

SITUATION IS GRAVE

SLAYING OF BENTON PRECIPITATES CRISIS.

INDIANS WANT FULL RIGHTS

Western Tribes Think They Should Be Independent—California Floods Cause Loss of Over Million.

Western Newspaper Union News Service, Washington.—Despite a plainly apparent effort to force optimism on the part of high administration officials, the Mexican situation has become very grave. The danger was felt not to be so much from Great Britain, despite the fact that the slaying of a British subject, William Benton, precipitated the crisis, but it came from the general feeling of unrest. This was evidenced in the chancelleries of Europe and the orient, by the summary drumhead courtmartial and execution, if he was executed, of a foreign subject, without the United States consular representative even knowing that the man had been arrested.

Disastrous Floods in California. Los Angeles Cal.—With six persons known to be dead, flood waters piled up by the most disastrous flood and storm in the history of Southern California are receding and further damage is considered unlikely. Estimates of damage here ranged from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. All of southern California was swept by the storm, but because of wide prostration the extent of the outside loss could not be learned.

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Think They Should Be Independent of Washington.

Tacoma, Wash.—Decked with badges of red, white and blue, fifty Indian braves of fifteen tribes of western Washington, headed by old Chief Tahola, of the Quinalt, are in Tacoma for a three days' pow-wow to form a brotherhood of North American Indians of the Pacific northwest. The Indians say they have advanced so far in civilization since they signed their treaty with the white men in 1855 they should be given full rights to do with their allotments as they see fit. They ask that they be relieved from the overlordship of the Indian office.

College Paper Men Elect Officers.

University Place, Neb.—A score of college newspaper men assembled here Friday for the annual meeting of the Nebraska College Press association. Bellevue, Cotner, Doane, Grand Island, Kearney Normal, the University of Omaha, Hastings, Wesleyan and York were represented. These officers were elected for the coming year: Herbert L. Cushing of Grand Island, president; L. M. Mason of York, vice president; G. A. Knight of Wesleyan, secretary-treasurer. The 1915 meeting will be held at Doane.

Prize Ear of Corn Stolen.

Dallas, Tex.—An ear of corn from Minnesota, known at exhibitions as the "11,000 ear" one of the attractions at the national corn exposition here, was stolen by some one over night. J. J. Furlong, president of the Minnesota state fair, informed the police it was taken from a desk in a hotel here. James J. Hill was awarded a prize of \$1,000 for this ear, which is fourteen inches long. It was Mr. Hill's property.

Metcalfe Will Go to Washington.

Washington.—A conference between Secretary of State Bryan and Richard L. Metcalfe of Lincoln will be held in Washington April 7. Mr. Metcalfe will arrive in Washington on that day from the Panama canal zone and during his trip will visit in New York and Boston. He has not fully determined, it is understood, whether he will visit Nebraska.

More Quakes at Reno.

Reno, Nev.—A second series of earth shocks occurred here Friday. Many people, awakened by trembling foundations and rattling windows, made for the open. No one was injured, and little or no damage done. The oscillation was from north to south, and was not so violent as that of several days ago.

Huerta Issues Statement.

Mexico City.—Huerta's Mexican government has issued the following statement on the killing of William Benton at Juarez: "This case proves to the entire world that Villa and his associates are only barbarous murderers and shows that Huerta's government is the only one worthy of the world's recognition. The Mexican government regrets but cannot assume responsibility for the Benton murder, because it was committed in territory not controlled by President Huerta."

Fremont, Neb.—A verdict finding Willard Butler guilty of first degree murder and recommending a sentence to life imprisonment in the state prison was returned by a jury in the district court here. Butler, who has assumed an air of indifference throughout his entire trial for the murder of his father, James Butler, last December, showed no emotion when the verdict was read to him. He made no comment, even to his attorneys, and plodded stolidly out of the court room beside the deputy who led him back to his cell in the county jail.

POCKETED SKIRTS FOR WOMEN



(Copyright) Latest Fashion Provides for Pockets in Women's Skirts.—News Item.

NEUTRAL ZONE IS ASSURED

WASHINGTON AROUSED BY KILLING OF BENTON.

Making Torreon Safe for the Non-Combatants—Reserve Bank Committee Finds Country Prosperous.

Washington.—A slumbering Mexican situation was brought to a point of intense international interest by the flash of a message that William S. Benton, a British subject, had been killed in Juarez by order of General Villa, the constitutionalist commander.

Washington.—The federal reserve bank organization committee, back in Washington after a five weeks' trip through the country, has announced that its selection of federal reserve cities and definition of reserve districts would not be made until careful consideration had been given to the information accumulated on the trip. The statement said the committee found the country prosperous and learned that bankers and business men are greatly interested in the new banking system and are confident of its success.

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Non-Combatants to Be Safe When Battle of Torreon Begins. Mexico City.—Establishment of a neutral zone in which non-combatants of Torreon and vicinity may find safety when the federals and constitutionalists clash in the great battle of the Mexican revolution was assured when General Huerta agreed to the plan. General Huerta already has been approached on the subject through the American embassy at Mexico City, and readily assented, with the stipulation that binding assurances that the zone would be respected be obtained from the constitutionalists. The mutual zone idea originated with the state department at Washington as the result of expressions of apprehension from several foreign embassies and legations here for the safety of their citizens.

Presbyterians to Fight Liquor Trade.

New York.—The Presbyterian church will send 250 temperance workers into California, Colorado, Washington and Oregon in an effort to swing these states into the "dry column" at the next fall election. They will take with them motion picture films teaching lessons against the sale of alcohol.

Narrow Escape from Asphyxiation.

Beaver City, Neb.—Dr. Green, the proprietor; J. C. Bowsman, electrician, and Wendell Moore came near being asphyxiated in the power house of the local motion picture theater. They were locating dynamo trouble and were overcome by gas from the exhaust of a gasoline engine. They were still unconscious when found and were resuscitated with much difficulty. Doctors say that a few minutes' delay in finding them would have been fatal.

Approves Leasing of Coal Lands.

Washington.—The best policy in making Alaska coal available will be to open the lands under a leasing system. Secretary Lane told the house public lands committee, allowing limited areas to small coal operators with reservations of 5,120 acres in the Berling river coal tract, and 7,680 acres in the Matanuska fields for government purposes. Secretary Lane declared the Pacific coast was calling on congress to open a great supply of fuel, and that the withdrawal of the Alaskan coal lands had been cruel and unjust.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

State Fair Patrons Getting Used to Ordinary Entertainments—Burlington Trainmen Get Increase.

Washington.—Extension of general arbitration treaties with foreign nations as the first move in the general policy of the administration to rehabilitate foreign relations of the United States seemed assured Thursday after the senate had taken up consideration of expired treaties and had defined the issues involved in the situation confronting the nation.

Washington.—Chicago.—Increases in wages approximating \$100,000 annually have been granted 5,000 trainmen of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad by a board of arbitration which has been sitting for three months. The award granted full payment for all services performed, either in miles or hours, but denied in almost every instance requests for extra payments for services incidental to regular duties. No reductions in pay were made.

FARMERS HARD TO THRILL.

Patrons of State Fairs Too Blase for Ordinary Entertainment. Chicago.—Farmer patrons of state fairs have become too blase for the old-fashioned thrillers that have been entertaining them for years at the big expositions, according to complaints registered before the American association of state fairs and expositions. Even an aeroplane exhibition no longer attracts attention and a balloon can scarcely get an engagement at the larger fairs, it was asserted. Moving pictures have invaded the farming towns and made the country folks thrill proof, according to the expert opinion of many of the fair managers.

Lincoln, Neb.—Insistence that the state law requiring all bridges to be built so as to sustain twenty-ton loads be not repealed marked the pre-convention talk at the State Threshermen's association gathering here.

Fond du Lac, Wis.—John Schrank, who attempted to assassinate Theodore Roosevelt at Milwaukee two years ago and who has been confined at the Northern Wisconsin hospital for the insane at Oshkosh since his trial, has been transferred to the hospital for the criminal insane at Waupun.

Had Designs on Mr. Kinkaid.

Washington.—The house passed Representative Kinkaid's bill permitting homestead entrymen of opposite sex to marry without forfeiting the woman's entry. Before Floor Leader Mann of Illinois allowed final action, however, he nearly wrung a promise from Mr. Kinkaid to end his bachelorhood by marrying some deserving "homesteadress." In urging that the bill be passed Mr. Kinkaid declared that the present law was class legislation and militated against marriage between homesteaders.

Wesleyan State Basketball Champions.

Hastings, Neb.—Wesleyan university won the undisputed basketball championship of Nebraska here when it defeated the Hastings college five by the score of 36 to 10. The local team, which has been undefeated, was crippled at the last moment by the absence of Dunlap, star center, who was out on account of injuries. Outclassed from the start, Hastings put up a plucky fight, but the superior teamwork of the visitors was too much to overcome.

THE WORK AT WASHINGTON

DAILY GRIST OF THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Epitome of the Work and Bills Presented and Passed by the Two Houses.

Western Newspaper Union News Service, Saturday.

The Senate—Senator Oliver offered amendment to the trade commission bill to exempt certain small corporations.

Conferences on the Alaska railroad bill postponed to Monday. Telegrams on the killing of William Benton at Juarez read at the request of Senator Fall.

Ratified eight pending general arbitration treaties.

Director Holmes of bureau of mines told mining committee that government was ready to begin mining and manufacturing radium. Adjourned at 3:30 p. m. to noon Monday.

The House—Urgency deficiency bill taken up.

Trust bill hearings were continued. House rural credits committee arranged hearing of national grange officials Tuesday, closing hearings within fortnight and simultaneous presentation of bills in both houses about April 1.

Adjourned at 5:15 p. m. to noon Monday.

Friday.

The Senate—Administration bill introduced to raise the Argentine legation to an embassy.

Disagreed to the house amendments to Alaska bill and sent it to conference with Senators Pittsman, Chamberlain and Jones as managers. Action on arbitration treaties went over until Saturday.

Adjourned at 5 p. m. to noon Saturday.

The House—American Bankers' association urged modification of the interlocking directorates bill.

Labor committee arranged hearings next week on the Palmer bill to ban child labor products for interstate commerce.

Territories committee asked to authorize a two million dollar private railroad in Hawaii.

Dr. John Coulter continued testimony on rural credits before the banking committee.

Indian appropriation bill, aggregating \$9,619,760, passed.

Representative Knowland, California, precipitated lively debate with speech on woman suffrage.

Representative Lewis, Maryland, declared in a speech that a proposed senate amendment to the parcel post law might be worth \$50,000,000 to the express companies.

Adjourned at 6:15 p. m. until noon Saturday.

Thursday.

The Senate—Executive session to consider renewal of eight pending arbitration treaties.

Sensors went to the white house to confer with President Wilson on the Panama tolls repeal.

Adjourned to noon Friday.

The House—Interstate commerce commissioners advocated the bill to regulate railroad security issues.

Conferees began work on the Alaska bill with the prospect of insisting for the senate's \$35,000,000 bond issue provision.

Final vote on Indian appropriation bill went over until Friday.

Adjourned at 5:25 p. m. to noon Friday.

After Absence of Twenty Years.

Honolulu.—For the first time since her government was overthrown twenty years ago, former Queen Liliuokalani entered Thursday the old palace, her former home. The building is now the territory's capital, and on the grounds in front of it 12,000 persons participated in a dance to celebrate the opening of a week's carnival. From time to time as the exercises proceeded the queen was seen to wipe tears from her eyes, but in giving out a statement for publication she said she had enjoyed the occasion and rejoiced over Hawaii's prosperity.

Think Jail Breaker Lopez.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Reports received here from Billings, Mont., say that Ralph Lopez, the Utah murderer, is believed to have been one of two Mexicans arrested for theft at Lovell, Wyo., a few days ago. The men escaped by digging their way out of the Lovell jail, before it was suspected that one was the notorious bandit. The description is said to agree with that of Lopez. Officers of Montana and Wyoming have been advised to watch for the escaped men.

Drake Loses to Nebraska.

Des Moines, Ia.—After Drake university five had run away with the early minutes of the contest in Thursday night's basketball game Nebraska's team work appeared and Nebraska won 26 to 17. It was a fast game. After the first ten minutes Drake had no chance. Nebraska let the Drake men play with the ball at will while it was in safe territory, but whenever Drake worked the ball down toward the goal the Nebraska men closed in and took the ball.

WESTERN CANADA CAME INTO EVIDENCE

AT THE CRUCIAL PERIOD FOR SUPPLY OF WORLD'S FOOD-STUFFS.

The present demand for foodstuffs in all parts of the world, and the expense of producing it on high-priced lands, would make it seem that western Canada came into evidence at the crucial period. There is to be found the opportunity that will be a large factor in meeting this demand. With its millions of acres of land, easily cultivatable, highly productive, accessible to railways, and with unexcelled climatic conditions, the opportunities that are offered and afforded are too great to be overlooked.

There have been booms in almost every civilized country and they were looked upon as such, and in the course of time the bubble was pricked and was burst. But in no country has the development been as great nor as rapid, whether in city or in country, as in western Canada.

The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have the largest area of desirable lands on the North American continent, and their cultivation has just begun.

Even with a two hundred million bushel wheat crop, less than eight per cent of the land is under the ploughs, four per cent being in wheat. Less than five years ago the wheat crop was only 71,000,000 bushels. It is a simple calculation to estimate that if four per cent of the available cultivatable area produces something over 200,000,000 bushels, what will 44 per cent produce? And then look at the immigration that is coming into the country. In 1901 it was 49,149, 17,000 being from the United States; in 1906 it was 189,064, of which 57,000 were Americans, and in 1913 it was about 400,000, of which about 140,000 were Americans. But why have they gone to Canada? The American farmer is a man of shrewd business instincts, just like his Canadian brother, and when he finds that he can sell his own farm at from \$100 to \$200 per acre and move into Canada and homestead and pre-empt half a section for himself, and similarly for all his sons who are adult and of age upon lands as rich and fertile as those he left, and producing indeed several bushels to the acre in excess of anything he has ever known, it will take more than an ordinary effort to prevent him from making the change.

And then, too, there is the American capital following the capital of brawn, muscle and sinew, following it so as to keep in touch with the industrious farmer with which it has had dealings for years back. This capital and the capital of farming experience is no small matter in the building up of a country.

Nothing is said of the great mineral and forest wealth, of which but little has been touched.

No country in the world's history has attracted to its borders a larger number of settlers in so short a time, or has attracted so much wealth in a period of equal length, as have the Canadian prairies. Never before has pioneering been accomplished under conditions so favorable as those that exist in western Canada today.—Advertisement.

Remarkable. "Did you husband have any luck on his hunting trip?" "Splendid! Didn't you hear?" "No, what was it?" "He got back alive."

Give a woman plenty of rope and she'll use it for a clothesline.

A conscientious man should back up the good opinion he has of himself.

And He Did. When Shimmerpate arrived home an hour later than usual he was nibbling a clove.

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"That's right!" exclaimed his better half. "Blame it on the music."

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Drive that cough from your system. Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops will surely help you—So at all Drug Stores.

If we sing our own praise we must provide our own encore.

ENDS DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, GAS

"Pape's Diapepsin" cures sick, sour stomachs in five minutes—Time It!

"Really does" put bad stomachs in order—"really does" overcome indigestion, dyspepsia, gas, heartburn and sourness in five minutes—that—just that—makes Pape's Diapepsin the largest selling stomach regulator in the world. If what you eat ferments into stubborn lumps, you belch gas and eructate sour, undigested food and acid; head is dizzy and aches; breath foul; tongue coated; your insides filled with bile and indigestible waste, remember the moment "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach all such distress vanishes. It's truly astonishing—almost marvelous, and the joy is its harmlessness.

A large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin will give you a hundred dollars' worth of satisfaction.

It's worth its weight in gold to men and women who can't get their stomachs regulated. It belongs in your home—should always be kept handy in case of a sick, sour, upset stomach during the day or at night. It's the quickest, surest and most harmless stomach doctor in the world.—Adv.

Wanted—A New Baseball Rule. Walter Johnson was pitching for the Washington team, and Mr. Jennings, who was trying to pump optimism into his despairing players, sent up an ambitious young man to try to make a hit. He acted briefly. After swinging wildly at two of Johnson's offerings, he made a third wild swing, and, entirely by accident, popped up a little fly to first base.

As he loped down toward first, and was called out, he turned to Jennings, let out a stream of emphatic and picturesque language, and wound up with this observation: "I'm a son of a gun if there oughtn't be a rule making that guy hang lights on the ball!" Jennings, who got his start in life as a miner, smiled grimly.

"Where do you think you're working," he asked softly, "in a coal mine."—The Popular Magazine.

Poor Fellow. Lydia found her father in the library.

"Father," she asked, "did Robert call on you this morning?" "Yes, he did," replied the father; "but I couldn't make out much of what he said."

"What do you mean?" asked Lydia. "Well," explained the old gentleman, "I understood him to say that he wanted to marry me, and that you had enough to support him, so I told him to go home and write it out."—Lippincott's Magazine.

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