

No Semblance of Disorder.  
The elections promised by the provisional president, General Huerta were held today and there was no semblance of disorder in any quarter of the city. Patrols were on the streets and neither police nor troops had any other duties to perform.

The polling places at 9 o'clock remained open until noon when they closed for lunch. They were reopened at 3 and closed again at 5.  
From 3 to 5 o'clock officials were in attendance at each polling place, representing the various parties. They assisted in the preparation of ballots when necessary but offered no coercion or suggestion as to how the applicant should vote.

The election officials appeared to be a representative class of citizens—clerks, small business men, railroad employes and shop workers of the average class.

The polling places, of which there are said to be 932 averaging one to a city block were located in the entrances of buildings, generally, but in some instances were set up on the sidewalks or the corners of public squares. Each had a table on which were spread tickets of the various candidates. From these the voter made his selection, signed, folded and delivered it to the election officials who deposited it in the presence of the voter in the ballot box.

Ballot boxes consisted of all sorts of receptacles from a shoe box to a plush covered jewel casket or a glass jar borrowed from a neighboring drug store. There was no secrecy about the voting. All the world could look on and observe which ballot was selected.

As the vote was deposited the name was checked on the registration list previously prepared through personal visits of a designated official to the houses in his jurisdiction.

Manuel Calero, liberal candidate did not. Tonight he said: "I understand the voting was exceedingly dull. Nobody appears to believe in the seriousness of the election. On account of the political conditions many refused to vote. I myself did not. Had we indirect balloting would have done so."

F. Gambos, candidate of the Catholic party on the other hand cast a ballot for Senor Calero. Neither of these candidates cared to express an opinion as to whether a sufficient number of ballots had been deposited to make the elections effective. Few of those who went to the polls took the trouble to vote for either senators or deputies.

With hands playing in the public parks and the streets filled with the usual Sunday throngs Mexico City presented its customary Sabbath appearance. There was no suggestion of disorders attendant upon the election. The patrols on the streets increased.

The election was attended with the greatest apathy. A tour of the city at 10 o'clock showed there had been no interference with the voting. Attempts at coercion were exceedingly light. Twelve polling places where 1,000 to 2,000 registered but 50 had no voters.

The polls closed at 5 o'clock and the night vote was a very quiet affair. At 6 o'clock the city was unusually quiet.

Wages Paid, Tex., Oct. 25.—The Houston Press has the following report: President of the American Railway Union, Fred Sawyer, has been elected.

It was the only rival of the provisional president and received less than 100 votes. The vote cast, General Huerta showed, in official figures, was approximately 2,220.

The day passed without incident. There were two or three arrests of persons who formed a mob of voters, but these were quickly quelled and the arrests ended.

It is believed that the election will be a success. Many citizens were of the opinion that the polls had been tampered with. Early this morning it was announced that any election could be illegal as the state is not a state of peace. It is believed the federal authorities to change their view and hurried preparations were made to comply with the election proclamation.

No ballots had been received and each voter was required to sign his name and choice to a teller. This fact caused protest from

constitutionalist adherents who asserted that the citizens would be afraid to express a free choice. Soldiers were voted first. Their officers cast votes for them, asking each man his choice, after the garrison had been told they might vote for whom they pleased. Without exception, so far as known the men replied "Huerta."

News that the soldiers were voting created mild excitement and after that a small number of citizens appeared to vote.

It is probable that not enough precincts were opened and votes cast in Piedras Negras to comply with the constitutionalist requirements.

Many voters appeared to regret the election as a joke in which the Americans were the butt.

Robber Shot Dead.

Wadesboro, Oct. 28.—One negro is dead and another seriously wounded, as the culmination of a series of highway robberies two miles from Wadesboro this afternoon. Three negro farmers one after another were held up and robbed on the public highway by two unknown negroes. One of the robbers was killed by a posse that was organized and started in pursuit by Sheriff Lowery after the robbery had been reported. The robbers had shot and seriously wounded one of their victims, by name of Simon Bennett, whom they shot three times when he refused to be robbed. It is not believed that the robbers it secured much booty.

The robberies occurred about five o'clock. The last of the three men to be attacked was Simon Bennett, who resisted the bandits and was shot. The robberies and shooting were reported to Sheriff Lowery, who started a quickly organized posse in pursuit. One of the robbers was found and resisted capture. He was shot and instantly killed by the posse. The other robber escaped. The killing of the negro by the posse occurred about 6 o'clock.

Cummins Attacks New Tariff Law.

Taunton, Mass., Oct. 28.—National politics today was injected by Senator Albert B. Cummins, of Iowa into the State campaign. Speaking here with Congressman A. P. Gardner, Republican candidate for Governor, Senator Cummins attacked the Democratic tariff bill and declared the rank and file of the Republican party would come into the next National convention "on the basis of Republican strength in the several states and not upon the absurd indefensible plan now in force."

"As I look at it," said the Senator, "the supremacy of the Democratic party is a disaster and we must retrieve it very soon if we would escape the fatal consequences of a policy that never has failed to bring ruin upon the industrial and commercial structure which houses the multitudes of hard working, efficient men and women who have given the United States the distinction it now enjoys."

Speaking of the tariff act, he said:

"It is either flagrantly or maliciously discriminatory and open to the charge of an increase of imports which, before a year passes, will give tens of thousands of laboring men and women without employment the same as have."

Important Counsel in

Widow's Family

Kansas City, Oct. 28.—The court was busy this morning with the case of the widow of Mrs. Isabella Van Poyma, No. 2042 North Fifth street, Kansas side. The latest is Harry Van Poyma, 19 years old.

Harry left home July 4 for Oklahoma City. He told his mother he intended entering into a partnership to conduct a greenhouse. A few days ago S. E. McQuillen of Oklahoma City visited the Van Poyma home. The family was eager to know how the son's business affairs were progressing.

"Business affairs?" Mr. McQuillen asked, puzzled. "Well, I guess they are all right. At least, his wife was well when I left Oklahoma City, and that is Harry's chief interest."

Then the visitor went on to tell how Harry had married the daughter of his nephew a few days after his arrival there. It was the first news Mrs. Van Poyma had received of the marriage.

The first of the children to elope was Maud 26 years old, when she went to Olathe, Kan., a year ago and was married to Will Witt of Pasadena, Cal. Then

last January Ruth, 17 years old, also selected Olathe for a place to marry Paul Pickens, a Chicago electrician.

President Returns To Capital, Tired Man

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Wilson returned to the Capitol tonight at 1:30 o'clock from Mobile, Ala. and immediately motored to the White House. He had nothing to say about Mexico.

On account of the many phases of the situation that had arisen in his absence, the President was unwilling to say until he had conferred with other Administration officials, what would be the next step by the United States. When asked if the United States would announce a course of action to bring peace in Mexico or allow the previous repudiation of last Sunday's election to stand as his fixed policy, he said:

"I am not discussing Mexico at present with anybody or making any comments on the situation there."

The President told his friends that he rarely had enjoyed a trip so much as he did his journey to and from Mobile.

BETTER BABIES CONTESTS BECOME POPULAR

Greensboro, Asheville, Oxford, Charlotte and Other Towns Arranging to Hold Contests.

Better Babies Contests are getting to be all the rage. Every few days word reaches the State Board of Health that somewhere else in the state another Better Babies Contest is being started. Greensboro will have probably the largest contest in the state, outside of the big one at the State Fair October 20th to 25th. Already the Guilford County authorities report somewhere between 400 and 500 babies entered. The contest will be held at the Greensboro fair October 13th to 18th. That shows what an interest the Empire State of Guilford takes in her future citizens. If any other single North Carolina county can boast a larger aggregation of people interested in child welfare, it is yet to be heard from. In this connection it should be noted that Guilford was one of the first counties in the state to take interest enough in health to employ a health officer for his entire time. Now they couldn't and wouldn't do without him. A few benighted counties still think they can't afford health officers, but Guilford can't afford to be without one.

Word comes from Asheville that a Better Babies Contest is started there. At the last report something like 300 babies were entered in that contest, and more were coming in. That contest will be held at the fair, October 6th to 11th.

Another contest is scheduled for Oxford, at the Granville county fair, the week of October 13th. Several and physical and mental qualities. The day of beauty shows is past.

There is a health contest. "Savvy"? public spirited women there are promoting the contest, and all applications for entries should be made to Mrs. A. L. Capehart, Oxford, N. C.

Quite a number of other places are also arranging or contemplating similar contests. The Charlotte ladies and Fair authorities are said to be arranging for a Better Babies Contest for their Fair the last week of this month. Wilmington will doubtless hold a contest, also Wadesboro, Burgaw and other points.

Already a lot of mothers who know something about the value of these contests and the benefit to be derived from them have signified their intention of entering the contest at the state fair. The doctors there will spare no pains to point out to mothers just how they can improve their babies. As for prizes, there will be a set of prizes for Raleigh babies, another for Wake county babies, another for the Eastern Carolina babies and another for the Western Carolina babies. A special set of state championship prizes are also offered for the four best babies in the state.

All in all, it is a fine movement. The State Board of Health claims that the \$400 or \$500 offered in prizes is the smallest part of the contest. The educational value the parents will derive will be worth many times the prize money offered. Inquiries in regard to the state contest should be directed to the State Board of Health, at Raleigh, N. C.

NO VOTES WANTED.

Some one wanted to know "how you get to vote at the Better Babies Contest at the State Fair?" The State Board of Health wants to inform this gentleman, and all others, for that matter, that no votes are wanted and there won't be any voting done. Pretty faces, dimples and dainty gowns won't count either. It is a question of merit entirely. The babies are examined by the best judges in the Old North State, by physicians and trained nurses, and scored on their weight, height, measurements

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