

VILLANOW SAYS BODY OF BENTON WAS TAKEN TO CITY OF CHIHUAHUA

Persistent Reports Are in Circulation in Washington that it Has Been Cremated. ISSUE IS NOW UP TO CARRANZA

Head of Insurrectos Must Demonstrate His Authority. ALARMIST REPORTS ARE DENIED

Huerta Says He Refused Permit to Send Two Thousand Marines. NO SUCH REQUEST WAS MADE

President Wilson Says Dictator Has Not Been Asked to Allow Passage of Any American Force to Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—At a conference today between Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Spring-Rice it was decided that British Consul Peralva will not proceed into Mexico for the examination of William S. Benton's body until "better arrangements can be made."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The American government was exerting every influence at its disposal to obtain from General Villa the surrender of the body of William S. Benton, the British subject recently executed at Juarez.

Secretary Bryan conferred with President Wilson and said nothing new in the situation had developed. Official denial came from the White House of one published report that Rear Admiral Fletcher had recommended the landing of marines at Vera Cruz.

Attention was chiefly centered on the Benton investigation and high officials conceded that future development of the American policy toward Mexico hinged on the outcome of the incident.

Another feature of the situation which loomed up as of commanding importance was the fact that the Benton incident promises to develop into a test of Carranza's authority and influence as chief of the constitutional movement.

brought to bear on Carranza, both by Americans and Mexicans, who have the confidence of the Washington officials, with the purpose of impressing him with the necessity of a clear and convincing explanation of all the circumstances surrounding the death of Benton.

WINNER OF THE VANDERBILT CUP RACE YESTERDAY.



RALPH DE PALMA.

Financial Operations of the Rock Island Criticized in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Bitter criticism of the Rock Island railway and its financial operations, was raised in the house today by Representative Green of Iowa, speaking in support of his resolution to authorize the Interstate Commerce commission to make an investigation of that road.

Through the manipulations of the holding companies, Mr. Green asserted that \$121,000,000 of water was poured upon the railway companies stocks and bonds, while the fixed charges of the road had been increased from 40 to 50 per cent.

"The railway companies never received one dollar's benefit by or through the stock issued by the holding companies," he declared. "Its origin affords financial booters an opportunity to exploit the railway and the public."

The speaker further charged that the millions of securities floated by the holding companies "were put up merely for the aggrandizement of a few men without any return being given."

Referring to the equipment of the Rock Island, he said: "It is reported that it has spent \$6,000,000 since 1907 for equipment hire alone and still it is known that it has not been properly supplied. A chorus of complaints have gone up from the public all along the line for lack of proper service, trains behind time, inability to move traffic, and the road has been heavily mulcted in damages by reason of delayed freight."

Mrs. Buffum Denies All Statements in Alleged Confession

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum, on trial for the murder of her husband, today testified in her own defense. She told of her life from the time she was married at the age of 15 to the death of her husband last August. She said that Buffum was a constant drinker and of late years had frequently threatened to kill himself and the entire family.

Putnam Griswold, American Grand Opera Star, Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Putnam Griswold, American basso and member of the Metropolitan Opera company, died today in a private sanatorium here. He was operated on for appendicitis on February 10. Complications developed.

HOSPITAL ANNEX TO MONTREAL PRISON BURNS

MONTREAL, Feb. 26.—A fire broke out today in the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, a state institution, destroyed the hospital annex and did extensive damage to the surgical department. The patients in the hospital were all safe. There are 200 prisoners in the institution, which is outside of Montreal.

DE PALMA WINS RUN FROM OLDFIELD BY A TRIFLE

Veteran Announces Second Vanderbilt Cup Race on Santa Monica Course.

SIXTEEN CARS ENTER CONTEST Two Leaders Battle from Eighteenth Lap to Finish.

VICTOR WITHOUT ANY MISHAP Nearest Competitor Obligated to Stop and Change Wheel.

PULLEN HITS A BARRICADE Average of Champion is 75.6 Per Hour, Slower by Three Miles Than Record Set by Teddy Tetslaff.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 26.—Defeating Barney Oldfield by a trifle more than a minute in a 200-mile grind, Ralph DePalma, participant in scores of hard-fought motor contests, won his second Vanderbilt cup race today on the Santa Monica course. His time was 2:53:41; Oldfield's 2:55:20.

Sixteen cars entered the race and only five finished, but from the eighteenth lap to the finish it was a contest solely between DePalma and Oldfield. DePalma won because he did not have to stop once in all the thirty-five laps of the eight-mile course.

Oldfield lost what chance he had when he was compelled to stop and change a wheel in the thirty-fourth lap and lost nearly a minute. The other drivers that remained in the race were W. H. Carlson of San Diego, Earl Cooper, who started a favorite, and George Joerin, and they finished in the order named.

Average of 75.6. DePalma made the race at an average speed of 75.6 miles per hour. This was slower by three miles per hour than the course record set by Teddy Tetslaff when he won a Santa Monica race, but it was faster than the Vanderbilt cup record of 74.67 miles, made by Mulford at Savannah in 1911, and faster than the speed DePalma himself made when he won the cup race at Milwaukee in 1912.

There was but one accident during the race, Edwin Pullen, who made one of the fastest laps of the day—eighty-five miles per hour—and was leading in the fourteenth lap, took a turn at terrific speed and crashed into an iron barricade which protected a throng of spectators. The car was wrecked, but both Pullen and his mechanic emerged unhurt.

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Villa and Huerta: "Murderer!"



From New York Sun.

THOUSAND STATE INCOMES

That Many More Nebraskans Give Amount to Collector Hammond.

RETURNS ARE COMING IN FAST Internal Revenue Officials Will Omit Pines for All Who Make Statements Before Monday Morning.

Nearly 1,000 additional returns of incomes have been received by Ross L. Hammond, collector of internal revenue for the district of Nebraska, during the present week, making a total of 1,945 persons in the state who have complied with the law, and made the return required under the new income tax law.

It is estimated that there are 6,000 persons in the state who should make this return, and indications from the volume of business in the office now are that more than half that number will be received before Sunday night.

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PLUMBERS OF STATE HERE

Convention Opens at the Rome with Good Attendance.

I. J. DUNN MAKES THE WELCOME Large Number of Women Are Here with Their Husbands and Special Entertainment is Provided for Them.

With more than a hundred members and their wives present the fifth annual convention of the Nebraska Master Plumbers' association opened at the Home hotel yesterday morning.

More than a third of the crowd which filled the convention hall for the opening session was composed of the wives of the plumbers in attendance, and a special program has been provided for their entertainment during the two days of the convention.

Joint Conference of Coal Operators and Miners Adjourns

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—The joint conference of miners and operators who have been here for several weeks to arrange a new wage scale for the central competitive bituminous fields, adjourned here today without reaching an agreement. It was stated that this does not necessarily mean a strike, as the existing agreement does not expire until March 31. It is expected the general conference will be reconvened in a western city between now and March 31.

Twelve Killed and Eight Injured by an Explosion in Berlin

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Twelve men were killed and eight others fatally injured today in an explosion which destroyed an extensive aniline dye factory in Rummelsburg, a suburb. There were 400 employees in the building at the time of the explosion, which was heard all over Berlin.

The National Capital

Thursday, February 26, 1914. The Senate. Met at noon. President's Bill of the University of Wisconsin testified on the trade commission bill.

SCHOOLMASTERS ARE TALKING SHOP

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 26.—The department of superintendents of the National Education association continued in convention here today. H. B. Wilson, superintendent of schools, Topeka, Kan., delivered a report on "Economy of Time in Education," participated in by J. F. Hoise, Chicago Normal college, and W. A. Jessup, University of Iowa. The "Round Table" was participated in by Marlin G. Brumbaugh, Philadelphia; David Snedden, Boston, and other college presidents, school superintendents and state commissioners.

FOLK OFFERED JOB BY COMMERCE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Joseph W. Folk, solicitor of the State department, and former governor of Missouri, has been offered and probably will accept the new post of chief counsel for the Interstate Commerce commission at a salary of \$16,000 a year.

SOCIETY NIGHT IS MAGNET FOR CROWD AT THE AUTO SHOW

Unusual Attendance Marks Setting Aside of Special Evening for Society Folks.

EVENING DRESS PREVAILS Factory Men Set Pace for the Locals in Wearing Apparel.

SALES REACH HIGH MARK All Dealers Are More Than Pleased with the Way Cars Go.

FLOWERS ADD TO THE SCENE Pretty Women Fill the Cars While the Band Plays Tantalizing Tango Music, but Dancing Is Not Permitted.

As was fitting and proper, society night at the ninth annual automobile show just night proved to be the biggest night in history, not even excepting Wednesday night, which broke all previous records. The crowds swarmed through the doors last night until it seemed as if not another person could find breathing space in the Auditorium, but for all that the line at the entrance never dwindled and all found some spot where they could stand unmolested.

The number of persons who wore evening clothes was surprisingly large. Many of the dealers deemed it expedient to refrain from making any pretentious display of scenery, but all the factory representatives made up for the deficiency of the local men and a vast proportion of guests were attracted by the scene. The factory men, anticipating society night, had lugged their clawhammers out to Omaha and they were not to be deprived of the right to wear them. They did and were objects of admiration and chagrin by the local men who scorned such displays.

Women in Evidence. The feminine contingent was almost as large as the masculine. The women took just as much interest in the cars as the men, although their interest was largely confined to the luxuriant upholstery, the electric lights and the fancy trimmings, while the men were more inclined to be inquisitive about the stability of the machinery and the construction.

An edict was issued to the effect that smoking would not be permissible. Half a dozen stalwart policemen were on hand to enforce the ban and they did their duty as far as was possible. Most of the men acknowledged the order and refrained. The orchestra played appropriate pieces during the evening and was accorded frequent applause. The selections were a bit aggravating to some because of the tinsel single embodied in most of them, but no disturbances followed. Conductor Noble seemed to take especial delight in playing tangos and trots and other selections of similar nature, which inspired a twinkling of the feet, and it was all some of the more irrepressible could do to refrain from indulging in the popular pastime.

Decorate for Occasion. The Auditorium was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Flowers were literally scattered all over every booth and over the cars. Roses, carnations and other beautiful flowers predominated.

Equitable Objects to Union Pacific Melon Cutting

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The Equitable Life Assurance society, it was authoritatively learned today, will institute legal action to restrain the Pacific Railroad company from distributing its holdings of Baltimore & Ohio stock and a cash dividend of \$1 to holders of Union Pacific common. Such a disbursement plan was recently announced. The Equitable holds \$1,855,000 par value of Union Pacific preferred. Other holders of the same stock have already instituted suits against the Union Pacific.

STEAMSHIP BRITANNIC LAUNCHED AT BELFAST

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 26.—The launching today of the Britannic, the 26,000-ton liner, marked an important development in constructional safety, so far as engineering ingenuity can insure it. The Britannic, intended for the transatlantic service, had only been laid down when the Titanic disaster occurred and as a result of that accident the plans of the new liner were almost completely remodelled. It is a triple screw steamer, 393 feet in length, and there has been introduced into its construction every device possible to prevent a recurrence of the disaster which overtook the Titanic. An inner skin extends to a considerable height above the load line, the most vulnerable portion of the vessel, and the height and number of bulkheads has been increased.

PICKRELL BOY CAUGHT IN FLYWHEEL OF ENGINE

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Dwain Bohmstedt, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bohmstedt, who reside six miles east of Pickrell, was caught in the fly wheel of a gasoline engine Wednesday while sawing wood at his home and severely cut about the face and head. He was attempting to tighten a burr on the engine when his coat caught in the wheel and he was thrown into the machine. One of the men working with young Bohmstedt threw off the belt and stopped the machinery, probably saving the boy's life. Two ugly gashes were cut in his head and his face was badly cut and bruised.

SIoux INDIANS CALL ON WILSON AND BRYAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Sioux Indians from the Pine Ridge reservation of South Dakota shook hands today with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. They were presented by Senator Sterling.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Highest yesterday, 25; lowest, 15; mean, 20. Precipitation, 0.00. Comparative Local Record. Highest temperature, 1914 1915 1912 1911. Excess for 10 days, 25.22. Total excess since March 1, 11.70. Normal precipitation, 62 inches. Deficiency for period, 62 inches. Total rainfall since March 1, 13.13 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 48.87 inches. Deficiency for period, 1912 1913 1914. Deficiency for year, 1912 1913 1914. Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State. Temp. High. Rain-fall. Omaha, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Davenport, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Des Moines, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Dodge City, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Grand Island, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Hastings, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Lincoln, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Norfolk, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Omaha, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Pueblo, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Rapid City, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Salt Lake City, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Santa Fe, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Sheridan, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Sioux City, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. Valentine, cloudy, 25 40 0.00. T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WEISS, Local Forecaster.