

EX-PRESIDENT MADERO AND SUAREZ SHOT AND KILLED

Were Being Removed From the National Palace of Mexico to the Penitentiary Under Guard---An Attempt at Rescue Had Fatal Results---The Whole Country Shocked Over News of the Tragedy---Government Promises a Strict Investigation---The U. S. May Intervene

Mexico City, Feb. 23—Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Mexican Republic, were shot and killed today, when an attempt was made to rescue them from an automobile that was transferring them to the penitentiary.

News of the death of Madero and Suarez was confirmed by General Huerta. Previously it had been announced that the transfer from the National Palace to the penitentiary had been made successfully.

Two of the party that attacked the automobile were reported killed in the exchange of shots.

Mexico City, Feb. 23—Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez are dead. In a midnight ride, under guard, from the National Palace to the penitentiary, they were killed.

The circumstances surrounding the death of the deposed President and Vice-President of the Republic are unknown except as given in the official accounts, which do not conform in all cases.

The only witnesses were those actually concerned in the killing. The provisional President, General Victorina Huerta, said that 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.

WIDOW HEARS THE NEWS.

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

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 was also 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 man, educated in Paris, who has been a brilliant leader of society since the revolution of 1910, was dry-eyed and tigerish in her emotions.

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 them, her voice pitched high. The officers stared impassively. "You know the man who fired on a defenceless man, you and your superior officers are traitors." No effort was made to remove the women, nor did the officers attempt to silence them.

MADERO SHOT FROM BEHIND.

The body of Madero shows only one wound. A bullet entered the back of the head and emerged from in front. Both President and ministers deeply deplored the affair and decided upon a full investigation to fix the responsibility and to punish the guilty. Already formal action has been taken by the authorities, and the members of the escort are under arrest pending the inquiry.

There are no signs of a demonstration in the central part of the city during the day. The news was re-



FRANCISCO I. MADERO

ceived quietly and apparently philosophically.

One hundred representative members of the British colony have sent a memorial to the American ambassador, expressing "appreciation for the able manner in which the ambassador has handled the delicate situation caused by the recent disturbance. The memorial extends sincere thanks "for the help afforded all foreigners by the American embassy without distinction of nationality and more especially all British residents."

THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

Mexico City, Feb. 23—Francisco De La Barra the Foreign minister sent an official statement to the foreign diplomatic representatives in which he said:

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HUMAN RATTLEBOX GAVE DEMONSTRATION

Ellis Whitman of New York Was at Victoria Public Hospital This Morning---Spectators Few

Ellis Whitman of New York, "The Human Rattlebox," who travels about the country giving demonstrations of dislocations of various joints of the body, arrived here from St. John, Saturday night and registered at the Barker House. This morning he gave a demonstration in the X-Ray room of the Victoria Public Hospital, where although the attending physicians were few in number, he gave a most extraordinary exhibition. Whitman dislocated both hips and walked and also jumped from a chair to the floor. He also dislocated his spine simulating various spinal diseases. He was able to turn his body completely around just above the hips. Whitman also was able to change the position of his heart.

The demonstration is said to be the most interesting ever given in Fredericton.

Whitman has twice sold his body to physicians but has outlived the purchasers.

BORDEN SPEAKS AT ALBANY TONIGHT

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 24—The Right Hon. Robert L. Borden, the Dominion premier, arrived in Albany today to be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the University Club of that city.

Mr. Hugh Connell of Woodstock is at the Barker House.

A large crew of men are working on the Fredericton and Minto Railway getting it in readiness for the opening of spring, when it is expected the work will be pushed along.

Graft and Extravagance Rampant on all Sides

Shocking Condition of Affairs Disclosed by Auditor General's Report---Enormous Sums Drawn From the Public Treasury by Ministers For Travelling Expenses---Premier Flemming and Attorney General Grimmer Passed the \$1000 Mark---Over \$11,000 Paid to a Fredericton Newspaper in Which Members of the Government Have a Financial Interest

That extravagance is rampant in every department of the provincial government under Flemming rule is amply attested by the annual report of the Auditor General brought down in the House of Assembly on Friday last. It is a fearful and wonderful document and will tell a story that will shock the taxpayers of this province or such of them who were gulled by the professions of economy made by the members of the present administration when in opposition.

The revenue last year was a record breaker amounting to \$1,417,723.17. In addition to this the government received \$12,254.96 from the Federal Government for agricultural purposes bringing the total receipts up to \$1,429,978.13.

The ordinary expenditure is said to have been \$1,409,049.38 and the sum of \$197,123.23 was expended on capital account bringing the total up to \$1,606,172.61. Of the special grant for agriculture \$6,725.18 is said to have been expended and the goodness only knows what was done with the balance. Although the government claims a surplus on ordinary revenue, their statement shows that the aggregate expenditure exceeded the receipts by \$188,460.40.

CRIES OF DISTRESS

Ten pages of the report are taken up with applications to the Auditor General for "more funds" and the minutes of the board ordering payment of the same. On April 10th we find Mr. W. W. Hubbard notifying the Auditor General that the appropriation for "assistance to scholars attending Agricultural Colleges" and for the "brown tail moth" have become exhausted and he asks under 27 of the Audit Act for \$1500 of which \$1000 is to be expended upon the moths. Of course he got the money and the merry chase for moths went on.

On May 2nd Mr. H. M. Blair of the Public Works Department discovered that the appropriation for steam navigation had become exhausted and he asked for \$3,500 to pay outstanding bills. Section 27 of the Audit Act was again cited and the money was forthcoming.

The King's Printer woke up on June 21st to find that the appropriation for public printing had become exhausted, and he was able to secure \$1000 from the treasury. On Aug. 7 this fund again became exhausted by reason of "extras" for printing the Royal Gazette and "Orchard Opportunities" and a further appropriation of \$800 was made. On Sept. 2nd it was found that "Royal Gazette extras" and "Orchard Opportunities" had again exhausted the fund and another \$1000 was provided. This was sufficient to keep the King's printer silent for the balance of the fiscal year.

Other accounts which became exhausted during the year from overwork were in connection with the Crown Lands' Public Works and Agricultural Departments and the Provincial Hospital. In each case Section 27 of the Audit Act seems to have brought relief.

COSTLY MINISTERS

The members of the Flemming government were great sticklers for economy when in opposition, therefore it almost seems incredible that last year they drew from the provincial treasury in salaries, travelling expenses and perquisites the enormous sum of \$23,717.48. Premier Flemming, when barnstorming in Carleton County years ago declared that members of the government in drawing travelling expenses, were robbing the public, and he even went so far as to promise that if he were elected he would leave the train at St. Mary's and walk to Fredericton in order to save coach fare to the province. The fact that the premier last year drew the tidy sum of \$1,085 for travelling expenses or \$3.50 for every working day, shows how rigidly he has lived up to his professions of economy made when in opposition. He proved himself to be the will of the wisp of the executive, although that other eminent economist, Attorney General

Grimmer was a good second with \$1005.

The following statement compiled from the auditor general's report shows the various amounts scooped in by the members of this economical government.

HON. W. C. H. GRIMMER

Salary.....	\$2100.00
Col. Succession duties.....	1727.02
Travelling expenses.....	645.00
Expenses to Ottawa re Valley Ry.....	65.00
Expenses to Ottawa re Fisheries claim.....	60.00
Expenses to Ottawa re St. John Valley Ry. contract.....	50.00
Expenses to Ottawa re lease Valley Ry. to Dom. Govt.....	105.00
Contingencies.....	416.91
Allowance for stenographer.....	250.00
Indemnity and mileage.....	522.00
Postage and telegrams.....	50.00
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Com. Provincial Hospital.....	96.00
Expenses Friel investigation.....	25.00
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Total.....	\$6155.93

PREMIER FLEMMING

Salary.....	\$2100.00
Indemnity and mileage.....	514.00
Travelling expenses.....	625.00
Expenses to Forestry Convention at Victoria, B.C.....	200.00
Expenses to Ottawa, St. John Valley Rt. and fishery claims (2 trips).....	110.00
Travelling expenses to Ottawa.....	150.00
Allowance as Commissioner Provincial Hospital.....	96.00
Postage and telegrams.....	50.00
To pay stenographers.....	49.00
Total.....	\$3894.00

HON. H. F. McLEOD

Salary.....	\$2100.00
Indemnity.....	500.00
Travelling expenses.....	530.00
Expenses to Ottawa re fisheries claim.....	40.00
Expenses to Ottawa re St. John Valley Ry.....	55.00
Expenses to Ottawa re St. John Valley Ry.....	45.00
Postage and telegrams.....	50.00
Allowance as Hospital Com.....	96.00
Total.....	\$3416.00

HON. JOHN MORRISSY

Salary.....	\$2100.00
Travelling expenses.....	675.00
Indemnity and mileage.....	524.80
Postage and telegrams.....	50.00
Com. Provincial Hospital.....	96.00
Total.....	\$3445.80

HON. D. V. LANDRY

Salary.....	\$1700.00
Travelling expenses.....	527.55
Indemnity and mileage.....	539.00
Postage and telegrams.....	50.00
Com. Provincial Hospital.....	96.00
Total.....	\$2912.55

FORECASTLE MEMBERS

In addition to the above "Hon. Robt. Maxwell drew \$514 as indemnity and travelling expenses, \$224 for attending meetings of the executive Council, \$85 as travelling expenses \$45 for expenses to Ottawa \$48 as a commissioner for the Provincial Hospital and \$50 for postage and telegrams making a total of \$966.

Hon. J. A. Murray, who succeeded Hon. Mr. Maxwell as a forecastle member of the government received \$522 for indemnity and mileage, \$272 for attending meetings of the executive, \$96 as a commissioner of the provincial hospital, \$200 for travelling expenses and \$50 for postage and telegrams making a total of \$1140.

Hon. John E. Wilson another forecastle member of the government received \$514 for indemnity and mileage, \$120 for attending meetings of the executive, \$55 for travelling expenses \$18 for attending hospital meetings and \$50 for postage and telegrams making a total of \$787.

UNFORSEEN EXPENSES

Under the heading of "Unforeseen Expenses" we have the snug little sum of \$3,500.76 A good portion of this amount was contracted in connection with the visit to the province of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught which the government seems to have been unable to foresee.

The Premier's expenses to the Forestry Convention at Victoria, B.C., and junketing expedition of various members to Ottawa in connection with the Valley Railway and fisheries claim accounts for a further sum of \$773.50. In order that he who runs may read, we quote a few simple tricks.	
M. G. Teed, prof. services St. John Valley Ry.....	\$347.60
Burroughs Adding Machine.....	294.00
J. D. Wannamaker Catering.....	353.45
Hire May Queen.....	150.00
Allen Bros. coaching.....	81.50
A. G. Plummer, engraving cards.....	51.10
Tennant & Holder, carpets.....	281.69
N. A. Edgecomb?, decorating.....	65.00
Mrs G.Y. Dibblee expenses to St. John re reception.....	10.00
Sgt. Hunt, services men to look after marquees.....	35.00
Orchestra, Garden Party.....	25.00
Band for reception.....	50.00

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THE WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, N.Y., Feb. 24—Ex-President Madero and Vice-President Suarez of Mexico, slain on way to prison.

President Taft will not intervene as long as the Mexicans confine the fighting among themselves.

It is reported that Mexico has arranged with bankers in the United States for a loan of \$30,000,000.

Wickersham will today present a plan of dissolution of the Harriman merger to the United States court at St. Louis.

President Mabon on the New York Stock Exchange, issues call for opposition by members of the plan to incorporate the Exchange when the measure comes up at Albany Wednesday.

Pujo Committee will meet today to hear report of Untermyer.

Sweeping reforms by Stock Exchanges and abolition of interlocking directories are among the things proposed.

The London Daily Mail says that peace in the Balkan States is expected the first week in March. Turkey is said to have accepted the Powers' note and is willing to cede Adrianople.

The Sun says that there has been a hitch between Wilson and Bryan and the latter may not enter the cabinet.

Cairo despatches continue to report gradual improvement of J. P. Morgan's health.

Trade report shows that heavy purchasers of equipment continue to constitute the chief feature of the iron and steel industry.

American stocks in London steady to up. 12 industrials declined .27, 20 active railroads declined .36.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. MacDonald of Chatham who have been visiting friends here returned home tonight.

Mr. John L. Feeney of the Public Works Department, St. John is in the city today.

Mr. C. Baneau of Quebec is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jones of Woodstock are in the city.

Mr. C. Colin MacTavish of St. John is registered at the Queen.

Mr. J. D. McCallum of Montreal is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. F. H. Deering of St. John is in the city today.

EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS

America's Foremost Teachers Gather in City of Brotherly Love

One of the Most Important Meetings in the History of the Co-operative Educational Movement

Philadelphia, Feb. 24—Philadelphia this week is to be the educational centre of the country. The occasion is a gathering of the nation's foremost educators for the annual meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Educational Association.

A number of affiliated organizations are to meet with the department. Among these are the National Council of Education, National Society for the Study of Education, International Kindergarten Union, National Society for the Study of Education, Society of College Teachers of Education, Association of State Superintendents of Education and the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers Associations.

Judging from the completeness and wide scope of the preparations that have been made for the gathering it will be one of the most notable and fruitful meetings in the history of the co-operative educational movement. Hundreds of well known educators have already arrived in the city, and hundreds of others are expected to be on hand when the regular program is taken up tomorrow.

Nearly every State of the Union is represented among the visitors. The membership of the department of superintendence is composed of public school superintendents representing communities as large as New York, Chicago, Boston, and St. Louis, as well as some of the smallest villages in the country.

In addition to the superintendents the participants in the convention will include well known college presidents, State superintendents of education, educational writers and experts in every field of educational work.

During the five days of the convention every conceivable topic that could come within the general subject of education will be discussed by the foremost teachers and scholars of the nation. From the kindergarten child to the college post graduate, the musician, to the artisan, all kinds, degrees and phases of instruction will be considered.

Unifying the school system, abolishing useless courses, adaptation of courses to students and vocational and specialized training are among the subjects to which special attention will be given. At the same time a campaign to raise a \$1,000,000 endowment fund for education research will be launched.

BASEBALL PLAYERS OFF FOR TRAINING GROUND

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24—An initial push was given the baseball season today with the departure of Connie Mack and a party of players of the Philadelphia Athletics for the spring training grounds at San Antonio. Both veterans and recruits were included in the party starting from here, others will join en route and by the time the Texas city is reached it is expected that the entire list of players reserved by the club will be on duty and ready for the warming-up practice. The club will play exhibition games in the South and West until April 1, when the players will return to this city to engage in the regular spring series with the Philadelphia Nationals. When this series is concluded everything will be in readiness for the opening of the championship season.

Mrs. M. A. Laskey returned to St. John Saturday after visiting her son Wm. W. Laskey in this city.

Mrs. Thomas Patchell, who is visiting relatives at Waasis, is arranging to leave early next month for her home in Alaska.

Mr. E. W. Shiefs of St. John is among the committal men at the Barker House.