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JOHNSON LEADS STATE OF OREGON

Trails Behind In Race Against Californian For Presidential Honors.

COUNTY VOTE IS CLOSE

Returns Show Quine and Starmer for Sheriff to be Putting up Hard Race, with Starmer Slightly in the Lead.

JOHNSON LEADING.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 22.—On the face of returns filed at 1:30 o'clock, Senator Johnson has regained his lead over General Wood. Figures compiled at 1:45 p. m. from 17 counties including 96 complete precincts in Multnomah county, show Hoover, 2346; Lowden, 2132; Wood, 2229; Johnson, 236.

PRECINCTS COMPLETE.

PORTLAND, May 22.—Sixty-eight precincts complete in Multnomah county in yesterday's primary give Johnson 447, Wood 1298, Lowden 644, Hoover 431. The state returns are exceptionally slow in coming in, but the latest figures at 11 o'clock this morning show Wood leading outside of 300 votes. Fifty-six complete Multnomah county precincts give Chamberlain 650 and Starkweather 365.

FROM 43 COUNTIES.

PORTLAND, May 22.—Incomplete returns from 23 counties including 44 complete Multnomah county precincts give Hoover 3717, Johnson 2116, Lowden 2721, and Wood 11,338.

CLAIMS BIG MAJORITY.

PORTLAND, May 22.—Senator Johnson, campaign manager of the Johnson campaign, today claimed the state by a 12,000 majority, based on the returns at 11:30 o'clock.

LEAD STILL RETAINED.

PORTLAND, May 22.—Returns compiled at 2:30 p. m. from 27 counties incomplete including 144 complete precincts in Multnomah county, give the following for president: Hoover, 4041; Johnson, 4375; Lowden, 5649; Wood, 2165.

With an exceptionally light vote, returns of yesterday's elections are coming in more rapidly than expected. It has been anticipated that the great interest in city affairs would result in a vote being cast in Roseburg at the same time would cause a vote on the party tickets county measures. Such, however, was not the case, and although percentage of voters in the city higher than in the rural districts, yet the record at each of the above showed little interest.

Counting began shortly after 8 o'clock and continued until long at daylight this morning in the majority of precincts. Early returns in gave various accounts and accurate prediction was impossible. Based on the first indications in the presidential race Johnson maintained a slight lead over Wood. The precincts in which city railroad men reside gave Johnson a substantial plurality, while in others Wood had the lead. The precincts were almost entirely to Wood and Johnson, with only maintaining a hold on third place over Herbert Hoover.

In the race for U. S. senator Standing apparently carried the county by a large plurality over Abraham. In county judge race in the city precincts and in the rural precincts in which early returns were received, gave the present incumbent, Mr. D. J. Stewart, a big majority. His nomination is forecasted almost as a certainty. The sheriff's race shows one of the most exciting contests to be seen for many years. At eleven early precincts to re-elect Quine given a vote of 522 and Starmer 459. Quine maintained his lead in the city, but rural precincts cut down his lead to a great extent and the outcome of this race will be in doubt until the final canvass of the vote.

For treasurer it is almost safe to predict the nomination of Jas. E. Myers, who has polled a big vote in nearly all precincts over Mynatt. In many localities where repre-

QUINE TAKES LEAD.

Last hour returns from Riddle and Nichols precincts where Sheriff Quine polled a handsome majority, gives him the lead over his opponent Starmer. With the addition of these votes and other late precincts, Quine is given 1128 votes and Starmer 1061, a difference of 67 votes. About 20 precincts are still outstanding.

LATE REPORTS.

Word received late this afternoon from Riddle was to the effect that George Quine carried the Riddle and Nichols precincts by a majority of 87 votes. The large number of votes cast in the Reedport precinct made it impossible to get any complete returns from that place. A message from there at 2 o'clock stated that half of the votes were counted and Quine had a lead of 20.

Representatives and commissioners are favorite sons, the votes are no varying that a check at this time is very difficult.

In the special election every measure appears to have carried with the exception of the soldiers' sailors' and marines' educational aid revenue bill. With 13 precincts complete at noon today, the vote on special measures in the county stood: Eminent domain, for 559, against 295; 4 percent limitation for road indebtedness, for 540, against 400; restoring capital punishment, for 555, against 410; Crook and Curry county amendment, for 380, against 320; successor to governor, for 485, against 364; higher educational tax, for 540, against 480; soldiers', sailors' and marines' educational aid revenue bill, for 461, against 468; state elementary school fund tax, for 550, against 395; blind school, for 593, against 316.

Because of the failure of some of the judges of city election boards, the returns of the city election were not posted and no statements were made, consequently full returns from this vote were not obtainable today. However, it is believed that all of the measures have carried, the returns from six precincts which have reported complete leading to this conclusion. These six precincts voted as follows:

- Municipal Light and Power Plant. Yes, 562; no, 135.
- Repeal Coos Bay R. R. Bonds. Yes, 557; no, 152.
- Repeal Rock Creek R. R. Bonds. Yes, 341; no, 410.
- Boxing Commission. Yes, 262; no, 248.
- Aviation Field. Yes, 298; no, 229.
- Camp Grounds. Yes, 313; no, 209.

In the race for secretary of state, Sam Fozor leads with a vote of 269 out of 19 precincts. Parsons is his closest opponent with 167. B. F. Jones, a former resident of Roseburg, is a close third with 161. Other voters are: Coburn 95, Lockley 92, Wood 87, and Schulderman 51.

The county race for sheriff is by far the most exciting. With 19 precincts reporting, Starmer led by 31 votes, Quine having 766 votes and Starmer 797. Later precincts reporting are making changes. Starmer, however, maintaining a slight lead. The outcome of this race doubtless depends upon Reedport, where 500 votes were cast, a great deal of interest having been developed in that locality by the Port of Umpqua election. Both candidates claim Reedport and as the election officials are still counting ballots at that place, the result is in doubt.

Because of the failure of many of the election judges to return their statements properly, the task of compiling returns has been made very difficult, but as fast as precincts are coming in they are being recorded and the results bulletined. The count was slow on account of the length of the ballot, and many boards did not complete their tasks until almost noon today, while in some of the larger outside precincts counting was still in progress at noon today.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

A baby girl was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petrusch, of 443 Stevens street.
Here From Glendale.
Ruby Moreland, daughter of Mrs. M. A. Moreland, underwent a throat operation Friday morning, with Dr. A. C. Seely in attendance.
Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Hayner, Mark N. Tisdale, Chas. A. Stark, Sutherland, T. E. Grae, Wubur, S. J. Chenoweth, Oakland; Grant Clayton, Dillard; Chas. L. Beckley, North Umpqua, were among the many Roseburg visitors today.
M. D. Vineyard, of Glendale, is spending a few days in this city attending to business matters. Accompanying him is J. A. Caraway, of Rochelle, Georgia, who is visiting with him at Glendale, and who may locate in this part of the country. Mr. Vineyard is connected with the American Central Life Insurance Co.

PRICE SLASHING STILL CONTINUES

"Patriotic Motives" Only a Ruse Says Assistant Attorney General.

HOUSEWIVES ARE ACTIVE

Continued Shump is Seen in Many Lines—Senator McNary Proposes an Embargo on Sugar for Two Years.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Regardless of the spreading wave of price reductions, Assistant Attorney General Garvan announced last night that the government's efforts at hunting down profiteering merchants through investigation of profits made by individual stores has been extended to more than a score of cities. Tactics employed by the "flying squadron" of the department of justice in New York were being employed, he said, in the larger cities from coast to coast.

While Mr. Garvan declared he was gratified at the price drop reported in nearly every community and did not believe the department "deserved too much of the credit," he would not indorse claims of some merchants that they were actuated by patriotic motives.

"Patriotism" Called Unbecomable. "That stuff is purest unbecomable," Mr. Garvan said. "If they are patriotic now, where was their patriotism a year ago, when prices were going up and, incidentally, those fellows were making more and more money?"

"There are three things responsible for this clamor of merchants to get on the band wagon of falling prices: The women of the country have stopped buying articles at exorbitant prices; the market has broken something which could not be believed, and a lot of people saw indications for profiteering coming. I see that few, if any, of the merchants were sure that the department's agents were not at the moment gathering evidence of their stores. They simply saw the light."

Mr. Garvan said the women and the press of the country had formed a "combination" to break the power of the profiteer and believed they had succeeded. While the downward trend may not continue as rapidly as it now appears, Mr. Garvan said he believed the peak had been passed and that "a general recession had set in, which might go a long way toward re-establishing a normal condition."

But, he explained, "normal" must not be construed to mean pre-war price levels.

Trade Association Scored.
Mr. Garvan said there was a "very general campaign" on now by several national trade associations, which he said were attempting to nullify efforts to bring down prices. "There is a retail clothiers' organization," Mr. Garvan continued, "which has written to all its members urging them to appeal to their congressmen and senators to support the Knox peace resolution. By that they hope to end any and all war powers by which profiteering can be punished. That's why these claims of patriotism in cutting prices are all rot."

The National Suit, Cloak and Skirt Manufacturers' association, Mr. Garvan said, has decreed that "skirts and coats must be longer for fall and winter," and he has telegraphed state chairmen of women's activities in the price-reduction campaign urging them to stick together to defeat such a plan.

Continuing Shump Seen.
Department agents now are working on books of numerous large manufacturing plants, seeking evidence as to profits, according to Mr. Garvan, who said the investigation would be extended rapidly and along broad lines.

The action of the bankers who pledged themselves at a conference here Tuesday to restrict loans and compel liquidation of "frozen credits" was certain to have a most beneficial effect, Mr. Garvan believed.

"With the bankers refusing to extend loans, the public buying less than at any time since the war began, and a general resentment against the profiteering prices, something had to pop," Mr. Garvan declared. On that analysis of the situation he based his belief, he said, of a continuation of the price slump.

The department of justice was asked in a resolution by Senator Owen, democrat, Oklahoma, Thursday for all facts, figures, data and information relative to profiteering. The resolution, which was not discussed, called for a list of all corporations which made more than 15 percent on their capital investment last year.

McNary Proposes Embargo.
A two-year embargo on the export of sugar was proposed by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon. Violation would subject the exporters to a fine of \$10,000 and ships carrying away sugar would be forfeited.

In the house creation of a government commission to fix maximum prices of necessities was proposed in

LATE QUEEN COUNT.

Much campaigning was being done at a late hour this afternoon, and the results of the carnival queen contest are very doubtful. Rumors of a "dark horse" with a great number of votes caused some excitement, and a large amount of interest is being displayed. The voting will close at 8:30 o'clock this evening, and the votes will be given their final count immediately following. At the last count the vote was as follows:

Mabel Saunders	2280
Trilby Kilbourne	1680
Lorlene Conlee	1325
Marie Vogelwohl	1265
Maxine Sykes	1215
Marguerite Schleemann	1045
Marguerite Oden	1020
Claire Black	1050
Zonnie McDonald	1000
Agnes Hogan	990
Rhea Hall	995

a bill by Representative Fuller, republican, Massachusetts.

Everybody Buying.
NEW YORK, May 21.—The price-cutting movement throughout the country has started a wave of buying which astonishes merchants. Stores which have announced the heaviest cuts report that their places are crowded with people who come to buy at prices lower than have been known for months. This proves, according to the merchants, that the public has definitely rebelled against high prices, but that its buying power is unimpaired and that it will buy freely when it figures it is getting its money's worth.

Price cutting continued throughout the country Thursday, merchants in all the leading cities marking down clothing, women's wear, shoes and silks all the way from 20 to 50 percent. There is little, if any, evidence of any material reduction in food prices, although this is expected when food holed for speculative purposes is forced on the market.

Straw hats, which went on the market at the beginning of the season, May 15, have thus far successfully resisted the lower-price movement. Straws continue to bear their original price tag of from \$2 (selon seen) to \$7. Bananas and near-Panamas range from \$7 to \$50.

C. M. Miller Passes Away

Charles Manning Miller, aged 69 years, passed away at the home of his son, Ellis Miller, in this city, yesterday afternoon. The deceased had been ill for some time, and his condition had been critical for the past few days. He had resided in this city for eight years, and leaves many friends to mourn his death. He is survived by his son, Ellis, and another son located in Idaho. The funeral service will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking parlors at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, with Rev. C. H. Hilton of the Christian church conducting the service. Interment followed at the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Class Party at Kohlhagen Home

The 26 class of the Roseburg high school was entertained Thursday evening at the Louis Kohlhagen residence by Miss Verita Kohlhagen, president of the class, and Leslie Butner, president of the student body association. Several members of the faculty, including Supt. Smith, were also in attendance. The large rooms of the Kohlhagen home were attractively arranged in class colors, purple and white, and several large 26s were placed around the room. Miss Bertha Kohlhagen and Miss Frances Butner served punch from a purple and white alcove of flowers. Progressive games were in order, Lillian Flint and Avery Roar being the winners, and Ruth Ann Wilson and Willard Meredith receiving the booby prize. A dainty luncheon was served, and small clusters of sweet peas, the class flower, were given to all present. The Edison was played during the serving of the luncheon.

The Sutherland lodge of Odd Fellows will visit the Roseburg Philatelic lodge tonight, and a big time will be in order. There will be five candidates for the first degree, and a general good time, with luncheon, will follow.

A committee of five disinterested ladies met yesterday at the office of Casey and Harding and judged the great number of names which had been handed in for the Nachter grove contest. There were many appropriate names for the new residence section, but "Laurelwood" was finally selected. Mosier Lane was second choice, and will be used for the main street of the new section. The winners were: Mrs. Carl Winberry, Mrs. L. B. Riddle, Miss Madge Miller and Mr. Henniger, all four having handed in the same name.

CHRISTIANS SIX AND BAPTISTS FIVE

Opening Game of the Twilight League Attracts Large and Enthusiastic Crowd.

EXHIBITION WAS FINE

Doc DeLapp's Outfit Wallops the Baptist Aggregation But Only Succeeded in Getting Majority of One Run.

With the skies as clear as a crystal, the white suits of the Christian team as spotless as the driven snow and the blue attire of the Baptists without a wrinkle, the opening game of the Twilight league was played yesterday afternoon on the Bellows field, resulting in a victory for Doc DeLapp's aggregation to the tune of 6 to 5. It was a great game from start to finish and even Roscoe Fawcett, of sport writing fame, could hardly have wished for better material to place in readable form to delight his immense following of baseball bugs. The Baptists made a hard fight but when the smoke cleared away their manager, Starrett, could be seen counting his team out. Up to the "lucky 7th" the score stood even, three to three. A series of homebats by both teams enlivened the game from a humorist's standpoint while on the other side some excellent work was accomplished that savored of the "big league stuff." After all is said and done, it was some game. It was not a victory for either side. It would be useless to tally the names of the stellar performers. Cedarstrom with the Christians brought down the grandstand when he slammed out a homer. Black of the Baptists nearly followed suit, but was just getting ready to round third when he was caught out. The flimsy grandstand fairly wobbled with the weight of the shouting fans crowded on it. The chicken wire screen protecting these ardent followers of the slab artists managed to stay in place in spite of ear-piercing shrieks of the fair sex. Flippers were drawn up behind Rolls-Royce models along the side lines of the diamond and old and young alike were on their toes from the start of the first inning until the close of the ninth.

The game alone was not the feature attraction. It will be remembered that Mayor Hamilton, so well known here that cries of "Walt" greeted him as he stepped from his Cadillac at the invitation of the Twilight league manager, pitched the first ball. With the eye of an eagle the mayor hurled the sphere "somewhere near the grandstand" and by mere luck the mask-protected catcher managed to recover his poise after successfully dodging the well-directed pot-shot of our city executive.

Just as the players were beginning to get tired, somewhere in the eighth inning, the Portland airplane soared over the field and the gaily colored machine flashed and sparkled in the sun, adding a great deal to the enjoyment of the occasion.

It would be well at this time to mention the umpires. They still survive and were not "sunk without warning" although at one stage of the proceedings, the Baptist manager threatened to impeach one of the "goats" who didn't call a strike just right. Andy Mathews and Storey flex drew the unlucky numbers for the unenvied positions, thus spoiling their afternoon.

Little kids with all-day suckers stuffed between their jaws had their favorites as well as the fat profiteers and everyone enjoyed the day. The Twilight league got off to a good start and the managers of the several teams promise some exciting battles during the coming series.

The following is the official box score of Friday's opening game:

Christians		Baptists	
Grimm	ss.	Rittman	ss.
Henry	p.	L. McClintock	p.
Riebel	c.	C. Black	c.
Cedarstrom	3b.	Baldwin	3b.
Quine	1b.	Davis	1b.
McHenry	2b.	Stephenson	2b.
Perry	cf.	Hunsaker	cf.
Bush	lf.	Pickens	lf.
Hewett	rf.	J. McClintock	rf.
Lloyd	cf.		

Synopsis: Two-base hits, Black, Cedarstrom, Bush; three-base hits, Rittman, home run, Cedarstrom. Earned runs, Baptists two, Christians four. Stolen bases, J. McClintock 2, Baldwin, Grimm. Double play, Perry to McHenry to Bush. Struck out, by Henry 4, by L. McClintock 2, by Rittman 1.

Rittman relieved L. McClintock as pitcher in 8th inning, score then tied. Cedarstrom relieved Henry as pitcher in 8th. Defeat charged to Rittman, credit, Henry.

Attendance, about 500.
Score by innings:
Baptists . . . 3 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—5
Christians . . . 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 2—6
First Inning.
Baptists.—Black grounded in front

of the plate, ran to second on Riebel's overthrow, was caught at second. Stephenson hit through third. Baldwin got first on first baseman's error and was scored with Stephenson when Rittman hit for three bases. Davis out on center field fly. John McClintock first on error, stole second and third in succession. Hunsaker struck out. Score 3.

Christians.—Grimm safe on error at first, stole second. Henry was out at first. Riebel got first on fielder's choice on which Grimm scored. Cedarstrom scored Riebel on a two-bagger, but later out "at the plate. Quine out on grounder. Score, 2.

Second Inning.
Baptists.—Pickens got first on error, was advanced to second on Stephenson's second hit. L. McClintock struck out. Black was out on grounder to second. Baldwin grounded to third and was easy out. Christians.—Perry out at first. Bush was walked. Hewett out at first on grounder to pitcher. Grimm was safe and scored on Baldwin's error. Henry followed with out at first.

Third Inning.
Baptists.—Rittman was out on a throw from shortstop. Davis and John McClintock were both out on easy grounders to second and short. Christians.—Riebel was out on a fly to right field. Cedarstrom, the next up, then knocked a home run, when he drove a swift liner to deep left field. Quine was out at first on a ground ball to third. McHenry few out to right field. Scores, 1, tying game, 3 to 3.

Fourth Inning.
Baptists.—Hunsaker walked out at first. Pickens and Leon McClintock both fanned. Christians.—Perry flew out to center field. Bush out on infield grounder to second. Lloyd, who replaced Hewett, was out when he dropped at the plate, being thrown out at first.

Fifth Inning.
Baptists.—Black out at first on throw from shortstop. Stephenson followed with out from catcher to first. Baldwin hit safe, stole second and advanced to third on Rittman's hit. Davis retired site on out at first. No score. Christians.—Grimm out third to first. Henry struck out. Riebel struck out.

Sixth Inning.
Baptists.—J. McClintock got to first on Grimm's error, later out at second. Hunsaker out at first after safe from fielder's choice. Pickens out on fly to center field. Double play, in this inning, Perry to McHenry to Bush, retired side. Christians.—Cedarstrom was out at first from ground ball to short. Quine out to center field. McHenry out at first on grounder to pitcher.

Seventh Inning.
Baptists.—L. McClintock got first on error. Black hit for two bases scoring former. Black was out at third on attempting to stretch hit. Stephenson grounded out to short. Baldwin got a hit but was left on base when Rittman flew out to center field. Score, 1.

Christians.—Perry got on first through an infield error. Was scored from second when Bush next up, hit through infield. Black out at second. Lloyd beat out a muffed grounder, took second on another error when Grimm hit safe at first. Henry and Riebel were easy outs at first.

Eighth Inning.
Baptists.—Davis out on grounder to short. J. M. McClintock out between plate and first. Hunsaker retired on grounder to second. Christians.—Cedarstrom hit to right field, Rittman having taken box for McClintock. In this inning, score being a tie. Cedarstrom took second on McHenry's hit and scored on Bush's two-bagger. Quine fanned. Perry out on ground ball to pitcher. Lloyd out to center field. Bush was scored on Perry's grounder. Score, 2.

Ninth Inning.
Baptists.—Pickens out on a grounder to short. L. McClintock hit safe, took second on Black's infield grounder, was scored later by Stephenson. Black was out on this play at second, while Stephenson held first. Baldwin grounded out and retired side. Score, 1.

CURTIS AIRPLANE REACHED ROSEBURG FRIDAY

Piloting a Curtiss Oriole plane, Capt. F. S. McClure, of the Oregon, Washington and Idaho Airplane company, reached Roseburg yesterday afternoon. He flew from Portland to Eugene in one hour and 45 minutes, and from Eugene to Roseburg in 45 minutes, making a fine landing. He states that he is inspecting the local field to report to his company regarding the advisability of including Roseburg in the list of cities maintaining good fields. The Roseburg landing site, he says, is ideal, and with a slight amount of work will make the best in the state, bar none. He had expected to return to Portland immediately, but after learning the status of the field, he remained over today to learn if possible the outcome of the vote. He was accompanied on the trip by Mechanic Floyd West.

Mrs. F. H. Newell, who has been visiting Mrs. L. F. Reizenstein, left this morning for her home in Portland.

OREGON GROWERS MEET TODAY

Selling Plans of Association For Coming Year Are Told In Detail.

SERIES OF MEETINGS

Party is Returning From Southern Oregon, Where Similar Talks Were Given—Progress of Oregon Growers Shown.

A fairly well attended meeting of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association was held at the city hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Robert Paulus, sales manager; C. I. Lewis, organization manager; and M. O. Evans, field manager, being in attendance. The Roseburg meeting is one of a series held this week in southern Oregon, the party having just returned from Medford, Grants Pass and Riddle, where similar meetings were held. The Riddle meeting yesterday was well attended, about thirty members of that district being in attendance, and ten from Myrtle Creek, as no meeting is to be held there at this time. In attendance from this city were County Fruit Inspector E. C. Armstrong and F. B. Guthrie, the Douglas county field representative of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association.

The principal speaker at the meeting was Robert Paulus, who had as his subject the marketing and selling plans for the association. Mr. Paulus recently returned from two months spent in visiting the larger fruit distributing plants of the United States (and has gained a fund of information which is of practical value to all members of the Oregon growers. Mr. Paulus told in detail the ways in which western fruits are marketed in the east, and brought the western growers in close touch with their selling agents.

C. I. Lewis also made a short talk on the progress of the Oregon Growers association since its first organization here. The membership in western Oregon now includes over 1265 fruit growers, and embraces an acreage of 26,000. He also pointed out the ways in which more progress could be made in the future, and asked the help of all members in making this possible. The Douglas county membership at the present time is about 250, with nearly 4000 acres. This acreage consists of aprunes, apples and pears. Douglas county is also divided into four sections, each with its separate organization branch of the association. These districts are Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Roseburg and Sutherlin, with the Sutherlin acreage including acreage in Yoncalla and Elkton.

Mr. Evans, field manager, stated this morning that the branches in southern Oregon also had made good progress, but that the conditions there were somewhat different from this section. The chief object of interest there is apples and pears, the talk made to them by Mr. Paulus being mostly on these fruits. The acreage in the Medford district embraces 59,000 acres, two-thirds of which is pears. The outlook there for the pear crop is very good, according to Mr. Evans, although near Grants Pass some damage has been done.

Carranza Killed By Own Men

MEXICO CITY, May 22.—
♦ Venustiano Carranza, who fled ♦
♦ from this city May 6 and took ♦
♦ flight into the mountains of ♦
♦ Puebla, following the battle ♦
♦ near Rincónada, was killed at ♦
♦ 1 o'clock Thursday morning at ♦
♦ Tlalauquero, according to an ♦
♦ official announcement here. His ♦
♦ companions, whose names are ♦
♦ unknown, were also killed. ♦

Venustiano Carranza, elected president of Mexico March 11, 1917, by the largest vote ever cast in a presidential election in his country, stepped from political obscurity to national and international prominence on the graves of the hopes of General Victoriano Huerta, the usurper, and his followers.

Simultaneously with General Huerta's coup d'état and the assassination of President Madero, the news went out to the world that General Venustiano Carranza, elected governor of the state of Coahuila in 1911, refused to recognize the usurper and would resist him by force of arms.

Born of parents in comfortable circumstances in Guatiro Cienega, state of Coahuila, December 29, 1859, Venustiano Carranza was educated in the public schools of his native state and later studied law in the Mexican capital. When he was admitted to the bar, however, affection of the eyes prevented him from practicing, and he returned to his native state and became a rancher.