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## Villa Lied to United States; Benton Killed in Cold Blood

### EVIDENCE IS THAT SCOTCHMAN WENT UNARMED INTO OFFICE OF REBEL BRIGAND AND WAS ASSASSINATED IN RUTHLESS MANNER.

### The Dead Man Is Said To Have Been Shot With Pistol, and Wounds in His Stomach Ended His Life—England Is Trusting the United States to Handle the Case.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—William S. Benton, the British subject slain at Juarez, was unarmed and was shot to death in Villa's office, pistol bullets through the stomach ending his life, according to conclusive information which has reached Washington officials. While no statement to this effect was forthcoming today, slackening of official interest in the proposed post mortem of Benton's body was evident, the belief being that the examination would be useful only in that it might serve to supplement the evidence of timid witnesses who possibly otherwise would withdraw their oral statements.

Benton carried no arms when he approached Villa's office in Juarez, according to information, and spent two hours waiting for the interview that ended in his death walking back and forth in front of the office before he was shot through the stomach by Villa.

It was not known exactly today when the commission would start for Chihuahua.

Secretary Garrison early in the day authorized Gen. Scott, in command at El Paso, to select two army surgeons to make a medical examination of the body.

The examination of Benton's body will be conducted by the United States authorities, the British view being that the responsibility rests upon the state department. The British ambassador has taken frequent opportunity to show how his government feels toward the state department, adding another tribute today to the activity which has marked the prosecution of the inquiry.

It is believed that when the facts connected with the killing of Benton are developed fully, unless the United States government feels called upon to demand reparation, the British government simply will docket the case and place it on file to be presented to the future government of Mexico for settlement when the day of reckoning comes.

No answer has been returned to the latest query from Governor Colquitt of Texas as to whom he could address a requisition for the surrender of the federals who killed Vergara, the Texas ranchman.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 28.—Army surgeons who will be members of the commission to examine the body of William S. Benton to ascertain if he was the victim of a formal firing squad or of a murder were appointed today by Gen. Hugh L. Scott. They are Major W. T. Davidson and Major C. J. Manly. Both are veterans of the Mexican service of the army and familiar with knife and gunshot wounds.

The Washington government is to appoint two representatives, while Charles A. Perceval of the British consular service will name a commissioner to act with him for the British government.

### CARRANZA REFUSES INFORMATION IN BENTON CASE.

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, Feb. 28.—Gen. Carranza today declined to furnish to the state department at Washington information regarding the killing at Juarez of the British subject, William S. Benton. At the same time he gave assurances to Secretary Bryan that he would investigate the disappearance near Juarez of Gustav Bauch, an American.

This strongly defined stand came after three days of negotiation between the American secretary of state and the rebel commander in chief, through Frederick Simpich, American consul at Nogales, and Ysidro Fabella, acting secretary of foreign relations in Carranza's provisional cabinet.

Until late today Gen. Carranza had remained silent regarding his stand on Secretary Bryan's request, made three days ago, for information of Benton's death.

The fact that England had recognized the Huerta central government was not mentioned in the reply. Carranza, in his reference to the Benton case, pointedly remarked that Secretary Bryan's original message had been the first of mention of the matter brought to his attention as head of the rebels.

### IS BRYAN WORRIED OVER SITUATION?

### Canceled Engagement in Richmond to Return to Washington Today.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 28.—Progressive democrats of Virginia met Saturday and adopted resolutions denouncing the democratic machine in that state. Wm. J. Bryan and Senator Owen of Oklahoma, made addresses. There were 1,200 delegates present. Mr. Bryan was to spend Sunday with John Skewton Williams but will return to Washington today.

### VERGARA ALIVE

El Paso, Feb. 28.—Clemente Vergara, the American rancher reported to have been kidnaped by Mexican federals and hanged at Hidalgo, Mexico, is alive, according to Gen. Guarjardo, federal commander at Piedras Negras. Gen. Guarjardo today declared Vergara escaped from his captors last Saturday and joined a party of rebels. This statement could not be confirmed here tonight.

The rumor that Vergara might be the first gained circulation also of Mexican federals in Nuevo Laredo two days ago, but efforts to trace it to an authoritative source failed. Inquiry at Piedras Negras today elicited but vague statements, and finally the question was put squarely up to Gen. Guarjardo, a federal commander at Piedras Negras. He briefly indicated that Vergara was alive, and when pressed for an explanation refused to go into details any further than to say that Vergara had escaped and had joined the rebels. From no other source could anything further with reference to Vergara be obtained tonight.

### Accounts of Suicide Found to Be Straight

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The accounts of the late John J. Kennedy, state treasurer, were found to be entirely correct through an exhaustive examination by the state department of efficiency and economy, completed today. The examination included an inquiry into state funds deposited with various banks by Mrs. Kennedy.

### FEATURES AT MEETING TODAY

### Treat in Store for Those Who Go to Court House for Address This Afternoon.

Those who have planned to attend the meeting for men which is to be held at the court house this afternoon will make no mistake by going. The program is regarded as being one of the best ever arranged for a local meeting and it is replete with interesting features.

The mere fact that Dr. Poter is to be the speaker will be sufficient to attract a large audience and the additional features on the program will assure a full house for the occasion. The speaker will be introduced by B. F. Mauldin, president of the Bank of Anderson and an added feature will be a solo by Mrs. Burnett. Mrs. Burnett was formerly a student of Florida of Rome and New York city and studied under H. Falkington Hacker, a noted instructor and composer of Baltimore and New York. This feature on the musical program should without itself be sufficient to draw a large crowd.

### BLACKS MUST HAVE NEGRO INSTRUCTORS

### Unlawful for Whites to Teach Them Except by Consent.

Special Correspondence. Columbia, Feb. 28.—Without debate the Forthier bill, called up by Senator Clifton, was sent to third reading after a substitute offered by Senator Nicholson was accepted by Senator Clifton and adopted. The Nicholson substitute provides that it shall be unlawful for any person of one race to teach in any school, college or institution of learning in this state whose persons of a different race are taught, without first obtaining the written consent of the county board of education. It is provided further that nothing shall be construed to prohibit the teaching of the Bible and religious matters nor to moral training. A fine of not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for not exceeding a year are provided as penalties for violation of the provision.

### Hate Championship

Columbia, Feb. 28.—The University of South Carolina basket ball team Saturday night got the state championship by defeating Clemson, 29 to 18.

### ONE BROTHER KILLS ANOTHER

### A FRATRICIDE TOOK PLACE AT PELZER YESTERDAY MORNING.

### WHISKY THE CAUSE Following Drinking Spree, Richard Bridgeman Attacked His Brother.

Considering that the facts warranted such an action, Judge Prince Saturday afternoon granted bail for William Bridgeman in the sum of \$1,500. Bridgeman was yesterday lodged in the Anderson county jail, charged with shooting and killing his brother, Richard Bridgeman at Pelzer. The shooting occurred at the home of the two brothers, in one of the Pelzer mill villages, shortly after midnight Friday.

William Bridgeman discussed the matter at length with a reporter for 'The Intelligencer' Saturday afternoon. He said that both he and his brother had taken on considerable whiskey and that they started home together shortly after midnight. When they reached home William Bridgeman entered the house and his brother remained out in the yard. When his brother finally came in, William asked him why he had remained in the yard. One word brought on another and according to the tale of the prisoner, Richard pulled out a knife and began the fight. He succeeded in cutting William on the throat three times, a serious wound being inflicted. William Bridgeman claims that he then drew his pistol and shot, in order to save his life.

The bullet entered the abdomen above the navel and ranged entirely through the stomach, coming out the back. Dr. Denny was at once summoned and rendered medical assistance to the man who had done the shooting, but said that he could do nothing for the defendant who was shot and the end came in about ten minutes. Dr. James Farquhar was called.

The man who is charged with the murder was brought to this city. He immediately retained the firm of Bonham, Watkins & Allen as his attorneys; and Capt. Watkins of the firm appeared at once before Judge Prince to make the application for bail. The state was represented at the hearing by Kurt Smith, and the judge issued an order for the defendant that the bond would be furnished tomorrow.

Both of the participants in the case were employed in the Pelzer mills, the dead man being about 29 years of age while his brother was two years older. It is expected that the interment will take place today at Pelzer.

When seen in the county jail yesterday and asked as to why he had the killing, William Bridgeman said that he usually slept with his gun under his pillow and that he had just secured it and was preparing to go to his room when the affair occurred.

### TEXAS STILL ACTIVE

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### FEDERALS ARE AFTER SEVEN OF THE STARS

### Will Try to Break Up New York Nationals—After Wingo, Former Carolina Leaguer.

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Two other well-known ball players—Christy Mathewson of the Giants and Hal Chase of the White Sox—were mentioned as possible Federal leaguers.

### TRUST LEGISLATION COMPLEX PROBLEM

### Nothing Wanted That Will Endanger Effectiveness of the Sherman Law.

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### REGG-MAKERS WILL VOTE

On Question of Adjoining Commission Form of Government. Columbia, Feb. 28.—The house this morning passed by a vote of 21 to 21 the act to allow the citizens of Rock Hill, to vote on the question of adopting the commission form of government. The town is a vote of 22 to 24 sustained the act of the governor on the act to create a system of rural police in Rock Hill county.

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### A NEW RECORD IS ESTABLISHED

### MARQUIS LOSES ON RACE COURSE BY SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

### CAR TURNED OVER First Thought Driver Was Fatally Injured, but Later Learned He Will Live.

(By Associated Press.) Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 28.—Edwin Pullen won the fifth international grand prize race over 48 laps, or 403 miles, of the Santa Monica course today. A new record of 77.2 miles an hour was established. It also was the first time in the history of the event that an American car flashed in first. The winner gained his place when the car driven by J. B. Marquis turned turtle at a turn and crushed him. Ralph De Palma was fourth and Oldfield was let out by a bad motor. Marquis was far in the lead in the thirty-fifth lap when he took a turn at too high speed and his machine skidded and turned over several times. Surgeons tonight declared he would recover.

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### BABCOCK TO RETIRE FROM STATE ASYLUM

### RESIGNATION WAS SUBMITTED SATURDAY TO GOVERNOR. DR. SAUNDERS ALSO WILL RESIGN—HEALTH AND PEACE OF MIND OF FAMILY GIVEN AS CAUSE.

Special Correspondence. Columbia, Feb. 28.—"I have written a letter of resignation as superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane, and will send it to the governor at the proper time."

This was the announcement made today by Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, following a conference at the State house with Senator T. J. Straif, Senator T. J. Mauldin, Senator Macheth Young and Mr. J. A. Hunter, members of the special committee appointed to investigate the charges in connection with the asylum.

Dr. Babcock told the members of the committee that he wanted a definite answer from the governor as to what he proposed to do regarding the institution. He said that out of regard for his family, he considered the resignation of his position the best solution for the health and peace of mind of his wife and children.

The statement of Dr. Babcock was transmitted to the chief executive by Senators Straif and Mauldin. The governor said that he would take the matter under advisement.

"Will Dr. E. B. Saunders resign?" was the question asked Dr. Babcock Saturday.

"If my resignation is accepted, Dr. Saunders will not remain at the institution," replied Dr. Babcock.

Dr. Babcock said for the reasons above stated that he had decided to resign as superintendent of the asylum following the report of the legislative committee. The committee exonerated Dr. Saunders of all charges and highly commended Dr. Babcock for his defense of the young woman who is employed as the second assistant physician at the asylum.

### BUSSEY'S FRIENDS WANT HIM MAYOR

### Mr. Holleman Will Probably Not Seek Re-Election This Summer. But No One Can Predict With Accuracy the Exact Day.

It has been rumored for several days that an effort has been made to get W. L. Brisey, the lumber man and builder, to enter the race for mayor. Mr. Brisey has been declining to permit his name to be used. He served several years on the board of city and county commissioners and is a member of the public office. He also resigned the next few years ahead of the present mayor.

By a vote of 42 to 37 the house yesterday agreed to the bill allowing the city of Spartanburg to hold an election on the question of enforcing compulsory school attendance. All the members of the Spartanburg delegation, except Mr. Boyd and Mr. Wyche voted to sustain the veto. Mr. Wyche was not in the house when the veto was taken but came in a few minutes after it was over.

### ADJOURN UNTIL TUESDAY NIGHT

### Both Houses of South Carolina Legislature to Take Recess.

Special correspondence. Columbia, Feb. 28.—Following the example of the senate, the house arrived to adjourn today at 2:45 o'clock (with) 8 o'clock next Tuesday night. There was strong opposition to adjournment in the house on account of representatives of the agricultural committee on the report of the committee back to the adjournment however, adjourned today at 2 o'clock Monday with 8:15 of the total appropriation of \$12,000 over which the senate and house disagreed still undecided.

There were members of the body that brought the house into session to "show the stand up" for a session final adjournment on account of the fight on the two-cent pass per rate bill.

### BLUE RIDGE RY. GIVES FINE SUM

### Donates \$300 to the Work of the Chamber of Commerce This Year.

It was announced yesterday that the Blue Ridge Railway company had given \$300 this year to the work of the Anderson Chamber of Commerce, and this was confirmed by Capt. John R. Anderson, superintendent. The highest subscription up to that time was that of the Brisey Lumber Company, which gave \$250. Mr. Brisey said last night that he employs of the Brisey company would bring the amount up even.

The committee to solicit new memberships has not yet gone out, but at the annual meeting nearly \$3,000 was subscribed. The bad weather has kept the committee from starting.

### A Peeping Tom Meets Sad Fate

Mr. Vernon Iowa, Feb. 28.—Four Cornell college students were relieved by a coroner's jury here tonight of blame for the death of Howard Manning. A bullet fired by one of the students to frighten Manning, caught peeping into the windows of the girls' dormitory last night, killed him. The students were recently deputized by town officials to watch for men who had been annoying the young women.

### TWO-CENT RATE BILL

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 28.—When the senate passed debate on adjourned debate bills at noon today the two-cent passenger rate bill carried over until Tuesday night.

Play at West Pelzer. The play entitled "All a Mistake" will be presented by local talent under the auspices of the School Improvement Association at the West Pelzer school auditorium Thursday, March 5, at 8 p. m. Admission, adults, 50 cents; children 10 cents. The public is cordially invited.