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ARREST MAN WHO SHOT BENTON

Villa Sends Word He Was Much Displeas'd Over Killing of Englishman

El Paso, Texas, March 13.—Unconfirmed reports received here from Americans arriving from Chihuahua, that the commission appointed by General Carranza, head of the Constitutionalists, had caused the arrest of Major Rufino Villa, one of General Villa's subordinate officers, as the slayer of William S. Benton, a British subject, were given credence today by those interested in the case.

The reports stated that Major Villa is being held on a blind charge for the killing of two Mexican railroad men, in a resort in Chihuahua. At the time of Benton's execution, it was reported that Benton had been killed by Villa. It is known that Carranza's commission began its investigation with information that Benton had been killed by Villa. General Carranza's commission is said to have gathered convincing evidence that Villa, commander of the rebel forces in Juarez, ordered the execution of Benton. Villa, a German, was tried as a spy, but in whose case no verdict was rendered. Details that Benton was killed have been made repeatedly by rebel officers at Juarez and at Chihuahua.

Benton was not executed until two days after General Villa had left Juarez, it is said. It is not known whether Villa had orders for the killing, but the commission is said to have evidence indicating that he directly ordered the execution of Benton. Developments connecting Villa with the Benton case, have been looked for this morning, when the Major was removed as general manager of the rebel railroads. Many had looked for Villa's "disappearance," or apparently accidental death.

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BOARD OF TRADE

Housing Survey Work Probably Next Week

That they expect to be able to commence work on the housing survey next week was an announcement made by the housing committee of the Board of Trade at a meeting of the council this morning.

The new industries committee report having had two meetings and being busy in connection with displays for the exhibition, both local and outside, in connection with the proposal that they should send a made-in-St. John exhibit to other fairs, the committee is communicating with the Toronto exhibition regarding space at their fair, and are securing information regarding freight rates, etc.

Letters from the Bear River Steamship Company and the Margarettville Steamship Company asking for the support of the board in securing subsidies, were referred to the same committee that dealt with the last similar application.

On the request of the Dominion Board of Trade, the council expressed approval of the petition to the Dominion government asking that all available statistics be furnished to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, an organization which acts as a clearing house for information on growing grain and other agricultural matters.

A communication from the management of the Maritime Motor Show offering the use of display space at their show was referred to the secretary.

A communication from a gentleman who wished to give a lecture upon the Panama Canal and the Panama exhibition was referred to the Canadian Club.

Pollution of Navigable Waters Ottawa, March 12.—Hon. J. D. Hazen has given notice of a resolution in the House of Commons providing for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into what legislative steps can be taken to prevent the pollution of navigable waters.

PHILIX and BERNARDIN WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

About To Be Embalmed, Mrs. Campbell Proves Alive

London, Ont., March 13.—Four hours after she had been pronounced dead by her husband, Dr. Joseph Campbell, Mrs. Campbell of Oil Springs was found to be alive, but as the undertaker is about to start embalming. Advertisements announcing her death had been sent to the papers, and funeral notices to relatives.

Mrs. Campbell is sixty-five years old. She had been in a critical condition for several days, from an affection of the blood which nearly always results fatally. At present she is unconscious.

Tory Paper Calls On Borden To Cut Duty On The Farmer's Implements

Winnipeg, March 13.—The Telegram (Conservative), this morning, advocates a reduction of the duty on agricultural implements.

"There is no doubt that the government is in favor of some measure of relief, and the government is heedful of western opinion, it will give careful consideration to the subject before deciding that a reduction is to be granted," says the Telegram. "The demand is not for the abolition of all duties, which would needlessly embarrass the Canadian manufacturer and injure the home market, but there is a strong feeling that the time has come when the farmer should receive some tangible consideration."

"The Telegram believes the government would do well, before taking final action in the matter, to take into consideration the feelings of the west. If it does, and allows itself to be influenced by western sentiment, the budget will announce a substantial reduction in duties on farm implements."

HOSPITAL BILL IS PASSED BY COMMITTEE

Two-Thirds Vote of County Council Necessary—Mr. Tilley Opposed

Fredericton, N. B., March 13.—The municipalities committee this morning took up the St. John bill. Commissioner McLellan, County Secretary Kelley, Councillors Giddings, Bryant, and Shillington and J. L. Sugrue were present.

The bill to provide for halousies for the General Public Hospital was agreed to with amendments suggested by Mr. Baxter requiring a two-thirds vote of the municipal council to have the work done and striking out the amount of bond to be required.

On Commissioner McLellan's suggestion provision was made whereby the work could be suggested at a special meeting of the municipal council without waiting for a general meeting.

The bill relating to the General Public Hospital in St. John and providing for a loan of \$800,000 for a new hospital was taken up.

Mr. Tilley said that on general principles he was opposed to the bill. Mr. Baxter suggested that a two-thirds vote of the municipal council be required to have the project proceed.

Mr. Tilley said he believed the present hospital was ample and was opposed to placing further taxation upon the people to provide a new hospital when it was not required.

Mr. Thomas Walker, County Secretary Kelley and Commissioner McLellan were heard in support of the bill.

The committee decided to recommend the bill with amendments providing for the two-thirds vote of the municipal council before the project could be proceeded with. Mr. Tilley alone voted against the committee's decision.

TALK OF SUIT AGAINST TOBACCO COMPANY Washington, March 13.—Attorney General McKeenolds is said to have decided to prepare a suit against the Metropolitan Tobacco Company of New York under the Sherman anti-trust act. The suit was based upon evidence of alleged restraints of trade by the Metropolitan company in its sale of cigars.

The largest room in the house is the picture gallery. It is said that the gallery cost more than \$1,000,000.

NOW IF ALL BABES GET FIRST TOOTH ON THE SAME DAY

Remarkable Case of Parallels in Lives of Two Clergymen and Families

Lancaster, Pa., March 13.—The birth of twins in both cases, in 1877 and 1914, in the homes of Rev. Nathan B. Yerger, of Robertstown, and Rev. Elbert E. Landis, of this city, has called attention to a series of life parallels which are extraordinary.

Both ministers are pastors and have been friends from boyhood. They entered Moutonburg College at the same time, and were valedictorians for four years. They were graduated in the same class and were stationed in Lutheran churches in the same country. They were married on the same day, and the wedding trips were taken together.

Their wives were girlhood friends. They entered the Moutonburg normal school together, and were the closest of friends throughout their residence at that institution. Both their husbands and both were graduated in the same class, and both took up the profession of teaching, which they abandoned at the same time to become ministers.

NOW OUT OF DANGER

Good News For St. John Friends of H. Miles Saunders

His friends in this city will be glad to learn of the improvement in the condition of H. Miles Saunders, formerly of St. John, and now of Halifax, who has been at the point of death for the last few days. While Mr. Saunders was crossing from Prince Edward Island in a pleasure boat he was taken seriously ill and the danger of the situation was increased by the fact that the boat was held up by a doctor who was on board and he did not get to the hospital until he was in a very bad way. When the steamer reached Pictou a special train was sent to take Mr. Saunders to the hospital in Halifax, but at the last moment it was found that the train had been delayed no longer, and he was hurried to the local hospital. His condition was so serious that a special train was sent to take him to the hospital in Halifax, but at the last moment it was found that the train had been delayed no longer, and he was hurried to the local hospital.

WEALTHY AND NOBLE

GERMANS TO FOUND COLONY IN ALBERTA

Calgary, Alb., March 13.—The venture of probably the most distinguished body of colonists to come into the west, arrived in the city last night. They consist of about 100 persons, including their following, who have acquired 60,000 acres of irrigated land of the Canadian Pacific railway near the town of Hussar, ten miles north of Bassano.

The leader of the expedition is Count Bressloff, one of those noble and noble men who expect to join the colony later. The colony is a strongly backed one, and it has under construction a palatial produce packing plant upon which \$250,000 will be expended, creameries, elevators and numerous residences. About 300 German agriculturists are interested, and are expected to arrive in May.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND WANT ACTION

London, March 13.—The Sydney correspondent of the Daily Telegraph cables that the effect of the announcement that constitutional amendments in Canada have been postponed, deferring indefinitely the naval proposals is regarded in Australia as an additional reason for holding a naval defence conference at the earliest possible date with a view to placing on a permanent co-ordinated basis the naval forces of the Mother Country, Australia and New Zealand in the Pacific.

WINNIPEG MAN GIVES SKIN FOR OPERATION

Newark, N. J., March 13.—John Broughton of Winnipeg played the part of the hero in a skin grafting operation in St. James Hospital yesterday when Joseph Barlet, thirty-one years old, of this city, forty square inches of cuticle were transferred to Larlet's abdomen, chest and neck.

Broughton should be about again within four weeks.

QUETTER OUTLOOK IN REGARD TO ULSTER

London, March 13.—While both sides of Ulster controversy are maintaining very determined fronts, there are evidences of a quiet movement towards compromise. At any rate, the worst has been passed.

Siegel Sell-Out For Creditors' Benefit

New York Judge Orders Two Stores Closed—Two Thousand Out of Work and Savings Gone in Siegel Bank

New York, March 13.—The Fourteenth street store and the Simpson-Crawford Company store, the management of which has resulted in the indictment of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, charging violation of the state banking laws, and grand larceny, are to be closed tomorrow night, by order of Judge Hough, of the Federal court.

After an inventory has been taken, the stock and fixtures of the two stores and the equipment of the Merchants Express Company, are to be sold on March 24, for the benefit of creditors.

With the closing of the two stores, which are among the largest in New York, about 2,000 clerks and other employees will be thrown out of work. Many of them are said to have deposited their savings in the Siegel bank, so that they will be without funds, until they find other employment. It is estimated that the total value of the stock in the two stores is about \$1,000,000.

Siegel and Vogel were arraigned on the charge and later released on \$25,000 bail each.

One of the indictments charges Siegel and Vogel with grand larceny, in that they had stolen the contents of the Siegel bank. The other indictment charges Siegel and Vogel with grand larceny, in that they had stolen the contents of the Siegel bank.

WOMEN OF FRANCE LEAGUE FOR REFORM IN MATTER OF DRESS

Paris, March 13.—The League of Women of France has taken the initiative in the campaign against indecency in dress. A manifesto was issued to society women, signed by Vicomtesse de Velard, Marquise de Montagu, Marquise de Moutiers, Comtesse de Ville and the Duchesse de Malle, and is a response to indications recently made by the bishops and Cardinal Amette to women to get together and abolish the use of garments which are contrary to decency.

"We ask," says the manifesto, "all elegant and young women who set the fashion in France, not to yield to the temptation to combine courageously against the present tendency and by precept and example to lead the movement in their town. Let us also not forget that we must have care for the reputation which France has inherited from her ancestors and taste."

All who desire to join the movement are requested to register their names at the offices of the league with the view of bringing pressure to bear on the principal dressmakers and big establishments.

The secretary of the league, a good-looking woman in a black dress, with which she has the most reformer could find fault, said she had a plan. "Fashion has gone beyond all bounds. The youngest and prettiest ladies are to lead the movement and we shall force the chic fashion establishments to confine their ideas within the limits of decency, so that the woman who desires to be chic need not find herself compelled to be indecent. As for dressmakers, they are beyond expression. These dresses, a prominent dressmaker is quoted as saying, 'The French insisted the mode but the Americans degraded it outrageously. The silk skirt and transparent corage are made, in nine cases out of ten, for exportation.'"

SHRINERS BACK TO STATES FROM MANILA Seattle, Wis., March 13.—One hundred and fifty nobles of the Mystic Shrine representing most of the important temples in the United States and Canada, are here today from Manila, where they went under the auspices of the Temple of Seattle, to install 180 nobles.

The Shrine, who left Seattle on December 10, made the longest pilgrimage in the history of the order, visiting the principal ports in the Orient.

Many of the men were accompanied by their families. The entire party numbered 250 persons.

HURRICANE ON THE COAST OF MOROCCO DRIVES STEAMERS AND SAILING CRAFT ASHORE Melilla, Morocco, March 13.—Five steamers and thirty-eight sailing craft were wrecked today in the vicinity of the coast, having been driven on the rocks and shoals by a terrific hurricane, which started yesterday.

The storm increased in violence today and several large vessels put to sea to avoid being smashed against the jetties.

POLICE CHIEF AS THE NEW SHERIFF

That is One of The Suggestions—Dozen Are After The Position

Already the names of a dozen citizens are mentioned as candidates for the vacant office of high sheriff. Some have strong claims upon the party for recognition and the fight for the office is likely to be a lively one.

One of the most interesting features of the contest is a campaign being carried on for the appointment of Chief of Police W. W. Clark to the office. It is urged that the appointment would solve a problem which has been worrying both the city and government. The strongest opposition to this arises from the fact that his appointment would bar the way to the re-appointment of some who think they are entitled to consideration.

If the chief were appointed, his successor would, under legislation adopted last year, be appointed by the city. This is to be the situation as soon as the present incumbent retires.

C. B. Lockhart, M. P. P., is mentioned as a candidate and it is believed that if he wants the appointment of sheriff he is in a position to get it.

Amos A. Wilson, K. C., who was after the position the last time it was vacant, is said to have an eye upon a higher office but is said to be willing to become sheriff if the place is definitely offered to him.

Next in order is J. P. Mosher who is said to want the job and who feels that his past services to the party entitle him to consideration.

R. G. Murray was reported to be a candidate for the office and was said to have promises of strong support. Mr. Murray today denied the report.

George S. Shaw is another lawyer who is said to be willing to take the office and who has strong claims upon the party and good support in his campaign.

James E. Cowan is said to be making a strong fight for the office. Others mentioned for the position are C. W. McEwen, brother of the late sheriff, C. C. Clinch, Charles Nevins, W. S. Clawson and Ex-constable George Blair.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

The two Misses Black, of the British Isles, are in London, reported as safe. Reports from U. S. revenue cutters since indicate no great increase in shipping to Iceland in North Atlantic this year.

The directors of the Express Company announce today whether the United States Express Company will go out of business or resume.

In a sword duel today between Jacques Hichpin and Pierre Frouard, a writer in Paris, the latter was wounded. The duel arose over some remarks made by Frouard's wife to the wife of Hichpin.

The Marquis Crew, Lord Privy Seal, is seriously ill.

Germany is excited over an article in the Bourse Gazette, St. Petersburg, which says that Russia is ready for war, although desirous of peace with Germany.

The American commission on the suggested Conference on Faith and Order urged a conference of all the churches, Catholic and Protestant, to make church union more effective, and a proclamation calling for "Peace of God" throughout Christendom was adopted.

The London suffragette organ, endorsed the nullification by Mr. Richardson of the Hokeby Venues in the National Gallery.

Resolutions authorizing amalgamation with the Western Canada Trust were unanimously adopted at an extraordinary general meeting of the stockholders of the Canadian Empire Investment Trust in London yesterday.

The appropriation for the construction of new ships for the Japanese navy was reduced by the House of Peers today by \$15,000,000, bringing the figure down to \$46,000,000.

UNION LIFE INQUIRY IN BRITISH COMMONS London, March 13.—The affairs of the Union Life Insurance Company were the subject of inquiry in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Sheehan, member for Cork county. Right Hon. John Burns said that the company was incorporated in Canada and was not required to hold meetings of shareholders in England. He did not acknowledge that any grounds for criminal proceedings were possible in England, and considered that the Board of Trade had no jurisdiction although £150,000 had been invested here.

Jalkman Smith to Retire London, March 13.—Jalkman Smith, honorary secretary of the Scottish Rugby Football Union, has intimated that he will tender his resignation at the close of the present season. During his twenty-four years of office Mr. Smith has been the controlling genius of the union, and has had much to do with the strong position it now occupies in football circles.

Rock Pile for Auto Speeder Portland, Ore., March 13.—Five days at hard labor on the city rock pile was the sentence for speeding given to N. C. Barker, millionaire clubman, by Judge J. S. Stevenson, in the municipal court here.

Expecting to be let off with a fine Barker pleaded guilty to speeding with his automobile fifty miles an hour within the city limits.

Fort Worth Willam Files. Fort Worth, March 13.—Fire did damage estimated at between \$85,000 and \$90,000 imperilled the lives of several persons and for a time threatened the vice out a considerable portion of the business section. Five persons were rescued from the burning Duke building.