

HUERTA CONFIRMED, MADERO IS EXILED

Romero Is Arrested to Check Revolt.

NEW PLOTS ARE UNEARTHED

Deposed Ruler's Brother Runs Gauntlet, Killed by Guards.

DIAZ CALLS ON WILSON

General Huerta Declares Two Attempts Were Made to Assassinate Him—One He Lays to Former President.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (Thursday).—Adolfo Basso, superintendent of the National Palace in Mexico City, was executed at 3 o'clock this morning, according to special dispatches received here. Basso was an aged man, but it was said he faced the firing squad bravely. He laid bare his breast to the riflemen and his last words were: "Viva Mexico."

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—Events followed each other rapidly in Mexico City again today.

General Victoriano Huerta was elected Provisional President by Congress at a special secret session tonight.

Already forced to face plots, the new administration caused the arrest tonight of General Francisco Romero. Romero is accused of complicity with Francisco Cosío Robelo in a new revolt. The plot involves a group of rurales.

Gustavo Madero Executed.

Gustavo Madero, brother of the deposed President and regarded by many as the instigator of most of the objectionable features of Francisco I. Madero's administration, was taken from prison this morning, compelled to "run the gauntlet" under the notorious "fugitive law," and shot to death as he ran. He was riddled by the bullets of the guard.

Preparations for the transportation of the deposed President Madero and Vice-President Suarez and their families to Vera Cruz to catch a steamer for Europe were completed at midnight.

Train Awaits Exit.

Almost coincident with the moment that their resignations were being formally read in Congress, those facing exile arrived at the Mexican Railway station, where a train was under steam.

The party also included Mrs. Madero, two sisters of Madero, Angela and Mercedes, and their father, Francisco Madero, Sr. Mrs. Suarez and her children accompanied her husband. There were also a number of close friends of both families who accompanied them to Vera Cruz.

Madero has been held by the new government formally responsible for the death of Colonel Riveroll, which occurred at the palace at the time of Madero's arrest, and it was not until late tonight that the new authorities consented to his exile.

Madero Charged With Murder.

Conflicting stories are in circulation regarding the slayer of Riveroll, but it is said officially that Madero shot him with a pistol.

The members of the Cabinet and most of the other prisoners were released this morning. Francisco Madero, Jose Pino Suarez, the Vice-President, and Federico Gonzalez Garza, Governor of the federal district, were the only important prisoners held. Ernesto Madero, the former finance minister, paid a lengthy visit this afternoon to Francisco.

General Huerta and General Diaz had an extended conference, after which it was announced that they were in complete accord. Later General Huerta was in conference with Ambassador Wilson.

Attempts on Life Charged.

In a statement made tonight, General Huerta says that two attempts were made against his life before the arrests and he attributes both of them to the Maderos. The first attempt was made by a sharpshooter, who tried to pick him off while in the palace. This General Huerta laid at the door of the ex-President.

The second attempt was made at the banquet which culminated in Gustavo Madero's arrest. Huerta says he was repeatedly urged to drink poisoned wine from a bottle. He was suspicious and refused to do so.

An analysis of the wine showed it contained cyanide of potassium.

Huerta Becomes President.

Huerta took the oath of office at 11:25 o'clock, succeeding Pedro Lascurain.

Prior to the naming of General Huerta, he was appointed a Cabinet Minister, so that the legal succession to the Presidency would be maintained. Pedro Lascurain took the oath as President ad interim in his capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The naming of Senor Lascurain by Congress at a prolonged session, beginning about 6 o'clock, was merely incidental and was followed soon by the election of General Huerta to the Presidency.

Day Sees Three Presidents.

February 13 will be remembered as the date on which Mexico had within

MISS WILSON AIMS TO AID HUMANITY

GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER PLEADS FOR CHILD LABOR BILLS.

Margaret, on Visit to Albany Legislature, Says She Seeks to Correct Present Evils.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President-elect Wilson, came to Albany today to attend a hearing on child-labor bills presented to the state factory investigating commission.

Before the hearing the President-elect's daughter visited the Executive chamber, the Senate and Assembly and was a guest of Governor Sulzer at luncheon.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was among those who advocated the bills. Theodore Roosevelt, sent a letter indorsing the measures.

In explaining her attendance at the hearing Miss Wilson said: "I am interested in all the remedial reform measures presented by the factory investigating commission and to lend whatever help I can to promote their success in your Legislature. I believe working for humanity is the best work we can accomplish and I am sure every man, woman and child interested in the welfare of our men and women feels with me that the condition of the employed ought to be improved wherever practicable and possible."

AGE MADE BAR TO DIVORCE

Judge Refuses Decree to Woman of 74 Who Sued Husband Aged 83.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special).—The parties in this suit are both too old for a divorce," said Circuit Judge Galloway last evening when he dismissed both the complaint and the cross-complaint in the suit of Isaac N. Watson vs. Mary E. Watson, refusing to grant either one of the requested divorces. Watson is 83 years old and his wife is 74. They have been separated for more than 20 years.

Watson filed a suit for divorce here June 22, 1910, and Mrs. Watson contested it. The defendant filed an application for the sum of money, which the plaintiff contested and defeated on a showing that all of his property consisted of 25 acres of rocky hillside and that it took all he could make on this land and all of his pension of \$24 a month to support him.

Mrs. Watson, who resides in Hand County, South Dakota, later filed an answer and cross-complaint.

HUSBAND'S CONSENT ASKED

Jacksonville Woman Hesitates When Post of Mayor Is Offered.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special).—Jacksonville is without a Mayor. T. T. Shaw resigned when the question of taxing auto stages to the city became too hot for his comfort, and no one has been appointed by the Council.

A movement has now been started by a number of active citizens to put a woman in the Mayor's chair, and Mrs. Dora Harbaugh has been asked to take the place. She is considering the offer and endeavoring to get her husband's consent.

The women of Jacksonville are supporting Mrs. Harbaugh, and believe that if she should be appointed the tax would be withdrawn and the Barnum railroad forced to meet auto stage competition.

PAIR OFFER BABE AS GIFT

Parents Say 6-Weeks-Old Babe Will Starve Unless Given Away.

To give away their six-weeks-old baby girl is the offer of a young couple who have recently arrived in Portland and, according to their explanation of the offer, have found it necessary to part with their infant or see it starve, owing to a shortage of funds. The father says he has been unable to find employment.

FRANCE IN WINTER'S GRIP

Eastern Cold Coming After Early Warm Spell Kills Fruit Buds.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—France is in the grip of an exceptionally cold snap, which, coming after the recent warm spell, has caused widespread agricultural disaster. Only so short a time ago as February 6 the warm weather brought the bloom to plants in the suburbs of Paris, while buds were bursting on fruit trees in the orchards of Normandy and Brittany.

The South of France now is suffering from heavy gales and snow storms. The steamer Oleron was wrecked off Cete, eight persons being drowned.

FRENCH TREATY RATIFIED

General Convention for Joint Action in Plagues Also Approved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Senate ratified today a supplementary treaty with France, extending to 1918 the operation of the present arbitration treaty between that nation and the United States.

A general treaty with foreign nations, covering sanitary regulations for the handling of epidemics such as plague, yellow fever and cholera also was ratified.

RIGLER TO RESIGN AS SCHOOL HEAD

Alderman May Become City Superintendent.

STATE EDUCATOR IS FAVORED

Retiring Officer May Take Up Special Supervisor's Work.

ACTION LONG CONSIDERED

Board Members Canvass Field of Available Leaders for Portland System—Rigler Leaves Office at End of School Year.

Frank Rigler, City Superintendent of Schools of School District No. 1, Portland, will tender, within a short time, his resignation to the Board of Education, to take effect at the expiration of the present school year.

Mr. Rigler has acquainted the members of the Board with his intention of resigning and the Board has been for some little time considering the question of his successor.

Among men who are considered for the position by the Board are L. R. Alderman, Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and several prominent educators from the East. Mr. Alderman's high standing in the educational world is causing the Board to give him favorable consideration and it is probable that he will be selected as Mr. Rigler's successor.

New Position Offered Rigler.

Superintendent Rigler will not entirely sever his connection with the Portland schools in which he has served as teacher, principal and superintendent for 30 years. Members of the Board have decided to offer Mr. Rigler the position of supervisor of special schools, comprising the night schools, Summer schools, trades schools and other vocational schools.

Mr. Rigler is interested in this department of public school work, and has given it much thought and attention. He has notified the members of the Board frequently in private conversations that he is anxious to be relieved of the burden of general administration of the school system, that he may round out his career in this favorite field, which is yet in its infancy and which bids fair to be developed in Portland schools to such a degree that the vocational education

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Cold Ends Hostilities. Snow Storms in Balkans Force Armies to Suspend Warfare.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Bitter cold and snow storms have caused the suspension of hostilities both in Gallipoli and at Tchatalja.

According to Constantinople dispatches, negotiations continue for the departure of the consuls and foreigners from Adrianople, but no agreement has yet been reached.

There was a slight bombardment of Adrianople today.

Diplomatic Career Varied. Thomas Edward Erskine is 52 years old, having been born in England June 24, 1859. He was employed in the Consulate-General at San Francisco in 1898 and 1899, and was Acting Vice-Consul there in 1899. He was nominated Vice-Consul at Chicago July 22, 1899, passed an examination and was appointed to that post December 14, 1900. He was Acting Consul there in 1902, 1904 and 1907. He was promoted to be Consul at

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THOMAS ERSKINE IS BRITISH CONSUL

Late James Laidlaw's Successor Chosen.

ST. LOUIS TRANSFER MADE

"Most Typical Englishman" Wins Promotion.

DIPLOMAT IS ABLE MAN

Portland's Addition to Consular Corps America the More He Loves England—Law Violated Here.

Thomas E. Erskine, British Consul at St. Louis, has been appointed head of the British Consulate at Portland, to fill the vacancy created by the death of James Laidlaw, who died January 5, after nearly 40 years' service as Vice-Consul and Consul at Portland.

Mr. Erskine's appointment comes as an advancement for him, as the Consulate at St. Louis is of the second class, while the Consulate here is of the first class, and is regarded as one of the most important posts in the British Consular service in the Western Hemisphere. The Portland Consulate includes in its jurisdiction Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

New Consul Able Man.

News of the appointment was received in Portland yesterday, although no official notification has been received at the local consulate, which has been in charge of Lewis E. Bernays since January 13. Mr. Bernays arrived from New Orleans on that day, having been appointed to the post temporarily, pending the regular appointment.

"Portland is to be congratulated on the appointment of Mr. Erskine," said Mr. Bernays last night. "He is one of the ablest men in the British Consular service in this Hemisphere, and comes to this important post with an equipment of experience that peculiarly fits him for the position."

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SENATE TO UPHOLD SOME NOMINATIONS

DEMOCRATS AGREE TO MOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Taft's Army, Navy and Diplomatic Appointments and "Some Others" Will Be Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—No longer fearful of the possibility of having the Senate enter on a general confirmation of the pending nominations of President Taft, Democratic Senators have decided to move an executive session at the first opportunity.

"We will confirm the Army, Navy and diplomatic nominations and possibly some others," said Senator Smith, of Georgia, today, in announcing the decision of his party associates. "We have been willing from the first to go that far, but we were determined not to be forced into the consideration of the entire list, contrary to our own wishes."

In addition to the Army, Navy and diplomatic nominations, it is believed promotions in the revenue cutter service, the marine corps and possibly a few miscellaneous nominations will be confirmed, but even then, from 1000 to 1200 nominations will still be pending.

FRIEDMANN ASKS CHANCE

German Doctor Would Begin With "Visible Tuberculosis."

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Feb. 19.—Dr. Friedrich F. Friedmann, who asserts he has discovered a cure for tuberculosis, gave an interview today on board the Kron Prinzessin Cecilie on his way to America to demonstrate the value of his remedy, he said.

"I feel that the first step I should take in the United States should be to treat cases of visible tuberculosis in the presence of American physicians. I thereby could accomplish the double purpose of instructing them and proving the efficacy of the use of live germs. What I mean by visible tuberculosis is fungi in the knee, for instance, which are visible to the eye. I shall be glad if any doctor or important institution in the United States will give me a chance to treat such cases."

FAIR 'CAPITALISTS' TO VOTE

Of 652 Women Registered, Two, Aged 23, Give This Occupation.

Six hundred and fifty-two women voters have registered since the books were opened Saturday morning. The number of men who registered is 168.

The women have given party affiliations as follows: Republican, 361; Democrat, 159; Progressive, 52; Prohibitionist, 28; Socialist, 14; Independent, 28. The men are divided: Republican, 88; Democrat, 42; Progressive, 15; Prohibitionist, 2; Socialist, 11; Independent, 8.

Irene E. Daly, Democrat, aged 23, of 202 North Twenty-fifth street, and Lucile Smith, Republican, aged 23, 175 North Twenty-fourth street, who registered yesterday, gave their occupations as capitalists.

MAST PIERCES 34 FLOORS

Steel Bar Plunges From Near Top of Seattle's 42-Story Building.

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—A steel derrick mast that was being lowered today from the top of the 42-story Smith building became detached from its chain at the 26th floor and plunged down through the building, piercing 11 completed concrete floors and being halted at the second floor by a pile of steel. No one was injured. The financial loss is small.

The escape of the mast and the noise of its descent through the steel skeleton caused great excitement in the neighborhood.

NEW SENATOR IS EN ROUTE

Dr. Harry Lane Leaves for Washington via Los Angeles.

Dr. Harry Lane, United States Senator-elect from Oregon, left yesterday to take his seat in Congress. He had set several tomorrows for his departure, and each time found it necessary to postpone the departure just one more day. But yesterday, when his friends were not expecting him to leave until today, he hustled to the depot with his family and caught a train for Salem at 3:50. They stopped a few hours there, and left later for California. They will go to Los Angeles and take the southern route eastward, arriving in Washington about March 1.

TAFT VETO IS SUSTAINED

House Lacks Five Votes of Passing Immigration Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Lacking five votes of the requisite two-thirds necessary to pass the immigration bill over the President's veto, the House today, by a vote of 212 to 114, sustained that veto. The bill was the one "literacy test" for immigrants. The Senate had passed it the second time. Speaker Clark overruled a motion to reconsider the vote, an appeal from his decision was laid on the table, and the bill was dead.

Progressives Oppose Return.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Feb. 19.—The Progressive state convention which met today to select candidates for the Spring elections strongly denounced suggestions that the Progressives re-enter the ranks of the Republican party. Resolutions adopted favor an amendment for the recall of judicial decisions and a farm credit system.

NEW PERIL BESETS DISSOLUTION PLAN

Benicia Short Line Is Stumbling Block.

\$104,000,000 DEAL AT STAKE

Union Will Not Buy Central Without Exclusive Privilege.

COMMISSION TO BE LOST

French Underwriters of Harriman Line Stock Purchase Receive \$1,260,000, Even if Whole Transaction Should Fail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Interjection of the Western Pacific Railway Company into the attempts now being made before the State Railroad Commission to arrive at some method whereby the Federal Court decision directing the dissolution of the Harriman lines may be complied with added today to the applications previously existing.

From today's developments it appears assured that whichever way the Commission decides the final outcome will not be determined until the United States Supreme Court has decided the question.

Gould Lawyer Would Appeal.

In this afternoon's proceedings before the State Railroad Commission, Charles S. Wheeler, attorney for the Gould road, declared that unless the Commission decided that the Benicia Short Line be ordered open to traffic by all roads desiring its use, he would carry the case to the United States Supreme Court on the contention that a contrary ruling would permit to exist a condition that would be a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

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Offer May Be Withdrawn.

Mr. Lovett said that if the condition involving the exclusive control by the Central and Union Pacific roads of the Benicia Short Line were not approved, the Union Pacific would withdraw its offer of \$104,000,000 for the Central Pacific.

He said further that if the syndicate arrangement did not materialize the Union Pacific must pay the syndicate 1 per cent of \$126,000,000, or \$1,260,000, as compensation for its efforts to obtain the cash. If the agreement is carried out the syndicate will receive a discount of 3 per cent of the \$126,000,000.

AGE NO BAR TO CITY JOB

Civil Service Body Appoints W. D. Hurlbert, Rebuking Water Board.

The Oler theory does not apply to the employing of men for the service of the City of Portland, according to a decision reached by the City Civil Service Commission yesterday to recommend the appointment of Wilmer D. Hurlbert, aged 64, to a position as water inspector. Water Superintendent Dodge, who is himself well past the mark set by Dr. Oler for retirement from active affairs, had asked that Mr. Hurlbert be not appointed on account of his age, according to statements made by members of the commission.

All the members of the commission were outspoken against the idea of discriminating against a man who, while still active and strong, has a few gray hairs.

"The Water Board is run as a small autocracy," said John F. Logan, one of the commissioners, "and it is time that its highhandedness be rebuked."

"We may get old ourselves some time," said Judge P. L. Willis, another member of the commission.

CHILD OF 10 KILLS PARENT

Gervais Woman Accidentally Shot by Daughter.

GERVAIS, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special).—Mrs. W. R. Mode, of this place, was accidentally shot and killed by her little 10-year-old daughter, Winnie. Mr. Mode and his sons were preparing to go to his ranch, three miles out of town, to be gone several days, and the mother and girls expected to stay at home alone. Therefore, a 32-caliber revolver had been loaded for their protection and laid on the table. The little girl, by some means caused it to explode, the bullet taking effect in the mother's abdomen and she died almost instantly. Mrs. Mode was 45 years of age and leaves a husband and five children and a mother in Southern Oregon. The family came here a few months ago.

