



"DAGO FRANK" HURT BECKER, SAYS WHITMAN

Support to Plot Theory Seen in Death Words of Gunman.

"CONFESSION" WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Method of Obtaining Statement Criticised by the Prosecutor.

DENIES VALLON'S GUILT

Conspiracy to Free Slayers Bared—Cirofici Signature Doubted.

District Attorney Whitman declared yesterday that the eleventh hour "confession" of "Dago Frank"...

While no such statement, considering the circumstances under which it was obtained, would be admissible evidence...

This so-called confession, said Mr. Whitman, should relieve the public mind, and incidentally the mind of the Governor...

Whitman Probes Confession. The District Attorney said that he had not yet obtained any "official" information...

It is understood that the District Attorney feels very strongly about the manner in which the "confession" was obtained...

The questioning of "Dago Frank" barely a half hour before his death was only stopped when his tongue refused to form words...

It was pointed out that if the "confession" had been made in good faith it would have been made sooner...

For these reasons and others the District Attorney has determined to make an investigation of the matter.

Assistant District Attorney DeLahanty, who was in Albany when Warden Clancy made his report to the Governor...

"I will take the blame and tell the District Attorney that I did the shooting."

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This Morning's News.

Table listing various news items and their page numbers, including 'LOCAL', 'MISCELLANEOUS', and 'GENERAL' sections.

KILLED TRYING FIRE AUTO

Committeeman Falls from the Chassis and Fractures Skull. Conrad Scherrer, one of a committee of citizens of Kidgefield Park...

The committee went to an automobile establishment and chose a chassis for demonstration. John Birmingham, a chauffeur-demonstrator, took the automobile out with boards for seats...

SPORTS A COLLEGE "MUST"

Wesleyan to Force Students to Take Part in Athletics.

Middletown, Conn., April 14.—Wesleyan students must attain a certain degree of proficiency in baseball, tennis or track athletics, the same as in Latin or Greek, according to a ruling of the faculty announced to-day...

EX-COUNTESS SUES FOR STOLEN HUSBAND

Wife of Lewis D. Boggs Accuses Brothers-in-Law and Asks Damages.

Mrs. Constance Henry Boggs, also known as Countess Constance Boggs-le-Tourneaux, a daughter of the late Alexander Henry, who was an evangelist with Moody and Sankey, filed a suit for \$100,000 damages yesterday against John C. Boggs and Robert M. Boggs, her brothers-in-law...

The alleged alienation took place last November, which was not long after her marriage to Lewis D. Boggs. According to Mrs. Boggs, her husband offered no other explanation for his leaving her than that he was in the hands of his brothers, and he had to do what they told him...

About this time there came attacks against the project, one of those who roused the ire of the "Countess" being Mme. Pilar Morin, the pantomimist. The teaching staff included Dr. A. M. Richardson, Mme. Ada Soder-Hueck and several other persons prominent in the music and art world...

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CITY WILL INSURE ARMY OF TOILERS

Bruere Told How Compensation Law Will Affect Employees of City.

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Professor Parkinson, who is an authority on workmen's compensation, says there is grave doubt of the legal effect of the amendments. It would seem, he states, that the city employees are included in the act, and that the city is responsible for compensation for injuries. The point that arises is whether the city is responsible for the whole of its employees, including the Mayor himself.

Professor Parkinson thinks the responsibility of the city is limited to those of its employees whose occupations are named in the act, those working on railroads, possibly telegraph or telephone lines, in the operation of vessels, and in paving, sewer or subway construction.

Slayer of Gunman Freed.

Lieutenant George Haerle, of the East 104th st. police station, who had been before the Coroner on a technical charge of homicide based on his shooting of William Horgan, the slayer of Detective Joseph Guarnieri, was acquitted yesterday.

The jury gave the verdict without leaving their seats.

YANKEES WIN, BUT THE GIANTS LOSE

Fans Rejoice as Far Flung Chain of Baseball Binds a New Season.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS BITE DIAMOND DUST

Fifteen Thousand Men and Women Brave Shivery Wind to See a New York Victory.

Edward Sweeney stole home in the fifth inning of the opening game of a new baseball season between the Athletics and the Yankees at the Polo Grounds yesterday. It is necessary to state this at the very beginning of any account of the day's doings in order to get the proper atmosphere.

Once it is accepted that Edward Sweeney actually did steal home in the fifth inning, it is possible to go on and convince everybody that the Yankees defeated the world's champions by a score of 8 to 2 and outplayed their rivals at all angles of the game.

It was a topsy-turvy day. The Giants were defeated by the Phillies 10 to 1, although everybody knows that "Charlie Dooin's team is 'snot to pieces by the raids of the Federals." The Brooklyn Superbas won from the Boston Braves by a score of 8 to 2, while the Tip Tops took the Pittsburgh Reds into camp by a score of 1 to 0 in ten little innings, so that New York's percentage for the day was .750.

Lieutenant Governor Robert F. Wagner threw out the first ball, and it was a tolerable toss as first ball tosses go. Marty McHale did not have to run more than fifteen feet to catch it.

Season Opens in All Cities. The Polo Grounds was only one link in a far flung chain of baseball. In many big league towns the tumult and the shouting rose with the varying fortunes of the games. Fans from the Atlantic to the Mississippi were able to see big league baseball at first hand instead of through the medium of the sporting pages.

Although the weather man forgot to turn on the heat he was kind enough to allow fair weather, and all over the National and American League circuits the fans were gladdened or saddened, as the case might be, by the opening of the baseball season.

Every team was able to make its start in the big race, and every game was played to a decisive issue. Each league has four leaders and four tail-enders this morning.

McHale Balks the Champions. Marty McHale, "the Irish Thrush," was chiefly responsible for the victory of the Yankees. Not only did he hold the Athletics to five hits and field his position well, but he made a hit and stole second in the memorable fifth inning.

While Sweeney was rumberling toward the plate like a Lenox avenue local, Arthur Irwin originally signed McHale because the club's quartet lacked a good tenor.

The "Irish Thrush" has been pitching for a good many years, and his voice has always been much admired. Once before he came up to the big leagues only to go back again to the "sticks." But yesterday the little man who has tolled so long in the "small time" of baseball did things that Marquard and Tesreau and Demaree and others could not do.

He struck out Collins, Oldring, McInnis and other sluggers of the Athletics, and made no more fuss about it than if he had been pitching a Monday afternoon game for Jersey City.

Weather Mean and Sullen. Not more than 15,000 persons saw the game, but although the crowd was one of the smallest which ever attended an opening game here, the fault was not with the game, but may be placed squarely on the shoulders of a mean and sullen day.

The game became one-sided so early in the afternoon that there was little in the way of excitement to counteract the cold.

Joe Bush, who held the Giants to five hits in the third game of the world's series at the Polo Grounds last October, began the game for the Athletics. Although he had speed his energy was misdirected, and when he dropped his curves in an effort to put the ball over Chance's men smashed out drives that defied even the fielding prowess of the \$100,000 infield.

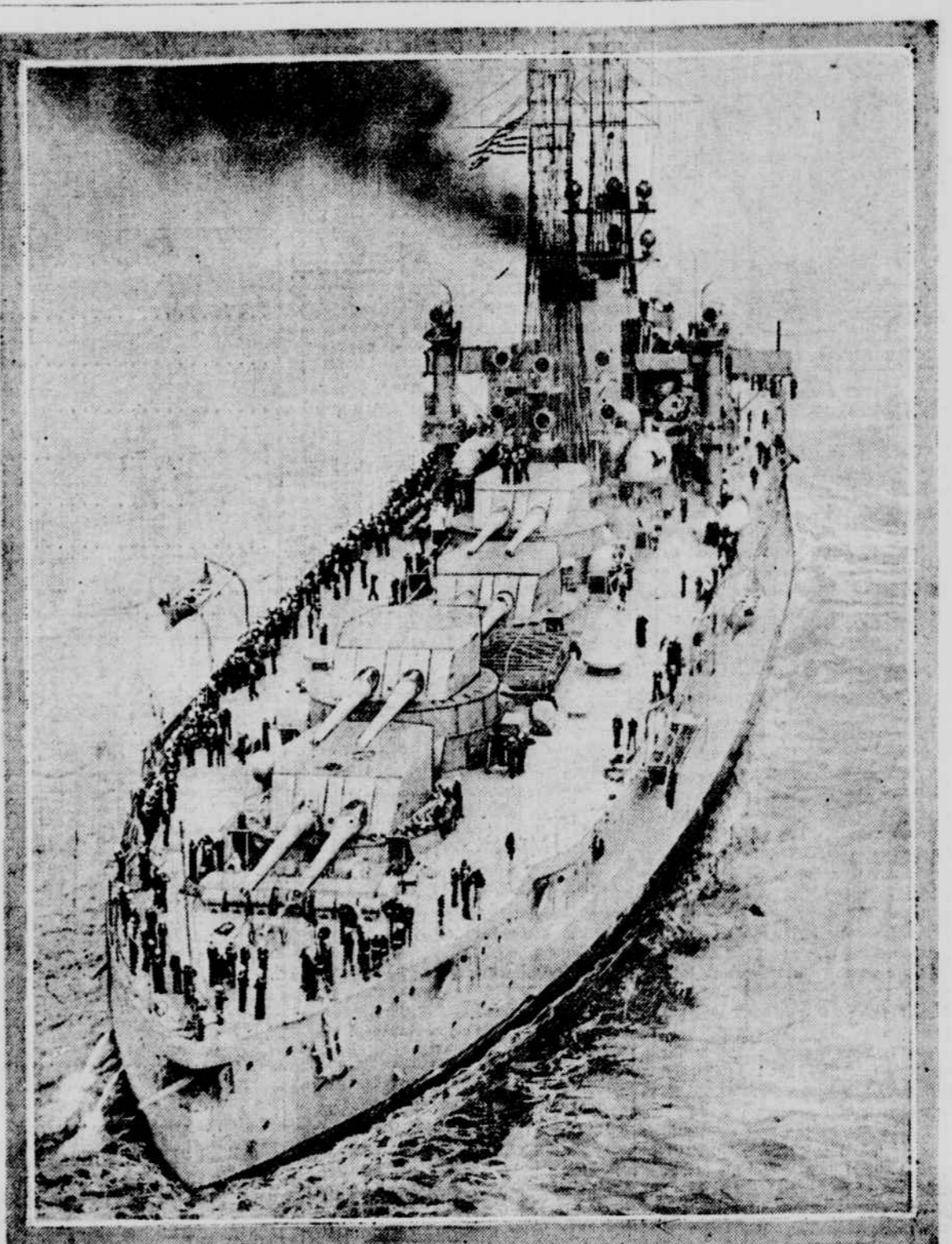
Marty McHale threatened for a time to pitch a no-hit game, but the Athletics began to solve his delivery in the closing innings. He used little speed, and the ball seemed to amble up to the plate inviting certain destruction. Swish would come the bats of the Athletics, and the ball would dodge down and out into the catcher's mitt.

Fans Applaud Peckinpaugh. Roger Peckinpaugh is not a member of a \$100,000 infield, but he was the best man on the diamond yesterday, although he raised the dust where Jack Barry had stood and ran over into territory scarred by the spikes of Eddie Collins.

A field stiff heavy from rains made the ground soft in spots, and the ball leaped with erratic bounds as the batters met the curves of Marty McHale with glancing blows. Come high, come low, fast or slow, there was no deceiving the agile Peckinpaugh. Even the

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WILSON ORDERS GREAT BATTLESHIP FLEET TO COMPEL HUERTA TO SALUTE THE FLAG; DICTATOR STILL REFUSES REPARATION



THE BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS, FLAGSHIP OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET ORDERED TO TAMPICO.

Dictator Must Meet American Demand or Take Consequences.

FIRST STEP TAKEN FOR INTERVENTION

Start of War Vessels To-day Means New United States Policy.

HUERTA INSOLENT TO O'SHAUGHNESSY

Navy and Army Rejoicing at the Change Due to Mexico's Flat Refusal of Demand.

Washington, April 14.—The first step toward actual American intervention in Mexico has been taken.

Exasperated by President Huerta's blunt refusal to heed the demand of the United States for a salute of twenty-one guns to the American flag for the affront offered when an American officer and marines were arrested at Tampico last week and marched through the streets under arrest, the President of the United States to-day ordered practically the whole Atlantic fleet to Tampico, together with the transport Hancock, with 800 marines on board.

The torpedo flotilla at Pensacola, including a score of destroyers, has been ordered to stand by awaiting orders.

Satisfaction is to be had from Mexico. Huerta must fire that salute or take the consequences.

There is, however, far greater significance in this movement of the navy—which means the mobilization in hostile waters of more guns, tonnage and men than the United States navy has ever had anywhere—than a mere step toward compelling the Federal authorities at Tampico to fire a salute.

This movement marks President Wilson's determination to bring to an end his policy of "watchful waiting" and to take a forward step toward adjusting the intolerable Mexican situation.

Mexico Will Resent Action. It is certain that the step taken by President Wilson will be considered an overt act by the government in Mexico City, and the administration here is anxiously waiting developments in Huerta's capital, where there are nearly a thousand Americans.

Mr. Bryan said this afternoon that the arms recently sent to the American Embassy at Mexico City had been delivered. There are 250 rifles and several machine guns. For a considerable time Huerta held up delivery of these weapons to the Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. O'Shaughnessy. There are Americans in Mexico City thoroughly familiar with guns. Most of the members of the American colony also have rifles. They will all assemble at the American Embassy in time of stress and protect themselves against attack until the arrival of military aid from the seacoast.

President Huerta, replying to a demand presented by Mr. O'Shaughnessy for the protection of foreign property at Tampico, declared in almost insolent terms that the United States should realize that it was impossible for him to protect the property of foreigners when he was trying to put down a revolution, and that President Wilson should remember that by his encouragement of the revolutionists and his supplying them with arms he was chiefly responsible for the conditions now prevailing in Mexico.

Beginning of a New Policy. The Tampico incident is being utilized as the starting point for the development of a new American policy toward Mexico, which will include an abandonment of "watchful waiting" and the adoption of a programme of action instead of idle looking.

There is evidence that the step which has been taken is largely on the President's own initiative, and that his Secretary of State witnesses the warlike measures which have been ordered, with extreme regret.

Ships of the Atlantic fleet will point their bows toward Tampico to-morrow morning. They will go from Hampton Roads, from Philadelphia, from New York and from Boston, while in the distant West Indies the big battleship South Carolina and the little gunboat Nashville will get wireless messages to proceed to the storm centre, to the intense delight of their officers and men.

Except for ships of the navy at New Orleans and in the West Indies, the North Atlantic fleet will mobilize off Hampton Roads, and from there, under command of Rear Admiral Badger, commander in chief, will proceed to

ASTOR THREATENED WITH PNEUMONIA

Taken Ill at Fiancee's Home Monday and Temperature Reaches 105.

Following reports earlier in the day that Vincent Astor was seriously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Huntington, whose daughter, Helen, he is to marry on April 30 at Staatsburg, Nicholas Biddle, an executor of the John Jacob Astor estate, said last night that the young man was doing very well.

MISS HUNTINGTON A DEVOTED NURSE

Physicians Deny Tuberculosis Rumor, but Admit Congestion of One Lung.

The New York physicians were Dr. James H. McKernon, of 46 West 52d st., the Astor family doctor, and Dr. Lewis A. Conner, of 121 East 62d st. Dr. McKernon was not available last night, but after considerable effort The Tribune, having received information that Mr. Astor was threatened with tuberculosis, got Dr. Conner on the telephone.

Dr. Conner was preparing to give over the wire a routine statement of the condition of Mr. Astor and the result of his diagnosis earlier in the day when he caught the reporter's words: "... that Mr. Astor is suffering from or threatened with tuberculosis."

"That is not true—absolutely," he said. "Mr. Astor has been indisposed for several days and yesterday became worse. There is a distinct congestion of the right lung, but Mr. Astor is much better to-day, and I hope—but there is nothing in the tuberculosis rumor."

DREAM REVEALS SUICIDE

Child's Vision Bares Death of Father by Gas.

It was Annie Franklin's third birthday yesterday and also the third anniversary of the death of her mother. Last night Annie was sleeping with friends next door to her home, at 252 Christopher ave., Brownsville. About midnight the child awoke from a dream, screaming.

"Take me to papa!" she cried. Her father was found dead in his chair. Two gas tubes were in his mouth. The little girl said that was how she had seen him in her dream.

WILSON TO STAKE ALL FOR HONOR

Bound to Keep Programme—Will Personally Direct Admiral Badger.

Washington, April 14.—Because of the intensity of the Mexican situation it is probable that the President will not leave Washington on Thursday night for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., to spend the week end with Mrs. Wilson, as he had planned. Secretary Bryan has abandoned his trip to Miami, Fla., and will remain in Washington.

Those close to the President do not hesitate to say that his ire is aroused and that he intends to go through with his programme, whatever it is. To this end, it is asserted, he will undoubtedly stay here and keep in close touch with all developments. It is known that he purposes to stake his political fortunes on his determination to uphold the national honor of the United States and does not intend to intrust material matters to members of his Cabinet.

While no announcement to that effect has been made in official quarters, the President wishes to be in Washington when the crisis develops at Tampico in order that he may personally direct the activities of Rear Admiral Badger.

Silence was maintained at the White House to-night, the inclination of the President being not to anticipate developments, although it is intimated that the administration's plans are rather fully outlined.

HUERTA'S ANSWER A FLAT REFUSAL

Dictator Declares He Will Not Make Further Public Apologies.

Asserts His Purpose to Uphold Mexico's Honor and Sovereignty at Any Cost.

Mexico City, April 14.—Señor Portillo, the Foreign Minister, has handed to the American Chargé d'Affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, a note dealing with the arrest of the assistant paymaster and a detachment of men from the United States gunboat Dolphin, at Tampico, and the demand of Rear Admiral Mayo that the American flag be saluted.

In effect the note says that the Mexican government cannot see wherein, under international law, the Federals have inflicted any insult on the American nation; that its ordering the army publicly to salute the American flag under the circumstances would be an admission that the United States was exercising undue influences over this country's free action and that the President was disposed to uphold the honor and sovereignty of Mexico at any cost.

No intimation has been given out as to what the President will do to meet the situation brought about by the new move of the United States.

Nelson O'Shaughnessy was in conference with Minister Portillo for some time, but neither would say what topics they had discussed. None of the dignitaries would talk about the action of the Washington government, although all took the greatest interest in the news from the American capital.

REBELS WIN LONG SAN PEDRO FIGHT

Villa Announces Recapture of Place, with Heavy Losses to the Federals.

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