

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ASSASSINATE MAYOR MITCHELL OF NEW YORK

CITY ATTORNEY HIT BY BULLET AIMED AT MAYOR

Weak-Minded Old Man Shoots at Mitchell as He Is Leaving City Hall, But Corporation Counsel Polk Is Wounded in Chin.

Assailant Gives Name of David Saloschein—Is Evident Victim of Hallucinations—Weak and Emaciated.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Mayor John Purroy Mitchell of New York narrowly escaped assassination here this afternoon at the hands of Joseph Saloschein, a disappointed office-seeker. The bullet intended for the mayor first struck the arm of H. Duncan, a passerby, glanced up and entered the chin of Corporation Counsel Frank Polk. The injury was not serious.

The attempted assassination occurred at 1:20 o'clock in City Hall square. Hundreds of persons witnessed the attack. The assailant was arrested by Mayor Mitchell himself and rushed to the city hall police station in the mayor's automobile.

The shot intended for the head of the city administration was fired by an old man, who at first refused to give his name but later said it was Joseph Saloschein. He could give no coherent reason for the attack but intimated it was caused because he objected to Mitchell's treatment of the unemployed.

City hall attaches said Saloschein had called several times to see the mayor but was not admitted because of his queer actions. The prisoner said he was fifty years of age. He was very shabbily dressed and wore a celluloid collar. Saloschein also said he was disappointed in not getting a city appointment.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The old man who attempted to assassinate Mayor Mitchell here this afternoon gave the name of David Saloschein.

As the automobile carrying the mayor and Corporation Counsel Polk approached, H. Duncan passed directly in front of the assailant. The bullet struck Duncan's arm, glanced up and struck Polk's chin.

The shot was fired by the old man as the mayor was leaving the city hall. The bullet missed Mitchell, but struck Corporation Counsel Polk. Mitchell himself caught his assailant jumping from the machine and overhauling the old man before he could fire another shot.

The bullet struck Polk in the chin, striking a bone and passing out.

Mitchell Self-Possessed

Mayor Mitchell took his assailant to the city hall police station. The old man was taken into an inner room. Polk was carried to another room and his wound dressed. The crowd was excluded from the station.

An enormous crowd was in the city hall square at the time. At first it was thought the bullet had struck Mitchell and hundreds of persons rushed to his side. He seemed calm.

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SHOT AT BY FEEBLE AND WEAK-MINDED OLD CRANK



John P. Mitchell, Mayor of Greater New York

TEN CREMATED TENEMENT BLAZE NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK, April 17.—Ten persons lost their lives and one woman was so badly injured that she died in a few hours, and four others received possibly fatal hurts in a fire which destroyed a six-story rooming house here early today.

Of the dead, six were burned beyond recognition. The others were: Edward Wallace, 46, and his wife; Mrs. Nellie Spencer, 28, and Muriel Davis, aged 4. The injured were rushed to the Polyclinic hospital, where Mrs. George Davis died in the forenoon.

The building contained forty rooms, mostly occupied by theatrical people and cloak models. How the fire started was not known. A passing policeman saw smoke coming from a basement window and gave the alarm. The flames spread so fast that by the time the firemen arrived they were beyond control.

There was a frightful panic among those in the house, men striking, scratching and tearing at one another's hair in the effort for first chance at the fire escapes, with which the building was inadequately provided.

Those who perished were trapped in their rooms and burned or suffocated. The injured were hurt in jumping.

KAY TO CALL FOR WARRANTS MONDAY

SALEM, Ore., April 17.—State Treasurer Kay is preparing today to issue a call Monday for all outstanding warrants endorsed prior to January 1, 1914. These warrants amount to about \$425,000. This will leave \$675,000 of warrants still outstanding and drawing interest at the rate of six per cent.

HUERTA WANTS WAR WITH AMERICA FLOOD'S SUSPICION

WASHINGTON, April 17.—"While I have no official advice to strengthen my belief," said Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee today, commenting on the United Press' Mexico City despatch to the effect that President Huerta wants hostilities between Mexico and the United States, "I have suspected for some time that Huerta wants war with this country. He might be planning to prevent the salute at Tampico after our vessels arrive, although I have no information from Mexico or from the Washington administration to make me believe he plans such a course."

EUGENE GUN CLUB WINS STATE PRIZE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—With an average of 117.3 out of a possible 125, the Eugene Gun club team is the winner today of the silver trophy of the Interstate Gun club tournament which closed last Sunday. Scores made by the other teams were: Joseph, 117; Grants Pass, 116.3; Donald, 115.2; Salem, 111.2; Bend, 106.3; Corvallis, 105.2; Condon, 105. At last Sunday's shoot Grants Pass made the highest team score with a total of 124 out of a possible 125.

Pioneer Saloonist Dead

BAKER, Or., April 17.—William Wadsworth, wealthy saloonman, injured by an automobile Wednesday night, is dead today. He was 57 years old, unmarried and had lived in Baker thirty years.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Fair tonight and Saturday, except showers northwest portion; warmer tonight east portion; south to westerly winds.

SALUTE ENDS TAMPICO INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Tampico incident will be disposed of as soon as President Huerta has the American flag saluted, but the possibility of trouble in Mexico City will not, it was being remarked, today in administration circles here.

In fact, many inclined to think that probability was a better word to use than possibility. The trouble was looked for, at the latest, when General Villa reaches the capital. Military men figured that this would be done in about two weeks. If his arrival is unattended by danger to foreign lives and property they declared it would be surprising.

HUERTA WANTS AMERICAN WAR TO SAVE SELF

Dictator Believes Attack by Americans Would Solidify Mexican People in Support of His Otherwise Doomed Government.

Serious New Complications Arise in Connection With Tampico Incident Due to Huerta's Hagglng.

MEXICO CITY, April 17.—President Huerta wants the United States to declare war against Mexico.

This was his object throughout the negotiations concerning the Tampico incident. He has been in almost constant conference with his cabinet and with congress.

It became known today that he wishes war between the United States and Mexico because he believes it would solidify the Mexican people in support of his otherwise doomed government.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—That serious new complications had arisen in connection with the Tampico incident became evident this afternoon. They were due to President Huerta's hagglng over the form of the United States' acknowledgement of the Mexicans' salute to the American flag.

Two Stories Current

Two stories were current. One was that Huerta insisted that the American salute be fired or at least that alternate shots be fired from the Mexican and American guns.

Another was that he demanded also that the federal commander at Tampico be received with a marine guard and the regular flourishes due to his rank, on board the American warship designated to reply to his salute.

It was stated that Secretary Bryan had telegraphed to Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy that the United States would insist on the firing of the salute in conformity with strict naval custom, with the American acknowledgment following after the last Mexican gun had been discharged.

Still Hope for Peace

The cabinet session today was longer than usual, and while it was in progress, several messages were received at the state department and rushed at once to Bryan. Their contents, however, was not divulged.

Presidential Private Secretary Tammity said he could issue no statement further than to say that administration still hoped the salute would be fired in the form demanded by the United States.

"Things are encouraging," said Secretary of State Bryan later, "but unfinished."

A further exchange of dispatches between President Wilson and Huerta would be necessary, before the flag-saluting ceremonies can be gone through with.

At the navy department it was said the situation still presented a difficult problem for the United States government, but departmental officials did not think it likely warships would be used yet.

Peace in Sight

Besides the cabinet meeting Secretary Bryan had a personal conference with President Wilson. The secretary had received from Mexico City Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy's despatch yesterday accepting Huerta's proposition for an exchange of salutes, and the latest communication seemed to have injected some new feature into the situation.

CONNECTICUT MURDERESS WHO IS GRANTED NEW TRIAL AFTER RECEIVING DEATH SENTENCE



RIGHT TO LEFT: CORA BELL WAKEFIELD, HENRY FLEW AND GEORGE WAKEFIELD



MRS. BESSIE J. WAKEFIELD

WEATHERSFORD, Conn., April 17.—Mrs. Bessie Wakefield, convicted of the murder of her husband and sentenced to death, was not notified until today of the action of the state supreme court last night in granting her a new trial.

"Thank God!" she sobbed. "I feel certain that the next trial will result in my acquittal."

BULL MOOSER RAVES; DESIRES BANDIT SALUTE

WASHINGTON, April 17.—"If we return the Mexican salute," declared Congressman Murdock of Kansas, the progressive house leader, "we might just as well shoot off a few guns in memory of Robin Hood, Jesse James, Raisuli or any other bandit."

"I don't believe President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan had given the proposition careful thought when they said they would be following international usage if they returned Huerta's salute," said Congressman Cooper.

"International" means between nations. In this case there is only one nation involved—the United States.

"The whole thing is simple enough," said Congressman Rainey. "In saluting the Mexican flag we would not be recognizing Huerta. We would be recognizing only that there is a republic of Mexico, with a flag that has been used for many years. We would merely be saluting that flag."

Cranes Worry Farmers

LA GRANDE, Or., April 17.—Sandhill cranes are becoming a pest to farmers of Grande Ronde valley. Although protected by the federal game laws, the birds are devastating acre after acre of wheat fields in this valley.

O'SHAUGHNESSY INSPIRATION FOR HUERTA'S REPLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—It seems likely that Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy, the American diplomatic representative in Mexico, will come in for some interrogation in connection with the settlement of the Tampico incident. Senators and members of the lower house alike were asking:

"Did Huerta propose an American response to his salute of the Stars and Stripes or did O'Shaughnessy suggest it to him?"

There was no question that considerable soreness existed over this arrangement. If the idea was Huerta's own, the indications seemed to be, however, that it would be accepted without much further argument. If, on the other hand, it was O'Shaughnessy's, the prospect was that he was due for some severe criticism.

The navy regulations, it was pointed out, forbid a "salute of honor to any nation or to any official of any nation not formally recognized by the government of the United States." Supporters of the administration said, however, that in saluting the Mexican colors in response to the Mexicans' salute of the American flag, the United States will not be saluting Huerta, but the entire Mexican people.

The president and the cabinet discussed the situation at a meeting this forenoon.

CALLS FLAG, RAG, WOMEN COMPELL GIRL TO SALUTE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—With mighty battleships plowing through foaming seas toward Tampico and with Nelson O'Shaughnessy holding down the lid in Mexico City, Portland had a Mexican situation all its own today.

It was a replica in miniature of the big Mexican situation and a salute to the flag was the outstanding feature.

A girl employed in the National Laundry remarked to a girl operative that the Mexicans would be fools to salute a "rag" like the American flag.

Girls and women left mangle and iron and the Mexican sympathizer was given to understand there would be war unless she retracted her words and saluted the flag. She refused for a time and excitement ran high, but like Mexico she finally temporized and the salute was forthcoming.

WEST IN FIELD FOR TAXPAYERS

SALEM, Ore., April 17.—That he will take personal charge of a campaign for initiating constitutional amendments and measures intended to bring relief to the taxpayers after the primary election May 15 was the announcement of Governor West today.

These measures will provide for the abolishment or consolidation of various offices and boards and commissions which he believes are useless or extravagant under existing conditions.

YOUNG WIFE GUTS AGED MATE'S THROAT

SPOKANE, Wash., April 17.—After slashing the throat of her aged husband, severing his jugular vein, Mrs. Carrie Sheppard attempted to take her own life in a like manner in their little home at Hilliard, a Spokane suburb, early today. Sheppard died shortly afterward, after telling of his wife's act. Mrs. Sheppard probably will live. She is much younger than her husband, whom she recently married.

MARKET PRICES RISE AND FALL

NEW YORK, April 17.—Prices were raised all around at the opening of the stock market today as the result of active bidding. The only important stock falling to show an initial gain was Reading. Advances of from 1 to 2 points were made by Canadian Pacific, Westinghouse, Southern Pacific, Utah Copper, American Tobacco and Can.