

MASSACRES MENACE TO AMERICANS IN MEXICO

MADERO'S AIDE ISSUES WARNING

FOREIGN LEGATIONS CAPITOL WILL DEFEND QUARTERS

MEXICAN REBELS RUSH BOLDLY OVER BOUNDARY

Situation "Delicate and Serious" Says Message to the Administration—Slaughter of Americans Is Feared—Cause for Intervention Seen in Bold Statement From Mexico City.

Mexico City, Feb. 28.—Sanchez Azcona, private secretary of President Madero issued a statement declaring that a massacre of Americans in Mexico City is possible if the American troops cross the border. Representatives of the various foreign legations immediately conferred and planned to unite for a defense in the event of a crisis.

Assertion Causes Conference.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The administration fears a slaughter of Americans in Mexico which will force an American invasion was the result of an incendiary statement today made by President Madero's secretary, Taft, and Secretary Meyer and Acting Secretary of State Huntington conferred immediately following the information. It is believed the statement was issued to cause the United States to modify her position regarding the neutral zone on Mexican soil to be policed by American troops. Senator Lodge said that Taft has considered the situation "very dangerous and delicate."

Foreign diplomats are puzzled as to why the statement was issued. Madero declares the fall of Juarez is trivial and that Colonel Villa would soon force the rebels to come out and fight by starving them out.

Rebels Enter Texas. San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 28.—Boldly crossing the boundary line, the Mexican rebels today raided the Wilson cattle ranch near Alpine, Texas, stole cattle and engaged in a battle with Americans who pursued and overtook them. Four of the invaders were killed, and Charles Tuttle, an American, was wounded. The badly beaten Mexicans reached the Rio Grande and escaped.

Intense excitement prevails and the

COLORADO'S WORST SNOW STORM RAGES

WORST IN THE PRESENT YEAR VISITS SECTION.

Trains Stalled as Third Big Storm of Year Visits District.

Denver, Col., Feb. 28.—All Colorado is shivering in one of the worst blizzards of the winter. The thermometer is below zero and many trains are stalled.

A further drop in the temperature is predicted for tonight. The gale is expected to accompany the drop. This is the third snow in ten days.

cowboys at the Nelson Morris ranch across the line will be rescued tonight by a crowd of American cowboys. Pasqual Brown, a ranch manager, was wounded and two friendly Mexicans were killed in yesterday's fight, it is reported.

Chihuahua Next Storm Center.

El Paso, Feb. 28.—Following the capture of Juarez yesterday the rebels are preparing to march on Chihuahua, leaving tonight. The rebels are now 2,000 strong being brought up to this strength by the arrival of Colonel Rojas with 800 men. The situation here is tense. The rebels may complicate the situation any moment by firing over the American line.

The Texas national guardsmen are guarding the public utilities plants here. The Juarez situation is somewhat improved and street cars are running again. A number of Americans, despite warnings, have visited the city.

Cowboys Are Defiant.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 28.—Expecting an attack on them by the Mexican rebels, American cowboys on the Nelson Morris ranch continue to stand their grounds and say that won't flee across the American line. Although they are outnumbered they say they will stand a siege rather than give the rebels supplies as ordered. The report that three American cowboys were killed yesterday is still unconfirmed.

LEAGUE SENATE TO NAME SLATE

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE TO BE GOVERNED BY TWELVE.

Within 10 Days Senate Will Meet to Endorse and Recommend Officers

SENATE OF THE TAXPAYERS LEAGUE.

- ♦ E. S. Norris, La Grande.
- ♦ John Shaw, North Powder.
- ♦ D. M. McDonald, La Grande.
- ♦ W. S. McMillan, Imbler.
- ♦ H. Chambers, Cove.
- ♦ George Miller, Cove.
- ♦ W. S. Paddock, Union.
- ♦ Bert Van de Vanter, Medical Springs.
- ♦ Frank Hempe, Union.
- ♦ William Fine, Elgin.
- ♦ T. B. Johnson, Cove.
- ♦ One vacancy caused by the death of the late J. W. McAllister.

Twelve men, representative of the various districts of Union county meet one week from Monday to endorse and recommend the personnel of the candidates for Union county offices that are to receive the support of the taxpayers' league of this county as per decision reached yesterday at the big gathering of taxpayers in this city. In the interim, three of the senate will have reached the term limit of their occupancy of a seat in the senate which governs the affairs of the league, and with the vacancy caused by the death of J. W. McAllister, four new members to the senate will have to be elected to office. This will be done at another meeting of the league membership.

Following the decision yesterday afternoon to affiliate with political affairs the league left the recommendations to the hands of the senate, and that body met last night but did not transact any material business on account of the small attendance of members. It is the aim of the senate to have all members present when the slate of officers to be endorsed will be named.

THE NATION'S EXECUTIVE WHO IS CENTER OF POLITICAL STORM BREWING AND TO COME TO CRISIS AT CHICAGO CONVENTION.



PRESIDENT TAIT'S SALUTE TO OREGONIANS. TAKEN IN PORTLAND ON HIS LAST TRIP TO THE COAST.

NEGRO PORTER KILLS WIFE

Because he fancied a negro, at least until recently a porter in a local barber shop, paid improper attention to his girl-wife, W. J. Shaw, the negro porter at the Desilet barber shop for several months, shot his wife three times in the residence of a Walla Walla attorney. He left La Grande a few days ago with the avowed purpose of causing the arrest of the La Grande porter at Walla Walla where he expected his rival to go after Mrs. Shaw had taken her departure for Walla Walla. It is not known if the other negro went to Walla Walla or not but Shaw reached there in any event and went to the door of a well known Walla Walla attorney, John Sharpstein, where Mrs. Shaw had secured employment as a domestic, and calling her to the door, opened fire with a revolver when she made her appearance. He shot her three times, any one of which would have been fatal. He then went to the police station and gave himself up.

MRS STACKLAND OF COVE DEAD

Bertha M. Stackland, respected pioneer of Cove, and mother of Gearhart, Chriss, Alex and Carl Stackland, the well known Cove fruit growers, died last evening at the Cove Stackland home. All but Alex Stackland live at Cove, and he is a resident of Portland. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Friday from Cove.

CHANGES IN POLICE OFFICE.

New Room Being Added to Office Department of Police Force.

An added room to provide office facilities for the police department is being provided today by carpenters. The ante room or corridor of the city jail is being divided leaving less corridor room and giving one more private office.

CHINESE COMPLIMENTED.

Believed Both Houses Will Pass Sulzer Chinese Resolutions.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house committee on foreign affairs today

voted unanimously to report favorably on the Sulzer resolution congratulating the Chinese people on the assumption of powers and the responsibilities of self government. It is expected the resolution will pass both houses.

MRS. MOORE CALLED.

Wife of Late Millionaire Expresses Surprise at Being Called.

Redwood City, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Lillian Moore expressed both surprise and disappointment today because she was put on the stand by the defense and prosecution in the case which resulted in the acquittal of Chauffeur Timothy for the killing of Millionaire Moore in a revolver duel.

POLITICS IN MUDDLED STATE

COLUMBUS SPEECH IS NOT CEMENTING IN ITS NATURE

SOME DEEM IT TOO RADICAL; OTHERS JUST RIGHT

Wall Street Publication Comments on the Puzzling State of Affairs From a Wall Street Viewpoint—Uncertainties in Democratic Circles Make the Situation All the More Dense.

New York, Feb. 28.—That Wall Street is more puzzled than ever over the political situation is the assertion today of Financial America, a Wall Street organ which says:

"Speculative interests do not agree whether the Columbus speech of Col. Roosevelt has cleared the political situation to any great extent. On one hand the idea is advanced that it was so extremely radical that it completely eliminated him as a possible nominee of the republican party. On the other hand it is claimed that while this opinion may be entertained in the east by representatives of large corporations, he has greatly strengthened himself in the eyes of the radicals and progressives, and consequently the contest between him and Taft for the nomination will be made keener. The situation is much mixed from a Wall Street viewpoint, particularly so as there is no certainty as to who will be the democratic nominee."

HOUSER FLAYS COL. ROOSEVELT

LA FOLLETTE CAMPAIGN MANAGER IN PORTLAND.

Says Wisconsin Senator Was "Double Crossed" by Roosevelt Forces.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 28.—Making a direct charge that Roosevelt "double crossed" La Follette and that the senator entered the race a year ago at the earnest solicitation of Roosevelt and other progressives, Walter Houser, campaign manager for La Follette who arrived here today from North Dakota, issued a statement this afternoon denouncing Roosevelt, and saying that Governor Johnson of California "fopped" to Roosevelt on the promise of the vice presidential nomination. He predicted that Oregon, Washington and California will go for La Follette, and said if the Oregon primaries went for Taft that the Roosevelt forces could be blamed. He asserted that Roosevelt is not a true progressive and that La Follette is in the race to stay.

Italians Defeat Turks.

Rome, Feb. 28.—Heavy defeat was given the Turks and their Arab allies by the Italian forces after a day-long battle at Mount Merghab, 70 miles east of Tripoli, according to dispatches received here today. The Italians lost 11 killed and 82 wounded. The Turks' loss is unknown.

BAKER PROPERTY SOLD.

One of the Finest Homes in South La Grande Disposed of.

The J. F. Baker property in South La Grande, consisting of a fine large well built house and an entire block of ground was disposed of this week through the Geo. H. Currey Real Estate agency. The property will soon be repaired, which will make it among the finest residences in that portion of the city.

PROPER OVER-RUN WOMEN

FLEE + WOMEN ARE KNICKED DOWN AND MISUSED

GOVERNMENT WILL PUNISH POLICE OFFICERS PROMPTLY

Clubbing of Women in Lawrence Has Ceased but Men Are Knocked Down and Run Down by Charging Horsemen—Government Investigation Ordered and Officers to Be Punished.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 28.—Wives mothers suffered again today when troop B of the state militia, aided by the police charged 250 women and a score of men strikers who were quietly walking along and although the strikers ran, the chargers who arrived suddenly, without warning, knocked down several women. The police used clubs freely on men and one woman was arrested.

Women Escape Clubs.

The police modified their tactics in regard to the indiscriminate clubbing of women. It is unknown whether the fact that a special government agent is here had anything to do with this. It is reported that Governor Foss has ordered Colonel Sweetzer to be prepared to withdraw the militia from Lawrence before Monday. Mill owner declare that this would mean more rioting.

Action Called Stupid.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Denouncing the action of the Lawrence authorities in preventing children from leaving the city as a stupid blunder. Attorney General Wickersham today in a special statement to the United Press promised summary government action if the investigation showed the federal laws were violated.

Wickersham said he had ordered the United States district attorney of Massachusetts to investigate. He said Pres. Taft is much interested in the report that the federal laws were violated.

An investigation of the Lawrence strike was ordered today by the bureau of commerce and labor.

Bank Robbery in Daylight.

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 28.—Boldly entering the private bank of J. A. Costa, an unmasked robber compelled Costa to go into the back room where he was bound. Then the thief looted the safe of \$4500, jumped into a waiting auto and disappeared in the direction of San Francisco. The Costa bank does business mostly with the Italians. Costa was found later by a real estate man.

FIRST GLIMPSE OF CANAL BILL MADE PUBLIC

LIMIT TOLL FIXED AT \$1.25 PER TON.

Passenger Tolls to Be \$1.25 a Head—Foreign Ships Treated Alike.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Panama canal bill to be reported to the house by a committee on interstate and foreign commerce, it was learned today, will provide that the president shall have authority to prescribe the canal tolls but the tolls are not to be higher than \$1.25 a ton.

It is provided also that the toll for each passenger through the canal shall not exceed \$1.50, and the rate charged American shipping must not be lower than on foreign vessels.