DIAZ FORCE FIGHTS NEW MEXICAN RULE

Troops in Vera Cruz States Combine With Others Against De La Huerta

DENY AMERICANS' CAPTURE

By the Associated Press

Vera Cruz, May 27.—Rebel forces commanded by Felix Diaz and operating along the coast of the state of Vera Cruz near Nautla are combining with other rebels and the troops still remaining loyal to the Carranza government, according to advices received here. As yet there is no official confirmation of this report.

Diaz announced some time ago he had abandoned his opposition to the Carranza government and that he wished to leave the country. So far as known he has not departed, and reports state he has taken advantage of the fact he has not been pursued and has reconsidered his resolution to quit Mexico.

Washington, May 27.—(By A. P.)—The State Department corrected today its announcement of yesterday that two Americans, Reginald MacDonald and Homer Cary, had been seized at Jimenez, Mexico. The report was transmitted to the American consul at Chihuahua on information obtained from the American Smelting and Refining Co., which later proved to be incorrect, today's announcement said.

Mexico City, May 27.—(By A. P.)—Appointment of a commission to investigate the circumstances attending the death of President Carranza has been asked of the Mexican senate by General Alvaro Obregon, who suggests the commission be headed by a justice of the Supreme Court. General Obregon, in making this request, says the commission named by himself and General Gonzales for the same purpose encountered numerous difficulties, as "Mexican laws do not contemplate such contingencies as the Carranza tragedy."

SHOW R. R. PROPERTY VALUE

Government Reports Used to Sustain Carriers' Appeal

Washington, May 27.—(By A. P.)—Preliminary reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the cost of reproducing the country's railroads were introduced before the commission today by the carriers as sustaining their property investment account figures on which they base their request for freight advances aggregating $1,017,000,000.

Thomas W. Hulme, of Philadelphia, told the commission that government reports for fifty systems with a mileage of 51,853 showed the cost of reproduction at 1914 prices, including the value of land, to be $3,203,782,503, as compared with a property investment account of $3,158,275,156 carried on the books of the companies.

When inventories are completed for all the roads of the country, Mr. Hulme declared, they would show a reproduction cost at the 1914 prices in excess of the carriers' own investment statement and that on the basis of present prices the total would be far in excess of this.

MRS. SPRECKELS HONORED

Given Reception by French Government in Grand Palais

Paris, May 27.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Adolph Spreckels, of San Francisco, Calif., was guest of honor at a reception by the French Government in the Grand Palais, where Mrs. Spreckels was met by M. Heriot, minister of fine arts, and escorted through the salons.

The reception was given by the committee of France and the artists of Paris throughout to Mrs. Spreckels for the contributions at Alta Plaza, overlooking the Golden Gate of a replica of the Palais de la Legion of Honor as a lasting memorial to French and American soldiers. The building will be used as a museum and will cost several million dollars.

Survives 80-Foot Fall Over Dam

Troy, N. Y., May 27.—(By A. P.)—Robert Schiller, fireman of Brooklyn, had a miraculous escape from death at Sheer Falls yesterday afternoon when he was carried over the dam by the swift current and fell 80 feet to the rocks below. Schiller was engaged in repairing the [illegible]