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MADERO AND SUAREZ ARE ASSASSINATED

Foreign Diplomats Demand Explanation

CITY EXPERTS GO TO WASHINGTON WITH WATER DATA

City Attorney Long and Engineer O'Shaughnessy Depart Today for Capital to Answer All the Questions Fisher May Ask on the Grant of Hetch Hetchy

MAYOR ANXIOUS FOR IMMEDIATE RULING

After Conference Rolph Decides to Rush Representatives East to Give Facts on Park Project—Secretary to Be Asked to Approve Plan Before March 4th

City Attorney Long and City Engineer O'Shaughnessy will depart for Washington today to be present to answer all questions regarding the legal and engineering phases of the Hetch Hetchy water proposition that Secretary of the Interior Fisher may see fit to ask.

Mayor Rolph, after a conference with Mr. Long and Mr. O'Shaughnessy last night, came to the conclusion that the Hetch Hetchy decision by the secretary is so vital to San Francisco and other bay cities that every possible point of argument must be promptly met.

At present in Washington is John R. Freeman, the city's expert, and it is believed by the mayor that Mr. Freeman's hand should be strengthened by the presence of the city attorney and city engineer, both of whom are thoroughly familiar with the water situation.

FISHER RULING TO BE URGED

The mayor realizes that there is little time to spare in urging the approval of the findings of the United States army engineers. The approach of the end of the Taft administration makes it imperative that Secretary Fisher be impressed with the necessity of rendering an opinion before he leaves the cabinet, the mayor thinks. To go over the ground with the new administration, no matter how favorable it might be toward San Francisco, would entail a large expenditure of money and loss of much valuable time.

The mayor, who has been constantly in touch with the situation and has been urging action, determined that it would be fatal not to make an immediate reply to any of the secretary's questions through a strong delegation of city representatives.

FEARS FISHER MAY PASS IT OVER

Mr. Rolph expects any moment a favorable answer from the department of the interior, but there is still the possibility of delay owing to the pressure of business upon the secretary in preparing to retire. From Washington sources it has been learned that Secretary Fisher may wait one week before giving his consent to the Hetch Hetchy project, but there is also an unconfirmed rumor that he may leave the matter to be settled by his predecessor.

City Attorney Long and Engineer O'Shaughnessy will take with them all data concerning the Hetch Hetchy that the city possesses.

Expert Freeman has explained to Secretary Fisher the difference in cost of the McCloud river project and that

WORSHIPPERS SEE MAN END HIS LIFE

Women Scream as Santa Barbara Waiter Drinks Poison Before Crowd Leaving Church

(By Federal Wireless) SANTA BARBARA, Feb. 23.—In the presence of a large crowd of worshippers, who were leaving Trinity Episcopal church this morning, Bert Maligny, a waiter, drank poison and in a moment was writhing in pain on the sidewalk. Women screamed as they looked upon the tragedy. He was removed to a hospital, where he died. Maligny had often said he had been ostracized by his parents in London, his father being a banker. Maligny is survived by a widow and one child.

ECUADOR CITY ROCKED BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

Streets of Guayaquil Thronged With Panic Stricken Men and Women, Who Pray

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Feb. 23.—This city was violently shaken at 9:40 o'clock last night by an earthquake of long duration. The tremor lasted about 70 seconds. The inhabitants rushed from their houses, and the streets soon were thronged with panic stricken men and women, many of them kneeling in prayer. Four more slight shocks were felt later in the night.

VICTIMS OF MEXICAN VENGEANCE
Francisco I. Madero, deposed chief executive of Mexico (upper portrait), and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed vice president, who were assassinated yesterday by the soldiers under the command of General Huerta, the provisional president of the vexed republic, and a typical scene of the enthusiastic receptions given to Madero when he was returning to the Mexican capital, after he had defeated the army of President Diaz and driven the latter into exile.



BOTH PRISONERS SHOT IN MIDNIGHT SORTIE

Minions of General Victoriano Huerta Set Trap for Rescue Party and Then Kill Former Officials

SANGUINARY TRAGEDY BLOTS STREETS OF MEXICAN CAPITAL

Heads of Provisional Government Deplore Terrible Affair, but People Are Skeptical and Theory of Foul Murder Spreads Like Wildfire

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.—The expected has happened.

Provisional President Victoriano Huerta has slain the deposed president, Francisco I. Madero.

Former Vice President Jose Pino Suarez was shot and killed with his chief. Huerta's agents are trying to evade responsibility for this barbarous double murder by claiming that a Maderista attempt to rescue the prisoners on the way from the national palace to the federal district penitentiary compelled the guards to turn their guns upon Madero and Suarez.

The official statement of the provisional government recounts that the shooting occurred while Madero and Suarez were "trying to escape."

Major Cardenas and two other officers of the guard "detailed to protect the prisoners" have been arrested.

DOUBLE KILLING OCCURS AT MIDNIGHT

This latest crime of the Mexican civil war occurred just after midnight. The bodies of Madero and Suarez were rushed to the penitentiary.

Huerta has denied the appeal of Senora Madero that she be permitted to remove the corpse of her husband for burial. A like refusal has been made to the family of Suarez.

The city is in an uproar and it is feared that all Maderistas are to be seized and shot.

Provisional President Huerta has given full authority to the military prosecutor general to act without restraint.

"I shall rule with an iron hand," Huerta declared today.

It was not for several hours after the killing of the former heads of the government that the tragic news leaked out.

Huerta and his adherents feared to face the storm of indignation and rushed precautionary measures before admitting the truth.

PRISONERS TRANSFERRED "WITHOUT INCIDENT"

It was announced at the palace to the foreign correspondents that Madero and Suarez had arrived at their prison "without incident."

When it was impossible to prolong concealment, the correspondents and Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson were called to the palace and the official account given out.

This account says that at midnight a small guard was sent to the palace to escort the deposed president and vice president to the penitentiary.

A large automobile was in waiting.

Into this Madero and Suarez were hurried.

Major Cardenas and several other army officers got into the car with them. The car started off escorted by a cavalry guard and other soldiers in automobiles.

A large force of Maderistas, it is claimed, was secreted in a building about two-thirds of the way toward the prison.

"An attempt was made to halt the automobiles and liberate the prisoners. The attack was repulsed."

The official report fails to state how Madero and Suarez were killed, but it since has been learned from reliable sources that on the first shot fired by their friends both were shot and killed in their seats by the officers accompanying them.

ANARCHY FOLLOWS CHAOS

Political chaos has reached the last point of anarchy in Mexico.

The revolt in the provinces continues to spread with alarming rapidity.

The bloody climax of the Huerta-Diaz counter revolution has stunned the vast majority of the people of this city. Although warned to keep within their homes and avoid the semblance of demonstration, crowds constantly are gathering to be driven from the streets by the armed soldiers of the provisional president.

Huerta is making good his threat to "rule with an iron hand."

His troops are everywhere—blustering, belligerent.

The remaining Maderistas in Mexico City are sullen and angry.

It is evident, however, from their attitude that swift and terrible revenge will be sought for the slaying of former President Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, following the execution

CLEAR MYSTERY OF DEATH; WARNING TO DE LA BARRA

Tragic Event Creates Grave Fears in Official Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson telegraphed to the state department tonight that Francisco de la Barra, minister for foreign affairs, had invited all foreign diplomats in Mexico City to take luncheon with him tomorrow. The ambassador stated that none of the diplomats would attend the luncheon unless the tragic death early today of former President Francisco I. Madero and former Vice President Pino Suarez is cleared of mystery.

This decision on the part of the diplomatic corps in the Mexican capital indicates the gravity of the situation which will confront the Huerta government should it fail to clear the mystery in which the killing of Madero and Suarez still is enveloped.

No official comment was forthcoming here tonight on statements relating to the tragedy

GOLD RUSH IS BEGUN IN ALUM ROCK CANYON

Amateur Treasure Hunters Overran Foothills Following Strike in Santa Clara County

(Special Dispatch to The Call) SAN JOSE, Feb. 23.—As a result of the reported discovery of gold in Alum Rock canyon through development work of the Peninsular electric in that section, the eastern foothills during the last three days have been overrun with excited amateur treasure seekers. J. H. Harrell, a San Jose business man, has just filed on a quartz claim of 20 acres in the canyon, and assays by the Selby Smelting company experts show that samples taken from the top of the ledge run \$46.42 to the ton.

CALL FIRST TO SPREAD NEWS

The New Call yesterday again demonstrated its alertness and ability to do things when it gave to San Francisco and Oakland the news of the assassination of Madero and Suarez ONE-HALF HOUR AHEAD OF ANY OTHER SAN FRANCISCO NEWSPAPER.

This extra was followed by others giving the view Washington took of the tragedy.

Summoned from their homes, the mechanical staff of The Call, that had put in a strenuous night in producing the big annual "Smoke Stack" number, the linotype men, the stereotypers and the pressmen soon had the presses turning out Call extras. The superintendent of circulation was on hand with his scores of young salesmen, who spread out over the city, while taxicabs were on hand to carry bundles of papers to the Presidio and Golden Gate park for the usual Sunday crowds.

All parts of the city were served in remarkably short time—long before the presses of any of the other newspapers turned over.

The distribution of The New Call containing the biggest news event of weeks ran into the thousands.

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