

HUERTA SUSPENDS THE CONSTITUTION DECLARES HIMSELF SUPREME POWER

HUERTA'S COUP SHOWS TROOPS LOYAL TO CAUSE

No One in Mexico Dares to Protest
Action of Dictator—Feeling Over
Deputies' Arrest Subsides Without
Disturbance.

Complication Growing Out of Diplo-
matic Corps Demand for Explana-
tion Likely to Embarrass President

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 12.—Provi-
sional President Huerta issued today
a decree to the effect that he has as-
sumed all powers hitherto vested in
the Mexican congress suspended by
him last week.

Military, financial and domestic
affairs, he said, he would handle him-
self, but the department of justice
will be allowed to continue in au-
thority, so long as it interferes with
none of his decrees.

He suspended the constitution, in-
sofar as it exempts members of con-
gress from arrest, declared himself
the supreme power in the country.

The decree amounted to the declara-
tion of a dictatorship, modified only
by a promise that Huerta will ren-
der an account of his actions to the
government to be elected October 26.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—An early
upheaval in Mexico as a result of
Provisional President Huerta's coup
was prophesied today by Washington
officials.

Secretary of State Bryan has re-
turned from the south and will con-
fer with President Wilson this af-
ternoon.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 12.—Indica-
tions today were that Provisional
President Huerta did not over esti-
mate his strength last week when he
arrested the members of the cham-
ber of deputies in a body, with the
exception of the Catholic party dele-
gation, and locked them up pending
the election, October 26.

It was the general opinion that
trouble would have followed at once,
if at all. Huerta had made his mili-
tary preparations so thoroughly how-
ever, that no one dared to stir at the
time, and today feeling over the de-
puties' arrest had subsided. The
troops were still conspicuously in
evidence, but otherwise the city had
resumed its normal appearance.

Community Couped

The affair, indeed, did not at any
time cause anything like the sensa-
tion such an incident would have
created in a community less accus-
tomed to governmental methods of
the kind. In the state of public
opinion in Mexico, too, many have
wondered all along why the provi-
sional president did not take some
such step.

It was the general opinion that
what Huerta has most to fear is some
complication growing out of the di-
plomatic corps' expected call on him
to explain the deputies' arrest. The
thing being an accomplished fact,
however, it seemed likely he would

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HUERTA ASSURES DEPUTIES SAFE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Re-
sponding to Secretary of State
Bryan's strong representations,
through Nelson O'Shaughnessy, Uni-
ted States charge d'affaires in Mex-
ico City, Provisional President Huerta
of Mexico City today assured Mr.
O'Shaughnessy that the imprisoned
members of the Mexican chamber of
deputies will not be harmed. Upon
this Secretary Bryan decided to let
American Embassy John Lind use his
own discretion concerning returning
to Mexico City.

136 LIVES LOST WHEN VOLTURNO BURNED AT SEA

Panic Reigning Among Passengers
When Flames Burst Over Funnel
—Men Seize Lifeboats, Thrusting
Back Women and Children.

Captain Cuts Tackle From Davits
and, Revolver in Hand, Drives the
Crew Back to Posts.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 12.—The esti-
mate of 136 lost when the Volturmo
met disaster seems to be the correct
number, according to all available
figures today.

According to stories told, there was
panic aboard the Volturmo when the
flames burst out high over the fun-
nel and a number of men seized
lifeboats, after thrusting aside wo-
men and children. Their selfish-
ness, however, availed them nothing,
as Captain Inch cut the tackle from
the davits allowing the boats to be
emptied into the sea. The engine-
room crew, which rushed to the deck
after the storm had reached its
height, was met by Captain Inch, re-
volver in hand and driven back to
their posts.

Hulk a Menace
LONDON, Oct. 12.—Latest wire-
less messages having reported that
the steamship Volturmo's hulk did
not sink but simply settled down into
the trough of the sea and is still
afloat burned to the water's edge
and invisible from a short distance
away, a menace to navigation, the
admiralty ordered the cruiser Donegal
to seek and destroy the wreck.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Off Nant-
ucket Lightship with 183 survivors
of the burned steamship Volturmo,
Captain Spangenberg of the liner
Grosser Kurfuerst began sending by
wireless to the North German Lloyd's
New York office early today his ac-
count of the disaster.

The Grosser Kurfuerst was the
first ship, after the Cunarder, Car-
mania, to reach the blazing vessel.
In Spangenberg's account of the re-
scue work there was some conflict in
figures but they were set down here
to errors of the wireless.

"I received the first wireless call
for help from the Volturmo at 4 p. m.
Thursday," said his account.

This was about ten hours after the
fire started and four hours after the
Carmania had come to the distressed
vessel's assistance.

Received First Message
"It was in north latitude 48.50 and
west longitude 25," continued Spang-
enberg's message. "On coming up
I found the Volturmo burning from
stem to stern. The fire began with
a heavy explosion in the bow, which
resulted in the death of several of
the passengers and crew.

"Eleven steamships were at the
scene of the accident."
Unless he intended to include the
Volturmo, Spangenberg's version dif-
fered in this respect, too, from other
accounts, which placed the number of
rescued ships at ten.

"A heavy north by northwest
storm was raging," went on the Ger-
man captain's report, "and there was
a high sea and swell. Two of the
Grosser Kurfuerst's boats were in
the sea, attempting to reach the
burning vessel, from nine o'clock
Thursday until 8 o'clock Friday

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CHAMBERLAIN STOPS USE OF AIGRETTES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—A bill to
prohibit the use of aigrettes and
other plumage of birds is being fram-
ed here today by United States Sen-
ator Chamberlain of Oregon.

MEN OF PROMINENCE WHO FOUND THAT FATHER SCHMIDT KILLED ANNA AUMULLER



ANNA HIRT



THE JURY AT THE CORONER'S INQUEST

FATHER SCHMIDT SHAMS INSANITY IN PRISON CELL

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Since he
was held for the murder of Anna
Aumuller by the coroner's jury last
week, Father Hans Schmidt, the ex-
priest, has refused to talk further
of the crime to which he confessed,
but is still shamming insanity. He
pretends to be seized with fits and
goes into wild paroxysms, shrieking
and shouting until exhausted.

The wealthy men who listened to
the prima facie case made out
against the priest deliberated twenty
minutes before reporting their ver-
dict, the same amount of time being
taken to present the evidence against
Schmidt.

At one point during the inquest
Schmidt sprang from his seat and
in anger threw a handful of change
and a rosary at the press table,
striking a reporter on the head.

Anna Hirt, a maid at St. Boni-
face's rectory, who had been Anna
Aumuller's roommate before the vic-
time left to live with Schmidt, testi-
fied as to how she had identified the
body in Hoboken morgue.

Mary Bann of Shadyside, N. J.,
told of finding the first section of
the girl's body in the Hudson river
on September 5.

The members of the jury at the
coroner's inquest were:

First row, left to right—Theodore
P. Shotts, Vincent Astor, Marcus
Loew, Latham Reed, Howard Weir
and Charles D. Dickey.

Second row, left to right—G. G.
McDuff, Mortimer Regensburg, Ed-
ward Marston, B. J. Greenhut, Geo.
W. Fairchild and Patrick O'Loughlin.

TOWERS TO FIGHT ALIENATION SUIT

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—The
friends of Charlemagne Towers said
today that the family will fight the
suit brought by Georgia Bardick
against the former ambassador to
Germany for alienation of his son's
affection, despite her production of
a document signed by young Tower
and the woman, declaring themselves
husband and wife.

The Towers, it was said, question
the validity of such an agreement
and will assert that, in any event,
Charlemagne did not know what he
was signing.

NINETEEN MONTHS FOR STEALING 500 PARCELS

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 13.—For
abstracting approximately 500 parcel
packages from the mails at Sa-
lem, where he was employed to haul
the mail to and from the stations,
William Martin was sentenced to
serve nineteen months at McNeil's
Island today by Federal Judge Bean.

JOHNSON FORFEITS \$30,000 BAIL TO ESCAPE PRISON

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—United States
Judge Carpenter today declared for-
feited the \$30,000 personal bond of
Jack Johnson, the negro prizefighter,
put up when he appealed from con-
viction on a charge of white slavery.
The case was called in the federal
court this morning and the bond was
ordered forfeited when the negro
failed to appear.

Benjamin Bachrach, Johnson's at-
torney, requested a continuance of
the case, saying he was convinced
the negro would return after finish-
ing his vaudeville engagements. Judge
Carpenter, however, refused to en-
tertain the request.

United States District Attorney
James Wilkerson announced that he
would proceed immediately to re-
cover the forfeited \$30,000 bond by
seeking judgment on saloon property
offered as security.

Wilkerson said he might request
that the French government recog-
nize any judgment obtained in the
American courts and levy against
any personal property the negro
fighter may have in France. Wilk-
erson said he thought France would
acquiesce.

PEARY DOUBTS LAND FOUND NEAR POLE

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—Like
the scientists in Washington, Ad-
miral Peary expressed doubts today
whether the land found by Russian
explorers north of Siberia was as
large as Greenland, as published re-
ports indicated. He was prepared
to believe, however, that it might be
large enough to refer to as a con-
tinent.

SULZER BLAMES LAWYERS FOR POOR SHOWING MADE

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Con-
vinced that his defense was unskill-
fully conducted, Governor William
Sulzer has practically broken with
his lawyers in the impeachment case
against him, it was understood here
today.

The governor was incensed in par-
ticular by what he considers the vir-
tual admission from Attorney D.
Cady Herriek, of the defense, that
he is unfit for the governorship,
coupled with the contention that un-
fitness is not ground for impeach-
ment.

Sulzer considered, too, that his
counsel made a fatal mistake in re-
fusing to allow him to make a state-
ment in his own behalf from the wit-
ness stand.

It convicted, it was said, he would
blame his attorneys.

Tremendous pressure was being
brought on the members of the court
today, both for and against the gov-
ernor. All were deluged with tele-
grams and special delivery letters
and by personal calls from individ-
ual constituents and by delegations
of them.

So uncomfortable had this pres-
sure become that it was believed ev-
ery possible effort would be made to
hasten a verdict, even if a night ses-
sion were necessary.

M'CARN NOMINATED HAWAIIAN PROSECUTOR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Presi-
dent Wilson sent to the senate today
the nomination of Jess M'Car-n of
Tennessee to be United States dis-
trict attorney for Hawaii, and that
of Thomas Ferris to be postmaster
at East San Diego, Cal.

LIFEBOATS DASHED TO PIECES WHILE LEAVING VOLTURNO

FISHGARD, Oct. 13.—"We were
breakfasting when the 'S. O. S.' call
from the Volturmo came," said S. S.
Smith, another Carmania passenger.
"Captain Barr ordered full speed
toward the point named in the mes-
sage, and we covered the eighty-
seven miles to the scene of the dis-
aster in four hours.

"While the Carmania and the
other ships maneuvered about the
burning vessel we could plainly see
the terror-stricken group on the
Volturmo's stern. We were almost
hysterical when we saw the boats
could do nothing. Some cried, some
screamed, some walked the decks,
cursing, and some prayed."

Boats Dashed to Pieces
"I have slept but little since the
morning of Thursday," said Captain
Barr, in explanation of his refusal
to talk. "I have been on the bridge
constantly for twenty-four hours.
I'm too tired to say anything."

According to Arthur Spurgeon, a
Carmania passenger, who, like the
others on the big Cunarder, saw the
fire, and who subsequently talked
with Walter Trintepold, the sole
Volturmo survivor on board the Car-
mania, several of the Volturmo's pas-
sengers and crew perished when the
first and second boats, after being
lowered, were dashed to pieces
against the vessel's side.

The only two boats which did get
away capsized soon afterward, he
added. The eleven ships which were
attempting a rescue searched for
their occupants for hours, but found
none of them.

All Stayed on Deck
During the twenty hours that the
Carmania was standing by the Vol-
turno, said Spurgeon, none of the
passengers on the Cunarder slept, re-
maining on deck instead, despite the
storm, waving and shouting encour-
agingly to those on the burning craft.

Captain Inch, Spurgeon said, was
the last man to leave the Volturmo
scenting the ship's log and papers
before he went overboard. The vessel
was then a mass of flames from
stem to stern and appeared to be
sinking. Spurgeon was surprised to
learn that the hulk was still afloat.

JOSEPHINE TO HAVE MANY AT MEDFORD MEET

Large Delegation From Grants Pass
and Ashland Promised for Wed-
nesday's Get-Together Session of
Valley Communities.

Aim is to Divert Travel to Small Cit-
ies and Have People Visit Rogue
River Towns.

"Josephine county will come to
Medford with a large delegation of
representative men and women on
Wednesday, the 15th," remarked Tom
Richardson upon his return from
Grants Pass today. He continued:

"Ashland will also be here in
goodly numbers, and it now devolves
upon Medford to get busy, urging
the presence of the commanding men
and women of all the other commu-
nities of the Rogue River valley.

"This meeting should be just a be-
ginning of a continued movement
which will unite all the interests of
this valley," continued Mr. Richard-
son.

"The Rogue River valley must look
the facts in the face. Extremely lit-
tle travel stops at any station in the
valley. Most of the travel is from
city to city or from San Francisco to
Portland and Portland to San Fran-
cisco. Now the only way to help out
this situation is active work here at
home."

"No other community on the coast
knows the game better than the peo-
ple of the Rogue.

"Seventy-five per cent of the peo-
ple who visit Rogue River valley
points leave home with that inten-
tion. They buy their tickets with
that purpose in view.

"Complaining about the railroads
do no good, but do a lot of harm by
excusing your home folks from do-
ing their duty.

"Blaming another community for
your misfortunes only advertises you
as a coward.

"Competition between Rogue River
valley points is helpful, but the con-
stant hammer leaves dents that hurt.

"There are many good things to
come out of this convention next
Wednesday. Medford need not spend
one dollar in entertaining her visit-
ors—they don't expect it. They come
as neighbors for a business confer-
ence. Blowing money upon such oc-
casions hurts more than it helps. Let
Medford men and women attend the
meeting at the Natorium Wednes-
day afternoon at 1:30 and remain
during the session.

"How we are to stop the people at
Rogue River valley points will be dis-
cussed.

"How money can be had for the
small farmer will be explained. Our
big cities on the coast can take care
of themselves; let us people the farm
and develop the mine, ranch and or-
chard."

WOMAN MAILED POISON TO SELF

STOCKTON, Cal., Oct. 13.—Con-
fessing that she put strychnine in one
of the pieces of candy and mailed it
to herself, with the intention of com-
mitting suicide because she and a
married man had been talked about,
Mrs. Grover Hamilton is in jail here
today.

When the rural mail carrier de-
livered the candy, Mrs. Hamilton's
husband brought it into the house
and Mrs. Hamilton opened the pack-
age and offered the candy to her
husband. Both ate of it, but Hamil-
ton got the poisoned piece. She got
a doctor in time to save his life.
That was last Thursday evening.

The case was a mystery until Mrs.
Hamilton broke down and confessed
his wife's story and is begging the
officers to release her that he may
take her back to his home.