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SHOTS FIRED AT THE FLEEING PRESIDENT

Final Story of Downfall of Madriz Received at Washington from Nicaragua.

CROWDS SEND UP CHEERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Disorders Preceding the Ousting of the Chief Executive Are Recounted. Guards Quit Penitentiary and Seven Hundred Prisoners Are Set at Liberty—New Temporary Ruler Is

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The final word telling of the passing into history of the Madriz government at Managua, was received at the state department today in an official dispatch from American Consul Olivares, stationed at Managua.

The message was dated 11 p. m. Saturday. It told of the disorder that preceded the downfall of Madriz at Managua, the escape of the defeated president from the city as shots were fired at his train and the assumption of the presidency and the command of the local troops by brothers of the revolutionary leader, General Juan Estrada.

A message from General Juan Estrada promised for Nicaragua to make reparation for the shooting of Cannon and Groce, the Americans executed by Zelaya, as military prisoners. Officials of the penitentiary at Managua, where 700 prisoners were confined, called at the American consulate on Friday night and voluntarily made affidavits to the effect that the commandant of the prison had hatched up a plot to blow up the institution and its inmates in the event of the downfall of the Madriz faction. It was in this penitentiary that William Pittman, the American engineer, was confined.

Pittman Taken from Prison.
The American and foreign consuls at Managua promptly laid the matter before Dr. Madriz, who undertook to look into the charges. The president said he would guarantee that the plot would be nipped. Not satisfied with the guarantee Consul Olivares asked for and obtained the removal of Pittman to the consulate, where he was being sheltered at the time the dispatch was sent.

On Saturday morning, Madriz dismissed the commandant of the prison. Before Madriz had abandoned his office that afternoon, the prison, left without guards, had emptied its inmates into the streets. About six hundred of the seven hundred prisoners had been arrested for political reasons. Many of them obtained rifles and roamed the streets. In some cases, firing upon troops of the Madriz faction.

Estrada Takes Command.
As soon as Madriz left, General Aurelio Estrada, a brother of the revolutionary leader, General Juan Estrada, took command of the local troops to police the city. His forces consisted of a mixture of troops of the liberal party and volunteers of the conservative party, whose rivalry the consul said, caused some embarrassment.

After Madriz left the city for Corinto, on a train in a fusillade of shots, crowds gathered around the American consulate, and during Saturday night cheered for the government and the people of the United States.

Consul Olivares cabled to the state department this proclamation, which Jose D. Estrada issued upon succeeding Madriz:

Issues Proclamation.
"To the Nicaraguans, Fellow Countrymen:
"Called to the exercise of the presidency in accordance with the provisions of our constitution, I have taken charge of the provisional command of the republic in times of difficulty and sorrow for the mother country. In so doing I have had nothing in mind but to assist, as far as it lay in my power, in restoring peace so as to bring at once to an end the shedding of blood and thus open an era of reconciliation which may stop the misfortunes that are now rending the national honor.

"My object then, is exclusively to guarantee order to society, while I turn over to which end I have already taken appropriate steps. I therefore hope, in my disinterested and loyal efforts that I may rely on the co-operation of the good sons of Nicaragua and I entreat them to lend me their support, as the only sure means of satisfactorily discharging the sacred duty which, to my mind, patriotism imposes upon me.

FIRES STILL RAGING; DEATH LIST GROWS

Fifty Square Miles Already Swept by Forest Flames in West.

FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS ARE BELIEVED ROASTED

Conflagration Spreads Over Sections of Several States and People Are Fleeing for Safety—Four Families Escape by Wading Fifteen Miles in Creek, Carrying Man on Stretcher.

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, WASH., Aug. 23.—Near the whole Panhandle of Idaho, timbered mountain country, is on fire and it is possible that four hundred persons may have perished. United States Forest Supervisor W. R. Weigle has not heard from 400 of his men who were in the burning woods and he fears they have perished.

The other loss of life is estimated at one hundred. The mining town of Wardner is almost surrounded by flames and miners are out fighting the fire.

The fires in the Cour D'Alene national forest are beyond control and timber, worth millions of dollars, is burning.

The fires on the Cour D'Alene Indian reservation are checked, as are those of Palouse national forest.

Along the St. Joe river, which runs through what is described as the largest body of standing white pine timber in the United States, there is a continuous fire from Plummer to a point in Montana.

Sweeps Over Forty Miles.
The United States is the largest loser. Next in importance are the losses sustained by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railroad, which has suffered destruction of bridges, buildings and timber lands for forty miles.

The fires along the Northern Pacific in western Montana have diminished. The Pen D'Oreille valley, heavily timbered, is on fire in several places and loss of life is feared. It is difficult to get news from that region.

Dispatches state that four soldiers of company G, Twenty-fifth infantry (colored) are missing, and also that a number of families near Avery have been burned out and many persons are dead of missing. Railroad employes at Avery say that all the Ritter Root Mountains are burning and that the entire Cour D'Alene national forest may be destroyed.

Wade Fifteen Miles.
Four families of homesteaders, reported burned to death, on La Tour creek, Kootenai county, Idaho, escaped to St. Joe, wading fifteen miles along the bed of the creek with fire burning down to the water's edge forcing the refugees frequently to submerge themselves when the flames reached their faces. An old man in the party was borne on a stretcher all the way.

While 600 forest rangers are missing in Idaho and Montana, it is possible that most of them will escape death. The telephone lines through the national forests have been destroyed or interrupted and the rangers might be safe, but unable to report.

WOMAN CONFESSES SHE DIDN'T TELL TRUTH

Baggage of Massachusetts Couple Is Seized by Customs Officers at New York.

CAMERON PETERSBURG'S MAYOR

Prominent Banker Succeeds the Late W. M. Jones.

(By Associated Press)
PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 23.—George Cameron, Jr., president of the National Bank of Petersburg, was tonight elected mayor of this city to fill the unexpired term (two years) of the late mayor W. M. Jones.

Mr. Cameron opposed by Attorney Paul Pettit and Captain E. H. Patterson, was chosen on the second ballot by vote of 17 to 16, at a special joint meeting of the board of aldermen and common council. On the first ballot Mr. Pettit was eliminated.

Cuban Conditions All Right.
(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—George M. Brant, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., but for the past ten years publisher of the Havana Post, arrived in New York from Havana today.

"Conditions in Cuba are one hundred per cent better than people in the States think," said Mr. Brant. "Up here they are inclined to get excited over reports of revolutionary movements that we don't know exist until a copy of an American newspaper falls into our hands."

YOUNG BEATS MAYNARD

Second District Congressman Loses the Nomination.

MAJORITY VERY SMALL

With Two Small Precincts to Hear From, Former Representative Leads Incumbent by 210 Votes—Maynard Refuses to Concede Defeat.

(By Associated Press)
NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 23.—With only two small precincts to hear from, returns from all over the Second congressional district indicate the nomination of William A. Young as the Democratic candidate for congress over Congressman Harry L. Maynard, who has represented the district in the house of representatives for ten years.

Young's majority without the two missing precincts is 210. The missing precincts, both in Norfolk county, will probably increase his majority to about 250.

Maynard Still Hopeful.
Congressman Maynard refused to concede his defeat at midnight, despite the fact that the missing precincts, even if in his favor, cannot change the result materially.

Elected Twice Before.
William A. Young has twice before been elected to congress from this district but was unseated both times by a Republican congress on the ground that negroes were not allowed to vote in some sections. Since the constitution of Virginia has practically barred the ignorant negro from participating in elections, Young's nomination today practically assures his election in November.

Taft FAVORS SOME CUTS IN THE TARIFF

President's Keynote for the Coming Campaign is Made Public.

WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR FURTHER REVISION

Chief Executive Still Believes Payne-Aldrich Measure the Best Yet, But Reaches Conclusion There is Room for Improvement—Regarded as Most Shrewd Political Move.

(By Associated Press)
BEVERLY, MASS., Aug. 23.—President Taft's keynote for the coming campaign became known here today. The President will favor further revision of the tariff.

While he is still convinced that the Payne-Aldrich law is the best tariff law the country has had up to this time, he has at last reached the conclusion that there is room for improvement.

Mr. Taft does not propose that this shall be upset by another wholesale revision, but he will recommend to congress that individual schedules in the tariff system be taken up separately and be disposed of on a scientific basis.

The new revision is to be based upon the findings of the tariff commission as to the cost of production at home and abroad. Only a fair profit is to be allowed the American producer.

"Extortionate and unreasonable" profits, the President declares, are to be tolerated no longer.

Give Position in Letter.
The President has stated this fact and has outlined his position in detail in the letter he has sent to Representative McKinley, of Illinois, for publication in the resolution congressional text book. The letter was mailed from Beverly yesterday. The time of making it public has been left entirely to the judgment of the committee.

Political observers regard this move as about the shrewdest that has been made during the present administration. It offers an excellent opportunity for the insurgents and regulars to get together in the campaign and President Taft is anxious to find a ground upon which the factions could meet without embarrassment to either.

With the creation of the tariff board under the Payne-Aldrich act and the enlargement of its power by provision of the last congress, the President believes the way has been opened to put the tariff on a scientific basis for the first time in the history of the country.

Plan of Procedure.
Mr. Taft proposes to obviate opening the whole tariff act, to recommend to congress that before any schedule is taken up for further consideration, a rule shall be passed both by the house and by the senate providing that amendments to a certain schedule of the tariff shall be in order, and that any amendments not germane to that particular schedule shall be declared out of order.

The President already has had two conferences with Chairman H. C. Emery, of the tariff commission, this summer.

The first of these was on board the yacht Mayflower at Bar Harbor late in July and the second was at Burgess Point two weeks ago. The President proposes to have the entire tariff board meet him in Beverly some time in September.

SMITH LEADS BROWN IN GEORGIA ELECTION

Returns Indicate Defeat for the Present Governor of State.

TEN THOUSAND PERSONS CHEER THE EX-PRESIDENT

Colonel Begins His Western Tour by Making Speech at Summer Resort Near Utica—Warmly Endorses Political Enemy of Recently Chosen State Convention Chairman.

(By Associated Press)
ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 23.—Early returns from the Democratic primaries today indicated a hard race between Governor Joseph M. Brown and former Governor Hoke Smith for the gubernatorial nomination, with Smith in the lead and gaining steadily, as the toll by counties increases. Of the first 34 counties reporting, Smith had apparently safe lead in twenty. He carried Fulton county, including the city of Atlanta, by 530 majority.

Cobb county, the home of Governor Brown, early swung into the Smith column. Savannah reported the final count in Burke county for Brown by the extremely narrow margin of four votes and McIntosh county for Smith by 21.

Smith's campaign headquarters here confidently predicted his victory, and the Brown leaders were not less optimistic, but the majority of the political leaders gathered here pointed to the nature of the early returns as significant of a possible Smith victory.

Out of 61 counties reported officially, Smith carried 40.

There are 146 counties and the nomination will go to the candidate securing the majority vote in the coming state convention, the vote being under the county unit rule and each county voting according to today's election returns.

Of the above 61 counties, Smith has carried 29 that two years ago went to Brown and Brown has carried four of the Smith counties of two years ago.

COUNTY OFFICERS INDICTED. Charges Are Preferred Against Five North Carolina Commissioners.
(By Associated Press)
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 23.—A warrant containing four counts has been issued against the five members of the Granville county commissioners, all Democrats, charging them with failure to discharge their duties as commissioners.

It is alleged that they failed to publish quarterly statements, failed to elect superintendents of roads and road supervisors.

It is alleged that the prosecution is political. A Durham law firm has been engaged to prosecute. The commissioners say they will be able to establish innocence.

Auto Runs Into Train.
Three Persons are Killed by Crash in New York.
Nine Are Badly Injured.
Machine Dashes Into Side of Moving Cars at Railroad Crossing and is Hurled Down Steep Embankment—Flat Car Piles on Wreck.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Three persons were killed and nine were severely hurt today when an automobile crashed into the side of a construction train on the Long Island railroad at the Merick road crossing at Springfield, Queensborough. Four others were less seriously injured. Both the automobile and the construction train were wrecked.

FIRES FIRST SHOT IN NEW YORK FIGHT

Roosevelt Comes Out Squarely in Opposition to Vice-President Sherman.

TEN THOUSAND PERSONS CHEER THE EX-PRESIDENT

Colonel Begins His Western Tour by Making Speech at Summer Resort Near Utica—Warmly Endorses Political Enemy of Recently Chosen State Convention Chairman.

(By Associated Press)
UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Theodore Roosevelt wound up the first day of his pilgrimage into the West by placing himself directly in opposition to Vice-President Sherman.

Speaking today in the vice-president's own county, he warmly endorsed State Senator Frederick Davenport, who is a staunch progressive and whom Mr. Sherman has said that he would not support. Mr. Sherman was out of town today and did not see Colonel Roosevelt.

It was late in the afternoon when Colonel Roosevelt reached Summit Park, ten miles west of here, a summer resort overlooking the Mohawk river. Ten thousand persons who attended the Grange picnic there today were waiting for him and raised a cheer as the ex-president appeared on the platform.

At every stopping place along the way from New York to Utica the colonel was cheered, but the roar of applause which went up from the throng at the park shook the pavilion.

Colonel Roosevelt spied Senator Davenport at once and greeted him warmly. As soon as he began his speech he turned to the senator and said:

"I am glad to see you on the platform, Senator Davenport. The only kind of politics I care for is the kind of politics in which decency is combined with efficiency. I hold that the only way in which a politician can really serve his party is by helping that party to serve the people. Because the senator and the men who have acted with him have stood for this principle I am glad to be on the platform with him."

There was more cheering as the colonel uttered these words. When he could be heard again he added:

"You will at least notice that my utterances are free from ambiguity. His talk to the farmers. As soon as it was over he hurried off to the Henderson House at Jordanville, Herkimer county, the home of his brother-in-law, Douglas Robinson, of New York. He will remain there until tomorrow night when he will start for Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Senator Davenport made a speech after Colonel Roosevelt had concluded. He said the colonel had been his ideal and that he expected him to represent the heart and conscience of the great body of the people.

After a talk with Mr. Sherman on August 5, Senator Davenport at that time said:

Vice-President Sherman has made it clear that he was not for me and he has said that I should not be re-nominated.

GIRL PLEADS UNWRITTEN LAW

New Orleans Young Woman is Cleared of Murder Charge.

MISS STEEL TO MARRY COYNT

Paris, Aug. 23.—The approaching marriage of Count Jean De La Grasse to Miss Edwano H. Steele, daughter of Charles Steele of New York, was announced here today. The marriage will take place at New York. The count is an attaché of the French ministry of foreign affairs.

(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 23.—With the unwritten law as her plea, Mamie McLaughlin, 18-years-old, charged with the murder of Hugh Smith, today, was declared not guilty by a jury.

The girl said she killed Smith because he had betrayed her. Smith was a politician and saloonkeeper. The girl, who is an orphan, was supported by the Era Club, an organization of New Orleans women.

Redemption Fund Reduced.
(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—National banks will be required to maintain only a five per cent redemption fund against emergency issues of currency which may be made under the Aldrich-Vreeland act, according to a ruling which the treasury department is about to promulgate. This ruling will reverse a former one made on June 20, 1908, which fixed the amount at ten per cent.

First Step in Fight.
Senator Davenport supported the direct nomination bill in the legislature and has been a warm supporter of Governor Hughes' policies. Colonel Roosevelt's move in endorsing him is regarded as his first step in the New York state fight.

In his prepared speech Colonel Roosevelt dealt with the problems of life in the country and how to solve them.

The colonel kept his hearers in good spirits with his epigrams, some of which were not down in his speech.