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MRS. HOWARD IS A SUICIDE, SAYS CORONER'S JURY

Verdict is That She Kills Herself
By Shooting in Her Room at
the Fontenelle Monday
Evening.

HUSBAND ON WITNESS STAND
Says Reason for Deed Was Despon-
dency Because Her Father Would
Not Accept Him.

BODY IS TAKEN TO CHICAGO

"We, the coroner's jury, impaneled to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Irma A. Howard, do find that she came to her death by her own hand."

The foregoing is the verdict of the jury holding an inquest into the suicide of Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, wife of the stage star and daughter of Mike Kilgallon, Chicago steel millionaire.

It was returned after an unusually mild inquiry into the death of the former wife of Count De Beaufort.

Except to ask whether they saw Mrs. Howard after her death or before, or some other unimportant question, Coroner Crosby did but little to bring out the incidents that led up to the shooting.

When witnesses verged on telling something interesting, somehow or other, they invariably became sidetracked.

Woman on the Stand.

Only once during the examination of Miss Clara Lambert, the only witness of the shooting, and the woman who knew more of the tragedy than anyone else, did anything of interest develop.

Newspapermen had requested the coroner to ask her if it was true that Mrs. Howard had threatened to kill Joe at the matinee performance and carried a target pistol to the theater for that purpose.

Mrs. Lambert colored and became nervous. As though it was an effort to speak, she mumbled unintelligibly and shook her head.

Everybody in the crowded room craned their necks, expecting to get a new angle to the story connected with the tragedy, but they were disappointed.

The next question was on an altogether different tack.

Mrs. Lambert continually sought the eyes of her husband as she testified, as though seeking approval. When she finished both rushed from the place.

Tells Same Story.

Her story was identical with that told by Howard Monday night when he was speaking for her. She declared that Mrs. Howard was despondent because her parents would not accept Joe as a member of the family. Mr. Kilgallon told several Omahans that his objections were not as serious as has been given out since the tragedy.

The fact is, he is said to have declared that he furnished a flat for his daughter and Howard in Chicago and expected them to live there when Howard finished his tour.

When Howard took the stand, he told of his love for his bride of a month, but admitted he was irritated that she should follow him here. He expected her, he said, and that is why he registered "and wife" at the Rome. He registered first under an assumed name, he said, to avoid annoyance from sheriffs who might seek to attach his belongings in order to satisfy a recent judgment against him.

He was not questioned too closely and he did not volunteer anything to supply a motive for her act, except to say that she probably became despondent because of her father's objection to him.

Court Room Packed.

The little room was packed to capacity with morbid curiosity seekers. Most of those present were women, and many of these, when Howard finished testifying and left the place, immediately lost interest and quit also.

Anton Skellinger, a taxi driver, brought out some interesting information. He told the jury that when he picked Mrs. Howard up at the Union depot on her arrival here, she was with a small dark complexioned man. He drove them first to the Paxton, where the man got out and went inside, while the machine waited. Then they went to the Merchants. Again the man went into the hotel for a moment.

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ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT OF
OMAHA HAY EXCHANGE.



F.W. Judson

RENEW ASSAULT TO WEST OF MEUSE

Infantry Charge Preceded by Rain
of Flaming Liquids Repulsed
Says French Report.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE HEAVY

PARIS, April 12.—The German assault on the Verdun front west of the Meuse was renewed this morning. Troops advanced on Caurettes wood, south of Cumieres, the war office announced, using flame projectors, but were repulsed.

East of the Meuse, in the Douaumont-Vaux sector, there was only artillery fighting.

The war office says it has been confirmed that the German losses yesterday were very heavy.

The text of the statement follows: "On the left bank of the Meuse the Germans this morning delivered an attack on our positions at the Caurettes wood between Le Mort Homme and Cumieres, in which they made use of flaming liquids. They were everywhere repulsed."

"On the right bank of the river there has been great artillery activity between Douaumont and Vaux, but last night saw no resumption of the infantry fighting at this point."

"It has been confirmed that the violent offensive action yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in this sector, which was repulsed by us, cost the enemy heavy losses."

"The night passed relatively quiet on the remainder of the front."

**Judson Is Elected
President of the
Omaha Hay Market**

Frank W. Judson Wednesday afternoon was elected president of the Omaha Hay Exchange.

At the first meeting of the newly elected directors, Luther Drake was elected first vice president, A. A. Nixon, second vice president, H. S. Clark, treasurer, and W. A. Ellis, secretary.

Directors elected Monday are to serve terms as follows:
One year, J. DeForest Richards, Luther Drake and A. A. Nixon; two years, C. H. Pickett, E. A. Knapp and H. S. Clark; three years, George E. Haverstick, Frank W. Judson and J. M. Welsh.

A committee to select and hire an inspector was chosen as follows: Knapp, Nixon and Welsh. They are to report as soon as possible in order that the actual inspection of hay and the grading of it may begin. Nixon, Knapp and Ellis were chosen as another committee to draft bylaws.

The annual meeting of the Hay exchange is to be held the second Monday of April each year.

**Henry Morgenthau
Resigns Post Today**

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Henry Morgenthau, American ambassador to Turkey, is expected to submit his resignation to President Wilson tomorrow. Abram L. Hans of New York has been suggested as his successor.

**Resents Bull Moose Dictation
of Republican Delegate Choice**

BETHUNE, Neb., April 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Am just in receipt of a letter from S. F. Verick of late of Nebraska, in which he complains that the national committee, in which that gentleman is seeking to influence republican delegates to vote for me for president, is expected to submit his resignation to the national committee and for delegates-at-large and district delegates to the national convention.

I do not know just how many republican delegates in Nebraska feel as deeply under obligation to Mr. Verick for past favors rendered by the party by that gentleman, but they will prevent him to mark their ballots for those, but I will have to admit that I am not one of that number.

It has been my understanding that an attempt was being made in Nebraska to bring the two elements of the republican party together, but the contents of this letter would lead me to believe that only in some Mr. Verick's mind the delegation will give a united front to the national convention.

As you may be a supporter of Mr. Roosevelt, that may be. I believe I may be understood for suggesting that in order to bring about real harmony, both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Verick should be eliminated from the coming campaign. I am signed in Mr. Roosevelt's name.

MEXICAN BANDITS SACK AMERICAN MINING TOWN

Band of Peons, Thousands Men,
Believed to be Led by Villa,
Himself, Loots Town of
Sierra Mojada.

STEAL EVERYTHING OF VALUE

Outlaws Come from Escalon, Rail-
road Point Sixty Miles South-
east of Jiminez.

RAVAGE SMALL PLACE ON WAY

EL PASO, Tex., April 12.—A band of Villistas numbering several hundred, and possibly 1,000, have sacked Sierra Mojada, five miles across the Coahuila line and eighty miles east of Jiminez, destroying many thousand dollars' worth of American property and looting the town of everything of value.

This news, which may prove to be of the highest importance, as it is believed possible Villa himself was among the raiders, was received here today by the representatives of one of the largest American mining concerns in Mexico and is accepted by him as absolutely authentic.

Come from Escalon.

The bandits made their attack on the town on April 2. They came from Escalon, a junction point on the Mexican National railroad, sixty miles southeast of Jiminez and about an equal distance southwest of Sierra Mojada, which was its connection with the Mexican Northern railroad. On their way to Sierra Mojada they sacked the small town of Carrizo.

The belief that Villa himself may be directing the operations of the bandits is supported by a report received today from Ojinaga stating that Colonel Rojas, the commander there, had information that Villa had doubled in his tracks and was 30 miles southwest of that town.

Ojinaga is directly across the border from Presidio, Tex., and about 100 miles north of Sierra Mojada.

Reyes Travels North.

Another circumstance that gives color to this location of the bandit chief is the fact that Canuto Reyes, at the head of a large number of men, was reported from Torreon a week ago to be traveling north in the direction of Sierra Mojada. It was the belief at the time in Torreon that Villa's notorious attorney was on his way to join the brigand-in-chief. If it proves true, Villa has completely evaded the American troops who have been driving south at an amazing speed and are today reported from the most reliable sources to be well south of Parral and very close to the Durango border.

Sierra Mojada is 140 miles east of the nearest point at which American troops are known to be.

Americans Are Killed.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 12.—Several Americans have been killed or wounded in bandit raids in the vicinity of Guaymas, Sonora, according to a naval radio message received here today. The message was forwarded to the Navy department at Washington and routed in an order to the cruiser Denver, now at San Blas, state of Tepic, to steam for the Sonora seaport and investigate.

The message gave no details of the reported raids and made no mention of the time they were committed.

Three Thousand Britons Slain by Turks at Felahie

BERLIN, April 12.—(Wireless to Ray-
wire)—A British Mesopotamian force, composed of troops transferred from the Dardanelles, was repulsed by Turkish troops in a sanguinary battle lasting six hours near Felahie on April 9, according to a Turkish headquarters report dated April 11. The statement adds that more than 3,000 dead British were counted after the battle.

Gold and Silver Are Actual Contraband

LONDON, April 12.—A royal proclamation was issued tonight extending the list of articles which hereafter will be treated as actual contraband.

Included in the list are gold, silver and paper money and all negotiable instruments and realizable securities.

It is stated that the proclamation today as strongly as I favored it four years ago, and as a private in the near ranks later that happy medium between the two elements, Justice Charles S. Hughes of New York.

I cannot help but wonder what right Mr. Currier, chairman of the progressive state committee, has to interfere with the selection of candidates in the republican party. It was but a few weeks ago that he protested against the placing of the names of republican candidates for office on the progressive state and congressional tickets, under a strange procedure, it seems to me. For the analysis in being about cooperation between the two parties.

I am opposed to any interference whatsoever on the part of Mr. Currier in the republican primary next Tuesday, and believe that the progressive republicans of the state are able to select the men they believe will best represent them at Chicago in June.

I am of the opinion that the attorney depicted by Mr. Currier in selecting a state will injure the chances of some really good material who are not regarded as being in line with the progressive state central committee for the "Face."

JOHN B. BEEBE.

WILL UNCLE SAM'S MACHINE GUNS GET THEM?—The latest developments in the Mexican situation indicate that the American forces in Mexico are still vainly chasing Villa. This picture shows a trooper from the Eighth United States cavalry sighting a machine gun of the type with which some of the cavalry troops in Mexico are equipped. The belt running through the breach is kept filled with cartridges as soon as the gun is set for action. In the picture the belt is not loaded.



SIGHTING A MACHINE GUN

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SEVENTY BANDITS SLAIN AT PASAJE

Two Bands Attack Carranza Gar-
rison Sunday at Town in the
State Durango.

GEN. REYES MAY BE INVOLVED

TORREON, Mexico, April 11.—
(Via El Paso Junction, April 12.)—
Details of a five-hour battle between
the Carranzista garrison at Pasaje,
Durango, and an attacking force,
composed of Contreras and Ceniceros
bandits, were brought here today.

The outlaws fled in disorder into the hills of the Nazas district after losing seventy killed, it is reported. The de facto troops had four dead. The battle took place on Sunday. First reports were that the attacking force was commanded by General Canuto Reyes. As negotiations have been under way for the surrender of General Reyes under an amnesty grant, bitter disappointment was expressed by Carranzista officials. The surrender of Reyes was expected to seriously cripple the Villista cause in the neighborhood of Torreon and Durango.

The fight was reported to have been precipitated by the garrison, which was said to have fired on the troops of General Reyes as they approached under an agreement for peace negotiations. The latest details, however, seem to show that Reyes is not implicated and there is still hopes that he has ceased warfare against General Carranza.

Bandits Flee in Disorder.

A doctor sent from here to treat some of the men wounded in the battle brought back the details of the engagement. He said that the Contreras and Ceniceros attackers were subjected to a withering fire from the garrison. They fled in disorder. He arrived in time to count the bodies of seventy of the outlaws scattered over the battle ground. Among the dead were a colonel and a captain.

After the battle word was brought in that Juan Lamedrid, a noted bandit, was killed in a dispute over the division of loot by the Contreras band. Lamedrid fled into the Nazas district after his raid on Dinamita some weeks ago. At that time he was soundly beaten by troops under General Ignacio Ramos.

General Trevino, Carranza commander in Torreon, has arranged for corn shipments from Colima and Jalisco to relieve the food shortage here.

April Record for Heat is Broken

Yesterday was the hottest day ever experienced in Omaha this early in the year.

The hottest April day in Omaha in the last thirty-three years was April 28, 1916, when the maximum temperature was 92. But that was two and a half weeks later in the season than the present hot spell.

Tuesday, at 7 a. m. the thermometer registered 26 above zero and attained a maximum of 58 in the day.

Wednesday, at 7 a. m. the thermometer registered 31 above zero with the same conditions of sunshine and strong south wind. Therefore, the maximum today may be above the previous high record.

Tuesday also was one of the hottest of April days ever felt here. The maximum of 56 degrees was only a degree short of the record April day in 1905.

Other high temperatures in Nebraska Tuesday were 32 degrees at Tekamah, 31 at Broken Bow and 31 at Colchester. There was no precipitation anywhere in the state.

**Cannonading Along
the Greek Frontier**

PARIS, April 12.—Resumption of cannonading along the Greek frontier near Thessalonika and Larissa is reported by a dispatch from Balkans to the Journal.

U. S. Not Satisfied With Explanation Of Great Britain

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Secretary Lansing announced late today that Great Britain's note on the seizure of thirty-eight Austrians, Germans and Turks from the American steamer China near Shanghai does not clear the case to the satisfaction of the United States.

Great Britain's reply to the American protests against the seizure of thirty-eight Austrians, Germans and Turks from the American steamer China near Shanghai was made public today by the State department.

It contends that the seizure is justified on the ground that the prisoners had been engaged in plots against Great Britain in the far east and were attempting to return home to take up arms.

Great Britain alleges that the prisoners were engaged for some time in the collection and transmission of arms and ammunition for clandestine transmission to India, and, if possible, for arming a ship to play the part of a fast mailer. They were bound for Hongkong to continue their work, having been exposed to the British authorities at Shanghai. The neutrality of the United States would have been compromised, the note contends, had the prisoners performed the acts they contemplated.

Their acts, it is contended, deprived them of protection from the American flag under which they were sailing.

The British government argues that the removals were justified and true to the fact that the United States will not further disposed to contend the action.

The note begins by pointing out that the latest attempt to define, by common agreement, the limits within which a belligerent naval power may remove enemy persons from neutral ships on the high seas is represented by article 10 of the Declaration of London, 1909, which permitted the arrest of such persons if "embodied in the armed forces on the enemy" without regard to the destination of the ships on which they were found traveling.

Dupont Powder Plant Destroyed; Three Are Killed

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons were killed, a workman and two children, when the plant of the Dupont Powder company at Nemours, Mercer county, eight miles from here, was blown to pieces by four explosions early today.

Fourteen in the little village were wounded. The dead children were buried in the ruins of their home near the powder mill.

The principal damage was done by the first explosion, which is said to have completely destroyed the building in which it occurred. The plant has been working on war orders.

SIoux FALLS PLEA FOR LOWER RATES IS DENIED

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The Sioux Falls Commercial club's petition for general revision of all freight rates on the Great Northern railway from Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., to Sioux Falls were denied today by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Under the new taxation plan proposed matches are taxed at per thousand, which is estimated to produce revenue of about \$100,000.

Britain Will Raise Millions on Matches

LONDON, April 12.—Difficulties in connection with the imposition of the match tax have been overcome and the manufacturers have withdrawn their opposition to the measure. They have assured Hugh MacKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, that they will assist him in raising the revenue.

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PALEMBANG STRUCK BY TWO TORPEDOES

Dutch Shipping Council Reports
Sinking of Steamship Deliberate
and Without Warning.

TURBANTIA HIT BY TORPEDO

AMSTERDAM, April 12.—(Via
London.)—The Dutch shipping council, which was entrusted by the government with the official investigation into the sinking of the Dutch steamships Palembang and Turbantia, has issued the report of its findings.

With regard to the Palembang the report says:
"Three explosions took place. The first was caused by the explosion at some distance of a drifting mine, which was fired upon by a British torpedo boat destroyer. After the explosion the Palembang remained undamaged. The second explosion was caused by a torpedo, fired at short range, which hit the Palembang. This is established beyond doubt by the unanimous statements of the witnesses who saw the track of the torpedo. It could not have been fired by the British torpedo boat destroyer, because the torpedo passed some meters in front of the latter vessel."

"It is possible the torpedo was meant for the destroyer, but, missing it, hit the Palembang."

Second Torpedo Hits Ship.
"The third explosion was also a torpedo. The first mate of the steamship clearly saw its track about six lengths away on the starboard. This torpedo was aimed at the Palembang, because the British torpedo boat destroyer was then a great distance away."

"The definite statements of the crew are confirmed by the fact that no other drifting mines were observed and the Palembang, at the time of the second and third explosions, was motionless and there was, therefore, no possibility of a collision with an anchored mine. Even supposing that the Palembang was carried along by the current, it must be observed that the current was nearly due south, so that a mine would have hit the ship on the port side, whereas the explosion took place on the starboard."

Turbantia is Torpedoed.
"With regard to the Turbantia the report says:
"The ship was preparing to cast anchor at 2:30 a. m., when it was hit and a severe explosion took place in the coal bunker on the starboard side. The explosion caused a hole extending from the bottom of the hull to the top of the superstructure."

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BOONE, Ia., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. Effie McCullin Jones, noted Iowa suffrage lecturer and worker, after speaking to a large gathering in the afternoon, at night was not permitted to give her lecture at the Merchants exposition. She had mounted the stage and had commenced her address when the crowd began clapping and refused to stop till she left the platform. Vaudeville numbers then introduced met with approval of the packed exposition hall.

Villa Neither Wounded Nor Dead, Says Cattleman Visited by Bandits

EL PASO, Tex., April 12.—An earlier version of the story of Villa's death was brought here today by a Mexican cattleman, who claimed to have witnessed a visitation from a band of Villistas on his ranch near Baschiba, Tex. last week.

He said that Villa was neither dead nor wounded, but that Pablo Lopez, the bandit's minister, had stated and that Villa had deliberately used his death as the basis of a story of his own making.

The cattleman told the following story: "I was in company at the time Villa came there and afterwards when the American soldiers arrived I believed it was safe for me to return to my ranch."

"Last Tuesday, a band of twenty Villistas rode on to the ranch. They took a little grain that I had and killed one of my cows and had a great feast. They had several bottles of liquor that they had stolen at Guerrero and Mexico and got pretty drunk before they went through."

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STICKS TO VILLA'S TRAIL IN SPITE OF DEATH REPORTS

Army Will Continue Pursuit of Bandit Until the Rumor is Confirmed or His Capture Is Effected.

PERSHING STARTS NEW BASE

Supplies Will Be Forwarded to Several Flying Columns of Cavalry from Satevo.

FIGHT RUMORS UNCONFIRMED

EL PASO, Tex., April 12.—That the American expeditionary force has penetrated far beyond Parral and is near, if not actually at, the Chihuahua-Durango border line is indicated in code dispatches received here this afternoon by private concerns with interests in the Parral district.

These dispatches said that the American advanced columns now had a temporary base near Parral and that toward the end of last week two companies of the motor truck train had delivered supplies at this base. This is the first authentic information that has come from the flying columns of Colonels Dodd and Brown for several days.

It seems certain now that Villa, if he still lives, has passed into the mountain fastnesses of Durango and that he is in a position to get in touch with the scattered bandit forces of that district. There are twenty-seven trucks in each motor company. The delivery of fifty-four trucks indicates that the advanced cavalry has sufficient supplies to enable it to make long forays south.

Haven't Passed Line.
It is not believed here, however, that the forces of Colonel Dodd or Colonel Brown have passed the Durango line. To do so would lengthen the line of communication too dangerously. It is more likely they have remained in touch with their supplies at Parral. This would account for the lack of information at the front the last week.

Simultaneously with the news that supplies had been sent as far south as the neighborhood of Parral came the information today that local concerns had presented a trainload of supplies to the Mexican Central railroad for shipment to Chihuahua City, there to be sent to General Pershing's troops.

This train, consisting of nine cars, got away this afternoon. News of the safe arrival of the train at Chihuahua City is anxiously awaited here by both business men and the army. It is felt that if shipments can be made safely to Chihuahua City railway transportation may be extended even further south.

A Favorite Trick.
Mexican followers of Villa in other campaigns said it was a favorite trick of Villa when the chase became hot for the bandit to have the story spread that he was dead, that the ardor of his pursuers might be dampened. Army officers at Fort Bliss declare that if the Villa death story is a hoax it will in no wise affect the pursuit of the "fox of the Sierras."

Brigadier General Pershing has established a new base at Satevo, according to information here today, but no word has come from the flying columns of American cavalry under command of Colonel Dodd and Brown, whose pursuit of the Villistas is said to extend beyond Parral. There are reports that the advance columns have been forced to halt until the line of communication has been established south of Satevo.

There is nothing official here or at army headquarters at Columbus, N. M., to confirm a report that troops K. and M. Seventh cavalry, killed a number of Villistas and captured thirty-five others last Saturday south of Satevo. Military officers at Columbus do not credit the report.

Supplies in increasing quantities are being steadily forwarded by the quartermaster's department to Casas Grandes, Namiquipa and other points.

Lawyer Drops Out of Caplan Defense

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 12.—Jacob Margolis, a Pittsburgh attorney, who appeared unannounced ten days ago in the superior court to defend David Caplan, alleged dynamiter of the Times building, after other counsel failed to appear, has withdrawn from the case, it became known today, because of a continued difference in policy with Nathan Caplan of San Francisco, chief counsel in the trial of Mashev Schmidt, convicted in the case.

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They did not say anything different about the whereabouts of the Villa band, but I understood from their talk that he was far in the south and that they were under orders to meet him somewhere near Parral.

The Mexican who told this story is well known to several Americans here, who considered him reliable.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Time	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
5 a. m.			