

The Asheville Gazette News.

SEARCHING FOR MEX. INVADERS

Mysterious Automobile Expedition Into U. S. Supposed To Have Been Made by Huerta Recruits.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN A HUNDRED MACHINES

Opinions Vary as to Purpose Of Invasion—Villa Joins In Search on the Mexican Side.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 12.—Sharp eyed United States troopers searched through stunted brush along the sandy plains stretching back from the Rio Grande today for the Mexicans who started an automobile expedition from the American side of the border last night with the probable purpose of joining federal forces south of the border of harassing the rebel garrison at Juarez.

The alarm reached General Scott in command at Fort Bliss about 10 o'clock last night. Ranchers along the road near Ysleta telephoned into the city to find out the cause for such an unusual number of automobiles, some of which were covered with canvas and apparently carried boxes.

Counts of the number of these varied from ten to fifty, but inquiry at Ysleta today indicated that there were more than a hundred.

Mrs. Mary O'Neil, telephone operator at Ysleta, saw six of them seemingly laden with boxes under their canvas covers, turn toward the river. They were without lights, and she thought that the machines disappeared in some of the numerous corrals in Ysleta and there were unloaded.

The only soldier so far to have seen any of the alleged Huerta recruits was Corporal Kaufman of troop A., 25th cavalry. He was stationed at a village east of Ysleta, and when the alarm sounded he was dispatched to Ysleta to guide other troops hurrying to that point. He arrived ahead of the reinforcements and lay in the ditch from which he says he saw the detachments of about 15 men each make a rush toward the river.

All night the Americans searched along the Rio Grande but did not catch sight of their quarry.

To all appearances they had escaped. According to Mrs. O'Neil, a Franco Mexican had been collecting intelligence Tuesday. They came in small groups and were reticent about their business. Refugees are not uncommon in this part of the country but the number was unusual.

General Francisco Villa, commanding the rebel forces, received an intimation of the situation at Ysleta and sent small detachments east along the Mexican bank of the river to capture to invaders. They did capture 10 men, but six of these proved to be harmless peons, and the other four were held for further investigation. Villa during the night sent out reinforcements and as they returned he said today that they should not have great difficulty catching up with the dismounted recruits.

General Villa said he hoped that the recruits got across the river for if the Americans captured them they would only be imprisoned while he could shoot them.

The movements of the automobiles constitute one of the mysteries of the night. Every road into El Paso was watched after the alarm but no prisoners were taken, although several persons insisted that there were many more machines and that most of them carried armed men. There is direct evidence of only those seen by Mrs. O'Neil.

In an adobe hut which formed part of the corral at Ysleta American troops found a large stock of saddles which appeared nearly new. To one of saddles was attached a box full of fuses. These suggested that the recruits, if such they really were, had in mind the destruction of the railroad south of Juarez in order to delay the movement of additional rebel troops south for the impending attack on Torreon.

American cavalry officers early today held up five men and a woman in a Brooks street cafe near the Bowery, relieving their victims of a large sum of money and jewelry. Antonio Celantano, who resisted the gangsters, was stabbed in the hip and side. His condition is serious.

RIVERS-HARBORS BILL PUBLISHED

Appropriations Larger Than Last Year's Because of Urgent Appeals.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The rivers and harbors appropriation bill carrying \$43,000,000 for waterway improvements throughout the country was formally made public today. Chairman Sparkman of the house rivers and harbors committee will report it to the house in a few days and press for its speedy passage.

Last year's river and harbor bill carried appropriations aggregating about \$48,000,000. This year's appropriations are larger than was at first contemplated because of the urgent appeals of advocates of waterway improvements from various parts of the country.

The bill in addition to the large number of appropriations for continuing work already in progress in many states, provides for many new projects. The sum of \$13,400,000 is provided for developing the East river and removing Hellgate and other ledges there that threaten navigation in New York harbor. Other projects include the purchase of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal between Chesapeake bays for \$1,300,000, and its development to accommodate ocean commerce, and a \$7,000,000 appropriation for improvement of the Mississippi from its mouth to Rock Island.

The bill does not provide for the proposed waterway from the Delaware bay to New York upon which the war department had adversely reported. The project is part of the ultimate scheme for an intercoastal waterway from Boston to Beaufort, N. C. Both the army engineering board and the rivers and harbors committee agreed that the time was not yet ripe for an appropriation for the proposed waterway.

Many southern rivers and harbors received appropriations under the bill, both for immediate use and in some cases larger authorizations for total projects where the work will require several years for completion. Those affecting North Carolina included:

Virginia and North Carolina—Inland Waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort, N. C., Inlet, N. C., \$300,000.

Waterway from Norfolk, Va., to the sounds of North Carolina, \$3,000.

North Carolina—Cape Lookout harbor of refuge, \$300,000; Beaufort harbor, \$5,000; Beaufort Inlet, \$10,000; Morehead City harbor \$2,000; Meherrin river, \$1,000; Roanoke river, \$2,000; Scuppernon river, \$33,800; Fishing creek, \$1,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$18,500; Bay river, \$1,000; Contentina creek, \$2,000; Smith's creek, \$2,000; Neuse and Trent rivers, \$37,000; Swift creek, \$500; Northeast Cape Fear river, \$25,375; Northeast and Black rivers and Cape Fear river above Wilmington (open channel work) \$13,000; Cape Fear river above Wilmington (locks and dams) \$91,000; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington, \$115,000; Shallotte river \$1,000; Bennett river, \$6,000; Deep creek, \$5,400; Newhagen creek, \$5,000; waterway from Pamlico sound to Beaufort Inlet, \$4,000; New river, including waterways between New river and Swansboro and between Beaufort harbor and New river, \$28,500; North Carolina and South Carolina Lumber river, \$3,000.

KOETTERS ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF MR. KRAFT

Apprehended Man Admits His Name But Denies He Did Killing.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 12.—John B. Koettler, wanted in Chicago for the murder in a hotel there of Mrs. Emma Kraft of Cincinnati, was arrested here today.

A woman with whom Koettlers had been in partnership in the operation of a lodging house revealed his identity to the police.

The man admitted that he was Koettlers, but denied that he was concerned in the murder.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—An immediate effort will be made to return Koettlers to Chicago and have him placed on trial for the murder of Mrs. Kraft, the police said today.

INTENSE COLD IN THE EAST

Low Temperatures Center in N. Y. and New England—Another Disturbance Is Headed this Way.

SEVERAL TOWNS HAVE "COLD WEATHER FIRES"

Firemen Suffer Keenly While Fighting Outbreaks—Families in New York Are Rendered Homeless.

Washington, Feb. 12.—With an area of biting cold centered in New York state and New England early today a second disturbance was preparing to sweep northeastward from Texas that threatened to bring snow storms to the middle Atlantic territory and rain to the gulf states.

In western New York the lowest temperatures noted in ten years were recorded. At several points the mercury reached 34 below zero. In some parts of eastern New York it was the winter's coldest day with temperatures ranging at 36 and 37 below zero.

In several towns there were the usual number of "cold weather" fires and firemen suffered keenly in fighting the outbreaks.

Boston, Feb. 12.—A quick drop in temperature carried the mercury early today to 11 degrees below zero, the lowest point reached in this city for several years.

The water froze so fast that firemen were forced to leave their ladders and work entirely from the ground at a fire which damaged a manufacturing building on Haverhill street.

Hampers Frozen.—Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Two hotels, four stores and five dwellings were destroyed by fire at Harrisville, N. Y., last night causing a loss of \$100,000.

Intense cold hampered the efforts of the firemen. Water turned into ice almost before it fell. The temperature was 20 degrees below zero.

The Kenwood hotel, one of those destroyed, was a well known resort for Adirondack sportsmen.

50 Families Homeless.—New York, Feb. 12.—With the thermometer within a few degrees of zero, 50 families were driven into the streets early today by a fire that burned out one five-story apartment building adjoining it. Neighbors collected clothing for the refugees and Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, who passed the fire scene while on his way home from a banquet provided funds to care for the homeless, a score of whom were injured. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Extremely Cold.—Utica, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Extreme temperature prevailed in central and northern New York today. Tupper Lake and Lake Clear junction in the Adirondacks, reported 28 degrees below zero; Utica thermometers registered 20 degrees below.

Below Zero.—New York, Feb. 12.—The official mercury in New York, driven far downward in the second severe cold snap of the winter, dipped one below zero at 7 A. M. today and was still at the zero mark at 10.

22 Degrees Below.—Scheneectady, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Thermometers here registered 22 degrees below zero today.

28,000 LONGSHOREMEN ORDERED TO TRIKE

New York, Feb. 12.—A strike of 28,000 longshoremen to begin Monday was ordered today by the greater New York council of the International Longshoremen's union.

The trouble arises over the refusal of the Beerside White Coal company which supplies practically all of the trans-Atlantic steamship company, to pay the longshoremen more than \$50 a month.

The longshoremen assert that they have agreements with 178 other companies to pay \$60 a month. The coal company, which employs about 5,000 longshoremen, refused to treat personally with the union officers. The union is hopeful that the company will give in before Monday.

INFANT ORPHANLY IN N. Y. HAS SLIGHTLY DECREASED

New York, Feb. 12.—Infant mortality in New York city has decreased in the last year from 106.3 a thousand to 101.9, according to the report read today at the second annual meeting of the Babies' Welfare association.

Never Quarreled.—New York, Feb. 12.—After 65 years of married life Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tuttle, of Spenk, L. I., said at their anniversary celebration yesterday that in all these years they never had quarreled. He is 87, and she is 84.

SIMON ATTACKS THE UNIONISTS

Says Purpose of Amendment To Submit Home Rule Bill To People Is to Tear Up Act.

WOULD BLOCK BILL THREE MORE SESSIONS

Sir Edward Carson Declares King's Speech Is Confession Bill Failed to Furnish Solution.

London, Feb. 12.—Whether home rule for Ireland should include Ulster again was the center of interest in house of commons yesterday. Sir John Simon, the attorney general, attacked the unionist amendment to the reply to the king's speech. The amendment declared "that it would be disastrous for the house to proceed further with the government for Ireland bill until the measure had been submitted to the judgment of the country."

The attorney general said: "The real purpose of this amendment is to tear up the parliament act. Even in the event of a general election returning the liberals to power it would mean a new parliament and the house of lords would be free to block the home rule bill for another three sessions."

Sir Edward Carson, head of the "provisional government," of Ulster, said: "Never before in a speech from the throne has a statement of such unparalleled gravity been made in reference to the domestic relations of the fellow citizens of Ireland as were made by King George yesterday."

The words put into the king's mouth by the cabinet ministers are a condemnation of the home rule bill and a confession that it is utterly failed to furnish a solution of the Irish question. There is small wonder in view of this confession that the government shirks the idea of leaving the decision to the voice of the people."

MRS. BOND TESTIFIES OF GORE'S ALLEGED ATTACK

She Says She Met Senator at Hotel at His Own Suggestion.

Okla. City, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Minnie E. Bond today gave her version in district court of what occurred at a Washington hotel March 24 last when it is alleged she was attacked by United States Senator Thomas P. Gore. Mrs. Bond, who is seeking to recover \$50,000 damages, charged that she was seized by Senator Gore while discussing with him the prospects of her husband, Julian Bond, securing a federal appointment. She declared that she met the senator at his suggestion.

The trial began yesterday. Against the contention of the plaintiff, counsel for Senator Gore charged the suit was a result of political conspiracy, that it was the senator who was seized and that he met Mrs. Bond at her request. Twelve witnesses have been summoned by the defense and about the same number by the plaintiff. Of the latter T. E. Robertson, James Jacobs and Kirby Fitzpatrick, all of Oklahoma, will be called as eye witnesses to the alleged occurrence.

The majority of the jury are farmers and all comparatively young men. In politics six declared themselves to be democrats, five members of the progressive party and one a socialist.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY MAKES LOAN TO CHINESE

Peking, Feb. 12.—The Standard Oil company today made a loan to the Chinese government in return for oil concessions which are described as very important.

AMNESTY TO PRISONERS.

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 12.—A bill extending a general amnesty to all political prisoners in Portugal except those also accused of felonies is to be laid before the Portuguese parliament tomorrow by the cabinet.

Navy Expansion.—Tokio, Japan, Feb. 12.—The Japanese house of representatives today adopted the budget which provides an appropriation of \$2,000,000 spread over five years for the expansion of the navy.

LYNCH HEAD OF BIG CONCERN

Is President of Southern Investment & Amusement Co. Chartered in Florida and Georgia.

CAPITALIZED AT \$250,000; WITH \$100,000 PAID IN

The Organization Perfected at Jacksonville Saturday—Controls Number of Big Theaters in South.

Information was received here yesterday afternoon from Jacksonville of the organization there last Saturday of the Southern Investment & Amusement company, incorporated under the laws of Florida and Georgia, with an authorized capital stock of \$250,000 and \$100,000 paid in. The company controls a number of the largest and finest theaters in the south, located in Jacksonville, Atlanta and elsewhere, it is stated. The officers of the company are: S. A. Lynch of Asheville, president; A. J. Sherrer of Philadelphia, vice-president; D. J. Prince of Jacksonville, secretary; and John T. Alsop of Jacksonville, treasurer.

Just before leaving on a business trip for Chicago last night, Mr. Lynch was asked by a Gazette-News reporter concerning the organization of this big corporation and he confirmed the details of the organization as received from Jacksonville. Mr. Lynch stated that the company now controls two of the biggest theaters in Jacksonville and will immediately begin the creation of a third, to cost between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

Mr. Lynch also stated that his connection with this new investment and amusement concern will in no way affect any of his interests in Asheville, Richmond, Columbia and Augusta.

Mr. Lynch began his career in the theatrical business here about five years ago when he took over the Gaiety and Palace theaters. Since that time he has developed the amusement business here on a scale that was never before known in the city, opening the Princess and Galax, moving picture palaces; and the Majestic, the popular vaudeville and moving picture theater. His success here has been equally in other cities, and about a year ago he took over the Montgomery theater in Atlanta, together with the billiard parlors operated in connection with it. Both the theater and the parlors are considered the finest in the south and represent an investment of \$75,000.

VIEWS DIVERGE ON TRUST LAWS

NEW MARINE LAWS MAY BE ADOPTED

Inquiry Into Monroe Disaster May Result in New Navigation Regulations.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12.—Inquiry into the collision between the steamships Nantucket and Monroe off the Virginia coast where 41 lives were lost probably will lead to changes in the regulations for the navigation of coast wise vessels and also to the adoption of rules increasing the efficiency of the wireless operators so as to assist commanders to ascertain the proximity of other ships during foggy weather.

During the examination yesterday of Captain E. E. Johnson of the Monroe in the trial of Captain Omeroy Berry, commander of the Nantucket, charged with negligence, the Monroe captain said that operators do not always answer question from other ships with relation to their position. The local steamboat inspectors are inquiring into the wireless situation and expect to put the surviving operators of the two ships through an exhaustive examination.

It is expected the trial of Captain Berry will last several weeks. Representatives from shipping interests all along the Atlantic coast are watching the proceedings. Testimony in the case is expected to be an important factor in the damage suits that have been filed.

Corrects Testimony.—Captain Johnson, resuming the witness stand today, corrected his testimony of yesterday when he said he judged the Nantucket by the sound of her whistle in the fog was about 375 feet off the starboard bow of the Monroe. After reflection he said he judged the distance was about one thousand feet. Yesterday he testified that he first saw the boom of the Nantucket's lights 340 feet away in starboard bow. He changed this distance to 380 feet.

Under international rules a vessel meeting another on the starboard bow must give the other vessel the right of way. Under this rule the Nantucket should have kept her course and speed. Captain Johnson was unable to say whether the Nantucket kept her course and speed in the fog.

Two Shocks Felt.—Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 12.—Two distinct shocks, apparently earthquakes, were felt in this city at 4 and 4:45 o'clock this morning.

Speakers at Meeting of U. S. Chamber of Commerce Differ Concerning Proposed Trust Regulation.

SECRETARY REDFIELD THE FIRST SPEAKER

F. F. Fish, Former President Of A. T. & T. Co., Opposes Administration's Tentative Program.

Washington, Feb. 12.—A law of maximum production at minimum cost which operates in favor of well organized independent manufacturing concerns of medium size is the governing factor in the trust problems Secretary Redfield declared today in opening the discussion on trust legislation before the chamber of commerce of the United States. Secretary Redfield did not touch upon any of the bills pending in congress. He declared that great manufacturing trusts had not succeeded in eliminating independent manufacturers in any line. The greatest return upon invested capital was paid, he said, by those independent companies in competition with trust organization.

Illustrating the law of production, he pointed out the unseen factors of cost which grew out of any attempt to increase the output of a given shop.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Sharply divergent views upon the administration's trust legislation program were expressed today at the second annual convention of the chamber of commerce of the United States. Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce was the first speaker.

For purposes of debate the convention program divided the subjects into these general heads: Concentration of industry in the United States. Should holding companies be abolished? What should be the rights and privileges of private parties? What should be the functions of a federal interstate trade commission? Is trust form of organization industrially effective? Vigorous opposition to the tentative anti-trust bills on the ground that insufficient study had been given the subject was voiced by Frederick P. Fish, former president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company. Concluding a lengthy review (Continued on Page Nine).

A big book on a big subject for a very small price.

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