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## VILLA WOULD BE PRESIDENT

Which is Declaration of One Close to Rebel Leader—Denies Power Will Be Curtailed.

AS BEEN DICTATOR FOR MANY MONTHS

Why Villa Will Not Attack Torreon Until Assured He Will Lose None of His Power.

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 14.—General Villa, the one time bandit, will be the next president of Mexico. That is the ambition and despite all reports to the contrary it will remain his ambition until he either is dead or president.

That declaration was made today a friend so close to General Villa to give authority to the assertion. It was prompted by reports that the coming of Chihuahua of General Carranza, recognized as the civil head of the revolution, was to bring about conditions more satisfactory to the government and to place in the hands of authority better advisers than General Villa appears to have in mind complications growing out of the killing of William S. Beaton, a fish subject.

That Villa and Carranza might get that they might publicly emerge as an evidence of their perfect harmony was given out as a possibility. Carranza is now on his way over from Sonora and a magnificent marble building has been proposed as the official residence in which he is perfect the details of government. It is stated emphatically that the coming of Carranza was to lessen any way the power now wielded by Villa, who for months has been a dictator.

General Villa will remain supreme commander through the progress of rebellion," said one of his advisers. "His succession of victories against the federal army, his sweeping away of the Huerta soldiers from the north of Mexico while Carranza remained in comparative obscurity on the Pacific slope, have so exalted him in the minds of his soldiers as to make his subordination to any one else improbable.

## ATLANTIC COMPANY AWARDED CONTRACT

Biltmore Road to be Paved by The Atlantic Bitulithic Company.

A contract was awarded to the Atlantic Bitulithic company at the meeting of the board of aldermen last night for the paving of the Biltmore road from the end of the present paving on South Main street to the Biltmore bridge. There were proposals from a number of firms for different sorts of paving but this was the only one for bitulithic. The latter paving was preferred by the board and the contract was immediately awarded to the Atlantic company.

The roadway will have a five-inch concrete foundation and will be put in at the rate of \$2.10 per square yard. With a four-inch concrete foundation the cost would have been \$2.02. It was stated at the board meeting that this is the best figure ever proposed by the company to a city in this state, as the rate has run between \$2.10 and \$2.25, with a four-inch concrete foundation specified.

For the excavation of all earth above the top of the proposed pavement, the Atlantic company will charge at the rate of 35 cents per square yard, the dirt to be moved within a radius of 1500 feet. For further removal, an additional cent will be added for each 100 feet. For the excavation of all rock not removable by pick or spool, the company will charge a rate of 80 cents a square yard. Straight four-inch curbing will be furnished and set at 45 cents per lineal foot, while the curved curbing of the same dimension will be furnished and placed at 50 cents a foot.

In the proposal made by the company, the board was requested to act on it as soon as convenient, so that if awarded to them the machinery could be immediately assembled and the work begun.

The roadway to be paved will be 40 feet wide and will cost approximately \$45,000, it is estimated. It will be recalled that the board of county commissioners voted some time ago to appropriate \$10,000 towards the undertaking, the city to accept the notes of the county for its part, each note to be for \$2000 and the first to mature one year from the date of the completion of the job.

Nothing else of great importance was considered at this meeting of the board, although several street matters were up for consideration. It was voted to purchase a new road machine but no arrangements made for such purchase. To the street committee was referred the complaint of the Victoria people relative to the condition of the Victoria road.

Relative to the paving along the Biltmore road, it was voted to notify the Asheville Power and Light company as to what kind of filling will be required along the new thoroughfare. The matter of laying sewers and water mains along the road was left to the sewer and water committees.

A request was submitted to the board by a large number of residents on Furman avenue, through J. Frazier Glenn as attorney, that the avenue be paved with bitulithic between College and Broad streets, it being stated that the sandclay road is by no means satisfactory. The matter was referred to the street committee for a report at the next meeting.

## TOLLS REPEAL IS DENOUNCED

Representative Knowland Submits Minority Report Opposing Repeal of U. S. Ship Exemption Act.

SCORES THE "PEACE AT ANY PRICE POLICY"

Insists America Cannot Maintain National Honor if This Point is Abjectly Surrendered.

Washington, March 14.—Denunciation of the Sims bill, which characterized as notice that the United States abandoned its policy of an American-controlled Panama canal and virtually surrendered its power to regulate its commerce because of the new "peace-at-any-price policy," featured a minority report to the house today by Representative Knowland of California against repeal of the tolls exemption.

The interstate commerce committee, of which Mr. Knowland is a member, has favorably reported the Sims bill, proposing a flat repeal.

The Knowland minority report said in part: "A situation unparalleled and unprecedented in history now confronts this nation. The passage of the bill would give a British interpretation to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and thus surrender for all time rights vitally affecting this nation, commercially, strategically and politically.

"Thousands of patriotic American citizens insist that we cannot maintain our national honor in the present controversy if we abjectly surrender every American right at Panama. The history of this country would have been less glorious had we failed to urge our contentions even when fully convinced of our right. When the Venezuela question stirred the nation it was a mistake, according to this new 'peace-at-any-price policy' for President Grover Cleveland to have declared in a message that commanded the respect of the world:

"Today the United States is practically sovereign upon this continent and its flag is law upon the subjects to which it confines its interposition."

The report warned the interstate commerce committee and members of the house that, by the provisions of the Sims bill, it would forever foreclose the right of the United States to pass through the canal, without payment of tolls, either battleships, revenue cutters, colliers, transports, or other government-owned craft.

The fact that the Supreme court rendered a decision which sustained the contention that the provisions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty are not applicable to vessels in the coastwise trade was cited as an additional argument against the repeal of the tolls exemption.

Representative Lafferty of Oregon in his report said there was no doubt but that any arbitration court would support the American contention in the tolls controversy.

**RUSSIAN GRAND DUCHESS TO BE TRIED IN SWEDEN**  
Wife of Prince William of Sweden Charged With Deserting Husband.

Stockholm, Sweden, March 14.—The Grand Duchess Pavlova of Russia, wife of Prince William of Sweden, second son of King Gustave V., was summoned today through the Swedish legation in St. Petersburg to appear in the court of Assizes at Stockholm. She will there have to answer a charge of having deserted her husband. Divorce proceedings between the royal couple have been in progress for some time.

## 15,000 PEOPLE TO LOSE JOBS

Those Employed by The U. S. Express Company Will Be Thrown Out of Work By Liquidation.

THEY RECEIVE ABOUT \$6,000,000 IN WAGES

President of Company Denies That Liquidation Is Result Of Establishment of Parcels Post.

New York, March 14.—The passing of the United States Express company which its directors yesterday voted to dissolve will throw 15,000 persons out of employment. They received in salary and wages approximately \$6,000,000 a year.

Many of these employees, especially in the larger offices, have grown old in the service of the company, and it was said today that few of them were financially able to retire from active employment of some sort.

The prospective dissolution will affect express service covering 32,938 miles of railroad with between 5,000 and 6,000 stations, according to a statement made public today by Duncan I. Roberts, president of the company since January 1913. Mr. Roberts denied that the parcel post was responsible for the proposed liquidation but said that the new rates fixed by the interstate commerce commission was the chief factor in influencing the directors. Mr. Roberts also blamed state rate commissions which he declared ordered rates in some instances lower than those fixed by the interstate commerce commission. Continuing Mr. Roberts said:

"There is no quarrel over the parcel post. It fills a want the express companies never could, with the utter impracticability of rural deliveries by them. The fault lies with the change in our rates."

The stockholders under the plan of liquidation, the terms of which remain to be decided, will probably get more than the present market value of the stock as the company's liquid assets are valued in excess of \$8,000,000. There are 1,556 stockholders on record, of which 740 are women.

The largest individual block, 21,000 shares is held by the estate of the late E. H. Harriman. The Platt holdings of 550 shares are much smaller than was generally believed.

**ELLIS ACCEPTS 15 YEARS IN PRISON**  
GIVEN ROAD SENTENCE FOR STEALING WHISKEY

Chicago, March 14.—William Cheney Ellis, Cincinnati merchant, convicted of killing his wife accepted a sentence of 15 years in the state penitentiary today without making an effort to get a new trial. Formal motion for retrial made by Ellis' counsel, was withdrawn and Judge Pett imposed the sentence set by the jury.

The imposition of the sentence by Judge Pett was marked by a denunciation from the bench directed at Ellis' counsel, whom he accused of "abandoning his client at a preliminary stage" of his fight for life.

Judge Pett directed Stephen Malato, assistant state's attorney, to investigate the conduct of Dr. Thomas Hogan, jail physician, who testified for Ellis.

## NO PROTEST FOR STANDARD OIL

Practically Certain That Will Not Attempt to Protect Oil Company in Germany.

PROPOSAL TO PARTIALLY COMPENSATE STANDARD

Offer Of Corporation Not to Exceed Specified Maximum Price Is Also Being Considered.

Berlin, March 14.—The decision of the United States government not to protest in favor of the Standard Oil company against the German oil monopoly bill conforms with the expectations of the German government. It was announced today. A report of the government informed the committee in charge of the bill in the imperial parliament that American retaliatory action might be a deterrent factor against the legislation but asserted he was confident this would not occur. It is generally understood here that the Standard Oil company is not asking the American government to protest against the German oil monopoly, the establishment of which is well within the prerogative of the German government. The company, however, wishes the American government to support its demand that the German monopoly bill be amended in order to compensate the company for its loss of business and its investments in Germany. The bill proposes to compensate the Standard Oil company but only for the equipment of its wholesale business established before March 1912, within the customs limits. Nothing is to be given for the retailing equipment which cost \$2,000,000 of the good will. The saloon for the refinery in the free port of Bremen, outside of the customs zone, or for the expensive establishment at Hamburg erected two years ago.

Although the United States government has not protested against the passage of the oil monopoly bill, it recently requested a postponement of action in the matter, pending determination of the American standpoint.

The German imperial parliament did not pay any heed to this request but continued its discussion of the measure in committee. The progress made there is very slow but the ultimate enactment of the bill appears to be certain, although an alternative proposal by the Standard Oil company to give a guarantee not to exceed a specified maximum price during the next decade is receiving serious consideration.

**JAMES RAY, COLORED, GETS 60 DAYS FOR PURLOINING A GALLON JUG.**

James Ray, colored, was given a sentence of 60 days on the county roads in Police court this morning on charges of stealing a gallon of whiskey from Mattie Smith, colored, of 137 Eagle street last Monday morning.

Mattie swore that she ordered a gallon of whiskey and it arrived here last Monday; that she took it home, and put it in the kitchen, then locked the door and went out to work. Later, on her return, she saw it and Fred Fowler, colored, go in her house and come out with the whiskey, Fowler carrying it. She testified that she ran to them and demanded that the whiskey be returned to her, which they refused to do. She says that they kept going until lost to view and then she came to police headquarters and had a warrant sworn out. One other witness testified that she saw the negroes with the whiskey going down Eagle street.

Ray took the stand in his own behalf and denied that he stole the whiskey or knew that it was stolen. He said that he met Fowler and gave him 20 cents as his part towards buying a pint of whiskey and that Fowler said it could be bought from Mattie. He went on to say that Fowler went in the house and very soon came out with the gallon of whiskey and they left with it. He appealed from the judgment of the court and bond was fixed at \$200.

**"Oldest" Elk Dead.**  
Owosso, Mich., March 14.—Daniel O'Connell, known during the last few years as the oldest living member of the fraternal organization of Elks died at his home near here today. He was 109 years old. He was a member of the Owosso lodge of Elks.

## MILITANTS STILL SEEK REVENGE

CARRANZA ACCEDES TO U.S. DEMANDS

Consents to Let U. S. Consults Look After Interest of Other Foreigners.

Washington, March 14.—General Carranza has consented to have American consuls look after interests of foreigners in constitutionalist territory where their own governments have to consult representatives.

Where there are such representatives he suggests that even where their governments have recognized Huerta, these consuls can unofficially communicate with him without involving their governments. Also, he suggests his willingness to listen and heed any applications made to him directly by the friends and relatives of foreigners whose lives or property may be threatened and investigate every case and to punish any of his followers who may be culpable.

his is the substance of a telegraphic report made to Secretary Bryan today by American Consul Simpich.

**EAGLES' MEMORIAL SERVICE MARCH 22**  
Annual Event to be Held in Majestic Theater—Judge To Speak.

The Asheville aerie of Eagles No. 1377 will conduct the annual memorial service for departed members of the order on Sunday afternoon, March 22, at the Majestic theater. The service will be held at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and all preliminary arrangements have been made. One of the biggest events of its kind ever held here is anticipated.

Judge Thomas A. Jones will deliver the memorial address on this occasion while the eulogy will be presented by J. Scropo Styles. An elaborate musical program will be arranged for the occasion, the final program to be announced at an early date. Instrumental music will be furnished by a fifteen piece orchestra.

Suffragettes Smash Windows Of Home of Secretary McKenna To Avenge the "Cruelty to Leader."

SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOR

Mrs. Pankhurst Is Released—Arson Squad Sets Fire To Club House in Birmingham.

London, March 14.—Militant suffragettes smashed every pane of glass on the ground floor of the residence of Reginald McKenna, home secretary, in Smith Square, Westminster today. They were arrested. Mr. McKenna was not at home. The six women arrested gave false names. They were sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labor.

The policemen who had been on guard at Mr. McKenna's residence testified that the women "crept stealthily in Indian file along the side of the wall and then made a rush for the windows."

One of the prisoners, who gave the name "Boadicea," said in court: "I wouldn't have given much for him—Mr. McKenna—if we had got inside."

Another of the women said: "It is a lucky thing for you we do not shoot." All the women pleaded guilty and said they had been driven to break Mr. McKenna's windows by "the great brutality shown to our beloved leader."

The magistrate said he had never heard a sadder or more deplorable story than that which had been told to the court.

"Rot!" exclaimed one of the women. **Burn Club House.** Birmingham, England, March 14.—Militant suffragettes set the torch to the tennis club house and grandstand at the Olton club today. The building was destroyed.

**Shamrock for Celebration.** New York, March 14.—Seventeen thousand pots of shamrock were brought to port today by the Mauretania for the annual celebration of March 17.

The little green plants were looked after by loyal Irishmen in the Mauretania's crew.

**CHARRED BONES FOUND IN CLUB HOUSE RUINS**  
St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—A number of charred bones but no whole bodies were taken from the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club this morning. Twenty-three victims of the fire which destroyed the club and the boatman's bank building last Monday were recovered last night. The exact number of dead probably never will be known as the number and the condition of the human bones found among the ruins indicate that several of the dead were almost completely cremated. Of the 23 recovered bodies have been identified.

**TEN KILLED IN WRECK IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Also Fifteen Injured in Collision of Mail Train and Engine.

Temora, New South Wales, March 14.—Ten passengers were killed and fifteen injured in a collision today between a mail train and a freight locomotive at Exeter station. The accident occurred during a dense fog.

Among the killed were a man and his two daughters who were taking home the body of the man's wife, who had died in a hospital.

**Bishop Scarborough Dead.** Trenton, N. J., March 14.—The Rt. Rev. John Scarborough, D. D., Protestant Episcopal bishop of New Jersey, died at his home here today after a short illness. He was in his 83rd year.

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