

CARRANZA AIDES HELD PRISONER

Death of Mexican President at Mountain Hut Detailed in Formal Report

SUICIDE STORY IS DENIED

By the Associated Press
Mexico City, May 25.—Military officers and civilians who were taken captive at Taxicalantongo following the death of President Carranza will be held in the prison here until Adolfo de la Huerta, the provisional president, takes office. Disposition of the men then will be decided upon by him, it is understood.

Several who were brought from the state of Puebla on the train bearing Carranza's body to this city have been released. Those still in the prison are Generals Juan Trujano, Francisco Trujano, Francisco Murguía, Francisco de P. Mariel, Manuel Aguirre Berlanga, Ynacio Bonillas and Luis Cabana.

Mexican officials and military officers who accompanied Carranza in his flight into the mountains of Puebla again were censured by General Obregon yesterday. Asked to express his opinion regarding the death of the late chief executive, he said:

"Among the generals and noted civilians accompanying Carranza, to whom they owed infinite favors and consideration, there was not even one Dimas and one Gestas who wanted to die at his side."

Referred to Two Thieves
In speaking of "one Dimas and one Gestas," General Obregon referred to the two thieves who were crucified with the Saviour.

Formal investigation for the purpose of clarifying the part taken in the death of President Carranza, both by Colonel Rodolfo Herrero and members of the Carranza party, is recommended by the commission of four named by Generals Obregon and Gonzales to inquire into the tragedy at Taxicalantongo. The commission submitted its report last night and cited ten points which the members had agreed had been proven from stories of witnesses.

The commission's report, which is the first authoritative story of the death of Carranza, may be summarized as follows:

"Colonel Herrero joined the Carranza party at Puebla, state of Puebla, on May 20, following a conference with General Francisco de P. Mariel, to whom he surrendered last March. Herrero pledged allegiance and promised to defend Carranza, which promise was accepted by General Mariel, who told the fugitive president that Carranza was willing to fight for him. General Mariel then left the Carranza party and did not go to Taxicalantongo.

"When Carranza reached Taxicalantongo he was led by Herrero to the hut where he was to sleep. Carranza was with Carranza when beds in this shelter were assigned to the president, Manuel Aguirre Berlanga, minister of the interior; Mario Hernandez, chief telegraph; Gil Farias, the president's private secretary, and Captains Amador and Euzate, his aides. General Murguía and other members of the party were taken to different houses in the village. Before retiring Carranza ordered Captain Suarez to assist in placing sentinels, all of whom were Herrero's men.

"Herrero later told Carranza that a messenger had informed him his brother was injured, whereupon Carranza left the village, promising to return. At 3 o'clock on the morning of May 21, three of Herrero's men entered the president's hut, stating they had been ordered to report to him what the situation was, adding that nothing new had occurred. Carranza listened to the report, and then told the men to leave.

Details of Killing
(The report says this move was probably for the purpose of ascertaining if all in the hut were in bed and whether Carranza had changed his position.)

"Half an hour later, the hut was attacked from all sides. President Carranza was heard to cry: 'I can't get up; my leg is broken.' He then looked for a carbine so that he could defend him-

self, but was answered by a volley which ended his life instantly.

"The other occupants of the hut fled, as did those in the other shelters, and there was great confusion in the village. Herrero, at the head of his men, captured many of the party, who were taken twelve miles away while others were left in Taxicalantongo. Four or five of these prisoners were forced to sign a statement that Carranza had committed suicide. This statement was dictated by Manuel Aguirre Berlanga and written by Paulino Fontes, director of Mexican national railways.

Captain Amador declared that when Carranza liberated his prisoners he named Colonel Marques Ceron for shooting the president.

FOR U. S. MONEY IN MEXICO

American Chamber of Commerce Favors Financial Plan
Mexico City, May 26.—(By A. P.)—Proposals for the importation of United States paper and metal currency for the purpose of solving Mexico's monetary problem have been approved by the American Chamber of Commerce, according to an announcement last night.

They are being considered by the Confederation of Chambers of Commerce of Mexico, which has forty-two chambers affiliated with it.

The short stock of currency has for more than a year been restricting business and commerce and hampering development of the country. Speculators have been reaping a harvest by exporting silver at the expense of legitimate business. The provisional government has proposed that the confederation finance a new issue of paper currency, but the confederation is unwilling to do so. Should the new government accept American paper currency, it is believed the Mexican monetary problem can be solved in short order.

FATAL CLASHES IN ITALY

At Least Six Killed During Celebration of War Anniversary
Rome, May 26.—(By A. P.)—At least six persons were killed and more than thirty wounded in the clash between royal guards and students which marked the close of Monday's celebration of the fifth anniversary of Italy's entry into the world war, according to reports from reliable sources. Other reports show the number of dead at a still higher figure.

As a consequence of the disturbance, the police today took into custody all residents of Palmaria and Fiume who were in Rome, with the view of repatriating them or sending them to places where it would be impossible to investigate disorders by urging their claims.

Clashes between strikers and police have occurred in Palermo, where one person has been killed and seven wounded, according to newspaper dispatches. Ortona and Marsa have also been the scenes of encounters, two persons being killed and three wounded in the latter city. A general strike has been declared in Palermo.

Prince of Wales at Melbourne

Melbourne, May 26.—(By A. P.)—The Prince of Wales, who sailed from New Zealand on board the battle-cruiser Renown May 21, arrived in Melbourne today.

POINCARÉ IS RIGHT, SAYS CLEMENCEAU

Indemnity Question Settled in Versailles Treaty, Declares Former French Premier

"OPEN ACCOUNT" SYSTEM

By the Associated Press
Paris, May 26.—Light is thrown on the financial side of the Versailles Treaty with Germany in an interview with Georges Clemenceau, former French premier, secured by Alfred Capus, editor of the Gaulois, and published in that newspaper today.

"Several persons know," said the former premier, "that in the Peace Conference discussion of a fixed indemnity lasted for three weeks. We should not forget that a fixed sum for indemnity was the Anglo-American idea from the very beginning, and that our Allies never abandoned this viewpoint. They even made a most careful valuation of the sum Germany could pay, which was exactly 75,000,000,000 marks in all.

"Out of our share we would have to pay for the reconstruction of devastated regions, and I need not tell you we could not agree to such a solution.

"Discussion was long and ardent, because the Anglo-American idea as to Germany's power of paying was firmly rooted, but finally an agreement was effected, and that solution was embodied in the Treaty of Versailles."

"Isn't that solution one that might be called an 'open account system'?" M. Clemenceau was asked, "by which it is proposed to exact from Germany everything she owes us, but by successive installments, as we are in a position to fix the indebtedness?"

"Quite right," the former premier replied, "and with the occupation of the Rhineland as a guarantee, both of the amount of the debt and the good faith of the debtor, and with the reparations commission and the permanent control organization, I was in complete agreement with President Poincaré on this plan. When I saw him accept the presidency of the reparations commission I thought his acceptance the logical consequence of our initial conception."

When the interviewer interpreted that M. Poincaré had resigned from that position, M. Clemenceau declared: "I approved, as he could do nothing else, since our system had been through the immense difficulties of peace-making, saying: 'These were much greater than the most sincere detractors of the treaty imagined. I said in the Chamber of Deputies that to preserve unity among the Allies I would make every sacrifice. Well, I didn't make every one. I made only some, and those principally in form, otherwise an agreement would have been impossible.'

DISORDINI IN VARIE CITTA' DELL'ITALIA

Cil Elementi Turbolenti Provocano Conflitti in Roma, Palermo ed Ortona a Mare

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Roma, 24 Maggio (ritardato).—Un grande eccitamento si e' notato fino a tarda ora, ieri notte, in seguito al conflitto che nel pomeriggio era occorso tra sovversivi e guardie regie, quando queste tentarono di sciogliere una dimostrazione di studenti. Nel conflitto furono uccise quattro guardie ed uno studente e molte altre persone rimasero ferite. Tra i feriti vi sono due donne. Nessun altro incidente si verifico' dopo che l'ordine fu ristabilito e la folla posta in fuga.

Gli studenti avevano organizzato una dimostrazione per celebrare il quinto anniversario dell'Italia in guerra e tentarono raggiungere la Piazza del Quirinale ed acclamare il Re, ma trovarono gli sbocchi chiusi da cordoni di truppe. Le guardie regie tentarono disperdere i dimostranti e mentre cio' facevano furono sparati alcuni colpi di rivoltella da elementi turbolenti e non studenti, e varie guardie furono colpite. Gli agenti della forza risposero al fuoco, ferendo varie persone e ponendo la folla in fuga.

Sembra che mentre gli studenti organizzavano la dimostrazione in una delle universita', i socialisti tentarono impedirla e si dice che un giovane, che vestiva la divisa di ufficiale dell'esercito gridasse: 'Viva il bolscevismo, io sono un bolscevico.' Fu attaccato e gettato fuori del locale ove si teneva la riunione. Poi tardi fu arrestato. Risultò che nessuno dei studenti che partecipavano alla dimostrazione era armato.

Conflitti tra scioperanti e la polizia sono avvenuti in Palermo, durante i quali una persona fu uccisa e sette ferite, secondo dispetti giunti ai giornali di questa città. Ad Ortona a Mare, anche, sono avvenuti conflitti tra la folla pubblica e dimostranti, e due persone furono uccise e tre ferite.

A Palermo e' stato dichiarato lo sciopero generale.

Londra, 26 maggio.—Dispetti giunti da Durazzo dipingono la situazione in Albania come in preda alla guerra civile, e che e' impossibile predire le conseguenze. Il governo provvisorio sembra sia incapace di dominare la situazione. Si dice che nessuno abbia risposto alla chiamata alle armi per formare la guardia nazionale e far fronte al grave momento.

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35x4 1/2	57.60	66.15	59.60	7.10	8.90
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33x5	67.40	76.60	68.95	8.05	10.05
35x5	70.95	80.35	72.35	8.50	10.65
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