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BREAKING POINT ALMOST REACHED

PRESIDENT DECLARES BENTON, BAUCH AND VERGARA HAVE MADE SITUATION GRAVE.

HE DEPLORES INTERVENTION
But He Realizes Certain Eventualities May Force Drastic Course by the United States Government.

Washington.—President Wilson revealed to those who discussed Mexican affairs with him that he fully realized the gravity of the situation resulting from the killing of William S. Benton, a British subject, the reported murder of Gustav Bauch and Clemente Vergara, American citizens, and General Carranza's denial of the right of the United States to look after the interests of foreigners generally in Mexico.

The president spoke deplorably of armed intervention, but at the same time pointedly referred to the size and power of a country like the United States as being sufficient warrant for a calm and patient course while compliance with the American demands was being sought.

Callers got the impression from the president that he was determined to try every peaceful means at his disposal to solve the Mexican problem, but that he realized certain eventualities might mean a drastic course. He spoke with a firmness that showed his determination not to be stampeded into action by radical speeches in congress, but with a hint that when the necessity arose, the American government could be expected to move decisively and effectively.

Asked whether in view of the new developments a change of policy was intended by the United States immediately, the president pointed out that a country of the size and power of the United States could afford to wait just as long as it pleased; that nobody doubted its power and nobody doubted that General Huerta was eventually to retire.

VILLA ADMITS BAUCH IS DEAD

Rebel General Says Missing American Was Assassinated.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—General Villa indicates his belief that Gustav Bauch is dead, when he said that Bauch, an American, was liberated at Juarez, and "doubtless was assassinated by some of his enemies. Villa said that Bauch had many enemies and added: "Of course, I can't be held to blame for that."

El Paso, Texas.—General Villa's expressed belief that Gustav Bauch, who was arrested at Juarez as a spy two weeks ago, was the victim of an assassin, occasioned no surprise here. The German-American's sister, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, and others interested in the case have been resigned to the conclusion that Bauch was slain at Juarez.

Repeated assertions have been made by certain Juarez rebels, talking incidentally to friends on this side of the border, that Bauch was executed, and the stories all agreed on the date of the execution, which was the day that General Villa departed for Chihuahua. For a week official Juarez maintained that Bauch was in Chihuahua, but Chihuahua declared and informally proved that Bauch was not there at all.

Attempt to Limit Parcel Post Falls.

Washington.—All attempts to limit the authority of the postmaster general to change the weight, rates or zones in the parcel post service were defeated in the senate during the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. An amendment to the bill as it passed the house, proposed by the senate postoffice committee to prevent the postmaster general from making these changes, was defeated by a vote of 33 to 24.

Dogs Kill Fifty Sheep.

Lyerly, Ga.—Dogs have been playing havoc with the flocks of sheep in the western part of the county, near Menlo, for some time. J. D. Blalock, J. N. Hammett and J. W. O'Rear report that dogs got into their herds and killed about fifty sheep.

Shot to Death While on Trial.

St. Louis, Mo.—Wesley (Red) Simon, on trial here on a charge of murdering Emmett Carroll, in a gang feud nearly a year ago, was shot and killed in a nearby saloon, during a recess of the court in which he was being tried. Shortly after the killing Henry Zang, principal witness for the prosecution, surrendered at the central police station, saying he had some trouble with Simon. The sheriff who had feared an attack would be made on Simon, had detailed four special policemen to guard him.

ARNOLD KRUCKMAN



Arnold Kruckman, one of the foremost experts on aviation in America and head of the bureau of aeronautics for the Panama-Pacific International exposition, is the man upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility for the great international globe-girdling aviation race that is to start and finish on the exposition grounds in 1915. In May of this year he will leave upon his long journey around the world, going over the course of the great air race for the purpose of establishing controls and supply stations and to blaze the way for the racers to follow.

LURED OVER RIVER AND SHOT

VERGARA KILLED BY BAND OF FEDERALERS AFTER THEY HAD CROSSED INTO TEXAS.

Texas Governor Denies Intention to Invade Mexico, But Wants to Apprehend the Murderers.

Austin, Texas.—Ranger Captain J. J. Sanders, reporting to Gov. O. B. Colquitt, made the direct charge that Clemente Vergara, an American ranchman, was shot to death while in the custody of Mexican federal troops, ostensibly en route from the jail at Hidalgo to federal headquarters at Piedras Negras, Mexico. Governor Colquitt telegraphed Secretary of State Bryan asking what method should be followed in an effort to apprehend those responsible for the killing of Vergara.

The text of Governor Colquitt's telegram to Secretary Bryan was: "Your telegram in answer to the one sent by me to the president is received. I do not want to invade Mexico with a military force. I asked your co-operation in maintaining the rights and dignity of this state and your consent to allow me to send state rangers, who are peace officers, in pursuit of those who are constantly transgressing our laws. Again I ask the president to advise me who is recognized by him as the constituted authority in Mexico. I repeat the inquiry and ask you who recognize as constituted in the state of Nuevo Leon, as I desire to present requisitions to the proper authorities of that state for the surrender of fugitives from Texas justice, notably those responsible for the theft of Clemente Vergara's property and his subsequent murder."

FAVOR COTTON SALES BILL

Measure Would Require Specification of Grades With Standard.

Washington.—The senate committee on agriculture and forestry submitted a favorable report on the bill introduced last spring by Senator Smith of South Carolina, to regulate the selling of cotton. The bill, designed to reform the rules and regulations of the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges, would require any person or corporation in the making of an offer for future delivery of cotton, to specify the grade or grades contracted for.

Any dealings in violation of this system would be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than a year or both.

Two Guilty in Everglades Lottery.

Kansas City, Mo.—R. H. Martin and Joseph Borders, Kansas City agents of the Florida Fruit Lands company, pleaded guilty in the federal court at Kansas City to the charges of conspiracy and the conducting of a lottery in the sale of lands in the Everglades of Florida. Judge Van Valkenburgh reserved sentence. Martin and Borders were indicted with six other officers and agents of the lands company last November on the general charge of misuse of the mails. It was charged they misrepresented lands sold.

STORM SWEEPS OVER COUNTRY

ALL THE EASTERN PART OF U. S. ASSAILED BY STORM OF RAIN, SNOW AND WIND.

3 PERSONS MEET DEATH

New York One of the Worst Sufferers. Wires Are Down and All Train Service Demoralized.

Savannah, Ga.—Developing suddenly in southwestern Georgia, a storm swept through south Georgia in a northeasterly direction. It will continue its course up the Atlantic coast. The first news of the storm's approach was received by the local weather bureau in the following telegram from the central bureau in Washington: "Hoi! northeast storm warnings, 8 p. m., Fort Monroe to Savannah. Etorum central in southwest Georgia moving northeasterly and increasing in intensity. Will give strong winds along south Atlantic coast, shifting to northwest."

New York.—A northeast storm, sweeping to the northwest which first brought rain, then snow, raged over New York and vicinity, cutting the city almost completely off from telegraph and telephone communication. Reports showed its effects to be widespread.

Three deaths due to the storm occurred here, two together when a roof collapsed under the weight of wet snow, crushing a man and a boy. Another man, blinded by snow, was killed by a train. Several persons were overcome by exposure, and a number were injured in street accidents.

Trains for the most part left the railroad terminals on time, but, with wires down, quickly, were lost track of. Nothing could be learned concerning incoming trains except as they arrived late on all lines.

Wet snow snapped telegraph and telephone wires, and, with a gale blowing 72 miles an hour at times, many poles toppled over.

Ships due to reach this port were held up outside. On advices from Washington, the local bureau warned shipping not to put out to sea.

The disturbance centered at Cape Hatteras, and moved north, gaining in intensity, and was expected to pass directly above New York. Albany reported a 6-inch snowfall; in New York the weather bureau recorded a fall of 9 1/2 inches. More snow and colder weather was forecasted.

Philadelphia.—One of the worst storms in years raged in this city and vicinity, paralyzing wire communication to eastern points and bringing train service between this city and New York to a standstill. The Pennsylvania Railroad company estimated that on its lines there are between twenty-five and thirty trains stalled between the two cities, while the Reading was in equally as bad shape.

LINES OPERATED BY POOLS

House Committee Finds Dissolution of Combinations Would Cripple Trade.

Washington.—Foreign and domestic shipping of the United States is so combined by agreements, pools and conference arrangements that an attempt to dissolve the combinations would cripple trade. This is the conclusion reached by the house merchant, marine and fisheries committee in a final report of the so-called shipping trust investigation, made public here. The committee, after two years of exhaustive inquiry, recommends that both foreign and domestic shipping combinations be placed under the strict control of the interstate commerce commission, and that, if necessary, the commission be enlarged to care for the additional work.

The final recommendations of the committee embodied in the fourteenth volume of its report, just compiled, sets forth that shipping lines in virtually every trade route from or to United States ports are operated by agreement or conference to restrain competition. The report declares that the advantages accruing to both shipper and ship lines through these agreements are so great that combinations should be allowed to continue, under the supervision of the interstate commerce commission.

Debts of 48 States Total \$242,251,000.

Washington.—Preliminary figures made public by the director of the census, W. J. Harris, show the total indebtedness of the 48 states of the Union, less sinking fund assets, on June 30, 1913, was \$242,251,000, an increase of \$107,342,000, or nearly 50 per cent, over the total ten years ago. Including sinking fund assets, the total debt amounted to \$419,157,000, of which sum about \$19,000,000 represented the floating debt. The funded debt was \$400,000,000, of which about \$359,000,000 represented the floating debt.

MISS LUCY BURLESON



Miss Lucy Burleson, the postmaster general's pretty daughter, is attending the sessions of the Society for the Study of Socialism just formed at George Washington university, where she is a student. She is an enthusiastic Democrat, but likes to see all sides of a question.

WEST IS NAMED SENATOR

APPOINTEE ONE OF BEST KNOWN MEN OF SOUTHERN GEORGIA.

Has Been Prominently Identified With Politics in the State for Many Years.

Atlanta.—Governor Slaton appointed William Stanley West of Valdosta, one of the best known men in the state, to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator A. O. Bacon, whose death occurred in Washington, February 14. Governor Slaton did not write any formal announcement. He merely walked out into the reception room, saw that the newspapers were all represented and spoke one word: "West!"

In an instant the news traveled throughout the capitol and was flashed to all parts of the city and state.

Commenting on the appointment, Governor Slaton said: "It was only a moment ago that I came to a definite decision. Any time up to five minutes ago I was free to change my mind. I had told no one of my intention."

When seen after the statement had been made at the capitol that the governor had appointed him, Mr. West said:

"I have been in Atlanta for several days, but I have not obtruded myself upon the governor. After the burial of Senator Bacon my friends not only from all parts of south Georgia, but throughout the state, notified me that they would present my claims to the governor. Many of them asked me to meet them in Atlanta for a conference on the situation and I have been here for a few days with that end in view. William Stanley West, the oldest surviving son of James and Mary A. West, is a leading member of the Lowndes county bar, with residence and office in the city of Valdosta. He was born in Marion county, Georgia, August 23, 1849; was educated in Mercer university, where he graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts, subsequently receiving the degree of master of arts from the same institution, completing his education when he was 33 years of age. While a student there he was honored with the presidency of the Cleveronian Literary society and was anniversary of that society in 1880.

From 1892 to 1897 he served as a member of the lower house of the state legislature, and in 1898-99 was a member of the state senate. In 1900 he declined a return to the lower house, but was elected to that body in 1902 and served until 1904. In 1905-06 he was again returned to the state senate without opposition, and was then elected president of that body. In 1908 he was sent as a delegate at large from the state of Georgia to the national Democratic convention, held at Denver, Col.

Snow Throughout the South.

Atlanta.—Atlanta was in the grip of the most persistent snowstorm she has had in years. The snow was by no means confined to Atlanta, but on the contrary Atlanta was one of the last cities which the blizzard visited. Snow fell in Charleston, Savannah and the cities of the mountain sections before it began to fall in Atlanta. The snow stretched its blanket over the entire south all the way from Richmond to New Orleans, leaving out only a small part of Florida and possibly a few isolated spots here and yonder.

WE WANT SUFFRAGE HOWL MANY WOMEN

CHEERS AND HISSES WHEN WOMAN SUFFRAGE COMES BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE HEARS ISSUES

Advocates Present Argument and Many Threats—Also Hinting That, in 1917 Woman Suffrage Will Become the Paramount Issue.

Washington.—All phases of the woman suffrage question were presented to the House Judiciary Committee, accompanied by cheers, jeers, hisses and applause. Deserving sentimental phases of the suffrage argument, Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict and Mrs. Mary Beard, New York lawyers threw down the gauntlet to the Democratic party in no uncertain terms, warning the committee that the political wrath of the 4,000,000 women in suffrage states would be visited upon the party, unless favorable consideration were given the constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

Anti-suffragists told the committee that woman suffrage would be harmful, "not only to women but to the country." At the conclusion of the hearings, Doctor Walker, trousered and silk-hatted, presented to the committee what she called "the crowning constitutional argument" to show that women already have the right to vote under the Constitution.

In the meanwhile debate on the suffrage amendment was continuing in the Senate.

The suffragists who appeared before the committee were divided. Mrs. Antoinette Funk, Mrs. Medill McCormick and Mrs. William Kent, representing the National Woman Suffrage Association urged that if the committee would not report the proposed amendment, it reported an amendment to all of the suffrage questions to be decided by referendum in the various states, instead of by the Legislatures. Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Glendower Evans of Boston and Dr. Cora Smith King, for the Congressional Union, declared that the two had come to make the suffrage question one of political expediency.

"It is because I have the interests of this administration at heart," said Mrs. Evans, "that I hope the Democratic majority in the house will see its way clear to reconsider what after all was a somewhat unconsidered action of the Democratic caucus. Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Benedict warned the Democrats not to "dodge the issue" and declared that action on the suffrage question must be taken at this session of Congress.

"Gentlemen," said Mrs. Beard, "you cannot answer us by shaking in our faces that tattered demotion of a state's rights scarecrow and then expect us not to read the newspapers when you repudiate your platform and violate express state's rights in the matter of a presidential primary. You cannot tell us that the platform will not allow this suffrage discussion because it is silent regarding it, but will permit the repeal of the canal tolls exemption which it expressly forbids. It is undervaluing our resources to suppose that we can't put these facts into the hands of 15,000,000 voters, including over 3,000,000 free women.

Ask Habeas Corpus For Mexico.

El Paso, Texas.—Asserting that there is no warrant of international law or treaty under which the five thousand Mexicans who fled to the United States after the battle of Ojinaga and who are interned at Fort Bliss, can be held, representatives of the Huerta Government here are preparing to institute habeas corpus proceedings to obtain their liberation. Harris Walthall and H. R. Gamble are acting for the Huerta Government under the immediate direction of Miguel E. Diebold, Mexican Consul General-at-Large.

Big Fire in Michigan.

Petoskey, Mich.—Fire near to Petoskey's district caused a loss estimated at \$175,000.

Alabama Wins Rate War.

Montgomery, Ala.—Alabama won her long and expensive fight against the railroads to enforce the two and one-half cent fare on all lines, when an agreement was signed by Governor O'Neal, the railroad commission, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, the Western Railway of Alabama and the Central of Georgia Railway. The agreement puts into effect the two and a half cent passenger rates in the state unless changed by the railroad commission.

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