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ROJAS MAY BE NEXT PRESIDENT

SPOKEN OF AS POSSIBLE PROVISIONAL HEAD OF MEXICO

IF HUERTA QUILTS IN SENATE TODAY

Summary of Developments in the Republic of Blood On The Border

(By Associated Press.) Mexico City, March 18.—Forced by increasing seriousness of the financial situation in Mexico, President Huerta at last appears ready to resume negotiations with John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative which were broken off last August reports current in the capital tonight are true.

Jose Lopez Portillo Y. Rojas, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been directed to reopen the official diplomatic exchanges with Mr. Lind, according to the report here and for that purpose went to Vera Cruz today. Where he will meet Mr. Lind is not known. Every effort has been made to keep the meeting a secret. Should it take place, the government could repeat the explanation already given that the Minister is taking the trip to celebrate Saint's Day.

President Huerta today summoned to the national palace sixty of the Mexicans residing in the capital and intimated that the indirect financial support would be highly agreeable.

President Huerta also requested these men to furnish him with horses for 120 cannon expected to arrive here from Japan and Europe. He asked their moral support, suggesting that they form a sort of military society, not for actual fighting, but that insignia be worn by the members to identify them as being loyal to the government.

The report that a large number who withdrew recently at the Jolita had been expelled is based on a general statement made by General Jimenez, Castro to the war minister. General Castro was recalled from the military governorship and reached here yesterday.

Washington, March 18.—Though the purpose of the trip to Vera Cruz of Senor Rojas, minister of foreign affairs in Huerta's cabinet is not known to the state department, this development is admittedly full of interesting possibilities. John Lind in his capacity of special representative of President Wilson, has had a free hand in meeting who he chooses in pursuit of his general instructions to keep in close touch with the Mexican situation, and no doubt, will avail himself of the opportunity to confer with the minister, who has been suggested as a provisional presidential possibility, in the event of the elimination of Huerta. In this connection the state department has been informed that, at the time of the killing of Madero, Rojas was governor of Jalisco and not at the capital.

NEW BENTON TESTIMONY PROBABLY SPECULATIVE

Secretary Bryan, expects to be supplied with a copy of the report of the special commission appointed by General Carranza, the Constitutionalist Chief, to investigate the conditions under which the Scotchman Benton, met his death in Havana a month ago. Meanwhile he declines to discuss the recent reports that positive testimony has been procured to show that Benton was stabbed to death in General Villa's office, further than to intimate that this testimony may be more or less speculative.

The investigation into the disappearance of Gustav Bauch, American railroad mechanic, appears to have come to a complete standstill so far as the American agencies are concerned. It is said, however, that the Carranza commission, which has been investigating the Benton case, may attempt to clear up this matter.

Secretary Garrison today forwarded to Major General Murray, commanding the Western Department, Governor Johnson's request for additional troops to protect the Southern California border from the Mexicans. The secretary will leave San Antonio entirely to General Murray's discretion.

MEXICAN DEVELOPMENTS BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED

Recent Mexican developments as outlined in the official dispatches were summarized today in the following statement:

The release of Andrew Hamilton who was arrested with Byrd and Goldschmidt, has been reported to the state department. The other two men will, it is thought, be transferred to Mexico City in accordance with orders to Mexican Federal officials to send all foreigners arrested on the charge of furnishing aid to the rebels to the capital.

Railroad communication between (Continued on Page 3.)

PANAMA TOLLS CONTROVERSY

PRELIMINARY SKIRMISHING WILL FEATURE SESSION

Resolution Introduced Calling for Light on Foreign Protests Against Exemption

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 18.—Preliminary skirmishing on the Panama tolls controversy will occupy the senate tomorrow as the result of an effort made today by Senator Jones of Washington, to have passed his resolution calling upon President Wilson for information as to what foreign governments have protested against toll exemption for American coastwise ships, and for correspondence between the United States and foreign countries relating thereto.

That the supporters of Mrs. Wilson's plea for repeal of the exemption provision of the canal act will oppose passage of the resolution was indicated today.

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, has moved that the Jones resolution be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, declaring that the senate should not hastily consider a resolution calling for information relating to foreign affairs.

Senator Bristow of Kansas, who is opposed to the repeal of the exemption, urged the resolution be referred to the committee on inter-oceanic canals, of which Senator O'Gorman of New York is the leader believing that the canals committee would give a favorable report of the Jones resolution, and that the committee on foreign relations would pigeon-hole it.

Upon this issue the senate may be forced to vote tomorrow. That such a vote could not be strictly considered as a vote on the repeal issue, however, is maintained by some of the senators. A request for more information, who would not vote against repeal, on the final roll call.

THE "BEEF TRUST" IS HARD TO DOWN

Has a Hold on the Argentine Republic Despite The Tariff Law

Washington, March 18.—How Argentine's beef trust which ships millions of meat into the United States monthly under the Chicago slaughter and packing companies which do by far the major portion of the business, is described in a farmers bulletin issued today by the department of agriculture.

The Argentine beef has caused a reduction in the price of meat in the United States which has been generally supposed, but the department's bulletin remarks that it is assumed that the American controlled companies of the Argentine are urging Argentine beef to beat down the prices of the Chicago beef.

At the present time the bulletin says there are nine establishments for the slaughtering, chilling or freezing and exporting of beef in or near Buenos Ayres and five of these companies are owned or operated by Chicago houses.

Thaw Case Has Cost N. Y. \$38,000 to Date

Albany, N. Y., March 18.—The expense bill approved by Attorney General Carmody in connection with the state's effort to return Harry Thaw to Mattawan includes a fee of \$25,000 to William T. Jerome, and fees of more than \$15,000 to other counsel.

Jerome's bill covers not only past services rendered, but also anticipated services in reference to the case.

Annual Child Labor Conference Adjourns

New Orleans, La., March 18.—The schools in general were discussed, and suggestions offered as to how they may be improved, at the concluding session of the Ninth Annual National Child Labor Conference here today.

It was alleged that children were leaving school as soon as the law allowed, and for that reason the schools were classified as being too academic, and that this creates a demand for vocational training. It was suggested that the school system take upon itself employment supervision of all children up to eighteen years of age.

A children's meeting at which the pupils of local schools assembled took active part and was a feature of the day and the conference ended tonight.

POUR OUT 700 GALLONS BEER

THIRTY GALLON STILL CAPTURED IN FULL OPERATION

5 GALLONS WHISKY Will, George and Ervin Williford Were Captured by Sheriff's Posse

(By Associated Press.)

Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 Sheriff Ashley brought a thirty gallon still and five gallons of whiskey back to the city from the plantation of J. M. McConnell which is located two and a half or three miles of Anderson. The sheriff with Deputies Olin Sanders, W. P. Dennen and J. W. Smith made a raid on the alleged still, in full operation and the three negroes who were running it were captured without any trouble. The still was located in a negro cabin on the side of a small stream only a short distance from the public highway and was easily reached by any persons wishing to purchase the beer or whiskey who might have had a "tip" as to its location.

The still, which has been in operation since the first of February, so the negro woman who lived at this house said, had been in full operation since that date, but the officers were unable to locate it until Wednesday. It is reported that the words, "I can get whiskey or beer in thirty minutes," gave the officers something to work on which resulted in the capturing of the still and distillers who have been furnishing whiskey and beer to its customers for over a month and a half.

The house had been watched several days but no sign would indicate that the men were making the whiskey and beer could be seen. The smoke from the furnace which heated the still was piped to the stove and any one passing would have had a suspicion that something was being done. A search was kept in a barrel and no information could be found from this source, the only indications that were available was the odor from the sour mash.

Will and George Williford are brothers while Ervin is a son of George. They have been working on J. M. McConnell's place for some time. It came as a surprise to Mr. McConnell that a still was being operated on his plantation and he had not found it out. The sheriff has been after George for some time as it had been reported to him that George was running a still while he lived on the Savannah River, but they were unable to find the still, or else he was notified of the approach of the officers and kept things hid.

The still with the five gallons of whiskey was brought to the jail and put in the whiskey room until the sheriff has time to pour it out and destroy the still. The beer which amounted to 700 gallons was destroyed at the place of the distillery. Meanwhile the negroes are in jail.

RACE OF FAMILY IS CHANGED BY COURTS

The Leopard Cannot Change His Spots But Law Can Do Almost Anything

New Orleans, La., March 18.—Eight children of Mrs. Camille Monroix Prados, heretofore known officially as negroes, today were officially declared white people, after a long court fight during which sensational charges were made. The eight persons are all grown, were registered by the city board of health as negroes when each was born. Church records showed them to be white and their appearance and station in life seemed to support the church records.

Madamus proceedings were brought to compel the health board to declare them white, and the decision was rendered today. During the court proceedings attorneys charged the church records had been tampered with recently. The first ancestor of which there was record came here in 1768 and married a white woman. The Prados family declare this was the cause of the family being officially called negroes.

"Army of Unemployed" Finally Disappears

Sacramento, Cal., March 18.—The unemployed band that camped in Yolo County for the last ten days after being ousted from Sacramento, finally disappeared today when the remaining 75 men departed. All that is left of the army of 1,800 that left San Francisco are fifteen leaders in the county jail, and a few stragglers.

HALF MILLION FOR REFUGEES

A HUGE APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF MEXICANS

INTERNEED IN TEXAS Urgent Deficiency Bill Now Goes To Conference Between Two Houses

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 18.—After a vigorous defense by Senator Lodge, Republican, of the government's expenditures in caring for Mexican soldiers and other refugees interned in Texas and California, the senate today passed the urgent deficiency bill, carrying a total of more than ten millions of dollars, half a million of which was added by the senate's appropriations committee for the maintenance of refugees camps.

An amendment was adopted to provide that the war department shall expend this money only in caring for soldiers and military refugees. This, however, will not affect the status of women and children interned with the soldiers, as they are regarded as part of the Mexican army.

Senator Smoot sought to limit the appropriations to the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the camps to April 15, urging that the government should dispose of the refugees by sending them into Mexican territory controlled by the Huerta government. Senator Lodge replied that this would be a violation of neutrality and virtual intervention in behalf of the Huerta regime.

The bill now goes to conference between the two houses.

INQUIRY INTO CAUSE OF BURKE'S DEATH

"John Burke Investigation" of Larger Scope Than at First Thought

(By Associated Press.)

New York, March 18.—Col. Goethals was closeted for two hours late today with the Grand Jury which is considering the charges against John Burke, suspended chief of the commissary department of the Panama Railroad.

While the charges have been pressed by Col. Goethals himself, it has been with the hope of clearing Burke, of whose efficiency and honesty Col. Goethals has a high opinion. The Colonel is expected to leave for Washington tonight.

The grand jury investigation which has been known as the "inquiry into the charges against John Burke," is much wider in scope than this phrasing implies, it was learned today at the office of Federal Attorney Marshall.

Burke, suspended chief of the commissary department, is charged with having accepted bonuses from companies to which were awarded contracts for supplies. It is now hinted that the investigation will end either in the exoneration of Burke, or in the indictment of a number of zone officials.

Resigns Reading Presidency. Philadelphia, March 18.—George F. Baer, president of the Reading Companies, today resigned as director of the Lehigh Railroad Company.

DETECTIVE CLOSE ON TRAIL OF MURDERER

The Trail is Very Plain—Not Long Ere He is Able to Name Him

(By Associated Press.)

Investigation of the murder now being made by a detective of national reputation, at the instance of friends of Frank, was marked today by the following statement:

"Every criminal leaves some sort of trail. I am close on the trail of the man who killed Mary Phagan and I am convinced that it will not be long ere I can name him. The trail is very plain."

Written denials on the Fulton County jail authorities to keep persons from visiting James Conley, the negro convicted assassin of a grocery store, in the fact in the murder of Mary Phagan, the factory girl, unless they have his permission, was made here late today by William M. Smith, the negro's attorney.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TAKEN

EXPRESS CAR LOOTED AND LARGE AMOUNT SECURED

POSSES SEARCHING Robber Found in Car, Tied Messenger in Sack and Devoid of Safe of Currency

(By Associated Press.)

Beaumont, Texas, March 18.—Several packages of currency, valued approximately at from \$12,000 to \$20,000, were secured by a robber from the express car of a north bound Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe passenger train near here late today. The robber, who escaped, has not yet been captured, although posses are tonight searching the countryside in the vicinity of Helbig, 12 miles north of here, where the bandit is supposed to have left the train.

Members of the train crew were ignorant of the robbery when they reached Silsbee. Their suspicions were aroused when rep. Martin, the express messenger, failed to open his car. The door was promptly broken down, and Martin was discovered tied in a sack. He was released and told the story of the robbery.

The robber, according to Martin, was alone. Shortly after the train left Beaumont, said Martin, a voice from behind him said:

"Throw up your hands!" Next according to the messenger, the bandit ordered the keys of the express safe, which were handed over. Then, said Martin, the robber put him in the sack and he saw nothing more.

C. A. Taft, general superintendent of the Wells-Fargo Express Co., tonight estimated the amount stolen at \$14,000. Explaining earlier estimates which placed the amount stolen in excess of that figure, Mr. Taft stated that all of the Houston branch Company's consignments were not sent aboard the train.

The train was bound from Houston to Center, Texas, and it is believed that the man secreted himself in the express car before the train passed Houston this morning. The section through which the train passed is heavily wooded and sparsely settled. The robber is described by Martin as a middle aged.

A Blow to English Betting on Continent

Geneva, Switzerland, March 18.—Public sentiment against gambling on horse racing has extended to Switzerland, and the police authorities today prohibited the drawing of the various sweepstakes on the chief horse racing events in England. The drawing was advertised for March 21, and \$75,000 of English money has been received here. The action of the police is a blow to English betting on the continent.

TO ESTABLISH A PELLAGRA HOSPITAL

Past Assistant Surgeon Herring Arrives in The City Of Success

(By Associated Press.)

Spartanburg, March 18.—Past assistant surgeon Herring, of the Public Health Service, arrived in Spartanburg today to establish a pellagra hospital provided for by the senate deficiency bill passed by the senate today. The federal government will take up the study of Pellagra here without delay by a staff of experts from the Public Health Service. A hospital building will be equipped at once.

Wilson's Ideas To Be Reflected in Good Roads Bill

Washington, March 18.—Senator Swanson of Virginia, chairman of the sub-committee on postoffice and on post roads, and Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture, talked an hour with President Wilson today on the subject of Federal aid to good roads. They said afterwards that some of the ideas of the President would be reflected in legislation being prepared by the senate sub-committee. The Virginia senator declined to say what the president's position was on the Shuckelford \$50,000,000 good roads bill which has already passed the house.

EXCITEMENT IS NOW SUBSIDING

FRENCH CAPITAL IS FAST REGAINING NORMAL COMPOSURE

MADAM CAILLAUX, THE MURDERESS, BECOMES A POPULAR HEROINE

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, March 18.—The first wave of feeling over the shooting of M. Calmette by Mme. Caillaux, and the sensational debate in the chamber of deputies on the scandal arising out of the postponement of the trial of Henri Rochette, charged with extensive swindling, is subsiding. Cool, wet weather has dampened the spirits of the royalist and others who have been indulging in street demonstrations, and tonight Paris is comparatively quiet.

The general impression in political circles is that M. Monis, member of the cabinet, will resign his post, at least temporarily.

Armed detachments of Republican guards appearing at strategic points of Paris today added to the tense excitement aroused among the political forces by the assassination of Calmette, editor of the Figaro. At every point where there was likelihood of trouble the police were supported by soldiers.

In the Southern part of Paris, in the Latin quarter, and in the working class districts, where it is only necessary for a turbulent individual to shriek "Death to Caillaux" or "Assassin" for him to be joined by dozens of others, the police kept a zealous watch. Several times they cleared away noisy groups, who, however, reassembled as soon as the police had passed.

Madame Caillaux seems today to have become a popular heroine amid all the turmoil. She is talked of as the victim of her love for M. Caillaux, and his instrument in committing the crime.

Madame Caillaux meanwhile sleeps in a narrow iron bed in the prison at Saint Lazare. Her hitherto remarkable calm attitude was said to be breaking down under the torture of being always under watchful observation. She is never for a moment left alone. Relays of Nuns, two at a time continually sit in the cell with her and the prison wardens frequently look in to see that no breach of regulations is committed.

Political friends of Caillaux are now coming strongly to his support. The radical socialist and radical republican groups in the chamber of deputies comprising about 130 members, had a mass meeting today and adopted this resolution:

"We protest against the odious campaign of calumny against M. Caillaux, the defender of France's fiscal reforms, and we express to him our deep sympathy and affectionate confidence."

Material Increase In Exports of U. S.

Washington, March 18.—February's exports showed an increase of \$13,000,000 over February of 1913, and offset a \$10,000,000 decrease in exports in breadstuffs, a \$2,000,000 decrease in meat and dairy products and a \$1,000,000 decrease in cotton seed oil, according to statistics issued today by the department of commerce.

Total exports of domestic breadstuffs, cotton and cotton seed oil, food animals, meat and dairy products and mineral oils during February were \$77,555,925, an increase of \$232,149 over February 1913.

For the eight months ending with February, exports of these articles amounted to \$816,292,136, an increase of \$43,581,377 over February 1913. Cotton exports increased more than \$56,000,000 for the eight months period.

May Petition For Election For Return Of Dispensary

A petition is being circulated among the voters of Anderson and Anderson county for the purpose of seeing if the citizens want an election on the dispensary again. As soon as enough of the voters have signed the petition it will be presented to the board of commissioners for the approval as to whether or not an election will be called.

The petition will have to be in the hands of the board before the 1st of May, and if it is passed by the board, the election can be called at the time the board sees fit.

The dispensary question was brought up before the citizens of Abbeville last summer and voted upon. The vote came for a dry county was 5 to 1

BLACKSBURG MEN ARE HELD

ALLEGED CONNECTED WITH DEATH OF NEGRO AT KING'S MOUNTAIN

STRONG EVIDENCE Pistol Found in Automobile Party With Discharged Chambers Furnished Clue

(By Associated Press.)

Charlotte, N. C., March 18.—James Whisnant, Fulton Whisnant, Hugh Davis and Zeb Bell of Blacksburg, S. C., were today held without bail in connection with the death of Sol Williams, an 18 year old negro who was killed at King's Mountain last night by a bullet which entered the back of his neck, severed a jugular vein and an artery and lodged back of an eye. Two shots were heard, but neither the negro nor any one else on foot could be seen.

Officers hurrying to the scene, searched an automobile party who had motored over from Blacksburg, S. C., last evening to attend a carnival. In the machine was found a .25 calibre pistol, the size of the bullet which was extracted from the body of Williams, with two empty chambers, which officers said had been fired a few minutes before. A similar pistol is said to have been borrowed at Blacksburg by Deck Fulton, one of the party, who before the coroner's jury testified he gave the pistol to Zeb Bell before reaching King's Mountain and saw no more of it. Deck Fulton, who established an alibi, was bound over to court as a witness.

The Former Priest Fights for His Life

New York, March 18.—Hans Schmidt, slayer of Anna Ammuller and sentenced to be electrocuted during the week of March 23, was granted a stay of execution today by the Illinois Supreme Court. The stay was granted on the ground that the performance of an illegal operation.

Where the Beer Drinkers' Money Has Been Going

St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—The inventory of the estate of the late Adolphus Busch, filed late today lists personal property aggregating \$17,000,000.

One hundred and fifty pieces of real estate are given in the inventory, but the value is not estimated. At the time of his death the estate of Mr. Busch generally was estimated at \$25,000,000.

Deaths Total 3,000

St. Petersburg, March 18.—The storm that swept over Russia, claimed more than 3,000 victims in the territory near the mouth of the Don river, according to a dispatch from Moscow. A fishing settlement of four hundred houses on Atchuevsk Spit was swept away, the victims numbering at least three thousand.

A GOOD LAW

Special Correspondence

Columbia, March 18.—In a decision handed down Tuesday, the supreme court declared unconstitutional the Dillon ordinance to prohibit the sale of "any Java, malacca ginger or clove or any other ingredient of a similar nature by whomever name called or any elder of any kind, without the certificate of a licensed physician that the same is to be used for medicinal or medical purposes."

against the return of the dispensary, showing that the citizens of Abbeville did not want the dispensary system. "Will whiskey benefit Mr. Town, will it bring trade and more money to the city, will it eliminate the drunks that are giving the police so much trouble at present? Will it help provide for better schools, will it benefit the churches, will it benefit the young men of Anderson, will it benefit the morals of the town, will it increase the population, will it bring new enterprises, will it bring better conditions and last will it bring food for the wife and little ones? Consider all these things before you sign the petition for an election." In the way it was put up to the Intelligencer last night.