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Nations Are Waiting for Britain to Act on Brenton Murder

BRENTON SHOT IN COLD BLOOD BY VILLA MEXICAN REBEL LEADER SAYS ACT IS LEGAL

Bryan Hears Briton Was Court-Martialed Before Execution—Villa Claims Brenton Threatened His Life and Violated Articles of War—British Ambassador Cables for Instructions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A telegram from R. N. Dudley of El Paso today to Senator Fall declaring Benton "was murdered like a dog" was read in the senate at the request of Senator Fall. He also read a telegram from the El Paso mass meeting.

"I am almost certain Villa did it in person," said the telegram from Dudley.

Cold-Blooded Murder.

"No evidence that Benton was the aggressor," it adds. "Everything shows it cold-blooded murder. Castillo is a guest of our government, with safety from punishment. Villa is boasting of his crime. Is there no protection anywhere? El Paso is full of rebel officers. Watchful waiting is a failure."

Rebel Explanation.

Roberto V. Pesquior, constitutionalist agent here, made public the following telegram from the constitutionalist headquarters at Juarez:

"Benton entered Villa's apartment very unexpectedly, demanding protection for his interests and bitterly insulting Villa and the constitutionalist army. Gen. Villa told him that he considered him an enemy to the constitutionalist cause, and that in order that he might not continue to work against it, he (Villa) was going to pay him the value of his property (Benton's) in the State of Chihuahua.

Says Benton Drew Revolver.

"Benton became very exasperated at this and drew his revolver, intending to kill the general, but the latter immediately knocked him down, disarmed him and sent him to jail. Benton was afterward tried by a special military tribunal, sentenced to death and duly executed, all in accordance with the laws and usages of war."

Bryan Hears of Courtmartial.

Announcement that Benton met death in Juarez after a courtmartial ordered by Villa was made today by Secretary Bryan, who said he had no further details. His information came in a despatch from Consul Edwards at Juarez who said he had read the courtmartial proceedings, which were forwarded by mail to Washington.

Want Protection for Bauch.

Secretary Bryan communicated the latest message of Consul Edwards to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, and instructed Consul Edwards to demand adequate protection for Gustav Bauch, an American citizen, for whose safety in Juarez grave apprehension has been felt. Friends of Bauch in El Paso have telegraphed to Representative Smith of Texas that he had been shot as a spy.

Mexican Press Comment.

MEXICO CITY, Feb 21.—The story of the execution of Wm. S. Benton by the rebel Villa is displayed today under large type headlines in all the Spanish and English newspapers published here.

El Imparcial labels it "The new assassination which has horrified even the dupes captured by the execrable bandit." It declares that Villa killed Benton in cold blood, afterwards ordering a fictitious courtmartial in order to cover his act of murder.

Affair Will Provoke Conflict.

El Pais predicts that the affair will provoke a conflict between the chancelleries of London and Washington.

With Refinements of Cruelty.

El Independiente refers to the crime as having been committed with "all the refinement of cruelty."

Britons to Hold Mass Meeting.

The leaders of the British colony here, it is reported, are contemplating the calling of a mass meeting of British residents to make representations on the subject and to demand from their government more adequate protection for their countrymen residing in rebel territory.

The affair is widely discussed in the federal capital and has caused expressions of indignation on all sides.

Gave Rebels Dynamite.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—Bartholomew Lott, a mining engineer, and superintendent of La Paz mine in State of San Luis Potosi, was arrested by the federal authorities today and charged

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The President's Troubles

President Wilson has his hands full with Mexico, not to mention the Panama Canal tolls. And since the Englishman, Benton, has been murdered by Villa, Great Britain has put both the tolls and the peace of Mexico on the President's docket. This is one reason why Wilson is pressing congress to repeal the unfair preference to American vessels by way of free tolls in the Panama Canal. If congress straightens out the tolls England may help the president to restore peace in Mexico.

Furthermore, Japan has a grudge against the United States because of what she claims is discrimination against her subjects in the matter of holding land in California and elsewhere. So have Russia, Germany and other countries in regard to other things.

The American army is not in good shape to intervene in Mexico.

It looks as if President Wilson will have to intervene or join with other nations in restoring peace in Mexico, but it will be easier to do this with the Panama Canal tolls out of the way, and Japan and Russia put in better humor.

STOCK TO SECURE $35,000,000 LOAN FOR EQUIPMENT

Canadian Northern Wants Money to Complete Line From Ocean to Ocean and Buy Rolling Stock

(Special to The Sunday World)

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—The excitement on the surface, over the Canadian Northern's reported application for additional aid, has quieted down somewhat, but it is still active underneath and both parties are sizing it up from their respective points of view. Of the fact that some kind of application for aid has been made by Sir William Mackenzie, there can be no doubt, as he was here for several days and some of the members have been consulted in the matter; but it is rather hard to find out just what is sought by the company, this, however, is known: the company say it will require $35,000,000 to complete and equip the Canadian Northern as a transcontinental line from Vancouver to Quebec, with connections to all the important towns of Canada from ocean to ocean, outside of Western Ontario; and in the maritime provinces they claim they will connect up with the Intercolonial Railway, thus giving a transcontinental line from ocean to ocean, and at all towns. The completion of the roadbed and putting down the remainder of the steel for the system is due some time early this summer, and as a matter of fact trains will be running from Port Arthur to Quebec before Dominion Day and by August from Edmonton to Vancouver. But it is said the equipment in the way of cars, engines and other rolling stock and yard appointments and all other etceteras, that go with equipment will require nearly $20,000,000, not including the large number of engines and cars that the company now possess. The company are believed to have said that they would like to get $35,000,000 to do this work by way of loan from the government of Canada, as they say they cannot approach the British money market at the present time for such a sum owing to the stringent condition which prevails there. They also say that if they get it as a loan they will guarantee to pay the interest annually and the principal within a certain number of years; and if the government insist on it, put up satisfactory security to this end. What security they can put up if called on has not yet been mentioned in detail by any of those discussing the question, altho it is believed that a large block of the original stock of the company might be offered by the company.

Your correspondent does not say that the foregoing is the proposition in detail, because, as was said, the story can only be made up from the various conversations that are current about the capital; and that, if when the proposition is licked into shape and the government have to take it, as they will have to take it, to their supporters, and they find even a proposition of this kind is unpopular, the thing will be dropped. But there is no doubt that the company want money to complete their project and that they are trying to get some of it at least here in Ottawa.

Photographs —A Warning

Several people, according to complaints, have been duped by photographers who have represented themselves as being on the staff of The Sunday World, or in a position to have pictures published. These men are impostors. The only photographers authorized to take pictures for The Sunday World will bear staff credentials or special authorization for the occasion. Ask that these credentials be shown.

RELIGIOUS TRACTS SENT AFTER MAN'S DEATH BY SUICIDE

Letter Opened by Police Establishes Suicide's Identity as Frederick Thompson, and Injects New Mystery

The police are now sure that the young man who committed suicide at 920 Dundas street, and whom they first thought to be Frederick Thompson, but who was afterwards said to be John Neil of Montreal until that man turned up at the morgue to deny it, really is Fred Thompson. He is probably a Hamilton man.

They have been led to this belief by a letter received here Saturday, addressed to Fred Thompson, 920 Dundas street, which bears a Hamilton postmark and is signed "Harry." The letter reads:

"Dear Fred.—Just a line to inform you of the awful fate that awaits you if you neglect accepting Jesus as your own personal Saviour. He died for you that you might live. Oh, Fred, don't put it off any longer, I beg you, until too late. Write soon. Yours as ever, Harry. P.S.—Read enclosed and consider them very seriously."

The wording of the letter has led to the belief that the writer knew of his friend's contemplated suicide.

MOTOR CAR BURNED.

A valuable motor car, belonging to B. V. Band, was destroyed by fire in the rear of 512 Jarvis street on Saturday afternoon, caused by the engine back-firing. There was no insurance.

SUIT FOR ALMOST MILLION DOLLARS IN SHARES BEGUN

Action Launched at Osgoode Hall by Toronto Man Against Montreal People and Bond Company

CHARGES FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION

Nearly a million dollars' worth of industrial stock is involved in a suit brought in Osgoode Hall to restrain its transfer or being otherwise disposed of. The plaintiff is William Marshall, with office in the Traders' Bank building. He is vice-president of the Dominion Manufacturers, Limited, an out of town concern.

He claims that 8258 shares of that company were "obtained from him without any legal consideration therefor, and by and thru misstatements, misrepresentation and fraud of the defendants respectively." He asks for the return to him of the shares. The shares are stated to be of par value, $100.

The defendants are Lorne C. Webster, holding 500 shares; Mount Royal Bond Co., Limited, Montreal, 500 shares; J. W. McConnell, Montreal, 2424 shares; George C. Patton, 2424 shares; J. W. McConnell and George C. Patton, conjointly, 2610 shares.

LIQUOR BARRED AT GRADUATES' DINNER

First Arrangements Were "Wet," But Temperance Spirit Will Prevail

The University College graduating dinner will be dry, in spite of the arrangements of the committee in charge, who decided otherwise. As a result of Principal Hutton taking a hand in the matter some of the existing ararngements had to be cancelled, and the date had to be changed from Feb. 24 to some time during the early part of March. The head of University College called the offending committee into a conference, which had as a result a considerable change in the arrangements. The plans of the "wet" committee were completely changed, and the official graduating of U. C. for 1914 will be along strictly temperance lines

Principal Hutton reminded the men of the class of '14 of the disgraceful scenes which had accompanied similar affairs at Oxford, and urged that in this respect at least Toronto should herself be superior. The desired result was obtained.

CITY ARCHITECT INSPECTOR DYING TWO DEAD SINCE ENQUIRY BEGAN

Trouble is coming thick and fast to the city architect's department since the judicial investigation commenced. James L. Riddell, chief inspector, dropped dead on Friday morning last. John Whitlam, another chief inspector, died a few weeks ago. And now J. E. Jones, stone inspector, had a stroke of paralysis on Saturday and is not expected to live.

Treasury Raids Getting Serious

Because so many want to dip into the city treasury so early in the year, there is a possibility that the merits of each request will be overshadowed by the massing of force to put the lid on the cash reservoir. Here is a list of the requests to date:

General Hospital	$50,000
Ad Club	10,000
Mendelssohn Choir	10,000
Hospital for Sick Children	5,000
Ontario Safety League	5,000
Total	$80,000

Automatically this total will be increased to $100,000, for the Western Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital will undoubtedly expect at least $10,000 each if additional grants are made to the General Hospital and the Hospital for Sick Children.

The General Hospital wants the extra $50,000 to help out in the expense of maintenance. The Ad Club declares that the $10,000 may come back to the city a hundredfold thru the convention bringing from the United States many men who may establish factories here. The Mendelssohn Choir wants the $10,000 to make up the $75,000 required for the trip abroad next year. The Hospital for Sick Children has so great an increase in out-patient work that the $5000 is needed to meet the deficit. The Ontario Safety League needs the $5000 for propaganda.

Almost as a unit the city council is keen on a policy of keeping a sharp check upon avoidable expense this year and at the same time being as liberal as possible in expenditure that will provide work for the unemployed. Already the slashing of estimates is making the heads of departments wince, and when the estimates finally reach the council the tax rate will not give landlords further excuse to shove up the rents.

THREE DROWNED AS LIFEBOAT SANK

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Feb. 21.—(Can. Press.)—Three lifeboat men were drowned when they went out from Fethard to rescue the crew of the Norwegian barque Mexico, driven on to the rocks near the Saltee Islands, Wexford, last night.

Two lifeboats had answered the distress call of the Mexico, bound from Laguna, Mexico, to Falmouth. The first to reach her was stove in, but the life savers were able to scramble on board the wrecked Mexico, where they remained all night.

When the crew of the barque and the lifeboat men landed safely on one of the islands today they found that the second lifeboat, which they had waited for all night, had sunk, and three of her crew of fourteen men had been drowned.

CENSORS' RULING ON MARY PICKFORD FILM APPEALED

For First Time Special Appeal Board Appointed by Government is Employed to Settle Dispute

OBJECTIONABLE PARTS ORDERED CUT OUT

For the first time in Ontario a motion picture exchange made an appeal against the decision of the board of censors, when the famous Players' Service Co. carried the case of "Hearts Adrift," which was rejected by the board unless certain parts were cut out, before the appeal board, which is elected by the government with the Hon. I. B. Lucas as chairman.

After considerable argument the picture was shown to the appeal board, who decided that the play must be amended in the manner indicated by the censors before it could be produced in public. The exchange company then offered to cut out the offending portions, with the result that the appeal was allowed.

The leading woman in "Hearts Adrift" is Miss Mary Pickford, a Toronto actress.

The story deals with a couple who are shipwrecked on an uninhabited island. They have no hope of ever leaving the place, having been there for ten years without seeing any sign of a rescue party. Altho previously married the man himself performs a marriage ceremony binding himself to the girl. They are about to be rescued when the woman, recognizing her position, commits suicide by throwing herself into the mouth of a burning volcano.

The main objection that the censors took to the play was the ending, showing the suicide of the woman and the murder of her child, and this part has been eliminated from the film.

HARTFORD STATION DESTROYED BY FIRE

Deep Snow Prevented Fire Apparatus From Reaching the Scene

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 21.—Fire broke out in the Union Station of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad here this afternoon, and in a few minutes the structure appeared to be doomed. The station is of considerable dimensions.

The station was wrecked, all train service interrupted, and everyone driven out. The fire apparatus was delayed in reaching the scene owing to the deep snow in the streets.

The fire swept its way with remarkable rapidity. Not many minutes elapsed before the train platforms, which were above the main floor level of the street and station, were ablaze, and the roof of the main structure had fallen in. The station was first occupied in May, 1889.

The fire was first noticed in the north end, occupied by the Adams Express Company. All baggage and express matter which could be reached was removed

Two heavy explosions later lifted a large section of the roof, and the dislodged timbers carried down the waiting room ceiling, which in turn crushed the newspaper stands, ticket and other offices. Firemen narrowly escaped being caught under the wreckage.

The loss by the fire is roughly placed at $250,000.

ONE BANDIT VICTIM BORN IN TORONTO

Had Resided Five Years in Vancouver, and Leaves Wife and Two Daughters

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 21.—Great excitement is felt here over the shooting of two citizens of Vancouver on a train near Bellingham, Wash., by bandits. H. R. Atkinson, one of the victims, leaves a wife and two daughters: Mrs. H. Gardiner, a widow, and Miss Doris Atkinson. He was 47 years of age and had been in Vancouver five years. He was born in Toronto.

JAPANESE SUBMARINE BELIEVED TO BE LOST

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Feb. 21.—(Can. Press.)—A Japanese submarine attached to the protected cruiser Hirado has been missing for three days. The naval authorities believe she has met with disaster and that all on board have been drowned. The submarine had been despatched to search for torpedoes lost during practice off Kakumajima.

ROBLIN BALKED AT GUARANTEE ON ELECTION EVE

Canadian Northern Demanded Increase in Bond Guarantee Over Whole Mileage in Province, Says Report

MANITOBA MEMBERS NOT FAVORABLE

Company Planned Extension of Line From Gypsumville to Meet Dominion Government Line to Hudson Bay

(Special to The Sunday World)

WINNIPEG, Feb. 21.—Behind the failure of the Manitoba Government to bring in at a late hour of this session of the legislature any Canadian Northern Railway legislation, lies an interesting story, the details of which are beginning to be known.

When Sir William Mackenzie paid his hurried visit to Winnipeg a fortnight ago, he presented an extensive program to Sir Rodmond Roblin for his consideration. He asked, it is understoood, for guarantee of bonds on an extension of the line from Gypsumbille to meet the Dominion Government line from Pas to Hudson Bay, and also guarantees for a line to Victoria Beach on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.

Sir William also wanted the government to increase the amount of its guarantees over the whole mileage of the province to $13,000 a mile. Most of this mileage at present carries a bond guarantee of $10,000 a mile, altho the guarantees made during the past four years have been at higher rate. There are conflicting reports as to whether the demand for an increase was to $12,000 or $15,000 a mile, but it is thought that the lower figure is the right one, for it is the rate at which the Dominion and provincial governments in the west have issued bond guarantees to the C. N. R.

Sir Rodmond Roblin took fright at the extent of the demands, coming on the eve of a general election. The proposition was not, it is understood, submitted to a caucus, but Sir Rodmond called in individual members and talked the matter over with them. After a series of conferences the government advised Sir William Mackenzie that it would not be politically safe for them to accede to his demands this year, and advised him to let the matter stand until a more propitious season.

UNURNED INKERMENT FOR FARMERS AN' REBS.

Jaff: Is that ye, John? Are th' sands o' Egypt beckonin' til ye, John?

John: King Pharaoh calls me to Cairo, but Wee York needs me bad. This "McKinzie" we've got now is tryin' to rob an' burn th' town, like McKenzie, th' ole reb., did in '37, when I had jus' settled down after fightin' with Brock at Queenston Heights—

Jaff: Noo, John—

John: An' we've got to collect th' unurned Inkerment from Billy an' th' tax dodgers in York Township—

Jaff: True, John. An' tell me yince agen fatna that thing is yere blawin' aboot.

John: There can't be no Inkerment in cities where we Lan'marks pay taxes. TH' ONLY PLACE THERE'S A INKERMENT IS IN TOWNSHIPS WHERE TH' FARMERS PAY TAXES! It would be a crime to take any of th' increased valoo from we poor peepul who made th' town, tho it did grow double six times over! In a nutshell: there ain't to be extra taxin' of th' peepul in towns; it's only for the cowhide settlers outside! An' anyway them farmers wuz all rebs. with McKinzie in 37 an' they ain't loyal now. UNURNED INKERMENT IS FOR THEM REBS. OUTSIDE TH' TOWN. AN' BILLY'S TH' BIGGEST REB.—

Jaff: But Th' Globe canna ca' them rebels—

John: But you kin call it takin' it from Billy—

Jaff: Ye hae mony resources, John, an' Solomon maun hae ye in's min'.

John: Yuh bet, Sol. thinks a lot ov mer

SACRIFICING THE LAMB AT THE OPENING OF CONSTANTINOPLE'S FIRST STREET RAILWAY

In countries of modern civilization there is nothing that can be compared with the unusual ceremonies that marked the opening of the first street railway in Constantinople, unless it be the sacrificing of the lambs in the stock market by railway promoters, or the spilling of good champagne on battleship prows. Across the tracks of the street line, two young lambs were placed and after the customary prayers of the Mohammedans, they were killed on the spot, the rails were smeared with the warm blood, and prayers invoking the blessings of Allah on the new line, were offered. The officials watched the performances with all the seriousness due the occasion, and they are shown here in supplication, with their hands open.

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Mostly Fair and Colder