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ADVERSE RULING FROM ATTORNEY IN BOND ISSUE

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT RULES THAT CITY CANNOT VOTE BONDS OR EXPEND CURRENT EXPENSE FUNDS OF CITY FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

SAVAGE'S OPINION UPHELD

Letters From Assistant Attorney W. M. Harris Were Read Last Night by Mayor Miller—Meeting Favored Rincon Annexation and Opposed Auditorium, at the Present Time

The attorney general's department of the state holds with City Attorney Savage that the city of Corpus Christi is without the right to issue bonds or appropriate money from the funds of the city for advertising purposes. Letters from Assistant Attorney W. M. Harris expressing such an opinion were read by Mayor Miller at last night's mass meeting held in conjunction with the annual membership meeting of the Commercial Club.

Several weeks ago a committee composed of O. B. Decker, W. F. Fore, Dunlap Coleman, W. C. Vollers, Hyman Cohen and L. D. Gibbons was selected by Mayor Miller to submit a report on a proposition that had been made by Mayor Miller that the city during the ensuing year expend $15,000 for advertising purposes, the committee to report back a plan for raising the money.

Members of the Caller are familiar with the report of this committee that followed. In brief they recommended three things.

The voting of $15,000 in forty year bonds for advertising purposes, the money to be expended by a committee of citizens, under the direction of the Council.

The voting of $50,000 in forty year bonds for the erection of a municipal auditorium.

The extension of the city limits to the east, thus annexing the Rincon Addition and adding approximately $1,000,000 to the taxable values of the city.

The meeting last night was for the purpose of reaching some definite conclusion with respect to the three propositions.

The results were:

The appointment of a committee of citizens composed of City Attorney Savage, W. F. Fore, Hugh H. Boyle, Edward H. Kleberg, Jackie Heard, H. McDonald, Judge Gordon Boone to confer and frame the legal phases presented in the advertising proposal, in an effort to ascertain if the committee can present to the attorney-general's department a capacity opinion for the action of that department, hoping to secure a favorable report from the department.

The report that Preachers Leader of the Commercial Club invite the citizens of the Rincon Addition to come into the city by calling an election to vote on the proposal to join the city.

The holding of practically a social convention that the municipal auditorium proposal should rule for a while.

Mayor Miller at the outset of the meeting voiced the opinion that the time is not far distant when every matter of a public nature that is of benefit to the city in its collective sense will be handled by the editorial living power of the city, the equitable way, the fairly placing the burden on all beneficiaries.

"I have earnestly hoped that the advertising matter that we have discussed at several meetings of citizens could be disposed of without further delay in a manner satisfactory to the majority of our citizens, but the opinion of the attorney-general's department, said Mayor Miller, has been taken up with the attorney-general's department and the opinion of the attorneys of that department with respect to the proposals that we either vote a bond issue of appropriate funds from the expense fund, of the city, for advertising purposes, is not favorable."

Mayor Miller then read letters from assistant attorney general Harris who held that the city is without the authority to vote the bonds or to appropriate the funds for such purposes. The main point in the first instance being that bonds are only to be voted for permanent improvements or refunding bond purposes and in the second instance money are only to be spent for the things expressly provided in the charter and general laws of the state.

"Viewing the matter from a common-sense point of view I agree with him in the statement that we lack the authority to vote the bonds for such a purpose but I do believe that the department is wrong on the other opinion. I have been of the opinion that the charter clearly gives the city the right to spend the money from the current fund for the purpose that we have under discussion" said the Mayor.

Mayor Miller then made the suggestion that a committee of attorneys further consider the matter and present their views to the Attorney-general's department.

He favored the Rincon annexation proposal, as a citizen of Corpus Christi and as a property owner in the Rincon Addition, and suggested that the people of the Rincon take the initiative in voting for an election to determine whether or not they shall join the city. He pointed out that the Rincon is

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BUCHANAN, INDICTED ILLINOIS REPRESENTATIVE, WAIVES RIGHTS AS MEMBER OF CONGRESS

REPRESENTATIVE FRANK BUCHANAN

(Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois, accused of complicity in pro-German plots, after a conference with Representatives Mondell and Fitzgerald, decided to go to New York to answer the indictments which had been brought against him, waiving his rights for the time being as a member of congress. He said that he had left the capital without in the hands of Representative Mondell. Mr. Mondell said that Mr. Buchanan feared one of his witnesses would lack a speedy trial. He said that Mr. Buchanan believed that if he resigned at once he might cause a fault in his case, to the injury of some persons.)

Martial Law at El Paso; Soldiers and Citizens Made War On Mexicans

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 13.—Martial law was declared on El Paso (again) Sunday, the report that a large number of Mexicans were attacking in the lower part of the city, immediately of scores from Fort Bliss came into the city and at midnight there had succeeded in partially suppressing shades that had been frequent during the early part of the night between Americans and Mexicans.

Four companies of infantry took charge of the down town district and the streets thronged and when order was established the streets without a permit. Soldiers are searching the Mexican district for arms. Nothing

When trouble was begun tonight between Americans, principally soldiers and Mexicans. All the saloons in all smelting in the city were closed by through the streets in differing parts of town, while automobiles and wagons were used. Knives were frequently used. Shortly before midnight police reserves were assembled and all Mexicans were searched by police and immediately.

Early tonight the soldiers went through the streets according to their own statement, looking for Mexicans. Large bodies of soldiers said that they had chased off the Mexicans shortly before midnight. The Mexican population of one large saloon.

Rumors are rife that a secret meeting of cattle and mining men recently organized a citizens expedition which it was proposed to send into Mexico with or without Carranza's consent.

Signed Gen. Commander Funston yesterday ordered troops to El Paso. Two troops and two troops from Fort Bliss were dispatched towards by the guard. This city for California.

MONTENEGRINS SUBJUGATED BY AUSTRIAN HOSTS

KING NICHOLAS IS REPORTED TO HAVE ENTERED INTO ARMISTICE WITH INVADERS TO SAVE HIS COUNTRY FROM SERBIA'S FATE

ITALY IS BEING CRITICISED

Failure of that Country Which is Most Vitally Interested in Keeping Adriatic Open, to Send Aid to Balkans Causes Much Unfavorable Comment

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Another decisive stage of the Balkan situation has been reached, it was learned tonight. Austria, and Montenegro having agreed to an armistice which is construed as the last act of the little kingdom of Montenegro in the European struggle. It is considered certainly doubtful that King Nicholas will attempt to continue the unequal struggle and it is believed in well informed circles that Montenegro has virtually passed under Austrian control.

The chief significance of this lies not in the small territorial acquisition but in the Montenegrin Adriatic coast, as Austria desires to make the Adriatic an Austrian sea. Their checking Italy's ambition to make it an Italian sea.

As Italy has as much at stake diplomats are anxiously awaiting steps that country may take to relieve Montenegro and prevent another Austrian extension on the Adriatic.

The occupation of Corfu by the Allies has caused great indignation in Germany. It is reported that Achilleo Castle, located on the island, and owned by the kaiser, is being used as British headquarters. Emperor William, it is stated has sent a personal protest to the king of Greece.

Rumors were again in circulation today that the illness of the German emperor is serious but there lack confirmation.

Fighting continues in Montenegro although it is reported that an armistice has been arranged. Further bombardments have occurred on the western front, but there is a lull in the fighting in East Africa, and in Dardanelles. This may be due to heavy snowstorms.

JANE ADDAMS ATTACKS PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

DECLARES THAT AGITATION IS DUE TO PANIC CAUSED BY EUROPEAN WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Jane Addams today urged the House and Senate Military Affairs Committee to make no increase in the army, saying the preposterous movement was due to the panic created by the European war.

Major General Bliss, assistant chief of staff, urged that the administration's military plans be adopted.

THURSDAY COLDEST DAY SINCE JANUARY 1912

Temperature at 7:00 O'Clock Dropped to 26 as Compared to 22 on January 18, 1912

San Pedro Club will blow his whistle into the face of Corpus Christi yesterday morning but the temperature tumbled to the lowest mark since January 18, 1912, the official reading at seven o'clock being 26 degrees as compared with 22 degrees on the cold January day of 1912. It was decidedly cold for Corpus Christi though the air was beautiful the sun bright on the city throughout the day with only a light wind blowing.

One silent damage resulted to the truck growers of the Corpus Christi section as a result of the cold wave. Charles E. Coleman, president the local pecan nuts to the county in such bulletins, told the caller last night that reports by telephone during the day from nearby farmers were to the effect that cabbage and onions, now with a good stand, was only slightly damaged as a result of the cold. Not a very freezing weather. But a very fresh Jack Frost, which is predicted for that morning, will "spill the beans" for the growers.

While Corpus Christi was cool on Thursday many other Texas cities enjoyed real arctic weather some of the cold weather spots being Abilene with 8 above zero, El Paso the same as Corpus Christi, 16, Fort Worth 18 above, San Antonio 22, Galveston 24, and Amarillo as usual carrying off the honors with zero weather. Brownsville was not with half an inch of rain otherwise the state was a dry as the and the Dallas question will be for forty days from date.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—East Texas—Friday, increased cloudiness, warmer; Saturday partly cloudy, warmer.

West Texas—Friday, increasing cloudiness, warmer; Saturday, generally cloudy.

DECORATORS READY TO DO EXPOSITION WORK

Business Houses of City Will be Decorated Under the Direction of C. P. Leader

Corpus Christi starting tomorrow will begin the painting of its holiday attire for the Gulf Coast Exposition that is to start here Wednesday and to last for four days.

A telegram last night from C. P. Leader, official decorator from the Southwestern Decorating Company announced that a crew of experienced workmen had left the city today to begin the work of decorating the contracts that Mr. Leader has already secured and the others that he expects to get within the next few days.

It is not a money-making venture on the part of Mr. Leader. Instead it is a service for his home city. He is very anxious that every business house be properly equipped with the Exposition colors, while the thousands of visitors are here next week.

Such firms as Corpus Christi National Bank, Nueces Hotel, U. Lachmanski and Sons, Dodd Plate Glass, First State Bank, Thomas Pharmacy, Harrington-Cohn Company and Sun Pharmacy have already given contracts for decorating and many others are expected during today. There will be a uniform decorating plan carried out that will appeal to all and that will truly present Corpus Christi as a progressive city to the thousands of visitors.

ACCUSED OF KILLING PARENTS

TEXARKANA, Ark., Jan. 13.—William Mayfield, or Iola in the district court at New Boston, charged with killing his aged parents and his brother, was denied a change of venue by Judge O'Neal after hearing a large number of witnesses this morning.

A motion was then made for a continuance and this was likewise overruled.

DALLAS POLICEMAN KILLED

DALLAS, Jan. 13.—Policeman W. R. Thornton was killed and Motorcycle Officer C. C. Hoste was badly wounded here tonight by a man who had been captured by the police. A shotgun was the weapon used.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AND WOMAN'S WORK

THOSE THEMES WILL BE STRESSED DURINK STATE UNIVERSITY'S HOME ECONOMIC WEEK

AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—The Seventh annual University of Texas Home Economics Week, to be held in Austin beginning February 14, will be the promotion of a greater interest among the women of Texas in matters pertaining to civic improvements, the extension of knowledge regarding public affairs, and, in general, to familiarize them with their true relation to the community.

The Home Economics Week, conducted each year by the School of Domestic Economy and the Division of Home Welfare, have in the past emphasized one special phase of women's interests. Last year the work stressed the production of foods in Texas. This year the predominant idea will be to develop, by means of lectures to be delivered by widely known speakers, the woman's relationship to her municipality. The numerous questions concerning city welfare, and the means which may be employed to obtain the cooperation of the several departments of city government in advancing this welfare will be stressed.

The work of the week will offer definite suggestions for the more effective combination of the social and civic organizations conducted by women in the cities of Texas. Through this means it is hoped to arouse a keener sense of responsibility among women for the well-guarding of their homes, and to interest them in actively identifying themselves with the problems of the cities in which they live.

A special exhibit containing features of what has already been accomplished by cities in Texas along the lines of civic improvement is under the course of construction. The exhibit is designed to coordinate the text of the lectures with actual illustrations of the possibilities of the work proposed during the week's instruction.

BORDER AFLAME OVER BUTCHERY OF AMERICANS BY VILLA BANDITS

HUERTA DIES AS CRISIS WITH MEXICO ARISES

MAN WHO BETRAYED MADERO TO HIS DEATH AND WHOSE DEFIANCE LED TO AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF VERA CRUZ PASSES AWAY

HAD PICTURESQUE CAREEF

Trained in the Iron School of Porfirio Diaz, Exiled Dictator, During the Time that He Was In Power, Ruled With a Ruthless and Bloody Hand

EL PASO, Jan. 13.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former president and military dictator of Mexico, died at his home in this city at 5:45 o'clock tonight. Gen. Huerta had been ill for months with a complication of organic troubles, three operations having been performed last week in a vain endeavor to save his life.

General Victoriano Huerta was a professional soldier, and as such he had, up to the overthrow of President President Madero, been known for his loyal support of the existing governments. He fought loyally for President Porfirio Diaz until his fall, and when Diaz was no longer chief executive Huerta fought for Francisco de la Barra, the Provisional President. After Francisco Madero was elected Huerta found it to be his duty to support one he had so long fought as a rebel. His loyalty was not challenged until the Felix Diaz revolution in Mexico City in February 1913, when the Madero government was completely overthrown and Huerta elevated to the presidency.

Huerta devoted himself to the military career at a very early age. Born at Chihuahua in 1854, he entered the Military Academy of Chapultepec at the age of 11 and passed through the full course to graduation in 1875, when he was commissioned second lieutenant of engineers. During his academic time he was known for his proficiency in scientific studies, particularly astronomy and mathematics.

When Porfirio Diaz began his revolution of the Mexican army Huerta was promoted Captain of Engineers and while holding this rank devised the plan for a Mexican General Staff Corps. He was an active member of the Military Commission created to draft a staff map of Mexico on a large scale and he had charge of all the astronomical work of the Commission's leading engineering and surveying parties over the wildest regions of the republic.

During the ensuing years Huerta saw much active service. In 1901 he left the staff and took command of the infantry in the campaign against the Yaqui Indians. After this campaign he was again put in charge of the General Staff's topographical work in Sonora. He participated in subsequent Yaqui campaigns and also in the campaign in Yucatan against the Maya Indians. As a reward for his Indian service Huerta was given the rank of Brigadier General and once more detailed to the General staff.

Huerta commanded all the detached Government forces in the state of Guerrero at the beginning of the Madero revolution. When Madero created in the Presidency, General Huerta was sent back into Morelos with a force to put down the Zapata rebellion. As a result of ill-feeling growing out of this campaign Huerta was recalled. Subsequently he led the army sent against Orozco and was in command at the battle of Bachimba. For this service he was promoted to Major-General. He was then recalled to the capital and given leave of absence because of an affection of the eyes, and thus did not take part in the suppression of the first uprising led by General Felix Diaz in October, 1912.

In the second Felix Diaz revolution, which resulted in the overthrow of the Madero government Huerta was immediately called to active command as the senior ranking general then in the capital. He escorted Madero from Chapultepec Castle to the Palace on the first of the ten days' fighting and was placed in entire command of the forces of the government. He directed the government troops during all the subsequent fighting, and the conduct of those operations led to severe criticism on the part of Madero's friends. It was charged that he did not carry out the operations with any spirit that he disobeyed the commands of President Madero, and that before General Blanquet entered the city his attitude had sealed the fate of the Madero.

Huerta was the moving spirit in the consummation of the plot that resulted in the seizure of the person of President Madero and his brother Gustave.

The assassination of President Madero and his brother followed and in the meantime Huerta with the military behind him, had been recognized as the Provisional President.

Huerta took office as Provisional

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Former Dictator Of Mexico Dies Among Aliens

VICTORIANO HUERTA

ARMED INTERVENTION IS OUT OF QUESTION FERGUSON DECLARES

GOVERNOR POINTS OUT THAT U. S. IS IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT MEXICO

ARMY IS NOT INADEQUATE

AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—Governor Ferguson today issued the following statement to the New York American relative to the Mexican situation:

"Replying to your request for expression from me relative to measures of American citizens in Pancho Villa will say that of course it is heartily that American citizens should be thus foully murdered. The incident, however, will not be without its effect upon present conditions. Let those men in congress who are now condemning President Wilson and demanding that we intervene in Mexico realize the fact that the United States is wholly unprepared for war with Mexico. With an experience of twelve months in dealing with the Power of the National army, I know that the number of men in the army and their equipment are not sufficient to stop a repetition of the present outrage every day in the week. Intervention under present conditions would mean at least the loss of a hundred soldiers or more every month. Let the men who would condemn the policy of preparedness of the present administration but who would send our American boys into the wilds of Mexico to protect American lives be at least patriotic enough to stand with President Wilson in his desire to enlist enough men so that they will not be overwhelmed. To clothe and equip these men so that they may not be unclothed, and to train them in military tactics so that they will not pay the penalty of their lives for want of experience and military information.

"In the present state of our army and navy it would be the wildest folly to attempt the pacification of Mexico by force and yet until conditions are improved we must sit silently by and see our citizens murdered by savages. It is the time for all men to show their colors by some exhibition of loyalty to our national government. We need not seriously concern ourselves about a demand for reparation until we are in position to compel our demands to be respected."

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Today's local forecast Fair with rising temperatures; light northerly to easterly winds.

At the Theatres.

Amusu—Beatrix Michelena in "Salvation Nell" a five reel World Corporation feature.

Lyric—Herbert Rawlinson in "As the Shadows Fall" a two reel Universal. Animated Universal Weekly.

Isis—Guarding Old Glory" six reels depicting Uncle Sam's fighting men in the air, on land, on and under the sea.

Today's Local Calendar.

Weekly meeting of the City Council this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Ham-Hussey recital service this morning at 10:30 and tonight at 7:15 o'clock at the Water street tabernacle.

Pay your poll tax. Only fifteen more days in which to qualify for the elections of 1916.

EL PASO MEN READY TO TAKE THE WARPATH

PROPOSAL TO FIT OUT EXPEDITION OF A THOUSAND MEN TO RUN DOWN AND EXTERMINATE MEXICAN OUTLAWS MEETS WITH FAVOR

VILLA LEADERS ARRESTED

Two of Rebel Chief's Most Prominent Supporters Jailed as Vagrants and Police Announce That Others Will be Run Out of Town—President Wilson's Policy Condemned

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 13.—The tense situation reflecting the massacre of Americans and other foreigners in Chihuahua by Villistas was further complicated today by the arrest here of Miguel Diaz Lombardo and Jose Prieto, both former Villistas, on charges of vagrancy; protests against President Wilson's Mexican policy; action of the El Paso police is a movement to drive Villa adherents out of El Paso and the circulation of petitions urging President Wilson to immediately remove Consul Thomas Edwards at Juarez for alleged indifference to American interests.

No definite action has yet been taken on the proposition to organize an expedition of one thousand American mining men to run down the bandits who murdered the nineteen foreigners at Santa Ysabel Monday, but the idea was received with general favor in this vicinity. Confirmation of the execution of three other Americans, George Parsons, Peter Keane and Bert Kramer, was received from Chihuahua today.

The capture of Gen. Jose Rodriguez, former Villista leader, by a body of Americans and a small force of Carranzistas, near Madera, has been confirmed. It is not believed that he was implicated in the recent killing of Americans.

The proposal to send a telegram to Theodore Roosevelt, asking him to use his influence to induce the administration to change its Mexican policy, has not yet been acted upon.

Police Captain Creel said tonight that every Villa leader in El Paso will be driven out of town.

Secretary of State Lansing's representations on the murder of Americans in Chihuahua were delivered to General Carranza at Queretaro today. Carranza made no official comment on the matter. Other officials said the murders were due to the premature entry of mining men into territory just recently conquered and to Villa's animosity over the recognition by the United States of Carranza.

AMERICANS ORDERED OUT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—William Loeb Jr., managing editor of the American Smelting and Refining Company, announced tonight that all American mining concerns in Chihuahua, Mexico, had ordered their employes out of that territory. Several hundred men are affected.

CARRANZA PROMISES TO PUNISH BANDITS

MOST RECENT MEXICAN ATROCITY CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT OF ANGRY DEBATE IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Eliseo Arredondo, de facto ambassador from Mexico, informed Secretary of State Lansing today that Carranza troops had been ordered to kill or capture the bandits who murdered seventeen American citizens in the State of Chihuahua. Every soldier in northern Mexico will be pressed into service for this work if necessary, the ambassador said. He added that the tragedy was the result of the Americans trying to return to their places of business before Carranza had secured complete control of the territory and were given permission at their own request to pass through the Carranza lines. Secretary Lansing made it clear that the United states expected Carranza to give evidence of his intention to take steps for the capture and punishment of the murderers.

The most intense indignation was again reflected in Congress today. Senator Lewis, Democrat, introduced a resolution to send armed force into Mexico, but resented that it be over without action for the present. Representative Slayden of Texas in a vigorous speech declared that the time had arrived for the Pan-American nations to restore order in Mexico. Representative Hess of West Virginia introduced a resolution instructing the President to send a sufficient force of troops into Mexico to capture the murderers.

Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson held a long conference today at which it is understood the President told the Secretary that Americans had been amply warned not to enter Mexico. Carranza's responsibility for the tragedy has not been established and every effort is being made to secure definite information.