

FATE OF DEPOSED RULER IN BALANCE

Gen. Huerta Declines To Permit Madero To Quit Capital For Europe.

NEW GOVERNMENT MEETS OPPOSITION

Provisional Governor Is Planning Campaign to Crush Enemies in Provinces

Mexico City, Feb. 20.—The fate of Francisco I. Madero, deposed president of Mexico, was still in the balance this morning.

Preparations had been made at midnight for his departure with the members of his family into exile, but these were suddenly halted by mysterious orders from General Huerta.

But at the hour which had been fixed for departure, congress was still in session, discussing the situation.

Senora Madero and the rest of her party of exiles had waited impatiently for more than two hours when they were informed by ex-Foreign Minister Lascurain that the ex-president "would be prevented from joining them on their journey."

Senor Lascurain declared that he was unable to give any explanation for the delay.

Senora Madero, fearing the intentions of congress and General Huerta in regard to her husband, wept profusely. She and her party then left the railroad station and went back to the city.

Felix Diaz will enter the race for the presidency. Probably General Huerta will not run against him.

One reason why Diaz made no effort to secure the provisional presidency for himself was his wish to be entirely free to organize and direct his party in the coming campaign.

HONEST BUSINESS SAFE, SAYS WILSON

Predicts New Era of Prosperity for Jersey under "Seven Sisters."

Trenton, Feb. 20.—"Honest business and honest men have nothing to fear."

"Those who would engage in the heartless practices of ruining rivals and flching from the pockets of the people more than they ought reasonably to demand," said the governor.

"I predict that under them the people of New Jersey will enter upon a new era of prosperity. I congratulate the legislature and the people on their passage. These laws mark a new era in our business life."

FINAL SESSIONS HELD OF LAYMEN'S MEETING

Women Delegates Take Prominent Part in Presbyterian Gathering at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 20.—For the closing day's session of the Laymen's Missionary movement of the Southern Presbyterian church, forenoon and afternoon meetings were held.

A conference of women today was addressed by Prof. E. C. Branson of Athens, Ga., and W. C. Smith of Richmond, Va., both discussing the subject, "The Missionary Society in the Country Church."

This was followed by an open meeting of the women delegates, who were addressed by Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, Kansas City, Mo., outlining a plan for a woman's auxiliary to the laymen's movement.

At the Laymen's convention the program called for addresses from Henry Sweet, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. J. Layton Mauze, St. Louis; William Anderson, Dallas, Tex.; J. Campbell White, New York city; J. P. McCallie, chairman assembly committee, Chattanooga, Tenn.; C. T. Paxton, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. A. A. McGeachy, Charlotte, N. C.; W. E. Doughty and George Innes, Philadelphia.

FAMOUS PHYSICIAN IS SUMMONED FROM ITALY BY MORGAN AT CAIRO

London, Feb. 20.—The Exchange Telegraph company publishes a dispatch from Rome stating that Prof. Giuseppe Bastianelli, the best known medical specialist in Italy, was today summoned to Cairo, Egypt, by J. Pierpont Morgan.

SEVEN CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—Seven children, ranging in age from one to 12 years, were burned to death last night when the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, at Ebenezer, near here, was destroyed by fire.

CANNOT SAVE FALLEN RULER

United States Powerless to Prevent Reprisals by the de Facto Government of Mexico.

COLQUITT'S PROTEST CAUSING SURPRISE

War Department Believes Patrol Along Mexican Border Efficient—Further Disorder Possible.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The stability of the new government in Mexico in the opinion of officials here, will depend entirely upon the extent to which Huerta and his leaders are willing to recognize the directing powers of the Mexican congress.

So far as the records go, the forms of the Mexican constitution appear to have been observed in the perfunctory elevation of the minister for foreign affairs to the presidential office for an hour or two before his replacement by a provisional president chosen by the congress.

The real test is looked for in the provision for popular elections and the willingness of the de facto government to surrender control of office to those chosen by the people.

There is nothing for the United States to do at this juncture, but to permit the situation to develop normally, in the expectation that the Mexican people will be able to erect a permanent government representing their wishes without the aid of outside influences.

War department officials were at a loss to understand that complaint from Governor Colquitt of Texas of the policy pursued by the administration in the conservation of peace along the border.

Agents were also employed, it was alleged, to spy upon the business of competitors, fraudulently obtain information as to the ir sales and shipments and the addresses of their customers or prospective customers.

APPEALS COURT HOLDS FOR THE RESPONDENTS

In Kanawha Company Bankrupt Case—Mandate Was Received Today.

A mandate from the United States Circuit Court of Appeals was received here today by W. S. Hyams, clerk of the District court, in the case of Gilmer County bank, et al. vs. Kanawha Hardwood company, which was taken up from the District court here last fall on appeal by the appellants.

The petition as fully entitled was Gilmer County bank, North Georgia National bank, Copper Hill Bank & Trust company, American National bank of Asheville and the Commercial National bank of Charlotte vs. Kanawha Hardwood company, a co-partnership composed of William A. Lewis, W. B. Hamrick and J. Q. Barker, and against these three men individually, the petition asking that the company and the members of the partnership be declared bankrupt.

WRECK NEAR SENECA

Two Trainmen Injured When No. 50 of the Southern Smashes Blue Ridge Cars.

Seneca, S. C., Feb. 20.—Two trainmen were seriously injured and two cars were a quantity of baggage and mail burned as the result of a wreck here last night between train No. 50 of the Southern railway and a Blue Ridge passenger train.

NEW ANTI-TRUST ACTION BEGUN

McCaskey Register Company Charged with Violating Law by "Fierce and Unfair" Ways.

INJUNCTION ASKED AGAINST MONOPOLY

Bribery, Fraud and Coercion Alleged in Complaint Filed at Cleveland, O.—22 Defendants.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—Sensational charges of violations of the Sherman anti-trust law are leveled at the McCaskey Register company in a civil suit filed here today by order of Attorney General Wickkersham.

To acquire a monopoly of the interstate and foreign commerce in the sale of account registers, appliances and systems for keeping credit accounts, the company, its officers and agents, it is charged, wrongfully and fraudulently, have obstructed and suppressed the business of competitors, bribed their employees, employed agents to spy upon their business, have waged an unfair campaign of patent suits and threatened suits and of other unlawful methods to stifle competition.

The federal district court here was asked to restrain the following named defendants from further monopoly and to prohibit a series of alleged unlawful and unfair practices:

The McCaskey Register company; Alfred G. Ryley, Stewart S. Kurtz, Samuel G. Zimmerman, Edward L. Langenbach and Austin Lynch of Canton, O.; George P. Hayes, Memphis, Tenn.; Leslie G. Solar, Atlanta, Ga.; Henry F. Pollock, Theodores C. Fran, George F. Russell, William G. Farnum, Milton G. Beloch and Grant Kiser of Alliance, O.; Josiah W. Phipps, Boston; Charles T. Baxter, New York; David C. Bower, Pittsburg; Harry M. Rowley, Chicago; William P. Hughes, San Francisco; John S. Jones, Kansas City, Mo.; Frederick Schneider, Seattle, and Edward T. Bingham, Washington, D. C.

"Knock-Out Men" Employed. A campaign of "fierce and unfair competition" has been planned or consented to by officers of the company, the government alleges. A force of special men, sometimes called the "flying squadron" or "knock-out men" was employed, it is declared, to impart to salesmen and agents instructions to destroy the business of competitors and for the purpose of interfering with the negotiations and inducing the cancellation of customers of their contracts of sale with competitors.

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PICKING THIRD MAN

Representatives of Railroads and Firemen Confer as to Completion of Arbitration Board.

New York, Feb. 20.—W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania lines east and Albert Phillips, third vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, went in conference here today to select the third man who will comprise the board of arbitrators to decide under the Erdman act the firemen's demands.

Should they fail to choose the third arbitrator within five days the federal commissioner of labor and the chairman of the interstate commerce commission must select a man to fill the place.

3 DAYS BATTLE NEAR BULAIR

Both Turks and Bulgars Are Reported to Have Lost Heavily in Engagement.

PRIMARY MEASURE UNDER DISCUSSION

House Debates for Two Hours Committee Substitute for Original Bill.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Included in the bills introduced in the house are, by Roberts, to revise the charter of Black Mountain, Buncombe county; a bill relative to probate deeds; by Weaver, to validate probates and registrations of certain deeds; to authorize a bond issue election for Asheville on the purchase of water courses and land to enlarge the watershed.

The house at noon entered upon a two hours' discussion of the committee substitute for the state-wide primary bill. It requires preferential state-wide primaries for president, congressmen, district and state officers, but leaves the question of primaries for county officers optional with the county authorities.

A joint resolution was introduced by Holgood to invite the president of the United States and the governors of South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland (whose troops were with General Nathaniel Green), of Rhode Island, where he was born, and of Georgia, where he lived in his last years and is buried, to attend the unveiling of the equestrian statue on Guilford battle ground on July 4 next.

A bill is introduced in the house by Ferguson to prohibit the slaying of young veal in Swain county.

Phillips—Relative to appointment of a court stenographer for Graham and Cherokee counties.

Deaver—Amend the charter of Beaufort.

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CUSSWORDS BY PHONE ARE NOT ACTIONABLE

Iowa Woman Fails to Get Damages for "Fright, Shock and Humiliation."

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 20.—Profane and harsh words—"cusswords" in fact—when heard over the telephone are not a basis for legal damage action in Iowa. This decision of the Iowa Supreme court was handed down today in a case in which Nettie Kramer of Franklin county sued Henry Rickemeier for damages on account of "fright, shock and humiliation."

BATEMAN CHOSEN TO SUCCEED COVINGTON

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—H. D. Bateman of Greenville this afternoon was chosen assistant state bank examiner to succeed L. E. Covington, resigned. There were eight applicants.

Rigorous Measures for Protection Against Fire.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Rigorous protection against the dangers of fire is proposed for patrons of motion picture theaters in this city, under rules and regulations virtually agreed on by the district authorities. These include the detail of a special policeman at each theater, at the expense of the theater management, the replacing of window exits by doors; limitation of the number of patrons at each performance and the abolition of standing floors outside the theater. The latter, it is declared, furnish a serious obstruction to the quick emptying of the building.

MRS. WILSON'S PICTURES TO AID GEORGIA SCHOOL

Proceeds from Sale to Be Given to Martha Berry School at Mt. Berry, Ga.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—Proceeds of the sale of paintings by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president-elect, on exhibition this week at the Art and Crafts guild here, will be given to the Martha Berry school, at Mount Berry, Ga.

The arrangement is made by special request of Mrs. Wilson, who has been interested for many years in the school, which is located near her former home at Rome, Ga.

There are some 50 canvases in the exhibit, nearly all being poetic interpretations of New Jersey scenery. She shows nature in repose, subjects like misty autumn meadow and marsh land. Several scenes and new scenes add a touch of variety to the large group of meadow pictures. A modest "E. Wilson" inscribed in the lower right hand corner of a number of the pictures is the only mark which identifies the landscapes as the work of the coming "first lady of the land."

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