

# MADERO DIES IN DARK PLOT OF ASSASSIN

## With Saurez, Deposed Vice President, He Falls in Night Ride.

### FIRE UPON BY GUARDS

#### Only Explanation Is That Prisoners Attempted to "Escape" —Unwritten Law Invoked.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—An official investigation into the death of Madero and Saurez will be begun at once, but the general belief prevails it will substantiate the official version.

The fact that the bodies of the two statesmen were recovered in the rear of the penitentiary is explained by a statement that a second encounter occurred close to the building. It is said the automobiles ran along the side of the road and that Madero and Saurez jumped out and were running when they were caught between the fire of the guards and the attacking party, this accounting for wounds being inflicted on them from different directions.

Provisional President Huerta and other authorities here are earnest in their declarations that the government is acting in good faith and that the death of prisoners was due solely to unforeseen circumstances. With the passing of Francisco Madero, the general opinion prevails that the tenaciousness of the situation has been relieved. There is a marked tendency on the part of all classes to accept the new order.

#### SAYS PRISONERS TRIED TO ESCAPE.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.—Francisco Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed president and vice president, are dead. In a midnight ride under guard from the national palace to the penitentiary they were killed.

The circumstances surrounding their death are unknown, except as given in official accounts, which do not conform in all cases. The only witnesses were those actually concerned in the killing.

The provisional president, General Victoriano Huerta, says the killing of the two men was incidental to a fight between their guard and a party attempting to liberate them.

The minister of foreign relations, Francisco de la Barra, adds that the prisoners attempted to escape.

Neither makes a definite statement as to which side fired the fatal shots. It is not impossible that neither knows.

An official investigation has been ordered to determine the responsibility and solemn promises have been made that the guilty will be punished.

#### PUBLIC REMEMBERS "LEY FUGA."

Not unnaturally a great part of the public regards the official versions with doubt, having in mind the use for centuries of the notorious "ley fuga" or the unwritten law which is invoked when the death of a prisoner is desired.

After its application there is written on the record, "prisoner shot while trying to escape."

Senora Madero, widow of the ex-president, received the first definite information of his death from the Spanish minister, Senor Colegan y Colegan. She already had heard reports that something unusual and serious had happened, but friends had endeavored up to that time to prevent her from learning the whole truth.

#### WIDOWS REQUESTED VIEW OF BODIES

Soon afterward, accompanied by her brother, Jose Perez, and Mercedes Madero, a sister of Francisco, Senora Madero drove to the penitentiary, but was refused permission to see the body of her husband.

Senora Suarez also was denied admittance to the mortuary, where physicians, in accordance with the law, were performing an autopsy.

In contrast to the widow, whose grief was of a pitifully silent character, expressed in sobs, Mercedes Madero, a beautiful young woman, educated in Paris, who has been a brilliant leader of society since the revolution of 1910, was dry eyed and tight-lipped in her emotions.

#### SISTER CALLS SLAYERS TRAITORS.

By the side of the two women whose husbands had been killed, the girl hurled accusations at the officers who barred the entrance.

"Cowards! Assassins!" she called then, her voice pitched high. The officers stared impassively.

"You! The man who fired on a defenseless man! You and your superior officers are traitors!"

No effort was made to remove the women, nor did the officers attempt to silence them. Senora Madero continued weeping and the girl did not cease her hysterical tirade until the arrival of the Spanish minister and the Japanese charge, who came to offer their services.

#### BODIES TO GO TO RELATIVES.

The minister spoke with the officers in charge, but was told that on account of the autopsy it would be impossible

## WHEN WILL HE COME?



# HENRY L. WILSON HAS SUDDEN CALL

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—Henry Langford Wilson, president of the Archaeological Institute of America, and professor of Roman archaeology and epigraphy in Johns Hopkins university, died of pneumonia in a local hospital during the night. He became ill while sitting in the office of Director W. J. Holland at the Carnegie museum.

for any one to see the bodies. Later in the day, they said, the request would be complied with. The diplomats then conducted the women away from the penitentiary.

Madero's father and Rafael Hernandez, former minister of the interior, and other friends made efforts early in the day to recover the bodies and it was stated this afternoon that the American ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson, had interested himself and secured the promise of Minister de la Barra that the bodies should be delivered to their families for burial.

#### REMOVE PRISONERS AT MIDNIGHT.

The tragedy occurred shortly after midnight Sunday. Madero and Saurez, who had been prisoners in the national palace since their arrest on Tuesday, were placed in an automobile, which was accompanied by another car, and escorted by 100 rurales under the orders of Commandant Francisco Cardenas and Colonel Rafael Plenteno.

With instructions not to obstruct the escort, the cars moved slowly.

No incident occurred until they had reached a point near the penitentiary, where in an open place the guards' attention was attracted, according to the official version to a group of persons following.

#### ESCORTS ATTACKED BY MOB.

Shots were fired at the escort out of the darkness. The rurales closed in and ordered the prisoners out of the car.

Thirty of the guards surrounded the prisoners while the remainder disposed themselves to resist an attack.

About fifty men, some on foot and some mounted, threw themselves upon the detachment guarding the cars and the exchange of shots lasted 20 minutes, when the attacking party fled.

#### MADERO SHOT IN BACK OF HEAD.

The body of Madero shows only one wound. A bullet entered the back of the head and emerged at the forehead.

The body of Saurez shows many wounds, entering from in front. One of the male members of the Madero family only two are now in the capital. One is Francisco Madero, the father, who bitterly opposed his son's conducting a revolution in 1910 and rode across northern Mexico in an effort to overthrow and dissuade him. The other is Ernesto Madero, the former minister of finance, an uncle, though only a year older than the late president.

#### GUSTAVO SLAIN BY FUGITIVE LAW.

Gustavo Madero, a brother, was obliged to submit to the "ley fuga" the day after the deposition of the president and was shot down in the arsenal.

Senora Madero and the two sisters of the ex-president, Mercedes and Angela, are at the Japanese legation.

#### ERNESTO MADERO LEAVES.

Vera Cruz, Feb. 24.—Ernesto Madero, who was finance minister in the cabinet of his nephew, President Francisco Madero, arrived here with his family on a special car, and will probably depart this afternoon on board a Cuban gunboat for Cuba.

#### OLD DICTATOR ELATED.

Konoh, Egypt, Feb. 24.—Porfirio Diaz, former dictator of Mexico, declared he was holding himself in readiness to respond to the call of his country in case foreign complications should arise out of the revolution there. He expressed the hope that "hands off of

### The Weather

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Fair and warmer tonight with the lowest temperature about 10 to 15 degrees above zero. Tuesday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 6. Highest yesterday, 20; lowest last night, 6.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 64; at 7 a. m., 92.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

#### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 5:47; rises 6:40. Evening stars: Mercury, Venus, Saturn. Morning stars: Jupiter, Mars.

Mexico would continue to be the policy of the United States. General Diaz was elated at the success of his nephew, Felix Diaz, and also of General Huerta.

#### ANXIETY AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A feeling of anxiety over the situation in Mexico continued throughout official circles during the early part of the day, but no additional dispatches were made public to throw further light on the condition existing. It was felt that Ambassador Wilson's message stating that the diplomatic corps would not attend a luncheon to be given at noon to discuss the situation would prove a sufficient indication to the Mexican authorities of the purpose of this and other governments. Chief activity was manifested in the war department, where additional plans for mobilization of troops are being made.

#### RECOGNITION IS WITHHELD.

The extent to which recognition may be extended by the United States to the Huerta government has not been determined. From present indications this will depend largely upon the recommendation of Ambassador Wilson, who has been given large discretionary authority in the matter. The question is likely to be brought to an issue very soon through some application from the Huerta government, when the tragic events of Sunday will likely be considered.

#### MORE TROOPS MOVED.

Washington, Feb. 24.—More orders moving troops to Galveston for the purpose of concentrating a full army division there, in accordance with a policy of preparedness as outlined by President Taft in a public speech in New York Saturday night were issued by the war department early today.

Major General Carter, at Chicago, will be placed in supreme command. In addition to the fourth brigade, second division, consisting of the 23rd, 25th and 26th infantry, now in the middle west, orders were issued for preparation for the entrainment of the entire sixth brigade, comprising the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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# LABOR TRUST ATTACKED BY FEDERAL ACT

## Government Intervenes in Strike Against Postal Telegraph Company.

### FILES A CHICAGO SUIT

#### Injunction Asked to Restrain Defendants From Obstructing Interstate Messages.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—An alleged "labor trust" is attacked by the federal government in a civil suit filed here against local unions No. 9 and 134 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, engaged in a strike against the Postal Telegraph & Cable company.

As part of the labor war against the telegraph company, the government charges officers and employees of the unions with combining and conspiring, through acts of violence and depredations, to injure the Postal telegraph wires and to interfere with the transmission of government and commercial messages in interstate commerce.

#### INTERFERENCE DELIBERATE.

The alleged interference is declared to have been deliberate. While restraint of interstate commerce is alleged, the Sherman law is not specifically mentioned in the government's bill of complaint, which generally declares the defendants' alleged unlawful acts have violated rights granted under the constitution of the United States to a telegraph company and to the senders of messages.

#### INJUNCTION SOUGHT.

The government asks that the defendants be enjoined from obstructing interstate and government messages over the Postal, from cutting, burning or otherwise injuring its telegraph lines and from interfering by threats, intimidation, persuasion or force with employees or prospective employees of the company.

# RYAN FAVORED BY BRIDGE WORKERS

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 24.—Reorganization of the International Bridge and Structural Workers, all but two of whose executive officers were convicted last December of promoting the McNamara dynamite plots in connection with the union's strike against "open shop" contracts, is planned at the association's annual convention here. About 100 delegates, representing 12,000 members from all parts of the union, are represented. President Ryan, who received a seven-year sentence, the heaviest punishment of the 32 convicted officials, is favored by some delegates for reelection. Since Ryan's release from Leavenworth he has been here directing details of the convention. Joseph E. McClory of Cleveland, acting secretary, probably will be elected permanent secretary to succeed Herbert S. Hookin, one of the convicted men. McClory says the sessions of the convention are secret.

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# ROSTRON HERE TO RECEIVE A MEDAL

New York, Feb. 24.—Captain A. H. Rostron, commander of the steamship Carpathia, when it rescued survivors of the Titanic last April, arrived from England to receive a medal voted by congress. The award will be made in Washington.

# TO BAR WIRES ON COTTON FUTURES

Washington, Feb. 24.—Federal legislation to prohibit transmission by telegraph of information concerning cotton futures and options is to come before the senate tomorrow. Senator Smith of South Carolina gave notice he would ask to have the judiciary committee discharged from further consideration of the bill now before it. The measure passed the house last summer.

# COMMISSION PLAN FOR SMALL CITIES

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 24.—Cities of over 2,000 population were permitted to establish a commission form of government and salaries of city officials were fixed in a bill which passed the senate of Iowa today. The bill had already passed the house, but because of an amendment added by the senate will have to go back to the house for final action.

A bill calculated to make Woodbury and Monona counties two separate judicial districts, and providing for the appointment of an additional judge, was introduced in the house by Griffin of Woodbury. Sioux City commercial and legal interests are behind the measure.

Representative Lounsbury of Marshall provides severe penalties for prisoners who escape from state penitentiaries in a bill introduced in the house. Under its provisions escaped convicts shall have five years added to their sentence.

# MATHESON'S LIFE SENTENCE STICKS

Washington, Feb. 24.—The supreme court declined to interfere with the life prison sentence of George Matheson for the alleged murder of Gus Lawless at Chicken Creek, Alaska, in 1908. It was one of the first cases to come to court from within the arctic circle. The court took a recess until late this afternoon without any decision in the important rate cases pending.

The federal "white slave traffic act" of 1910 was upheld as constitutional today by the supreme court in an opinion by Justice McKenna.

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# DEMOCRATS SPLIT WITH GOV. DUNNE

## Refuse to Accept Proposed Senator Compromise on Lewis and Sherman.

### CHARLES ISSUES A LETTER

#### State Chairman Calls on Leaders to Insist on Having Both Places at Washington.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—An open break between Governor Dunne and the democratic state organization developed Saturday when opposite methods to end the senatorial deadlock were resorted to in Chicago. Politicians foresaw in the developments a complete split between the Dunne and Sullivan forces.

The governor came to Chicago in the morning, and after conferring with County Treasurer W. L. O'Connell and other political confidants at his Beacon street residence announced his determination to stand by his plan to elect J. Hamilton Lewis for the long term senatorship and Lawrence Y. Sherman, republican nominee, for the short term.

#### CHARLES WANTS TWO DEMOCRATS.

About the time the governor was reiterating this position, originally made known in Springfield last week, Arthur W. Charles, chairman of the democratic state committee, was busy at the Hotel Sherman sending out letters to 4,000 downstate precinct committeemen and party leaders urging continued support to the two democrats proposition—that is, Lewis and National Committeeman Charles Boeschstein.

The failure of the governor to consider seriously the assertion of Roger C. Sullivan that he had learned on his recent visit to the east that President-elect Wilson wanted two democratic senators elected, is said to have spurred the state chairman.

The governor refused to comment on the letter sent out by Chairman Charles. Regarding the course he intends to pursue, he said:

"I feel confident that sooner or later, how soon I cannot say, that Colonel Lewis will be elected for the long term and Mr. Sherman for the short term. The logic of the situation is plain to be seen. I am receiving letters from citizens in all sections of the state commending my course. I have believed all along it was the proper course to pursue and the encouragement I am receiving proves it so."

Referring to the day's conferences, the governor added:

"I have had conferences with several friends, none of whom have a vote in the legislature. While I do not want to disclose who I saw, I will say that neither Mr. Sullivan nor Mr. Boeschstein were present."

Chairman Charles made public his letter to party leaders. It is printed on the stationery of the state committee and signed by the chairman.

#### AGAINST BI-PARTISANSHIP.

The bipartisan plan for electing Lawrence Y. Sherman with James Hamilton Lewis, as proposed this week at Springfield, should not appeal to the militant democracy of our state, who believe that the democrats are entitled to the full fruits of the victory won by them last fall.

"That Mr. Lewis should be elected for the long term is conceded by all democrats, but this is not merely a personal privilege. The democracy of Illinois, having won a great victory, is entitled to have the vote of the state of Illinois in the fulfillment of the pledges of the party. The people of Illinois, in voting for democratic candidates, did not vote for a standoff, where the benefits derived are merely personal, but they voted for the establishment of democratic principles of government. For democrats to trade one senatorship and send a republican with a democrat to nullify any vote he may cast, is unfair to the democracy of the state and of the nation."

#### ARGUES AGAINST COMPROMISE.

"The democratic organization of Illinois is demanding the election of two democratic senators. With 97 democrats in the general assembly and 75 republicans, there never has been a time when two democrats could not have been elected if the 97 votes had been massed behind them, with the influence of the democratic state administration and the democratic national administration to back them up."

"It is plainly apparent that the progressives will not vote for a senator who will oppose everything they stand for. They cannot afford to sacrifice principle for office. They would rather have two democrats than one democrat and one republican. Why, then, should democrats surrender a senatorship without having made an honest effort to elect two?"

#### CALL SITUATION PARTY CRISIS.

"We appeal to you and other working democrats in this crisis, as we have in past party matters, to use your every influence to secure the united support of the democratic members for the long and short terms respectively."

"The democratic party has suffered from the blight of a bipartisan senatorial deal. Let us have no surrender. Let us demand that the democrats first do their duty to the democratic nominees and the democracy."

# WILSON SETS APRIL 1 DATE EXTRA OPENS

## President-Elect Reaches Decision After Consulting Underwood.

### MUCH WORK TO BE DONE

#### Agrees With Wall Street Editors That Currency Legislation Should Have Attention.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—President-elect Wilson announced that the extra session of congress will be convened Tuesday, April 1.

The governor declared he had arrived at this decision as the result of a letter from Representative Underwood, democratic house leader.

"I have waited," said Mr. Wilson, "to learn just what state of preparedness congress was in for the business of the new session."

#### CAUCUSING IN INTERVAL.

The governor said he had been corresponding with Underwood in this connection and had come to the conclusion that April 1 was the most feasible date. He intimated the interval from March 4 might be devoted to caucuses and conferences.

Two editors of a Wall street newspaper called upon the president-elect and urged that financial questions receive his earliest consideration, in discussing his talk with them afterward, Wilson said:

"Everybody is agreed there should be currency reform as soon as possible."

that elected them. Will you not urge the importance of this on your members?"

# FRAUD CHARGE IN A THEATRE DEAL

## Operators of Rock Island Property Bring Suit Against Shubert and Cort.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Charges of fraud are made again Jacob J. Shubert, head of the Shubert theatrical syndicate, and John Cort, playhouse owner and producer, in a suit, filed in the United States district court Saturday. The complainants in the bill seek the recovery of \$185,000, with interest, which is alleged to be due in the purchase of a chain of theaters in Illinois and Iowa.

The Foreman Brothers Banking company, made trustee in a contract executed on Aug. 1, 1900, between the late Frank W. Chamberlin, Burlington, Iowa, and Shubert and Cort is made co-defendant in the suit.

Mrs. Chamberlin, widow of Frank W. Chamberlin, and William E. Blake, attorney, are the complainants in the bill.

They allege that the defendants attempted to defraud them out of \$185,000 by means of a "dummy" New York corporation after the contract for the theatres in Quincy, Ottawa, Rock Island, Galesburg, Rockford, Moline, Freeport, Canton, Peoria, Aurora and Joliet, Ill., and Davenport, Muscatine, Waterloo, Creston and Grinnell, Iowa, had been executed.

# MRS. GUGGENHEIM LOSES HER CASE

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Motion of the state to expunge from the record the divorce of Grace Guggenheim from William Guggenheim on the grounds it was obtained through collusion and fraud upon the court was denied by Judge Heard here. Since the divorce various principals have married. In various attempts to have the divorce annulled the former Mrs. Guggenheim testified she swore falsely as to her residence in Illinois.

# TAKE PANKHURST IN BOMB OUTRAGE

London, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst has been arrested in connection with the destruction of the country residence of David Lloyd-George by an explosion last week. Her arrest resulted from her declaration at a public meeting that she had conspired with and incited her followers to carry out the outrage.