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Execution Of Benton May Force Hand Of The Administration.

Villa Admits the Killing—Gives Details of Ranchman's End to American Consul, Who Transmits Report to Bryan—Huerta Sympathy Aligned—But Friends of the Dead Man Say He Never Took Sides in Mexican Affairs—Border at Fever Heat—El Paso Meetings Denounce This Government's "Weak and Vacillating Policy."—Hint of a Villa Bluff—One Report to Washington Suggested That Benton Might Be Alive, After all.

El Paso, Feb. 20.—William S. Benton, a wealthy ranch owner of Chihuahua State and a British subject has been executed, according to a statement made by Gen. Villa to the United States Consul at Juarez, Thomas D. Edwards, who in turn has transmitted the information to the State Department in Washington.

That is all that could be learned to-day from Villa, the Consul of the Juarez officials; but every one in El Paso believes that if Benton was not murdered by Villa himself—and many make that charge—he was put to death without any of the forms of a court-martial, vague talk about which is heard from Villa's partisans in Juarez.

Whether Benton lies in the grave that rumor assigns him or is still stretched prone upon the floor of the prison no one but the members of the firing squad know, and they went south with Villa to-day.

Benton is dead seems certain. Villa himself admitted it to the Consul, T. D. Edwards, in Juarez, last night.

"He is dead," Villa said. "He came to my office and he was killed. He died the night of the same day. More I cannot tell. You may tell his wife and Washington, but do not reveal more."

Villa left Juarez on an early troop train to-day for Chihuahua and refused to make any further statement about the affair before going. He took with him all the guards he had at his headquarters, including the men who are spoken of as having taken part in the execution.

Rebel officials in Juarez say that

Benton was tried by a court-martial composed of Judge Advocate Adrian Aguirre Benavides, Presiding Judge Jesus Rodriguez, Major Gloria, and a court stenographer, and that he was found guilty, after a formal trial, of being implicated in a plot to kill Villa.

Shot Without Trial, Friends say. Friends of Benton on both the American and Mexican sides of the river deny that any such trial was held and say 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 shipping cattle across the border, that he, Villa, intended to run him, Benton, out of the country, as he was a Federal sympathizer.

Villa is said to have applied to Benton, who was a quick-tempered Scot, an ugly Spanish epithet, and when Benton told him that he was a British subject and that he would not be insulted by any Mexican, Villa is said to have slapped him in the face, knocked him to the floor and drawn his six-shooter, when Villa's wife jumped in between them and pleaded with Villa not to shoot.

Few relatives of Benton are living, and Mrs. Benton, who is of Spanish extraction, has none. Benton's brother, Santiago, lives in Durango, Mexico, and he had a sister, whose address is unknown, in England. The brother has been telegraphed to, and advised to notify the sister. Another brother, Sir John Benton, is in the Indian Civil Service.

William S. Benton was a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and was about 45 years old. He went to Mexico from Scotland when about 25 years old. He worked over Northern Mexico as a mining man, rancher, and prospector. He finally settled permanently on the Hacienda Los Remedios, near Santa Rosalia, in the State of Chihuahua. He was associated with his cousin, William Benton, in the hacienda and had improved it until it was one of the show places of Northern Mexico when the revolution started. It is said in Chihuahua that he paid \$1.25 an acre for the 100,000 acres which make up the hacienda, and since it has been improved it is

estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. Benton had many cattle on this ranch in addition to the agricultural and other ranch products. When the revolution started his cattle were killed for the armies of occupation, and he reduced his herd to only a few hundred. Only a week ago he had seven fine cattle from his ranch shipped to the border, and they were seized by Villa's army and not permitted to cross his friends say.

A mass meeting to protest and draft resolutions against the killing of Benton, was held at a local theatre this afternoon after permission to assemble in Cleveland Square was refused.

The meeting was called to order by Richard M. Dudley, a prominent contractor in Mexico, who is also a banker here. Ex-Governor George Curry, of New Mexico, made the principal address, in which he said that the meeting was not called to stir up race hatred or strife between Americans and Mexicans on the border, but to bring to the attention of the State Department the seriousness of the situation now existing in Mexico.

He said that the time for the killing of foreigners in Mexico was over, and it was the time for radical action to be taken by the people of border States, who had suffered the most. This was received with cheers, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Ex-Governor Curry was a Rough Rider in Roosevelt's command, is a friend of the ex-President, and is keeping him posted by cable of the developments here.

There was no hostile demonstration at the theatre, although the police were there, and a body of Texan Rangers guarded the doors.

Ex-Governor Curry was named by the meeting a committee of one to investigate the killing of Benton. He went first to Consul Edwards.

"Mr. Consul," he said, "the people of El Paso and the foreign refugees from Mexico are in a feverish state because of the murder of William Benton. They have been unable to learn details of the crime and have asked me to seek information. Any light you can shed on the subject will be appreciated."

"I have telegraphed the Secretary of State that Benton's death has been officially reported to me," replied the Consul. "Such other details I have forwarded to Washington by mail. General Villa said he did not care to talk of the case to the press or public, but gave me the information for Mrs. Benton, the widow, and the State Department. They are at liberty to talk, but I promised the General I would remain silent."

Asked as to his use of the phrase "officially reported dead," and if he personally thought the official report by Villa might have been misleading, the Consul said that, inasmuch as the rebels had been sending Chihuahua prisoners to Juarez, and Juarez prisoners to Chihuahua, he had had a faint hope that Villa might, for his own reasons, have misled him.

This morning the Consul watched the train leaving Villa and his staff and about twenty others on board hoping to catch sight of Benton, but saw none but Mexicans.

Benton disappeared on Tuesday. Mr. Edwards made his first inquiry of Villa yesterday afternoon, on receipt of instructions from Secretary Bryan, who made the request at the instance of the British Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

On receiving Villa's word that Benton was dead, the Consul telegraphed the bare announcement to Washington last night, and the news reached El Paso through a press despatch when Secretary Bryan made the information public to-day.

Generally it is believed that Villa, who had known Benton for years was trying solitary confinement as a corrective to Benton's well known disposition to speak his mind frankly without regard to consequences.

Edwards waited until after his last hope flickered away with the departure of the train this morning before informing Mrs. Benton that her husband was dead.

She is a Mexican and, while well educated, understands the English language imperfectly. The Consul spoke in his own tongue, and the result was that while he was telling his tragic story the widow on the verge of a nervous breakdown because of her sustained anxiety, gathered only the purport of the tale—that her husband was dead.

Villa had gone, and thus his version of the story remained locked up in the Consul's breast, and in his records. The inability of friends of Benton to get definite details had much to do in arousing excitement, and the ultimate selection of ex-Governor Curry as an agent to seek the truth.

After leaving the Consul the latter called at the Jefatura at Juarez to see Federico Gonzales Garza, the Jefe d'Armas, but the latter was absent. Other officials, it was learned, were enjoying their siestas, and it was useless to try to disturb them.

Just what occurred between Villa and his visitor last Tuesday may never be known. Through the widow and his cousin, it was learned that Benton wished permission to bring

to the United States 400 head of cattle on his ranch, Los Remedios, in Western Chihuahua.

The cousin, though the request would be useless, although other foreigners have been considerably treated when asking similar favors, Charles Qualey of New York and Mexico, a friend, now here among the other refugees, advised him of the probable procedure.

"Villa probably will grant your request, but he'll give you a lecture, and you must not resent the lecture. If you do you may get into trouble," Qualey said.

"If he lectures me, I'll lecture back," Benton replied. "I have never made a political move in Mexico, and if he accuses me of it I have some accusations of my own to make."

Benton apparently made the request, and his friends never saw him alive afterward. As Mrs. Benton gathered the story from Consul Edwards, Villa declined to grant the permit, saying:

"Mr. Benton, you have never been a friend of ours, and I don't want those cattle taken out of the country. We can use them ourselves."

At this point, it is understood, the quarrel started.

Benton was not in accord with the Madero revolution, and in the foreign club at Chihuahua, was wont to express his opinions freely. Succeeding revolutions were also criticized by him in conversations with his friends, but the latter agree that he never went further. They assert unanimously that he kept out of politics and accepted his losses without any names of those who sat as a court.

The many persons who knew him well in Chihuahua and along the border, including his cousin and widow, say that he never owned a revolver and did not have one with him when he went to Juarez. Villa, on Wednesday night, talking to a reporter, asserted that he had Benton's six-shooter.

"What do you think of a man who would come here and threaten me?" exclaimed the rebel General. A Mexican bystander replied: "He ought to be shot."

This was twenty-four hours after he execution had taken place.

Villa did not tell the American Consul that Benton was court-martialed, but official Juarez was busy to-day with assertions to that effect.

The case of Gustav Bauch, a German, were given out for publication, and it was stated at the Jefatura that Benton's last request was that his property be turned over to his widow.

Mr. Edwards, last night, asked Villa for permission to bring the body to this side of the river, but the request was denied.

"Then, as a favor to me and to the widow, will you have the grave marked?" asked the Consul. This was promised.

Benton, it was said, was tried on a charge of conspiracy against the rebel Government, and with "provoking and insulting General Villa."

Benton is believed to have been held incommunicado during the court-martial, if there was one, and it is admitted that there was no one there to represent him.

That there was a real court-martial is clearly everybody on this side of the river doubts. The doubters contrast the case of Gustav Bauch, a German-American, accused of being a spy. According to the rebels, the case of the obscure Bauch has been on trial for four days, and it was said to-day that no decision had been reached.

News that the Government at Washington had ordered an investigation was received by the refugees with indifference or with sneers. They were too excited to take a calm view of the situation.

Benton comes of an excellent Scotch family. His maternal grandfather, Col. Hay, is said to have participated as an officer in the famous charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava.

Two cousins are in the British Army. One of them, Capt. Norman Benton, is with the Engineering Corps at Eastbourne, England. The other, Lieut. Ivan Benton, is an artillery officer at present on leave in Switzerland.

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