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### HUERTA OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Dictator Revives Custom Inaugurated by Porfirio Diaz.

### BANDS SERENADE AT DAYBREAK

During Morning He Receives Congratulations from Officials and Later There is a Reception Attended by Diplomats.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—President Huerta today revived the old custom of celebrating at the National palace with great formality the anniversary of the birth of the chief executive. He was born on December 23, 1864. These birthday celebrations were an annual affair during the regime of General Porfirio Diaz.

Before daylight this morning military bands from the regiments which have their headquarters in the federal capital marched up and down in front of the palace and serenaded the provisional president. During the forenoon Huerta received the congratulations of committees representing all departments of the government.

The final event in the day's celebration was a reception of the diplomatic corps, at which all foreign representatives were present. The Spanish minister, Jacinto de Coloman y Coloman, dean of the diplomatic corps, delivered an address of congratulation.

Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires, joined the other foreign diplomats when they went to congratulate Provisional President Huerta on the anniversary of his birthday.

La Nation, the daily paper published in the interests of the Catholic party, suspended publication today at the suggestion of the Mexican government.

It is stated here that the marines and blue jackets from the Japanese cruiser, Idzuma, which arrived at Manzanillo yesterday, are coming to this federal capital "merely on a visit." The visit is to be of several days' duration.

### Holiday Spirit Absent.

Feeble efforts have been made to arrange holiday festivities in Mexico City this year. Governor Corona of the federal district has enlisted a few of the city's fashionable women to assist him in holding a kermess in one of the public parks, but even this show of holiday spirit is half apologetic, it being announced that half the proceeds are to go for buying clothes for the poor.

Merchants in Mexico annually dress their windows and stores to attract the gift buying public, but, unlike the stores in the United States, the rush is not over until one week later. Only a few Mexicans buy presents and distribute them on Christmas, but all of the way to give tokens of their love and friendship on New Year's day.

This year the merchants made little effort to capture the holiday money. Sentiment has dulled the buying spirit and war has drained the money bags. As a people, the Mexicans are impoverished. Merchants who had placed orders early in the year with European toy houses have generally cancelled them because of the increased duty on all importations. Such shop windows as are decorated with holiday goods this year contain only the left over goods of a year ago.

### Carranza Makes Threat.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Armed with General Carranza's threat to sink foreign ships carrying munitions of war intended for the provisional government of General Huerta, Miguel Covarrubias, formerly Mexican minister to Russia and now confidential agent in London of the Mexican constitutionalists, advised at the office of the secretary of Lloyds' Marine Insurance agency this evening and formally deposited the pronouncement of the Mexican constitutionalist leader. The secretary of Lloyds duly posted the warning on the notice boards, where it attracted the amused attention of the underwriters.

### Huerta Gets Munitions from U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—American arms and ammunition for Huerta, denied direct exportation to Mexico, are being shipped from the United States to Hamburg, Germany, and reshipped to Mexico. This became known to officials here when it was found that a large shipment had been made by that route.

In connection with an order for arms for the Huerta government in Japan, advises here that the munitions are rifles discarded by the Japanese army recently in favor of a new type. Although manufactured originally in the imperial Japanese armories, like the old Springfield muskets and the Krags, used in this country, the arms were discarded by the government to private dealers and it is understood that in such a manner the Mexican government has been able to get them.

It was said at the State department today that contracts for the delivery of the guns were made last April before the United States government had announced its policy of refusing recognition of the Huerta government and that there was no warrant for protest against the deliveries now.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—The Mothers' Favorite.

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. "It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give a trial." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

### BILLPOSTERS' TRUST WILLING TO DISSOLVE

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### CLEMENTS REAPPOINTED TO COMMERCE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Judge C. Clements of Georgia was reappointed today by President Wilson as a member of the Interstate Commerce commission and his nomination was hurried to the senate, where it was at once confirmed.

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### SCHOOL BOARD VOTES

### MRS. YOUNG INTO OLD OFFICE IN SCHOOLS

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When only one person can conduct an educational system, I believe that Mrs. Young's usefulness here is at an end. After this she could not serve here and be of use. I vote against her."

"Mrs. Young got up and marched out of here in a fit of pique," said Mr. Orthon. "She would have been re-elected if she had stayed for another ballot. An injury may have been done to Mrs. Young, but it won't make things better to do any injury to Mr. Shoop."

### WILL STAY IN WASHINGTON

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Representative and Mrs. Bartus do not expect to leave Washington during the holidays, nor will Representative Stephens. The latter will remain here to attend to his duties.

### Others Will Stay.

Representative Maguire of Lincoln will start for his Nebraska home early next week, stopping in Chicago for a day or two to visit his brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Allen of Lincoln, the latter the sister of Secretary Bryan, are in Washington enjoying the holidays. They will return home early in January.

### Frisco Operators in Favor of Strike

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 23.—A count of nine-tenths of the ballots cast by telegraphers in the employ of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad on a proposition to strike as a result of the refusal of the receivers of the railroad to grant an increased wage and an eight-hour day shows 98 per cent of the men voted in favor of a strike, according to a statement today by J. A. Newman of Chicago, vice president of the International Order of Telegraphers. If a strike should be called, 1,500 men, including station agents, dispatchers and telegraph operators, all over the Frisco system will be affected.

### A Pleasant Surprise

follows the first dose of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless regulators that strengthen you. Guaranteed. See. For sale by your druggist.—Advertisement.

### PROBING DE VILLERS' DEATH

Glover's Story of Self-Defense Questioned by Police.

### IDENTITY OF WOMAN IN CASE

Mrs. Glover-De Villiers is Divorced Wife of Prominent New Jersey Man—Eloped with De Villiers Seven Years Ago.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—The police continued today their investigation of the killing of Daniel De Villiers, the florist veteran who was shot here Sunday by Roy L. Glover, a Texas land agent, while he was attempting to see the former Mrs. De Villiers. The point which occupied the major portion of police attention was whether De Villiers died in a duel with Glover, or whether Glover shot an unarmed man.

Glover says he shot in self-defense. An undischarged automatic pistol of the same type that Glover used was found beside De Villiers' body as it lay in the room where the tragedy occurred, but the police say the dead man, who is said to have been a member of the family of Sir Henry De Villiers of Cape Colony, South Africa, was unarmed when he went to the residence of Glover.

The police awaited today some information from San Antonio and other Texas points regarding the marriage of Glover to Mrs. De Villiers. Glover told the police and his attorney, Lecompte Davis, that he had married Mrs. De Villiers last October, but declined to say where or on what date. De Villiers' name here evidently under the impression that his former wife, from whom he was divorced in 1911, had not remarried, and the note he attempted to send her just before he was killed, was addressed to Mrs. De Villiers.

Woman Eloped with De Villiers. PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 23.—Further inquiry into the former life of Mrs. Roy L. Glover, the woman whom Daniel De Villiers went to see before he was shot to death at Los Angeles yesterday, revealed the fact that she is the divorced wife of Vivian M. Lewis, republican candidate for governor of New Jersey against Woodrow Wilson in 1912.

De Villiers came to Paterson in 1906 and opened a riding school. Mrs. Lewis was one of his pupils. They left Paterson together and were next heard of in South America. It was reported afterwards that De Villiers had deserted her. She came back to New York and lived here for a time. Mr. Lewis sued for divorce and was awarded the custody of their two small children, whom she left behind.

Mr. Lewis is a former commissioner of banking and insurance in New Jersey and was one of the republican leaders. Recently he was appointed vice chancellor.

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### TWO MEN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—The bodies of Robert L. Galt and of Shelbyville, Ky., were found today imbedded in the mud on the edge of a small creek in the suburbs of Louisville, victims of an automobile accident that occurred last night. The automobile struck the tail of the bridge

### Union Officials Say

Copper Miners Will Ignore Ultimatum

### CALUMNET, Mich., Dec. 23.—Officials of the Western Federation of Miners, in charge of the strike of copper miners today denied vigorously that any considerable number of members are considering returning to work as a consequence of the ultimatum of the mine managers, stating that none of the strikers will be taken back after January 1. They said the entire body of the union men was standing firm and that the calling of a state-wide labor convention at Lansing to consider the situation had greatly encouraged the federation.

In mine circles it was admitted that largely increased importations of non-union men are expected next month.

Morr Oppman, said to be an organizer for the Western Federation of Miners, was arrested today after officers who searched his rooms reported that they had found four sticks of dynamite and a supply of fuses there. Oppman was held in \$2,000 bail on charges of illegally concealing explosives.

### Belmont and Friends Entitled to Big Bonus

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The services of August Belmont and those associated with him in constructing and organizing New York's subway system were valued by the supreme court today at \$4,500,000. Justice James C. Van Sickle dismissed a suit brought by Clarence H. Vesper, president of the Continental Securities company, to compel Mr. Belmont and his friends to turn into the treasury of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, which operates the subways, 15,000 shares of stock valued at that amount. Vesper is a minority stockholder of the Interborough.

The stock in litigation was given to Belmont and the other defendants as a bonus after the organization of the company. Technically it was paid by the Interborough for the City Island railway, which Mr. Belmont purchased to perfect title to the Interborough system. Although he paid for the City Island franchise only \$2,000, the difference between this sum and \$4,500,000 was granted for services rendered. Vesper sued to recover all but the actual \$2,000.

### Piles Cured in 5 to 14 Days.

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### WELLS FARGO EXPECTS TO REDUCE DIVIDENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—In declaring the semi-annual dividend at 5 per cent, directors of the Wells-Fargo Express company issued a statement to stockholders today asserting that the continuance of the present dividend rate is uncertain because of rate reductions, which will go into effect February 1.

"We feel that it is time to inform stockholders that in view of conditions facing the company, the outlook for

### net earnings is discouraging," reads the statement, "and in view of this, the continuance of the present dividend rate is uncertain."

### WILSON SIGNS MONEY BILL IN PRESENCE OF THE PARTY LEADERS

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Wilson," he said. "More than that, they are false, and the senator knows that they are false."

### Fling at Telephone Deal.

Mr. Bristow wound up by taking a fling at the recent dissolution of the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

"The attorney general has been able to send up the market price of telephone stock at a jump," he declared. "He could send it down again just as quickly. With the power of the attorney general has under the laws which he assumed to control, and the power the secretary of the treasury will have under this new banking system, we will have a centralization of power under democratic administration that Alexander Hamilton would have blushed to assume."

### Nelson and Williams Tilt.

Senator Nelson, another of the excluded republican conferees, assailed the democrats.

"You have not only insulted the republicans of the senate and insulted and humiliated me," he said, "but you have disfranchised the state I represent."

### Senator John Sharp Williams, declaring the republicans were crying against the same sort of procedure they had always exercised in power, illustrated his point with a story of a negro woman who had decried automobiles until she got a ride in one, and then admonished the driver: "Judge, jest run right over 'dat man. He ain't got no business out 'a front of our car."

"That's the way I feel about you republicans," said he.

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  - District 2.—Mrs. Scalso, 2207 Pine St.
  - District 3.—Miss Tiana Potach, 281 S. 21st St., South Omaha.
  - District 4.—Geraldine Eller, 2808 Sherman Ave.
  - District 5.—Gladys Skinner, 2507 Leavenworth.
- BOYS
  - District 1.—Roy Smith, 1521 Yates St.
  - District 2.—Volandero Debarberl, 520 S. 13th St.
  - District 3.—Daniel Farrell, 2517 G St., South Omaha.
  - District 4.—Dewitt Tucker, 1130 4th Ave., Council Bluffs.
- GIRLS
  - District 1.—Lillian Carlson, 166 S. 20th St., South Omaha.
  - District 2.—Vera Sutton, 703 Madison Ave., Council Bluffs.

The Bonus Prizes will be awarded at the contest department, 224 Bee Bldg., between the hours of 1 and 5 o'clock p. m., December 24.

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Pensacola, Fla. ....	\$41.00	Brownsville, Tex. ....	\$48.15
New Orleans, La. ....	\$41.00	San Angelo, Tex. ....	\$33.50
Biloxi, Miss. ....	\$41.00	Corpus Christi, Tex. ....	\$42.95
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Charleston, S. C. ....	\$48.85	Havana, Cuba ....	\$87.00

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- 6:30 P. M. CHICAGO SPECIAL; Ready 6:00 P. M. In Chicago 8:09 A. M.
- 4:20 P. M. AFTERNOON EXPRESS; In Chicago 7:00 A. M.
- 7:15 A. M. DAYLIGHT SPECIAL; Sun-parlor-lounge-car train. In Chicago 9:00 P. M.

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