

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

JOHN BULL MAY TAKE HAND NOW

Murder of British Subject In Mexico is Taken Seriously.

Two Continents Stirred Up by Villa's Cowardly Act.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, Feb. 21.—The British Government up to noon to-day had not taken any action in regard to the execution at Juarez of William S. Benton, Scottish ranchman, beyond instructing Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador at Washington, to obtain from Secretary of State Bryan all possible information on the affair.

Although the tragedy has created a sensation throughout the British Isles, it has not aroused any disposition on the part of responsible members of the British Government to change their policy in Mexico.

There is no concealment of the fact, however, that murder of British subjects in Mexico, unless they are followed by the punishment of the perpetrators and the payment of indemnities, are likely to arouse public opinion here to the point where it will demand that the British Government take a strong line. This fact has been impressed upon the State Department at Washington by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice before any British lives had been lost in Mexico. Great Britain's official attitude in the matter is that of looking to the United States Government to protect British subjects, and it has no doubt that the United States will do its best, although it recognizes that the United States is practically helpless to protect foreign residents in Mexico.

The State Department at Washington had already informed the British Government that where there were no British consuls in Mexico the consuls of the United States would look after British interests.

The British Government has no communication with the Mexican constitutionalists through diplomatic or consular channels, for the members of the British Government have considered the recognition of the constitutionalists as belligerents a mistake.

El Paso Excited

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 21.—El Paso, after a day and night of excitement over the news of the execution of William S. Benton, and the indignation meeting which ensued, awakened to-day to anxiety and conjecture as to the fate of Gustav Bauch, an American accused by the rebels at Juarez, as being a spy, and of two Englishmen who disappeared in Juarez last Wednesday.

Bauch disappeared from his cell last evening. This was discovered by relatives, who reported the fact to United States Consul Edwards at Juarez when they went to take bedding and food to him. He is believed to have been shot.

Of the Englishmen one is said to be a rancher named Curtis from New Mexico, and the other John Lawrence chief engineer of the California De-

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Quite Time To Break it Up

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Evening Standard says: The execution of Benton, if true, emphasizes the fact that some kind of international compulsion will soon be necessary to stop Mexico from wallowing in this sty of corruption and cruelty.

WAR AGAINST GAS CO. AGAIN, SAYS MAYOR

"It's Awful, People Can't Stand it," Says His Worship.

Only Relief Possible is Further Prosecution By the City.

While holding himself open for suggestions, Mayor Spence declared this morning another war on the Brantford Gas Company. "It's awful!" His Worship declared, "People can't stand it, inside and outside as we're getting it. Complaint after complaint is being registered."

Furthermore, Mayor Spence said that both in regard to the refuse behind the purifying plant and the supply of sulphur through the mains, prosecution would again be entered. It is thought that the capacity of the purifiers can be increased so as to reduce the nuisance to a minimum. It has been shown very plainly that the present purifiers are not equal to the work and Mayor Spence believes that no expense should be spared where people's lives and health are endangered, as they undoubtedly are with the gas as it is at present.

In all likelihood the Mayor will ask the City Council for an expression of opinion at the meeting Monday night.

BROTHER OF QUEEN COMING TO CANADA

[By Special Wire to The Courier] OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—The report from London some time ago that His Royal Highness Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of Queen Mary, may come to Canada this summer with Lord Brooke, and command a cavalry brigade, either at Petawawa or the Sewell camp in Manitoba, was confirmed last night by Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes. The Minister stated that the Prince had been invited and that it is wholly probable that he will come as part of the Imperial scheme for the interchange of officers.

Prince Alexander is major in the Second Life Guards and served in Matabeleland in 1896, when he was mentioned in the despatches. He also served in the South African campaign and received the D.S.O. medal.

Lord Brooke, who commanded a cavalry brigade at Petawawa last summer, is a son of the Earl of Warwick.

LIBERAL MAJORITY OF 1,829 IS CUT DOWN TO LESS THAN 300

Unionists Almost Captured Popular Division of London, the Seat Vacated by Sydney Buxton.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Poplar, one of the most industrial constituencies in London, yesterday elected Yeo, the Government candidate, in succession to Sydney Buxton, who has been appointed Governor-General of South Africa. The last election was a straight fight between a Liberal and a Conservative, Buxton retaining the seat by 1829 majority.

The advent of a Labor candidate in the present election seriously threatened the chances of the Liberal candidate. An analysis of the figures shows that 1500 more votes were recorded yesterday than in December, 1910. The Liberal vote is down by 449 and the Conservative vote 1122 to the good. The vote was: Alfred Yeo, Liberal, 3548

Kerr Clark, Unionist, 3270 J. Jones, Labor, 892

The main issues before the electors were Home Rule, the Insurance Act, the Parliament Act and disestablishment of the Welsh Church. The previous Liberal majorities were: In 1906 2311; in January, 1910, 1067; and in December, 1910, 1829.

Since the general election of December, 1910, the Government have lost 13 seats, a loss of 26 votes on division. Following is the list of seats won by the Unionists: Cheltenham, Oldham, South Somerset, North Ayrshire, South Manchester, North-west Manchester, Crew, Midlothian, Bow and Bromley, Newmarket, Reading, South Lanark, Bethnal Green. In December, 1910, the Unionists and Radicals returned the same number of members to the Commons. The former now have 285 representatives and the latter 260. Should Leith-Burgis adhere to Radicalism the Government majority, with the Nationalists and Laborites, will be 100, as against 126 in 1910.

BLIZZARD AT SEA COVERS VESSELS WITH GLISTENING COATS OF ICE



THE ICE COVERED EUROPA

Around New York Harbor February 13 practically all of the craft had the appearance of moving spectacles in some mammoth ice carnival, for all were shrouded in ice. The Europa, of the Italian line, was the most thickly coated of the incoming steamships. Her trip from the Mediterranean ports was replete with stormy weather, and as she neared this port she met a series of high seas that caused considerable havoc.

One giant comber reared before the Europa's bows, and as it broke and died cracked the shank of her port



CLEANING THE WAY ON BOARD THE REVENUE CUTTER CALUMET FOR THE BOARDING OFFICER

anchor—a piece of castiron about eighteen inches in diameter—tore it loose and carried the broken piece overboard.

The revenue cutter Calumet, which carries the boarding officer down to Quarantine with his bodyguard of customs inspectors, did not have her work lightened in any manner by the extremely cold and high winds. Every trip out would bring her back sheathed in a fresh coat of ice and "Jimmy" Bunting and Carl Warnes, her deckhands, went constantly armed with mallets and picks.

PANKHURST WANTS TO BE PUMP FED

At Least, She Wants to Know Why Others Are and She is Not.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst writes to the newspapers accusing Her Majesty's Secretary McKenna of differentiating in the treatment of Suffragette prisoners. She wants to know why she was returned to prison six times under the provisions of the "Cat and Mouse" Act and not subjected to pump-feeding, although she was sentenced to three years penal servitude for a serious offence, while Miss Peace, with a smaller sentence, who was not returned under the "Cat and Mouse" Act was pump-fed.

Mrs. Pankhurst asks: "If Miss Peace is forcibly fed because she refuses to undertake to abandon militant methods how much more should I be forcibly fed, who have incited her to insurrection? A week ago I challenged the government to arrest me if it could at the close of a meeting and to make another attempt to force my consent to an unjust sentence, which was unjustly imposed. I am still at liberty and I repeat the challenge. Until women are given the right to vote, I, in common with a rapidly increasing number of women, will refuse to be governed and defy the government to compel me."

The Women's Social and Political Union announces that Mrs. Pankhurst will address an outdoor meeting in Globe Place, Chelsea, at 3.30 to-day.

Ten Days For Smart Student

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—"Just see Fred Alox, student of Montreal, when arraigned in night court upon the complaint of Miss Elsie Tenzer sixteen, of Woodside, L. I. She said Alox tried to flirt with her on a Second Avenue surface car last night.

When arrested Alox had three papers of "sneezing powder" in his pocket. "Do you think you have to accost girls and make persons sneeze to see New York?" asked Magistrate Krotel. "Oh, I didn't mean any harm, judge. I just came from a Canadian college to look things over," said the prisoner.

"Well, I'll give you ten days in the workhouse to think things over," said the magistrate.

The World May Never Know How Wm. Benton Came To His Death

[By Special Wire to The Courier] JUAREZ, Mex., Feb. 21.—Whether Benton, the British subject, met his fate before a rebel firing squad or fell from a bullet fired while he was in Villa's office is not known and may never be known. Villa left on an early troop train yesterday for Chihuahua and refused to make any further statement about the affair. Before going he took with him all of the guards he had at his headquarters, including the men who are believed to have taken part in the execution, if there was an execution. Mexican officials here claim that Benton was tried by court-martial composed of Judge Advocate Lie Adriaan Agustere Benavides, presiding Judge Jesus Rodriguez, Major Gloria and a court stenographer. They claim that Benton was found guilty after a formal trial of being implicated in the plot to kill Villa.

Friends of Benton on both the American and Mexican sides of the river deny that any such trial was held, and claim that they have positive information that Benton went to Juarez unarmed, entered Villa's headquarters, was told by Villa when he asked for information about four hundred head of cattle which had been stolen from his hacienda, that he, Villa, intended to run him, Benton out of the country as he was a Federal sympathizer. Villa is said to have called Benton, a quick-tempered north of Scotland man, an ugly Spanish name, and when Benton told him that he would not be insulted by any Mexican, Villa is said to have slapped Benton in the face, knocked him to the floor and drawn his six-shooter, when the wife of Villa jumped in between them and pleaded with Villa not to shoot.

Mrs. Benton Left Alone. Benton has few relatives living and Mrs. Benton has none. She is left alone in the world by the death of her husband, as all of her Spanish relatives have died. Benton has a brother, Santiago Benton, living in Durango, Mexico, and a sister whose address is unknown in England. The brother has been telegraphed to and advised to notify the sister in England.

William S. Benton was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and was about forty-five years old, his exact

Calgary Wants Mr. A. K. Bunnell

A despatch from Calgary to-day states that that municipality is desirous of securing the services of Mr. A. K. Bunnell as treasurer of the western city. The despatch adds that Mr. Bunnell is regarded as a "wizard" in finance and the best man in Canada for the job. When seen this morning Mr. Bunnell said he had received no offer from Calgary, and modestly characterized it as "just a species of stock boosting from a few of his friends out there."

LAKE ERIE AND NORTHERN RAILS ARE INTO PARIS

Matter of Few Days and Rails Will Be Laid In to Brantford.

Busy Scene Along the New Line—Other Paris News.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—It was a big surprise to most Parisians when they looked up yesterday morning and saw a train on the Lake Erie & Northern tracks inside the town limits. Very few of the citizens had any idea that the tracks were nearer than five miles away. By 6 o'clock the rails had been laid as far as the Brantford road crossing, and it is expected the material for the overhead bridge will be hauled to the spot at once, and when this is completed the laying of tracks to Brantford should only be a matter of a few days.

As a result of the activity of Game Inspector Johnson and High Constable Kerr, three Paris young men will make their bow to Magistrate Patterson on Monday. They are charged with catching rabbits during the closed season.

There is a rumor in town that the Militia Department is contemplating the formation of an artillery corps here.

The annual carnival held under the auspices of Paris Citizens Band was given at the rink last evening. There was a very gratifying attendance and a large crowd in costume. Messrs. McWilliams and Kinney, the judges, awarded the prizes as follows: Patriotic—Gentleman, Mr. E. Oles of Brantford; lady, Miss Kemphorne, as Canada.

Best Dressed—Girl under 14, Maggie Brown; lady, Mrs. S. Simpson, Brantford; gentleman, W. Appleby; boy under 14, W. Rowe.

Comic—Gentleman, Albert Walker; boy, Wade Walters.

The dinner set for the holder of the lucky coupon was won by the holder of ticket No. 2993.

The prizes were all donated by J. H. Fisher, M.P., and J. W. Westbrook, M.P.P.

Hon. Mr. Perley introduced a resolution to provide for incorporation and regulation of loan companies under a model bill.

Opposes Assuming More Liability

Mayor Spence yesterday received a letter from Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., announcing that the Lake Erie & Northern bill seeking permission to further bond the line would come up before the railway committee of the House of Commons on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

After a conference with Mr. Henderson, city solicitor, it was decided that he should write stating that the corporation would not agree to anything whatever calculated to jeopardize Brantford's security in any manner.

It is not thought that it will be necessary to send any representatives to the capital, as Mr. Cockshutt will be apprised of the city's attitude.

QUARTER OF A MILLION IN BY-LAW

City Council Committees Consider Railway Purchase.

By-Law Will be Voted on in Next Four Weeks.

The by-law for the purchase of the Brantford Street Railway will be introduced at the City Council Monday evening and probably given its first and second readings. Following that the by-law will be advertised for three weeks by the ratepayers, then it goes back to the City Council and receives its third reading.

There was a full representation of the finance and railway committees in session yesterday. Mayor Spence and City Solicitor Henderson were also present. Considerable work was entailed in drafting the by-law, the chief consideration being the amount to be fixed to cover the purchase price. Civic authorities refused to say after the meeting what amount had been decided upon, but it is pretty well understood that it is in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million, possibly a little higher than that figure. At that the city's purchase price is much below the valuation of \$300,000 placed upon the road by outside authorities. It is also a well-known fact that the city could turn the road over at once at a much bigger price.

One interesting feature developed in the recent negotiations whereby the city secured the whip hand. The fact that the city put in a bid for the road scared off other competition as it was not considered politic to compete against the city from which concessions would doubtless have to be secured later.

The way matters now stand it looks as if the purchase will become an accomplished fact in due course. The feeling prevails that the operation of the road should be by a commission but these details will have to be worked out later.

MINSTREL GIRL INSANE: REMOVED BY FRIENDS

Another Member of Company Given Charge of Her by Magistrate.

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 21.—Eva De Wolf, a member of the Sunny South Minstrels, playing this week at Griffin's theatre, who became violently insane yesterday, rushed out upon the streets and created such excitement by her cries, until taken into custody by the police, continued her ravings to-day whenever spoken to.

She was brought before Magistrate Campbell on a charge of insanity. The Magistrate remanded her for a week into the charge of Wilbur Dixon, another member of the company, who will take her to Pittsburg. She was removed from the court by a number of friends.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SNARLS AND YELPS AN OUTRAGE BORNE TOO LONG

Not Decent That the Chancellor of the Exchequer Should Remain Longer in Office.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The violent attacks by The Times on Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George, against which it is noteworthy the government press has not protested, are followed up by the weekly reviews.

The Spectator says: "The Ministers seldom expose themselves to so well-deserved rebukes as the Times has administered. The Chancellor is not only incapable of accurate statement, but his explanations invariably aggravate the offence. Whether persons or facts or figures are in question, he is equally incorrigible and impertinently inaccurate."

The Saturday Review, referring to Premier Asquith's apology for a mem-

ber of his party who had overstepped the bounds of Parliamentary usage in his attacks on landlords, asks why Mr. Lloyd George is allowed to pile false charges on false charge without the faintest rebuke from the Premier. The Saturday Review asks if Mr. Lloyd George's speeches do not touch the honor of parliament. It adds that Mr. Lloyd George himself has no use for honor, saying:

"To him honor is an aristocratic bauble, rightly despised by a people's champion. But he is the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and though he may use his robes of office to cover his own defects, he has no right to drag them in the mud. Statesmen will have to wear them after him. It is not decent that he should remain in office if he is so sunk as to use methods and argument for which our language has hitherto lacked a name. That the wearer of a Chancellor's robes should snarl and yelp in this manner is an outrage which has been the distinguished visitors present borne too long."

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