

## MEXICAN PLOT RUMOR DENIED

Report of Conspiracy Against  
Huerta Results in Placing  
Of Guards Around  
Palace.

## ACTUAL OUTBREAK IN GUADALUPE REPORTED

Sending of Troops to Village  
Probably Responsible For  
Rumors of Conspiracy  
—All Quiet.

Mexico City, Feb. 7.—The federal capital was quiet today.

The authorities had feared that conspirators against the administration would attempt an armed uprising but no outbreak occurred.

Mexico City, Feb. 7.—Troops guarded the palace, arsenal and artillery barracks throughout the night after the circulation of reports that conspirators had planned a coup d'état in the shape of a new revolt against the Huerta government.

For a time last night excitement was caused by the activity of the soldiers and by a report that an outbreak had actually occurred in Guadalupe, a suburb several miles northeast of the capital.

Telephone messages early today failed, however, to confirm the rumors of fighting. It was thought that the fact that troops had been hurriedly sent to the suburb in accordance with military plans to be in readiness for a possible uprising, was responsible for the Guadalupe reports.

General Blanquet, minister of war, and others of the military officers in command in the capital were in conference during the night. It was assumed that military activity that ensued was an outcome of their talk. Officially, it was denied, however, that the meeting considered any plot.

According to some reports, 2500 police in the capital were involved in a plot and had pledged themselves to revolt with certain of the troops.

The revolt, according to the reports, was fixed for February 9, the anniversary of the beginning of the ten days' bombardment of the capital by the rebels last year, which was followed by the death of President Madero and the assumption of the provisional presidency by General Huerta.

First Hand Impressions.  
Washington, Feb. 7.—Thomas H. Hopler, British secretary and charge d'affaires at Mexico City, arrived here today from New York to be a guest at the British embassy with the purpose of getting first hand impressions of the state of feeling and the attitude of public men toward the Mexican problem before resuming his duties.

Having already established official relations with the Huerta government in Mexico, before his departure on leave of absence for England, it will be unnecessary for the charge to present any fresh credentials when he resumes his duties.

Brief Report.  
Washington, Feb. 7.—Only a brief report of the train wreck and destruction of Cumbre tunnel by Mexican bandits has been made by American consul Edwards.

From Acapulco new uprisings are reported on both coasts and frequent conflicts of guerrilla bands occur.

Telegraphic and railway communication between Monterey and Nuevo Laredo have been destroyed.

## CONSIDER CLAIMS OF PANAMA LAND OWNERS

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretaries Bryan and Garrison were in conference today over the settlement of claims of private land owners in the Panama canal zone. A commission was named to settle the claims and while their decision is final, there has been complaint over the method of settlement. In many instances claims have been adjudicated without giving the United States a chance to be heard.

The heads of the two departments think something like the procedure of a court should be followed, giving both sides a chance to be heard. Up to this time the commissioners have merely accepted the report of inspectors without a hearing.

## ROCK ISLAND AGAIN UNSETTLES SECURITIES

New York, Feb. 7.—Weakness in the Rock Island securities again unsettled the stock market today. Common and preferred shares and the collateral trust bonds fell to new records. Selling of the securities probably originated chiefly with the bear element which has recently resumed an attitude of aggression.

At the office of the Rock Island company it was said that the several plans of reorganization were still under consideration and that no definite action was likely to be made for some time.

## MANNING MURDER PUZZLING POLICE

Young Woman Who Called at Home of Mrs. Harriet Manning and Shot Her Drops Entirely Out of Sight—  
Deceased Husband Arrested and Released.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 7.—The young woman who called at the home of Mrs. Harriet Manning here last night and shot her dead, had dropped entirely out of sight today and the police admitted they had no positive clue to her identity. Charles I. Manning, the victim's husband, who had been separated from her for two years, and a young woman arrested in Montclair whom Manning admitted he knew, were released from custody early today.

Manning and the young woman left police headquarters together but neither would discuss the murder. The woman was heavily veiled and her identity could not be learned.

Manning conducts a garage at Verona, near here. After the Mannings separation the wife went to the home of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Cobb, where she has lived since with her parent and a sister, Mrs. Mary Riley, who is also separated from her husband. Several persons have been accustomed to take their meals at the house but Mrs. Manning received few callers not well known to her family.

The theory that jealousy might have prompted the murder was advanced by the police. Mrs. Cobb said her daughter was friendly with several men who took their meals at her house, but she did not know that any of these friends could have caused the shooting. One of the boarders and Mrs. Manning were very good friends, she said. She did not know where the man lived and the police have started a search for him in hope that he may be able to disclose some motive for the shooting.

The woman who shot Mrs. Manning left two clues, the revolver, which she threw to the floor as she backed out of the house, and a black umbrella. The only knowledge of her identity is the statement she made when she asked for Mrs. Manning, declaring she was "an old friend from Philadelphia."

## A WILD CHASE AFTER SON OF MILLIONAIRE

Car Knocked Man Down—A  
Dozen Shots Were Fired  
At the Tires.

New York, Feb. 7.—Wallace W. Malle, son of a millionaire merchant of New Haven, Conn., was locked up in a police station here today charged with felonious assault after he had been captured by a policeman in a wild chase up Madison avenue during which more than a dozen shots were fired at the young man's racing car.

Accompanied by a friend, Malle was driving up Madison avenue when his car knocked down and severely injured John Mahoney. The police say the young man did not stop his machine but increased its speed. Repeated shots fired at the fire failed to stop him. Finally the police commandeered a passing touring car and captured the speeding motor after a chase of more than 10 blocks.

Malle later gave bail for examination in police court Monday.

## STAPLES MUST CHANGE HEIGHT OF BILL BOARDS

Case Decided Against Him in  
Police Court—Former  
Case Recalled

W. J. Staples, the "bill board" man was arrested yesterday afternoon on charges of maintaining bill boards in the city nearer to the ground than 24 inches. His case was called in Police court this morning and after the evidence had been gone into, prayer for judgment was continued until March 7, upon the condition that Staples would repair all his boards so as to comply with the law.

About two years ago Staples was convicted in Police court of the same charge. He appealed to Superior court and the case was decided in his favor. The city appealed to the Supreme court of North Carolina and this court upheld the decision of the Police court. The case attracted considerable attention at the time and was hard fought throughout.

J. Frazier Glenn, who was corporation counsel at the time of the first trial of Staples, and who represented the city in the different trials of the case, this morning represented Staples and held that he was not guilty of the charges against him. Mr. Glenn took the stand that it was the duty of the city building inspector to see that the boards complied with the city code governing same.

It was held that where the boards form parts of walls or fences, that they did not violate the city law, but where they were erected alone and not farther from the ground than 24 inches the law was violated. Mr. Staples said that he would begin at once to arrange the boards, about three or four in number, so as to comply with the law.

## ONE PROTESTANT AGAINST INCREASED FREIGHT RATES

Washington, Feb. 7.—J. F. East, representing the Farmers Manufacturing company, Norfolk, and the Virginia Manufacturing company of Suffolk, Va., was the only protest against the proposed five per cent increase in eastern freight rates on wooden boxes, barrels, pallets and like manufactures at the interstate commerce commission's hearing today.

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## WOOLEN MILLS INDUSTRY SUMMARY PUBLISHED

Factories in N. C. Employ 572  
People and Give Support  
To Nearly 20,000.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7.—Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman made public his annual summary of the woollen mill industry in this state as it will appear in his forthcoming annual report for the department. Shows seven mills with \$405,200 capital stock and giving employment to 572 employees and supporting nearly 20,000 people. The mills have 17,300 spindles, 275 looms, and 47 cards. The mills use 1,075 horse power. The raw material used by the mills is about 2,622,500 pounds and the value of finished products \$775,000.

It is learned here that the officers of the North Carolina Woman's Suffrage league are preparing to inaugurate very soon a strenuous campaign to increase the following of the league. To this end Mrs. P. P. Clayton, wife of the United States Commissioner of Education Clayton, and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw are to come to the state for speeches in a number of the principal cities. Mrs. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill, is president of the North Carolina league.

## PLANT RY'S REQUIRED TO PAY DEMURRAGE

Chicago, Feb. 7.—With a view to dropping nearly 100 plant railways from membership and thereby forcing them to pay demurrage instead of per diem rates for the use of cars belonging to other lines, officials of the American Railway association today announced they would investigate 300 small lines which represent themselves as common carriers.

At a meeting of the committee on relations among railroads last week, 19 plant railways were barred from participating in the per diem agreement of the association. Such action prevents the officials of the small lines from obtaining passes on the various railroads throughout the country.

## GRAND UNION HOTEL TO BE TORN DOWN

New York, Feb. 7.—The fate of the old Grand Union hotel, opposite the Grand Central depot on Forty-second street is sealed by a decision of the public service commission which provides for connection between the present subway and the Lexington avenue line building. It has been decided to condemn all the property necessary south of Forty-second street which includes the hotel.

The Grand Union was built in the early 80's. It was one of the first New York hostleries to occupy an entire block front and its rooming capacity of 500 was considered enormous.

## Protection for Mourners.

London, Feb. 7.—The borough council of the southeastern suburb of Cumberwell passed a resolution today to make the Cumberwell cemetery "more attractive to customers by erecting marquees over the open when the weather is inclement thus affording protection to the mourners."

Rev. Calvin B. Waller will deliver two special sermons at the First Baptist church tomorrow, using as his morning theme, "The Christian Southland," a message of special interest to southerners. At the evening hour, Mr. Waller will use for his subject, "Uncovering Sin," or "Life's Shame under God's rays," with reference to "investigations" throughout the land. A special musical service will be conducted at 7:30 by Mr. Ruby.

## TUG POTOMAC LOST IN ICE

Navy Aerials Searching By  
Wireless For Vessel Which  
Went to Rescue of  
Fishing Schooners.

## STEAMER ALSO ASHORE BUT IN NO DANGER

Helen H. Benedict Aground  
Off Nags Head—Doubtful  
Whether It Will Be Pos-  
sible to Float Her.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Wireless calls were hissing out from the navy tug Potomac lost in the ice after an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the crews of the fishing schooners Hiram Lowell and Frances Willard.

The heavy ice packs in the bay of islands turned the sturdy Potomac back from her work of rescue after days of futile smashing at the frozen fields that hold the Lowell and the Willard prisoners; so she left the bay for North Sydney Thursday night and should have put into port yesterday.

When the tug was not heard from today navy officers said there was no cause for alarm but ordered the wireless to call her. They thought she merely had been delayed on her way through the heavy ice in the straits.

The jam probably will be the salvation of the crews of the imprisoned fishing schooners. Officials here are not concerned for their safety, saying if their ships are crushed in the pack the crews easily can make their way to shore over the ice.

High and Dry.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—With the New Haven schooner Helen H. Benedict, from South Amboy, to Fernandina, high and dry on the beach, at Nags Head, N. C., where she struck early yesterday morning, the revenue cutter Onondaga today stood by power to assist. The wind was today blowing 22 miles an hour from the west with high seas. The weather was not against the Benedict today but she is so far up on shore that doubt is now expressed as to whether she can ever be floated. One advantage to wreckers will be the stepness of the beach at the point where the Benedict lies. This still enables salvagers to work close in shore. But for the fact the Benedict was without cargo and went easily on the beach she would have been beaten to pieces in the seas of yesterday and last night.

Captain Torrey and crew are still standing by on the beach. They succeeded in boarding the vessel with a ladder this morning.

Manassquan, N. J., Feb. 7.—Off her course today in a fog, the British tramp steamer Louise went aground early today about a quarter of a mile off shore here and it appeared she would remain fast until high tide this afternoon. A heavy sea which had battered the vessel subsided and life savers who went to her aid said her position was not dangerous.

As a precaution the Manassquan life savers shot a breeches buoy line aboard and two boys of the vessel's crew were brought ashore. The others in the crew, numbering about 20, including Captain David McDonough, elected to remain on board.

The revenue cutter Itasca and the wrecking tug Merritt stood by.

## WOULD REMOVE WHOLE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Osborne Says It Should Be  
Done Before Any of The  
Fund is Spent.

New York, Feb. 7.—James W. Osborne, Governor Glynn's graft investigator, in a formal statement today said he would recommend the removal of the whole state highway system from the field of party politics. "It ought to be done," he declared, "before we spend a dollar of the new fifty million fund. Many millions of dollars have been all but wasted through the alliance of contractors and politicians."

## STUDENTS SUSPENDED BECAUSE THEY DANCED THE TANGO

Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 7.—Because of their failure to comply with rules prohibiting the dancing of the tango, six students of Gettysburg college have been suspended for two weeks. At a dance January 14 the committee of the six fraternities having dance halls in charge failed to adhere strictly to two strict and written. The young gentlemen were suspended.

## Mr. Rockefeller Defies The Ohio Authorities

Leaves For New York Without Listing His Taxes in Cleveland—Time Allowed For Voluntary Listing Has  
Expired—Action to Be Deferred.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 7.—With John D. Rockefeller in New York where he went from here yesterday, deputy state tax commissioners said today they would take no action to list Rockefeller's \$900,000,000 personal property on the county duplicate here until Monday. Today marks the expiration of the time provided by law for Mr. Rockefeller voluntarily to list his property here in compliance with the demand made upon him last Monday. The commissioners plan to place all his oil king's securities they can find on the duplicate. The prospective

## REPORT NOT MADE ON POLICE PROBE

Committee Asks More Time to  
Investigate Points of  
Law Involved.

## CITY JAIL DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS

Separation of Prisoners as Provided  
By State Law Is Ordered by  
The Aldermen.

It was expected that a report would be submitted at the meeting of the board of aldermen last night by the police committee relative to the investigation conducted this week in the cases of Patrolman Snyder, charged with dereliction of duty in connection with the assault on M. L. Roth by Bob Lee last week; Patrolman McLean, charged with assaulting a prisoner in the city jail while taking him to a cell; Janitor Blackwell, charged with placing a woman in the wrong cell in city jail; and Janitor Williams, charged with locking a man in the same cell with this woman; but no report on the findings was made. Alderman Patterson, a member of the committee, in the absence of Chairman Francis, stated that certain points of law relative to the matter are now under consideration and asked that the committee be allowed another week to make its report. The request was granted.

Mr. Patterson also stated that Chief of Police Lominac desired to call the attention of the board to Section 94 of the city code. This section, which was only referred to by Mr. Patterson, reads as follows:

"Whenever any female shall be arrested or imprisoned for any violation of this charter or ordinance of said city she shall, while under arrest or during such imprisonment, be kept, except when under bail, in the custody and under the management, subject to the control of said board of aldermen, of some reputable female employed by said board of aldermen for that purpose, in some separate prison or reformatory; but if a convict, she shall be required, under such custody and management and subject to the rules and regulations thereof prescribed by said board of aldermen, to work out any fine imposed and the costs of the prosecution at a rate of wages prescribed by the said board of aldermen."

Later during the meeting a resolution was offered and adopted, providing for the separation of the cells in the city jail into five apartments for the incarceration of male and female prisoners, separating them by color and sex, and for other prisoners. Such a separation, Corporation Counsel Bernard advised, would be according to law. The law relative to this point is a state law applying to common jails in all counties in the state. On arguments in Police court this week it was contended that the law does not apply to city prisons, which are controlled by charter provisions, and on this argument Janitors Blackwell and Williams were declared not guilty on the charges preferred against them relative to the locking of a woman and a man together in the same cell in city jail.

There were several other matters before the board at the meeting last night, but none of any great importance. A communication was read from the management of the Mission hospital in which it was asked that a fire alarm box be placed in front of the institution as the structure is of wood; the telephone is not always in order; and patients are always present who cannot help themselves in case of fire. The matter was referred to the fire committee with power to act.

There was also a communication from the Civic Betterment league, in which it was asked that an ordinance be passed carrying provisions that will force the bakeries in the city to wrap the bread, cakes and other products to protect them from dust; also

## COLD WAVE IS COMING EAST

Two Separate Areas of Depres-  
sion Move Toward Coast—  
Storm Warnings For  
Vessels Displayed.

## ZERO WEATHER IN THE PLAINS STATES

From Various Sections Come  
Reports of Winter Records  
Broken and Quick Fall  
Of The Mercury.

Washington, Feb. 7.—With the movement eastward of two separate areas of depression, cold wave warnings were displayed today in the Carolinas, Georgia, extreme north Florida and the interior of Virginia. Marked reductions in temperature have taken place in the east gulf states, freezing conditions have gripped the Texas coast, while zero weather is general throughout the plains states.

On the Atlantic coast storm warnings have been displayed from Delaware Breakwater to Eastport, Me.

Cold at Dallas.  
Dallas, Tex., Feb. 7.—Ten degrees above zero was registered here today. The cold covered the entire state ranging from 4 degrees above zero at Amarillo to freezing temperature at Galveston. The freeze in south Texas was not believed to have damaged seriously the strawberry and other spring garden crops.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 7.—Thermometers at the local weather bureau early today registered 14 degrees above zero, the coldest of the winter. This is a fall of 48 degrees since noon yesterday.

Zero at St. Louis.  
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 7.—Zero temperature was recorded in St. Louis this morning. The sky was clear and high winds which prevailed last night had nearly died down.

Imports Decreased.

London, Feb. 7.—The January statement of the board of trade shows a decrease of \$16,126,000 in imports and an increase of \$11,500,000 in exports.

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