

ASKS FOR HUSBAND'S HEAD AND HEART

Widow of Gen. Montero Slain in
Guayaquil, Makes Vain Request
to Ecuador's President.

EMBALMED AS TROPHIES

Tells of Barbaric Cruelties Inflicted
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NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 13. — Señora Eloy Alfaro, wife of the recently murdered ex-President of Ecuador, who has arrived at Colón, Panama, has thrown light upon the recent crisis through which the equatorial republic passed, and tells of incidents, both pathetic and ferocious, which intimately concerned her. Probably the saddest part of her narrative is that which relates to her friend, Señora Pedro Montero, wife of one of the Generals who was slain in Quito the day after ex-President Alfaro was murdered in Guayaquil. The Government has refused to deliver to Señora Montero the head and the heart of her husband, which have been embalmed and kept in the capital as trophies of war. She wrote asking for them, but the President has so far ignored her request.

Señora Ana Paredes de Alfaro is a native of Panama, and her misfortunes have aroused great sympathy throughout that republic. The story of her voyage here is a tragedy. Señora Alfaro was in Panama, the guest of relatives, on Jan. 27, when she learned of the arrest of her husband. Accompanied by her daughter and her nephew, she took the Chile, the first boat for Ecuador, and arrived there only to learn of the murder. Upon her arrival at Puna, where she was told of the assassinations, she was advised by the port Captain not to land, warning her that it would be dangerous in the perturbed state of the country. However,

dozens of friends, including the widow of Gen. Montero, visited her on the boat and she learned the details of the murder of Alfaro and five Generals once high in power in Ecuador.

The murdered Generals were subjected to frightful cruelties before being killed. Montero, the first slain, was seized by the mob, which, after cutting off his head and tearing out his heart, poured kerosene upon his body and burnt it. At Quito, the capital of a country where capital punishment has been abolished, the proceedings were similar. The five Generals and two Colonels were subjected to all manner of tortures and mutilation before being slain. De La Guardia, her nephew, says the tortures were done with the care of inventors perfecting a new mechanism. The suffering men were permitted to hear the deliberations of their captors trying to decide what additional cruelty could be perpetrated. One of the victims, Col. Coral, whose tongue had just been cut out, was placed upon a stand and ordered to make a speech. When the seven officers at last succumbed the mutilated bodies were targets for the rage of the populace.

The ferocity of the mob was inspired by the action of troops under Gen. Montero, who, after he had surrendered, opened fire upon a mass of people celebrating the Government's victory, killing nearly a hundred men.

De La Guardia brought with him a copy of the articles of peace between Gens. Plaza and Montero, whereby the latter and his subordinates were to receive safe conduct out of the country, and all political prisoners were to be pardoned. This agreement was witnessed by Herman Dietrich, American Consul General, and Alfred Cartwright, British Consul. Contrary to first reports to the effect that the defeated Generals, after starting to leave Ecuador, left their ship to begin another revolution, De La Guardia asserts that they were prisoners of war all the time, and that the Government at Quito repudiated the treaty of peace made by Plaza, which was entered into

in good faith by both parties. Passengers aboard the Chile were almost unanimous in the opinion that Ecuador is far from being pacified, and that the recent assassinations have inflamed the populace to a degree which will not be forgotten easily.

Señora Montero is well known in Panama, and is expected to make this country her future home. The message she sent to Quito and which the President ignored was as follows:

"Sacred duty to my husband obliges me to ask you to order delivery of the head and heart of my husband, Gen. Pedro Montero, which exist as trophies of the power of the army of Gen. Plaza, cowardly and treacherously assassinated last night."

Killed by Fall Hanging Out Clothes.

Mrs. Annie Beeler, 57 years old, a resident of Tottenville, Staten Island, who, while hanging out clothes, slipped on the ice in the dooryard of her home at 100 William Avenue on Monday, died yesterday without regaining consciousness.