

FRIENDS OF BENTON RECEIVE EXCUSES OF REBELS WITH SNEERS

Statements He Was Allowed to Testify and Proceedings Not Secret Derided.

KILLING A DELIBERATE MURDER

Record of Alleged Court-Martial Made Public at Juarez.

VICTIM PRESENT, IS ASSERTED

Declared He Attempted Armed Violence Upon Villa.

ACCUSED OF AIDING FEDERALS

Constitutionalist Captain Assigned to Defend Prisoner, but No Evidence of His Activity in Case.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Secretary Bryan received word from Consul Edwards at Juarez today that Gustave Bauch, the German-American, rumored last night to have been executed by General Villa, was alive and had been removed to Chihuahua, where American Consul Fletcher had been instructed to interfere for him.

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VERA CRUZ, Mex., Feb. 22.—The commander of the German cruiser Dresden last night shipped to the German legation in Mexico City two machine guns and 40,000 rounds of ammunition. Accompanying the shipment went a squad of blue-jackets from the Dresden in civilian dress.

The detail of blue-jackets on duty at the American consulate here was withdrawn today and replaced by a guard of picked marines under the command of a sergeant. This step was taken after General Gustavo Masas, commander of the federal forces here, had been notified and given his consent.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 22.—The record of the alleged court martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez yesterday, asserts that the Scotchman was present, that he was represented by a rebel officer as attorney, and was permitted to testify, and that the session was public. He was executed for attempted armed violence against General Villa, declares the record, and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage, and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande river received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. The statements that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public carried no conviction to the men who assert that their friend was deliberately murdered.

Extraordinary Council Convened. The record opens with the statement that an extraordinary council of war was convened at 4:15 last Tuesday afternoon by Colonel Fidel Avila. The council convened in the room of which Major Jesus Rodriguez was president, assisted by four other judges.

The accused, says the report, "was arraigned and having been advised to name some one to defend him, Captain Mariano Tamez was designated for this purpose, and was warned to defend Benton loyally." There was no further mention of any activity on the part of the captain.

The witnesses against Benton were Major Manuel E. Banda and Adria Farias. It does not appear that General Villa testified. Banda and Farias swore that Benton called on General Villa Tuesday afternoon "at an inopportune moment."

Witnesses were with General Villa at the time, Benton, they said, made complaint of rebel deprivations of his ranch, Los Remedios, in the state of Chihuahua, and asked permission to return to it.

Villa's Reply. General Villa replied that it was not desired that Benton should return to Mexico because he was well known as a sympathizer with President Huerta, "to whom he had given help in many ways; giving information of the movements of our troops; having intimate relations with the 'red flag' chiefs (Gonzalez and Salazar), and considering the constitutionalists as rebels and bandits. Villa," continues the report, "stated that because Benton was a foreigner his property had not been confiscated, but he must remain out of the country because he was an element destructive of the peace and prosperity of the country."

The accused answered in harsh and violent terms, and asserted that no human power could keep him out of Mexico.

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The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation for various times of the day.

WILCOX TAKEN AT BLUFFS

Held on Charge of Attempted Shooting of Mr. and Mrs. Richards.

ACT ATTEMPTED NEAR KEARNEY

Young Man Suspected Finally Admits Identity, but Denies that He Fired Shots Into Farm House.

Ernest G. Wilcox, 16 years old, a former Council Bluffs boy, who is believed to be the unidentified person who attempted to assassinate Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richards at their home, twenty miles north of Kearney, Neb., has been picked up by Council Bluffs police and turned over to Sheriff Andrews of that county, Nebraska. The boy, on the serious charge, but the evidence against him appears to be very strong.

Alarm Given. The nearest farm house was eighty rods away, and the Richards were alone in the house. Believing his wife to be dead, Richards, with a ragged hole in his breast and throat, crawled to the nearest neighbor's and gave the alarm.

Investigation by the neighbors disclosed the absence of Ernest Wilcox, who had been given a home at the Richards farm for more than a year. A double-barreled shotgun belonging to Richards was also missing. Suspicion at once fastened upon the lad and officers have since been searching for him. Friday afternoon he was picked up by Council Bluffs police officers and booked with a number of others on vagrancy charges. Saturday morning when Desk Sergeant James Nicoll came into contact with the boy he perceived the close resemblance to the boy wanted at Kearney. Evasive answers strengthened the suspicions, and the Kearney officers were notified. The boy denied that his name was Wilcox. He had given the name of Glenn. Saturday evening the boy was identified as Wilcox by Peter J. Wagner of South Omaha, who had been instrumental in placing him in the Richards home. Upon this identification Sheriff Andrews of Kearney came here yesterday and took the boy back.

Admits Identity. The boy admitted to Sergeant Nicoll that he was Ernest Wilcox and said he had left the farm because he did not like the work. Before he was accused of the attempted double murder, but told he resembled a boy wanted at Kearney, he said defiantly, "I'm not guilty; I didn't do it." He admitted that he took Richards' shotgun that evening to go rabbit hunting and then concluded to run away. He refused to tell what became of the gun. He said he walked that night from the farm to the Union Pacific railroad and then "bummed" his way to Council Bluffs. He was thinly dressed and he said a brakeman took pity on him and gave him an overcoat. The boy said Mr. and Mrs. Richards had treated him very kindly and he liked them. The only complaint was that Richards had taken him from school and set him to hauling wheat. He expressed a great desire to see Mr. and Mrs. Richards and inquired eagerly how they were.

But little is known of the boy in the Bluffs, although he had lived there for a number of years. His parents are dead and for several years he has been cared for by relatives. Through Mr. Wagner of South Omaha he was placed on the Richards farm with the agreement that Richards was to give him a good home, an opportunity to go to school and to do something for him when he reached the age of 21. The boy felt bitterly disappointed when he was taken away from school and obliged to go to work. He has two sisters, one of whom lives at Kearney.

White Slave Charge Is Preferred Over Douglas Divorcee

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DEN MOINES, Ia., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Malvin Sayles, a painter, is held in jail on a white slave charge and his brother is in jail accused of an assault. The complainant is a girl of 23, Sadie Petrich, said to be the wife of a traveling salesman of Omaha. She alleges that the married Chester Sayles in Council Bluffs some time ago. It is declared Malvin Sayles brought her here from Atkinson, Neb.

Paul J. Petrich, employee of M. E. Smith and company, secured a divorce in district court Friday from Mrs. Sadie M. Petrich on the ground of misconduct with other men. He named Malvin Sayles as one of the others and specified August 6 as one occasion of misbehavior. Mrs. Petrich did not contest the case, although she had filed a cross-petition in which she charged her husband with cruelty and asserted that she was broken in health. Mrs. Petrich is the daughter of J. H. Cuiver and wife, who live on a farm near Atkinson. In her pleadings she informed the court that she had been living with her parents since last summer.

MASKED MEN HOLD UP INTERURBAN PASSENGERS

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—Three masked men held up an interurban train on the Seattle-Tacoma Electric railway tonight and robbed the passengers of more than \$25. The passengers, on a train from Seattle, were held up by three men who appeared to be disguised as police officers. After the robbers had collected their tribute they leaped from the moving car and escaped.

TRAINS MAROONED WITH THREE HUNDRED PASSENGERS ABOARD

Overland Santa Fe Stalled in Mountains of Southern California by Washouts.

SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED

Wrecks Near San Bernardino Caused by Floods and Storm.

TWELVE PERSONS HURT IN ONE

Property Losses in Affected Region Over Four Million.

TOLL OF SEVEN HUMAN LIVES

Most of Territory from Tehachapi to Mexican Line Inundated, but Sun Shining and Worst is Over.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 22.—Three hundred passengers aboard two Santa Fe trains were marooned last night by washouts at Summit, in the mountains at Canon Pass. There was but one dining car and the food supply of that is exhausted, according to railroad reports that reached here tonight. Summit is twenty-five miles from San Bernardino and breaks in the railroad lines have balked all attempts to reach the stalled trains.

A heavy snowfall tonight in the mountains accompanied by intense cold aggravated the situation of the marooned passengers.

Two Wrecks Reported.

Two railroad wrecks, in one of which twelve persons were injured, were caused by the storm and floods near here last night. The two injured were hurt when an eastbound Los Angeles limited train running over the Salt Lake road, ran into a washout near Lago station. Three cars toppled over. The injured were reported, but no addresses given.

Santa Fe train No. 11, from San Francisco went into the ditch near Devore, ten miles from here. The passengers had previously left the train and no one was hurt.

The injured quartered at Barstow are: Mrs. Viola Duma, Miss Maybelle Dugas, Mrs. T. B. Kay, Mrs. I. Fisher, J. T. Jones and wife; Joseph Jones, R. E. Miller, Ella Gilchrist, Y. Golden, H. B. Ross and E. Wright.

Loss More Than Four Million. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 22.—A loss of probably more than \$4,500,000, a toll of seven human lives since Wednesday, southern California began to recover tonight from the effects of the worst storm in its history. Swept by wind and rain for the last three days, most of the territory between the Tehachapi mountains and the Mexican line was flooded, but with a sun shining most of today the situation improved considerably and while nearly all of the towns affected remained isolated tonight, progress was made toward re-establishing wire and railroad communication.

According to an estimate made by A. C. Hansen, assistant city engineer, Los Angeles was damaged to the extent of at least \$1,500,000. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars represented the damage to city streets alone. The balance represented losses sustained by railroads and by citizens who lost their homes, which were swept away by the flood with all their household effects.

Ranches Inundated. Except in the vicinity of Pomona, this county, where young groves suffered severely, orange growers reported comparatively little damage. Ranches and small farms in the lowlands were inundated, but no reliable data could be obtained as to the losses sustained by them.

The flood situation about Los Angeles became acute early last night and conditions were greatly aggravated at the same time by a gale which reached velocities of from thirty-eight to fifty miles an hour at various points inland and along the Pacific coast shore. Weakened by the rush of the waters, poles and towers carrying power lines and the wires of telegraph and telephone companies went down under the assault of the winds and with railroads and suburban trolley lines already out of commission the situation became at once one of complete prostration. For nearly four hours there was no street car service and during the entire day the city had only brief periods of communication with the east. Surrounding towns, with but few exceptions, remained entirely isolated, without communication by wire, railroad or trolley.

BEMIS PARK RESIDENTS ANGLING FOR BOULEVARD

The Franklin school was opened for public use for the first time last night when citizens of the Bemis park district met to organize an improvement club. J. W. Parrish was chosen president and Clifford Sadler was made secretary.

One of the first things to be taken up by the new club will be the completion of the boulevard from Thirty-ninth and Nicholas streets to Thirty-eighth and Hamilton, providing the Water board and the commissioners can be won over. A committee appointed to wait on the Water board was made up of the following: G. H. Cramer, chairman; D. J. Montgomery, Rev. T. D. Tynes, J. H. Rushton and T. G. Northwall.

BOG SLIDE IN IRELAND CAUSES PEOPLE TO FLEE

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, Ireland, Feb. 22.—A quaking mass of bog, several square miles in area, is on the move in the neighborhood of Carrick and the panic-stricken inhabitants of the countryside are fleeing before the threatening disaster. The bog slide has been brought about by abnormal rains. Many thousands of acres in the counties of Leitrim and Roscommon are submerged and the roads are impassable. The people in many instances have been isolated from communication with their neighbors owing to the Shannon banks.

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Lefferts swore out a warrant today charging the girl with being a fugitive from justice. The warrant states that she has been indicted by the grand jury at Council Bluffs for obtaining goods under false pretense. Lefferts also denied the report he had promised not to prosecute Miss Jones if a brooch and necklace which he says had not been paid for were returned to him. The brooch and necklace, Miss Jones said, were in her trunk and she would return them. A search of the trunks failed to reveal the jewelry.

Mrs. Jones, mother of the girl, wired to St. Louis Friday her belief of the innocence of her daughter and said she would aid in defending if necessary. The girl, who is suffering from tuberculosis of the spine, was strapped to a cot in the free ward Wednesday and Thursday, but since then has been in the solitary confinement ward, where she is allowed more freedom.

Four Persons Slain as Result of Women Spurning Two Lovers

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Four persons are dead, four persons wounded and one is dying in a hospital tonight as the result of two shooting affrays in this city today, in both cases infatuation with women who rejected professions of love was responsible for the tragedies.

Early in the day Carl Kildwell, 28 years old, shot and killed a waitress, an elderly woman he did not know, while vainly trying to kill a young waitress who had spurned him. He wounded her, shot himself and is dying.

Youth Hit in Jaw By Terrible Turk

Youths in front of a messenger agency on Douglas street, near Seventeenth, were making remarks to women passers-by last night when one of the members of "The Garden of Allah" company, garbed as a Turk, who happened to be waiting at the entrance of the stage door, heard them. He walked over to the crowd and singling out Robert Nelson, 2107 Locust street, he fetched him a jolt on the jaw. The youngster ran whimpering to the police station to report the assault, but when the police investigated they could not find the actor because he had changed his "make-up" and costume and could not be identified.

DIPLOMAS MONDAY EVENING

Class from Pharmacy Department of Creighton to Be Graduated.

TWO WOMEN ARE IN THE LIST

High Average Made by Fifteen of Class Members During Course in College Adds Additional Honors.

The two women members of the senior class to be graduated from the pharmacy department of Creighton university at the university auditorium Monday evening are among the class leaders.

Fifteen members of the class of sixty had a general average of 90 per cent or above for their two years' work, and as a result were not required to take the final school examinations. The two women, Mrs. E. L. Rolph, South Omaha, and Miss Genevieve L. Hayes, Franklin, Neb., were among the number. The others are: F. A. McCumif, John T. Kearney, Leo C. Weber, W. B. Miller, O. A. Treinen, A. T. Reama, Robert J. Rebal, William Zakra, Robert B. Porter, Joseph LeRoy Bills, Elmer W. Highley, John H. Hingst and Albert J. Putnam. G. H. McLeese, Davenport, Neb., is president of the class, while A. J. Putnam, one of the fifteen leaders, is vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The class boasts of several members who have distinguished themselves in athletics since entering the local school. Joe Bills is a professional ball player, now under contract with Wichita, formerly a pitcher with Omaha. Edgar F. Brown is a player in the Nebraska State league.

Maurice Miller has been a star on both base ball and foot ball fields for the past four years, and was captain of both foot ball and base ball teams last year. Miller will enter professional base ball. Raif Pfisterer was sub-quarter on the varsity eleven last season, and Robert Porter captained the pharmacy eleven in their battle with the dents.

Many Social Functions. The class has taken the state board examination, and the members are awaiting the returns from the state board of pharmacy. Numerous social functions have been held in connection with the graduating of the young men and women. The annual banquet was held Thursday at the Royal, and an annual trip was taken through the Richardson company drug store. Friday night the undergrads entertained the young men of the class at the medical smoking rooms. Several boxing matches and wrestling bouts were staged. Joe Bills twice felled Bill Madden, an aspiring junior, in a catch-as-catch-can affair.

The commencement exercises will be held at the university auditorium Monday evening, at which time a large number of friends are expected. The diploma conferring the degree of graduate of pharmacy will be given the seniors by Rev. E. A. Magevney, president of the university.

An interesting program, consisting of music by the Creighton University orchestra, the Creighton University double quartet and a piano solo by Frank Hodek, vice club pianist, will precede the conferring of degrees. The address of the evening will be given by Anson H. Bigelow, member of the law school.

Union Pacific Wins \$80,000 Damage Suit

PAPILLION, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A verdict for the Union Pacific railroad was returned by a jury in Judge Begley's district court yesterday in the suit for \$80,000 damages brought by the Waldron Seed company of Waterloo and several insurance companies.

The plaintiffs alleged that a huge seed house at Waterloo burned as the result of being fired by sparks from a Union Pacific locomotive. The seed firm already had settled its insurance claims and the companies issuing the policies joined with it in the suit against the railroad. Judge Ben F. Baker of Omaha conducted the case for the defendant company.

Confesses Murder of Kansas Family of Three Over Year Ago

HANNIBAL, Mo., Feb. 22.—John Kidwell was arrested here today after he had confessed to the murder of a family of three at Wellington, Kan., on September 24, 1912.

The McKenly family, consisting of an aged man, his wife and a grown daughter, were killed while sleeping in a tent. Kidwell came here from Moberly, Mo., three weeks ago. He implicated another man in the crime. According to the police, a detective gained Kidwell's confidence and then brought about his arrest.

WELLINGTON, Kan., Feb. 22.—The murder of Theodore McKenly, his wife and 15-year-old daughter was one of the most brutal in the history of Kansas crimes. The father and daughter were beaten to death with a base ball bat, while the assailant shot Mrs. McKenly after he had beaten her into unconsciousness. Otto McKenly, 21 years old, a son, was arrested at the time, but was freed at a preliminary hearing. His health caused the family to decide to take up tent life. The murder took place the first night the family spent in outdoor shelter. Robbery was said to be the object of the crime.

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FIERCE BLIZZARD SWEEPS THE WEST, BLOCKING TRAFFIC

High Wind, Accompanied by Snow, Rules All Over the State Afternoon and Night.

TEMPERATURES GO LOWER

Cold at Valentine in Morning Moves to the South.

RAILROAD WIRES ARE DOWN

Six Inches of Snow Covers the Western Part of the State.

ALMOST TIES UP THE CITY

Street Cars Get Through with Difficulty and Pedestrians Have a Hard Time Facing the North Wind.

By far the worst storm of the winter raged over the entire state last night with the wind blowing a gale and carrying with it a heavy fall of snow, which was carried into drifts, making all trains into Omaha late. The storm extended from Colorado eastward.

Wires to the west on both the Burlington and the Union Pacific were down, compelling these roads to use the utmost caution in the operation of their trains. The Burlington wires on the main line west of Crete were down and on the Union Pacific between Kearney and Lexington.

While the thermometer stood at 17 above here at 5 a. m. yesterday, it gradually became colder until at 7 p. m. it was but 7 above and rapidly growing colder. At the same time it was 11 below at Sidney, 5 below at North Platte and 3 below at Grand Island.

In the western part of the state the wind was blowing a gale from the north and east with a fall of from three to six inches of snow up to 7 p. m. between Grand Island and Sidney. Valentine was the coldest point in the state yesterday morning when at 3 o'clock the thermometer registered 19 below. Railroad reports from the west stated that the storm extended all the way from Billings, Mont., to Omaha and was working its way east.

Blocks Traffic Here. Drifting snow compelled the street railway company early last evening to send out its force of sweepers to keep the track clear so that the cars could get through at all. The snow drifted into the tracks and made it almost impossible for the cars to make any headway up the grades.

The howling of the wind brought to the minds of many that it was just eleven months ago last night when the destructive Easter tornado struck this city. As the afternoon advanced the fury of the storm increased in Omaha until about 6 o'clock it amounted to almost a blizzard, making it most uncomfortable for anyone who was forced to face the wind. Few ventured out and the attendance at the churches and theaters showed the effects of the storm.

Colder in the West. The Burlington report at 8 o'clock last night showed that it had quit moving from Billings to Sheridan, but that the thermometer was still dropping. From Alliance to Ravenna it was snowing hard with the wind blowing a gale and the thermometer dropping. The storm extended on the main line from Omaha to Denver, making considerable trouble with poles down here and there, but with the trains making fairly good time. The heavy wind was general all over the state.

Low Mark at Sioux Falls. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Snow fell throughout the greater part of last night and during most of today and with a high north-easterly wind has given this section one of the severest winters of the winter. The snow drifted badly and traffic was interfered with, trains generally running behind their schedule. The temperature dropped more than forty degrees since Saturday noon and this morning was a few degrees below zero.

In Dakota and Iowa. SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 22.—Northwestern Iowa, eastern South Dakota and (Continued on Page Two.)

Distrust and Suspicion engender ill-will, clog the machinery of commerce and retard your progress.

Ninety per cent of the world's business is done on credit, and as men assume the same attitude toward you that you assume toward them, it pays to think well of your kind. Confidence begets confidence, and to act as if you think all men are tricksters and frauds is to advertise your own unworthiness.

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