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HARDWARE MEN TAKE ACTION

C. T. Gadd of Des Moines Re-elected Head of Iowa Association.

JOBBER HAULED OVER COALS

Retailers Take View that Wholesalers Have No Right to Sell Direct to Consumers Under Any Circumstances.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—C. T. Gadd of the city was re-elected the president of the Iowa Hardware Dealers' association and resolutions were adopted covering these points: Approving reduction of refund by mutual association to restore surplus of insurance to normal basis. Endorsing action of the I-cent postage league. Condemning special resolutions of national committee. Condemning action of jobbers in refusing conference with national hardware trades relation committee. Encouraging Iowa made goods. Condemning wholesalers for selling direct to consumers at wholesale prices. Insisting on uniform freight rates. Advising keeping cost prices from eyes of general public. Auto Ordinance Knocked Out. The city ordinance prohibiting autos being left for more than twenty minutes on certain downtown streets was declared invalid by the police judge on the ground that the city council has no power under the state statutes to pass and enforce such a measure.

BRITISH SUBJECT IS EXECUTED BY VILLA; PROTEST TOO LATE

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and was officially conveyed to the widow at 818 North Oregon street by United States Consul T. D. Edwards of Juarez. Mystery surrounds the report of the death. William Benton, a cousin of the dead man, confirmed the report. "Consul Edwards told Mrs. Benton," he said, "that her husband was dead in Juarez. The consul said that Pancho Villa had confirmed this, but said that Villa had asked him not to make public the details except in official dispatches to his government."

Benton was executed Wednesday night after a trial by a military court in Juarez, of which Federico Gonzalez Garza was the head, according to what appears to be a correct version of the affair. The charge against Benton was that he was implicated in a plot to take Villa's life.

Villa left for the south this morning on a special train. Benton was last seen alive in Juarez Tuesday morning. He was making his way to Villa's home and said he was going to "tell Villa what he thought of him" for the manner in which his ranch, the "Los Remedios," in western Chihuahua, had been looted and raided by rebel soldiers.

Instructions had been sent by the State department yesterday to Consul Edwards. It is reported, to see that no harm should come to Benton, the instructions being sent upon the request of the British ambassador at Washington. The warning, it now appears, came too late.

Indignation Against Villa. Villa, whose act is stigmatized by Benton's numerous friends as wanton murder, left suddenly for Chihuahua today. No single act of any of the recent revolutionists, not excepting the Cumbre tunnel disaster, has so stirred indignation. When extra editions were placed on the streets they were frantically seized upon and read.

Benton's ways were blunt, but his friends admired him for them, and they were moist eyes and muttered imprecations among them when they heard the news.

"No foreigner is safe in Mexico," was the general comment, and a suggestion that a mass meeting of protest be held here met with considerable favor. It is supposed that Villa's defense will be that the man was shot because he entered Villa's office and started to draw a gun, although the cousin says Benton did not go to Juarez armed. Benton had been in Mexico for about twenty-five years. He was about 45 years of age.

Benton and Villa Acquainted. Benton and Villa have been acquaintances for many years. Benton knew him when, as an outlaw, more or less accepted as a part of the Mexican social fabric, the then bandit crossed the cotton ranch west of the city of Chihuahua. The ranch of 100,000 acres and known as Los Remedios, is considered one of the best in Mexico. It was well watered, contained fine pasturage, crops grew abundantly, and the owner was particularly proud of his orchard, which succeeded in the hands of revolutionists cut up into firewood. Benton paid \$15,000 for it, but improvements are said to have brought the value close to \$1,000,000.

It was with the assurance of this acquaintance behind him that the doughty Scotchman, whose courage, if not his discretion, is admired, went to Villa with complaint of the depredations committed on his property.

Yesterday Villa, who has consistently denied that he had Benton in custody, told a reporter that Benton was armed when he made his ranchman assert indignantly that Benton, while of fiery temper and ready to use force, was of sober habit and never known to carry a gun. His great reason for going unarmed was his own knowledge of his temper.

In the course of the interview Benton and Villa quarreled and Benton was lost to view of his friends. James Hambleton, an Englishman, and others, including reporters, exhausted every means of ascertaining the fate of the missing man, but everywhere were met with evasions and denials.

Edwards Will Not Give Details. Consul Edwards was the first to learn the true facts. He gave Mrs. Benton only a bare outline of the case. "I have telegraphed all the details at my command to Washington," said the consul, "and if made public it must be from there. I pledged my word to Villa not to make the details public."

Asked what disposition had been made of the body, Edwards replied: "I do not think it will be seen on this side of the border." Villa's sudden departure with his staff this morning is regarded as flight from the storm of indignation which was precipitated by the interest manifested in the disappearance of Benton. As the forenoon wore on, talk of a mass meeting grew, but took no definite shape. Excited knots of American Eng-

lish, French and German refugees who have lost their property in Mexico or compelled to abandon it temporarily, assert that the time has come for foreigners to voice their sentiments and protest against the treatment being dealt out to them.

Since the revolution began they have never had such a meeting, but have accepted their burdens stoically. It is understood among border newspaper men that the names of foreigners who divulge news are not to be made public for fear of consequences when the set foot on Mexican soil again.

The fate of Gustav Bauch, the German-American charged with being a spy, is still unknown.

According to official report today he is said to be held incommunicado, but for all his friends know he may be dead. Official Juarez is able to keep secrets.

Court-Martial Story Doubted. The fact that the alleged execution took place Tuesday night is thought to mean by many that Villa's court-martial report was given out to cover the fact that Villa personally shot his visitor in the course of their quarrel. The disagreement, the court-martial and the execution all in part of one day is thought to be too rapid for legal procedure across the river. Villa's sudden departure is also considered in connection with this theory.

Talking with a reporter over the telephone, Consul Edwards made a cryptic remark: "I have officially reported Benton dead, but his death was officially reported to me. Personally I may have my hopes or doubts. I will say nothing more," he said.

Secretary Bryan Notified. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary Bryan was advised today of the death of W. S. Benton, an English ranch owner, in Mexico, recently reported in the hands of the rebels. Secretary Bryan announced the news of Benton's death as he went into a cabinet meeting at the White House. He declared he had absolutely no details. An official dispatch from Consul Edwards merely announced the death of the Englishman.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, who called on Secretary Bryan to ask for information of Benton, also was told of the news. Benton was arrested in Juarez last Tuesday and had not been heard from since. His wife and friends feared he had been executed by General Villa, the constitutionalist leader. Villa at first denied knowledge of Benton's whereabouts, but yesterday in conversation with inquirers intimated that he knew something about the Englishman and added that Benton had threatened him with a revolver. Villa was quoted as expressing profane indifference toward an appeal to the British ambassador at Washington.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice asked the State department yesterday to take steps for the protection of the British subject. Mrs. Benton had received an unconfirmed report that her husband was a prisoner in a Juarez jail. He was largely interested in mining and had a 100,000 acre ranch in Chihuahua.

Later Secretary Bryan said he had a dispatch giving some further information about the death of Benton, but that it did not contain enough facts on which to base an opinion of the circumstances.

Experts Differ About Sanity of Butler

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Butler murder case will go to the jury tomorrow afternoon. Dr. Toling, Leake and Buchanan for the defense took issue as to the sanity of the defendant who is insane as a result of the disease from which he is suffering while Dr. Haslam, Rathbun and Calkins said his mind was all right and that the disease did not necessarily affect a person's mental condition. Each expert was subjected to a long cross-examination and was able to give good reasons for his opinion.

Creston Brakeman Dying in Red Oak

RED OAK, Ia., Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—With both legs cut off and other serious injuries from which there is little hope of recovery, Bob Crane of Creston, a brakeman on the Burlington, is being cared for in the hospital here. Crane was thrown under a train this morning, when he was knocked off the side of a car by a baggage truck which stood along the track.

Double Wedding at Ida Grove.

IDA GROVE, Ia., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Zimmerman, a double wedding was solemnized, in which their two daughters were united in marriage to the two sons of another prominent Ida county family, Miss Florence Zimmerman was married to Carl Henry Hiker and Miss Edith E. Zimmerman to Willie John Hiker. The parents of the brides and groom will move to town and retire. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hiker will take the farm of the groom's parents, while Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hiker take the farm of the bride's parents.

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BANDITS ROB MAIL CARS

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the train, opened the throttle and sped away into the night.

Two miles down the track the robbers again stopped and went back to the mail car. Realizing a robbery was planned the five mail clerks had extinguished the lights in their car and had locked the doors. They opened up to the robbers, however, when threats to dynamite the car were made and the robbers entered unopposed.

"Who is the chief clerk?" the leader asked. "I am," replied A. B. Merville. "Well, let's have the registered mail and be quick about it," was the order. The bandit leader's two companions forced Merville's four assistants to leave the car. Merville himself was slow about complying with the order to disclose the whereabouts of the registered mail and one of the robbers stabbed him in the shoulder.

The robbers set about their task, whistling as they ripped open the sacks. One took the registered account book and checked over the parcels, while the others

worked. Having, as they thought, obtained all of registered mail, the robbers wished Merville "good luck," and after cutting the mail car from the locomotive climbed aboard and were off.

The locomotive was abandoned near Birmingham and at this point early today officers started the bloodhounds.

Passengers Not Molested. CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 20.—Officials of the Queen and Crescent in this city said today they had received a report from train men of the holdup of the New Orleans limited near Birmingham last night. The report stated three men took part in the robbery of the mail car, but that it was not definitely known what amount of booty was taken. The robbers confined their operations to the mail car. None of the passengers was molested.

The officials said that Vice President T. Powell of the Queen and Crescent was in the vicinity of the holdup, and that he was acting in conjunction with the postal authorities and the sheriff of the county in an effort to capture the robbers.

Lost May Reach Sixty Thousand. MERIDIAN, Miss., Feb. 20.—Robbers who held up the Queen and Crescent passenger train No. 1 near Birmingham last night got between \$40,000 and \$60,000 from registered mail, according to an estimate

of C. E. Shores, superintendent of the Birmingham & Chattanooga division of the railway mail service.

MILITIA DENY BOY'S CHARGES

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committed. He declared that the members of the family told several different stories of the affair.

Captain Smith said he later talked with leaders of the Forbes tent colony, where the two soldiers called on the day of the alleged Yoakini incident, and was told that the militiamen were not intoxicated.

Girl Kicked by General Chase. Questioned about the parade of women at Trinidad, January 22, Mrs. Stella Hayes, wife of a striker testified that when the militia cleared the streets a soldier's horse struck a baby buggy which she was guiding, the soldier remarking, "If you don't want your baby killed you'd better leave it home." She quoted better language which she said the soldier used.

Cross-examined by Captain Danks the witness said she had reported the incident to General Chase, adding, "I don't know General Chase, and I don't want to."

Captain Danks protested against the admission of evidence "on these little police court matters" relating to the militia. The committee took the protest under advisement.

Sarah Slater, a 16-year-old school girl, testified she was kicked by General Chase when the militia was clearing the streets; that she saw General Chase fall from his horse, and later heard him give an order to "ride down the women." She said four men arrested two women; that a militiaman struck at her with his sabre, but hit a telephone pole.

The girl said she was arrested and kept in a filthy cell six hours. Questioned by Representative Byrnes, the girl said General Chase kicked her in the chest, but she was not hurt because his foot was in the stirrup. George Slater testified he secured his daughter's release by interceding with General Chase. Captain Danks announced General Chase would appear before the hearing concluded.

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