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## DIAZ GIVES WAY ON MAIN POINTS; PEACE IN SIGHT?

President of Mexico Promises Effective Reform of the Electoral Laws.

## AGREES TO SINGLE TERM

Relatives of Revolutionary Leader on Way to Meet Emissary of Executive of Southern Republic.

## WORD OF MADERO IS FINAL

### BULLETIN.

San Antonio, Tex., April 1.—On what seems absolute authority the statement is made tonight that an unofficial preliminary peace conference will be held at El Paso on Monday at which Francisco I. Madero Sr. and his son, Alfonso, will meet Salvador Madero, a relative and friend of President Diaz.

The two Maderos left here secretly tonight for El Paso.

On Monday the messenger sent to Francisco I. Madero Jr., the revolutionary leader in the field, is expected to return to El Paso. Whether the conference proceeds further depends upon Madero's reply to the proposal sent to him by his father.

## DIAZ PROMISES MANY REFORMS.

Mexico City, April 1.—Committing himself to the advocacy of many of the reforms demanded by the revolutionists, although professedly bowing only to the influence of public opinion, President Porfirio Diaz answered his critics through his semi-annual message at the opening today of the national congress. The principle of no reelection of the chief executive and incumbents of other elective offices and the reform of the electoral laws so that the privilege of the ballot may be enjoyed by those citizens "who are considered capable of voting" were advocated.

Abuse of power by judges, complained of by residents in the rural districts throughout Mexico, is to be abated, according to the plan outlined by the president.

To Punish Rascally Judges.

The president proposes to improve the efficiency of the judiciary through a more careful selection of its personnel and lengthening of the tenure of office. Efficacious punishment of judicial functionaries for malfeasance is to be brought about through the enactment of more stringent measures.

On the subject of the division of the great private estates the chief executive declared his determination to find efficient means for bringing about the innovation.

In no previous message of the president has there ever been anything in the nature of a recommendation.

After reviewing at length the progress of the nation during the last six months and more briefly the events leading up to the rebellion and its progress, the message continued:

"Recent expressions of public opinion on various questions of governmental policy have attracted general attention, and, for this reason, the executive deems it fit to make known the measures which he believes ought to be adopted and the views by which he will be guided in his endeavors to warrant the confidence which the country has reposed in him.

Aim Is to Set Precedent.

"The change of mission just effected aims, for example, at satisfying in practice one general aspiration, which is that the political personnel be renovated from time to time. I have not hesitated to part with the services of capable, loyal, and honest advisers, who for a greater or less length of time, had given me their valued cooperation. My single aim has been to set the precedent of not carrying on the government indefinitely with the same cabinet, however high may be the merits of the persons composing it, and to show that room should be made from time to time to new energies in the direction of public affairs.

Furthermore, measures will be taken that will demonstrate a firm purpose to give heed to reasonable complaints that are made against some of the authorities, especially those who are in closest touch with the people.

## Hopes for Aid of Governors.

"It is to be hoped that in this policy the federal government will be seconded by the governors of states, who by reason of the administrative instrumentalities depending on them, are better able to remedy the evil in question.

"The principle of no reelection for executive functionaries, elected by popular suffrage, had not of late been broached in any of the legislative assemblies of the republic and for that reason the federal executive had not thought it proper to express an opinion as to a question, which, by its nature, falls within the province of those assemblies. But seeing that the issue has recently been brought up in some of the state legislatures and discussed in the press, the executive takes this

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Does Chicago want to "Go Back" to a Harrison government which has been characterized by Mr. Hearst's Examiner as being "slack, loose, vicious, slipshod, careless, indifferent, sloppy, down-at-the-heel, ragged, shiftless, inert, lazy, lawless, inefficient"?

## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 1911.

### THE WEATHER.

Increasing cloudiness Sunday. Showers by night; rising temperature; Monday probably showers; moderately southerly winds, increasing. Sunrise, 5:31. Sunset, 6:15. Moonset, 10:29 p. m.

### TEMPERATURE IN CHICAGO

(Last 24 hours.)

Maximum, 2 a. m. Sunday... 37

Minimum, 7 a. m. Saturday... 27

8 a. m. .... 29 11 a. m. .... 30 7 p. m. .... 32

4 a. m. .... 28 12 noon .... 31 8 p. m. .... 32

6 a. m. .... 28 1 p. m. .... 32 9 p. m. .... 33

7 a. m. .... 27 2 p. m. .... 33 10 p. m. .... 33

8 a. m. .... 28 3 p. m. .... 33 11 p. m. .... 34

9 a. m. .... 28 4 p. m. .... 33 12 midnight .... 34

10 a. m. .... 30 5 p. m. .... 31 1 a. m. .... 37

11 a. m. .... 30 6 p. m. .... 31 2 a. m. .... 37

Mean temperature, 30; normal for the day, 40.

Excess since Jan. 1, 504.

Precipitation for 24 hours to 7 p. m., 0. Deficiency since Jan. 1, 1.90 inches.

Wind, N. W.; max., 24 miles an hour at 2:35 a. m.

Relative humidity, 7 a. m., 69%; 7 p. m., 67%.

Barometer, sea level, 7 a. m., 30.18; 7 p. m., 30.14.

### TELEPHONE CENTRAL 100.

### POLITICAL.

Record vote predicted as mayoralty campaign nears end. Part 1, Page 1.

Carter H. Harrison spends day in making speedy auto dashes and appealing speeches. Part 1, Page 1.

Merriam gives detailed statement of all who contributed to the campaign fund. Part 1, Page 2.

Democrat on election board try to disfranchise Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh. Part 1, Page 3.

Harrison's campaign fund "statement" omits cash that has been wrong from the poor. Part 1, Page 3.

Mrs. Charles E. Merriam plays important part in husband's campaign. Part 1, Page 3.

Merriam marks climax of campaign with speech to 5,000. Part 1, Page 3.

Aldermen fight to retain their seats in city council. Part 1, Page 4.

Caucus of house Democrats dooms success of Cannon regime. Part 1, Page 6.

"Horrible example" stirs suffragist meeting. Part 1, Page 7.

### FOREIGN.

President Diaz in message gives way on big questions and promises various reforms. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

T. P. O'Connor says Tories have lost last chance in error in move to have house of lords reform self. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

Camorrist chief says any one without a passport can land in the United States for \$20. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

British scientist upsets all popular notions of hygiene. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

Spanish cabinet resigns; Premier Canalejas to remain. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

John Bigelow, 93 years young, stirs up Britons. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

London suffragists plan to evade census takers. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 1.

Dr. Doyen, English scientist, announces that he has discovered a cure for peritonitis. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 3.

### LOCAL.

"Mike de Pike" Hettler's resort in North Curtis street blown up by explosion of bomb. Part 1, Page 1.

Another Italian killed by Black Hand near Death Corner. Part 1, Page 5.

Aged man who was slain in "old curiosity shop" shown to have owned property worth \$100,000. Part 1, Page 4.

Senate committee gets much information on irregularities of Peter Barten's regime. Part 1, Page 5.

Fourth generation of pupils guests at Burlington. Part 1, Page 5.

Women cat fanciers denounce those who say that felines are a menace to health. Part 1, Page 7.

Virginia Brooks takes West Hammond troubles to court. Part 1, Page 7.

Assistant postmaster tells of forty years' service. Part 1, Page 7.

Health department warns of danger in impure milk. Part 1, Page 8.

Fire Chief Seyferlich adds to force of assistants. Part 1, Page 8.

Theaters. Part 2, Page 1.

Churches. Part 2, Page 6.

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Music, clubs. Part 2, Page 8.

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### DOMESTIC.

Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes seriously ill with heart disease. Part 1, Page 1.

Proposed new charter for New York City to wipe out fire traps. Part 1, Page 5.

Boy heir to large fortune disappears; kidnapping suspected. Part 1, Page 6.

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Produce. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 5.

Live stock. Part 1, Sec. 2, Page 5.

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Arrived. LA LORRAINE. New York

ROSA. New York

SAINT ANNA. New York

LAURENT. New York

AMERICA. New York

GERMANIA. New York

MANCHURIA. New York

HERCULES. Hong Kong

EMP. OF BRITAIN. Liverpool

LAKE MICHIGAN. London

Sailed. LA LORRAINE. Hamburg

PRINCE OSKAR. Hamburg

GERMANIA. Palermo

SANT ANNA. Palermo

LAURENT. Genoa

AMERICA. Southampton

GERMANIA. New York

MANCHURIA. New York

HERCULES. New York

EMP. OF BRITAIN. New York

LAKE MICHIGAN. New York

VENEZIA. New York

LA PROVENCE. New York

WIRELESS REPORTS.

Due at New York

NOORDAMP. Out 800 miles. Monday p. m.

RUSK. Out 620 miles. Monday a. m.

NIAGARA. Out 1,000 miles. Tuesday a. m.

P. WILHELM. Out 775 miles. Tuesday a. m.

PURNESIA. Out 705 miles. Monday p. m.

## ANOTHER ITALIAN FOUND MURDERED AT 'DEATH CORNER'

Man Believed to Be Frank Temerno Riddled with Bullets Near 865 Gault Court.

## SHOTS HEARD, SLAYER FLEES

Victim Makes 49th Unsolved Tragedy in That District Within 14 Months.

## CLEW LEADS TO DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

### "DEATH CORNER'S" TOLL.

[Milton avenue and West Oak street.] Jan. 6, 1910—Benjamin Seve, assassinated with shotgun before the door of his dry goods store, 500 Oak street.

Dec. 18, 1910—Tony Gato, 1145 Gault court, assassinated with shotgun near the side door of saloon at 501 Oak street.

Feb. 17, 1911—Vincenzo Lollo, saloon-keeper, shot with revolver from front door of saloon, 501 Oak street, as he sat playing cards.

March 14, 1911—Antonio Dugo, poolroom proprietor, assassinated with shotgun in front of his poolroom, 500 Oak street.

March 16, 1911—Phillip Maniscalco, shot in groin at 1008 Gault court. Still in hospital. May recover.

April 1, 1911—Frank Temerno, found with five bullet holes in his body near 865 Gault court.

Not one assassin has been caught!

Riddled with five bullets, fired into his body by an undiscovered assassin, the forty-ninth victim in fourteen months of the Black Hand in Chicago was picked up dead last night in a dark alley back of 865 Gault court.

The victim, who has not yet been positively identified, is the sixth man to be murdered in the "Death Corner" district, the center of which is at Milton avenue and Oak street.

The police believe the dead man's name is Frank Temerno. Apparently he was about 23 years old. The partial identification is based on the discovery in his pockets of a receipt made out to Frank Temerno by the American Express company. The receipt was given for a book shipped to Joe Temerno in Danville.

## Clew Leads to Danville.

On the theory that Joe is a brother of the dead man and may be able and willing to give information as to probable enemies who might have done the shooting, the police probably will send a detective to Danville to interview him.

The crime was discovered by William H. McQuigg, who keeps a store at 858 Gault court. Some time before midnight McQuigg heard five shots in rapid succession, fired just outside his back door. Arming himself with a heavy-bar of wood, McQuigg rushed into the alley to investigate. It was so dark that he could see only a few feet and nobody was in sight.

Lying face downward in the mud, almost at the threshold of McQuigg's rear door, was the body. The storekeeper hastily notified the West Chicago avenue police, and Lieut. Smith rushed to the scene, in charge of a squad composed of Sergt. Fitzgerald and Plain Clothesmen Parodi and Burns.

## Riddled by Five Shots.

Investigation showed that the man probably had been killed by a lone assassin of deadly aim. For every one of the five shots heard by McQuigg the police found a bullet wound.

One bullet penetrated the victim's right cheek, another entered his right shoulder, a third was located under the fifth rib, and a fourth had severed the jugular vein. Any one of these four wounds would have proved fatal, but the presence of the fifth bullet hole in the man's back, near the spine, convinced the police that the slayer had fired his last shot into his victim as the latter lay prostrate where he had fallen.

The deep mud of the alley afforded a poor opportunity to track the slayer in his flight for the reason that it was cut up with wheel tracks and many footprints. The police admit the probability that the slenderness of their only clew, the supposed brother in Danville, probably will cause this murder to be enrolled with the forty-eight other unsolved Italian killings of the last year and two months.

## Flees to Escape Death.

Matthew Cox, head nurse of the men's department of the Mercy hospital at Gary, Ind., resigned his position yesterday and has left Gary for parts unknown to protect his life for the reason that it was cut up with wheel tracks and many footprints. The police admit the probability that the slenderness of their only clew, the supposed brother in Danville, probably will cause this murder to be enrolled with the forty-eight other unsolved Italian killings of the last year and two months.

During the last ten days Cox has been fired upon frequently late at night, and last night he received a bullet in the right arm. Each attempt was made in the vicinity of the hospital, and the police believe Italians or Bulgarians are responsible.

## MRS. C. T. YERKES DANGEROUSLY ILL

Attack of Grip, Which She Suffered Last Winter, Is Followed by Heart Trouble.

## BARE HOPE OF RECOVERY.

Strain of the Litigation Over Estate of the Traction King Contributes to Her Breakdown.

New York, April 1.—[Special.]—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, traction millionaire, is seriously ill at her residence, 871 Madison avenue. Her condition tonight was so grave that it was feared by friends and relatives she would not live another day. She is said to be suffering from dropsy, which set in as an outcome of heart trouble following a complication of complaints.

For more than five weeks Mrs. Yerkes has been in bed. She was taken ill early last November with an attack of the grip. She seemed unable to rally, and gradually she became weaker and weaker.

Her sister, who lives in this city, has been with her, and her former secretary—faithful "Bully" Lauer, whom it was reported at one time she intended to wed—has been in almost constant attendance at the house since she was first taken ill, giving her all the aid possible in connection with her business affairs. Dr. H. H. Whitehouse, who has been Mrs. Yerkes' physician for years, admitted his patient is seriously ill.

## Bare Chance for Recovery.

"She is suffering from heart trouble, following a general nervous breakdown," he said. "She has been under a great strain in the last few years and it is not astonishing, under such conditions, that her heart should have become affected."

Asked whether she was suffering from dropsy, he said:

"Dropsy is not a disease; it is a symptom. There is always more or less edema with heart trouble."

Oedema is the medical term for dropsy. When told it had been reported her condition was so grave that friends feared she would not live the night out he said:

"It is her heart we have to fear. We cannot tell how that will turn out. A patient in her condition might live a day and might live two days. On the other hand, she might recover."

## Happy Wife for Ten Years.

About twenty-four years ago Mary Adelaide Moore, daughter of the junior member of the drug firm of Powers, Weightman & Moore, of Philadelphia, married Charles T. Yerkes, he having obtained a divorce from his first wife. For the first ten years of her married life the second Mrs. Yerkes was happy. She traveled all over Europe with her husband. Then one night her happiness was suddenly blasted, never to be restored.

A friend of her husband, after a dinner in the magnificent residence in Fifth avenue which had been built by Yerkes for his wife, whispered a scandal in her ear in connection with her husband. That resulted in a separation. Mr. and Mrs. Yerkes never again dined under the same roof. Yerkes went to Europe and busied himself in the traction field in London.

## Quickly Drops Second Husband.

About four years ago Yerkes, who had returned to this country, died from pneumonia after a few days' illness.

In less than twelve months later the widow married Wilson Menier. Her second married life lasted about one week. She obtained a divorce two months later. She continued to live in the Fifth avenue home until it was sold by the Yerkes executors.

## MILLIONAIRE DEFIES EX-WIFE.

Michigan Magnate Accused of Kidnaping Says Mother Will Have to "Go Fast" to Get Boy.

## MEASLES EPIDEMIC AT HARVARD

Nearly Forty Students Are Ill, Including Number of the Rich College Boys.

Cambridge, Mass., April 1.—[Special.]—Harvard has an epidemic of German measles and nearly forty cases are at present being treated in the Stillman infirmary. The "gold coast" is hit particularly hard by the disease. Among the sick men is Rogers MacVeagh, a second year law student, whose residence is in New York City. He is seriously ill, the disease having developed into pneumonia.

## BOOKER T. BUYS SUMMER HOME.

Negro Educator Purchases Two and One-half Acres in Residential Part of Huntington, L. I.

New York, April 1.—Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, has purchased a summer home of two and one-half acres in Huntington, L. I., overlooking Long Island sound, in an exclusive residential section.

## RECORD VOTE SEEN AS CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR NEARS END

Harrison and Merriam Aids Claim Victory from 10,000 to 50,000 Votes.

## WINNER MUST BEAT 170,000

With Fair Weather 350,000 Are Expected to Ballot for Republican and Democrat.

## WHIRLWIND FINISH ON BOTH SIDES

### CLAIMS OF MANAGERS.

FOR MERRIAM—We will win the election by 40,000.

FOR HARRISON—Our plurality will run between 35,000 and 40,000.

Chicago's greatest mayoralty campaign, in a score of directions the most remarkable in the city's history, virtually came to an end last night amid scenes of excitement not equaled outside a presidential struggle.

The followers of Charles E. Merriam, Republican, but backed also by thousands of progressive Democrats, and Carter H. Harrison, Democrat, but also enjoying some Republican support difficult to estimate, are claiming victory for their respective candidates by pluralities of from 10,000 to 50,000.

If Aid Merriam's campaign managers analyze the situation correctly there is a tremendous groundswell for the progressive candidate. If the Harrison lieutenants are right the public pulse only the boulevard residents will cast their votes for Merriam if they do not forget to go to the polls.

Some of the best election statisticians believe that the great victory will come through by a big plurality. The average guess as to the Socialist is that their total will not be much above 15,000, owing to the peculiar conditions, although their active campaigning, in their leaders' opinion, has developed sentiment that may show in other years. The prohibitionists, who have a fractional struggle, are considered negligible.

## Predict Biggest Vote in History.

Figured on the registration of 423,561, an 80 per cent vote would be 338,849, while an 85 per cent vote would be about 360,000. Should the weather be mild and bright next Tuesday there might be 375,000 ballots.

A deduction of 20,000 Socialist and Prohibitionist votes and a further allowance of 5,000 "lost" votes, being of those who vote only for aldermanic candidates or whose ballots are thrown out for irregularities, leave for the two chief candidates, Merriam and Harrison, 338,849. However, the election board threw out the petition on the ground that it contained less than the legal minimum of qualified signers, wherefore the proposition did not come to a popular test and the voters did not go to the polls in the numbers they would have done. While this year's registration, therefore, is not a high record the vote cast certainly will be.

## Figures at Former Elections.

"Figures of other mayoralty campaigns may be of interest and may be used as a basis of deduction.

VOTE IN 1897.

Harrison.....148,850

Harlan.....69,637

Sears.....59,542

Hesing.....15,427

VOTE IN 1899.

Harrison.....148,496