

REPORT U. S. BREWER HELD FOR RANSOM

Francisco Villa in Battle With Federal Troops After Arrival in Sabinas, Presumably for Surrender.

TO START ON WARPATH IF TERMS ARE REFUSED

Refugees Fleeing From City, Fearing Trouble as Result of Bandit Chief's Presence—Force Numbers Nearly 500.

Eagle Pass, Tex., July 26.—Arrival of Francisco Villa, bandit chieftain, at Sabinas this morning was immediately followed by sharp encounter with government forces numbering about 25, according to information reaching Eagle Pass late today. It is said Villa's force totals between 300 and 500.

A report reaching Eagle Pass tonight says Villa has taken Carl Haeglin, an American president of the Sabinas brewery and is holding him for ransom.

Villa, who, advisers say, came to Sabinas to negotiate by telegraph with the De La Huerta government on terms of surrender, will start on another warpath if his terms are not accepted, it is reported here. Refugees are fleeing to Piedras Negras from the Sabinas district, fearing trouble as a result of Villa's presence, it is understood.

IRISH SITUATION VERY ALARMING, PLUNKETT SAYS

Moderate Nationalist Leader Declares Conditions Are Worst in 40 Years.

London, July 26.—Sir Horace Plunkett, founder of the Irish dominion league and leader of the moderate Irish nationalist opinion, told a New Castle audience Sunday that the situation in Ireland is more alarming than within his knowledge of 40 years.

A similar view is reflected by the newspapers of England and Ireland. It found expression in the speeches Thursday in the House of Commons, even Sir Edward Carson declaring he had never known anything like the state of anarchy prevailing, and that "in three-quarters of Ireland, the British government has been entirely beaten."

The rioting in Belfast subsided today but there are plenty of signs that the lull is only temporary.

Both from Premier Lloyd George's statement to the labor delegation Thursday and from Sir Hamar's speech it is considered apparent that the government regards that a parting of the ways has been reached. One road leads toward negotiation with the Sinn Fein on the basis of a dominion form of government, the other apparently leads toward the bitter penitential which Sir Hamar foresees, with more soldiers and stricter laws for repression, foremost among them for the trial of criminals by the summer courts and the giving up of attempts to induce jurymen to answer to a summons.

Two More Tremors In Los Angeles Rock City, Damage Said Slight

Los Angeles, Cal., July 26.—A sharp earthquake shock woke Los Angeles at 4:12 this morning. A few chimneys were knocked down, dishes broken and windows rattled.

Full Corn Crop Assured Kansas by Heavy Rain

Topeka, Kan., July 26.—An all-night rainfall ranging from an inch to three and a quarter inches fell over the northern two-thirds of the state last night, practically assuring a full corn crop in the heaviest corn producing portion of the state. According to S. D. Flora, official meteorologist, this is the first year on record in which the state will yield bumper wheat and corn crops the same year.

Tonopah, Nev., Has Increase Of But 244 In Last Decade

Washington, July 26.—Tonopah, Nev., 4,144, increase 244, or 6.3 per cent. Jacksonville, Tex., 3,723, increase 848, or 22.5 per cent. Pawhuska, Okla., 6,414, increase 1,638, or 25.5 per cent. Grass Valley, Cal., 4,006, decrease 514, or 12.8 per cent. Grants Pass, Ore., 3,151, decrease 728, or 23.1 per cent. Marshfield, Ore., 4,034, increase 1,054, or 26.1 per cent.

Archbishop Mannix Barred From England

London, July 26.—Archbishop Daniel J. Mannix of Melbourne, Australia, will not be allowed to land in England because of his recent utterances, Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons today.

Sunflower State Fairly Staggering Under Crop; Shortage of Cars Serious

Wheat Harvest, Now Practically Over, Shows Next To Largest Production in History—Governor Allen Besieged by Countless Calls—Transportation Far Behind Movement in Former Years.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha See Leased Wire. Topeka, Kan., July 26.—Kansas is fairly staggering under the weight of its crops. More than \$1,000,000,000 in round numbers will be the measure of its farm products this year, but the breakdown of the railroad has halted the movement of the crops to market. The farmers, by harder work, have overcome the shortage of labor, which appears to have been overestimated; the wheat harvest, a whopping crop that has exceeded only once in the history of the state—1914—is almost finished; Kansas is ready to help fill the world's bread basket, but now it cannot get the freight cars.

From one end of the state to the other arises one call for cars, and Gov. Henry Allen every day or two tries to prod up the Interstate Commerce commission. Where in former years granger roads would have thousands of grain-tight cars on sidings ready for the clean-up, this year sees them so far behind that the wheat movement today is only a third of what it was a year ago. The Santa Fe, for instance, last week had 15,638 box cars less than it had a year ago. The cars that went into the pool under government control of the roads have not returned from foreign lines.

Cars in Bad Condition. All the wheat-shipping roads are suffering from strayed equipment and diminished facilities, not only that, but a large percentage of the cars which are on the granger rails are dilapidated and leaky. For example, when the government ordered

cars to be sent to the relief of the grain states, the Santa Fe was given an allotment of 5,420. Up to July 20 the road had received only 966 cars from that source, and of these only 274, or 28 per cent, were grain-tight.

As one travels through the villages, two or three cars are on sidings which usually would have 12 to 20 and they are generally patched up with paper and boards—they almost look like carrying grain in a sieve. The wheat growers are as hard put for transportation as industry in general.

It demonstrates stronger than ever that carrier facilities are the real measure of the nation's business. Governor Allen wired Washington yesterday that at the present rate it will take two years to move the 1920 crop. The roads are so short of cars that wheat eagles on a car is worth 12 or 14 cents a bushel more than the same quality of grain in an elevator a road away.

Hold Last Year's Crop. To make matters worse, when the harvest started in Kansas a few weeks ago, there were still some 15,000,000 bushels of last year's crop left on the farms and in the country elevators, all due to the railroad situation.

Thrashing is going on. Some of the farmers have bought metal granaries, iron tanks into which the grain is poured right on the field and left there in storage. But the demand for these granaries has been such that the supply has been exhausted. Some are stacking their wheat with a

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BOSTON WIZARD OF FINANCE IS BEING AUDITED ALLIED MISSION RAISES HOPES OF POLES IN WARSAW

Variance in Exchange Said to Be Reaping Immense Profit For Financiers and Backers.

Boston, July 26.—A bar was placed today on the rush of people to take money to Charles Ponzi, head of the Securities Exchange company, on his promise to repay with 50 per cent profit in 45 days.

After a conference with District Attorney Pelletier, Ponzi, whose business is described as exchanging international receipts on bonds from one country to another, was ordered to accept no further acceptances until an auditor selected by the district attorney has examined his accounts which are said to total millions.

The district attorney said the action was taken "in no sense a final closing down of the business." For several weeks, crowds have flocked to Ponzi's offices and given their savings in exchange for notes of the company for the principal plus 50 per cent payable in 90 days. Invariably, Ponzi is said to have paid off the notes in 45 days and there has been no complaint that any person who failed to receive money when due.

Ponzi described his exchange system as being based on the use of the international reply coupon authorized under the international postal agreement as the medium for taking advantage of the difference in rates of exchange.

With the deposits, Ponzi explained, he converts American dollars into Italian lire or other foreign money. Then, through agents abroad, international reply coupons are purchased, redeemable at the normal and not the prevailing rate of exchange. The coupons are then transmitted from more European countries to another, gathering profits through speeding differences in rates of exchange, with assured non-payment for redemption, until the transaction is completed and the proceeds reconverted into American dollars. This usually takes 45 days, according to Ponzi, who says his profits have reached 400 per cent in some transactions.

Ponzi, in a statement, said he confers with the officials were at his suggestion and were due to his desire to prove his operations were legitimate and his business solvent. He set his indebtedness "in at \$3,000,000 at the most," and said he had several million dollars more than enough to cover it on deposit.

Self-Confessed Wife Murderer Hung by Mob. Fayetteville, W. Va., July 26.—William Bennett, jr., of Fayetteville, son of Judge William R. Bennett, was taken from jail by a mob of 100 men and lynched, after having been given a life sentence for the murder of his wife, to which charge he had pleaded guilty.

His wife was well known as a writer and editor.

Will Confer With Polish Government On Military Situation—French Ambassador to U. S. in Charge.

Warsaw, July 26.—(By The Associated Press).—Nineteen members of the special British and French missions sent here to look into Poland's military situation and Lord D'Abernon, British ambassador to Germany, were met by representatives of the Polish government. "Vast crowds who had been reading the newspaper accounts of the allied negotiations in Poland's behalf, assembled and showed their entertained great hopes on the outcome of the deliberations of the missions.

The British and French delegates were received officially by M. Skulski, minister of the interior in the new cabinet of the government of Poland, getting the head of the mission met Premier Witos. One of the first questions placed before the mission was that of the disposition of war materials for Poland which have just arrived at the port of Danzig and which the working men are refusing to load in order to prevent Poland getting them. The dock laborers and soviet emissaries in Danzig are distributing anti-Polish propaganda.

Poles and Bolsheviks Arrange for Conference

London, July 26.—The peace conference between the Russians and Poles will begin at Baranovitchi, 85 miles southwest of Minsk, on July 30, and the armistice will start the same day, The Associated Press learned today.

The Lloyd George boundary line will hold in the north, and the actual military in the south on July 30 will be observed.

Commissioners Comment On Jump in City Gas Rate

City commissioners gave varied opinions on the increase in gas rates under municipal ownership yesterday.

Commissioner Ure: "You know I voted against the purchase of the gas plant. I told you so."

Commissioner Zimman: "I'm sorry the gas rate went up. The gas rate is all right. It may come down."

WAITER GIVES UP IN PROBE OF MURDER

Dale Mann Surrenders to Police to Clear Name of Suspicion in Connection With Mystery Case.

ENDS LONG SEARCH BY DETECTIVES OF OMAHA

Detention of Restaurant Employee Leaves Police to Develop Theory That Slain Girl Was Alice Massette.

Lester Dale Mann, a waiter, 115 South Twenty-fourth street, wanted in connection with the murder case of the "mystery girl" gave himself up to police at 10:45 Sunday.

"I want to clear my name of this affair," he told Detective Trapp. Police had been searching for Mann since last November when an identification was made that the murdered girl was Alice Massette, reported to have been a former sweetheart of Mann.

Denies Charges. Mann told police he has not seen Miss Massette for two years. Police have not learned the whereabouts of Miss Massette since her disappearance after Mann had been married in Kansas City to another girl.

Mrs. Harry Wymore, proprietress of a restaurant at 105 South Fifteenth street, who was mentioned as having seen Alice Massette in Omaha last February, declared there was confusion of Miss Massette's name with a Lena Hansen, who was so identified as the "mystery girl."

Detective Trapp declares Mann is the first principal in the "mystery girl" case to be arrested.

Theory is Discredited. Other detectives discredit Trapp's theory of the case. They are convinced the "mystery girl" remains unidentified and that she was murdered by one of a gang of criminals in a roadhouse on East Locust street.

With the arrest of Dale Mann it remains for police to clear up the theory that the murdered girl was Alice Massette.

Referring to the announcement that Miss Massette was seen in Omaha last February, Mrs. Wymore, a former employer of the girl, declared:

"I remember now, it wasn't Alice but Lena Hansen who turned up after the 'mystery girl' was identified as she."

To Detective Trapp, Mann said: "I've heard my name connected with this affair so many times I want to clear myself of it."

Scots at Identification. Identification of the "mystery girl," murdered about November 17, and found in a ravine north of Florence, as described by the Nonpareil of Council Bluffs last Saturday, further shattered when George Scheschy, at whose roadhouse on East Omaha, the Nonpareil said the murder was committed, recalled that his place was closed from October 25 to December 13 by district court injunction.

The Nonpareil story tells of "hush money" being spent at my place," said Mr. Scheschy. "We didn't even have our place open at that time. We were gathering our corn crop then, because district court enjoined the roadhouse from doing business."

Man Wounds His Wife; Talk of Son's Welfare And Then He Kills Her. Vancouver, B. C., July 26.—How he shot his wife in Stanley park on last Monday evening, and as she lay dying on the ground, had discussed with her the future for two sons, aged 4 and 5 years, and how it had finally ended her life, which he should have moved, bullets, was the amazing story told to city police headquarters yesterday by William George Robbins, aged 30, of this city.

The murdered wife was a niece of Robbins, who worked into the station yesterday. He described a quarrel, the shooting in a life, then he told of hiding the body and of his later visits to the spot, where he placed a wreath of flowers on the remains.

Finally, he said, he had planned suicide, but his nerve had failed him and he had decided upon surrendering.

Two Cabinet Members To-Tour Yellowstone

Helena, Mont., July 26.—Two cabinet members, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Payne, accompanied by the United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh, left here today to tour Yellowstone park. The secretaries are on their way from Alaska to Washington, Gov. S. V. Stewart of Montana and Mrs. Daniels are expected to join them for the park trip.

British Have No Intention Of Withdrawing Home Rule. London, July 26.—The British government has no intention of withdrawing the bill for home rule for Ireland, Premier Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons today. It would press the measure forward with all possible speed when the house reassembled after the holiday recess, he added.

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CALL OFF YACHT RACE WHEN WIND STARTS TO BLOW

Second "No-Race" Announcement After Six Hours Wallowing in Breezy Sea—Cover Nine Miles.

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The Weather

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2 "BABES IN WELL" STILL PUZZLE COPS

H. S. Kent, Doctor, Lawyer, Philosopher and Friend of Creighton College Professor, Remains Firm in Denial.

MISS LOUISE BOEKE SAYS SHE IS NOT THE MOTHER

Neighbors Point Finger of Guilt at Woman Involved By Police Theory—Nurses Name Infants the "Wells."

Police say Miss Louise Boeke, 3014 California street, is the mother of the two babies found Saturday night in an abandoned well just north of the White House market. Thirty-third and California streets, and that H. S. Kent, a boarder at the Boeke home, now under arrest, is the father of the children and that he placed them in the well.

Miss Boeke insists she has not given birth to any children and her mother says she is certain her daughter was not in such a condition. The children, according to police, were born some time Friday. Miss Boeke admits she was ill Friday, but Saturday and Sunday she was not even confined to bed. Monday she stood at a window and watched a photographer take a picture.

Kent Remains Firm. Kent says he doesn't know anything about the case. He refuses to make any statement other than that if Miss Boeke gave birth to any children he was not the father.

At the hospital there seems to be some difference of opinion as to whether the babies are twins. It is said the girl was the second and apparently a day older than the boy.

Also, nurses say, the children bear evidence of having had expert medical attention at the time of birth and their condition indicates they were born of mothers who previously had given birth to children. Last night Dr. R. Fallon said that after a careful examination he was unable to say whether the babies were twins.

On the other hand, police and several neighbors say they are positive Miss Boeke is the mother of the children and that she gave birth to them last Friday.

Neighbor Tells Story. Mrs. Lola McCaffrey, 3045 California street, is quoted by police as saying that at noon Friday Miss Boeke called her and thanked her for a book she had borrowed, and that at 12:30 she knew a baby was being born at the Boeke home. Also, police claim, Mrs. McCaffrey said she had seen Kent slip out of the darkened Boeke home Friday night with two baskets similar to the one in which the second baby was found in the well.

Mrs. C. B. Lungate, 3047 California street, who is a next door neighbor of Mrs. McCaffrey, corroborates the statements entirely. "I absolutely know that Miss Boeke gave birth to the children," she said. "I was out my back porch at the time and Mrs. McCaffrey and I both knew that a baby had been born."

Mrs. Lungate further explained that the girl's mother could not believe her daughter to have done wrong, and was easily led by "Doc" Kent to believe that the girl had some other illness.

"The mother of the neighbors who doubt that the children are Miss Boeke's," said Mrs. Lungate, "all believe it to be absolutely the case."

Mrs. Lungate also saw Mr. Kent (Continued on Page Two, Column One).

Negro Gets Penitentiary Term for Assault on Woman

Although Chief Deputy County Attorney Coffey told District Judge Trost that he "did not believe about the case," he insisted today that William Thomas, colored, plead guilty to assault with intent to wound instead of merely to assault and battery. Thomas was sentenced to one to five years in the penitentiary.

The colored man did not have an attorney. He stated that James Secret, at whose home, 2722 Burdett street, he roomed, cut him on the arm before he cut her. He said he acted in self-defense. Mrs. Secret was not present.

"I'm a hard working man, judge, and I don't believe in cutting nobody," said Thomas.

Secure Pledges to Insure Passage of Suffrage Act

Nashville, Tenn., July 26.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the American National Woman Suffrage association, announced here that she had obtained pledges to insure ratification of the federal suffrage amendment by the special session of the Tennessee legislature, which Governor Roberts has announced he will call for August 9.

Los Angeles Will Add 27 Square Miles to Its Present Land Expanse. Los Angeles, Cal., July 26.—Los Angeles, already one of the largest cities in area, has taken steps to annex another addition. Baldwin Hills, a tract of ranch land containing about 27 square miles, southwest of the city.

Owners of the tract desire annexation, the annexation and consolidation commission of Los Angeles has announced, so they may be supplied with city water for irrigation.

Los Angeles at present has an area of 365.72 square miles. The last addition was a tract of about 3,000 acres adjoining Annandale, north of the city.

Ranch owners near Chatsworth Park, in the western end of San Fernando Valley, have petitioned the city council asking that their lands, comprising about four square miles, be joined to the city, so they may obtain water.

Delegates Reach Paris for Jewish Relief Meeting. Paris, July 26.—(Jewish Telegraph Agency).—Ninety delegates representing 60 organizations from different parts of the globe, have already reached here on their way to attend the Jewish world relief conference which has been called by the committee of Jewish delegations in Paris. The conference will open at the Kurhaus Carlsbad, on August 1. It will deliberate on ways and means of reconstructing war-ravaged areas in Europe.

Conscientious Objectors On Ten-Day Hunger Strike. Salt Lake City, Utah, July 26.—Ben J. Salzman, serving a five-year sentence for desertion, at Fort Douglas, near here, has been on a hunger strike for more than 10 days. Selman, whose sentence followed refusal to serve in the army under the selective service act, on the ground of conscientious scruples against war, was removed to the post hospital for observation and treatment.

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