

HUERTA MENACED BY SOLDIERS' REVOLT

CRISIS NEAR IN CITY OF MEXICO; TROOPS CONTROL

Felix Diaz Back of New Revolt in Army—Machine Guns Mounted on Roofs of Houses Around Arsenal—Fighting Reported in Suburbs.

Huerta Gains Upper Hand at Guadeloupe—Thirty Conspirators Arrested and Contraband Arms Seized.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—That President Huerta had gained the upper hand at the suburb of Guadeloupe became known today through the announcement that 30 conspirators had been arrested there and that a quantity of contraband arms and ammunition had been seized by the federals at the neighboring village of Santa Clara.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—A crisis seemed near here today. Two thousand soldiers surrounded the national palace. Inside President Huerta and his chief advisers were in conference. It was reported Felix Diaz was behind a new revolt.

Guns Are Mounted
Around the arsenal the houses had been cleared of their occupants and machine guns had been mounted on the roofs.

Couriers from Guadeloupe, four miles of the capital, confirmed reports that the local garrison had revolted. Federal troops were rushed to the scene in armored automobiles.

Batteries were being mounted on the hills surrounding the city.

At 10:30 a. m. the streets surrounding the palace were packed with federal troops. Huerta himself was under heavy guard.

War Minister Blanquet denied that hordes of Zapatistas were hovering in the city's outskirts, awaiting an opportunity to enter.

Backed By Diaz
HAVANA, Feb. 7.—Friends here of Felix Diaz did not dispute today that Diaz directed against both President Huerta and General Carranza, the constitutionalist leader, and designed to place him in the presidential chair. They added that he believed it would win but he had no definite plans for returning to Mexico. Reports that he already had done so and was personally directing his campaign there they denied. He was secluded, they said, in the country outside Havana.

SHIP STRANDED BUT CREW REFUSE TO LEAVE VESSEL

MANASQUAN, N. J., Feb. 7.—The Manasquan lifesaving crew was standing by today to save the crew of the English tramp steamer Queen Louise, ashore on Squam beach, in case the vessel begins to break up.

With its rudder disabled, the Queen Louise drifted most of the night and finally stranded in a heavy gale at 4:30 a. m. Captain Andrew Longstreet of the lifesavers shot a line on board and Captain McDonough of the Queen Louise sent his cabin boy ashore in the breeches buoy, but reported that he and his crew of twenty were in good condition and would stand by the ship as long as any chance remained of saving it.

The vessel was bound from Cardiff for New York with tin plate.

Ernest Row, the cabin boy, denied rumors that Captain McDonough was compelled to quell a mutiny of Chinese sailors on the Queen Louise. He said there were no Chinese among the crew.

The revenue cutter Seneca was standing by the ship to assist the lifesavers after the stranded vessel should show signs of breaking up.

WOOD CHOPPER'S BLOODY CORPSE FOUND IN CABIN

David Akin's Body, With Throat Cut From Ear to Ear and Wrist Slashed Open, Found South of Jacksonville—Employed Cutting Fuel.

Evidently a Case of Suicide—Remains Brought to Medford, Where Inquest Is Held—Dead Several Days.

With his throat cut from ear to ear, his wrist slashed open, a blood-stained razor on the floor, the body of David Akin, wood-chopper, aged 40, was found in a lonely cabin about eight miles from Jacksonville and two miles from the Sterling road on Thursday by George Margreitter and J. E. Caldwell. It was evidently a case of suicide, the act having been committed several days ago. Coroner Kellogg was summoned and Saturday brought the remains to Medford, where the inquest was held at Weeks & McIlwain's chapel.

Akin has been for several years employed by W. S. Harnum as wood-chopper. The Margreitter and Caldwell youths found the remains while hunting.

Witnesses before the coroner besides the two boys were R. J. Caldwell and George Barnum.

Coroner Kellogg began taking testimony Saturday afternoon after the following named jurors had been impaneled: J. B. Wood, chairman, Chas. Boardman, W. L. Halley, Charles Tull, Fred Berg and R. H. Halley.

The evidence of the three witnesses was practically identical and all testified to having seen deceased alive about a week ago, and none of them had seen him since until they say him lying dead on the floor of his cabin. The undisturbed condition of the cabin furniture and bedding indicated that it was a case of suicide.

The verdict of the jury was that the wounds were self-inflicted and with suicidal intent.

COLDEST WEATHER OF PRESENT SEASON RECORDED LAST NIGHT

Friday night was the coldest night of the present winter, the thermometer falling to 21.5 above zero, as against 22 the night before, and the same temperature December 14. The present cold spell is accompanied by bright, sunshiny days, and the weather is as nearly perfect winter weather as ever made.

WEST INVITED TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—Governor West today received an invitation to be the principal speaker at a mass meeting on prison reform to be held by the National Civic Federation in Carnegie hall, New York City, March 6. The governor said he would accept if he could arrange to get away, as he desired to look after some state matters in Washington anyway.

DORR SEEKS ESCAPE FROM DEATH SENTENCE

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—William Dorr of Stockton, Cal., convicted of murdering his uncle, James A. Marsh, a rich soap manufacturer, at Lynn about a year ago, applied through his lawyer today for a commutation of the death sentence. His petition was sent to Governor Walsh, who referred it to the parole board.

NO DELAY IN UNMERGING SUIT AGAINST ESPEE

Oregon's Request to Delay Dissolution Suit Turned Down by Attorney General McReynolds, Who Says It Is Violation of Anti-Trust Law.

Decision of Government Final to Dissolve Southern Pacific and Central Pacific Railroad Systems.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—The decision of the government to bring suit to dissolve the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroad lines is final and will be instituted without delay for further hearings, according to a telegram received today by Governor West from United States Attorney-General McReynolds.

Governor West wired President Wilson several days ago asking that the suit be delayed until an investigation in Oregon could be made, declaring that he believed the proposed dissolution would be harmful rather than his help to the development of the state.

In his message Attorney General McReynolds stated that in his opinion the control of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific constitutes a violation of the anti-trust act and that no other course was open to him but to bring suit to dissolve it.

BRYAN'S PROPOSED TREATY EXCLUDES JAPANESE COOLIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—That Secretary of State Bryan is seeking the Tokio government's consent to a Japanese exclusion act similar to the Chinese exclusion law was stated on high authority today.

It was said the California alien land law was the principal object. That is to say, Japan is willing to have the "gentlemen's agreement" by which Japanese coolie labor is excluded from the United States, made statutory on condition that the Japan land ownership ban in California is raised.

Tokio cares less, in short, about opening the United States to more Japanese than it does about protecting those who already have settled there.

The house immigration committee had not decided whether to resume hearings on the Raker bill.

SENATE PASSES BILL AIDING EXPERIMENT STATIONS IN STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The senate passed this afternoon the agricultural extension bill. It provides for government aid to state college experiment stations.

For the first year \$400,000 is appropriated and for each succeeding year \$600,000 more until a total of \$3,000,000 annually is reached.

By a vote of 32 to 23 the Jones amendment was rejected. It would have made the same provision for negro as for white colleges.

BRAISTED NAMED AS SURGEON GENERAL, NAVY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The nomination of Medical Inspector William Braisted to be surgeon general of the bureau of medicine and surgery for the navy department was sent to the senate today.



VILLA'S CAVALRY MARCHING TOWARDS CITY OF MEXICO

SAYS BUREAUCRACY RULES PROSECUTION BY UNCLE SAM

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 7.—"The United States government's system of prosecuting criminal cases is dominated by a bureaucracy maintained in Washington and the people will destroy it when they learn its character," said Federal Judge Lewis from the bench in open court today.

The judge's outburst followed the acquittal of Sam Schiffer, charged with selling liquor to Indians. Schiffer declared he could not tell an Indian from a Mexican, and Judge Lewis declared he should not have been tried, and would not have been if a bureaucracy had not existed which overrules the recommendations of local district attorneys.

Unfortunately, he added, the people don't know yet that this is the case, but when they do find it out they will no longer tolerate having their federal district attorneys "run by special agents sent from Washington, who insist upon the trial of cases against the district attorney's judgment."

"As a result of all this," the judge concluded, "the country's respect for law is declining."

PROBE REBATES BY STEEL TRUST IN LAST SIX YEARS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Another steel trust investigation was scheduled to start here within four weeks. The investigation this time will be conducted by the interstate commerce commission.

The inquiry was ordered by the senate "for the purpose of ascertaining whether the steel trust or any of its subsidiaries have been guilty of giving or receiving unlawful rebates, offsets or preferences especially within the last six years."

A copy of the notice calling for the probe will be served soon on all railroads and steel companies affiliated with the steel corporation. A resolution introduced by Senator Norris "requesting" the commerce commission to conduct the investigation, was adopted by the senate late yesterday. Norris admitted that the activities of David Lamar inspired his resolution.

BERRY FACES TRIAL NEGLIGENCE CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Captain Osmond Berry, captain of the liner Nantucket, will face a trial board of government inspectors at Philadelphia Wednesday to answer charges of negligence in connection with the sinking of the Old Dominion liner Monroe recently near Norfolk.

INITIATIVE BILL TO PROHIBIT PRIZE FIGHTING ON CALIFORNIA BALLOT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 7.—A place upon the 1914 ballot was assured today for the constitutional amendment to prohibit prizefighting in California, when a supplemental petition of 1275 names was received from Alameda county. The total signatures obtained for the measure exceed 32,000, while only 30,830 were required.

ADMITS KILLING WIFE OF LOVER; TAKES POISON

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 7.—Miss Hazel Herdman died at Orange, near here, this afternoon, of bichloride of mercury poisoning taken with suicidal intent. A few hours before her death she confessed to slaying Mrs. Harriet Manning in the latter's home here last night.

"I loved Mrs. Manning's husband," she told the police, "and he loved me. He had asked Mrs. Manning to get a divorce but she refused. Mrs. Manning stood in the way of my happiness and I decided to kill her. I'm sorry now that she is dead."

Miss Herdman, heavily veiled, gained entrance to the Manning home last night by professing to be an intimate friend of Mrs. Manning's from Philadelphia. The she shot Mrs. Manning in the presence of the latter's mother and sister. As she fled from the house she dropped the revolver and an umbrella.

The police questioned Miss Herdman during the morning but she convinced them that she had nothing to do with the shooting. Then she swallowed poison, sent for the police and confessed.

"Manning frequently told me," Miss Herdman said, "that he loved me, but said he could not marry me until he got a divorce. Then I determined to get Mrs. Manning out of the way."

HEAVY UNDERTONE ON STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Another downward movement was on when the stock market opened today. Except for rises of 3/4 in cotton oil and Canadian Pacific, the reaction of yesterday made no further progress. International Harvester, Biscuit, California Petroleum lost from 1 to 2.

Although the initial downward tendency was checked quickly, the day's market was lifeless, with a heavy undertone.

Bonds were easy. The market closed weak.

NO PLACE EQUAL ROGUE VALLEY SAYS MIMS ON RETURN

Full of enthusiasm for the Rogue river valley and declaring it God's chosen country, Col. George P. Mims has returned from a two month's visit to his old home in the east, Newport, Tenn., and other eastern and southern states.

"Tennessee is prosperous," said the colonel. "The farmers are all making money. Times are improving all over the east and south. But I had rather be a rancher in the Rogue river valley than a millionaire in that country."

"I've learned a lot of things—one of them to appreciate good roads. Why good roads have made the farmers of Tennessee prosperous by enabling them to get to market, and a 16 foot highway is none too wide."

"Everyone has confidence in President Wilson. All think he is making good, and stand ready to assist him. People generally believe an era of prosperity is at hand. But I firmly believe no section has the natural and climatic advantages that the Rogue river valley has, or has a better future."

PEOPLE TO VOTE ON REVOCATION OF TIDE LAND GRANTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—The people of Oregon will be given opportunity to recover the use of tidelands in the Portland harbor by vote at the November election.

An initiative measure revoking the tideland franchise of 1862 will be placed within a month, by Frederick W. Mulkey. Mulkey does not intend that the measure shall revoke the rights of the upland owners, who have failed to do so.

The property in Portland that would be recovered for public use by passage of the measure would be worth from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 according to Mulkey.

GETS \$12,500 FOR MURDER OF HUSBAND

MONTESSANO, Wash., Feb. 7.—A verdict of \$12,500 was awarded Mrs. Frank Welch by a jury today in her suit for \$30,000 against John Creech, a wealthy mill owner of Raymond, Wash., for the shooting and killing of her husband, a police officer, who had been summoned by Mrs. Creech on the plea that a burglar was prowling about her home.

Creech maintained he returned home unexpectedly and finding Welch in his yard, shot him in the belief that he was a burglar. He was acquitted of the charge of murder.

MEDFORD PEARS FAMILIAR SIGHT UPON BROADWAY

California Pears Disappear, Leaving Field to Rogue River—Fruit Dealers of New York Enthusiastic Over Prospects for Local Pears.

Southern Oregon Newtowns also Favorites—Two Carloads From Griffin Creek Attract Attention.

(By Arthur M. Geary.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—(Special Correspondence.)—That the raising of pears is a safe bet for the Rogue River valley is the belief of the dealers in fruit of New York City. Southern Oregon Comice, De Anjou, Bose and Winter Nelis still decorate the windows along Broadway. Most of them have reached the hands of the retailers. The California pears have disappeared, leaving the field undisputedly to the Rogue River valley.

It is quite interesting to see the many familiar names on the boxes in the fruit stands and down on Greenwich and Washington streets. I had no idea, before arriving in New York, that the name of Medford would welcome me so frequently.

Pear Demand Growing
The fruit brokers and merchants predict a growing demand for the Comice and Bose pears especially. The Buere Bose, because of its golden brown color, unique shape, delicious flavor and ability to stand shipment, unmarred, is more popular with some even than the Comice. There are certain quantities of inferior Buere Bose pears raised in New York, which is a handicap to the Rogue River variety until the difference is found out.

A. R. Rule, manager of the North American Fruit Exchange, prefers the Comice. "There never will be a lasting overproduction of Comice pears. A season of overproduction would prove a blessing in disguise, as it would educate the people. There is not one person in a hundred that knows what a Comice pear is."

"A few years ago there was no demand for Florida grape fruit. After a year of low prices and boosting the demand was increased many fold. Now nearly every cheap restaurant in the city, including all of Childs' restaurants, serve them as a luxury and their patrons do not find them too expensive, although the growers are being left a handsome profit."

Newtowns in Demand
The Rogue River valley Yellow Newtowns enjoy the favor of the men of Greenwich and Washington streets, as well as do the pears. Not one of the dealers who were in position to know put the Southern Oregon Yellow Newtown second to any. On Erie pier No. 20 yesterday morning were a couple of carloads of Yellow Newtowns from R. B. Wilson's orchard on Griffin creek. All that looked upon them were forced to admit that they had seen none better from any district during the season.

Due to their large size, all of them running from 72 to 80, they were slightly bruised on the sides of the boxes. As several of the men on the wharf stated, they were not improperly packed, but simply of a size that does not make a tight pack.

PURE FOOD INSPECTION BOARD IS ABOLISHED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The food and drugs inspection board of the department of agriculture today was abolished. Acting Secretary of Agriculture Galloway said the action was taken to "expedite and afford a more effective administration of the pure food law."

Dr. Carl Aisberg will assume most of the duties formerly assigned to the board.