

A PRESIDENT SLAIN.

PRESIDENT BARRIOS, OF GUATEMALA, ASSASSINATED.

HAD ASSUMED DICTATORSHIP.

HIS UNCLE WAS ASSASSINATED WHILE PRESIDENT.

General Barrios and His Wife, Who is a New Orleans Woman, Well Known in San Francisco—A Guatemala at the Midland.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Loya Arriaga, the Guatemalan minister to the United States, this afternoon received an official telegram from the minister of foreign affairs of Guatemala, announcing the assassination of President Barrios.



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mination of President Barrios and the succession to the presidency of Vice President Manuel Estrada Cabrera.

The dispatch came from Guatemala City, the capital, where President Barrios has lived and the government departments are carried on. It added that entire calm prevailed. This last assurance, coupled with the immediate succession of the first vice president, in accordance with the constitution of the country, is a special source of gratification to the officials of the Guatemalan office here, and to some extent alleviates the shock with which they received the news of the tragedy.

The relations between the late president and the Guatemalan minister at Washington, Senator Loya Arriaga, were much more than of an official character. They were close, personal friends, and the death of the president at the hands of an assassin comes as a personal bereavement to the minister. Senator Arriaga said Senator Barrios was a man of wide attainments and marked executive ability. He was married, and had two children. He was 42 years of age, and his six years' term of service for which he was elected terminated March 15 next, but the national congressional assembly had already extended this term for a further four years.

The new president, Mr. Cabrera, is a man of prominence in Guatemala, and was chosen by the national assembly to fill the presidency in case of a vacancy.

The system of election is different from that in the United States, there being no vice president elected with the president. The duty of filling the vacancy devolves on the congressional branch and, accordingly, two vice presidents, first and second, were designated some time ago.

New York, Feb. 9.—General D. Jose Maria Reina Barrios, president of the republic of Guatemala, was shot and killed in the city of Guatemala, Guatemala, on Monday. He was a nephew of the former president, Justo Rufino Barrios, who was killed in 1885. The general had been in Guatemala for some time, and his death was a surprise to his friends.

FILIBUSTERING EXPEDITION.

Vessel Said to Have Sailed From Long Island With the Title Party.

New York, Feb. 9.—Another filibustering expedition to the Cuban insurgents is believed to have set out from the Long Island coast near Montauk, on Monday, and to have carried the members of the title party, which was shipwrecked on the title of a couple of weeks ago. The arms and ammunition for the expedition are said to have been carried from Long Island to the vessel by a small boat.

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They Propose to Launch a New Party With a Socialistic Platform.

Denver, Feb. 9.—Edward Bellamy, author of "Looking Backward," and Eugene V. Debs, late head of the American Railway Union and leader of the Social Democracy, have united to launch a new political party. The Social Democracy will be taken as the nucleus of the party. This was decided by the two men at a meeting in Denver, where they were joined by a number of other prominent men.

PROHIBITION DIVINES AT OATS.

Rockwell Has Brought Action for Libel Against Chas. E. Jones.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—A letter has been sent to Lady Henry Somerset, signed by all the national W. C. T. U. officers, assuring her of their loyalty and love, expressing much sympathy for the death of her husband, and asking her to come to America as soon as her health and strength will permit.

HIG ORDER FOR ALCOHOL.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 3.—A Peoria distillery has been ordered to pay \$100,000 to the Hamburg, Germany, for 30,000 barrels of alcohol.

BUSINESS MEN WANT PEACE.

New York Memorial Resolves President McKinley to Put an End to the War in Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A memorial was presented to the president to-day by a delegation of New York business men, representing a large number of well known firms in that city, asking that action be taken by the government looking to the re-establishment of peace in Cuba.

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Respectfully submitting these facts, we bespeak for them your utmost consideration. It is the belief of the memorialists that the interests of the United States are best served by the prompt restoration of peace in Cuba, and that the interests of the Cuban people are best served by the prompt restoration of peace in Cuba.

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SOUTH AND WEST CONGRESS.

Kansas City's Representatives Took a Prominent Part in Yesterday's Proceedings.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 9.—This was the live-dest day of the South and West congress, the Florida asking congress to complete its work of fortifying the South Atlantic and Gulf ports developed strong opposition from the South and West.

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Chicago, Feb. 9.—The commissioner of insane this afternoon investigated the sanity of Richard W. Bye and ordered his commitment to the county home. He is 23 years of age and well educated. He had a year ago been living in a wretched hotel here with a poor widow and shortly after went into a so-called trance, claiming that he was in the power of spirits.

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PHILADELPHIA FIRE BADLY DAMAGED. "REVOLTE DE PARIS" DESTROYED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Fire occurred this morning at the corner of Thirteenth and Arch streets. The fire was caused by a gas stove which had exploded and killed an unknown man.

MANY PERSONS ARE KILLED.

BURIED UNDER WALLS THROWN DOWN BY AN EXPLOSION.

Two Great Ice and Storage Plants in Flammes—Losses Will Aggregate Nearly \$2,000,000—Large Number of Persons Badly Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—Fire which broke out at 8 o'clock to-night in the six-story cold storage plant of the Chautauqua Lake Ice Company was not brought under control until 11:30. The fire, which started in a room where a large number of lives—certainly six, possibly twelve that many—had been lost.

The fire, in point of fatalities, is the most serious that Pittsburg has had in years. The department responded quickly and a general alarm was sent in. Other alarms quickly followed and at midnight Allegheny's department was called upon for help.

The vicinity is composed of a mixture of huge warehouses and many private residences, and the fire, which started in a room carrying with them as much portable household goods as possible. There were frequent explosions which greatly added to the consternation and alarm. The streets were completely blocked with people and their goods interferred with the firemen, who were already handicapped in their efforts to control the flames on account of windows and doors of the burning buildings being strongly barred by heavy iron shutters.

The loss of life occurred as the result of an explosion of whisky in the plant of the Union Storage Company, to which the flames had been carried. The explosion, which occurred at 11:15, blew out the Mulberry alley wall with terrible results.

At the time the firemen and policemen were working on the fire, a crowd of the streets nearby into the alley. Many men are still under the debris, but this is undoubtedly the worst disaster since the fire of 1862, when over six hundred men were killed.

At 2 a. m. there were six dead at the morgue, only two of whom have been identified. They are Police Lieutenant A. J. Henry, who was acting captain, and William Scott, aged 30, son of William Scott, president of the Chautauqua Ice Company. His brother, John, is also missing, and is supposed to be under the ruins.

Just after the explosion, the large warehouse of W. A. Hixson & Co. stood on Pike street, directly opposite the Chautauqua Company's building, was ablaze and the loss cannot be much less than \$2,000,000.