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SECOND TRAGEDY IN PHILADELPHIA MURDER MYSTERY

Son of Prominent Retired Coal Operator Ends Life When About to be Arrested in Connection With Murder of Model

UNABLE TO SECURE FURTHER EVIDENCE

Missing Jewels Found in Pawn Shop, Pawned by the Murdered Woman to ! Purchase Christmas Presents; Ring Missing

(By The Associated Press.) Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 4.—Bernard Wesley Lewis, son of a prominent retired coal dealer of Pittsburgh, sought by the police in connection with the killing of Maxie Colbert, an artists's model, in her apartment at Philadelphia last week, shot and kilied himself tonight in his apartment in the exclusive State Villa here while two detectives were trying to gain entrance to his rooms. The ball from a new 22 calibre rifle went into his temple and death was believed to have been instantaneous.

Ended Life When Detectives Came When the detectives knocked on the door of his room, Lewis went into the bathroom, braced his feet against the head of the bath tub placed the rifle to his head and pulled the trigger. When the officers broke down intervening doors a few minutes after they heard the shot, they found the man dead.

The local department yesterday was requested by the Philadelphia police detectives, Farley and Totten who were assigned to the case, to end deavor to locate Lewis. They learned that the young man's father some years ago lived in a house near States Villa and they went to that hotel, but Lewis was not there nor had he made any reservation.

About 8 o'clock tonight a telephone mesage to Captain Malseed's office said a man answering the descrip-tion of Lewis had entered States Villa and was then eating dinner. Far-ley and Totten immediately rushed to the house where they learned that Lewis that gone to his room on that third floor. They hurried up the stairs and rapped on the door of the bedroom.

Who is there?" Lewis called out. "We have a message for you," Farlev answered.

heard a door slam and fe Lewis was attempting escape, hurried to an adjoining room, from which there was a communicating door to the bathroom of Lewis' apartment. As they tried the door the rifle shot They key hole to the second door had been plugged, but the detectives soon opened the door lead-ing to Lewis' bedroom. They found the door to the bedroom locked, and

were forced to break it open. Lewis was found half reclining in be bath tub, with his foot braced against the head. The trigger of the rifle was still clasped in his hand and the end of the carrel rested against his temple. The detectives saw at of Police Miller took temperar, charge of the body and County Phy temperary sician L. R. Souder expressed the opinion that death was instantaneous.

Captain of Detectives Tate, in a statement tonight, said that in his opinion Lewis is the man who committed the crime, but that investigation of the other ciues will continue. "If Lewis and Miss Colbert were in the room together when she was killed, it is possible that we may never know any more than we found out tonight,' he said

Jeweis Found in Pawn Shop The jewels missing from the Col-bert apartment, with the exception of a large diamond ring, were found today in a pawn shop by the police. They recovered two rings and a diamond lavailer. Miss Colbert had pledged these four days before Christmas and had bought Christ-

mas presents for her family.

The murder of Maxie Colbert. which has greatly aroused the police and public, was discovered about midnight last Saturday, when her sis-ter, after ineffectual attempts to telephone, called at the woman's apart-

The lanitor entered through a window when knocks brought no responer and discovered the bruised body, olad only in violet silk pajamas, lying on the bed. The form was covered with a sheet and clumsy effort had been made to indicate suicide by atrubber hose and placing it over the murdered But the murderer overlooked the detail of turning on the

able to appear, because he was sail-ing for Europe Saturday, and when the second message came House leaders were considering whether there was authority to bring the Beston fin-C'reumstances made it apparent that the girl had been dead many hours. She had been cruelly beaten, apparently with a flat iron, her teeth knocked out and bruises and cuts in-flicted all over the body. A silk stocking was knotted tightly around

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Severe Engagement South of Chihuahua

El Paso, Kan., 4.—Fighting be-ween villa forces and General Francisco Murguis's commands south of Chihuahua City was reported late toiay by government agents. No de-gails were given, although the en-gagement was characterized as "sev-

journ until Monday after a brief ses-sion. Representative Wood, father of It was also reported from the same source tonight that two of Murgula's advance guard troop trains had been at this time. There was much speculation here tonight as to the identity of a New York banker, who Mr. Lawson said captured by Villa troops and two others attacked at some point south of Bachimba Pass. Villa was reported to be in the vicinity of Santa Fosalia with his stoff. Neither of these re-

CRAIG DELIVERS FINAL LEGISLATIVE MESSAGE; **ACTION OF LEGISLATORS**

Recommends Increase in Salarie of State Officers - Comments on Gen ... Conditions of the State-Numerous Bi's Reported Favorably and New Bills In duced

NIGHT SESSIONS OF HOUSE AND SENATE

(Special to The Journal.) Raleigh, Jan. 4.—The House tonight passed a great number of local bills and bills introduced include: Clark, to incorporate Jefferson, Ashe couny; McBee, to encourage keeping of pure bred stock.
The House adjourned to 10 o'clock Friday.

Many new committees were announced today for the Senate. The committees and chair-men follow: Military affairs, Burgwyn; Federal relations, Little of Alamance; engrossed bills, Burnett; election laws, Long of Hallfax; feeble minded, Pollock; fish and fisherie McNider; game laws, Kelly; immigration, Nelson; insane asylum, McCoin; institution for Harding; institution for deaf and dumb, Matthewson; judicial district, Jones; judiciary No. 1, Scales; judiciary No. 2, Allen; Manufacturers, Ray; Blue; pensions and Home, Thompson; printing, Long of Halifax; privileges and elections, Brock; propositions and grievances of Alamance; public Cameron; railroads, salaries and fees, Per-Gough; salaries and fees, Per-son; shell and fish, Cramner;

Raleigh, Jan. 4.-Prefaced by the declaration, "The days of my admin-istration are accomplished." Governor Locke Craig delivered in person to-day in Representatives Hall his final message to the Legislature, which organized for business yesterday. He referred feelingly to his four years of service and effort for the best interest of all the people and to the coperation he has received from State officers and clerks and reflected with pride on the fact that the seal of approval has been put on his admin-istration by the great Democratic majorities last election.

Should Increase Salaries "In my opinion," he said "the sal-aries of State officers should be in-This must be done once he majored out if effective for the incoming administration. Governor cannot live in the mansion and do all the things expected of him "Let us in."
"All right." was the reply.
A moment later the detectives United States Senators receive \$7,their salaries increased in proportion, He said officers and clerks other than ginia cities. members of the State council can have their salaries increased later in

> the session. Refers to Cuban Snit He told of the situation as to the

suit Cuba is instituting for the col-lection of the repudiated reconstruction bonds and of his refusal to consider any proposals of compromise or treat in any way with Cuban repre-sentatives other than through hearings before the United States Supreme 'If North Carolina honestly owed the bonds she would pay them," his temple. The detectives saw at owed the bonds she would pay them," once that the man was dead. Chief and would never have questioned their validity. Able counsel has been

Europe and Will Appear

Before House Committee

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Thomas W.

Lawson telegraphed Speaker Clark

tonight that he had concelled plans

for a trip to Europe and would be in

Washington "before breakfast" Mon-

day morning to testify before the

House rules committee, which today

ordered public hearings on Repre-sentative Wood's charge that a leak gave Wall Street advance information

about President Wilson's peace note. Earlier, in response to a telegraph ed subpoens, Mr. Lawson had not

fied the speaker that he would be un

ancier here by force.

Democratic members of the com

mittee were greatly exercised over the first telegram, which suggested that the investigation might be post-

poned until spring or summer. The speaker was inclined to the opinion

that Congress was powerless to force Mr. Lawson's attendance but before he had reached any decision the sec-

ond message arrived.

In accordance with a decision reached by unanimous vote of the rules committee today, the first public hear-

ing on the charges will open tomor row morning. Inasmuch as Represent

ative Gardner one of the chief wit

ness expected to appear is in Detroit and Mr. Lawson will not be here.

is probable that the committe will ad

the resolution, is the enly other wit-

ness that the committee plans to call

Monday

employed and the case will be fought

Condition of the State "The condition of the State." the subject of lengthy and gratified comment. It was never so good. The people are prosperous and the government. State and National, of the best. More progress has been made the past 16 years than in all past history.

State in First Rank Agriculture, manufacturies and comemice and rural conditions were reviewed optimistically. The State, ranks among the first in agriculture; and manufacturing and is prospering as never before, value of products the past year being a hundred mil-lion dollars, and the comforts of life

are spreading in the rural districts with prosperous conditions. The governor regrets that great areas of lands are being held for the accumulation of uncurned profits and not bearing their share of tax burdens and represent discrimination against those lands that are improved and nave taxation increased. He urged that if there be any discrimination that it has in the control of the control that it be in favor of the man who improves his property. Every farm-er in the State should determine to own his farm. The money manopoly is destroyed and farm loan banks, provide loans on long easy terms.

Good Roads Progress
Good roads progress was review1. The Central highway, the Charlotte-Asheville highway, and the other great main thoroughfares were reviewed. There should be increased tax on automobiles to help defray the expense of building and maintaining roads. The work and importance of the State Highway Commission was reviewed as intelligently directing fuconstruction. should be required to eliminate grade There must be co-opera tion with the Federal aid fund for highway buildings.
Railroads Encouraged

The policy of the State in encour aging construction by taking stock for convict labor furnished was commercied and he declared that there is mutual benefit for the whole people of the State through assuring to resources that will be developed in

Freight Reductions Achievements in freight rate reductions the past four years were reviewed, representing at least two million dollars saving to shippers. There determined effort made get for North Carolina shippers a proportionately lower schedule of rates from North Carolina points to States south instead of the present Other State officers should have application of the same charges that apply to freight originating in Vir-

The State is just emerging into her strenth, declared the Governor, thanks to the energy, faith and genius of her people, and the future is unfolding sublime revelations

The people of the State will willing. taxes for the education of the young. The most liberal support and development of the educational institutions was insisted upon. must be the best as well as the boast. ed cheapest universities and normal in the work. State institutions were specifically mentioned with

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Protruding into the Dan-

ube Not in Possession of

the Teuton Invaders

(By The Associated Press.)

Except for a narrow strip of land

the Moldavian town of Ga

projecting into the Danube marshes,

latz, all of Dobrudja has been cleared

by the Teutonic ailies of Russian and Roumanian troops. After the fail of

retreat across the Danube

Matchin and Jillia, the defenders be-

ward Brails and, according to Ber-

lin, a force of Russian rear guards on the peninsula projecting toward

Galatz comprises the only Ententa troops now in Roumania between the

Danube river and the Black Sea. In Moldavia, the Teutonic ailies, not-

withstanding the heavy snows, are

ontinuing their invasion of the country from the south and west, al

though along the front of Feild Mar-

region, they are meeting strong re

Slavs Take Advance Position

Russians in an attack captured from

of Meste-Canesci. Petrograd reports that in this fighting the Russians took 600 men prisoner and captured three

On the other fronts the operations

bardment and engagements between

mall recoinneitering parties. In Ga-

lacia the Austro-Germans delivered

several attacks against the Russians but they proved unsuccessful. Raids

of German trenches northeast of Ar-

ras and in the neighborhood of Wyt-

schaete are reported by the London

war office, which asserts also that a

German attempt against British trenches east of Armentieres was put down with losses to the attackers.

A German submarine in the Medi-

still confined to reciprocal bom-

16 machines guns and other

ermans an advanced position north

Russians and Roumanian troops.

war material.

dstance at various points from the

In the wooded Carpathians, the

WILL TELL OF LEAK OF THE DEFENDERS

Cancels Plans for Trip to Only Narrow Strip of Land

PROBABLE ACTION ATTORNEY GENERAL MOVE FOR REUNION NO ENDORSEMENT

munication From Carranza is Given the Mexican Members of the Joint Commission

CLOSELY WATCHING MILITARY PHASES

Haste in Withdrawing the Punitive Expedition; Fletcher Not Yet Ordered to go to Mexico

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 4 .- Interest in the Mexican situation remained centered conight on what action by President Wison might follow his approval of the recommendation of the American nembers that conferences of the Mexcan-American joint commission be rought to an end.

Ur. J. R. Mott, one of the Amer-ican commissioners, carried to the Mexican members of New York today a formal reply to the last communi-cation from General Carranza, in which he again had refused to ratify the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. If Luís Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican group, and his colleagues, Ignacio Bonillas and Alberto J. Pant. desire it, a last meeting will be held, probably in Washington, merely for the dissolution of the commission. There has been an announcement, of the President's designation of the president of the

of the President's decision as to the American commissioners' suggestion that he act on his own initiative in the matter of withdrawing the troops, and that diplomatic channels be provided for dealing with questions at issue between the two governments. It appears certain, however, that Henry P. Fletcher will be sent to his post in Mexico as ambassador.

Some Administration officials op-pose haste in ordering Perasing's men out of Mexico on the ground that it might give Carranza the impression that it was because of his ineistence, when in reality the chief motive would be to release national guards on the border and take the regulars

out of a poor strategic position.

Baker Confers With President
Secretary Baker conferred with the President late today and later an-nounced that there was no change in he situation

Mr. Fletcher was without orders tonight to proceed to Mexico, but it was believed that his dispatch would not be long delayed. It was explained by administration officials that the acthe Mexican constituent congress now in session at Queretaro, made the presence of a fully accredited diplomatic office of prime importance to the United States government, which sees in some of the reforms being considered by Carranga and his adherents the basis for early

Watch Military Phases Military phases of the situation were watched with greater interest today on account of the probable the west There coast yesterday had said that on Jan-boast uary I the Carranza garrison vacuat-normal ed Durango, capital of the state of ed Durango, capital of the state of the same name, which was promptly occupied by Villa's men. It also was reported in private messages that in the latter part of December, Campecha in the southern end of Mexico, fell into the hands of the rebels.

BOSTON FINANCIER DOBRUDJA CLEARED Sen. Works Arraigns Administration in a

Denounces Decadence in American Society and Government; Rec-

commends New Formation (By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—With an ar

raignment of President Wilson's ad-ministration and of what he called. decadence in American society and government, Senator Works of Cal-ifornia, who retires March 4, began a valedictory speech today in the Senate.

He deplored a "tendency toward centralized, unchecked and unlimitpower on the part of the President, denounced profligacy of wealth, recommended that the idle rich

A recess for the night interrupted be speech after two hours, and the Senator will conclude tomorrow

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The Day In Congress

(dy The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4 .-

Met at noon Interstate Commerce Commissee intinued hearings on railroad legis-

Again debated and deferred action n Hitchcock resolution endorsing resident Wilson's peace note. Senator Works of California, valedictory address attacking

the Demogratic administration. Recessed at 4:31 p. m., to noon Friday HOUSE: Secretary Baker and General Crozier testified before military affairs

ommittee on the army bill. Passed bill tempoarily to increase water diversion for power purposes at Niagara Falls. Voted down proposed special rule r consideration of resolution extending existence of Newlands rail-

in his first telegram might give in-formation about the leak and was also nard Liner Ivernia, which was acting Took up agric

OF THE PRESIDENT IS READY TO INDICT OF CHRISTIANITY TO OF PRESIDE CAUSES INTEREST THE PAPER MAKERS BE RESUMED SOON Formal Reply to Last Com- Department of Justice Pope About to Appoint Com

> ket Begun by the Trade Commission PREPARED TO TAKE

> > DRASTIC ACTION

Takes up the Inquiry In-

to the Print Paper Mar-

Some Officials Oppose Seriously Considering Early Most Important Task of the Institution of Grand Jury Proceedings; North Carclina Organization Refused Paper

> (By The Associated Pre ... Washington, Jan. 4.—Attorney General Gregory today took over the yield of the Federal Trade Commisinquiry into the print paper market with a view to deciding whether there is a paper trust, and to instituting civil and criminal proedings against mahufacturers others who may have violated the

anti-trust laws. President Wilson is actively inter-ested in recent disclosures of pracices pursued in the production and istribution of print paper and is understood to be following the inquiry A mass of complaints and testimony and a large number of se-cret reports from the commission's nvestigators have been placed in the Attorney General's hands.

Grand Jury Proceedings For several weeks Department of Justice officials have been in frequent consultation with the trade commisrion and are understood to have unconsideration the early institution of grand jury proceedings at which indictments charging violation of the criminal section of the law will be asked

The formal taking over of the inquiry by the Department today was in response to the following letter sent the Attorney General by Secre-tary Bracken of the commission: "As you know, the Federal Trade promission, pursuant to resolutions of the Senate, ahs been conducting

an inpulry into conditions in the print paper market.
"The commission is of the opinion that the inquiry has now reached a stage where the further co-operation of the Department of Justice would

be advantageous. Attorney General Replies The Attorney General replied:

"The Department will at once take up the matter, and to that end I will have attorneys of the Department meet with the commission or with attorneys of the commission, as may be desired, and go over the data al-ready collected as a basis for determining what further steps to take. "I know, of course, from what has already been brought out that a serious condition exists in this trade. and that any remedy which the law may afford should be applied at

gation and any action the Depart ment might take would be hastened as much as possible. Mr. Gregory declined to comment on the situation. It is understood, however, that Department officials are prepared to institute speedily a dissolution against any manufacturers within Federal jurisdiction who are believed to have conspired in restraint of trade or to effect a monopoly. At the same time it was made clear that no injustice would be done manufactur-ers innocent of illegal practices.

Beyond asserting that the investi-

In addition, Department officials are understood to be preparing to Valedictory Address and the evidence warrant such analysis of the evidence warrant such action, and it is believed the criminal proceedings, if undertaken, would be pressed ahead of the civil proceed-ings. Where such proceedings might be conducted is said to have been un der consideration.

Officials say they are handkapped by the fact that more than half of the print paper consumed in the United States is produced in Canada by manufacturers who would be outside the jurisdiction of American courts in any proceedings that might be deemed advisable. This condition, however, would not apply to Ameri-

can agents of such manufacturers. The trade commission's investiga ion was conducted in response to congressional resolution and a report to Congress will be made within few days. Publishers charged at the compelled by law to work, and urged open hearings that the manufactur-formation of a new progressive posers had combined both to control litical party known as the "Liberty prices and to restrict production, party."

Some testified that manufacturers had refused to sell to them because of their activity in exposing the man-ufacturers' methods. Others declar-ed they had been threatened with

such refusal by manufacturers.
N. C. Publishers Unable to Bny North Carolina publishers recently filed with the Department of Justice a complaint charging that manufac-turers had refused to sell to a buying organization publishers had form Other organizations of publish ers filed with the trade commission letters and telegrams to support their allegations of an illegal combination. final trade commission hearing suddenly a little more than a week ago when they refused to discuss figures gathered by the commission bearing on costs and profits. explained they had not had time to study the statistics and probably would not have for several months. The commission still has under consideration a plan proposed by manu-facturers for distribution of the avail-able paper stock under supervision

of the commission. PAPERS SAY CARRANZA

WILL BE RECOGNIZED

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 4.—Newspapers of Mexico City, under date of
December 31, reaching the border today- declare that the United States will formally recognize the gov-General Carranza Took up agricultural appropriation emil-official publication says the punitive expedition will be withdrawn and recognition be accorded to Carriday.

mission of Four Cardinals to Cultivate Relations With Anglican or Episcopal Church

MOVEMENT BEGUN BY POPE LEO XIII

Commission Will be to Investigate Arguments on Validity of Anglican Ordinations

(By The Associated Fream)

Washington, Jan. 4.-Private letters from the vatican received by Dr. A. Palmieri, of the library of Congress, a recognized writer or clesiastical subjects, announced that Pope Benedict XV is about to ap-point a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII and abandoned by Pope Pins X, looking to a reunion of Christianity and the cultivation of friendly reations with the Anglican Church. public announcement on the subject

from Rome is expected shortly.
Dr. Palmieri said tonight that the new movement, as outlined in his advices, will be directed particularly to-ward the establishment of a reunion of the Russian Church and the papacy and to a thorough reexamination into the validity of Anglican or Episcopal ordinations, which was settled in the negative in a papal bull "apestolical by Pope Leo X

Cardinal Marini Will Preside The honor of presiding over the commission of cardinals, Dr. Palmieri has been informed, will be bestowed upon Cardinal Nicola Marini, one of the new cardinals created in the last consistory, who has devoted many years to scientific resarch and to the cause of a reunion of Christianity. The interest of the pope in the problem of Christian unity is said to have of Christian unity is said to have been intensified by the recent progress of the world congress, initiated by the

American Episcopal Church.

"The new pope", said Dr. Palmieri, summarising the information received from Rome. "has taken a considerable part in the efforts of neutral Nations to establish peace among Na-tions and the vatican's efforts have been suggested not only by a humani-tarian spirit but by a longing for Christianity and ending the conflict which long since has divided Chris-tian churches. Efforts of Leo XIII for carrying out the reunion of Christianity were abruptly stopped by Pius X., who aimed at an inner reform of the Catholic clergy and turned al his energies to the crushing of mod-

Time to Renew Policy of Leo XIII "Benedict XV thinks it is time to renew the policy of Lee XIII and also that of the reestablishment of a poli-tical peace would be the first step toward renewed attempts to stop the splitting of Christianity into a great umber of sects.

"For this purpose, the page intends set up a commission of four cardinais, who will devote their intellectual and moral energies to the study and solution of the difficult problem of religious dissensions within Chris

"It seems to the vatican that the orthodox Slave will be very soon call-ed to take a more active part in the life of Western Nations, either Pro testant or Catholic, and that it is necessary to come to an understanding with them, in order to avoid evils produced by religious intolerance. The newly planned commission of cardinals will pay attention to yearn-ings for unity which from time to ime manifest themselves in the orthodox churches and to cultivate friendly relations with the Anglican hurch

The Most Important Task (Continued on page Two)

State Troops Will not Attend Inauguration

(Special To The Journal.)
Raleigh, Jan. 4.—No State troops
will sarticipate in the inauguration
of Gov. Bickett January 11 on accoupt of the cost of transportating by the council of State and there be ing only a limited number in the State anyway. The A and M. College hand and Cadets will serve as guard of honor for the inaugural geremenies.

British Transport is Sunk in Mediterranean

(By The Associated Frees.)
London, Jan. 4.—The British transport Ivernia has been sunk, it was officially announced tonight. One hundred and fifty military officers and men are missing.
The text of the announcement

reads as follows:
"The Ivernia was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean of January 1, during had weather and while carrying troops. At present four military officers and 146 men

are missing. The casualties among the Ivernia's officers and crew are not yet definitely known, but hopes are entership missing are the surgeon and chief engineer."

The Cunard liner Ivernia, a 14,278 ton steamer, has been for some time in the British government service as a transport, having at various times carried froops from Canada and between British ports and the Dardanel-

les. There has been nothing in recent reports regarding her movements. She was built in 1800 at New Castle. Her length was 582 feet and she was 54 length was 582 feet and she was 50 feet beam and 37 feet in draft,

Two Hours of Attack and Defense Fail to Bring the Vote on the Hitchcock Resolution to Approve Peace Note

SEN. WORKS' SPEECH CAUSES A RECESS

Spoke Two Hours and Will Resume Today; Lodge Concludes Attack Begun Wednesday; Sen. Lewis Defends Action

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4.—The American note to the belligerent powers suggesting a discussion of

terms was debated again today in the Senate, but two hours of attack and defense failed to bring to a vote the Hitchcock resolution endorsing sident Wilson's action in sending The resolution will again come up temerrow, with the prospect of further antagonistic speeches by Republicans.

An effort by Senator Hitchcock to sure unanimous consent for a vote late tomorrow failed on objection by Senator Brandgee. During parlia-mentary maneuvering that followed the resolution, Senator Works gained the floor to make a four hour prepared valedictory speech.

Before Senator Works began, how-

ever, Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, with whom President Wilson consulted wo days ago, spoke briefly, saying the news had gone forth to the world that the President's note was under discussion and that the Senate should consider and act upon it at once. Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader, replied with a warning that any attempt to force action would not meet with approval.

After listening to Senator Works for about two hours, the Senate re-cessed until tomorrow, when he will resume. The vote on the Hitchcock resolution cannot come at least until

The principal aposches today were made by Senator Lewis, who defend-ed the President's action, and by ed the Senator Lodge, who, concluding his attack begun resterday, declared adoption of the resolution would be a leap in the dark into international relations with which Congress had no legal concern, and no knowledge.

Lewis' Answer in Detail Senator Lewis answered in detail

Senator. Replying to the assertion that the note had been taken as a favorable move for Germany, he said it was but natural that one side or the other to such a controversy should so interpret a move for peace and de-clared that after all this was no reason to defeat so great an end. He strongly dissented from the view expressed by Mr. Ledge that the adop-tion of the resolution would mean the dragging of the United States into European politics, with danger to the Monroe Doctrine and important domestic policies, and accused the Mas-sachusetts senator of incorrectly re-

ceing history to put a Democratic President in a bad light. "This note," said Senator Lewis, on its very face merely tenders the good offices. When good offices are tendered it is not customary, though permissible, to first sound out parties. The contrary course often-times is adopted, lest those involved averse to peace would be busk to in-

tercept its results." Senator Lewis then reviewed the tender of the good offices of Russia in the war of 1812, and similar action by the United States during the Franco-Mexican war of 1828. The re-jection by the United States of tenders by Great Britain and France to end the Civil War, he said, was in no wise a precedent on account of the previous attitude of those two coun-

tries toward this Nation. Precedent Has Been Idelized "So far as I am concerned," he added. "I am not much interested whether the President of the United States conformed to precedent or

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Villa Partisans Will Gather in San Antonio

(By The Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, Jan. 4.—A meeting of Villa partisans and advisers ing of Villa partisans and advisers will be hald in San Antonio, Texas, Friday or Saturday to formulate a plan of obganization for the Villa government and to arrange for protection of oreign lives and property, according to a report received by government agents here today and forwarded to Washington.

The details of the proposed Villa government will be discussed at this

government will be discussed at this meeting. It was added, and the location of the proposed seat of govern-ment selected Hipolita Villa, a brother of Francisco Villa, would represent his brother at the conference, it was said by the Federal agents.

School Children are Killed by a Tornado

when a tornado wrecked the Lee-Baldwin schoolhouse near Blocker. Okla., today, according to J. Stett, a city official of Blocker, who telephoned the news to this city this afternoon.

Another report was that eight of the 50 children who were in the school-house when the storm broke, were killed, and more than a score injured. The majority of those reported killed were girls. Miss Vera Williams, &

(By The Associated Press.) Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 4.—Fifteen children were killed and 34 injured

teacher, is missing.

with his 10 % Noither of the c ra- decying for Europe There may be fur- as a British transport. Many of the bill ports could be verified from Carransa ther communication with Mr. Law- ship's company, including officers, soil are and crew, are missing.