

# HUERTA FREE OF MADERO'S BLOOD

### Former Dictator Swears Had Nothing to Do with Murder, but Knows Who is Responsible.

#### U. S. CHIEFS ACTED UNFAIRLY

NEW YORK, April 16.—Vehemently asserting that he had nothing to do with the death of Francisco Madero, General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, issued a long signed statement tonight setting forth what he termed his side of the Mexican question. General Huerta declared that he knew who was responsible for Madero's death, but that he was keeping it as "a professional secret."

General Huerta's statement reviewed the history of the Madero revolution, his own accession to the provisional presidency and concluded with the assertion that "my country can not be conquered." Sixteen millions of men, women and children would have to be killed before Mexico would submit to an invader, he asserted.

#### Not Fair to Mexico.

The heads of the Washington administration, he declared had not been fair to Mexico, and been misled by false statements and if they had been in Mexico for thirty days they would have changed their theoretical, erroneous ideas. Had it not been for the embargo on the exportation of arms from this country, General Huerta indicated that his army would have prevailed over those opposed to it.

The former provisional president reiterated the assertion which he made when he left Mexico last year that he had resigned from his position only because he hoped to bring peace to his country.

He pointed out that in the eight months elapsed since that date the situation in Mexico had become "too bad for me to analyze deeply."

"Anarchy is too soft a word to call it," he said.

Mexico would eventually be saved, but by a Mexican. Who that would be he did not know.

General Huerta declined, in response to questions, to give any intimation as to the future movements. He denied the report that he would go to San Antonio, Tex., or any other point near the border of Mexico. Discussing the death of Madero, he said:

**Professional Secret.**  
"That is a professional secret. Lawyers have secrets, doctors have secrets—I am a soldier—why should not a soldier have secrets? It is not through friendship for any one that I am withholding the information. It is a professional duty. The time will soon come when my name will be vindicated and, as General Lee said of General Jackson, the world will say of me that I stood like a stone wall, submitting to the ignominy and the insults that have been heaped upon me."

"It has been said that you betrayed the confidence of President Madero; is it so?" he was asked.

"General Huerta straightened up, his eyes flashed, and bringing his clenched fist against his breast replied:  
"No, I swear it. I was in no way responsible for his death. It has been one of the big tortures of my life. I am sorry I have to keep the secret. Although I am of a different race than you gentlemen, I am a man."

**Huerta's Statement.**  
General Huerta's signed statement was in part as follows:

"After fifteen months of Madero's ill administration of public affairs a portion of the patriotic Mexican army, who were humiliated and maltreated by Mr. Madero, revolted and took possession of the government's citadel. For ten days the streets of the city of Mexico ran with blood. The situation became intolerable."

"The foreign diplomatic representatives asked Mr. Madero to resign. He did not want to accede to their wishes. Then some heads of the army, incited by our senators, to put an end to that anguished situation, placed Mr. Madero under arrest."

"Our congress, our senate and our supreme court of justice complying with all the requisites of the constitution of our country, named me as the constitutional president of the United States of Mexico, considering me as the man for the job."

**Died Unnatural Death.**  
"Mr. Madero, while being conducted to the penitentiary died an unnatural death. In the opinion of some of the public in this country I am blamed as having taken a part in executing him. I never have tried to shirk any responsibilities, and anything I ever did was done openly. I am man enough to stand by what I do. I know I am not to blame for the death of Mr. Madero. Time and history will do me justice."

"Far be it from my mind to make a eulogy of my own administration. But I must say that during my administration all the law-abiding citizens of my republic as well as all the foreigner residents there, until the very last moment of my command, received guarantee and their homes, their lives and their properties were fully protected. I appeal to the testimony of the Spanish, German, French and English colonies, and particularly to the American colony resident in Mexico. They will and do confirm what I say."

**No Foreigner Suffered.**  
"Nobody can name a single foreigner who suffered, directly or indirectly, from my government any loss of life or interests. I make special mention of the American colony, as thousands of United States citizens residing in Mexico then are at present in these United States of America."

"During the seventeen months that I was president of Mexico I had the good fortune to enjoy the confidence and moral support of the whole American colony resident there, including United States Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson and Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires, both of whom were my personal friends, as well as a great many other American residents there."

"It was very painful to see numerous American families break up their homes, abandon their business and leave our country by the advice of our government. Not being able to evade the exodus my government took special care of the Americans. Special trains were placed at their disposition and armed forces accompanied the trains to the seaport. Thousands of American men, women and children can verify this statement."

**Crimes Against Aliens.**  
"Unfortunately, and for our shame, in-

against foreigners on Mexican soil during the last four years and a half. Englishmen were cowardly assassinated, more than 300 Chinamen were brutally slaughtered in Torreon, German women were brutally violated in Covadonga, Spaniards were butchered in Atencinga and other places and foreign and native ministers of the church were shamelessly mistreated, but these crimes were committed before or after my time by rebels in territory that I did not control. These are results of the anarchical propaganda of Mr. Madero and his followers."

"I have always had and have proved my great admiration and respect for the American people. I must say periodically and public opinion in the United States were for the last few years diverted from the right path on the Mexican question. I have always tried to be fair in my judgment."

**U. S. Chiefs Mistaken.**  
"The heads of your administration were not fair to Mexico, but I believe they were misled by false statements. Besides, there is a difference between theory and facts. If your administrators had been only in Mexico for thirty days they would have changed their theoretical, erroneous ideas. But I would rather not discuss this subject too deeply. It is a discourtesy, you know, for a foreigner to criticize heads of a nation whose hospitality he enjoys."

"My Indian, honest blood boils when I think of the unfortunate conditions existing in my poor country, and when I think that a good, clean press like the American is led by false and artificial tricks to defend a cause which is nothing more than one of vandalism and anarchy."

"But never mind, I have hopes. My Mexico is young. My Mexico has plenty of life in it. My country cannot be conquered. We have 16,000,000 of men, women and children and it would need 16,000,000 of invaders, one invader for each man, for each woman, for each child, and when my 16,000,000 brothers and sisters are killed off, then a devastated country would be the prize for the conqueror, to the shame of civilization and to the shame of the conqueror."

**Mexican Will Save Land.**  
"Never mind, Mexico will be saved by a Mexican—a strong Mexican; not by a bandit; not by men that kill for the sake of money or of dastardly passion, but by a Mexican who will act as a surgeon, who will cure the sores, who will amputate the dead parts of the national body. And then Mexico in a short time will revive and will be the paradise on earth it deserves to be."

"Where is the man? Who is the man? When will the man appear? I do not know."

**Kawa Sign Hurrier.**  
President Savage of Topeka last week signed "Red" Nelson, a right-handed twirler who played with Minneapolis last season, and Floyd Glenn, a southpaw from the Tri-State league.

**ONE OF THE POPULAR NUMBERS IN "SARI"—"Paris? Oh, My! Yes, Dear," one of the numerous song hits in the operatic of "Sari," to be presented at the Brandeis theater for four days, beginning with Sunday, by Henry W. Savage. Miss Majos has the name part.**



## BRITISH APOLOGIZE FOR SINKING ROVER

### England Confesses Violation of Neutrality by Blowing Up Dresden in Chilean Waters.

#### FEARED RAIDER WOULD ESCAPE

LONDON, April 16.—The British government offered "a full and ample apology" to the Chilean government for the sinking of the Dresden in Chilean waters of the German cruiser Dresden, the internment of which had already been ordered by the maritime governor of Cumberland when the British squadron attacked and sank it.

This fact was made public tonight in a white paper, giving the texts of

the Chilean note protesting against the sinking of the Dresden and the British government's reply, the text.

**Request Retused.**  
The note delivered by the Chilean minister to Great Britain says that the Dresden anchored in Cumberland bay (Juan Fernandez Island), March 9, and asked permission to remain eight days for the purpose of repairing its engines, which were said to be out of order. The governor refused the request as he considered it unfounded and ordered the captain to leave the bay within twenty-four hours.

As the order was not complied with the captain of the Dresden was informed that his ship was interned. When the British squadron appeared March 14, the governor was proceeding to the cruiser Glasgow to inform the British officers of the steps he had taken, but he had to turn back, as the British ships opened fire on the Dresden on which a flag of truce already had been hoisted and called on its captain to surrender. The captain then gave orders to blow up the magazine of the Dresden.

"This act of hostility committed in

Chilean territorial waters by a British naval squadron," says the Chilean minister, "has painfully surprised my government."

Continuing, the minister says that had the officer in command of the British squadron received the governor and been informed that the Dresden was interned he was convinced "the British commander would not have opened fire on it and brought about a situation which constrains the Chilean government in defense of its sovereign rights, to formulate a most energetic protest."

After referring to the hospitality shown British ships in Chilean waters and to the long friendship between the two peoples, the minister says:

"Nothing could be a more painful surprise to us than to see our extremely cordial attitude repaid by an act which bears, unfortunately, all the evidence of contempt for our sovereign rights, although it is probable that nothing was further from the minds of those by whom it was unthinkingly committed."

**Expresses Regret.**  
The British government, in its reply, expresses regret that a misunderstanding arose and adds: "On the facts as stated

in the communication of the Chilean minister, the British government is prepared to offer a full and ample apology to the Chilean government."

"It is, however, pointed out that according to the British information the Dresden had not accepted internment and still had its colors flying and its guns trained."

The British reply continues:  
"If this is so, and if there were no means available for enforcing the decision of the Chilean authorities to intern the Dresden, it might, obviously, had not the British ships taken action, have escaped, again to attack British commerce."

It is added:  
"The captain of the Glasgow probably assumed, especially in view of the past action of the Dresden, that it was defying the Chilean authorities for abusing Chilean neutrality, and was only waiting for a favorable opportunity to sail out and attack British commerce again."

"In view of the time it would take to clear up the circumstances and because of the Chilean communication, the British government does not wish to qualify the apology that it now presents to the Chilean government."

## SMALLPOX AT COURT HOUSE

### Five Cases Are Discovered in Family of Janitor Residing in Basement.

#### BUILDING QUICKLY EVACUATED

There was a rush to leave the court house in Council Bluffs yesterday on the part of all employees who left surplus wraps, umbrellas, coats and other articles not necessary for immediate use. In a few minutes after the opening hour the courts were dismissed, offices vacated and the building was locked. In the next half hour hundreds of people came to the locked doors and stared at the placard that confronted them, "Closed for fumigation—smallpox."

Wednesday night it was discovered that four members of the family of Miss Scofield, janitor of the building and residing in the basement, were ill with smallpox and that another child had recovered from the disease. The four members of the family, Mrs. Scofield and three children, were taken to the detention hospital late Wednesday night.

Yesterday Auditor Hannan, custodian of the building, held a conference with Judges Weaver and Arburn. The situation was carefully considered, and the fact recalled that every room in the building is daily visited and cleaned by Janitor Scofield and members of the family, and it was realized that there was a chance of infection in every office and room. It was promptly decided to vacate the whole building, close all windows and doors and start up the formaldehyde generators and keep the fumigating process in operation all day. Orders were given for everybody to get out. All were advised to leave extra coats and wraps.

**Court House Fumigated.**  
An alarm of fire could not have cleared the building more quickly. Some of the clerks left in their shirt sleeves. Young women employees left street wraps hanging on the hooks, all thankful that an atmospheric temperature of nearly eighty degrees prevailed outside. Half an hour later, W. H. Hendrix, quarantine officer of the city's health department, had formaldehyde candles burning in every room on every floor, including the living apartments of the Scofield family. The windows were opened late last night and the expectation is that the regular routine work of the county will be resumed this morning.

The disease was of such a light type that the first Scofield child passed through all of the stages without attracting attention. Tuesday afternoon two more of the children complained of being ill, and Wednesday Mrs. Scofield and the third child became slightly ill. The disposition of all was slight, but Mr. Scofield concluded to call a physician. The discovery of the nature of the disease immediately followed.

# Column After Column of Important News from Kilpatrick's!

<p><b>COLUMN ONE—</b> Seven days more of Skirt Making for ONE DOLLAR! You buy at Wool Dress Goods Section 3/4, 3 1/2 or 4 yards of material, according to style of Skirt wanted; we measure, we fit, we finish, we deliver. Or shall it be a Coat—say 3 yards, 50 inches wide! You select your own goods at our Dress Goods counter; we make a man-tailored Coat—hand-made button holes, Six Fifty (\$6.50) for the making. Can make a few more Suits. Buy, say, Pekin Stripes, Coverts, Venetians or gabardines, say, at \$1.50 per yard—takes about five yards; \$18, \$20 or \$22.50 for the making—Do your own figuring. Delivery in two weeks, and ALWAYS GET A FIT—or you don't get it. Only 7 Days More of These Special Prices.</p> <p><b>NEW SILKS BY EXPRESS</b> Pekin Stripes, Failles, Gros de Londres, Tubs, Corded or Plain Pongees, Domestic or Imported Japs.</p> <p>Two Boxes of Stationery for 25c, at any hour of the day.</p>	<p><b>COLUMN TWO—</b> At the Hour of 10 A. M. LACES—For lingerie and for trimming generally—Plat Vals, Point de Paris, Edges that measure from 2 to 4 1/2 inches—9 CENTS PER YARD worth 15c, 18c, 20c and a few even more.</p> <p><b>PARASOLS</b> That are different. This will be a parasol season. They add so much to the "tout en semble," as Louise Muhlbach would say in the foot notes—her very words.</p> <p><b>GLOVES</b> Special Sale All Day on REAL KIDS usually \$1.50 and \$1.75, at \$1.28 PER PAIR</p> <p><b>FROM THE FATHERLAND—</b> A lot of long Silk Gloves, at 79c and 98c per pair. When these have "went," as Eugene Field might say, there will be no more.</p> <p><b>1915 SHIRTS!</b> DITTO NECKWEAR! Men go daffy over the one-button Union Suits in the summer weight.</p>	<p><b>COLUMN THREE—</b> HIT THE TRAIL, MEN, West Aisle—April Showers Bring May Flowers—Rain Coats will be in demand. Balmacaans—those loose-fitting slippers that the young man must have and the olders lean kindly to—absolute necessary for the auto—you ought to have one—Paradise! \$9.98 for Coats which sold to \$15.00. \$14.98—\$20.00 Saturday night, 8 o'clock, Satin Pad Garters, 12c.</p> <p>Your wife will find in the same aisle—adjoining pew, as it were—<b>KNIT UNDERWEAR AND HOSE</b> If you have underwear troubles, let us solve them. Nowhere on the globe, in our judgment, can you find better Union Suits for 50 CENTS</p> <p><b>SILK HOSE</b> Wear Satisfaction in Ours. Black or Colors. Does your memory take you back to the days of stripes? Slap! Bang! Here they are again. Colored boots if you will, and at \$1.00 PER PAIR</p>	<p><b>COLUMN FOUR—</b> Mrs. Jones is in New York City! Are you interested? If you have outside wearables in mind, methinks Yes. Day by day—by express—come new arrivals— New Suits! New Coats! New Dresses! New Blouses!</p> <p>As a Saturday special we have selected a group of Suits—picked out from those elegant suits which sold freely at \$25.00 and \$27.50—as a drawing card—\$15.00 EACH</p> <p><b>SILK DRESSES</b> In the Nick of Time And there will be a kind of dignified grab sale when you see Saturday's exhibits at— \$19.50 and \$22.50 Each</p> <p>We have a few Dresses on hand, not just the last word in style, but not antique—indeed the woman who has a little ingenuity and is deft with the needle, in a short time can transform one of these into a modern, up-to-the-minute. They sold up to \$30 once. Saturday—\$9.98 EACH</p>	<p><b>COLUMN FIVE—</b> Have You Children? We have a section replete with wearables for the babe-in-arms, Stage by Stage and Age by Age. Three times fresh supplies in our Junior section. The sales show that our styles are correct and our judgment good. This week brought us new light Coats for Children and bigger girls. Hats for every age now on display. Light straws are the straws which show which way the wind blows just now—south by south, as we write. The birds are chirping merrily and summer is almost here. Some Trimmed Hats in the Children's Section at very low prices Saturday.</p> <p>And we are going to sell some Dresses mighty cheap. Principally white lawn and linen, and a few challies—two or three silk among them—\$5.00 to \$10.00 were the prices—Ages 6 to 17 years—\$2.98 ON SATURDAY</p>	<p><b>COLUMN SIX—</b> The balmy air and warm sunshine suggests thinner clothing. We are funny creatures! Notwithstanding our knowledge of the seasons and the seasons' needs, we everlastingly keep putting off till tomorrow what we should have done yesterday. Willy nilly, it's Wash Goods Now— We have 'em—Summery Voiles in printed designs, 40 inches wide... 25c cents Colored Linens in the leading shades—very popular now—the kind that will not crush nor crease—in many stores the price is 75c—ours sells to you at—59 CENTS A YARD Sheer Linens for Shirtwaists Plains, flowers, stripes, embroidered materials—Handsome combinations for waists or dresses, 40 to 45 inches wide—69 Cents and Upward</p> <p><b>BASEMENT SATURDAY!</b> A big table covered with China, 23c for pick. Plates, Cups, Saucers, Vases, Open Dishes, etc., values up to 50c.</p>
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**Ladies' Hand Bags** Genuine Pin Seal, Barley Grain Leathers etc., \$3.19 each Saturday; many were priced at \$6.50. **Morocco Bags** Long Grain, Real Seal and Moire Seal, Saturday, \$1.95

**ELEVENTH-HOUR ITEMS**—Fashioned, pure lisle stockings, the regular 50c leader, Saturday, 39 cents. Two items in white goods, just as you turn around near hosiery section, 25 cents per yard. At the risk of being charged with repeating, we mention Suits for Women Again—the Express kind, just arrived for Saturday's selling.

**WE LAY SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE WASH GOODS SALE! ON THE GLOVE SALE! ON THE DOLLAR SKIRT SALE!**

The Pussy Willow Taffetas, so widely advertised, have their home at our Silk Section. **TUB SILKS WHICH ARE DIFFERENT**—A few days ago a lady asked the price of some which lay on our counters. "Your prices are high," said she, and when she examined quality, she said, "It would be an insult to yours to mention what we saw elsewhere," in the same breath. "Her very words!"

**WE HAVE SAID OUR SAY—TOLD OUR STORY—NOW IT'S UP TO YOU.**

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