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TREACHEROUSLY KNIFED BENTON IN VILLA'S OFFICE

Facts at Last Come to Light About the Murder of a British Subject

BENTON WAS SET UPON BY MANY MEXICANS.

Body Was Mutilated After Death—Villa's Share in Murder Not Known.

Washington, D.C., March 21.—The facts of the killing of William Benton, the British rancher, have at last become known here.

Benton went to Juarez to get Villa's permission to bring some of his cattle out of Chihuahua for sale in Texas. What had not been known heretofore is the fact that Benton sought to make it worth while for the Rebel chieftain to let him get his cattle out, offering in return for this permission to see that Villa got a certain amount of arms and ammunition. This proposal was favorably received by Villa.

Discussion of the terms of the arrangements, however, led to a quarrel. This quarrel ended in Benton being killed, not by a revolver as previously reported, but by stabbing. The Britisher was attacked with knives by those in Villa's office, during the discussion. He was stabbed in many places, and after he was dead his body was mutilated in an unspeakable manner, of such frequent occurrences in Mexico.

Whether Benton personally aided in the stabbing of Benton is not definitely known.

The body of Benton was buried in Juarez and is still there, according to this official information.

The investigations of the last few weeks have not only established the facts but have also resulted in the precise place of burial being made known.

CAMBRIDGE HONORS SCHOLARLY DEAF MUTE

First Man So Afflicted To Get Degree of Master of Arts.

New York, March 15.—A cable from London to The New York Times says: Cambridge University has just conferred the degree of Master of Arts on Armand Mackenzie, the first deaf and dumb man who ever won the Master's Hood in a British University. Mackenzie, who was born deaf and dumb, paid the university fees out of his scanty earnings. He married a deaf wife.

ORPHANAGE MEETING.

The friends and supporters of the C. E. Orphanage meet at the institution this afternoon when the election of officers will take place.

Aviator Caught Negro Burglar

Used Aeroplane to Catch and Board Steamer on Which Thief Was Trying to Escape.

Miami, Florida, March 24.—Flying 21 miles an hour in an aeroplane, Harry Schade, a detective of this city, overtook the steamer Miami, after she had left this city on Friday last, and boarded her, arrested a negro hotel employe, recovered a missing brooch belonging to a woman prominent in New York society, and then flew back to this place with his prisoner. The negro was released, as the arrest was made outside the three-mile limit.

UNIONISTS NOT AT ALL ANXIOUS FOR SETTLEMENT

Speeches and Actions Convey Impression They Do Not Want Peace.

PREACH ABANDONMENT OF IRISH HOME RULE

But Liberals are Absolutely Opposed to Granting Further Concessions.

London, March 20.—Many Unionists convey the impression by their speeches and actions that they do not desire peace, and their doings are carefully calculated to push Ulster over the edge into a civil war. "Fight it out," was the expression used on a typical poster of the Pall Mall Gazette.

The Morning Post preaches that the only possible solution is the abandonment of Home Rule. Other Unionist papers seriously argue that Mr. Asquith's proposal is merely a trick because it would enable the Nationalist majorities in the various Ulster counties to override Unionist minorities and insist on joining the Dublin Parliament.

Liberals Oppose Further Concessions.

This ungenerous response to Asquith's offer has not been without a marked effect on the Liberals, hardening them against any further concessions. It is reported that Winston Churchill, who for some time has been the strongest advocate within the Cabinet for Ulster's exclusion, has now swung round to the Ireland National theory, as he is disgusted with the unresponsiveness of the Unionists.

The Unionist attitude is probably however, a stupid tactical move to force further concessions from the Government. Having won much by their threats of civil war they believe that they can gain all. Premier Asquith's moderation has done much to appease the large body of non-partisan Englishmen.

Stand Firm on Existing Offer

Liberals view are well summed up by the Nation: "The Government has

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT IS ANTICIPATED

Asquith's Government Can Only Thus Escape From Its Awkward Position.

NOW AN ABSOLUTE DEADLOCK ON HOME RULE QUESTION.

Nationalists Won't Agree to Further Concessions and Government is Powerless to Act.

London, March 24.—Dissolution of the British Parliament has been hastened by the events of the last few days, the surrender by the Government to the officers of the Army, who declined to serve in Ulster, according to the opinion generally expressed to-day in political circles.

Nationalists, it is pointed out, will not accept Home Rule with Ulster permanently excluded, while the Government has found it impossible to compel Ulster to come under the Dublin Parliament. It is argued that the only way out of the difficulty is to hold a general election. None will be surprised if the Government during the second reading of the Bill next week, should offer to dissolve Parliament on condition that the Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment and Plural Voting Bills be passed.

Liberal Dissatisfaction

Dissatisfaction among the rank and file Liberals with the Government's treatment of Army officers is another factor which is likely to hasten a general election. Many radicals would like to join forces with the Labour members and make an appeal to the country on the refusal of the officers to act against Ulstermen, compared with their readiness to act against striking workmen.

The Liberal provincial papers are more outspoken on the subject of the Government's surrender to the officers than are their London contemporaries. The Manchester Guardian says that, with deep regret and some shame, it has heard of Premier Asquith's even partial acceptance of the doctrine that officers have the right to lay down for themselves conditions under which they will continue to serve the King. If they are so treated, because they are rich men, and because they have the prejudices of their class, not only is there, then, no law for the rich man in the Army and one for the poor, but there is no standard for a Tory officer's loyalty to his oath, and another for the laboring man.

one as far as in honor or safety it goes. It is indeed within an inch of a precipice over which its most stout opponents would drive it. We urge it therefore to stand firm on the existing offer. The amended bill is full of deep consideration for Ulster and for the King's possible objections and personal feelings, but neither he or any force in the State can call upon a great British party to yield up its life to its enemies."

Promises to Table Correspondence

Giving Details of the Settlement Made With the Army Officers Who Resigned.

London, March 25.—Secretary of State for War, Seely, promised yesterday in the House of Commons, he would to-day lay on the table all the material and written documents, which he said would clear the whole mystery of the recent crisis among the officers of the Army in Ireland.

Mr. J. P. Kiely, of the Nickel Theatre, is expected by Saturday's express.

GUNMAN CAUGHT IN MONTREAL AT FUNERAL

Footsore and Starving, the Fugitive Crept Into Church and Was Recognized by a Constable.

Montreal, March 20.—Fashions have changed since mediaeval days, when a church meant sanctuary to a fugitive from justice.

Joseph Beauchamp, alleged leader of the three bandits, sought for the last six days for the murder of Constable Bourdon, and the attempted murder of Constable Guyon, crept from cover, footsore and starving, into St. Vincent de Paul Church, where he joined the mourners at an early morning funeral service, not to pray but to rest.

He was recognized, and unsuspecting was seized, disarmed, and handcuffed by Constable Choquette, who had come to attend the obsequies of his niece.

Beauchamp, who was taken by surprise but too weak to resist, had two loaded revolvers on him. He said he had nothing to eat for some days but a handful of chestnuts.

At the police station he hungrily ate most of a loaf of dry bread given him. He was too weak to be brought into court at once and practically the whole day rested in a chair, taking no interest in what was going on.

He has not been out of the city, and says he has not seen either Alphonse Foucault or Ismael Bourret, his companions in crime, since they separated over a week ago.

Case of Leprosy Traced to Wig

Berlin, March 20.—The wife of a government official at Dantzic has been certified as leprosy, and has been sent to a leper's hospital.

The infection has been traced to a wig made of hair recently imported from China, which she wore at a recent carnival masquerade.

The Box Office is now open for "Pepita" at the Atlantic Bookstore.

SUSPENDED CERTIFICATE OF CAPTAIN

Official Inquiry Into the Loss of the Steamer Cervona Results in Censure of Master.

SHIP WAS STRANDED ON THIS COAST IN DEC.

Evidence Showed She Was Going at Full Speed When She Struck the Rocks.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, an official inquiry has been held into the loss of the Cairn Line steamer Cervona, through stranding on the coast of Newfoundland on Dec. 12 last, while on a voyage from the Tyne to Portland (Me.) The magistrates were Mr. Walter Lee (chairman) and Mr. David T. Hobkirk, with Commander L. Wood Baydon, R.N.R., and Captain C. J. Benton, R.N.R., as nautical assessors.

The Board of Trade was represented by Mr. W. S. Burton, and the master of the Cervona, Captain C. T. Stooke, by Mr. Lancaster, who also watched the proceedings on behalf of the owners. Mr. C. R. Clayton appeared for the chief officer, Mr. Magnus Johnston, who, with the master, was a party to the inquiry.

Board of Trade Case

Mr. Burton explained that the Cervona was built at Glasgow in 1896. She was 360 ft. long, and was of 2371 net tons. The vessel left the Tyne on Dec. 1 with a cargo of 1220 tons of coal and a small general cargo, and manned by a crew of 38 hands. On Dec. 12 the weather became hazy. About 4.30 a.m. a dark object was seen by the chief officer and also by the man in the crow's-nest. It appeared, at first, to be a passing squall, but almost immediately a white line of breakers was seen. The vessel struck rocks which turned out to be on the Newfoundland coast, about a mile south of Fermeuse Harbor. The crew were taken off, but nothing could be done for the vessel.

The Captain's Statement

Captain Stooke said he had been master of the Cervona for 14 years. They did not get any observations until Dec. 10. After Dec. 11 a course was set for a point about a mile north of Cape Race, and a speed of about nine knots was made. Witness was in the chart room when the ship struck. He had been on deck at 1.15, when the night was clear and moonlight. At the time he came off his watch the second officer said he thought it was going to come on hazy. He attributed the loss to an abnormal current putting him out of his course, and to not seeing the land in time to keep out of the way. Witness had been in the service of the Thompson Line and the Cairn Line for 27 years, and had had a master's certificate for 22 years. He had been in the passenger trade, and had never lost a vessel before. There was a definite written order that if

Emphatic Reply To Churchill

Smacked in the Face on the Street By An Emphatic Critic Of His Views

London, March 20.—A Wolverhampton despatch says that while the police were escorting Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, to a train after a speech at Bradford, a man forced his way through the police and the dense crowd, and punched Mr. Churchill severely in the mouth.

F. S. Moryenna is due from Halifax to-morrow morning.

CONCILIATION PROGRAMME OF THE KING

Wants the Ulster Exclusion Term Extended to Twelve Years Instead of Six.

NO LOSS OF MERIT FOR RESIGNING OFFICERS

Expected That Asquith Will Soon Announce Further More Acceptable Concessions.

London, March 24.—It is reported that the King has placed the following programme before the Cabinet for the conciliation of all factions in Ireland.

(1) That Ulster counties be given an additional six years, making 12 in all, during which they might be excluded from the operations of the Home Rule Bill.

(2) That all Army officers who resigned when civil war in Ulster seemed inevitable, be taken back without loss of merit.

The Unionist newspapers boast that the present outcome of the clash over Home Rule, has resulted in a victory for the British Army.

Carson and his followers will now mark time until the Government makes another move. It is believed that Asquith will announce further concessions to the Protestants of the North of Ireland, and there is every likelihood that they will be accepted.

he was wanted on the bridge he was to be called, and on this particular morning he was not called.

Struck at Full Speed

Mr. Magnus Johnston, chief officer, who had been two years in the ship, said he did not call the master, but gave instructions to the second officer to tell the master that it was coming on hazy. The master did not come on the bridge. Witness never altered the speed of the ship. Just before 4.30 he sighted an object on the starboard bow, which seemed like an iceberg. The object was about a ship's length away. Practically the ship was going full speed ahead when she struck.

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C. L. B. HOLD THEIR ANNUAL INDOOR SPORTS

Lively Contests at the Armory Last Night—Valuable Prizes Presented by Mrs. N. Alderdice.

SOME EVENTS PROVIDED FAST AND FURIOUS FUN

Programme Was Lengthy and Interesting—Many Contestants Were Entered.

The eleventh annual indoor sports were held at the C.L.B. Armory last night by permission of the officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. Rendell. The hall was filled with friends and supporters of the Brigade. Among the visitors were Mrs. N. A. Alderdice, Misses Nellie Job, Marjorie Franklin, Cecily Rendell and Rev. J. Brinton. The hall was decorated with flags for the occasion and nothing was left undone by the committee for to make the evening enjoyable.

Good Music.

The band under Staff Sergt. Cake was present and the selections they gave were excellent. The members are to be congratulated on their excellent music. All who heard their selections last night speak highly of them and also of their excellent bandmaster.

Each event was well contested. The tug-of-war was very interesting and created much excitement.

The inter-company relay race was closely contested and C Company won by a small margin.

The comic boxing was fun and enjoyment for all and proved to be the best item on the programme.

Inter-Company Hockey.

The inter-company hockey was a lively game. Ten minutes play each way was the limit and when time was called the game stood two to two. Ends being changed twelve minutes play off was needed before the winning goal was scored by B Company.

The last item on the programme—"Catch the train race"—was very laughable; twelve competitors were in costumes. For the best costume Clifford Earle (the Darkey) won the prize as "Just Out."

The judges for the different events were: Capt. Alderdice, Bernard; Lieuts. C. B. Carter, Raley, G. Winter and Adj. J. A. Winter. Sergt. Major Dicks was starter and Battalion Sergt. Major Noseworthy, herald.

The events were run off in three divisions—Intermediate, Senior and Juniors. Victor Loderum medal for most number of points in each division. The first race started at 8.15.

Intermediate Division.

Half Mile Race—First, A. Rendell; second, A. Hensbury; third, J. Trebble.

Leap Frog—First, A. Martin, D. Carter; second, W. Hall, H. Rendell.

Three Legged Race—First, J. Trebble, R. LeMessurier; second, H. Rendell, W. Hall.

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Jeff Simply Got Mixed Up on the Word Federal.

By "Bud" Fisher.



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