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## PRESIDENT HEARS STARTLING STORY

OF ROBBERY AND OUTRAGE ON AMERICAN CITIZENS IN MEXICO PERPETRATED BY ARMED BANDITS.

UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT HAS NO IDEA OF ASKING CONGRESS FOR AUTHORITY TO INTERVENE.

Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Taft listened tonight to startling disclosures about conditions in Mexico. Four Americans were only averted by knowledge that each, a congressman sat in the Cabinet room in the White House offices and heard a tale of outrages on Mexican women, murders and holdups of Americans by bandits who seized Americans and held them for ransom and general business disorder such as seldom has come to ears of the president since the trouble began in Mexico two years ago.

The story came out at a hearing which the president granted to American business men. They did not ask intervention, but they requested the president to see that Americans were protected and that life and property be made safe. The president's business men with Mexican interests were concerned.

It is understood that President Taft has no intention of asking Congress' authority to intervene.

### ALIENS TO BE DEPARTED.

Nadir Hagim and Sahada Saied, the Syrians who have been living for several months past at the expense of the government, detained under charges of being aliens unlawfully in this country and also of having unlawfully brought other aliens into the United States, are to be deported. Both were tried and acquitted in the federal court in this city last week on the charge last named. As they themselves were aliens, however, it was ordered by the government that they be deported.

Hagim has been taken to Galveston in charge of Immigration Inspector S. B. Hopkins, and from there will be deported to Vera Cruz, Mexico. Saied will be taken to Galveston Friday afternoon, and Saturday will board ship for Marseilles, France. Three of the aliens these men were charged with having smuggled into the United States were deported to Marseilles several months ago.

### IN JUSTICE COURT.

In Justice of the Peace Phil P. Barbour's court yesterday, Anselmo Minsias pleaded guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace, the offense having been committed in October. He was fined \$1 and costs, the total reaching the sum of \$12.75.

Newspapers usually reflect the sentiment of the community in which they exist and you will find very few live cities that do not have at least one live newspaper.

## FUTILE ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL WILSON

PRESIDENT-ELECT ORDERED TO DEPOSIT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CERTAIN PLACE, OR SUFFER DEATH.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS RUN DOWN AND ARREST WOULD BE BLACKMAILERS, AT DOVER, NEW JERSEY.

Associated Press.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 10.—Three men residents of Wharton, were arrested at Dover, N. J., today charged with writing letter threatening President-elect Woodrow Wilson, with death unless he left \$5,000 in gold for them in an unoccupied house in Wharton.

The men are Peter Dunn, his brother Jacob and Seely Davenport, and were committed to jail default of bail.

The letter was written November 11, and signed "New York Gang."

Postoffice inspectors ran down the alleged blackmailers.

Seven letters were sent to Governor Wilson, it appears. The text indicates that the writers were of a low degree of literacy.

They gave Wilson to November 24th to deposit the money.

Jacob Dunn started for the officers with an axe. The alleged blackmailers are mountaineers.

### HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK.

SELECTION CONSIDERED PERSONAL VICTORY FOR GEORGE W. PERKINS.

Associated Press.

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 11.—New York was selected as the permanent headquarters of the executive committee of the progressive party after a determined fight to have the headquarters located elsewhere had been made by several states including Texas. The selection of New York was received as a personal victory for George W. Perkins against whom a fight has been waged in the conference. Five thousand dollars annually will be raised to maintain the headquarters.

### DISTRICT JUDGES TO MEET AT AUSTIN.

At Least Fifty Texas Jurists Will Discuss Needed Changes in State Laws at State Capital Today.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—The district judges of Texas will meet at Austin at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 9 o'clock a.m. Invitations have been extended to seventy, and it is expected that at least fifty of the district judges will be in Austin on that date. They will meet for the purpose of organizing and framing suitable suggestions relative to needed changes in the state laws and a general remodeling of procedure which may aid the next legislature in the performance of its duty.

Most commercial centers owe a lot of their success to publicity and cooperation.

## VOTERS IN THE POLLS AFTER CLOSING TIME

PROMINENT INDEPENDENT ELECTION OFFICIALS TESTIFY REGARDING MODE OF CONDUCTING ELECTION.

TESTIMONY BY RELATOR SHOW FIVE WERE INSIDE AFTER SEVEN O'CLOCK. SEVERAL INDEPENDENTS WERE UNABLE TO VOTE.

Nine witnesses were examined in the municipal election cases yesterday—seven at the morning session and two in the afternoon. Two of the witnesses examined in the morning were on the stand for the second time.

The first was Dr. E. Dickason, who testified that he had voted in the first ward on April second and had voted independently of the partisan groups.

F. C. Pierce, recalled to the stand, testified that he had acted as tally clerk in the first ward and that the polls had closed at seven o'clock. The election officers had agreed upon one watch as a regulator for closing the polls. He did not remember to whom the watch belonged. Judge Hawkins and four Mexicans were in the polls on the time, according to Mr. Pierce's testimony.

C. H. More, independent challenger in the first ward, recalled to the stand, stated that he had closed the window blinds in front of the presiding officer's table at three minutes after seven, that he looked at Mr. DeBruin's watch, on the table, and called attention to the fact that it was after seven o'clock. He further stated that Judge Hawkins and four other men were in the polls at the time.

Mr. More said he had held a commission as special officer for two or three days prior to the general election in November.

City Tax Collector and assessor M. J. Garcia, who acted as challenger in the third ward on April the second, testified that there were more literate voters in that ward than in any other in the city. Mr. Garcia further stated that the two party groups lined up at the polls had been exhausted at three o'clock in the afternoon. He stated that the literate voter was allowed to approach the polls from any direction and without reference to the lines.

The following testified that they were independent voters in the second ward, but had been unable to vote:

Benigno Munoz, Mateo Villareal, E. Lartigue and Jose Villareal.

The first witness placed on the stand at the afternoon session was Lieutenant of Police Octaviano M. Puig.

Mr. Puig testified that he with Joe Garza and Mike Werbiski, jr., acted as special officers at the fourth ward voting place on April second. He said that in the morning, immediately after the polls had opened, a delay was caused by Judge Seabury challenging Mr. Dwyer's right to act as presiding officer, the delay lasting thirty minutes, and that R. B. Creager had been called to the voting place. Mr. Puig said that the voters came two at a time from the groups on the south side of the polling place, and sometimes they would run in two from one group, that about 30 or 35 came from the direction of the Miller hotel. He gave the names of 19 men all of whom were literate voters, who voted in the fourth ward. Mr. Puig said he interfered with none of these.

Speaking of the difficulty with Mr. Dennett, Mr. Puig said there were three men in the voting place and that the officers had ordered them not to let any others in until these had voted and that as Mr. Dennett approached he (Puig) had laid his hands upon his shoulder, whereupon Mr. Dennett had said: "Don't you touch me or I will hit you with my cane." Officer Garza, according to Mr. Puig, then took hold of the cane. Mr. Dwyer at that time told them to let Mr. Dennett into the polls.

Mr. Puig further testified that in the afternoon Adjutant General Hutchings ordered him to let an American come in between one Red and one Blue; that George Champion had complained that more Reds than Blues were being allowed to enter the polls and that General Hutchings had asked him (Puig) if it would be all right to put in some officer from the Blue side. The Blue officer was Alec Champion, that practically every voter in the morning had been challenged by George Champion, that Mr. Champion complained that Mr. Dwyer was not putting the question to the challenged voter correctly, and it was necessary several times to call lawyers. The witness said that the lawyers were sometimes Mr. Seabury and sometimes Mr. Russell.

Upon cross examination by Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Puig said it was not a fact that Mr. Seabury's challenge of Mr. Dwyer

## COURT HOUSE WAR BECOMING SERIOUS

OKLAHOMA TOWNS OF "OLD JAY" AND "NEW JAY" MAY RESORT TO BLOODSHED TO SETTLE DISPUTE.

GOVERNOR CRUCE HAS BEEN APPEALED TO FOR MILITIA, BUT HAS REFUSED TO CALL OUT SOLDIERS.

Associated Press.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 11.—Riots over the removal of the Court House of Delaware county from "Old Jay" to "New Jay," have assumed a threatening aspect tonight, but Governor Cruce, who has been asked to send the state militia to quell the disorders has refused thus far.

Trouble arose between two factions of the town one claiming the old part as the legal county-seat, and New Jay making the same claim. Bloodshed was only averted by knowledge that each side knows the other is ready for trouble, and the desire of cooler heads to avert slaughter. It is feared that trouble will start at day break.

Americans, business men with Mexican interest promised to take up the case with

### CLOSE ELECTION AT MATAMOROS

VICTORY CLAIMED FOR SADA, BUT RESULT NOT YET ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY: FINAL COUNT WILL BE MADE SUNDAY.

Although the final results in the municipal election held in Matamoros have not been announced officially, yet the Mainero party, whose candidate for mayor was Casimiro Sada, are claiming with apparently positive assurance that their candidate has won by a considerable majority.

Though it is said the result is known to a few, it will not be given out officially until next Sunday, at which time the official count will probably be made. The offices to be filled are the mayoralty, ten aldermanic positions, the management of the public works, necessitating two officials, the presiding judge of the district, and three lesser judgeships.

As stated the supporters of Casimiro Sada, the administration candidate for the mayoralty, are claiming his election. The opposition, or independents, is led by Dr. Barragan, who is its candidate for the mayoralty. Dr. Barragan was formerly Mexican consul in Brownsville.

There are thirty voting boxes in the Matamoros district, nine of which are in the city. It is claimed that in the city boxes the race between the two men was close, and that the deciding count would be turned in by the outside boxes.

Dissent can destroy more in one day than cooperation can build in a year.

er was made before the polls opened and finished in about five minutes after eight; that at eleven o'clock there were only about 12 votes polled. The witness said that he was an independent but he did not know that the fourth ward was a democratic ward. Upon being asked whether or not he would swear that as many as eight voters had been challenged out of the twelve polled up until eleven o'clock the witness said that he would. Mr. Dougherty then read from the poll list where out of the first twelve votes polled only four had "sworn" marked after the name. The Terrill election law requires the poll list to be marked so, when the voter is challenged, sworn and questioned. The witness further stated that he never heard Mike Wise take any part in the discussion on the inside of the polls, that Judge Seabury had come to the polls to find out the cause of the delay in the voting and that he never heard a "doubtful" vote discussed by the officers. He did not remember any Americans voting in the morning.

After the re-direct examination, and in response to a question by Judge Jones, for the relator, Mr. Puig, emphatically stated that it was not true that he ordered E. H. Goodrich to go into one or the other of the two groups, or that he told Mr. Goodrich that he knew what party he belonged to and that he had not taken Mr. Goodrich by the arm. The witness said that he did not remember exchanging a word with Mr. Goodrich and that he did not think he got within ten feet of Mr. Goodrich.

Joe Garza a special officer in the fourth ward corroborated to a large extent the testimony of Mr. Puig. The witness stated that Mr. Dwyer at no time ordered one Red and one Blue to approach the polls. He stated that he had not seen Mr. Goodrich on that date.

## THIRTY-FIVE YEARS FOR SIDNA ALLEN

AS RESULT OF JURY VERDICTS AND PLEAS OF GUILTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHYTHVILLE KILLINGS.

WESLEY EDWARDS RECEIVED SENTENCES AMOUNTING TO TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS FOR HIS PART IN MURDERS.

Associated Press.

Wytheville, Dec. 11.—The final settlement of all the cases resulting from the killing of five persons in the Hillsville Court House by the Allen clan, March 14, was reached this afternoon when Sidna Allen pleaded guilty to second degree murder for the killing of Sheriff Webb, and Wesley Edwards pleaded guilty to three charges.

Thirty-five years in the penitentiary is the penalty Sidna Allen will pay.

Wesley Edwards will spend 27 years in the penitentiary. These two sentences as a result of a compromise this afternoon following a verdict of voluntary manslaughter in the case of Sidna Allen for the murder of commonwealth attorney William M. Foster, the jury fixing the penalty in that case at five years.

Allen had already been found guilty of second degree murder for the killing of Judge Thornton L. Massie, and sentenced to 15 years; and for the murder of Sheriff Webb, compromised, he pleading guilty of second degree murder and taking 15 years, and for three indictments in the Webb case, compromised, a year in each case.

To grasp opportunities one must be quick and active. You can acquire these qualities by assisting in the welfare of your city, for development work is a school that aids the intellect as well as the pocket book.

## ACCUSED OF FOOLING HOUSTON ATTORNEY

DIGGS, NOLAN, ONE OF THE MEN CAPTURED TUESDAY BY MEMPHIS POLICE, GAVE LAWYER BOGUS DRAFT.

SAID TO BE ONLY ONE OF MANY DEALS ENGINEERED BY NOLAN, HOLLOWAY AND THEIR ASSOCIATES.

Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 11.—It was announced today that Diggs Nolan, one of the men captured at Memphis Tuesday with Frank Holloway, an escaped Texas convict and bank robber, will be brought here for trial on indictment charging forgery and swindling.

The charges result from the alleged employment of Arthur Heidings, a lawyer, to secure a divorce for Nolan, who gave him a draft on an Oklahoma bank for more than \$3,000.

The draft proved worthless. This is said to be only one of many deals engineered by Nolan, Holloway and crowd.

"Tex" Wallace, arrested in the raid also, is a former Texan residing at Waco. As a result of the raid the Memphis Detective Earnest Nolan was dismissed from the police force for "covering up" the presence of the Nolan-Holloway gang in that city.

### EVASIVE FEDERAL COLUMNS

Associated Press.

El Paso, Tex. Dec. 11.—The rebel forces mobilized below Juarez have evaded two federal columns moving against them, says today's official advices. A combined rebel force of more than 1,000 mounted men, is moving rapidly into the Casas Grandes district recently evacuated by General Blanco.

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