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## Late Cable Message.

### COMMONS DEBATE BENTON AFFAIR IN ANGRY MOOD

U.S. Government is Investigating Killing of British Subject

EXECUTED IN MEXICO.  
Cases of Other Foreign Subjects Will Also Be Taken Up.

London, Feb. 23.—The putting to death of W. S. Benton, a British subject, by General Villa, at Juarez, has roused the British Parliament and people to a keen appreciation of the British interests involved in the Mexican situation.

The killing of Benton was the principal subject up for discussion before Commons this afternoon, when a full house heard with intense interest the explanation given by Sir Edward Grey and Francis Acland, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, of the British Government's attitude and communications with Washington.

**Cheered.**

A significant cheer was given by the members of the House when Grey said Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador at Washington, had told Secretary of State Bryan that public opinion in Europe was likely to be seriously affected by Villa's doings.

Grey explained fully that Great Britain did not hold the United States responsible for Villa's acts, but he said the British Government was powerless to take measures in the disturbed regions.

Several members questioned the Secretary for Foreign Affairs to make sure that the Government is taking all possible steps to learn the facts of the Benton case.

**Regrets.**

Walter H. Page, United States Ambassador, expressed personal regret for the killing of Benton, at an informal talk with Sir Edward Grey, whom he visited to inform him of the ratification by the United States Senate of an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. The interview between Ambassador Page and the British Foreign Secretary took place at the Foreign Office before the debate in the Commons.

The history of the Benton affair containing information furnished to British Ambassador to the United States by the State Department at Washington, was communicated in an official form to the Commons by Sir Edward Grey.

Sir Edward Grey added that Bryan, while declining responsibility for Villa's doings, promised a full inquiry, said full details would be forthcoming and expressed deep regret at the occurrence.

**Warnings.**

Sir Edward Grey continued, that before this incident occurred, the United States Government had at our request, impressed upon the leaders of the Constitutional party in Mexico, the necessity of respecting the lives of foreigners. "I should like," he said, "to add to that the fact we are communicating with the Government of the United States, doesn't, of course, imply it has any responsibility for what has taken place."

"The communication has been made because the United States alone can, in these circumstances, exercise any influence to discover the truth, and get justice done by Juarez. We have ourselves, no means of exercising an influence in those regions, under existing conditions."

"I am still communicating with the British Ambassador at Washington, and with the United States Government, as to what further steps can be taken."

Sir John Rees asked whether Sir Edward Grey had any information concerning other Europeans who were said to have disappeared in Mexico.

Sir Edward replied, "No, but I have already telegraphed to our Ambassador suggesting for his consideration what steps it would be possible to take to ascertain the whereabouts of these people."

**Why Men Leave Home**

"Man makes his own hell," declared a Washington minister; which explains why pressing duties keep so many kind-hearted chaps away from their families in the evenings.—Washington Post.

### PROTEST AGAINST DISESTABLISHMENT.

London, Feb. 23.—A protest against the disestablishment clauses of the Disestablishment Bill has been sent to Premier Asquith by 15,321 non-conformists of the Diocese of St. Asaph, the signatures including 29 ministers, 158 deacons and 18 justices of the peace.

### "KARLUK" IS SAFE WITH ALL HER CREW

Such Are The Reassuring Tidings Received by the Canadian Government.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Further details of Stefansson, the Arctic explorer and the Karluk, received by the Minister of Naval Affairs, serve to reassure the world that the Karluk, with all aboard, is safe; the ship being probably ice-locked North of Beechy Point, and may not get out to Herchel Island or Prince Patrick Island until next summer.

Stefansson is well, in winter quarters at Collinson's Point, with Dr. Anderson and the other scientists and members of the crew of the Mary Sachs and Alaska.

The telegram received yesterday from Stefansson was sent overland by him from Collinson's Point on Feb. 3.

### FATHER'S DEATH DROVE HER INSANE

Vicar of Greek Catholic Church Was Blown up by Assassin's Bomb.

Debreczin, Hungary, Feb. 24.—Five clergymen were killed by a bomb explosion in the office of Bishop Miklosy, a Prelate of the Greek Catholic Church.

The Bishop himself, who is supposed to have been the object of the outrage had a narrow escape.

The victim included the Bishop's Vicar, whose daughter on hearing of her father's death, became insane.

The creation of this Greek Catholic Bishopric here a year ago provoked much hostility.

### LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Events of the Day in and Around the City

**ST ANDREW'S SMOKER**

The St. Andrew's Club held another smoker on Saturday night.

**LADY CURLERS**

The lady curlers are competing for Mrs. Clapp's prize (Points) to-day.

**DIPHTHERIA**

A 2 year-old girl of George Street, was taken to hospital yesterday, suffering from diphtheria.

**ETHIE GOES TO PLACENTIA**

The S.S. Ethie is being made ready for the Placentia Bay service. She will probably sail to-morrow.

**C. C. C. GAMES**

In the hand ball games at the C. C. C. armory last night, C. Jardine's team lost to Dr. Howlett's, and W. Hart's to W. Clance's.

**TWO YEARS IN JAIL**

Mrs. Bridget Ezekiel and Charles Nichol were tried in camera to-day and were sentenced to 2 years in jail for postal defalcations.

There were four charges against the former for obtaining money under false pretences, and she was sentenced to six months for each.

There were four charges of embezzlement against Mr. Nichol, and he received six months for each.

### EMPLOYEES OF THE F.P.U. CLOTHING FACTORY CELEBRATE

A most enjoyable time was spent last night by the employees of the Union Trading Co.'s Clothing Factory and their friends to the number of about 40.

The programme consisted of dancing and musical items and supper, which was prepared and served in splendid manner by the employees.

All present were more than pleased with the entertainment provided.

### HOCKEYISTS DUE AT NOON TO-MORROW

The Lintrose arrived at Basques at 10 a.m. with mails and passengers, but as there is ice on the Topsails, it was decided to cancel the express and for the steamer to come direct.

## "I've Got Wise---Know Enough Now to Wear Gloves."

"Used to have my hands all crippled up—  
"Everlastingly peelin' my knuckles—always scratching my hands on the edge of metal plates—  
"But now I wear gloves; and say, it's far better than nursing hurt hands. These are

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"Wash like cloth—dry soft as new  
"Never get hard or stiff, sweat, oil, grease, or water don't injure them.

"You certainly get splendid value every time in these "Asbestol" gloves. Look for that "Asbestol" trademark—it's the only way you can be sure of the genuine. The prices are low. See them today.

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## SEALING CREWS!

SEALING CREWS for the following ships will be signed on the dates named:

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S. S. DIANA	March 3rd and 4th.
S. S. BEOTHIC	March 9th and 10th.
S. S. NASCOPIE	March 10th and 11th.

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