

REPUBLICAN NEWS-ITEM

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Nobody is ever hurt when an air meet is postponed.

The pigskin and the oyster go hand in hand, so to speak.

Smaller currency will compel our leading counterfeiter to revise their dies.

The motorcycle has proved deadly enough to suit the most exacting "lovers of sport."

Chicago has a "kissing burglar," but, girls, he is not even passably good looking.

Humanity is assured of a ripe old age if we can keep our scientists from dying young.

A New York inventor is building an aeroplane with 18 wings. Hope he'll arrange them so they won't interfere.

Explorers in New Mexico recently have found a prehistoric flat, but even the janitor had become extinct.

It is carrying the humanitarian movement quite too far when bandits try to chloroform their victims.

One desirable step in that proposed war of phthisis would be the amputation of the superfluous consonants.

Men may become too blasé to buy tickets to an aviation meet and yet grow excited over a casual dog fight.

Aviators are not the only people who deliberately take chances. There are many amateur mushroom gatherers.

There is this to say for marriage: Those who have had experience with it are always willing to give it another trial.

Cincinnati woman declares she has discovered a man without a fault. Wait till they've been married ten years.

While fashion has decreed that women's hats shall be smaller this winter, the prices still remain disgracefully obese.

Philadelphia is to have women cashiers on street cars. Now we see where the "move forward, please," never can be enforced.

A Chicago court bailiff, named Hunter, served 13,014 writs and traveled 127,952 miles in two months. Some hunter.

Pueblo Indians of the fifteenth century are discovered to have danced the "grizzly bear." Yes, and where are they now?

A German visitor here says that there are no trusts in Germany, only syndicates. There is much in the power of words.

When a baseball player dies of heart disease after years of service in the big leagues no man can consider himself exempt.

Father is a pretty good fellow when it comes to paying the bills, but sometimes he doesn't get any credit, even in his own home.

It is reported that an earthquake was recently felt at Reno. But it doesn't seem possible that anything could shock Reno.

The craving for wealth still rages in the breast of the humble but beautiful chorus girl. One has just eloped with an iceman.

A Gotham policeman had his pocket picked on a street car. The pickpockets are evidently going where they think the money is.

Why should the men be blamed for not giving up their seats in street cars when the women prefer to wear standing-room-only skirts?

Plano makers in several states are threatening a strike. And yet this is a business which depends for its very existence on harmony.

An abnormality has been discovered, that of a woman who is talking herself to death. As a general rule a husband is the victim.

Now it is announced that Uncle Sam is going to make money smaller. Wonder if it will cause a depreciation in salaries?

A telephone system is to be installed in the Pennsylvania penitentiary for the convenience of its inmates. Possibly a palm garden with the usual musical and liquid accessories will be the next improvement.

There is no indignation apparent over the charge that the American women have larger feet than of yore. There is no pinched-in effects about the modern progressive woman, despite the attempted slavery of the hobble. She is expanding.

That nameless but distinguished physician of Geneva who thinks that too much sleep is as bad as too much food will arouse only academic interest by his discovery. Most of us are so busy getting food that we have no time to gorge ourselves with sleep.

BULGARS TAKE KIRK KILISSE

Key to Adrianople Falls to Invaders After Heavy Fight

TURKS KILL MANY GREEKS

Battery of Quick-Firing Guns Left on Field by Defeated Troops—Montenegro's Ruler Joins the Forces Commanded by His Three Sons.

The four Kings of the allied Balkan States that are fighting the Turks are now directing all operations from the several fields. King George of Greece is before Serbia, the Turkish town captured. King Nicholas of Montenegro is directing the southern forces of his country. King Peter of Serbia heads the force that has swept the Ottomans out of control of the northwestern Turkish frontier. King Ferdinand of Bulgaria directed the fighting that resulted in the capture of Kirk Kilisse, the key to Adrianople.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—The Bulgarian army, which for several days, under the personal supervision of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, had been pressing the Turkish lines guarding the approaches to Adrianople, won a great victory by capturing Kirk Kilisse. This town, strongly fortified, was regarded as the key to Adrianople.

The battle was the bloodiest that has been fought in eastern Turkey since the war began. The force of Bulgarians was part of the army of 50,000 that has been trying to capture Adrianople. It was estimated that 70,000 Turks were spread over the country from that city to Kirk Kilisse.

Inspired to greater effort by the victories of the last few days, the Bulgarians showed reckless courage in the battle. In defiance of the heavy guns of the Turkish forts, they rushed forward and easily swept aside or killed the outlying defensive forces.

The cannon of the Turks sometimes mowed down the Bulgarians by the dozen, but more damage was done by the infantry fire, as the Bulgarians had to move across open country. In the trenches of the outer works, the fighting was hand to hand. Occasionally groups of Turks were trapped in the pits and killed by volleys from the victorious invaders.

For several days the Bulgarian forces had been directing all their strength against Kirk Kilisse (Forty Churches). Both sides fought with great determination, realizing the importance of the position. It was the headquarters of the Turkish Third army corps, commanded by Kenaan Pasha. Its garrison of 5,000, including two generals, surrendered to the Bulgarians, and another force of Turks that had been sent to aid the garrison was driven to flight.

Heavy losses were suffered by both sides all along the line to Kirk Kilisse. At last the Turkish garrison, realizing its dangerous position, attempted a sortie from the northeastern quarter of the town. For more than an hour there was hot fighting a short distance in front of the Turkish fortifications, and then the defenders were forced back within the walls. They left twelve cannon on the field.

Strengthening their positions over night, the Bulgarians made a general advance in the morning. Their forces had been so distributed that the town was surrounded and there was no chance of the garrison escaping.

For several hours the fighting raged around the Turkish fortifications, and finally a Bulgarian division captured one of the redoubts. News of that victory was spread along the Bulgarian line, encouraging the attacking army to greater effort.

At 11 o'clock the town was surrendered. Part of the Turkish force that had been sent to reinforce the garrison encountered the attacking force and was routed in a sharp battle outside the city. That force retired in disorder to Bunarbissar, fourteen miles to the southeast, leaving on the field a battery of quick-firing guns, sixteen ammunition wagons and large quantities of ammunition and food.

The Greek army, commanded by the Crown Prince, captured the Turkish town of Servia. The Turks, before evacuating the town, massacred the Greek inhabitants. The King and Queen of Greece have gone to the front.

It was announced officially at Belgrade that the Serbian forces have occupied five towns, including Kumanova, a short distance from Uskub. The Turkish batteries around Kumanova were annihilated in the three days' fighting.

The Montenegrin troops have occupied the height of Chirki, dominating the city of Scutari.

From Constantinople comes an admission of the defeat of the Turkish forces near Kirk Kilisse, but all other claims of victory by the allies are denied.

There was the wildest sort of a celebration in Sofia when news of the capture of Kirk Kilisse was announced. There were thanksgiving services in the churches and the streets were jammed, with the jubilant populace carrying the flags of the allies and singing the national anthem.

WATCHING HIS MONEY BURN



WARN MEXICO TO KEEP PORT OPEN U.S. AND CHICAGO FIGHT PUGILIST

United States Takes Step to Safeguard Americans Federal and City Authorities Investigate Jack Johnson

TAMPICO AS A SAFE EXIT IS ACCUSED OF ABDUCTION

Rebels Capture Eastern Seaport—Soldiers Go Over to Diaz and He is Ready for Battle — Communications with Coast City Kept Clear.

Washington.—Viewing the Diaz insurrection on the Gulf coast of Mexico as by far the most serious movement against the Madero government that has yet appeared, the United States Government took precautions to insure the safety of Americans in southern Mexico.

The Mexican Government was informed through the American Embassy at Mexico City that the United States will insist upon communications between the capital and the port of Tampico on the east coast being kept open regardless of circumstances.

This precautionary measure has been adopted for the purpose of making it certain that Americans in southern Mexico will have a means of exit if they find it desirable to leave the country should the situation become more menacing. It is also for the purpose of insuring communication between Washington and Mexico City.

Vera Cruz, Mexico.—The Twenty-first battalion of Federal soldiers, in command of Fort Uloua, in the harbor here, has gone over to Felix Diaz. During one day 200 men deserted from the regiments commanded by Generals Beltran and Valdez outside the city, and it is not by any means certain that the other soldiers here now nominally loyal to Madero will fight if asked to do so by General Beltran.

In twenty-four hours 1,000 seasoned fighters have joined Diaz. Volunteers are coming in by dozens. The new rebel leader is not in a hurry to fight, but says he will move on Mexico City.

NURSE GIVES FATAL DOSE.

Young Woman Unbalanced When Told Patient is Dead.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Through the mistake of a nurse, Mrs. Alice Haight, 27 years old, who three days before had given birth to a boy, swallowed a dose of oxalic acid that killed her in ten minutes in the Homeopathic Hospital in Yonkers. Florence Harris, the nurse, who had prepared the dose in the belief that the poison was epsom salts, was thrown into convulsions by the patient's death, and soon afterward lost her reason. Physicians said she will be insane permanently.

KNOX TO QUIT ON MARCH 4.

Secretary to Leave Political Life No Matter Who Wins Election.

Pittsburgh.—In an inspired statement the Pittsburgh Dispatch for many years the organ of Secretary Knox, announces his determination to retire from public life on March 4 next, no matter what the result of the pending elections.

BRIEFS IN NEWSPAPER TEST.

New York Publishers Want Appeals Contesting Publicity Law Advanced.

Washington.—Briefs in the newspaper test case of the new postal law have been filed in the United States Supreme Court. This action is in support of motions to advance the hearing of the New York newspaper appeals contesting the publicity act requiring daily newspapers to print statements of their circulation and ownership.

BECKER GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Jurors Find New York Police Lieutenant Caused Death of Rosenthal

PRISONER CALM AS HE HEARS RESULT OF TRIAL

Prisoner Denounces Charge of Court to Jury as Unfair, and Wife Joins Him in Attacking Bench for Its Instructions to the Jury.

New York.—Lieut. Charles Becker of the New York police force, charged with directing the assassination of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, was convicted of murder in the first degree on the stroke of midnight.

The jury was out seven hours and fifty-seven minutes.

When the jury came in Becker was called to the bar and in a few moments heard Foreman Harold B. Skinner pronounce the verdict.

Becker listened with composure and after the usual perfunctory motions by counsel he was remanded to the Tombs for sentence.

There was never any question in the minds of the jurors as to the guilt of the accused man. The degree of his guilt was all that caused doubt. On the first ballot the vote stood eight to four for a verdict of murder in the first degree.

It was there that the contention arose. In the minds of the four who were holding out for a second degree verdict there was doubt as to the strength that was to be given to the testimony of Sam Schepps, and the testimony taken in Hot Springs, Ark.

Then another ballot was taken, which showed two converts to the first degree verdict, the jury then standing ten to two. Almost two hours more of argument followed, and then came the agreement.

Justice Goff's charge was a shock to the defense. In effect, it expressed a doubt that Jack Rose could have invented such a story as he told against Lieutenant Becker, and that there was no evidence to show that Sam Schepps was an accomplice.

The justice was particular in instructing the jury that Becker was not called upon to prove his innocence, and that if there was a reasonable doubt of his guilt the verdict must be acquittal. But the features of his long address were his statement that the jury must take into consideration whether Rose was capable of weaving such a story as would withstand seven hours of cross-examination and the statement that there was so much of a doubt in his mind as to whether Schepps was an accomplice that he would refuse to link Schepps with Rose, Vallon and Webber, the undoubted accomplices.

In dwelling on these main points of the case, Justice Goff said concerning Rose:

"To a large extent, you will depend in your rendering of a verdict on the truth or falsity of Rose's testimony. You must use your own personal impressions as to whether he should be given full credence or not. You must also take into consideration his demeanor, whether it was friendly or hostile; consider his frankness or suppression; the consistency of his narrative and his ability to withstand the rigid and thorough cross-examination. Then, too, you must consider his surroundings, his life, his companions and his business. And you have the right to ask yourselves whether his story is true or not. In this connection you must consider whether his mental faculty is capable of weaving such a story. If you do not believe the testimony of Jack Rose, if you do not accept it as the truth, you must acquit the defendant."

In connection with Schepps, Justice Goff had this to say:

"There is a question about Schepps being an accomplice. I must say that I am in doubt. I decline, as a matter of law, to instruct you that he was an accomplice. I don't find any testimony that would justify a judge as a matter of law in saying that Schepps was a co-conspirator. Being an accessory after the fact cannot make him a principal in the crime."

Lieutenant Becker and his lawyers furiously denounced the charge as unfair and as a virtual direction to the jury to convict the defendant. After the justice and the jury left the courtroom Becker stood up in court and said loudly:

"That charge was absolutely unfair. It was one-sided. It was not a charge but a summing-up for the State. He might as well have told the jury to find me guilty."

In answer to many questions, Mr. Whitman said:

"We shall go ahead with the prosecution of the remainder of the Rosenthal murderers as rapidly as possible. The gunmen, 'Gyp the Blood,' 'Whitey Lewis,' 'Dago Frank' and 'Lefty Louie' have applied for separate trials. Under the law the request must be granted."

"I will move for a special panel of veniremen from which the jury for the first of these trials may be selected on the first opportunity. It has not been decided which of the gunmen will be tried first."

FOUR AUTOISTS MURDER WOMAN

Chauffeur Rushes Posse in Pursuit and Three Are Caught

COSTLY GEMS UNDISTURBED

All Are New Yorkers—Deny Knowing Woman, Who Was of Attractive Appearance, but Came from a Disorderly House.

Stratford, Conn.—Following a night ride through the country roads between Bridgeport and Peck's Mills in an automobile, four men and a woman, known as Rose White, of Bridgeport, alighted in the road near the last named place and ordered the chauffeur of the car to drive back to Bridgeport. When he had gone a hundred yards he heard five revolver shots in the rear. Looking backward, he saw the four men surrounding the woman and firing at her.

The woman had fallen in the middle of the road. The men then ran into the shrubbery at the side of the road and disappeared.

William Hall, driver of the car, seeing the woman had been murdered, at once put on full speed and drove to Stratford, near the scene of the murder. Here he aroused Chief of Police Judson, who at once summoned his aids and departed for the spot in Hall's automobile.

After scouring for more than an hour Judson and his deputies overtook the men, who were traveling in pairs. The men showed signs of fight and exchanged shots with the police. Judson captured two of the men and his deputies got a third. The fourth man got away.

The prisoners, who are evidently foreigners, would make no statement about the murder. They would only say that they came from New York, and that they knew nothing of the woman. They gave their names as "Joe" Buonna, Joseph Mottes and Frank Prizzichenti.

From Hall it was learned that he had been hired by the men at Bridgeport. They told him to drive along Water street. When they reached an alleged disorderly house on that street, they alighted, went inside, and came out with the woman, who seemed willing to accompany them. Hall was then told to drive to Stratford.

Throughout the trip the men and their woman companion appeared in the best of spirits, and drank plentifully of champagne, which one of the men had with him in a suitcase. When the road near Peck's Mills was reached one of the men told Hall to turn the car around and drive back. The next minute Hall heard the shots and saw the woman fall.

The woman's body was taken to Stratford in Hall's automobile, and placed in the morgue. She was expensively dressed and wore jewelry, but this had not been touched. The woman was about thirty years old, and of attractive appearance.

ROOSEVELT GETS HOME.

Stands the Journey Well, and Only Needs Rest.

Oyster Bay, L. I.—Theodore Roosevelt reached home as happy as a boy. Smiling and unassisted he walked from the private car which had brought him from Chicago to the W. Emlen Roosevelt limousine awaiting him at Syosset, and with a waved greeting to the few who attended his unexpected arrival was borne swiftly across the intervening four miles to Sagamore Hill.

He lies comfortably in his upstairs room to which he ascended with only slight assistance. All four of the doctors who escorted him hither and the nurses have been dismissed for the time being at his order. And the guard of six men placed at the Sagamore Hill entrance was likewise removed. Nothing about the residence of the ex-President indicated that all was not as usual. He needs only a brief rest to be himself again.

BAYONETS END HORSE RACING.

Gov. Marshall Orders Militia Out to Suppress Gambling.

Mineral Springs, Ind.—Racing and race track gambling came to a sudden termination here when two companies of state militia swooped down on the track and with fixed bayonets drove racing officials, jockeys, horses, their owners and speculators from the course. The two companies were ordered out by Governor Marshall, who is in California, by telegraph, following representations that the county officials had failed to suppress the race track gambling. The soldiers camped on the racetrack.

VOTING MACHINES BARRED.

Illinois Supreme Court Decides Against Mechanical Ballot.

Springfield, Ill.—The State Supreme Court decided that the voting machines shall not be used in the voting precincts in Chicago at the November election.

The mandamus was issued after an experiment in the Supreme Court room in which 12 men voted by machine to show the speed. The law allows only one minute for the voter to cast his ballot.