

OFFICIAL INQUIRY BEGUN BY HUERTA

Madero and Suarez Slain In Rescue Attempt Officials Say.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—The official investigation into the death of Madero and Suarez on Saturday night is to be begun at once, but the general belief prevails that it will substantiate the official versions of the occurrence which are that the deposed president and vice-president were killed as a rescue attempt.

The fact that the bodies of the two statesmen were recovered in the rear of the penitentiary was explained today by the statement that a second encounter occurred close to the building.

It is said the automobiles ran along a side road and that Madero and Suarez jumped out and were running when they were caught between the fires of the guards and the attacking party, this accounting for wounds being inflicted on them from different directions.

Provisional President Huerta and other authorities here are earnest in declarations that the government was acting in good faith and that the death of the prisoners was due to unforeseen circumstances.

Tension Thought to Be Relieved.
With the passing of Francisco Madero, the general opinion prevails that the tenaciousness of the situation has been relieved. There is a marked tendency on the part of all classes to accept the new order of things. From various parts of the country reports have been received telling of further adhesions to the new administration.

The morning newspapers herald the new era and prophesy immediate peace and the early resumption of prosperous conditions. General Huerta's government undoubtedly has, for the present, at least, the upper hand in the country.

A committee of followers of Zapata arrived today to discuss arrangements to bring about peace in the south.

Reports from Oaxaca indicate the disaffected Indians there have been placated.

Juan Sanchez Azcona, Madero's private secretary, was released from prison today.

The tragedy occurred shortly after midnight Sunday morning. Madero and Suarez, who had been prisoners in the national palace since their arrest on Tuesday, last, were placed in an automobile, which was escorted by another car and escorted by 100 rurales under the orders of Commandant Francisco Cardenas and Colonel Rafael Pimentel.

With instructions not to outdistance the escort, the cars moved slowly. No incident occurred until they had reached a point near the penitentiary, where in an open place the guards' attention was attracted, according to the official version, to a group of persons following.

Shots were fired at the escort out of the darkness. The rurales closed in and ordered the prisoners out of the car. Thirty of the guards surrounded the prisoners, while the remainder disposed themselves to resist an attack. About 50 men, some afoot and some mounted, threw themselves upon the detachment guarding the cars and the exchange of shots lasted 20 minutes, when the attacking party fled. The dead bodies of Madero and Suarez were then found.

The body of Madero shows only one wound. A bullet entered the back of the head and emerged at the forehead.

The body of Pino Suarez shows many wounds, entered from in front. Of the male members of the Madero family, only two now are in the capital. One is Francisco Madero, the father, who bitterly opposed his son's conducting a revolution in 1910 and rode across northern Mexico in an effort to overthrow and displace him.

the other is Ernesto Madero, the former minister of finance, an uncle, though only one year older than the late president.

Gustavo Madero, a brother, was obliged to submit to the fugitive law the day after the deposition of the president and was shot down in the arsenal.

Senora Madero and the two sisters of the ex-president, Mercedes and Angela, are at the Japanese legation. Not far from the penitentiary there are two small piles of stones, some 20 feet apart. They mark the spots where the men who a few days ago ruled Mexico had fallen. Holes in the wall of the penitentiary show where some of the bullets lodged.

SLAIN RULER'S UNCLE REACHES VERA CRUZ

Vera Cruz, Feb. 24.—Ernest Madero, who was finance minister in the cabinet of his nephew, President Madero, arrived here with his family on a special car this morning. They will probably depart this afternoon on board the Cuban gunboat Cuba. Everything is quiet here.

GREAT BRITAIN WON'T RECOGNIZE HUERTA

London, Feb. 24.—The British government will not recognize the new government of Mexico until it has been confirmed by a general election, according to an authoritative statement today.

Turner Imprisoned by Diaz.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—John Kenneth Turner, a writer, has been imprisoned by order of General Diaz. He is the author of several Mexican political stories. Recently he wrote an article criticizing Diaz and Ambassador Wilson for his detention in the arsenal from which he was released a few days ago.

Pope Plus Shocked by Killings.
Rome, Feb. 24.—Pope Plus X learned this morning of the murder of Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, the recently deposed president and vice-president of the Mexican republic. His holiness was greatly affected and expressed concern in regard to the unruly state of affairs in Mexico.

NEW COUNTERFEIT

Spurious Ten and Twenty Dollar Notes on Savannah Bank Appear in Jacksonville.

By Associated Press.
Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 24.—A number of counterfeit 10 and 20 dollar bills have made their appearance in this city and a wire has been sent to Secret Service Agent Wright at Atlanta calling him here to investigate. The bills are on a Savannah bank, it is said by the local detective who has the alleged counterfeiters under surveillance. Captain Wright is expected to make an arrest upon his arrival here.

These bills are a trifle smaller than the genuine, are photo engraved and reversed in the process.

William Barnes Dead.

By Associated Press.
Nantucket, Mass., Feb. 24.—William Barnes, one of the organizers of the republican party in New York for many years active in national politics, died yesterday at his residence here from pneumonia. He was 83 years old.

A widow, two sons, William Barnes, Jr., the New York political leader, and Thurlow Weed Barnes, of New York, survive him.

No Rate Case Decisions.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 24.—The supreme court took recess until late this afternoon without announcing any decision in the important rate cases pending.

Seven Rulers of Mexico Have Died Violent Deaths

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 24.—With the killing of Madero and Suarez, the deposed heads of the Mexican republic, in Mexico City, the death of those who have paid the fatal price for ruling in Mexico is increased to seven names.

Just a little more than a century ago, Michael Hidalgo y Costilla, a parish priest of Delicias, Ariz., as the "liberator" of Mexico, clutched control from the feeble hand of the Spanish viceroy. An obscure country priest, Hidalgo conspired with his own parish in the state of Guanajuato in 1810 and in the fall of that year when he rang the bell of his church to call the people to war against the Spanish ruler, he was arrested and hanged to his standard. He pressed on toward Mexico City with his recruits, increasing numbers until he had

lowering of 100,000 of patriotic but undisciplined men.

A force of only 6000 veteran soldiers of Spain delivered a crushing defeat in January, 1811, and drove Hidalgo to the mountains, where he waged guerrilla warfare until he was caught and shot in July, 1811.

The list of rulers of Mexico which have "listened" thus opened, is as follows: Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, liberator, 1811.

Jose Maria Morelos y Paven, president, 1815.

Francisco Xavier Mina, president, 1817.

Agustín de Iturbide, emperor, 1824.

Maximilian, archduke of Austria, emperor, 1867.

Francisco I. Madero, president, 1911.

Jose Pino Suarez, vice president, 1912.

SPECIAL SESSION CONVENES APRIL 1

President-elect and House Leader Decide that Most Suitable Date.

By Associated Press.
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—President-elect Wilson announced that the extra session of congress would be convened on Tuesday April 1.

The governor declared he had arrived at this decision as a result of a letter received today from Representative Underwood.

"I have waited," said Mr. Wilson, "to learn just what the state of preparedness congress was in for business of the new session."

The governor said he had been corresponding with Mr. Underwood in this connection and had come to the conclusion that April 1 was the most feasible date. He intimated that the interval between March 4 and April 1 might be devoted to caucuses and conferences.

Two editors of a Wall street newspaper called on the president-elect today and urged that financial questions receive his earliest consideration. In discussing his talk with them afterward Mr. Wilson said:

"Everybody is agreed that there should be currency reform as soon as possible."

Congressmen Approve Date.

Washington senators and representatives expressed satisfaction today with the date fixed by President-elect Wilson for assembling of the extra session. The interval between March 4 and April 1 will allow for the remodeling of the house chamber to take care of the 50 members added through the reapportionment.

"That date is satisfactory to me," said Democratic Leader Underwood. "The plans for the extra work in the house are well under way. We will be able to go ahead with the tariff revision program. What will be done will depend largely upon views set forth by President-elect Wilson in his inaugural address and his message to congress."

Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania:

"The selection of All Fools' day for calling the extra session means, I suppose that we will feel all the calamity howlers."

Only business pertaining to the union's affairs were transacted today. It was announced that John T. Butler, Buffalo, who received a six years' sentence in the dynamite case, was to be succeeded as vice-president. Successors also are to be selected for Eugene A. Clancy, San Francisco; Philip A. Cooley, New Orleans; Frank C. Webb, New York and Michael J. Young, Boston, members of the executive board, all of which were sent to Leavenworth.

FORMER SOLDIER KILLED BY HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW

Gilbert M. Lehue Shot at Louisville After a Family Row.

By Associated Press.
Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—After he had knocked his mother-in-law over a hot stove and terrified other members of his family with an army sword, Gilbert M. Lehue, formerly a sergeant in the United States army, was shot and killed here yesterday by Ben Beach, Beach was arrested and charged with murder. He told the police that Lehue was on the point of striking him with the sword when he fired the bullet into his heart.

According to Mrs. Lehue, her husband had been drinking. After she had prepared his dinner, he ordered her to leave the room and locked the door telling her not to return. Shortly afterwards she said she was aroused by the screams of her mother, Mrs. John W. Beach, and bursting into the room saw her lying across the stove where, she said, Lehue had knocked her. Young Beach, also attracted by the screams of his mother, entered the room and sought to overpower Lehue who, he declares, attacked him with the sword and he shot him. Mrs. Lehue could give no reason for her husband's action.

Court Rules Against Mrs. Guggenheim

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 24.—The motion of the state to expunge from the record the divorce of Grace Brown Guggenheim from William Guggenheim on the grounds that it was obtained through collusion and fraud upon the court, was denied by Judge Heard here today.

Since the divorce both principals have married. In various attempts to have the divorce annulled, the former Mrs. Guggenheim testified that she testified falsely as to her residence in Illinois.

Vesey Says Equal Suffrage Will Win.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 24.—Robert S. Vesey, former governor of South Dakota, in a church address here last night, predicted that the entire west would give suffrage to women within a few years.

"The women know as much about how to legislate for the good of humanity as the men do," he said, "and if given the vote would bring better conditions into the schools, the prisons and our social and political life in general."

IRON WORKERS TO REORGANIZE

Union Whose Officers Recently Were Convicted of Dynamiting in Annual Convention.

RYAN HAS SUPPORT FOR RE-ELECTION

Joseph E. McClory Probably Will Be Chosen Secretary to Succeed Herbert S. Hockin.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24.—Reorganization of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, all but two of whose executive officers were convicted last December of promoting the McNamara dynamite plots in connection with the union's strike against "open shop" contractors, was planned at the association's annual convention, which opened today. About 100 delegates from local unions in every state will represent the 12,000 members in the reorganization. President Ryan, who received a seven years' sentence, the heaviest punishment of all, and who is now at liberty under bonds pending appeal, is favored by some delegates for re-election. Since his release from Leavenworth Mr. Ryan has been here directing details for the convention.

Joseph E. McClory of Cleveland, acting secretary, probably will be permanent secretary, to succeed Herbert S. Hockin, another of the convicted men.

McClory and Edward Lewis of San Francisco, both executive board members, were the only officials of the union not convicted in the dynamite plots. In the cases of the other officials the jury sustained the government's charges that the union's funds were appropriated so that the McNamara brothers and Orrie E. McClory might pay the expense of destroying the property of contractors who refused to employ only union men.

The financial reports of the union, McClory stated, would show that \$30,000 was expended for the defense at the trial in Indianapolis. This was procured through assessing the members. In addition more than \$200,000 was raised for the defense of the McNamaras, the fund being in charge of officials of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. McClory said all the sessions of the convention are to be secret.

"An effort is being made to forbid discussion of the dynamite cases at the convention because appeals are still pending," said McClory, "but many delegates are determined to demand debate on the subject."

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FIRST REVENUE BILL IS COMING TUESDAY

Several Important Measures to Be Introduced in a Few Days.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The finance committee did not submit the revenue bill today, it being understood that the measure will be presented tomorrow. The first bill as stated will provide for taxing incomes, inheritances and franchises and licenses. One of more equally important bills are to be introduced in a few days, but their nature cannot be learned. While a fight may be precipitated, it is believed the finance committee carry their points in the legislature.

Ward introduced in the senate a joint resolution requesting the president not to veto the Webb-Kenyon bill as to interstate shipments of liquors.

Rodman is the author of another state-wide primary bill in the house today. It leaves off the preferential feature of formerly defeated bills.

A bill in the house was introduced by Justice to prevent exorbitant charges on interstate freight to be applied if railroads persist in discrimination against North Carolina in the present "long and short haul" rate conditions.

The senate passed the Ward joint resolution urging Taft not to veto the Webb-Kenyon bill, 14 to 13, and sent it to the house where there was a lengthy discussion which adjourned in a sharp fight over the measure.

PORFIRIO DIAZ MUCH PLEASED

The Ex-Dicator, in Egypt, "Holding Himself Entirely at His Country's Service."

HOPES UNITED STATES WILL KEEP HANDS OFF

Will Not Return to Mexico Unless Foreign Complications Make It Needful.

By Associated Press.
Keneh, Egypt, Feb. 24.—Porfirio Diaz, former dictator of Mexico, declared today that he is holding himself in readiness to respond to the call of his country in case foreign complications should arise out of the revolution there.

If this should not occur, he said, he would not return to Mexico until settled government had been re-established there and his re-appearance on the scene where he had held such long sway could be made without risk of being wrongly interpreted.

The aged ex-president expressed the hope that "hands off Mexico" would continue to be the policy of the United States.

General Diaz was greatly elated at the success of his nephew, Felix Diaz, and of General Huerta, provisional president, whom he considers quite capable of working out the salvation of the republic.

The ex-president's yacht is temporarily moored at this ancient gathering place of pilgrims whence he has made several trips to Denderah and other noted temples.

The ex-president, after pleading that his entire aloofness from the politics of his country precluded any criticism by him of the late President Madero's administration, made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"I prefer to say nothing regarding the faults of Francisco Madero's rule, or the causes of the revolution. As a political opponent of Madero, my opinion might be considered biased."

"General Victoriano Huerta is an officer and a gentleman who possesses the confidence of all classes in Mexico. Personally I have the greatest respect for and confidence in him. I chose him to escort me from Mexico City to Vera Cruz when I was exiled."

"I think General Huerta is in a position to maintain order until a constitutional government has been definitely re-established."

When questioned regarding the probability of further complications in Mexico, General Diaz replied:

"That depends entirely upon the energy of the provisional government in suppressing pillage and brigandage. Felix Diaz has long experience in the army and fully realizes the importance of enforcing respect for life and property."

When reports of the possibility of intervention by the United States were mentioned, the former Mexican president gravely reported:

"I and my adherents, always have been and will remain sincere friends of the United States government. I cannot imagine the United States or others taking any action inconsistent with America's well known honesty of purpose."

General Diaz hopes and intends to return to Mexico at sometime. This, however, he said, will not be until peace has been firmly re-established and "my return cannot have any misfortune placed upon it. Should, however, foreign complications arise, I will hold myself entirely at my country's service."

General Diaz has not settled upon his plans for the future beyond leaving Cairo on March 10th for Paris.

GEN. YOUNG'S OFFER

Sends Message Tendering Services of North Carolina National Guard in Event of War.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The federal "white slave traffic act," of 1910, was upheld as constitutional today by the supreme court of the United States in an opinion by Justice McKenna.

MORE SOLDIERS MOVING SOUTH

INTERMYERREPORT BEFORE COMMITTEE

Several of Money Trust Problem's Recommendations Cause Spirited Discussion

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 24.—The money trust committee today took up with Counsel Samuel Untermyer details of its report. Mr. Untermyer presented a long analysis of testimony with a number of recommendations for remedial legislation. With these as a basis, the committee expects to complete a report to the house this week.

Several points in Mr. Untermyer's recommendations caused spirited discussion. Among them were the regulation of interlocking directorates in interstate corporations, the regulation of stock exchanges and proposed federal control of clearing houses. Several members of the committee were inclined to doubt the jurisdiction of the federal government over such activities.

GOVERNMENT SUES A "LABOR TRUST"

Chicago Electrical Workers Unions Accused of Hampering State Business.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 24.—Two Chicago unions of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers were sued by the federal government here today under the Sherman anti-trust law for alleged interference with messages of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company in interstate commerce.

Local unions Nos. 9 and 124 are named as defendants.

GORHAM PITTS DIES; HURT IN FEUD FIGHT

At Glen Alpine Several Weeks Ago—Dr. Hennessee Held Without Bond.

It was learned here yesterday that Gorman Pitts of Glen Alpine died yesterday morning in a hospital in Morganton as the result of wounds received by him several weeks ago in a feud fight in his home town with Dr. E. A. Hennessee. It is also learned that Dr. Hennessee has been taken to Morganton and placed in jail to await his trial for murder next month and will not be allowed bail.

The fight between the Pitts brothers and Dr. Hennessee was one of the bloodiest, possibly, of any feud fight ever occurred in the state and took place near the postoffice in Glen Alpine one Sunday afternoon about a month ago. There had been bad blood existing between the participants in the fight for a long time. It was the fight with weapons following a fist fight early in the afternoon between Dr. Hennessee and Gorman Pitts.

In this fist fight Dr. Hennessee was worsted. It is said, and went to his home and secured his rifle, pistol and physicians knife, after which the fight was renewed, and Abe and Ervin Pitts took a hand with Gorman. He used his knife to advantage during the fight and the three brothers were all severely wounded, as was Policeman Bennett. Dr. Hennessee was shot four times himself.

All of the injured men were taken to hospitals for treatment, and all have recovered except the elder Pitts brother who died yesterday. The trial will doubtless be one of the most interesting of the year in this state.

Peddling Act Knocked Out.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 24.—The Arkansas peddling act of 1899, requiring traveling salesmen delivering lightning rods, steel stoves, ranges, clocks, pumps, burgies, carriages and vehicles, to procure a license was held unconstitutional today by the Supreme court as an interference with interstate commerce.

Thureau-Dangin Dead.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Feb. 24.—Paul Maurin Pierre Thureau-Dangin, "perpetual secretary" of the French academy died today aged 71. He was in his earlier years a prolific author, dealing more especially with political and religious history.

Full Army Division Hastening to Galveston in Preparation for Embarkation for Mexico.

HUERTA WILL DEMAND FULL RECOGNITION

Attitude of Taft Administration to New Government Will Depend on Ambassador's Report.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 24.—Complete orders were issued late today by Secretary Stimson to Major General Carter to mobilize the entire second army division at Galveston. Preparatory orders were issued earlier in the day.

Washington, Feb. 24.—More orders for moving troops to Galveston, with the purpose of concentrating a full army division there, in accordance with the policy of preparedness as outlined by President Taft in a public speech in New York last Saturday night, were issued by the war department early today.

Major-General William H. Carter, the department and division commander at Chicago, will be placed in supreme command.

In addition to the fourth brigade of the second division, consisting of the 23rd, 24th and 25th infantry, now in the middle west, orders were issued today for the preparation for entrainment of the entire sixth brigade, comprising the eleventh infantry, Col. Arthur Williams, at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming; the 18th infantry, Col. Thomas F. Davis, at Fort McKenne, Wyo.; and Fort Bliss, Texas; the 22nd infantry, Col. Daniel A. Frederick, at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The fourth field artillery, the second battalion of engineers and signal corps company D, comprising part of the sixth brigade, already have been ordered to Galveston.

Publication of a statement that president-elect Wilson had requested Secretary Knox and Stimson and Major General Wood to meet him at Burlington, N. J., next Tuesday to confer upon the Mexican situation led Secretary Stimson today to issue this statement:

"I have no information of any such appointment. I believe, however, that all members of Mr. Taft's administration should stand ready to give to Governor Wilson and the members of his cabinet all information possible as to the situation in their respective departments."

Huerta May Seek Recognition.
The extent to which recognition may be extended by the United States to the Huerta government has not been determined. This probably will depend largely upon recommendations of Ambassador Wilson, who has been given large discretionary authority. The question is likely to be brought to an issue very soon, through some application from the Huerta government which, it is understood, is not disposed to remain satisfied with the action of Ambassador Wilson in recognizing it as a de facto government only. Sunday's tragic events are likely to be considered.

The withholding of recognition, however, is not in any sense involved in a decision of any question of intervention in Mexican affairs; President Taft has declared he has not changed his policy in that regard as a result of the latest developments in the Mexican capital and it remains true that probably only the extreme jeopardy of Americans and foreigners in Mexico would be regarded as sufficient for a departure from that policy.

Advices to the state department say that General Trevino, in command of the Madero federal forces in northeastern Mexico, but who was one of the staunch supporters of former President Porfirio Diaz, has declared his allegiance to the Huerta regime and requested authorization to accept the provisional governorship of Nuevo Leon.

The American consul at Tampico says the public in Tampico and Tuxpan districts generally approve of the Huerta government and normal conditions are prevailing.

In Chihuahua, however, signs of considerable resistance to the new government are reported. Volunteers in the Southern part having declared against it. Arrest of state officials on a charge of complicity in the plot to restore Madero has added to the threatened trouble.

Developments of the last 48 hours in Mexico apparently have not changed the general sentiment in congress against any immediate action toward American intervention.

Gen. Carter Receives Orders.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Major General William H. Carter, commanding the second division of U. S. A., was ordered today to hold himself and division headquarters officers in readiness to respond at any moment to orders to proceed south. The fourth and fifth brigades, which have been ordered to Galveston, will be under his direction.