

PROBS— Fresh northerly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

## GOUIN'S COURSE GIVEN PRAISE BY LAURIER

Quebec's Premier Emerged From Craft Investigation With Dignity and Honor, Chieftain Declared at Montreal—Enemies Would Oust Him as Leader, Gouin Asserted.

MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—The opening of new quarters of the Montreal Reform Association on Saturday night was the occasion of speeches by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that he proposed to keep on fighting and expressed the belief that if the people had a chance to mark their ballots now they would reverse the verdict of September, 1911. He avoided all reference to the National Transcontinental Railway or other political matters, but paid a high compliment to Sir Lomer Gouin for his conduct throughout the recent craft investigation, declaring that he had come out of it with dignity and honor, and that the Liberal party was more proud of him today than ever before.

Sir Wilfrid said that Canada was not so prosperous as it was two years ago. If the policy of commercial expansion of the Liberal party had been effected it would have been.

**No Intention of Resigning.**  
"I shall be proud to lead you to success," he declared, "if the party continues to give me the leadership. But the moment the party desires someone younger than me at their head, I would be glad and happy to take my place as a private in the ranks of the Liberal party."

This statement was greeted with cries of dissent and loud applause. "You are dissenting to this," said Sir Wilfrid. "Then let me tell you that I have no thought of resigning."

Another Gold Wave Coming.  
Sleight robes and motor robes and all fur and fur-lined coats for everyone is the order of the day. In the big February fur sale by the Dineen Company you will find some rare bargains in these lines—especially selected skins made into garments on the premises by experts, all guaranteed and being offered at very low prices. The W. and D. Dineen Company, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

Mr. Martin Harvey Tonight.  
Beginning with the "Breed" of the Freshams," Mr. Martin Harvey, will commence a week's engagement tonight at the Princess Theatre. The advance sale of seats has been very heavy.

## FATE OF KARLUK IS UNKNOWN LATEST STEFANSSON MESSAGE TWENTY-FIVE MEN ON VESSEL

Explorer, Who Reached Fort Macpherson, Yukon Territory, on February Third, Reported Search Fruitless Thus Far—George Malloch, Ottawa, Among Scientists on Karluk.

DAWSON CITY, Y. T., Feb. 21.—Williams, Herbert and Jacquet, trappers from Fort Macpherson, arrived at Dawson today with telegrams and mail from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Canadian explorer, who reached Macpherson Feb. 3 reporting he could get no authentic news of his steamer, the Karluk.

Stefansson left the steamer in September to go over caribou. A blizzard drove the vessel out to sea. Natives report seeing the Karluk in October steaming east off Richards Island.

Dr. Anderson of the expedition is wintering at Collinson Point, 160 miles west of Richards Island, and is well provisioned. The trappers made the trip in seventeen days following the trail broken by the Dawson patrol, which took thirty days from Dawson to Macpherson.

**Many Scientists Aboard.**  
On Dec. 8 last the marine department at Ottawa received a message from Stefansson, in which he said that the Karluk had been carried away in the ice in October while he was ashore, but he expressed the opinion that the steamer was safe. The latest news, indicating that the steamer is still missing, will increase apprehension for the safety of those aboard.

The Karluk had twenty-five men aboard, including the following scientific members of the party: Dr. J. J. Jenness, Wellington, New Zealand, assistant anthropologist; Burt M. Wilkins of Montreal, photographer; B. M. McConnell, Los Angeles, Calif., assistant to Stefansson and mineralogist; Hart Beuchamp, anthropologist; A. H. Forbes, Mackay, Edinburgh, Scotland, surgeon; Blarney Mann, Christiania, Norway, assistant zoologist; W. G. McDonald, Glasgow, Scotland, expert in terrestrial magnetism; James Murray, Glasgow, Scotland, oceanographer; George Malloch, Ottawa, chief geologist and topographer.

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## Wireless From Port Nelson

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—(Special)—It is reported that the wireless station at Port Nelson received signals from the new wireless station at Port Nelson 450 miles distant. This means that it is only a matter of "tuning up" until it will be possible to send out messages. This will not likely take many days.

## OFFICER SMITH GOT HIS MAN

On His First Day as Plain-clothesman—Waited in Cigar Store for Burglar Who Came.

On his first day's duty as plain-clothesman, R. Smith, of No. 2 division, made a clever capture of a shop-breaker in the College Inn cigar store late Saturday evening. Smith's attention was first attracted when he tried a rear door and found the lock had been tampered with. He entered, but saw no one, finally secreting himself behind the counter until the arrival of the shop-breaker. He believed would make their appearance.

Fifteen minutes later stealthy footsteps up the rear lane warned him of the burglar's approach. A man entered, took off his boots, and when a street car thundered past the door, forced the cash register and pocketed the contents. While he was filling his pockets with cigars and tobacco the plainclothesman pounced on him and took him to No. 2, charged with shopbreaking.

## ELUSIVE EMMELINE HAS VANISHED AGAIN

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Women's Political and Social Union claims that Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, escaped tonight from the house in Camber Hill square, aided by a bodyguard of her supporters, after a scuffle with the police. It was from a window of the Camden Hill square house that Mrs. Pankhurst made a speech nearly two weeks ago attacking the government.

## CABINET DEALING WITH REQUEST OF RAILWAY

C. N. R.'s Formal Application for Loan of Thirty-Five Millions Understood to Have Been Made on Saturday—Measuring Strength of Insurgents.

(Special to The Toronto World) OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—It is reported that there was laid before the cabinet yesterday the formal application of the Canadian Northern for a loan of thirty-five million dollars, and that the same was referred to a sub-committee, of which the finance minister is a member, for investigation and report. A brief is said to have accompanied the application which was also handed to the finance minister. No immediate decision is anticipated, but many believe that the government is impressed by the strong case made by the railway company.

The question of interest is the attitude of a small group of Conservative members of parliament, who at present are openly antagonistic. How numerous the group led by Mr. Bennett of Calgary is is problematical. On both sides of the chamber is heard the same expression, namely, that a strong case must be made out if any further grant is expected. On the whole the feeling is more favorable than it was, but several Conservative members are still extremely bitter in their opinion.

As usual the actual introduction of any bill on the subject will no doubt be delayed till the dying days of the session.

## NEW REPUBLIC BEING FORMED

Northern Mexico Will Secede, Says Persistent Rumor, Which is Given Credence.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Feb. 22.—A plan for the formation in northern Mexico of a new republic, is now being perfected, according to persistent rumors which were in circulation here today.

Certain rebel leaders intimate that the delay of the Constitutionalists' attack on Torreón is due to the scheme for the divorce of southern Mexico. While Gen. Carranza, chief head of the revolution, and Gen. Villa, the military leader, disclaim any part in a plan which does not include the overthrow of Huerta, it is believed by many here that the proposition for an independent republic is being seriously considered by them and others.

## GAVE HIMSELF UP WHEN BROTHER WAS ARRESTED

Leopold Melnik, Wanted in Chicago, Surrendered—Both Will Be Extradited.

Wanted by the Chicago police on an arson charge, Leopold B. Melnik and Felix A. Melnik, brothers, were arrested by the Toronto police yesterday, and taken in charge by an American officer, who will take them across the border. Felix was arrested on Adelaide street by Detective Twigg Saturday evening, and Leopold, in Montreal, hearing his brother was in the toils, gave himself up to the Montreal police, who sent him on to Toronto. The offence is alleged to have been committed in Chicago five months ago.

## GUNS AND AMMUNITION FOR GERMAN LEGATION

VERA CRUZ, Feb. 22.—The commander of the German cruiser Dresden last night shipped to the German legation in Mexico City two machine guns and 40,000 rounds of ammunition. Accompanying the shipment went a squad of bluejackets from the Dresden in civilian dress. The detail of bluejackets on duty at the American consulate here, was withdrawn today and replaced by a guard of picked marines under the command of a sergeant. This step was taken after Gen. Gustavo Maass, commander of the federal forces here, had been notified and given his consent.

## DEATH SENTENCE DELIVERED AT OPEN TRIAL

Official Version of Benton Court-Martial Says Rancher Was Accused of Aiding Huerta and Attempted to Shoot Villa—Report Not Believed.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 21.—The record of the court-martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez this afternoon, asserts that the Scotchman was present, that he was represented by a rebel officer as attorney and was permitted to testify, and that the session was public.

He was excused for attempted armed violence against Gen. Villa, declares the record, and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. The statements that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public, carried no conviction to the men who assert that their friend was deliberately murdered.

**Five Set in Judgment.**  
The record opens with the statement that an extraordinary council of war was convened at 4.15 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon by Col. Fidel Villa. The council convened a court-martial, of which Major Jesus Rodriguez was president, assisted by four other judges.

"The accused," the report says, "was arraigned and having been advised to name some one to defend, Capt. Mariano Tamez was designated for this purpose."

## OPIMUM FIEND WAS HIS TUTOR

Jerry Harrington, Charged With Short-Changing at Union Station, Says Comrade Taught Him.

Jerry Harrington and Hugh Anderson, both of 2 Alice street, were arrested by Constable Hunt and Acting Detective Leavitt of No. 1 division Saturday afternoon, charged with fraud.

The complainant is Duncan McDonald who alleges that while on a C. P. R. train at the Union Station Saturday, Harrington worked the time-honored short change game on him. Approaching McDonald, he told him he wanted to send money to his mother, but had only a lot of small bills, and requested McDonald to give him a \$10 bill for ten ones. McDonald complied, pocketing his change. Not until the consable, who had watched the proceedings, asked him to count his change, did he discover he was short five dollars.

## U.S. MUST AFFORD PROTECTION TO BRITONS LIVING IN MEXICO

London Papers, While Moderate in Reference to Benton Incident, Agree That United States Assumes Obligation—Some Warm Criticism of Waiting Policy Expressed.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The London morning papers show no disposition to take hasty or extreme views on the execution by Gen. Francisco Villa at Juarez of William S. Benton, a British subject, but are in full agreement on the point that Great Britain looks to the United States Government for the protection of her subjects in Mexico. The Daily Telegraph calls for suspension of judgment, pending the result of the investigation, which the Washington government has ordered, and adds that the position of the American Government is extremely difficult and embarrassing for it, continues, the president's decision to remove the embargo on the importation of arms has been followed by an incident which seems to show that whatever Huerta's crimes may be, his record is no worse than that of the men who pose as true supporters of "Constitutionalism in Mexico."

Should Suspend Judgment.  
The Times in an editorial similarly counsels the suspension of judgment pending the American enquiry. "After that," says the Times, "it will be time to take means to secure such satisfaction as the nature of the deed may demand. The American Government itself would despise us were we capable for any consideration of overlooking the murder of a fellow-subject."

## BRITAIN AWAITS FULL REPORT ON COURT-MARTIAL OF BENTON ATTITUDE OF U. S. IS APPROVED

### Demand Body of Benton

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 22.—Richard M. Dudley, telegraphed Senator Fall today asking him to take measures to obtain immediate delivery of the body of Benton to the widow on this side of the river. Mr. Dudley stated that he believed a view of the body would go far to explain the manner of the Scotchman's death.

## TRAIN DERAILED NO ONE INJURED

Passengers on Ottawa-Bound G. T. R. Train Saved by Engineer's Quick Action.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—The G. T. R. passenger train due in Ottawa at 7.18 Saturday evening jumped the track about four miles east of South Indian, Ont., thirty miles east of here, at 8.45 p.m., but no one of the 40 passengers and members of the train crew were injured beyond a slight shaking up. The spreading of a rail is said to have been the cause of the accident. All the four passenger coaches, baggage car and tender left the rails, the engine being the only part of the train remaining on.

Passengers state that the presence of mind of Engineer J. Kieckley of Montreal is responsible for the preventing of a disaster, as he was able to stop his train in a short distance and prevent the coaches from turning over.

## MAKING SEARCH FOR THREE MEN

Americans Missing in Mexico May Be Rejected Recruits, is Villa's Suggestion.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 22.—In a telegram received today by the United States consul at Juarez, Thomas D. Edwards, Gen. Villa suggests that the Americans reported missing in Mexico may be included in a batch of American recruits which he says he has rejected and will send back to Juarez by the first troop train.

Villa's telegram says there are fifteen of the Americans who wished to join his forces, but whom he found unavailable. At present search is being made for Roger Lawrence, an Englishman who came here recently to visit Wm. S. Benton, who was killed by the rebels last Tuesday; Harry Compton of Oakland, Cal.; a New Mexico ranchman by the name of Curtis, said to have joined Lawrence in the search for Benton, and Gustav Bauch of New York, reported to have been taken to Chihuahua for further investigation on the charge of being a spy.

## Steps Taken by Bryan Commended by British Ambassador—Villa's Story of Trial Hard to Disprove and Incident May Soon Be Closed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President Wilson and Secretary Bryan conferred briefly late today on various phases of the Mexican situation. No announcements were made after the conference, but it is understood a complete report on the execution at Juarez of Wm. S. Benton, the British subject, is awaited before the view of this government toward the incident is made known.

It is understood that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, has expressed to the British foreign office his pleasure at the promptness with which the American government has acted in seeking to ferret out the truth about the killing of a British subject.

**Hard to Disprove.**  
Upon the truth or falsity of Villa's statement that Benton tried to kill him will depend the view which both Great Britain and the United States will take of the affair. The prevalent belief in official circles is that in the absence of any satisfactory evidence to the contrary, it will be difficult for this government, at least, to reject Villa's version. To do so without satisfactory proof to the contrary it is pointed out by some officials, would be unnecessarily to provoke unfriendly relations with the constitutionalist chief, who is in control of such a vast territory adjacent to the United States, and wherein are many foreigners about whose protection the United States is solicitous.

**Searching Investigation.**  
Secretary Bryan has ordered a searching investigation of the killing of Benton. He announced that until all facts in the case had been gathered from all available sources, no opinion would be expressed by the state department. All information received will be transmitted to the British government.

**Villa's Version.**  
Advices received by the state department up to late today, giving Villa's version of the affair, were that Benton was armed, had personally quarreled with Villa, had been disarmed, tried by court-martial and executed on the charge of attempting the life of Villa.

Villa's explanation, as telegraphed by him today to the constitutionalist agency here, was unofficially exhibited to state department officials, and the read with interest, brought no comment.

Unless there are other instructions from the foreign office, the British embassy here will make no further move in this matter pending the outcome of the investigation which the state department has undertaken.

**Britain Appreciates Courtesy.**  
It is understood that Ambassador Spring-Rice has emphasized the unofficial character of the representations he has made to the state department thus far, on the ground that the British Government claimed no legal obligation on the part of the United States to look after the welfare of British subjects in Mexico. The action of the state department in directing consuls to extend to British in Mexico the same degree of protection as is given to Americans has been regarded as an act of courtesy for which the British Government was duly grateful.

For this reason it is said there is no basis for the expectation that any demand or any request will be made upon the United States Government to secure reparation for the killing of Benton, and determination of the proper course to be pursued towards Villa is consequently to be left entirely to state department officials.

**Discussed in Senate.**  
The seriousness of the Mexican situation generally, and particularly the execution of Benton, furnished a subject of grave discussion with the senate while in executive session after the arbitration treaties were disposed of. Official attention was called to the Benton case before the executive session began, in a telegram to Senator Fall of New Mexico, from E. M. Dudley, who declared that Gen. Villa had murdered Benton "like a dog," and that he American policy of "watchful waiting" is a failure.

**ARRESTED FOR THEFT.**  
Nelle Glendon, 11 years of age, 116 Shuter street, was arrested by Acting Detective Mulholland last evening charged with the theft of a watch from Ing Blus, a Chinaman, with whom she was employed.

## WHO'S BEEN SPOILIN' OUR SLIDE ?

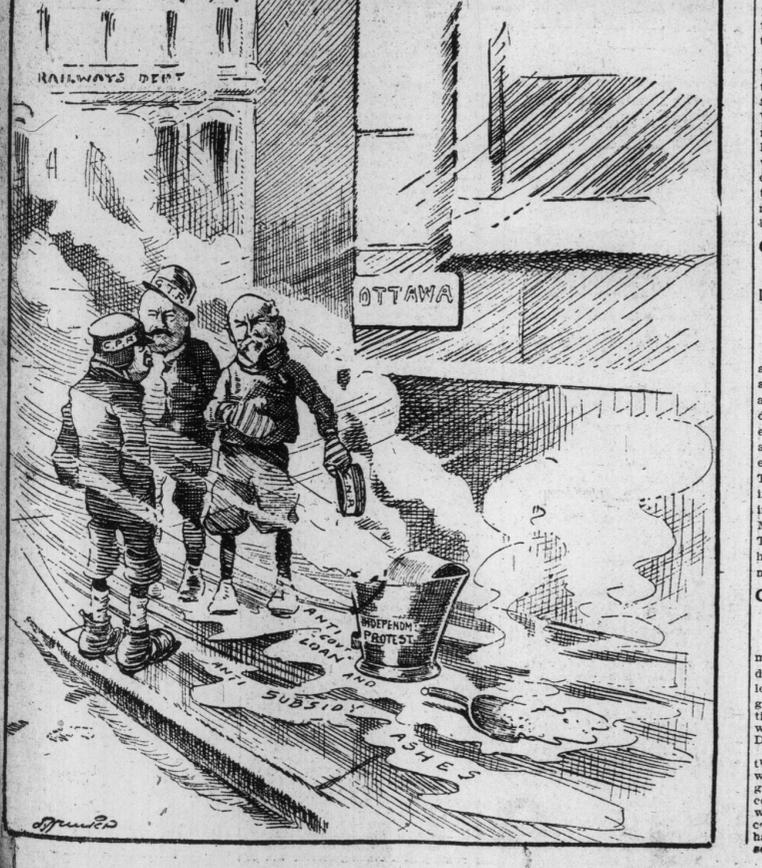


Illustration by G. W. G. showing a man in a suit standing in a room labeled 'RAILWAYS DEPT'. The man is surrounded by various items on the floor, including a 'SUBSIDY' sign, a 'PROTEST' sign, and a 'DISHES' sign.

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