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GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMED BY MADERO

LEADER OF MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS SETS HIMSELF UP AS PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC.

FIERCE FIGHTING SEEN AT TORREON

GOVERNMENT SAID TO HAVE REPULSED REVOLUTIONISTS, BUT NOT UNTIL A LARGE NUMBER HAD BEEN KILLED.

Cuidad Porfirio Diaz, Mexico, Nov. 23.—Francisco Madero has proclaimed himself "president of the provisional government of Mexico" and admonishes his followers not to commit overt acts against Americans nor damage the property of foreigners. Madero's proclamation is being generally circulated today throughout northern Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 23.—At 5:30 this morning there was a lull in the fighting at Torreon, with the government forces in full control of the city. Wild scenes of disorder marked the night and the death list is estimated at sixty or seventy, largely from the insurgent side. The revolutionists lack organization and leadership and their supply of arms and ammunition is limited. The fighting has already ceased at Chihuahua. The insurgents are massed outside the city and have control of a large territory. Government forces and property owners are in possession of the city. All is quiet at Mexico City, Puebla, Orizaba and Pachuca.

Passengers arriving here on the Mexican train and members of the train crew deny that Torreon fell into the hands of the revolutionists. In the attack on the town they say the invaders are using one or two pieces of artillery that had been captured at Gomez Palacio, but Torreon has not been taken.

A report earlier in the morning said that fighting had been going on at Torreon since early evening. A crowd of 2,000 revolutionists were on the river front opposite the city and 600 soldiers were engaged against them from the city side.

Large numbers of rebels are reported killed and most of them are unarmed. The Mexican Central right of way is being kept clear by soldiers and marines.

Chihuahua is reported in great danger. It being estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 revolutionists are gathered between the city and the plant of the American Smelting and Refining company.

All responsible citizens, the report said, were armed, and expecting to be attacked at any moment and crowds of defenders were said to occupy the tops of all banks, churches and large buildings throughout the city.

Diaz Shows Firm Hand. Mexico City, Nov. 23.—President Diaz will do no more than sympathize with political malcontents captured in Mexico.

Just before the federal telegraph wires leading to the various sections of the county were cut by revolutionists the order was carried over them to the commander of every military zone and to all local authorities to arrest and imprison every man who is under suspicion of being a participant in the seditious movement against the central government.

As a result of this order thousands of citizens, including many who belong to the business class, have been placed in jail during the last twenty-four hours.

Rigid Orders to Soldiers. The order also was issued by President Diaz that whenever a number of persons congregate upon a street or in a building without a permit from the proper authorities, it is the duty of police or federal troops to fire upon them if they do not immediately disperse when called upon to do so.

The army, as a whole, is standing loyally by the government. The few desertions and revolts of small and isolated garrisons are looked upon as portending no general dissatisfaction on the part of the military.

Conspiracy at Capital. Documents found in the house of a revolutionist are said to have revealed a conspiracy for the wholesale assassination of prominent government officers, including Foreign Minister Coel, Vice President Carral and other prominent Mexicans, among them Editor Spindola, owner of El Imparcial.

President Diaz was to be taken, but his life spared because of his past services to the country. The bodies of those killed were to be suspended from electric light wires in the streets. The

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New York May Get More Congressmen as Result of Census

Washington, D. C., Nov. 23.—The population of the state of New York is 9,113,279, an increase of 1,844,385. On the present basis of apportionment New York state will gain eight or nine representatives in the lower house of congress.

The population of the state of Ohio is 4,767,121, an increase of 609,576.

BUSY DAY FOR TAFT

Richmond Hosts Plan Busy Day for the President; Returns Home Tonight. Richmond, Va., Nov. 23.—President Taft's Richmond hosts had the chief executive up bright and early this morning and started on a program which gave no promise of a spare moment up to the hour of his scheduled departure for Washington this evening at 8:30. He breakfasted with Gov. Mann at the executive mansion. At 12:30 the president was escorted to the Jefferson Davis monument where he reviewed the cadets of the Virginia Polytechnic institute and the Richmond Blues. Then he was taken for an automobile trip and later was the guest of 250 citizens of Richmond at luncheon.

HIGH COURT DENIES WRIT

Supersedes Sought By Iowa Saloon Men Turned Down By Justice Lurton.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Assistant Attorney General Cosson today received word from Washington that Associate Justice Lurton of the United States supreme court has refused to issue a writ of superedeas pending the appeal of certain liquor cases from Boone, Marshall and Carroll counties. Ben Salinger has appealed the cases to the supreme court holding the prohibition law unconstitutional, and had Justice Lurton issue the writ requested. Cosson could have been expected any day in Iowa. As the cases now stand, the saloon men will have to await the decision of the United States supreme court.

CHICAGOANS VISIT DAM

Financiers Interested in Plan of Harnessing Mississippi at Keokuk Look Project Over.

Keokuk, Nov. 23.—Chicago capitalists who are financially interested in the project of harnessing the Mississippi river at this point by the longest dam in the world, visited the scene of preliminary activities yesterday afternoon.

In the party were W. I. Osborn, Joy Morton, R. H. McElwee, C. T. Boynton, George H. Caldwell, Charles J. Horn, William W. Chalmers, E. A. Potter and George Higginson, Jr.

The Chicago financiers are interested to the extent of about \$4,000,000, while the dam complete will cost \$25,000,000. Work is going on extensively on the Illinois side and will be begun on the Iowa side on Dec. 1.

SHOOTS WOMAN; SUICIDES

Former Illinois Merchant Kills His Supposed Wife and Then Shoots Self.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 23.—Charles Leathers, aged 45, a once prosperous merchant of Glasgow, Ill., shot and killed his supposed wife, Anna Leathers, at the residence of Harry Willis in this city today, and then committed suicide. Since Leathers arrived in Peoria the woman made frequent visits to the Willis home, where she was introduced as his wife.

SEES A FOOD TRUST

Mayor Hanna Asks Grand Jury to Investigate Price Combination at Capital.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Mayor Hanna while considering the ordinance to repeal the ordinance charging peddlers a heavy tax has arrived at the conclusion there is a trust of wholesale and retail grocers to keep up prices and urges the grand jury to investigate.

CLOWRY LEAVES WESTERN

President of Telegraph Company Resigns and Telephone Head Takes His Place.

New York, Nov. 23.—President Clowry of the Western Union Telegraph Co., resigned today and Theodore N. Vall, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., which controls the Western Union, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—W. L. Brown, manager of Chamberlin hotel today announced he would build a new ten-story hotel, the best in the state, north of the Chamee in the spring. It will cost at least \$100,000.

DR. CRIPPEN IS HANGED FOR WIFE MURDER

CALMNESS DISPLAYED BY AMERICAN DURING TRIAL GAVE WAY TO PANIC AS LAST HOURS ON EARTH DREW NEAR.

LED TO THE SCAFFOLD IN NERVOUS COLLAPSE

DOOMED MAN PASSES A RESTLESS NIGHT AND LEFT BREAKFAST UNTOUCHED; PRIEST AND LAWYER AND TYPIST SEE HIM.

CONDEMN THIRTY MILLION TURKS

ESTIMATED THAT NUMBER WILL BE EATEN IN UNITED STATES BEFORE YEAR'S END.

Uncle Sam's pocketbook bows in homage to the lord of the feast at this season. There are no absolute figures extant showing the vast number of turkeys slaughtered each year for the table, but it is estimated that the last census will show a total of 85,000,000 turkeys raised this year in the United States alone. It is safe to estimate that of these 85,000,000 will be consumed between November 24 and January 1. This amounts to practically one turkey for every three persons enumerated on Uncle Sam's census roll.

If these 30,000,000 turkeys were all shipped in one continues train the cars would extend in one line from New York city to Buffalo. Over \$50,000,000 will be spent between now and January 1 for turkeys in the United States.

To Benjamin Franklin is credited the sage observation that the turkey instead of the eagle should have been selected as the emblem of the republic. As a matter of fact, it was the emblem of the Roman republic through its career of conquest and the emblem of France in the arrogant days of the Bonapartes. It is still a part of the emblem of Prussia, Austria and Russia.

The turkey was first introduced into Europe by the Spaniards in the sixteenth century. The origin of the name is not defined, but as all parts of the bird were at one time loosely spoken of as Turkey, it is thought that the bird imported from the Orient derived its name in this manner. It is generally believed that the red head of the male bird suggested the red cap or "fez," worn by the Turks today.

HALTS FLOW OF WEALTH

Inspectors Find \$20,000 in One Get Rich Quick Mail of Burr Brothers.

New York, Nov. 23.—When the postoffice inspectors who raided Burr Brothers' get-rich-quick factory in the Flatiron building sat down to look over the concern's Monday morning mail they found more than \$20,000 in it.

And so slow is the "come-on" to give up hope of 50 per cent dividends that while the inspectors were still busy gathering up the papers and books before locking the office door over the concern's Monday morning mail they found more than \$20,000 in it.

This Monday morning's harvest is supposed to have been the result of the advertisements published last Sunday. The money was enough to bail out the two Burrs if they could have got it. They and F. H. Tobey are still in the Tombs.

MAY BE DOUBLE BOYCOTT

Des Moines Anti-Saloonists Warn Merchants Not to Sign Saloon Men Say They Must.

Des Moines, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—A merry war with a double boycott has resulted from the efforts of the saloon men to solicit a new petition of consent. The anti-saloon league has started a counter petition and has 200 of them in circulation and some of the temperance people are boycotting the merchants who signed the saloon petition. As the result the saloon men declare they will boycott the merchants who do not sign their petition.

This Is the Way the Turk Looks the Day Before Thanksgiving



MURPHY DRAWS \$200 FINE FOR RAW CUB DEAL

BOSS OF THE CHICAGO CUBS IS ASSESSED FOR MISREPRESENTATION IN OTTUMWA GAME SEPT. 9—MAJORS WARNED.

"It is a small sum and we get none of it, but it is nevertheless a slight demonstration to Murphy that he can not misrepresent and it exonerates us from being parties to the raw work," said President F. T. Lynch of the Ottumwa Baseball club when speaking about the National commission's fine of the boss of the Chicago Cubs, Ottumwa's claim for damages in the case was disallowed, but it will prove a piece of good news to the local fans that Murphy must give up at least a part of the wad that he took from this city.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 23.—Because brothers of John Evers and Arthur Hoffman represented these players when the Chicago National league club played at Ottumwa, Ia., on Sept. 9, the national baseball commission has fined the Chicago club \$200. The claim of the Ottumwa management for damages was disallowed because the home team allowed the game to go on and profited by it.

The commission's findings say in part: "The attention of the commission was called to this case by F. T. Lynch, president of the Ottumwa club. He charges that that club and its patrons were deliberately duped by the Chicago National league club and that the prices of admission on the assurance that the Chicago club would send the best lineup that Manager Chance could muster were fixed at \$1 and \$1.25 each. The Chicago club, which was offered \$600 guarantee with the privilege of 50 per cent of the gross receipts, was paid \$1,505 as its part of the receipts.

Brothers are Impersonated. "President Lynch states that many persons traveled over 100 miles in the expectation of seeing Chicago's star players, and that the patrons were indignant on discovering that the Chicago club worked many substitutes. It also developed that instead of John Evers and Arthur Hoffman being in the field, each of these famous players was impersonated by a younger brother without even minor league baseball ability.

"The Ottumwa club submitted in its testimony a photograph of a page of the register of the hotel at Ottumwa on which the names of the Chicago party appear in the same handwriting. Among those names are J. Evers and A. Hoffman, neither of whom was in the city. The clerk of the hotel sends a sworn statement that the names were entered on the register by the representative of the Chicago club. This false registration corroborates the charge of the Ottumwa club that the Chicago club was guilty of gross misrepresentation.

Should Have Notified Club. "If the Chicago club as claimed by President Murphy was unable to send a representative team or a team that was some semblance of its regular team, the Ottumwa team should have been so advised and thereby afforded the chance to call off the game, or at least to notify the public, thereby eliminating the possibility of a double boycott.

WATERWORKS PLANT IS TO BELONG TO CITY

VOTERS OF OTTUMWA YESTERDAY DECIDED TO RATIFY THE ACTION OF COUNCIL IN PURSUING CHASING OF WATER CO.

NORTH SIDE FOR IT; SOUTH SIDE AGAINST

BOND ISSUE CARRIED BY 200 MAJORITY AND PURCHASE PROPOSITION BY 232; MANY WOMEN CAST BALLOTS.

December 1, 1910 the city of Ottumwa will become the owner of the property of the Public Water Co. The voters of Ottumwa yesterday decided by their ballots to ratify the contract entered into by the city and the owners of the plant and upon the delivery of \$5,000 in cash and \$275,000 in bonds on December 1, the deed to all the property of the company in Ottumwa will be turned over to the city.

The total vote on the two propositions follow:
For the contract 1,346
Against the contract 1,114
Majority 232
For the bond 1,300
Against the bond 1,108
Majority 192
Mayor Hartman will appoint a board of trustees consisting of three members, who are to have full charge of the operation of the plant. This board will employ a competent superintendent and such other help as is necessary to operate the plant. This is all made possible by the sentiment expressed yesterday in the seven wards of the city, which ratified the contract and also approved of the bond issue of \$275,000 in payment of the plant. In all the north side wards the two measures carried by varying majorities, while in the two south side wards, both measures were defeated.

The Vote on Contract.
For contract 237
Against contract 173
First ward 237
Second ward 173
Third ward 189
Fourth ward 153
Fifth ward 149
Sixth ward 168
Seventh ward 112
Total 1,215
Majority for contract 201

The Vote on Bond Issue.
For bond 1,300
Against bond 1,108
First ward 237
Second ward 200
Third ward 182
Fourth ward 153
Fifth ward 140
Sixth ward 162
Seventh ward 109
Total 1,178
Majority for bond issue 176

How the Women Voted on Contract.
Wards— For Against
First ward 32 4
Second ward 7 19
Third ward 33 20
Fourth ward 24 13
Fifth ward 10 15
Sixth ward 15 17
Seventh ward 6 16
Total 127
Majority for bond issue, 24.
Hartman is Glad.
There is perhaps no man in the city of Ottumwa more pleased with the result of the election yesterday than Mayor S. P. Hartman. This morning he stated that while he was confident the measures would carry, he was not altogether satisfied until the last ward was heard from last night. "The action of the voters yesterday in ratifying the council's action in purchasing the plant," said the mayor this morning, "is the beginning of the solution of the waterworks problem in Ottumwa, I am unable to announce who will make up the board of trustees today, as I am very much tired out after the strenuous time I have put in during the past month in support of the waterworks purchase. I am very glad that the matter was successful yesterday, and confidently believe that the time is not far distant when Ottumwa will be a city of waterworks."

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CUPID STRONG FOR HOLIDAY

LITTLE LOVE GOD GETS IN GOOD WORK WITH LICENSE CLERK TODAY.

The little god of love that finds pleasure if not profit in bringing the lovers to an understanding, was the chief operating official at the clerk's office today. With a prospect for more to come, this match maker has paired off no less than seven couples for the holiday season. The staff in the office of the clerk hinted that more licenses were likely during the afternoon and that a record would probably be made. The following are the couples given permits to wed: Annette Schafer and Addie Belle Carothers, George Preister and Bertha Schwartzbach, George Mulholland and Isa Smith, Wendell G. Graham and Bertha Myers, Louis Charles Stein and Adelle Anderson, John G. Nichol and Alice E. Robinson, and Clarence E. Thompson and Irene M. Rhoads.

CRESTON MAN INJURED.

John Gardner, Freight House Employee, Falls Between Platform and Freight Car.

Creston, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—John Gardner, employed at the freight house here was seriously injured last night by falling into the runway between a platform and car which he was loading. He was internally injured and it is feared that he will die.

BLUFFS WANT SUNDAY.

Delegation of Ministers From That City Visit Waterloo and Ask Revival.

Waterloo, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—A delegation of Council Bluffs ministers and members of the church were here last night to extend an invitation to Rev. Billy Sunday to hold a evangelistic campaign in that city. No definite answer was given as Rev. Sunday has engagements until the spring of 1912.

DROPS AT FRIEND'S CASKET.

Wealthy Boone Man Collapses While Attending the Funeral of M. Houstrom.

Boone, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—While Peter Brentman, Sr., a wealthy farmer, was attending the funeral of M. Houstrom, an old time friend, he fell unconscious by the side of the casket and is still in that condition. He is confined to the Houstrom home and the attending physicians have given up all hopes of his recovery.

DENISON PIONEER DEAD.

H. C. Laub, Philanthropist, and Known All Over Crawford County, Dies, Aged 87.

Denison, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—H. C. Laub, aged 87, died here this morning. He was one of the pioneers of Crawford county, having come here in 1855, and was one of the very first settlers. Up to a few years ago he was associated with all business enterprises in Denison and was noted for his public spirit and philanthropy.

Plan \$100,000 Endowment.

Storm Lake, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—A campaign for a \$100,000 endowment fund for Buena Vista college has started. Andrew Carnegie will give \$18,000, the Presbytery of Iowa \$45,000 and this city promises \$25,000 to the fund.

Storm Lake Wants Depot. Storm Lake, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Seven hundred property owners of this city have signed a petition asking for a new Illinois Central depot. The petition has been sent to the company's headquarters.

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