

# PRESIDENT MADERO FORCED TO RESIGN WAS THEN PLACED IN PRISON

### His Capture at This Time the Result of a Clever Ruse on Part of Federal Commander—General Huerta Proclaimed President—Over 2,000 Persons Killed and About 10,000 Wounded—City of Mexico Rent by Shot and Shell.

Francisco I. Madero, President of Mexico, has been arrested and placed in prison and General Huerta, commander of the Federal troops, has been proclaimed President. Madero was forced to resign when he was arrested. This may cause a temporary end to the bloody struggle in Mexico and it may not. Our Government is still worried over the situation in that country and will be until we are guaranteed that the life and property of all foreigners are safe.

#### President Madero Arrested and Placed in Prison.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Francisco I. Madero has been forced out of the Presidency. He was arrested at the National Palace shortly before three o'clock this afternoon by General Blanquet. He finally signed his resignation.

General Victoriano Huerta, commander of the Federal troops, was proclaimed Provisional President.

About the time Madero was arrested by Blanquet, his brother, Gustavo Madero, the former minister, was also taken but in a different locality. Jose Pino Suarez, Vice-President, escaped.

All members of the Cabinet were promptly placed under arrest, with the exception of Ernesto Madero, the uncle of the President, who held the Portfolio of Finance. He was apprised of the intentions of the Government and managed to make his escape.

The direct movement against Madero was the result of a plot which had been brewing since yesterday and which possibly existed with Blanquet for a much greater length of time.

From the first it has been known that General Blanquet was unwilling to fight. His men were of the same mind. He held complete command over them, and it was not doubted that they would follow him in any adventure, as they did at the National Palace this afternoon.

The forces numbering 1,000 men, which arrived late yesterday, were sent immediately to the Palace, ostensibly to relieve the reserve there. The reserves were sent into the field.

An agreement between General Blanquet and Huerta was reached last night, but the first intimation that Blanquet's men had of the new role they were to play was shortly before the successful stroke was made. Blanquet drew his men up in order and delivered a stirring speech. Blanquet then issued orders for the arrest of the President and assigned a detachment to that duty. Madero was soon a prisoner in his own rooms.

One reason given for the attitude of General Blanquet from the beginning was the presence of his son in the ranks of Diaz.

When the arrest of the President and his ministers became known, crowds gathered in the streets through which they paraded, shouting "Vivas" for Huerta and Diaz.

A conference was held between the representatives of these two generals and an agreement was reached whereby the appointment of General Huerta to the Provisional Presidency was proclaimed.

Prior to this, however, Huerta's attempt to communicate with Diaz precipitated one of the sharpest engagements of the day.

The fire from the Rebel rifles and machine guns was long sustained. It was by no means certain at that time that the coup which had been carried out meant the end of hostilities. At 3:30 in the afternoon the cannonading was still heavier than before and the rattle of machine guns was heard in various quarters.

A few loyal members of Madero's staff rushed into the room when Madero was struggling with the soldiers and went to his rescue, but ineffectually. Captain Garmedia, who had just been appointed chief of police, advanced upon Colonel Riveroll, shooting and wounding him severely. Immediately there was an exchange of shots and three or four members of the President's staff are said to have been wounded. Just to make the records clear, Madero was given reasonable time in which to write his resignation.

#### A Delicate Situation for the American Minister.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—With the Government of President Francisco I. Madero fallen and General Victoriano Huerta proclaimed President of Mexico, it devolves upon American Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson at once to treat with the defacto Mexican Government for the protection of Americans throughout the Republic.

Political recognition of the Government, which emerged to-night out of the travail through which Mexico has passed in the last two years, will be a slow proceeding. But with many Americans dead from the bullets of the contending forces in Mexico City, with hundreds wounded and thousands rendered homeless because of the carnage which has resulted from

the short range firing in the streets of the city. Mr. Wilson's first duty will be to treat with the new President for amelioration of the conditions imposed upon Americans and other foreigners, especially since the revolution entered in this last stage.

While this Government will take no concern over the choice of a successor to President Madero, such a successor will have to demonstrate his ability to maintain stable government before political recognition will be accorded him by the United States. Mexico is to-day honey-combed and torn asunder by many revolutionary movements.

#### 2,000 DEAD AND 1,000 WOUNDED.

#### American Minister Has a Delicate Situation With Which to Deal.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.—(By courier to Vera Cruz, Feb. 18.)—All the horrors of a bombardment have been experienced by the residents of this city for many days. Vicious machine gun and rifle fire has raged in the streets at a range of sometimes of less than one hundred yards.

Scarcely a district of the capital has escaped injury. Hundreds of buildings attest by their hole-marked sides and wrecked interiors to the destructive qualities of modern artillery.

How many have been killed or wounded is a question which none can answer definitely. From a source usually considered conservative, it has been stated that the number of dead is not less than 2,000, while the total of the wounded amounts to from 8,000 to 10,000. The great majority of these are not soldiers, but men, women, and children unable to escape the lines of fire. It is a well-known fact that detachments of fifty and one hundred men have been mowed down by machine guns here and there at various times when caught in the narrow streets. Carts piled high with corpses have been driven to the outskirts of the city and buried.

Every morning in the zone of the actual fight, piles of burning rubbish are to be seen. These heaps are for the most part rubbish, but the odor of burning flesh tells another story.

A practical, though gruesome method has been utilized in one place. The gas escaping from a broken main has been lighted and there in that steady flame has been improvised a crematory. In the basement of an apartment house a few blocks from the arsenal is the grave of Mrs. E. W. Holmes, one of the two American women killed early in the fighting by the entrance into her home of a shell. For three days her husband remained alone there with the corpse, unable to remove it and unwilling to leave it perhaps to suffer further mutilation.

Soldiers entered the apartment where he kept vigil and before his eyes robbed the place. He managed to find boards and carpenters' tools and nails in the building and constructed a coffin into which he laid the body of his wife. He carried it to the basement and there dug and filled her grave.

#### WITH THE LEGISLATORS.

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soldiers was taken up as unfinished business and passed.

#### Bills Passed Final Reading.

Senate bill to permit Cary high school district, Wake County, to issue \$25,000 bonds.

Senator Jones' bill empowering any citizen to bring suit against county or town officials for any amount unlawfully withheld or paid to any officer.

Consideration of Senator Nimocks' bill to restrict the sale of deadly weapons was resumed and passed.

House bill to provide rural policemen for Scotland County.

Senate bill raising age-limit of prisoners sentenced to reformatories from fifteen to eighteen years.

Senate bill requiring Sampson County officers to make reports of receipts and disbursements of the several officers.

#### Search and Seizure Act.

The search and seizure measure giving officials the right to search business houses and homes for liquor was passed by the House Friday night and the bill was sent to the Senate Saturday.

The Committee on Judiciary, No. 2, reported favorably bill to establish a State Board of Accountancy.

#### Bills Introduced.

Mr. Newell, by request, to protect land-owners of the State against loose stock.

Mr. Devin, to prohibit peddling of drugs, medicines, etc.

Mr. Bumgarner, to amend the pension laws of North Carolina.

Mr. Young, of Harnett, to incorporate Dunn and Clinton Railroad Company.

Mr. Sykes, to require full crews on all passenger trains operated in North Carolina.

Mr. Sykes, to regulate moving of freight trains in North Carolina.

#### Enrolled Bills.

Bill relative to school for Croatians Indians of Sampson County.

Joint resolution enlarging the powers of the Rate Commission.

Bill relative to compulsory education in Wake County.

#### SENATE.

The following new bills were introduced:

Council: To constitute a commission to direct repairs at the Governor's Mansion and appropriate \$25,000.

The Justice anti-trust bill was ordered printed, on motion of Senator Hobgood.

There will be a public meeting of the joint Senate and House Committee on Finance in the Senate Chamber at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, for the consideration of the proposition to sell the A. & N. C. Railroad.

Following bills passed final reading:

Senate bill amending Wake County officers' salary law.

Senate bill amending act of 1907 relative to auditing books of private corporations, provides that owners of 25 per cent of stock may order books audited.

#### Tuesday's Proceedings.

The Committee on Regulation of Public Service Corporations made favorable report on bill as amended relative to regulation of electric light, water power and gas companies.

The Committee on Public Roads and Turnpikes reported favorably bill relative to road improvement in Wake County.

Resolution relative to the working of convicts on the public roads of the State, by McNair. This resolution provides for a commission of three to be appointed by the governor to investigate this matter.

#### New Bills Introduced.

Mr. Bunn, to incorporate the city of Raleigh, and repeal its present charter.

Mr. Bumgarner, relative to the killing of heifer calves in Wilkes County.

Mr. Young, of Vance, to provide transportation for the North Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans to Gettysburg.

Mr. McMillan and Mr. McNair, for rural policemen for Robeson County.

The following bill was enrolled: Mr. Doughton offered a substitute bill permitting the State Treasurer to settle with cash only certain debts of the State amounting to about \$3,000.

Bill to authorize commissioners of Wake County to issue bonds to fund the debt of the County Board of Education. To senate.

Bill to amend the lien laws of the State. The provision giving the architect a lien on the house and the provision requiring contractors to give bonds were stricken out. Amendments were adopted allowing notice to be placed on logs when owner cannot be found in case of suits. Passed second reading.

#### THE SENATE.

The following new bills were introduced:

Woodley: Amend act of 1907, creating a fish commissioner.

Hobgood: Establish State-wide primary.

Little, of Wake: Re-charter city of Raleigh; provides for election or petition form of government.

Peterson: Pay certain claims against State incurred by the fish commission. Rules suspended and passed on immediate readings. These claims, dating several years back, were authorized to be paid by act of 1907, it was explained. Total amount, not including boat, about \$3,000.

The following bills passed final reading:

Senate bill to regulate use of assumed names in partnerships, requiring all real names in all partnerships to be certified to clerk of court.

Joint resolution from House to pay note made by members of special fish commission appointed by Legislature of 1909, to meet debt incurred by State Fish Commissioner in purchasing of launch "Gretchen."

Several of the Senators were opposed to pay this bill, stating they thought the various departments should not pile up extra expenses and then call on the Legislature to pay such debts.

Senate bill regulating licensing of insurance agents by insurance commissioner. Gives commissioner power to decline to license or revoke license.

Senate bill amending revision relative to arguments before jury, limiting to one hour on a side in civil cases involving \$200 or less, in discretion of judge.

Substitute for House bill to prevent loud cursing or indecent language on roads of Granville County. Substitute is State-wide. Amendments adopted exempting counties of Watauga, Pitt, Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde, Washington, Martin and Pamlico counties.

#### House Mileage Bill Defeated.

The House mileage bill, providing, as it passed the lower body, simply that unless the railroads put on family mileage books at two cents the flat passenger rates should be two cents

a mile, came up on a minority report from Judiciary Committee No. 2, filed by Senator Evans, of Pitt, who made an argument for the bill. The majority of the Senators sided with the railroads and killed the bill.

#### Wednesday's Proceedings.

The House Committee on Education reported favorably bill to permit the trustees of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, to admit free of tuition one needy student from each county.

The Committee on Internal Improvements reported favorably bill to incorporate the Dunn and Clinton Railway Company.

Joint resolution relative to payment of a certain note of the Fish Commission.

#### Bills Introduced.

Mr. Brawley, enlarging the powers of commissioners relative to listing property for taxes.

Mr. Murphy, to make an annual appropriation for the maintenance of the State University for the years 1913 and 1914.

Mr. Ferguson, to prohibit slaughter of young calves for veal in Swain County.

The six months' school term bill was taken up as the special order and passed on roll call vote, 92 to 2. To Senate.

Five hundred copies of the compulsory attendance substitute bill were ordered printed and consideration postponed until next Tuesday.

#### A Good Woman Gone to Her Reward.

(Written for The Caucasian.)

A good mother gone on the 31st of January, Mrs. Agnes E. Harris died at her home in Chatham County. She was Miss Agnes Peebles, of Lexington, Davidson County, and was born the first day of February, 1832. On March 25, 1852, she was married to Mr. Oscar E. Harris, who preceded her to the grave twenty-eight years ago. The death of such an excellent lady as Mrs. Harris deserves more than passing notice.

She graduated at Greensboro Female College and early in life she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her consistent Christian life showed the sincerity of her religion. After suffering intensely for three months of heart trouble her struggling spirit passed away from earth to Heaven. Her remains were laid in the silent grave at Ebenezer Church. The deceased was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her amiability of temper, her loveliness of character, her remarkable cheerfulness and happy, contented disposition, her utter want of selfishness, her fidelity to duty, her devotion to her husband and her untiring, loving care of her children all combined to make her a model woman, friend, wife and mother, and the remembrance of her many excellencies of character will be a precious comfort to her grief-stricken family and friends. She leaves six children, five daughters and one son, Mrs. T. J. Lamb, of Durham; Mrs. N. B. Gunter, of Pittsboro; Mrs. W. D. Peebles, of Advance, Davie County; Mrs. T. Y. Mims, of New Hill; Mr. Robert and Miss Baro Harris, of Pittsboro. May they realize their loss is her eternal gain.

#### Waiting for Electric Chair.

"Biddy" Glick, on trial at Wooster, Ohio, for murder, may die in the electric chair which he built for the Ohio State penitentiary at Springfield.

Glick, who is being tried for murder in the first degree, was a former convict at the State penitentiary. He is an expert carpenter, and was asked to design and build a chair from photographs supplied him of the chair at Sing Sing. More than thirty men have already met death in it.

If Glick is convicted and circumstantial evidence is strong against him, he will meet death in the State's monument to his own handiwork.

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#### Paying Their Way In.

(From the Youth's Companion.)

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The men were enjoying the cool of the evening on the piazza, when one of the party remarked to his host:

"Do you know, Fred, there's something the matter with your front gate? It took all my strength to open it. It needs oiling, or shaving, or something."

"Neither one, old man; it's all right. Every one who comes through that gate pumps two buckets of water into the tank up there on the hill."

A special grand jury at Steubenville, Ohio, has returned nine indictments against persons for violating the election law in the use of money in the recent campaign. Among those indicted are the postmaster at Steubenville, a judge-elect, a prosecuting attorney-elect, and an ex-judge.

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