VILLA REPORTED SLAIN IN MUTINY OF OWN FORCES

Rumor Current at El Paso That Mexican Leader Killed in Revolt of Troops—General Fierro, Chief Aide and Executioner, Drowned While Fording a Stream.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Messages reaching the state department early today from Geo. C. Carothers, its special agent at Casas Grandes, made no mention of anything happening to General Villa.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 16.—Reports current here for twelve hours that General Francisco Villa, chief of the convention forces, had been arrested by his own men at Casas Grandes, convicted and put to death, could not be authoritatively confirmed here early today. Messages from General Villa in his private code were received at Juarez at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The messages related to business with his representatives at Juarez.

The report that his executioner, General Rudolfo Fierro, was dead was received over the military wires from Casas Grandes. It stated briefly that Fierro had been drowned while fording a river; that his horse slipped and the general was swept down stream.

Source of Rumor

A Mexican passenger from Casas Grandes arriving Thursday was said to have brought the first word of Villa's death, but his story became public only late yesterday, when it received apparent confirmation from an American arrival, who said he had been so informed by a railroad employe.

The Mexican's story was that General Villa had demanded money of a subordinate, who, refusing, was shot by the northern chieftain. A revolt occurred, the story continued, in which 7000 Mexicans arrayed themselves against 2000 that sided with Villa. In the fight that ensued Villa was killed, said the Mexican.

Fierro Picturesque Figure

General Fierro was one of the most picturesque and most audacious leader produced by the Mexican revolution. Formerly he was a railroad brakeman, finally turning bandit and robbing an express train at Lampsas, Mex., between Laredo and Monterey. For this he never was prosecuted, eluding his pursuers and escaping to the hills.

When the revolution broke out Fierro joined Villa's forces and won the esteem of his commander at the battles of Torreon and Zacatecas. Subsequently he became known as Villa's "right-hand man."

Villa's Executioner

It was Fierro who took William Benton, an Englishman, in charge when the latter attempted to call Villa to account for the confiscation of Benton's property. The death of Benton was attributed to Fierro. He was with Villa on his recent visit to the ranch of General Tomas Urbina during which Urbina was killed.

Fierro was a large man physically, alert, cunning and apparently insensible of fear. Recently while in a Juarez resort Fierro compelled a party of Americans to drink to Villa's health and forced the women in the party to dance with him.

RUSSIA AT WAR WITH BULGARIA

PETROGRAD, Oct. 16.—Russia regards herself in a state of war with Bulgaria from the moment the latter country attacked Serbia, according to a statement issued today by the foreign office here. The formal declaration of war is awaiting the conclusion of an exchange of telegrams between Russia and her allies.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY BREAKS QUARTER MILS TRACK RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Frank Sloman, a San Francisco high school boy, broke the world's interscholastic 440-yard record here today on the Panama-Pacific exposition dirt track. His time was 48 1-5 seconds, three-fifths second faster than the record held by Ted Meredith.

BRITISH NATION TO FIGHT TO END STATES READING

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Lord Reading, chairman of the Anglo-French loan commission, and two of his assistants, Sir Henry Babington Smith and Sir Edward Holden, sailed for Liverpool today on the American liner St. Louis.

Basil B. Blackett, secretary of the commission, and the French members, Ernest Mallet and Octave Homberg, will remain in this country to attend to any necessary details in connection with the actual placing of the loan.

Lord Reading asserted that the British nation would accept no other ending of the present struggle in Europe than victory.

"The people of England are prepared to make any sacrifice to attain that end," he said.

Lord Reading's statement was made on the deck of the liner St. Louis a few moments before she sailed. He previously had given a message of thanks to the American public to be issued through the press.

The commissioners were not listed on the ship's passenger list. Although tentative reservations had been made for them under other names, it was not known definitely till last night that they would sail on the St. Louis today.

FAREWELL BANQUET TENDERED MULKEY

The Jackson County Bar association tendered a farewell banquet Friday night at the University club to Attorney B. F. Mulkey, who leaves November 1 for Portland, where he will engage in the practice of law. A. E. Reames, president of the Bar association, presided. Speeches were made by Attorneys W. I. Vawter, E. E. Kelly, Holbrook Withington, Lincoln McCormack, and the guest of honor. Attorney Mulkey has lived in the Rogue River valley for the last thirteen years, during which time he held the presidency of the Ashland State Normal school, the prosecuting attorneyship and has been prominent in lodge circles and politics. Seven years ago he ran for congress against W. C. Hawley from this district, and gave the Salem man the tightest race of his career. Attorney Mulkey is one of the greatest authorities on Shakespeare in the northwest, and his rendition of the masterpieces of the bard of Avon have attracted wide attention.

TWO THOUSANDS WITNESS HANGING

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Oct. 15.—Joe Deberry, a negro, was hanged this morning for the murder of Mrs. J. H. Martin. A crowd of outsiders thronged the town, and 2000 persons were within the stockade to witness the execution. Three thousand more were on the streets, unable to gain admittance.

BULGAR COAST BLOCKADED

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Von Mackenzen, invading Serbia, is reported by the war office today. The storming of positions south of Semendria and east of Pozarevac is announced.

Bulgarian troops are progressing also in their attack and have taken the eastern forts of Zajecar.

French Are Repulsed

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—An attempt by the French to capture a German position east of Auberive, in the Champagne was repulsed with a loss to the French of more than 600 men in prisoners and three machine guns, German army headquarters announced today. Attacks near Souain, Le Mesnil and Leintrey also failed.

Football Scores

Harvard 9, Virginia 0.
Stevens 7, Haverford 6.
Dartmouth 60, Vermont 0.
Harvard Freshmen 7, Andover 0.
Rochester 0, Syracuse 82.
Exeter 13, Yale Freshmen 0.
Navy 7, University of Pennsylvania 7.
Princeton 40, Lafayette 3.
Yale 19, Springfield Y. M. C. A. College 0.
Illinois 3, Ohio State 3.
Nebraska 45, Washburn 0.
Wesleyan 3, Bowdoin 0.
Penn. State 27, Gettysburg 12.
Michigan 14, Case 3.
Army 0, Colgate 13.
Michigan Aggies 50, Carroll College 0.

All Mann Hopes to Do Is Edge in; He's Deemed a Model Third Choice

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On the theory that in politics all things are possible, James R. Mann of Illinois is a republican presidential possibility. He is in that large class which follows Root and Burton—the dark horse class. There will be a flock of dark horses at the next republican convention—perhaps it would be better to say there will be a herd of dark horses.

Mann may not be Illinois' favorite son, but Ed Simms, in the Marquette building, Chicago, is carrying on an active little campaign to get the delegation from the sucker state. He is looking for delegates also from some surrounding states, like Indiana, Michigan, Kansas, Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The Mann candidacy is not blowing any loud trumpets or wielding any big bludgeons. Manager Simms is frankly willing to edge in as a second, third or fourth choice. He simply wants to be on hand to be useful in case he is needed.

Simms foresees an open game at the convention; no candidate with enough at the start to win, and much trading necessary to get a majority of delegates. Big candidates are likely to eat one another up. That is the tradition of political conventions. And when Grandpa Root has been eaten up by Burton and Uncle Burton has been eaten up by Broker Weeks, and Broker Weeks has been eaten up by Log Cabin Fairbanks, and when Log-Cabin Fairbanks has been eaten up by somebody else, then the chance comes for Jim Mann, Borah, Cummins, Sherman and the rest of the black horse herd.

Jim Mann is republican house leader. He has acted as such since the republicans became the minority in the house, and Uncle Joe Cannon was defeated. Even when Cannon was on the job, Mann, by his greater industry, vigor and comparative youth and in the need for making friends among the more progressive republican members of the house, became the real republican leader.

Since the democrats have been in control and Underwood, Fitzgerald and Clark have dictated legislation, Mann has led an amiable and perfunctory opposition to this group.

Mann was born on a farm near Bloomington, Ill., October 20, 1856, making him 59 years old. He was graduated from a Chicago law college in 1881, and began practicing law in that suburb on the southern edge of Chicago, which later merged into Hyde Park, and still later was gathered into Chicago. He began his political career as a member of the Oakland school board in the village of Hyde Park; then was attorney for the village, and on annexation became alderman for the Thirty-second ward of Chicago. In the city council Mann and "Billy" Kent (now in congress from California) were known as the two "reform" aldermen from the silk-stocking wards of the south side.

Mann became attorney for the South Park board of Chicago in '95, and then by machine nomination was promoted to congress sixteen years ago. He has served continuously since then.

Mann was a supporter of Cannon during the latter's long reign. On the other hand, there are spots in Mann's record that make him appear almost like a La Follette. He has taken up certain reform legislation, such as the pure food and drug law and the statute now on the books is largely a result of Wiley, a thing which will always be vastly to his credit. He is the author of the white slave law, a well-intended measure which produces some good, though it has also been a ready instrument for the blackmailer. He aided in the creation of the department of commerce and labor under the vigorous spur of Roosevelt.

These are his principal achievements. None are so radical as to alienate the affections of those bosses who want to nominate Root. Neither are they so radical as to attract the following of Victor Murdock and his group.

When the magnifying glass of the searching bosses gets on the man from Illinois there is no telling what may happen.

SERBIA ALONE IS BULGARIA'S ENEMY STATES FERDINAND

LONDON, Oct. 16.—A copy of the manifesto of King Ferdinand to the Bulgarians, portions of which were forwarded recently by telegraph, reached London today. The manifesto implies Bulgaria has no quarrel with the entente powers. It explains that they, like Germany, were prepared to give Bulgaria the greater part of Macedonia.

"Our treacherous neighbor, Serbia, alone remained inflexible in the face of the advice of her friends and allies," the manifesto continues. "Far from listening to their counsels, Serbia, in animosity stupidly attacked our territory and our brave troops have been forced to fight for defense of their own soil."

In conclusion King Ferdinand says:

"The European war is nearing a close. The victorious armies of the central empires in Serbia are advancing rapidly. I command our valiant army to drive the enemy from the limits of our kingdom and crush this felon neighbor. We shall fight the Serbs at the same time as the brave armies of the central empires."

TRIES TO STOP SLIDE

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debris would slide into the canal as could be shoveled out by thousands of men during the day.

In this one cut alone some 2,722,164 cubic yards of material had slipped into the canal up to July of 1913, and all this had to be shoveled out again.

EX-CONDUCTORS COINED $500,000 IN $5 GOLD PIECES

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16—United States Secret service operatives are due to arrive here tonight with Rollie A. York and Edward Carr of Oakland, Cal., whom they charge with having made and circulated nearly a half million dollars in five dollar gold pieces. York was arrested in Ogden, Utah, and Carr in Canada. The counterfeiting plant ios said to be in Oakland.

York and Carr, former Southern Pacific railroad conductors, have been pursued for months by secret service operatives, it was said at the secret service offices here.

The amount of the suprious money put out by them, it was said, is between $300,000 and $500,000.

Harry Moffat, chief agent here personally arrested Carr in Canada, it was said, while M. Callahan, Salt Lake operative, and Thomas Foster of the San Francisco office, collaborated on the arrest of York in Ogden.

The operation of York and Carr is said to be the most gigantic of any in the history of the west.

PUBLIC BANQUET BY COMMERCIAL CLUB ON MONDAY

After a respite from its regular monthly meetings for the transaction of routine and regular business, the Medford Commercial club will resume that important feature of its work at a banquet assemblage in St. Mark's hall next Monday evening at 6:30, at which prominent speakers from Portland and probably other cities will be present to add enthusiasm, strength and wisdom to the renewed impulsive forces of local business leaders.

A special feature of the evening will be a spread served by the enterprising ladies of Medford, at which young chicken and hot biscuits will be among the chief attractions to hungry gastronomes. The women of Medford and vicinity have achieved enviable distinction already in this respect at similar Commercial club gatherings in the past. They need no special commendation at this time. That the dinner will be a gastronomic treat is unanimously conceded in advance. Fifty cents a plate will be the charge. Every business man in Medford and vicinity is invited, irrespective of membership in the Commercial club.

Prominent among the speakers from Portland will be County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman, Judge William M. Colvig and Hon. Ed Werlein.

Much local interest is being manifested in this opportune renewal of club activities and it is hoped that a rousing meeting, inspired by timely and optimistic speeches, business talks, discussions of proposed industrial enterprises and an attractive feast by the ladies, will result.

EUGENE ARMORY DEDICATED TODAY

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 16.—The new Oregon state armory, erected here at a cost of $81,000, will be dedicated this afternoon with its acceptance for the state by Adjutant-General White of the national guard and speeches by United States Senator George E. Chamberlain and Governor Withycombe.

The exercises will start with the arrival of a special train bearing the speakers and the special guests at 12:25 p. m. Civic and military organizations of the city will escort the arrivals to the armory. At 8 o'clock tonight the governor will hold a reception, after which there will be a military ball given by the officers of the coast artillery corps.

OBITUARY.

Marshall Frances Baldwin, aged 89 years, at the home of his son in the Applegate valley. Mr. Baldwin was born in New York state February 28, 1826. He was one of the old '49 pioneers, being a member of the Colonel Hardin expedition. He was interested in mining while in California, moving to Oregon in 1851. He was appointed United States deputy marshal for Oregon in 1851. He was appointed United States deputy marshal for Oregon territory under Joe Meek. He was married to Eliza Ann Woody in March, 1853, whom he has long survived. He moved to Williamsburg, Josephine county, in 1864, and was elected judge of Josephine county. Mr. Baldwin was the father of nine children, three of whom survive—Mrs. Ellen M. Abbott of Portland, Blake W. and Marshall L. Baldwin of Applegate. His death was due to the ailments of old age. Interment in Sparlin cemetery, Williams creek.