

EXECUTIVE OF STATE REMAINS IN SECLUSION

NEITHER HE NOR HIS SECRETARY MAKE APPEARANCE AT NOON TODAY

LEADERS COMBAT COUP

Organization in House Will Hold It Sufficient to Lay Bills on His Desk—Kiddie Bill Is Through Both Houses Ready for the Governor—Stenographers Angered at Governor's Absence.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 24.—At one o'clock this afternoon neither Governor West nor his secretary have put in an appearance and though the legislature was scheduled to convene at 2 o'clock there was nothing for the members to do. An organization of leaders has determined to adopt the construction that it is sufficient compliance with the constitution requiring bills "be presented" to the governor, if such bills are placed upon his desk in his office if neither the governor nor his secretary, can be found in the state house.

Salem, Feb. 24.—(Special to The Observer)—Indication at present are that the rest of the session of the legislature will be the warmest that has ever been held in this state, so far as the governor, senators and representatives are concerned. Governor West has refused to receive bills from the legislature since one o'clock Friday afternoon and it is reported that he has gone to a "quiet" spot to remain until the legislature adjourns. While the senators and representatives are united against the governor they are divided against themselves and a scrap is now on to see which body will have the whip hand. At present the honors lie with the senate as they are just starting in with the house bills and are slaughtering them right and left. To retaliate and prevent further disaster several members of the house have organized to recall the senate bills which have passed the house and lay them on the table until the senate ceases its carnage on house bills.

McArthur Chastises Solons.
Speaker McArthur was in no mood to be trifled with Saturday evening as several members of the house will probably learn to their sorrow. Saturday afternoon several representatives left for home without his sanction and a bare quorum was present in the house. He sent to the Oregon Electric depot and had a few brought back and then ordered the Oregon electric train stopped at West Woodburn and all missing members notified to return, but they failed to do so. Bench warrants were issued for them and they will be subject to contempt and punishment by the house. Many of the members of the lower house are in no mood to be trifled with and are threatening to go home and remain there unless an officer is sent to bring them back.

Kiddie's Bill Passes
Senate bill 219, introduced by Senator Kiddie, has passed both branches of the legislature and will undoubtedly become a law. It is for the regulation of trust companies and will prevent thousands of poor people being swindled out of their money by fraudulent trust companies, such as the Columbia River Orchards company. It provides for the regulation and supervision of all such companies.

Madero And Saurez Are Slain While "Escaping"

JOE RIVERS, MEXICAN WHO WON FIGHT



Rivers knocked out "Knockout" Brown in ten rounds last Saturday afternoon. The decision was forthcoming without a count, Brown having been thrice previously matted for counts of nine.

RAIN FLOODS LOS ANGELES

BUSINESS AND WHOLESALE DISTRICTS ARE FLOODED

Constant Downpour Puts City in Serious Predicament.

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Deluged with more than four and a half inches of rain during the last 24 hours, Los Angeles is in a near-flood condition. Rain is still falling and car traffic is demoralized. Much damage, particularly to the wholesale district where basements are filling with water, has already been done and stores on a street level are inundated. Thousands of telephones are out of commission. The rain is general all over Southern California but the heaviest at Los Angeles. A continuous downpour is the weather prediction.

by the state banking department. It is very likely that a bridge will be built across the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver if the Washington legislature approves the project, as the Oregon solons have endorsed the project and the bill is now up to the governor to sign.

Two Penitentiary Reports.

Two reports on the Oregon state penitentiary were turned in by the committee appointed to investigate this institution. The majority report is favorable to Governor West and his parole system, while the minority report criticizes him in almost every regard. The minority report makes no assertions that it does not prove and it is certainly a hard knock on the governor, as it accuses him of juggling funds and accounts in favor of his administration.

Clerks Without Pay.

The governor has incurred the displeasure of all the clerks and stenographers in the house as he left Friday without signing the appropriation bill which would enable them to receive their pay, as they were

POPULACE AT CAPITOL ACCEPTS HUERTA'S EXPLANATION OF THE MURDERS AND FEW ARE GRIEVED

ESCORT LEADER ARRESTED

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—Provisional President Huerta and his cabinet held an all-night meeting lasting until daylight this morning to discuss the shooting of former President Madero and Vice President Saurez yesterday. It is announced that Major Cordoba, the commander of the escort, members of which shot the deposed officials when they were being taken to the penitentiary, under pretext, it is said, of a fake attack by "liberators" has been arrested and various investigations are in force.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—The killing of ex-President Francisco I. Madero and ex-Vice President Saurez, both thrown out of office by the Diaz rebellion, had no effect on the rank and file of the people of this city. The capitol continues to be gay with flags and bunting, while business opened in a normal way this morning. The explanation of Gen. Huerta that his men killed Madero in league to a fight between the guards and a party attempting to liberate the men, has apparently been accepted by the residents.

Following the autopsy, the bodies were turned over to relatives for burial and if there is any regret over the slaying, it is not apparent except in the immediate family circles and closest friends. No announcements are made relative to burial but the government will prevent any display. The theatres did an enormous business last night.

It is officially stated that reports from various states where rebellion is in progress, show most of the malcontents are sick of their opposition and troops sent to suppress opposition to young Diaz, are taking vigorous action.

Zapata Suffers Losses.

Even the dreaded Zapata, the most notorious of all the brigands, has had reversals. Many of his men, according to government reports, have deserted him and Zapata has made overtures to the government to declare his loyalty if granted immunity. It is asserted by officers close to the administration that if Zapata is taken, he will be executed, the real reason for this being not his outrages committed, but because of proof that he had a secret understanding with Madero. It is claimed by officers that Madero furnished him both money and arms while the latter was professing bitter opposition to him.

Indians on Warpath.

El Paso, Feb. 24.—Yaqui Indians in Sonora have gone on the war path. Three thousand are under arms and have offered their services to Governor Maytorena to be a part of an army he is said to be raising. The reports of Northern states are that intense excitement prevails over the killings but so far none show open demonstrations against Huerta.

From Sonora come reports that the state congress was to convene today to determine whether the state should be declared to be in open rebellion against the Huerta government. The governor has telegraphed from Mosillo to all prefects throughout the

state to take prompt measures to suppress demonstrations against Huerta as a result of the tragedy.

Wilson Gives Opinion.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—Ambassador Wilson has issued the following announcement concerning the killing of Madero and his vice president:

"As early as I can ascertain, at the present moment, Madero and Saurez met their deaths as the results of attempts to rescue them while being transferred from the national palace to the penitentiary.

"I had recommended their transfer to a more favorable location and Saturday De la Barra informed me that they would be transferred to the penitentiary in order to have greater comfort and to remain there in security until the passions of the hour had passed."

Friends Say Plot Existed.

El Paso, Feb. 24.—The killing of Madero and Saurez was the result of a government plot, according to friends of both who claim they have information that Madero's death was decided upon the day they were made prisoners.

The British residents are circulating a memorial endorsing the action taken by Ambassador Wilson. They thank him in the warmest terms for his activity in behalf of the Britishers and all other foreigners, guest in Mexico City. The British colony is bitter over the inattention of the British ministers.

CARNEGIE'S SUM \$12,500

CENSUS FIGURES REGARDING LA GRANDE A GUIDE

Library Commission Tonight to Act on Offers From Philanthropist

A special meeting of the library board will be held this evening and it is very probable that the offer of the Carnegie commission of \$12,500 for a library in La Grande will be accepted. The Carnegie people have recently adopted rules that govern their appropriations according to population as given by government census. In this respect La Grande falls short because the government showed this city up very light in the way of people.

However, the library committee will likely accept the offer and hope this spring to build the administration hall with the amount after which wings can be added later with funds secured in some other manner.

Portlanders Pay Fines.

Portland, Feb. 24.—Fifteen members of the Produce Merchants association who pleaded guilty to violation of the Sherman law and assessed comparatively heavy fines Friday, today paid fines amounting to \$8450 and also signed a stipulation agreeing to refrain from all practices that they were accused of in the indictment.

LATE FRANCISCO I. MADERO, JR., SHOT DOWN YESTERDAY



Photo by American Press Association.

His iron hand rule was short as it was only a trifle over a year ago that he fought his way to the presidency. His death was anticipated but the route by which he died was surprising, to non-residents mostly, the Mexican native being but little shocked at his death.

PORTLAND WINS OVER RAILROAD

SOUTHERN PACIFIC MUST RE-MOVE CITY LINE.

Trains, Track and Engines Must Be Kept Off Fourth Street.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Removal of locomotives, trains and tracks of the Southern Pacific company from Fourth street, in the business district of Portland, is ordered by the supreme court. The dismissal in Oregon courts, of the railroad's suit to enjoin the city from removing the downtown tracks under the city ordinance, is affirmed by the court in a decision today.

POPULAR BAKER DEAD.

Skilled Employee of Model Bakery Dies After Short Illness.

Bert Bertman, a baker in the employ of C. A. Lenhart of the Model Bakery, died suddenly Sunday morning at 10 o'clock of acute pneumonia, having been ill only a few days. Mr. Bertman was a model young man and well up in his vocation. He was employed by Mr. Lenhart for several years in Portland prior to his coming to La Grande and his untimely death will occasion a surprise that will be deeply felt by his host of friends in this city. The remains were sent to Portland this morning for interment, accompanied by an uncle of the deceased, Carl Tanyen, a prominent business man of Klatskanie. Mr. Tanyen wishes to express his thanks to the friends of Mr. Bertman who in any way showed their friendship by kind acts during the illness of the popular young man, and since his death as well.

Conley Funeral Held.

Remains of Mrs. Ed Conley who died Saturday morning, were laid to rest yesterday afternoon from the home, Rev. Adams of the Christian church officiating.

MOBILIZE 2ND ARMY DIVISION AT GALVESTON

ORDERS SENT TO DIVISION COMMANDERS THIS AFTER-NOON.

NEW REGIME IS SLIGHTED

Uncle Sam Does Not Recognize Government at Mexico Until Madero's Death Is Explained and the Offenders Punished—War Loans Will Be Troublesome and None Would Dare Attempt It.

London, Feb. 24.—American intervention in Mexico is demanded by the leading London newspapers. Immediate action by the United States is urged.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Mobilization of the second division of the U. S. army at Galveston for possible service in Mexico is announced by Secretary of War Stimson. The secretary said he is prepared to order the fourth, fifth and sixth tactical brigades for this move and orders to that effect will go to the commanders involved this afternoon.

War Loans Botherome.

Slaughter of Madero and Saurez yesterday in Mexico will still further delay recognition of the new administration in Mexico, by the government of the United States. It is stated the United States is now withholding official recognition until the blame for the killings yesterday is fixed and those responsible punished. This action will be followed by other countries, it is believed.

Non-recognition by America will make it hard for the new regime to borrow money. Few bankers will be willing to loan money unless the borrowing government is among those recognized as the world's powers. A loan to Mexico at this time would be constructed as financial aid to rebels.

MAKE ONE MORE TRIAL.

Baker Ball Fans Coming Here Wednesday to Make Final Effort.

Professional baseball will not die easily this year. On Wednesday Baker's crowd of ball fans, augmented by representatives of North Yakima, Pendleton and Walla Walla, will be in La Grande to make a final effort to induce this city to join the professional league. Arrangements are being made for a big feed at the Foley hotel and entertainment for the out of town guests, but local baseball enthusiasts claim that is all that can be done, for La Grande cannot take part in the professional league ball this season. Already there is talk of a brush league composed of the smaller cities up the branch line and La Grande, and it is believed that this idea will go through.

WILL BUILD THIRD STORY.

Odd Fellows Came to Final Decision Saturday Night.

The I. O. O. F. lodge of this city will as soon as the weather permits, begin the erection of a third story on the old postoffice building and will give the building a general overhauling. New fronts will be put in and the structure will be thoroughly modernized. It is understood that the ground floor has been leased to a dry goods firm for a term of years.

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