

# Marshall, Texas, Saturday, July 21, 1923

## "NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS," SAYS DAVIDSON

### "ROBIN HOOD OF MEXICO" PASSES; VILLA IS DEAD

#### Learned In the Hard School of Experience and His Life Reflects Early Hardships

By the Associated Press

El Paso, July 20.—Pancho Villa, the Robin Hood of Mexico, was a strange combination of horse sense and impulse which made him one of the most unique characters Mexico ever produced. A mountain man with ability to ride, shoot, and swear, he learned his military strategy in the hard school of experience, when a boy in western Chihuahua.

Villa's character was a particular complex. All of the stories told of his lust were mostly imaginary. From a sane man, laughing and joking with his friends, Villa could turn into a fanatic at a moment's notice. His eyes would become bloodshot he would pitch his voice higher and pull his pistol and fire at the slightest provocation. To this it is attributed his downfall. All of the bloody deeds attributed to him were directly traceable to his temper and he often admitted his weakness.

Villa was a friend of the poor. When he captured a town he would open up some of the stores, give the poor people permission to help themselves and would often issue food and clothing to the poor who constantly besieged him at his headquarters.

Personally Villa was sloppy in dress rarely wearing a uniform and then only under protest. He preferred an old sun-faded khaki shirt, a pair of hand-me-down trousers, high toed tan shoes and a Stetson hat. He never wore a white collar and seldom wore a tie.

When he made a contract with a moving picture company to film home pictures on a 50-50 basis one of the stipulations was that he was to wear a faun colored uniform, cap and sword. He wore it once and was so disgusted he never wore it again.

When he went to Ft. Bliss with Oregon to call on General Pershing Villa left his hat on in General Pershing's quarters. He was told to take his hat off as he was in the generals home.

"You Americans don't take off your hats when you come to my headquarters do you?" he asked and left his hat on the back of his head.

## COTTON LOAN NEGOTIATIONS MAKE PROGRESS

By the Associated Press

New York, July 20.—Negotiations between Col. Sloan Simpson, trustee and treasurer of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association of Dallas, and officers of the Seaboard National Bank looking to a loan of approximately \$40,000,000 to the Texas organization will be resumed Monday.

A scheduled conference this afternoon was postponed at Col. Simpson's request.

While it was indicated at the bank that a loan would be made to the Texas planters who have offered to put up 250,000 bales of cotton as security pending the co-operative marketing of their crop, it is considered likely the amount of the loan may be scaled at 25 to 30 million dollars.

## COURTS "AS CHAFF BEFORE A STORM" SAYS KLAN NOTE

Lieutenant Governor Davidson is back in his Marshall law office to spend some time, after his term as acting governor of Texas. He says that he is satisfied with the work that he did while filling the high office—that he tried to do his duty, and that he did it in as nearly as was in his power.

"In the matter of granting pardons to convicts, I did what I thought was fair and just, without prejudice or bias for or against any person," he states. "There were many men of influence and power who came before me to ask for the pardoning of friends of theirs. I did not grant the pardons unless I thought the convict deserved to be pardoned. I feel that the pardons which I granted were right. A flood of requests for pardons were placed before me. I granted thirteen."

When questioned regarding what he thinks of the killing of Ike Buffin, Lieutenant Governor Davidson said: "Before coming home my information regarding the affair was limited and I did not realize the cruelty of the act. I hope they secure and convict the parties who are guilty of the killing, and if the evidence now available does not bring about convictions I hope officers will continue their investigations into the matter. I shall recommend that they do so."

Regarding the Somerville case, in which Otto Lange was slain in his home when he resisted an attack made on him by three men, Mr. Davidson said: "The Somerville case, viewed in the light of other assaults and attacks on evidently innocent persons, illustrates where things drift when organized bodies of men try to regulate society and the affairs of the neighbors by their own hands instead of through the laws of the land. These punishments may be limited to crooks and real offenders for awhile, but in a short time they will drift elsewhere, and the members of the organized body will find themselves carrying out personal enmities and punishing men for acts that have no bearing on the community or anyone else except the individual who incites the punishment. They find themselves punishing men for personal, selfish reason."

"The country needs a genuine revival, not only of law enforcement, but a revival in the spirit and reverence of law administered in a legal way."

"Regarding the Somerville case: Before anybody was apprehended or any clue worked out as to who committed the crime, two officers of the Ku Klux Klan came to Austin and asked me, as acting governor, to exonerate the klan. The only exoneration any man can have is the apprehension, arrest and conviction of the guilty ones. It does not remain to establish the innocence of all those who may be innocent, but to apprehend and punish those who are guilty. I thought when these two men came before me that there had never been a stronger illustration of the fact that 'no man can have two masters.'"

"When I went to Somerville to investigate the affair," Lieutenant Governor Davidson stated, "I had been invited to speak as the guest of the local National Guard organization. A rumor came that Judge Hilliard, who was to introduce me would not be allowed to speak. I stationed soldiers in and about the hall and the speaking program was carried out as scheduled."

"I talked to Louie's wife and to his old mother and to neighbors of theirs and found the Lange family to be a poor family, but one with a very good reputation. There was no one there who testified to anything else than this. Mr. Lange was employed in a shop there."

Governor Davidson is hopeful that the murderers in the case will be apprehended and punished. He states that Neff has ordered rangers there to continue the program which he instigated.

## LEGION OFFERS SERVICES

Dallas, July 20.—Dr. William E. Hubbert, commander of the local post of the American Legion today sent the following telegram to the commander of the American Legion at Port Arthur, Texas:

"Press dispatches state 25,000 I. W. W. hobnobbing to your city to uphold the I. W. W. constitution. There are 200,000 ex-service men in Texas of whom 8,500 are in Dallas county who offer to you the American Legion to help uphold the American constitution. We know that there are enough rock piles in the South to keep them busy for a while and of the 25,000 probably less than 25 will get there for you to employ. Let us help you in all lawful ways. Texans can take care of themselves."

## "ELEVEN CENTS" GASOLINE, RATE WAR AT DALLAS

### Different Oil Companies Reduce Price to Lowest Point in Many Years

By the Associated Press

Dallas, July 20.—Eleven cents, the lowest retail price for gasoline in Dallas in years, was reached today at noon in the thick of a local gasoline rate war when one filling station supplied by the Humble Oil and Refining Company hung out the sign: "Eleven Cents."

In 1913, it was recalled this evening, a coupon price of 9 cents a gallon was posted here.

For several days the filling station where the new cut was made today had been selling at 13 cents a gallon in an effort to meet competition," according to the manager.

"Some companies here retail their gas at two prices," he said, "a cash price and a coupon price, the latter being two cents lower than the cash price."

The Magnolia Petroleum Company announced a reduction from 15 to 13 cents a gallon late yesterday. This morning the Humble and Gulf companies made the same reduction. This evening several independent companies were still maintaining a price of 15 cents.

## STATES M. K. & T. WELL EQUIPPED HANDLE CROPS

By the Associated Press

Dallas, July 20.—"We will have 3,000 extra empty cars by September 1 for the cotton crop in our territory," said H. E. McGee of Denison, general manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad today at the conclusion of a conference of Katy officials. "We have plenty of engines and with the extra cars arranged for will be able to give better service in the handling of crops this year than we have ever been able to give before," Mr. McGee said.

While today's conference had to do in the main with preparing the Katy lines to handle the crop movement of officials representing every part of the system were present. The conference was for the purpose of ascertaining conditions in every part of the Katy territory to hear from men in the field a statement of the traffic needs to be met and to provide for the co-ordination of the road's resources for handling the great volume of farm products now beginning to flow to markets.

## WOMAN FALLS SEVEN STORIES;