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## RANCHER BENTON IS STABBED TO DEATH IN QUARREL IN JUAREZ

British Consul Perceval Files His Report on Investigation into Alleged Execution.

### EXPECT BATTLE AT GUERRERO

General Bliss Orders Detachments of Troops to Zapata, Tex.

### ALL EYES ARE UPON TORREON

Expected Battle Believed to Have Started During Afternoon.

### HABEAS CORPUS CASE OPENS

Attorneys for Huerta Argue for Release of Five Thousand Mexicans Held in Prisons at Fort Bliss, Tex.

## PECK SHOTS SELF IN HEAD

Former Columbia Professor Commits Suicide at Stamford.

### AUTHORITY ON THE CLASSICS

He Was the Author of Numerous Books and Essays—Divorcee and Defendant in Breach of Promise Suit.

STAMFORD, Conn., March 23.—Harry Thurston Peck, a former professor at Columbia university, committed suicide at a rooming house here today, by shooting in the head with a revolver.

## BREAKER CONFESSES PLANTING DYNAMITE

Charles Killman, Hired by Owners, Admits Plot at Striking Mill. Others Implicated in Story of Prisoner.

### DEPUTY PROSECUTOR

Others Implicated in Story of Prisoner.

### EMPLOYED TO GATHER EVIDENCE

Unable to Get Anything on Men, They Hatch Conspiracy.

### WALKOUT ON FOR NINE MONTHS

Explosive is Placed with the Intention of Causing the Arrest of Unionists, Official Hears.



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## ULSTER GOES AHEAD WITH PREPARATIONS TO FIGHT HOME RULE

Carson, After Reading Asquith's Statement, Says Government Has Put Itself in Ludicrous Position.

### DEBATE IN THE PARLIAMENT

Opposition Leader Says Army May Be Destroyed.

### FOOLISH TO MOVE SOLDIERS

Amazing Instance of Paltering with House of Commons.

### SEELY COMMUNICATION VAGUE

List of It is Officers Had Asserted They Couldn't Serve in Ireland in Certain Events.

LONDON, March 23.—A much easier feeling was created in the British Isles today by the reassuring statement given out by Premier Asquith to the effect that the troops movements in Ulster had been ordered only as a precautionary measure for the protection of government property.

## EL PASO, TEX., MARCH 23.—The battle of Torreon opened at 1 o'clock this afternoon, according to an official dispatch received here by General Manuel Chao, military governor of the state of Chihuahua, and signed "General Francisco Villa."

WASHINGTON, March 23.—British Consul Perceval's official report on the killing of William S. Benton at Juarez, received at the embassy here today, says "no pistol shots" were fired in the fight which ended in the ranchman's death.

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## Prospects for Big Crops of Grain Are Unusually Good

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Prospects for big crops this year are particularly bright at this time as the result of the almost continuous succession of snow storms over the country, in the opinion expressed today by officials of the Department of Agriculture.

## President Bowman Retires This Week

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 23.—(Special.)—John G. Bowman, whose resignation as head of the State University of Iowa was tendered to the State Board of Education last Friday evening, will sever his connection with the school during the present week.

## Boy Slowly Dying is Taken to White House to See the President

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## Three Shots Fired at Paris Judges by Madame Lavigne

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## Robber Shoots Bank Cashier, Takes Cash and Escapes in Auto

ALTOONA, Pa., March 23.—A robber today shot the cashier of the Union bank of this city, wounded a depositor and got away in an automobile with about \$500 of the bank's money.

## ESCAPE SECOND TIME AGAIN RECAPTURED

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 23.—Lloyd Bitzberger and Bert Adams were arrested at Atchison, twenty miles away, after they had escaped from the United States military prison today.

## Striking Trainmen Forfeit Their Jobs

PITTSBURGH, March 23.—Superintendent A. G. Mitchell of the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad today declared forfeited the jobs of freight trainmen who on Saturday struck and tied up the freight business of the division.

## HUSBAND OF MADAME MODJESKA IS DEAD

SANTA ANA, Cal., March 23.—A telegram announcing the death of Count Bonanza, husband of Mme. Modjeska, the actress, in Krakow, Poland, was received here today from Ralph Modjeska.

## SAWYER LEAVES ESTATE TO SOCIALIST PARTY

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., March 23.—William Sawyer, who died here recently, left his entire estate of \$20,000 to the socialist party upon the death of his sister.

## LIABILITY LAW VALID IN THE TERRITORIES

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The federal employers' liability law of 1908, declared unconstitutional as to the states, was held valid today by the supreme court as to territories.

## MERCHANTS' MARKET WEEK

Elaborate Plans for Entertainment Are Completed. VISITORS WILL BRING WIVES. Special Features Are Planned for Women Who Will Come to Omaha with Husbands to Market.

## Strikers Attack a Load of Breakers; Several Wounded

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 23.—In a clash between strikers from the Gould coupler works at Depew and strikebreakers today, one man was probably fatally shot and several others seriously injured.

## CONGRESSMAN BURKE SAYS WILL WIN PRIMARY

PIERRE, S. D., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Burke returned this morning from a trip over the western half of the state and expresses his confidence of winning in his candidacy for the United States senate at the primary election tomorrow.

## ITALIAN SCIENTIST IS MURDERED FOR MONEY

NAPLES, March 23.—The police believe that Prof. Giuseppe Mercalli, director of the Vesuvius observatory, who was burned to death on March 19, was murdered. A sum of \$1,000 which he had in his possession, is missing.

## FIRE DAMAGES NASH HOME

Paintings and Curios Destroyed by Flames in Omaha Mansion. BLAZE KINDLED BY SUN'S RAYS. Sunbeams Focused Through Plate Glass Windows on Open Box of Matches Believed Cause of Fire.

## Irish Societies Call the Ulster Leader

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—The United Irish societies of St. Louis today sent a cablegram to Sir Edward Carson, denying that Americans approved his policy in Ulster.

## Signs of the times

Straws show which way the wind is blowing—newspaper advertising shows which way the trade is going.

## Eighteen Candidates for Congress in One District

FATERSON, N. J., March 23.—Five democrats, eleven republicans, one socialist and one progressive, seeking the nomination of those parties at the primaries in Passaic county, New Jersey, for successor to Congressman Bremer, today made the final canvass for votes.

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## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Monday, March 23, 1914. The Senate. Lobby committee postponed further hearings until tomorrow.

## THE HOUSE

Met at noon. John Mitchell testified about conditions in the Michigan copper strike district before the mines committee.

## COMPARATIVE LOCAL RECORD

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Cloudy, probably rain.	
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:	
Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	27
6 a. m.	27
7 a. m.	28
8 a. m.	29
9 a. m.	30
10 a. m.	31
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	33
1 p. m.	34
2 p. m.	35
3 p. m.	36
4 p. m.	37
5 p. m.	38
6 p. m.	39
7 p. m.	40
8 p. m.	41
9 p. m.	42
10 p. m.	43
11 p. m.	44
12 m.	45

## THE WEATHER

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Cloudy, probably rain.

## COMPARATIVE LOCAL RECORD

Normal temperature	40
Deficiency for the day	4
Excess for the day	0
Total excess since March 1	20
Normal precipitation	.65 inch
Deficiency for the day	.10 inch
Excess for the day	.00
Total deficiency since March 1	.75 inches
Normal range for current period	40 to 55
Excess for current period	12 to 13 inches
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.	
Station and State	Temp. High-Rain
Chicago, Ill.	42 38 .00
Denver, Colo.	42 32 .00
Des Moines, Iowa	42 32 .00
Indianapolis, Ind.	42 32 .00
Leadville, Colo.	42 32 .00
North Platte, Neb.	42 32 .00
Omaha, Neb.	42 32 .00
Pueblo, Colo.	42 32 .00
St. Louis, Mo.	42 32 .00
Salt Lake City, Utah	42 32 .00
Santa Fe, N. M.	42 32 .00
Sheridan, Wyo.	42 32 .00
Sioux Falls, S. D.	42 32 .00
Valentine, Neb.	42 32 .00