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RED HOT RAGE IN EL PASO GIVES WAY TO RIOTING; MARTIAL LAW

Pershing Declares Martial Law—Thousands Mexicans Sent Out of City—Organized Mob Threatens to Cross Border and Avenge Butchery If Washington and Carranza Do Not Act Soon—Congress Excited—Administration May Not Be Able to Hold In Check Wave of Anger Spreading Through Capitol—Americans in the North of Mexico Fleeing to Safety of Texas—Villa May Order Massacre Throughout the Danger Zone—United States Officials in Three States Recalled

(By the United Press)

EL PASO, Jan. 14.—Martial law was declared here today by General John Pershing, commanding United States troops in the Department of Texas, following several hours' street fighting between Mexicans and infuriated Americans.

Regulars dispersed the crowds, searched Mexicans for arms and patrolled the international bridge.

The hospitals are filled with wounded Mexicans. Rage over the massacre was expected here, but it overran all bounds. Mexicans are being deported by the wholesale to avoid mobs. The Mexican quarter is guarded by soldiers with loaded rifles.

Americans are reported to be organizing a regiment of volunteers to invade Mexico if Washington and Carranza do not take immediate steps to avenge the slaughter. A mob of a thousand armed men heard that Mexicans were gathering in another part of the city, and made a rush. The Eighth Regiment, from Fort Bliss, arrived just in time to halt them.

Rodriguez and Almeida Dead.

Reports of further massacres continue to filter in. David Kramer, father of Bert Kramer, previously reported killed, is reported to have been executed.

The death of General Rodriguez, the Villista chief, is confirmed by Carranza authorities. With 40 aids, Rodriguez attempted to burn the Pearson mining plant at Madero. They were surrounded by Mexicans and Americans, and Rodriguez and Almeida were executed. Their followers are expected to meet the same fate.

CONGRESS WROUGHT UP.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Official Washington is seething over the Mexican affair. The reported participation by American employes on the Hearst ranch, in Mexico, at Almeida of forty men, it is feared, will deliberately provoke the Villistas' general to attack the Americans.

General Funston is under orders to halt all border raids and depredations.

Indignant over the massacre of the eighteen mining men, Congress is at white heat. An avalanche of resolutions and speeches are in prospect. The administration is said to be prepared to head off hot-headed action. The administration is considering the withdrawing of all American officials from Chihuahua, Durango and Sonora. It is reported that most of the few hundred Americans still in the North of Mexico are fleeing for the border. Administration leaders are seriously concerned over the political effects of an attack on the administration's policy.

It is reported that Carranza is to send an army to wipe out the bandits.

Plans for Occupation.

Washington, Jan. 14.—It would take 270,000 men to clean up Mexico, as Cuba was cleaned up, according to the war college plans. The force would be comprised of 50,000 regulars, 200,000 volunteers and 20,000 marines. The regulars would bear the brunt of the work and the volunteers would be the army of occupation. One expedition would start for the south from Texas, the other inland from Vera Cruz.

No Expedition, Wilson Determined.

An armed troops will be sent across the border at present, however, the President indicated today, following a conference with Senator Stone. State Department dispatches say all Americans in Madero are safe, disposing of a rumor that 12 more had been killed.

British Embassy Asks What U. S. Will Do.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The British

OLD KING NICHOLAS WEEPS AS HE SIGNS TRUCE FOR NATION

Montenegro Virtually Out of War; May Become Austrian Territory

HE WOULD RATHER FIGHT

Advisors Persuade Ruler to Save His Country From Horrors That Befell Serbia—Teuton Gunners Had Range On Cetinje

(By the United Press)

Rome, Jan. 14.—With Austrian artillery trained upon Cetinje, and the gunners ready to lay the Montenegrin capital in ruins, King Nicholas has signed an armistice which virtually eliminates the little country from the war. The aged ruler wept as he agreed upon the truce, which probably means Montenegro's entire surrender, and that the country is going under Austrian suzerainty.

The King wanted to take to the mountains and fight. His advisors said that action would make the little country a second Serbia.

ESCAPED GERMAN SAILORS LOCATED

Quartet Who Escaped From Interned Ships at Newport News Arrested Near DuPont Works in Delaware, Says Report From Wilmington—Were Working As Laborers in the Vicinity

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 14.—Four German sailors who escaped from interned vessels at Newport News have been arrested working near the DuPont works.

YOUNG WOMAN TAKES OWN LIFE WITH DRUG IN DUPLIN COUNTY

(Daily Free Press—14th)

Daisy Wilson, white, suicided at the home of a family named Williamson in Duplin county late Thursday, says a report which gave few of the details. It is said quicksilver was taken by the girl, who was about 24 or 25 years of age, and that she died after physicians, who were helpless in the case, had arrived. She was a native of Wayne county, and was staying with the Williamsons as a maid or cook, it is said.

Persons in Pink Hill, the nearest town to the scene of the supposed suicide, knew very little about it today. They stated that the Williamson family resided six miles from Pink Hill. The causes for Miss Wilson's act has not been ascribed so far as is known.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

TWO BRITISH SHIPS AGROUND.

Norfolk, Jan. 14.—Three tugs are endeavoring to pull the British steamer Oilfield off a bar in Hampton Roads, where she is aground. The British steamer Priestfield is also ashore, near Cape Henry.

THREATEN STRIKE IF CONSCRIPTION PASSES.

London, Jan. 14.—The National Railway Men's Union, one of the strongest labor organizations, today defied the government to enact the conscription bill when it passed a drastic resolution threatening a strike.

NO SENSATION WILL FOLLOW INQUEST AT GOLDSBORO, STATED

Coroner Terms Reports of Lynching of Richards "Rot"

NO ARRESTS EXPECTED

No one But Members of the Mob Know Who Strung Negro Up—Northern Press Overdid Account of Affair

(Special to The Free Press)

Goldsboro, Jan. 14.—Coroner Stanley today expressed regret over what he terms "rot" printed in State papers to the effect that he would expose a number of the lynchers of John Richards, confessed murderer of Anderson T. Gurley. The official told the editor of the Daily Argus here that it was impossible for him to name anyone connected with the lynching on Wednesday morning. There is not the slightest thing to base an accusation even of suspects upon. The stringing up of the negro occurred at an hour when the streets were clear of all persons except a few policemen and the lynchers. No one, the coroner is quoted as saying, other than members of the mob, knows who comprised the party.

The coroner's jury is to meet today to conclude the inquest. The jury had not assembled at noon. The verdict, there is every reason to believe, will be that Richards came to his death at the hands of parties unknown.

The story sent out that steel-jacketed bullets had been dug out of the tree upon which Richards was hanged, indicating that militia rifles had been used in shooting at the victim, is declared to be the farthest thing from the truth. No government-owned rifle has been taken from either of the local armories, officers, who are indignant over the report, say. There are other makes of ammunition, they point out, that is steel-jacketed.

Reports of the lynching printed in Northern papers are creating amusement here. How 500 men, masked and armed to the teeth, overpowered the Sheriff and his deputies, took Richards to a point near town and lynched him while he screamed, for the murder of a wealthy planter, is told by one report printed in many papers. "There was wild excitement," according to the story. Gurley was not wealthy, there was not more than a hundred and fifty men in the party, the lynching was so quiet that not a person living around the jail or the place where the man was hanged knew it was going on, and no one has been heard to testify that the negro screamed. There was certainly little excitement. The one officer the mob encountered gave them little trouble.

Richards, it is now about concluded, was shot to death before the rope got in its work, although the man was hanging before he was fired at.

Have Been Few Lynchings in This Section.

Lenoir county officials today recalled that there have been very few lynchings in this immediate part of North Carolina during the past half century. Beaufort and Craven counties have had their share. Following an awful crime in Greene county during Reconstruction times a mob took a party of seven or eight blacks and a white man who were accused of assaulting two white women, mother and daughter, to the bridge over Moccasin river at Snow Hill and broke the skulls of all with a hatchet. The bodies were thrown into the stream. One of the victims recovered consciousness and made his way to the shore. It was bitter cold, and the man cried for help. It was not help that he received. The mob finished its work. At a bridge over Neuse river about where the "Iron bridge" now is, during the same year, it is said, although those who remember the occasion are not certain of the date nor the number of victims, four

MAN CHARGED WITH POISONING WIFE IS JAILED IN CRAVEN

W. R. Hopewell Alleged to Have Given Woman Poison last Summer

BURIED IN THIS COUNTY

Prisoner Won't Talk—Married in Few Months' Time—Rumor That New Wife Put First Husband Out of Way Being Investigated

(Special to The Free Press)

New Bern, Jan. 14.—Drs. Joseph F. Patterson and Raymond Pollock, appointed by Superior Court to exhume the body of Mrs. W. R. Hopewell, alleged to have been the victim of poison administered by her husband, are expected to go to a point six miles from Kinston, where it is buried, on Saturday.

Hopewell refuses to say a word about the affair except to declare that there is "absolutely nothing to the charge." His present wife, who has been suspected of the murder of her former husband, M. F. Pugh, by poisoning, has not been arrested. No evidence to confirm the reports about her has been secured.

Details of Alleged Crime.

New Bern, Jan. 14.—W. R. Hopewell is in the Craven county jail here charged with poisoning his wife last summer. The crime is alleged to have occurred in June, but Hopewell, a Bridgeton man, was not arrested until Wednesday night. The grand jury had spent a considerable time investigating Mrs. Hopewell's death and returned a true bill against the husband. There had been gossip concerning Hopewell and the woman's death for some time.

Mrs. Hopewell was before her marriage in 1901 Miss Rachel Parsons of Lenoir county. She was ill four or five days before death. Her life was insured. The insuring companies are understood to have hesitated over payment of the policies. In October Hopewell and Mrs. Hannah Pugh, a widow, were married. The first Mrs. Hopewell was buried in Lenoir county. It is intimated that Mrs. Pugh also poisoned her husband, Mal. F. Pugh. The grand jury is investigating.

Hopewell declines to talk about the case, which has called to mind the famous Casey case of a few years ago, in which Leona Casey was sentenced to State's prison for the poisoning of her first husband, Joseph Whitty, in order that she might marry Buryll Casey. Casey also was convicted and sent to the penitentiary.

Hopewell, it is charged, gave his wife arsenic. It is understood that the body will be exhumed for an examination. A commission has been appointed to do this. Counsel for the accused has expressed willingness for it, in order, it is stated, that the client's case may be strengthened.

CAPT. AHRENS DEAD.

Charlotte, Jan. 13.—Capt. F. W. Ahrens, mayor of Charlotte from 1867 to 1869, and prominent here, died at his home this morning at 3 o'clock.

or five men were lynched. They were the members of an outlaw gang, most or all of them negroes. The wholesale lynching terminated a career of crime which would shock the Nation in the period of history. They, too, were "brained" by hatchets in the hands of a mob. Once, about 30 years ago, a party came here from a rural township in this county to lynch a rapist. A big dance was in progress, however—an all night affair with hundreds present. The merry-makers saw from the windows of the second story of the Courthouse, where the dance was being held, that the would-be lynchers had gathered in front of the jail. The officials were notified, and nipped the attempt in the bud.

BLANKENBURG AND MITCHEL MAY ATTEND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF MAYORS OF THE CAROLINAS HERE DURING COMING SPRING

Definite Announcement of Selection of Kinston for the Meeting Place of Carolina Municipal Association—Nearly Hundred Chief Burgesses, Councilmen and Commissioners Expected to Be Here—Chamber of Commerce to Entertain—Kinston to Make Big Show, Especially of Remarkable Paving Program—One of the Most Influential Organizations of Local Officials in the Nation

(Daily Free Press—14th)

DEATH CLAIMS GRIM OLD HUERTA, BALKS AMERICAN JUSTICE

Passed Out On Night of Day Set for Trial On Conspiracy Charge

EVENTFUL CAREER ENDS

"Efficient Watchful Waiting," He Said When Soldiers Took Him—Left Great Fortune—Grave for Enemies

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Jan. 14.—Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, died here last night. A recent operation and old age combined caused his death. He was under virtual arrest for his part in an alleged conspiracy to start a revolution from American soil, and his trial, which his condition would not permit to be called, was to have been started yesterday.

With elaborate irony Huerta had remarked when arrested by Federal officers and soldiers at Newman, Texas, "Ah, American soldiers to greet me. That is very nice. Efficient watchful waiting!" With the passing of the grizzled soldier, the meteoric career of Mexico's last dictator who sought to rule with a mailed fist becomes history. Huerta believed the best place for an enemy was the grave. He loved whisky. Pain held no terror for him. Once a cataract over one eye blinded him. No anesthetic was applied at the operation. "Cut it off!" he commanded.

Huerta, after the trouble with the United States at Vera Cruz, relinquished the dictatorship in June, 1914, going to Paris. He is said to have left \$60,000,000 in Paris.

Huerta was born in 1857 of well-to-do parents of Spanish and Indian ancestry. He was educated at Chapultepec military academy. He became a general between 1892 and 1902, which years he spent in surveying in Mexico. He declared himself provisional president February 18, 1913. Madero and Suarez were slain during his incumbency.

GOING ON IN NEARBY TOWNS AND COUNTIES

(Daily Free Press—14th)

Craven county has no coroner. Dr. Walter Watson, who held the position, resigned some weeks ago. His successor will be chosen next month, probably.

A new steamer line is to be established between Washington and Swan Quarter by the New Holland Boat Line, Inc.

Clayton Lancaster of Vanceboro, who was charged with store-breaking at that town, has been cleared in Superior Court at New Bern. Lancaster is white.

Big meat packing concerns are writing farm demonstrators in this section to request them to encourage the raising of hogs for Northern and Western markets, especially in the winter months.

Mayor John Purroy Mitchel of New York or Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia, or possibly both of them, will attend the annual convention of the Carolina Municipal Association to be held here in the coming spring, it is expected. The first intimation that the big meeting would be held here was given to the public today, when Mayor Fred. Sutton, who is treasurer of the Association, stated to The Free Press that it had been definitely decided to honor Kinston with the presence of nearly 100 officials of North and South Carolina cities for a two or three days' gathering. Both Mayors Blankenburg and Mitchell will be invited, as well as other persons of national note. Officials of the Association have every reason to believe, says Mayor Sutton, that both the New York and Philadelphia chief burgesses will accept. Mayor Mitchell is called "the boy mayor," and is principally known for his courage and cleanliness as a politician. Mayor Blankenburg's municipality has taken many steps forward since his tenure of office. The police force, under three separate commissions—police, public service and parks—is accepted to be the most perfect in the country. Health education meetings are held in all parts of the city, the traffic regulations are a standard for the nation, and safety zones on the streets are the Mayor's especial hobby, it is said, as well as municipal concerts and other things in which he takes an interest.

The executive committee of the association will meet in a few days to perfect the program and set the dates. Kinston's Chamber of Commerce will take the matter of entertainment in hand. There will be automobile trips over the good roads of the county, shad and brunswick stews, oyster roasts and barbecues for the mayors and others. The session will be held in a public place.

At the last annual convention, held in Charlotte, there were about 60 mayors present. This year it is intended to urge the attendance of mayors pro tem, and councilmen, commissioners, etc., so that every city and town of any importance in the two Carolinas can be represented. It is the first time that the Association has condescended to meet in a city of this size, but then, Kinston has been in the public eye for the past year or two. And the city, says Mayor Sutton, will do itself proud. It will act for the occasion as did Singletary, the U. of N. C. football star, who before a famous game with U. of Pa., declared that though he weighed only 175 or 180 pounds, he would make every man he tackled think he weighed 250. Singletary broke five ribs. Kinston will burst clear out of harness if necessary to look large in the eyes of the hosts.

The Carolina Municipal Association is one of the most influential organizations of its kind in the country. A large number of former mayors are among its members. Mayor T. J. Murphy of Greensboro is president. For the first time, Eastern Carolina officials are expected to be in attendance in some number upon a meeting.

Kinston has some things that will interest them to show the men who will be its guests, too. They will see under construction the most extensive paving program undertaken by a town of this size solely on its own resources in the world during the past decade.

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