

MOBS ARE LYNCHING MANY IN VERA CRUZ, MEXICO CITY HEARS

Carranza's Soldiers Mutiny. Call Him "Old Whiskers" and Start Reign of Terror, Villa Men Declare

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Vera Cruz is out of Carranza's control and in the hands of mobs of his soldiers, who are arresting and executing citizens in great numbers, according to an unconfirmed report which reached here today by way of Mexico City.

Maximilian who aided General Funston during the occupation of Vera Cruz by the American forces was said to have been the first victim. That Carranza was derided by his own soldiers and called "Old Whiskers" was stated in the reports from pro-Villa forces.

TWO HURT AT ARSENAL

Chemist and Assistant Injured in Powder Explosion. An explosion of powder with which they were experimenting at the Frankford Arsenal today injured two men who were at work in the building at the time and shattered every pane of glass in the place.

RAILWAY TRANSFER RUMORED

Wilmington Company May Lease Line of Private Concern. Word was received here today that a move is on foot for the People's Railway Company of Wilmington, Del., which is controlled by the John Dobson estate of Philadelphia and R. W. Crook, of Wilmington, to purchase or lease the traction part of the property of the Wilmington and Philadelphia Traction Company, a rival concern.

FUNERAL OF C. H. DOUGHERTY

The funeral of Charles H. Dougherty, who died suddenly last Friday, and who was a close friend of Secretary of State Bryan, was held today at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 29th and Locust streets.

FURSE SNATCHER SENTENCED

Tony Chavarez, 33 years old, of Fitzwater street, near 6th, was sent to the County Prison, for 18 months by Judge Davis today in Quarter Sessions Court for stealing a pocket book from Mrs. Martha Mitchell, of 28 1/2 St. Marks square, near 4th and Locust streets.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair and colder tonight and Tuesday; fresh west winds.

HARRY THAW LOSES IN HIGHER COURT

Continued from Page One. for trial does charge a crime. We are also obliged to hold on the same theory that Thaw is a fugitive from justice.

HARRY THAW TO BE TRIED IN NEW YORK CITY, SAYS JEROME

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—William Travers Jerome today expressed himself as well pleased with the finding of the United States Supreme Court in the Thaw case. He said that it would be his duty to trial for conspiracy in New York City, where an indictment has been returned against him on that charge.

"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT," SAYS THAW'S MOTHER

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—"I can't believe it" was all that Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, would say this afternoon when told of the decision of the United States Supreme Court. She threw away and asked her maid to take to get telephone connections with Manchester, N. H., that she might talk to her son.

EVELYN THAW SAYS SHE HAS FOUND WAY TO FREE HUSBAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"I am sorry that Harry Thaw is to be taken back to Matteawan. But I know a way in which he can gain his freedom and I stand ready to go to him and help him out of his trouble if he will send for me, as a husband should for his wife when he is in difficulty.

THAW'S SECRETARY SAYS HE WON'T BE INTERVIEWED

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—A futile attempt was made to get Harry K. Thaw on the telephone in New Hampshire today when the decision of the United States Supreme Court became known. Thaw's secretary declared over the telephone that Thaw had nothing to say regarding the matter and that anything made public would be given out by Mr. Knox, Thaw's counsel, who is in Washington.

FIGHT TO RELEASE THAW COST NEARLY \$1,000,000

The "Thaw case" is probably the most noted in American criminal law history. Thaw shot and killed Stanford White, famous architect, on Madison Square roof garden, June 23, 1904. His first trial began January 21, 1907. It was interrupted by a decision to have a lunacy commission examine the murderer. The commission reported that Thaw was sane.

COURT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE HAD NO PRECEDENT IN CASE

The precise legal question raised by the attempt of New York State to extradite Thaw, according to Federal Judge Aldrich, of New Hampshire, who granted Thaw's application for a writ of habeas in the District Court of New Hampshire, was without precedent in either the case of English or American jurisprudence.

From the decision of Judge Aldrich in Thaw's case, it has been suggested to the Supreme Court, it having been understood from the beginning of the proceedings that, however Judge Aldrich's court should decide, an appeal would be taken to the highest court.

tion proceedings were invalid, writing an elaborate opinion. He said that the questions raised in the proceedings in his court were new to both American and English jurisprudence inasmuch as Thaw was in reality a fugitive from a decree of custody entered in the New York courts.

Mr. Justice Brandeis, in dissent, said that Thaw was insane at the time of the shooting and that the statutes require that if a supposedly insane person commits a crime it is necessary for the defense to prove that he was insane at the actual moment of the overt act.

PUT CASE UP TO SUPREME COURT. In order to have extradition, the court ruled, there must be three elements; a person, a crime and a flight. Such a person must be a responsible person and the flight must be one to avoid the consequences of a crime committed.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 21.—Business circles in Downingtown were agitated today by the announcement that the properties of James G. Fox, a former Register of Wills in this county, had gone into the hands of a receiver. Mr. Fox became a voluntary bankrupt, in the United States Court in Sunbury last week. The receiver is the Mechanics' Trust Company of Harrisburg, and the Chester County interests are in the hands of W. Logan Rogers, of Downingtown.

TWENTY-FOUR AUTOMOBILES FALL PREY TO FLAMES

Several Motorcycles, Three Vans and Street Car Also Burned. Twenty-four automobiles, several motorcycles, three moving vans and an old street car were destroyed early today during a two-alarm fire in the garage of the building, which was once used as a street car barn, was a total loss of cars and machinery, in its early morning hours.

BOARD OF TRADE INDORSES TAYLOR'S TRANSIT PLAN

Resolution Strongly Commends Move for High-speed System. Endorsement of A. Merritt Taylor's plans to give Philadelphia a high-speed transit system was given by the Board of Trade at its regular monthly meeting held this afternoon in the Board Building.

P. R. R. TRACK BLOCKADED BY HUGE LANDSLIDE

Traffic Impeded When Mountaineers Falls on Rails East of Renovo. ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 21.—All traffic on the Williamsport division of the Pennsylvania Railroad is blocked by an immense landslide which occurred today immediately after the Buffalo flyer, a fast passenger train, heavily loaded, had passed.

THIS IS ST. THOMAS' DAY PRECEDES SHORTEST OF YEAR, WHICH MARKS WINTER'S BEGINNING.

This is St. Thomas' Day and precedes the shortest day of the year, which marks the official beginning of winter. Many years ago the day was marked by the custom among poor persons of "going a gooding," that is, calling at the homes of their rich neighbors and asking for money or provisions in order to enjoy the approaching festival of Christmas.

WASHINGTON HEARS CONSTITUTIONALIST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Mexican Constitutional army met with crushing defeat at Puebla yesterday, according to official reports to the State Department from Vera Cruz this afternoon. Nineteen of wounded have already arrived in Vera Cruz and more are expected. The bodies of four officers were received there.

RESCUES TWO FROM FLAMES

Bluecoat Carries Man and Little Girl to Safety. A man and a four-year-old girl were rescued by Policeman Musset, of the 8th street and Woodland avenue station, at a fire caused by an oil stove at 412 Woodland avenue today. Joseph Stover, 23 years old, attempted to put out the flames, not realizing the danger.

HOMELSS MAN FOUND DEAD

When employees at a store at 2075 Market street came to open the establishment this morning, they found John Miller, 44 years old, dead on the floor. Miller was permitted by the proprietor last night to spend the night in the store after he had asked permission to do so, saying he had no home.



WILLIAM V. CLEARY Acquired the murder of his son-in-law in New York State. Justice Morschauer, who presided, said, in discussing the verdict, "Some people lose sight of the crime itself."

JAMES G. FOX BANKRUPT

Court Appoints Receiver for Downingtown Business Man. WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 21.—Business circles in Downingtown were agitated today by the announcement that the properties of James G. Fox, a former Register of Wills in this county, had gone into the hands of a receiver.

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TO SUE ALLEGED TRUST

Government Will Press Charge Against Local Manufacturers. Proceedings instituted several months ago by the Government against the so-called "Paper Box Board Trust," which is said to control a number of paper mills in Manayunk, will be heard tomorrow in the United States Court in New York City.

CREW AIDS STOWAWAY

Wallace Hope, a 12-year-old stowaway on board the steamship Texas, of the American-Hawaiian Line, not only succeeded in beating his way from San Pedro, Cal., to Philadelphia, but today pocketed a collection taken up among the crew to pay his fare to Muncie, Ind., so that he could reach home in time for Christmas.

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BURGLAR FACES LONG TERM

Pleads Guilty to Eight More Robberies After 21-Year Sentence. A young burglar, already facing a 21-year jail sentence that automatically will extend itself to 45 years if his behavior is not good, pleaded guilty today before Judge Thompson in the United States District Court to eight postoffice robberies in different counties of this State since July, 1913.

CHILDREN'S PAROLE ENDED

Judge Gorman Orders Release of 280 Juvenile Offenders. Judge Gorman in the Juvenile Court today gladdened the hearts of 280 offenders when he ordered their release from parole. Testimonials relating to the good behavior of the children during the past year were read by probationary officers.

FIGHT OVER LITERACY TEST

President Assembles Forces to Defeat Immigration Bill in Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The administration is now assembling its forces in the Senate in an effort to defeat the pending Smith-Burnett immigration measure with the literacy test incorporated in it.

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P. R. R. FILED RATES BEFORE DECISION

Continued from Page One. lusion between the railroads and the Pennsylvania Commission at hand, the commuters are asking whether it was a joke of the Commission to hold a hearing here on December 19 and 20. Unless it was a practical joke the commuters declare that the course of the Commission is indefensible and will serve as a basis for formal charges against each of the Commissioners.

HOUSING COMMISSION PLANS AIDED BY COURT'S ACTION

Permission Given to File Briefs in Suit to Mandamus Councils. Plans to simplify the question of appropriating money for the Division of Housing and Sanitation were decided upon today by Judges Martin, Ralston and Staake, sitting in Common Pleas Court No. 5.

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Advertisement for Dreka Stationers featuring a map of Europe and a list of gift items: Address Books 35c to \$3., Diaries 30c to \$3., Engagement Books 75c to \$6., "Handy" Notes 75c to \$2., "Post-Haste" \$1.25 to \$2., Shopping Lists 50c to \$2., Telephone Books 50c to \$5., Writing Cases \$2. to \$15. Includes the slogan "NEUTRAL AT WAR".