

PLANT DYNAMITE TAFT TRAIN FOILED

Piers of Bridge Near Santa Barbara Found Filled With High Explosive.

WATCHMAN SEES SUSPECT

Vigilant Railway Employee Forces Prowler to Flee and Notices Authorities—Country Combed for Would-Be Assassin.

SANTA BARRBARA, Cal., Oct. 16.—What is pronounced by Nat Stewart, Sheriff of Santa Barbara County, and W. F. Wines, of San Francisco, special agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad, to have been a deliberate attempt to dynamite an 800-foot bridge 25 miles north of here, over which President Taft's special train passed early today, was frustrated by the vigilance of a Mexican bridge watchman at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Sheriff Stewart and Wines returned from the scene tonight and said the evidence of the plot was complete. Although the suspect has disappeared, the officers say they have certain clues and already have several men on the case. Secret Service men have been summoned from San Francisco and will be placed on the hunt. It is certain the man has not yet left the mountains and a close watch is being kept on all passes.

Watchman Detects Skulker. The bridge which it was planned to wreck is a fine structure, 800 feet long. The Mexican watchman was passing over the bridge at midnight on his regular rounds. When about half way across, he noticed the dim outline of a man in the gully beneath the bridge. He called to the man, who immediately started to run. The Mexican drew his pistol and fired several shots, but all went wild. He then made an investigation and finding a package of dynamite, at once notified the Sheriff's office here by telephone.

OBSTACLE IS GONE

Two White-Haired Men Undergo Rigid Questioning.

PAIR'S IMPRESSION GOOD

Actors in Los Angeles Times Drama Realize, However, Nelson Case Will Be Duplicated Before Jury Is Secured.

(Continued From First Page.) On the ground that, under the California criminal code, Nelson could hold such views without being disqualified, Judge Boardwell himself took a hand in the discussion preparatory to rendering an opinion.

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MEXICO CITY, Oct. 16.—Today's advances from Cuernavaca say that the Zapatistas were cut to pieces in battle at Tepextlan yesterday, but Zapatista himself escaped.

M'NAMARA VENIEMEN, INCLUDING NELSON, WHO WAS REJECTED AFTER HOT BATTLE, AND THE ACCUSED BETWEEN HIS CUSTODIANS.



Above (Sitting), Z. T. Nelson, P. F. Cross, T. W. Adams, O. A. Jensen, E. S. Johnson, G. W. McKee (Standing), Deputy J. J. Henry, E. J. Hunt, J. W. Roberts, A. R. McIntosh, Robert Bain, S. H. McCreery, Deputy Frank P. Cochran.



LEFT TO RIGHT, SHERIFF HAMMEL, J. B. M'NAMARA, UNDER-SHERIFF BROWN.

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ACTION SOON NEEDED

Canal Commission Would Give Shippers Ample Notice.

EARLY OPENING FORECAST

Annual Report Discloses Fact That Work on Great Waterway Is Progressing Satisfactorily. Suggestions Made.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Foreshadowing the early completion and opening of the Panama Canal, the Isthmian Canal Commission, in its annual report made public today, recommended Congressional legislation governing canal tolls, organization for the operation of the canal and for government of the Canal Zone, utilization of canal revenue to pay operating expenses and to repay capital invested, and other action.

The commission wished to give at least 18 months' notice of the rates to permit the world's maritime interests to readjust their routes and to build new ships in accordance with new transportation companies. It was also deemed desirable to put the canal to use as early as possible, not only to secure financial returns, but to make possible the passage of the world's fleets without confusion or delay.

Estimates Are Given. The report showed that the engineers' board has already found that all the concrete in the great Gatun locks will be laid by June 1, 1912, and five months later the locks on the Pacific side will be finished except the gates, which will be ready by June 1, 1913.

The commission regarded it as essential that the cost of operation shall be reduced to a minimum consistent with efficiency if reasonable tolls are to be established. The total outlay for maintaining the canal will be for wages of the operative forces, engineering work, sanitation and civil administration. The commission was insistent that the expense of the canal should go to pay not only the operating expenses, but to repay the capital invested.

Every legitimate means for raising revenues should be adopted, said the report, which recommended that the Government should not only supply should sell them to merchant shipping. The existing commissary, manufacturing plant and laundry, it was urged, should be continued for the benefit of Government forces and Government ownership of public utilities was proposed in a recommendation that the commissary furnish all these things to shipping passing through the canal for a consideration.

Drydock Needed. It was suggested that the Government should sell tools and appliances needed by ships and, still another forward movement, should be undertaken to dock and repair ships in the neighborhood of the canal. For that purpose the construction of a drydock and a machine shop was recommended, and it was pointed out that these would be available for the use of our navy. A wireless station for naval and commercial use was another adjunct required.

Foreigners to Go. The commission wants to get rid of the great body of foreign laborers, who were imported to dig the canal as soon as the work is completed. They now populate the established townships and the commission declared that they should be repatriated after work no longer can be given them.

The report declared that for several years to come at least it should be the policy to keep all Government lands for Government purposes.

As to the form of government for the zone, the commission directed special attention to the military necessities of the canal being deemed a military asset. In conclusion, the commission holds it essential that an entity be established, so organized that any military contingency can be promptly met.

It was recommended that Congress authorize the canal management to pay damages to vessels injured in passage, inasmuch as this Government must insist on taking complete charge of all vessels during that transit to guard against injury to the locks.

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