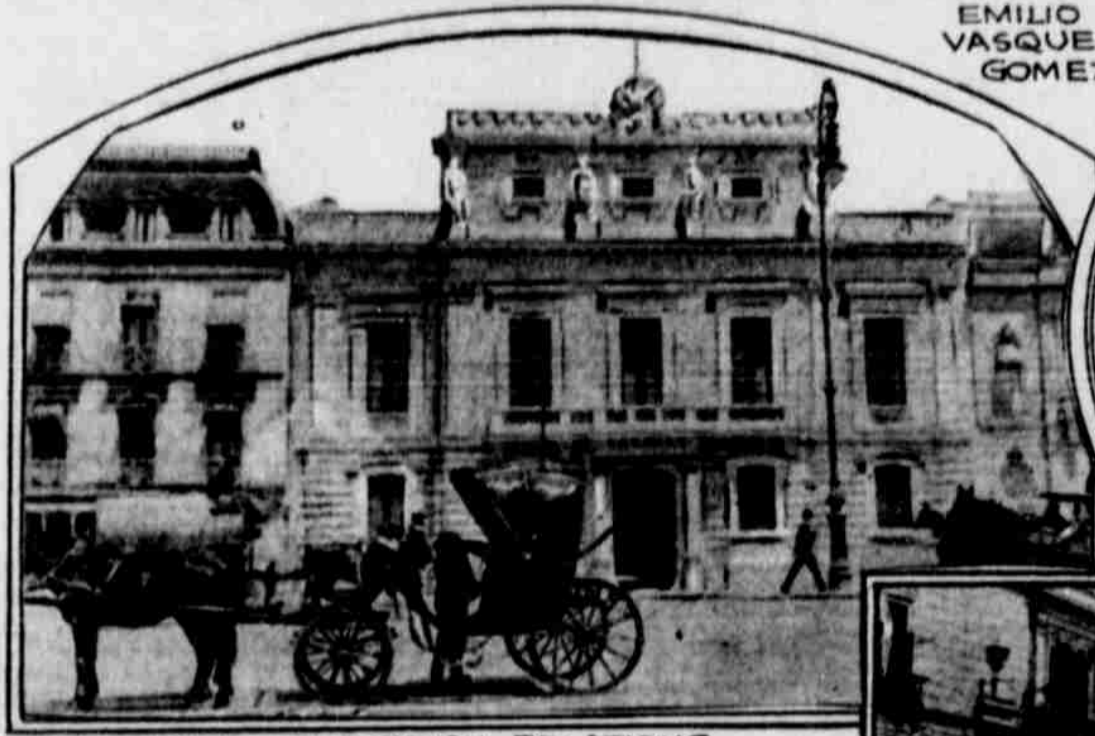


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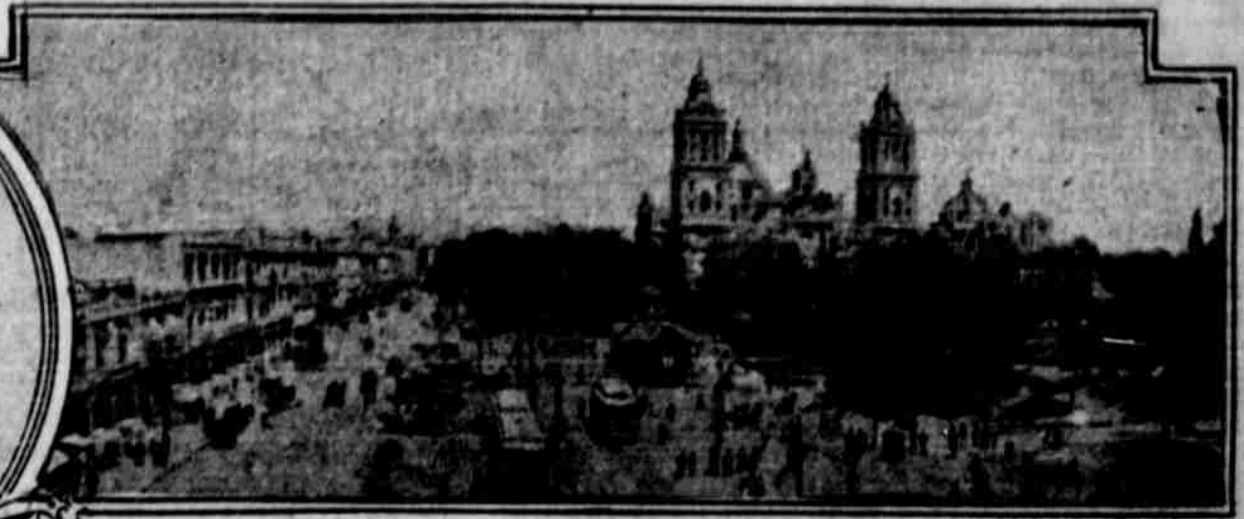
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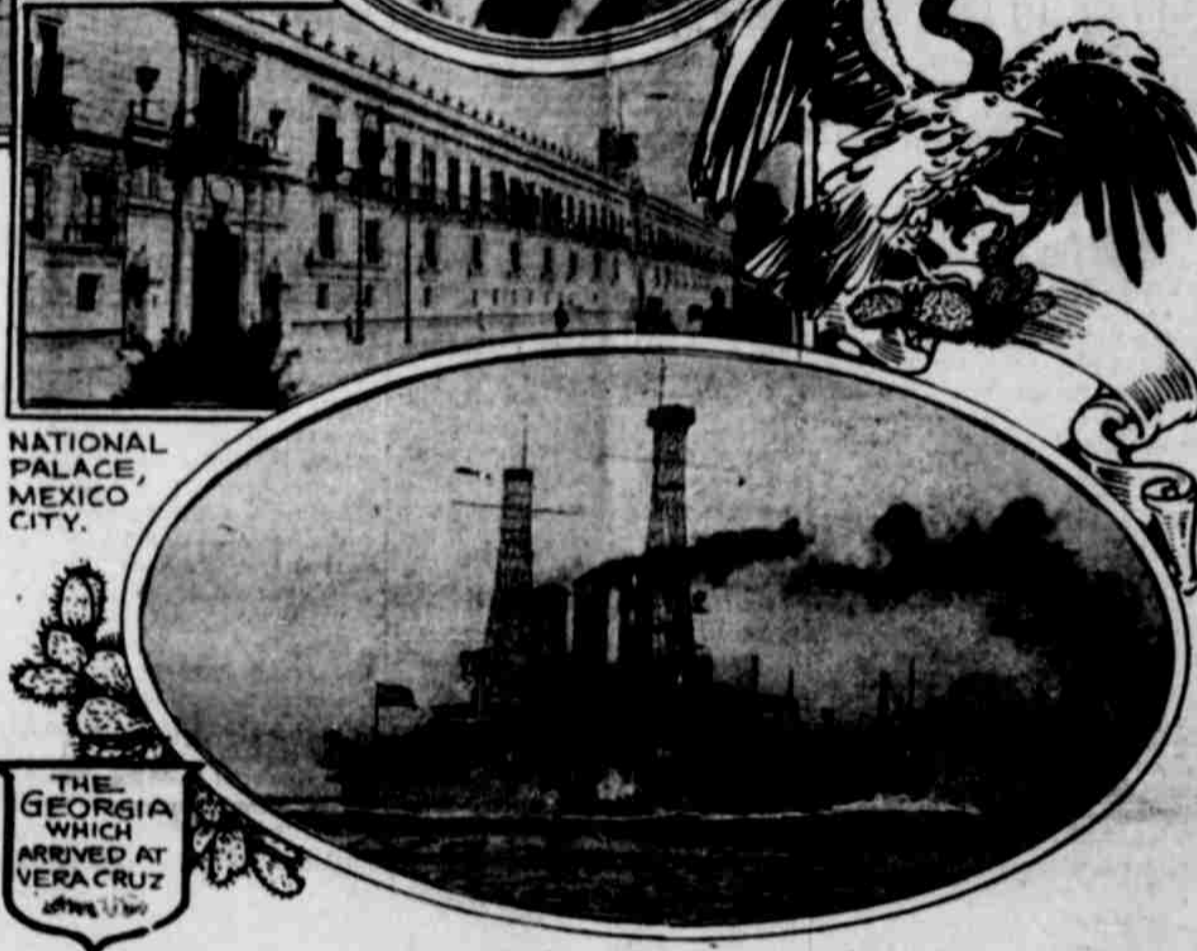
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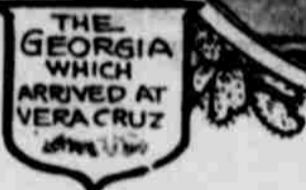
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MADERO GIVEN LEASE OF LIFE BY TAFT'S APPEAL

Humanitarian Motives Led President Taft to File Protest Against Execution of Former President of Mexico With Huerta.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—President Taft has prevented the execution of Francisco I. Madero, deposed president of Mexico—temporarily at least.

This fact was developed here this afternoon when it was authoritatively stated that United States Ambassador Wilson was notified more than thirty-six hours ago of this government's opposition to any plan to execute Madero.

It was stated that humanitarian motives prompted President Taft to intercede in Madero's behalf.

A cable from Ambassador Wilson this afternoon said that Huerta and General Diaz had summoned revolutionary leaders and prominent citizens to Mexico City to discuss plans for the pacification of the republic.

United States Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported that Generals Velasco and Valdez and other prominent residents there refuse to recognize the provisional government.

Orders from Mexico City to release the Diaz rebels who have been imprisoned here since the Vera Cruz revolt have not and will not be obeyed.

A general sentiment of unrest prevails.

HUERTA PLANNING DEATH OF MADERO WITHIN 48 HOURS

Deposed President and Don Gonzales Garcia, Deposed Governor General Both to Be Slain—Mexican Congress Decides Fate Tonight.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 21.—Francisco I. Madero, deposed president of Mexico and Frederico Don Gonzales Garcia, deposed governor general of the Mexico City district, will be slain within forty-eight hours, according to private advices received here today from Mexico City.

Garcia is accused of grafting from the army and is reported to be responsible for most of the 6,000,000 pesos of a treasury deficit.

The despatches received here say that President Huerta will not order the execution, but that Madero and Garcia will die under the "fugitive law."

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—President Huerta of Mexico today assured Senora Madero that her husband, the deposed president, is not in imminent danger of execution.

Congress tonight will consider Madero's fate. It is generally expected that he will not be formally executed, but that if he is to be slain his death will come between here and Vera Cruz the troops having him in charge reporting a "fatal accident" or that he was killed while attempting to escape.

It is reported the government treasury shows a deficit of 6,000,000 pesos, for which Madero will be compelled to account.

WISCONSIN IN BLIZZARD'S GRIP

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 21.—Threatening to paralyze traffic all over the state, snowstorms are raging in Wisconsin today.

Despite many precautions taken, it is feared street car traffic here will have to suspend.

STORMS STOP BALKAN BATTLES

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Telegraphing from Dardanelles, the correspondent of the London Daily Mail today reported that 35 Greek transports are waiting at Mitylene for clear weather before landing troops at Besika.

A dispatch from Constantinople adds it will be impossible to resume fighting along the Chatalja lines for at least three weeks.

PRODUCE TRUST MEMBERS PAY \$8,500 AS FINES

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Fifteen members of the Portland Produce Merchants' association, in the United States district court today entered pleas of guilty to charges of violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and comparatively heavy fines were assessed.

The total amount of the fines is \$8,500. The men were indicted by the federal grand jury three weeks ago.

Timothy Pearson, \$1,000; John A. Bell \$750; W. A. Dwyer \$750; Mark Levy \$750; Fred H. Page \$500; C. H. Dille \$500; Herbert McEwen \$500; Charles R. Levy \$400; Ed B. Levy \$400; Ben Levy \$400; John J. Cole \$400; G. H. Cardwell \$400; W. A. Mansfield \$250, and Edward A. Bamford \$200.

PANAMA FAIR APPROPRIATION CUT TO \$150,000

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—Another \$50,000 has been cut from the San Francisco fair appropriation by the house ways and means committee which today reported favorably on the Joseph senate bill giving \$200,000 to the exposition with the recommendation that it be made \$150,000.

The house today passed the general state house budget appropriation bill, carrying \$1,231,216 for expenses of the executive, administrative, judicial and other departments of the state in the next two years.

BRYAN, TEDDY AND BOB TRIPLETS OF TRIBULATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Pandemonium following denunciations of William J. Bryan, Robert M. La Follette, and Colonel Roosevelt, by Levi Bancroft, former attorney general of Wisconsin broke up the annual dinner of the American Paper and Pulp association at the Waldorf Astor last night.

Bryan, Roosevelt and La Follette, troublesome triplets of tribulation, Don Quixotes of Armageddon, the Mad Mullahs of progress, was the characterization that started the uproar.

WOMEN PLAYED HEROIC PARTS IN TEN DAY BATTLE

(By a staff correspondent of the United Press.)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—The part played by Americans in general and American women in particular in the ten days battle recently ended here, was heroic.

Mrs. Henry Lane Wilson, wife of the American ambassador, who tirelessly attended to the needs of the women who sought refuge at the United States embassy; Mrs. Paul Hudson of Kansas, wife of the editor of the Mexican Herald, who remained with her husband in his office in the heart of the battle zone, through the fighting; Mrs. Burge McFall, wife of an American newspaperman, who with her children lived for a week in the basement of her home with machine guns planted on the front porch and sharpshooters stationed on the roof; Victoria Hastings, an English girl, who acted as a volunteer correspondent and braved frightful danger.

Other heroines included Mexican telephone girls, who remained at their posts until shells cut the wires and partially demolished the telephone building.

STOCK MARKET SALES SHOW SLOWER TENDENCY

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Sales in the few minutes of the stock market today showed a slower tendency. Reading lost one and Canadian Pacific 2 1/2.

HARD FIGHT TO ADJOURN SESSION ON IN LEGISLATURE

Ashland Normal Passes Both Houses—Medford Armory and Rogue River Fish Bill Up Today—Seven Bills Signed by Governor Now Laws.

SALEM, Feb. 21.—A hard fight is provided for and maintain continuous both houses of the legislature at midnight. If it fails, both houses will probably hold over and adjourn Saturday night to reassemble five days later.

The Ashland normal bill, introduced by Von der Helten, in the senate, passed the house last night and is now up to the governor.

The Medford Armory bill will be voted upon this afternoon by the house. A hard fight is in prospect.

The Rogue river fish bill comes up in the senate this afternoon.

Six house bills and one senate bill were signed by Governor West today.

One of the most important house bills signed is one which creates the state board of control and places all the state institutions under the supervision of this board.

Among other bills signed were: Consenting to the purchase of the locks and canal at Oregon City; creating a state board of accountancy; providing that the school board in any school district in the state may be made this afternoon to adjournment of evening schools, and regulating sale of liquor on Sunday.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR COAST TOWNS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—With an additional appropriation of \$20,000,000 the house public buildings bill was reported to the senate this morning. The following sums are included:

For buildings at Portland, Oregon, \$1,000,000; The Dalles, Oregon, \$24,000; Albany, Oregon, \$10,000; Miles City, Mont., \$75,000, and Santa Barbara, Cal., \$20,000, all post offices. Customs house at Everett, Wash., \$75,000; Wenatchee, Wash., \$85,000; Missoula, Mont., \$125,000; post office at Vancouver, Wash., \$145,000.

The appropriation for a post office and customs house at Oakland, Cal., was increased from \$75,000 to \$115,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Approval was given the Perkins' bill providing for a \$1,500,000 government exhibit at the Panama Pacific exposition by the senate committee on industrial expositions today.

MILLIONS LOST BY CRUDE METHODS IN U.S. TREASURY

House Committee of Investigation Claims That Government Has Been Mulcted by Depository Bank System and Wants It Abolished.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Denunciation of the manner in which the treasury department conducts its business and the declaration that the government has lost millions of dollars by "crude methods" were voiced here today by the house committee on expenditures in the treasury department, which has completed its investigation of fiscal operations and filed its report.

Interest amounting to \$26,600,000 the report says, "has been lost to the treasury in the last twenty-six years. The treasury's handling of general surplus funds has been crude, unbusinesslike, unprofitable and discriminatory. A working balance of \$25,000,000 in the treasury is sufficient. The government can increase its revenue \$2,000,000 a year by charging interest on the funds in government depositories."

Referring to the working balance, the report says that large sums have been unnecessarily retained in the treasury, sometimes aggregating \$100,000,000. It adds that in addition to the \$35,000,000 lost by not collecting interest the government has lost on the "excess balance" retained in the treasury for the last twenty-six years, figured at 2 per cent, \$47,6610,860.

"The right accorded certain banks," the report says, "to act as government depositories is a discrimination against all other banks not so designated, and is a species of special privilege and government favoritism."

The report urges legislation abolishing the depository system and the substitution of a law which would force banks to bid for government deposits.

Discriminatory Practices "There are now 436 depositories." (Continued on Page 3)

REBELS COMBINE TO FIGHT HUERTA

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 21.—Alberto Madero, uncle of the deposed Mexican president today is virtually a prisoner in Juarez, in the custody of supporters of Provisional President Huerta. It is not known what action will be taken in his case.

The state of Chihuahua has flatly rejected Huerta as head of the government, and reports received here state that the revolution started in northern Mexico has increased in violence. Governor Gonzalez of Chihuahua, with his cabinet and the members of his family, has arrived at the border, leaving the government of the state in a chaotic condition.

It was believed here today that all the rebel leaders, with the possible exception of General Orozco, would reject Huerta, and combine their forces to oppose the new government.