of Constructive Legislation—Spaniards Aroused Against Rebel General.

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—From now until April 2, President Huerta will be obliged to conduct the government without congress, as that specially created organization was formally adjourned today. Its most important acts during the session were the ratification of the president's assumption of power over the various departments of the government, after dissolving the preceding congress, and re-appointing to the president the same power, which gives General Huerta until congress convenes again, practically the sway of a dictator.

Altogether, the new congress was unproductive of anything but the executive's ideas of government. Its most notable act aside from those directly connected with the executive was the ratification of a concession to a Belgian syndicate to construct 5,000 miles of narrow gauge railway.

The rebel General Villa's treatment of the Spaniards of Mexico has aroused the keen sympathies of the colony here. The Spanish minister, Senor Colagan, sent to Washington today through the American charge, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, his thanks for the efforts made by the American government to relieve his countrymen at that place.

The situation around Tampico is declared by the government to be satisfactory. Late railway reports indicate that the rebels in their retreat took away only four locomotives and enough cars to make up four trains.

Reports from other parts of Mexico concern the usual number of minor engagements and rebel depredations.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Except for a telegram from American Consul Letcher, telling of threats of expulsion of Spaniards and confiscation of their property, the state department up to date today had received no official information concerning rebel indignities to other foreigners by Mexican rebels at Chihuahua City.

Secretary Bryan said there had been no interference with Consul Letcher's telegram by the constitutionalists, and that so far as he has been able to learn, no threats had been made to any of the foreign consuls.

The secretary announced that on account of a break in the wire communication between Chihuahua and the latter place had decided to avail himself of the services of C. D. Carothers, consul agent at Torreon, who arrived at El Paso today, to go back to his post by way of Chihuahua. Mr. Carothers will carry his communications which Mr. Edwards has, and will assist Mr. Letcher at Chihuahua until the situation is normal there.

No instructions to Consul Letcher beyond those sent on Saturday as a result of representation by the Spanish ambassador here have been dispatched by the state department. Telegram to Mr. Letcher was described by Mr. Bryan as the same sort of representation that has been sent to General Carranza and General Villa on previous occasions, "figuratively pointing to the importance of respecting foreigners and their property. Mr. Letcher also was instructed to urge that no summary action be taken with reference to Luis Terrazas, the wealthy land owner, reported to have been (Continued on page 2)

## JAMES E. WHITE WELL KNOWN CITIZEN DIED THIS MORNING

Pioneer in Lumber Industry in the Province—Played Prominent Part in Commercial Life of this City.

In the death of James E. White, which occurred at his late residence, 68 Garden street, at an early hour this morning, St. John loses one of its best known and most respected citizens, who although he had reached the advanced age of over ninety years was up to within a few weeks of his death, a keen and active interest in both his own business and in all affairs which from time to time were attracting the attention of the public. Mr. White was born at Robertson's Point, Grand Lake, one of a family of ten, eight sons and two daughters, children of the late Vincent White, a successful farmer and lumberman. To Vincent White is due the credit of having ratted the first lot of logs—hand sawn they were—which were rafted to this port and sold in England. This was the small commencement of the immense lumber business which has since been carried on throughout the province.

## DESPERADO CONTINUES TO DEFY POLICE

Murderer Still in Mine, and Efforts to Force Him are Unavailing—Sheriffs Seal Up Openings.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 15.—With all the upper workings of the Utah Apex Mine sealed up with bulkheads, the pursuit of Ralph Lopez settled down to a waiting game again today. The sheriffs look for no new developments until the mine is opened, which will be after they are convinced he has died from starvation or committed suicide.

Every part except the Andy and Minnie levels was searched before being sealed up. The lowest levels are left open, and in these restricted mining operations are being carried on.

Letters from all parts of the United States and from Canada and Mexico purporting to be from Lopez have been received by the sheriffs. One received today from Vancouver, B. C., bore a striking likeness to his handwriting.

## SEAMEN'S BILL IS UNPOPULAR

Vessels Unable to Comply Physically with Requirements—Would Mean 175 Tons of Lifeboats.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representatives of steamship lines operating on the Great Lakes were heard by the committee this afternoon, all protesting that it would be impossible to meet the requirements of the proposed bill on lake steamers. Harry J. Fischer, vice-president of the New England Steamship Company, declared that not only would the requirements on lake boats be altogether too expensive, but that the vessels could not physically comply with the regulations proposed.

William Dustin, of Austin and Dustin, of Detroit, operating a steamer from Detroit to Put-In-Bay, declared that to comply with the regulations in the bill would be to put on 175 tons of lifeboats, which a vessel of light draft "could not stand up under."

Steamship officials continued their protests today against the La Follette seamen's bill before the House Merchant Marine Committee. A. S. Gardner, vice-president of the New England Steamship Company, operating the Fall River line, testified that since the Titanic disaster, his company had expended \$243,000 on new equipment and life saving apparatus and that it was a practical impossibility to put more such apparatus on its vessels.

## BIGAMY GETS ONE YEAR

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Louis Levine, a Russian, was sentenced to one year in the federal prison today by Judge Denton. He was convicted of bigamy.

## THING TO SOLVE MONA LISA THEFT

Police Looking for Girl Who Left Love Letters in Perugia's Room—Complications Confront Officers.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Efforts of the French police to find the girl who signed the name Mathilde to the love letters, in the room of the Vincenzo Perugia, after his arrest at Florence for the theft of "Mona Lisa" from the Louvre, so far have been fruitless. Mathilde who has been described as an exceedingly beautiful girl, the inmate of "Mona Lisa," is known to have disappeared suddenly several months ago.

An examination of the love missives found among Perugia's effects reveals that Mathilde's French was defective. She presumably is of foreign birth, possibly German.

The police also are seeking Gaetano Girondi, an Italian, who is known to have shared Perugia's room after the picture had been stolen.

Florence, Dec. 15.—Two officials of the Paris department of police arrived here today to investigate the circumstances surrounding the recovery of "Mona Lisa." Difficulties are arising with reference to the procedure in the examination of Vincenzo Perugia, because the crime was committed outside of Italy. The French police officials can neither interrogate Perugia nor be present at his examination.

It is expected that the painting can be sent to Rome before the end of the week. By permission of the French government it will be placed on exhibition there.

## FIRST LORD OF ADMIRALTY TO GERMANY

Winston Churchill Will Spend Three Weeks There—Much Interest Aroused by Proposed Visit.

London, Dec. 15.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, will spend three weeks in Germany, on what is said to be a private visit. On the way to Germany he will spend two or three days in Paris, presumably to become acquainted with the new ministers.

Much interest has been aroused as to whether Mr. Churchill's visit is connected in any way with his recent proposals for a "naval holiday."

## CHAMPION WRESTLER DOWNED IN WINNIPEG

Miller of St. Paul Takes Two Straight from Montreal Strong Man in Interesting Match.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Outweighing his opponent by fully twelve pounds, Walter Miller of St. Paul again proved his superiority over Eugene Tremblay of Montreal, the lightweight champion of the world, in two straight falls here tonight, after some of the greatest wrestling ever seen here. The welter-weight champion won his falls with the same hold, the scissors around the neck and a bar hold but it took him nearly two hours of the most strenuous kind to defeat his slippery and lighter opponent, in a match which was brim full of excitement.

Miller lost his forfeit of \$100 for failing to get down to the specified weight of 145 pounds. The first fall came in one hour and twenty-three minutes, and the second in thirty minutes. The Frenchman from Montreal was the aggressive for at least half the way and the bout was much more exciting than their first meeting here two weeks ago.

## APPEALED TO KING.

London, Dec. 15.—The militant suffragettes appealed today straight to King George on behalf of their leader, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst. At the close of the weekly meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union, the president announced that a telegram had been sent to the King as follows:

"In Your Majesty's name, a noble woman is being due to death in Holloway jail. We call upon Your Majesty now to stop this crime before it is too late."

## CANADIAN CAR COMPANY HAD TO INSURE HIS VICTIM

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## DEMAND MORE FREQUENT INSPECTION OF MEASURES

Imports of Beef Cuts Down Price

U. S. Packers Forced to Lower Scale Because of Navy Department's Introduction of Argentina Product.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The recent action of the navy department in buying beef from Argentina has forced down the prices of American packers. This is shown, the navy department announced today, by bids just opened at various pay offices from competitors for domestic contracts for the months of January, February and March. At every port, excepting Norfolk and Hampton Roads, prices for American beef were based on Argentine quotations, resulting in a saving of several thousand dollars. Awards will be placed for American beef at all ports except the two mentioned, these awards going to Argentina.

"Under the old high tariff law," said Secretary Daniels, "this saving could not be affected, but recent Democratic bill allows the importation of foreign meats free of duty."

## M'GILL WINS RIFLE PRIZE

Make Highest Score in Canada Rifle Association Inter-Collegiate Shoot—Toronto Comes Second.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association has announced the result of the inter-university competition held under its direction last month, showing the winner to have been McGill University, of Montreal. Four teams entered the competition, and splendid scores were made by all teams. The competitors from Dalhousie University used the rifle as issued to universities by the Militia Department, and not the long Ross rifle, as issued to the troops. This was a considerable handicap on them, and accounts for the low score which they put up.

The standing is as follows: McGill University, of Montreal, 753; Toronto University Rifle Association, 740; Queen's University Rifle Association, 738; Dalhousie University Rifle Association, 650.

## VESSEL FOUND BOTTOM UP IN THE NORTH SEA

Believed to be German Steamer Narvik—Body of Pilot is Found But No Trace of the Crew.

Emden, Germany, Dec. 15.—An iron vessel floating bottom up off Schiermonnikoog island in the North Sea, is believed to be the German steamer Narvik, from Lubeck. The pilot's body has been found, but there is no trace of the crew of thirty.

The Narvik was built in 1905. Its owners are L. Possehl & Company. She is of 3,576 tons and her home port is Lubeck.

## NOTED OTTAWA IRISHMAN SCORES BISHOP FALLON

Dr. Freeland Tells why he Supports Attitude of A. O. H. Toward Bishop Fallon's Imperialistic Speech.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Dr. Anthony Freeland, former Carleton County president of the A. O. H., and champion of French rights in the bilingual controversy, made a strong statement to the Canadian press today in support of the York County A. O. H., which has repudiated Bishop Fallon's imperialistic attitude. "I am not surprised," said Dr. Freeland, "at the resolution of the York County board of the A. O. H. It is a simple expression of the opinion of the great majority of the Irish in Canada. In the light of their own history no other action is possible. Their language was stolen, they were persecuted for their religion, their music and literature were destroyed, their manners and customs prohibited, all in order to make Englishmen of them. So great was the opposition to which they were subjected,

that Daniel O'Connell in a memorial to Queen Victoria said no nation from the beginning of the world to the present time ever suffered so much as the Irish.

"Now when descendants of their persecutors turn on another people and commence a similar persecution, the Irish people are expected to set by and calmly permit the injustice.

"No, they cannot, and the resolution of the York County board is a true expression of Irish feeling.

"As to imperial federation or whatever form Canadian nationality may eventually assume, there is only one foundation on which it can be firmly built and that is justice, particularly justice to minorities. Time alone can do that and the resulting type will not be Ontarioan."



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GRAND FALLS.