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CURRY NAMED BIG CHIEF OF TAMMANY HALL

Only One Ballot Taken by General Committee of Organization

WILL BOOST WALKER

Ahearn, Defeated, Moves to Make Election of Foe Unanimous

NEW YORK, April 23 (AP)—John F. Curry, an old-fashioned district leader, was today elected big chief of Tammany hall to succeed George W. Olvany, who resigned.

Curry won with 12 1-6 votes over Edward J. Ahearn, leader of the fourth district, who had 10 2-6. Martin G. McCue, leader of the east side district, regarded until today as Curry's strongest opponent, withdrew his name before the voting began and threw his support to Ahearn.

Although the general committee, composed of district leaders and their feminine co-leaders, was in session nearly two hours, only one vote was taken. On the motion of Ahearn, they made the election of Curry unanimous before they adjourned.

Opposed Olvany

Curry was one of the leading opponents of the selection in 1924 of Judge Olvany to succeed the late Charles F. Murphy. Curry's slogan at that time was: "A leader, not a lawyer," since he had not been a district leader. Judge Olvany was regarded by the district leaders at the time as an outsider.

During the election more than 400 Tammany braves—district captains, office holders and plain, ordinary workers—waited in the handsomely furnished reception room in the new wigwam, down in the lobby, and out on the sidewalk.

Suddenly the door opened, Charles J. McManus, vice chairman of the board of aldermen, appeared and shouted one word: "Curry."

Crowds of cheering braves gathered as Curry and Ahearn came out of the committee room together, their arms about each others shoulders. They went to the big chief's office, lately occupied by Judge Olvany, on the second floor. There Curry held an impromptu reception.

For Jimmy Walker

Curry immediately declared himself "unqualifiedly" in favor of the renomination of Mayor Walker for the municipal election in the fall.

Curry is president of the John F. Curry insurance agency, also is a real estate operator, and is regarded as wealthy. He has one daughter and four sons, all grown.

MACHINE DEVELOPS 3,000,000 VOLTAGE

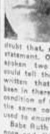
SEATTLE, Wash., April 23. (AP) Films showing the operation of new apparatus, which is said to develop 3,000,000 volts of dynamic electrical energy, were exhibited privately to stockholders of the Mar-John Mines company of San Francisco, here today by John T. Hurtin, president of the concern.

The apparatus, Martin declared, was developed by Hector M. Haskell, former Seattle radio instructor, who has been working for the mining company since last December.

STATE'S BUYERS MEET IN CAPITAL

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 23—(AP)—Meeting for the eighth consecutive year to discuss their relations and determine means of keeping more of Arizona business "at home," approximately 150 purchasing agents, wholesale distributors and manufacturers of Arizona pledged their cooperation for a greater Arizona at the opening session of the annual buyers' and sellers' conference here today.

Will Rogers Says - - - -



BOSTON, Mass., April 23—Say, that speech of Mr. Hoover's yesterday was just about one of the strongest things a President ever said. When he said life and property is less safe here than any other civilized country in the world, the only difference of opinion we can have about that is, do we come under the heading of civilized? I doubt that, more than I do the statement. One thing he hadn't spoken two minutes till you could tell the same man hadn't written that speech that had been in there. It was about the condition of the country but not the same condition that Calvin used to enumerate to us.

Babe Ruth come up this afternoon and didn't knock anything but a single. I never was so disgusted.

Yours,
WILL.

New Leader of Tammany Known As Murphy Aid

Lead Fight Against Olvany as Precinct Political Boss

NEW YORK, April 23 (AP)—John F. Curry, Tammany's new leader, has been known as "Charlie Murphy's right bower."

He was a particularly close friend of the late Charles F. Murphy, who for years was head of the old wigwam on 14th street. His associates now say that he, more than any other leader, may be expected to carry on the Murphy traditions of maintaining harmony.

Curry moves up to the top from leadership in a district clubhouse on West 57th street, in the shadow of the building where the Democratic national committee had its headquarters during the last campaign.

He is in the insurance business and wealthy. He started as a telegraph operator in the old west side stock yards along the North river. He was born in Ireland and came here with his parents as a small boy.

Curry is commissioner of records for New York county. As a state assemblyman he introduced the original bill calling for a five-cent subway fare from Manhattan to Coney Island. It is still in effect.

As one of those closely associated with Murphy, Curry was a candidate opposing George W. Olvany in the prolonged struggle for Tammany leadership that followed Murphy's death and the Democratic national convention in 1924. His slogan was then: "A leader, not a lawyer."

In appearance Curry does not fit the mental picture that the expression "political boss" calls up. He looks like a big business man—neatly and conservatively dressed, with grey hair and a grey mustache. He is quiet and rather unassuming. His manner is pleasant, but he does not have much to say for publication.

Mr. Curry has several children, most of them grown and out of college.

MAY 27 SET AS ELECTION DATE

Council Decides to Submit Six Bond Issues Totalling $625,000

Taxpayers of Tucson will cast their ballots on Monday, May 27, to decide whether the city shall issue bonds in the sum of $625,000 for various improvements including two subways, parks and playgrounds, fire department additions, airport improvement and police and signal equipment.

The date of the election was set yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the council when bond resolution No. 1061 was passed unanimously. The resolution was drafted by Bert L. Hitch, bond expert.

Two issues from the initial proposal, one for $100,000 for a city jail and warehouse and the other for $10,000 for culverts in the eastern part of the city, were dropped from the resolution as adopted in order to bring the city within the legal limit with its indebtedness should the issues pass.

The election will have a ballot on which six different items will be listed, each to be voted on separately.

The tabulation of the items on the ballot and of the two dropped are as follows:

Issues for Ballot

Broadway subway	$250,000
Sixth avenue subway	175,000
Parks and playgrounds	100,000
Fire department improvements and establishment of station in Menlo Park	55,000
Airport improvement	22,000
Police signal and electrical equipment	23,000
Total	$625,000

Issues Dropped

City garage, jail and warehouse	$100,000
Culverts in east Tucson	10,000
Totals	$735,000

DUDE RANCH NEAR DOUGLAS IS SOLD

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 23—(AP)—Announcement was made today that C. C. Cooper of Bronxville, N. Y., connected with the General Motors corporation, has purchased from Mrs. E. E. Ainsworth of Seattle, Wash., the Rancho Montecito hotel in Turkey Creek canyon, near here. It is reported that the price paid was $45,000 cash.

With the announcement of the sale came the information that the resort will become the home of the El Coronado private school, an enterprise started about a year ago near Boden.

TOURIST HURT IN BUS-AUTO COLLISION

BENSON, Ariz., April 23—(AP)—Mrs. Wylie Powell, a tourist (address unknown) was severely cut and bruised today when the light car she was driving collided with a Southern Pacific company bus 15 miles north of Benson. The injured woman was taken to a local hotel where she received medical attention.

FOUR MYSTERY DEATHS MARK LINER'S TRIP

Passengers Insist Correct Number Is Ten; Owners Make Denial

CAUSE ALSO ARGUED

"Sunstroke" Say Officials; Widow Unable to Get Details

CHERBOURG, France, April 24.—(Wednesday) — (AP)—The Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Atholl, completing an African voyage on which four passengers died, was due to arrive here at 1 o'clock this afternoon but latest reports from her indicated that she had encountered a storm that might delay her.

NEW YORK, April 23—(AP)—The death of four passengers aboard the Canadian Pacific line steamer Duchess of Atholl while the ship was on a cruise in African waters was announced today by officials of the company after reports had been published that 10 had died.

As made public by the Montreal offices of the line, the dead were Dr. Edward Hardenbrook, of Rochester, N. Y., Henry J. Norweb, of Roslyn, N. Y., Mrs. A. H. Ebersole, of Hollywood, Cal. and Luther Terry, of Kingston, Jamaica.

Reports that 10 had died aboard the ship were contained in letters received by relatives in Old Lyme, Conn., from Miss Louise Terry, a passenger on the ship.

The first of the letters, dated April 2 from Cairo, Egypt, and received by the family of N. M. Terry at Old Lyme, said the dead were six passengers and four stewards, but gave no names. A later letter likewise gave no names and did not mention the number of dead.

Cause Is Mystery

In her second letter Miss Terry said a doctor at another port believed the deaths were due to the bite of a tick and that those affected had been bitten while on excursions ashore.

Officials of the line said that none of the crew had died and that the cause of the deaths among the passengers was known. Two of the deaths they said were attributed to sunstroke and two to malaria contracted ashore. They said the deaths occurred March 21, 23, 26 and April 1.

The Duchess of Atholl left New York January 22 for a four months' cruise to South America, Africa, Egypt and Cherbourg and Southampton. It is due at Cherbourg tomorrow.

The widow of Norweb, a retired lace merchant, was the first in the families of those who died on the ship to be reached for comment.

Wife Skeptical

"We were notified that he had died of sunstroke," Mrs. Norweb said, "but we are not satisfied. Something must have been wrong. There must have been gross negligence somewhere.

"We have been trying for a month to get the details, but have not been successful.

"I cannot understand it at all," she said. "Mr. Norweb was in good health when he left on the trip, and he would not have been so foolish as to sit out in a tropical sun on the deck until he had a sunstroke. We are still waiting word as to the details."

In addition to his widow and his son, Raymond, first secretary at the embassy at the Hague, Norweb leaves another son, John Hoover Norweb of New York.

17-YEAR OLD GIRL SEEKS AIR RECORD

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., April 23—(AP)—Miss Elinor Smith again is in quest of the sole endurance flight record for women, a title which was wrested from her a few months ago. The record now is held by Miss Louise McPhetridge of California, who remained aloft for 22 hours and 12 seconds.

The 17-year-old pilot was circling Roosevelt field late today after having taken off at 11:25 a. m. in a cabin monoplane. The ship carried 146 1-2 gallons of gasoline, enough for a flight of 25 hours under normal conditions, and the weather was considered ideal.

It is the first time that a woman flier has used a heavy plane in an endurance flight. Miss Smith has been in training for the flight for the past few days. Her plane was stocked with a large supply of sandwiches, coffee and water.

BATES TO MANAGE FEDERAL PRISONS

WASHINGTON, April 23. (AP)—Reorganization of the federal prison administration under the direction of a prominent penologist, Sanford Bates, commissioner of correction of Massachusetts, was announced today by the department of justice.

"The appointment of Bates," said the announcement, "is a culmination of many years of effort on the part of Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt, in charge of the prison division, to make this division one of the major scientific branches of the government."

Bates, who will succeed Albert H. Conner, will take office June 1. Conner will stay in the department as long as required to aid the new superintendent to familiarize himself with his duties.

Immortals' Academy Honors Butler

ROBERT UNDERWOOD JOHNSON — NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER — WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS — WILLIAM MILLIGAN SLOANE (AP)

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, was installed as president of the American academy of arts and letters yesterday. He is the third to hold that position which was created in 1908. His predecessors are shown above, as is Robert Underwood Johnson, secretary since organization.

Society of U. S. Immortals Observing 25th Birthday

NEW YORK, April 23—(AP)—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, assumed the directorship of the American academy of arts and letters here today.

This was the occasion of a celebration marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the academy, which is composed of 50 Americans selected as being the most representative in the fields of arts and letters. The academy is limited, election being held only to replace members removed by death.

Dr. Butler is the third president, William Dean Howells having served from 1908 to 1920 and William Milligan Sloane from 1920 to 1928. The academy was formed in 1904 under the sponsorship of the national institute of arts and letters, from which members of the smaller group are selected. For four years it functioned without a president.

Robert Underwood Johnson has served as secretary since the academy was founded.

Present quarters of the academy are in a beautiful building on Riverside drive which was dedicated in 1923 by the late Marshal Foch, himself a member of the French academy. A large wing was added last year to house the art exhibitions and possible assembly rooms.

Representatives of many of the world's most important art organizations attended this spring meeting. Guests of honor will include Gustav Holst, composer; Sir Gilbert Bayes, sculptor; Sir Reginald Blomfield, architect, and John Collings Squire, editor of the London Mercury.

An address by Prof. George Pierce Baker of Yale, and a private exhibition of the personal memorabilia of academy members were on the program, which also included presentation of three gold medals, one each for distinction in arts and letters, for stage diction and for advances in radio.

Early records of the academy reveal that its founders had in mind the traditions of the Institute de France, notably the Academie Francaise. The American academy was designed with the idea of avoiding imitation and to provide a national academy for artists and writers of this country.

Some of the better known "academicians" are Booth Tarkington, Gari Melchers, Charles Dana Gibson, Elihu Root, Edward Arlington Robinson, Henry Van Dyke, Owen Wister, Childe Hassam, Lorado Taft and Frederick MacMonnies.

BIBLE QUOTED TO HELP WETS

Illinois House Repeals Law For Enforcement of Prohibition

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 23. (AP) The Illinois house of representatives today passed the Weber-O'Grady bill which provides for repeal of the Illinois search and seizure act, backbone of prohibition enforcement in the state. The vote was 77 to 68.

Corralling the exact number of votes necessary for passage of the bill, the "wets" started the measure on its path to the senate. If passed by that body, it will go to the governor for approval and then will be subject to a referendum vote of the people.

Bible in hand from which he quoted, Rep. Thomas O'Grady, cosponsor of the bill, clashed with "dry" leaders just before the roll call and precipitated one of the most colorful debates of the session. Ninety-nine per cent of the murders and homicides committed in this country in the last 12 years were laid at the door of prohibition by O'Grady, who shouted that the state prohibition laws violate the constitutional promise that a man's home shall be inviolate.

"Dry enforcement killers" he said, "are never punished, while the man with a pint of liquor or a quart of wine in his basement is always brought to goal." He was referring to the case of Mrs. Lillian de King who recently was slain by a deputy sheriff in a dry raid on her home in Aurora.

"The works the head of the anti-saloon league has been lobbying against this bill," he continued. "If you vote dry, you can steal the very dome off the capitol and the anti-saloon league will back you. This organization is supported by donations of Sunday school children, and they've substituted the blind pig and drug store for the saloon."

Objecting to the quotations that O'Grady had made from the Bible, Representative Robert Woods of Kansas, a former minister, rose and said O'Grady "handles the Bible as though he had never handled one before."

"The strongest argument of the wets is that the prohibition law doesn't prohibit," he said. "Do you want to repeal the law against murder or falsifying because there are violation of those laws?"

Proponents of the repealer said they were confident the measure would be passed by the senate and go to the governor for approval.

Hardy Takes Stand, Makes Admissions and Denials

SACRAMENTO, April 23. (AP)—Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy, white-haired jurist of Los Angeles, sat upon the witness stand in his impeachment trial for four hours today, denying and admitting his actions in behalf of Aimee Semple McPherson, and her church, Angelus temple.

Briefly, Judge Hardy admitted that:

He accepted a $2,500 check from Mrs. McPherson "as a gift."

He dictated assignment of a check to Brooke Hawkins, building contractor with whom Mrs. McPherson had had an argument over work done on Angelus temple.

He hired detectives to investigate the Long Beach angle and directed the investigation of the Carmel episode of the McPherson "kidnaping" investigation.

He corresponded with Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-Sielaff, who was to produce the mysterious "Miss X."

He attended several conferences at Angelus temple with Mrs. McPherson, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, detectives and attorneys.

Judge Hardy denied:

That he ever told Mrs. Wiseman-Sielaff he was "a respected judge on the superior bench of Los Angeles and had considerable influence with Asa Keyes," Los Angeles district attorney at the time.

That he planned the "Miss X" angle with her.

That he ever said to any member of the 1926 grand jury "you fellows better lay off the Aimee case."

That he suggested to Mesdames McPherson or Kennedy or any of their attorneys that evidence be suppressed or witnesses withheld from the district attorney or grand jury.

That he hired or counselled attorneys for Mrs. McPherson.

That he asked or expected compensation from the evangelist for advice given her.

OIL PRODUCTION MEETING CALLED

NEW YORK, April 23 (AP)—Directors of the American Petroleum Institute were gathered here tonight for a meeting tomorrow in which they will consider methods of placing into effect the institute's proposal to curtail this year's oil production to the 1928 level.

TONNAGE BASIS OF COMPARING NAVIES OPPOSED

Washington Hopes to Have New System Worked Out at Geneva

NEW PLAN INVOLVED

Would Include Armor, Guns, Speed and Age as Essentials

WASHINGTON, April 23 —(AP)—A new basis of evaluating the relative fighting strength of warships and a pointing of the way to reduction of existing and authorized sea craft are the main accomplishments which the American government hopes for in the preliminary arms conference at Geneva.

Since the finding of a basis involves an accord of views upon highly technical naval questions, the Washington administration realized that negotiations to this end may move slowly. It is for this reason that the United States has no present intention of initiating a movement for a new conference of the world powers.

Old ideas of predicating relative sea strength solely on the basis of tonnage having failed to guide the nations to the real purpose sought, the view is held here that calling another conference for reduction of sea power would be useless in advance of an agreement upon a new formula on which discussions might proceed.

Washington Hopeful

The reception accorded abroad to Ambassador Hugh Gibson's address at Geneva outlining the American viewpoint has encouraged Washington officials in their hope that the preliminary conference will bring some tangible results toward ending competitive naval construction.

What the United States is now proposing is evaluation of the fighting strength of ships on the basis of size of guns, thickness of armor protection, speed and age as well as actual tonnage, with each factor to count for so many points in a scale to be agreed upon.

An equation in the general problem is that of determining the value in time of war fast merchant liners equipped to mount 6-inch guns, which could be used as commerce raiding cruisers as were the German Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich in the early days of the World war.

Also Naval Bases

Chairman Britten, of the House Naval committee, said that if Ambassador Gibson was proposing to ignore this type of craft, he was "overlooking an American opportunity and playing into the hands of shrewd old world diplomats to the tremendous disadvantage of his own country."

He added that naval bases also should be taken into account in arriving at the relative effectiveness of fighting craft.

The House naval chairman described Ambassador Gibson's declarations as a "complete surrender" of the principles advanced by the American delegates at the last Geneva conference and "another naval victory for British diplomacy."

President Hoover was personally congratulated today by Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, on the American disarmament stand. Calling at the White House on another mission, the Ambassador said everyone in his own country seemed very much satisfied and had received the Gibson declaration "most heartily."

PLANE DROPS INTO CITY'S TRAFFIC

LOS ANGELES, April 23—(AP)—Forced down by a broken gas line, Lieut. Harold F. Brown, March field army pilot, used power lines to break his fall and landed in North avenue in busy automobile traffic here this afternoon.

Lieut. Brown received a broken shoulder bone. Lieut. Harry Doyle, who was with him, escaped with a few scratches.

Witnesses said the plane went into a dive at a height of 2,000 feet but Lieut. Brown's maneuvering prevented a serious crash. The ship ripped through the power wires, landed on its wheels and rolled forward 20 feet to stop against an automobile driven by John T. Young. The motorist was not injured.

Mesquite Moves Over to Sasabe Says Merchant

Mexico Paying in Part For Services Given Wounded Men

Mesquite, Sonora, has moved over to Sasabe, Ariz.

So says Eugenio P. Serrano, a merchant of Altar, Sonora, who has been doing considerable relief work on the border since the federal capture of Mesquite last Friday.

Don Eugenio was in Tucson yesterday, as the guest of his cousin, Luis P. Serrano, of 246 South Fourth avenue.

"The entire population of Mesquite has moved over to the American side," Don Eugenio said yesterday. "This has been done in order to avoid bloodshed, in case there should be another battle."

The Altar merchant added that the seven wounded rebel soldiers that he helped move to Hacienda La Osa Monday are being lodged at that ranch free of charge by Mrs. Arthur Hardgrave, of Kansas City, the proprietor. The Mexican federal government, however, is furnishing the food and medical supplies for the men, and also paying the ranch cook for his extra services in preparing meals for the wounded men. The patients are being cared for by Dr. J. M. Hardy, of Sasabe, Ariz.

All that has been done with regard to the care of the wounded of Mesquite, both federals and rebels, has been done at the instance and with the authorization of Juan Ezequiel Anchondo, Mexican consul at Tucson, Don Eugenio added.

DAWES MISSION DRAFTING WILL

Efforts at Resuscitation Fail; Germany Offers No Alternative

PARIS, April 23 (AP)—After a little more than ten weeks of existence endeavoring to settle the problem of German reparations, the second Dawes committee began to draw up its will today. Representatives of some countries on the committee were still trying to make that work appear premature by efforts to prolong its life. Consultations thus far held have brought forward no remedy, however, and the new offer which had been announced in some quarters as likely to be made by Dr. Schacht after his talks yesterday with Owen D. Young and Emil Moreau, did not materialize.

Private conversations are continuing between the German and the allied experts with a view to bringing demands and offers nearer together. In German circles, however, no hope is held that the divergence can be so narrowed as to present arrangement for final liquidation of the reparations problem.

It is now fairly well established that Dr. Schacht, head of the German delegation, brought back no new offer with him from Berlin and had not made one of his own responsibility.

The proceedings today were of the simplest. When Young as chairman called the full committee to order, the report of the subcommittee that tried to conciliate the adverse views of the experts was laid on the table. The report merely announced that the subcommittee had failed to bring about an agreement on reparations figures.

The report was filed and without further discussion it was proposed to appoint a special committee to study the principal points to be treated in the full committee's report.

That proposal was adopted and the chief experts of each delegation were named as members of the special committee. They entered upon their duties immediately.

The first official communique of the second Dawes committee, issued immediately after the day's session, leaves the way open for speculation by both optimists and pessimists.

It announces the appointment of the special committee to prepare a report on the points already agreed upon, while the delegates continue efforts to reach agreements on others so as to facilitate the "final work" of the committee. The principal point on which agreement was not reached is of course the question of annuities, but there are a few other details concerning the organization of a proposed international bank that will require more work; otherwise, the committee has practically agreed on all essentials, including establishment of the bank, the proportion of payments in kind and the division of annuities into two parts, one conditional and protected by the transfer guarantee and the other unconditional.

ORIGINS PROVISION PASSES COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, April 23. (AP)—Foes of the national origins immigration quota basis failed today in their first senate move toward repeal of that controversial clause.

Notwithstanding President Hoover's announced opposition to the national origins provision, the senate immigration committee voted 4 to 2 to lay aside two bills aimed at it. The new quota basis will go into effect July 1 unless legislation to the contrary is enacted before then.

THREE REBELS EXECUTED AS ALLEGED SPIES

Two in Nogales, One Farther South in Sonora

NAMES ARE UNKNOWN

700 Federals Slain in Battle, Claim On Border

NOGALES, Ariz., April 24.—(AP)—The international line here was closed suddenly without explanation by Mexican officials shortly after midnight. No persons were allowed to pass in either direction. The order was made to include United States border officials who sought to enter Sonora to discover the reason for the move.

NOGALES, Ariz., April 23.—(AP)—The vicious crack of firing squad rifles has begun to re-echo through Sonora, and executioners' bloodstained bullets plug sullenly into adobe walls as rebel forces, oppressed from the east and south by advancing federal troops, seek to tighten their hold on the one remaining insurgent state of Mexico.

Three blindfolded victims, supposedly federal sympathizers or informers, have crumpled into waiting, rough-hewn caskets, and been deposited into unmarked graves since yesterday. Two of the executions took place in Nogales, Sonora, across the border from here. Meagre reports of the third today filtered in from Hermosillo, 150 miles south. Justa Avila, a taxi driver, formerly of Mexicali, Baja California, and known in Nogales, Hermosillo and other Sonora cities was reported shot before an adobe wall in the Sonora state capital after "some papers" had been discovered on his person.

Identity Doubted

The names of the two men, both Mexicans, who faced firing squads in Nogales, Sonora, had not been established definitely tonight. Rumors linking various persons with the executions shuttled back and forth between the two border cities, but in most instances the supposed victims disconcertingly turned up and denied it. One was a "young man in a white shirt" who was shot down yesterday forenoon. Word spread that he was Jose Hernandez, supposedly a Mexican federal customs guard, sent here some days ago. The identification could not be confirmed. The other stood blindfolded before the rifles of his executioners just before dark last night, dressed in overalls. The bullets sent him spinning into an already prepared pine casket, which was nailed up immediately after an officer calmly had delivered the coup de grace with a revolver. "Pedro Robles" was the name which, in rumor, followed him to his grave—but Pedro Robles tonight was in the Nogales, Sonora, cuartel, under military arrest, dining on frijoles. Held presumably as a federal sympathizer, Robles, also from Mexicali, was a possible candidate for the firing squad, but had not as yet been called upon to face the rifles.

Battle Is Rumored

Reports came into Nogales, Sonora, today, and were disseminated from rebel military headquarters, of a battle at Masiaca, Sonora, toward which point rebel and federal troops had been converging for several days. The rebel announcements asserted that the advance guard of General Calles army had been driven back, but details were lacking.

An order from rebel military headquarters, said later by General Francisco Borquez, Northern Sonora commander, to have been misinterpreted by customs guards, resulted in the seizing by most officials today of many American owned automobiles. For three hours during the day, cars owned by United States citizens which crossed the boundary into Sonora failed to return, causing great perturbation in the American town. When the matter was taken up with him, General Borquez personally visited the customs office and ordered all cars not bearing Mexican licenses released. He said Mexican owned cars were not being allowed to return to the United States from Sonora, but that his order had not been intended to apply to automobiles owned by United States citizens. When the order became known, streets in Nogales, Ariz., near the international line became congested with automobiles bearing Mexican licenses, whose

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DETROIT COLONEL TO HEAD RESERVE

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23. (AP)—Colonel Walter Cole, Detroit, was elected president of the reserve officers' association of the United States at the national convention here late today. He succeeded Brigadier General Roy Hoffman of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Brigadier General Edward Orton, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, was elected vice president. Other officers elected were:

Major H. K. Bentley, Washington, D. C., treasurer; Lieutenant Colonel J. Miller Kenyon, Washington, judge advocate; Colonel James Barnes, Princeton, historian; Major William Stevens bishop of the Episcopal church at Los Angeles, chaplain.

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