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## WAR SUPPLIES ORDERED IN BIG LOTS

GEAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILS IN WASHINGTON OVER WAR GAME BEING FOCUSED ON THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER.

## WAR SEEMS A CERTAINTY

Continuous Stream of Soldiers Being Headed for the South Where Added Barracks Are Being Thrown Up for Their Accommodation—Foreign Nations and Money Interests Crying for Protection—Buying Supplies.

Washington, March 8.—Though there is hardly a dollar in the treasury for army maneuver purposes, the quarter master general and the army commission are ordered today to buy unlimited war supplies. Every official movement indicates massing of troops on the border ordered yesterday is in preparation for real action and not for maneuver purposes.

**Real Action Impending.**  
Indications that army men and officers will see service in action is noticeable here today in orders to General Grant, commanding the department of the east to proceed immediately to Fort Monroe and there board the transport for Galveston. With Grant goes two provisional regiments of coast artillery which has been hastily organized to serve as infantry and commanded by Colonel Townley and Colonel White.

**Confidence Ordered.**  
Washington, March 8.—President Taft today requested Jose Yves Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, to come to Washington to confer on the Mexican situation. Ambassador de La Barre, of Mexico, is now in New York and will return with Limantour who recently arrived from Europe where he had a \$50,000,000 in Mexican bonds.

**Excitement Intense.**  
Not since the days before the Spanish war has Washington officialdom been so excited. Reports that President Diaz is dying and demands from all foreign governments demanding that the United States protect their Mexican investments, has led to rumors of the officials' report that a big war game is being played. Prominent army officers today pointed out that troops are carrying 200 rounds of ammunition which is unnecessary in maneuvers. Both General Wood and Secretary of War Dickinson today evaded all questions as to the object of mobilization. "General Carter," they said, "will be allowed to work out his own war game."

**Vancouver Sends Troops.**  
Vancouver, Wn., March 8.—Brigadier General Maus, commander of the department of the Columbia, leaves tonight for San Antonio under rush orders to report to Major General Carter. It is believed troops will be sent to this fort.

**Light in Ignorance.**  
St. Paul, Wn., March 8.—Colonel S. W. B. commander of the 25th Infantry stationed at Fort Wright, said today the movement of warriors south was a mystery to him. So far orders for a movement of his troops amounting 600 men, have been received.

**Actions Mysterious.**  
Bron Yards, Bremerton, Wn., March 8.—There is no information concerning movements of the cruisers Maryland and West Virginia obtainable. The cruisers are now in the making coal tests and the report here would not say whether vessels have been ordered to float off lower California or not.

**Street Protests.**  
Wacon, March 8.—Combined protest Wall street, England and

Germany over the destruction of railroads and stoppage of mining and other developments taken in connection with the illness of President Diaz is given here by correspondents of Mexican papers as a cause for the mobilization of American troops on the frontier.

The revolutionists say that Diaz professes satisfaction over the intervention by the United States but this is merely feigned, they affirmed. They declare that they promised financial interests that they would not tear up tracks unless government troops were carried over them and if they did, the railroads must take the consequences.

**Extreme Haste Used.**  
Boston, March 8.—Within half an hour after issuance of the orders, a company of marines in the Charleston navy yards, each with 200 rounds of ammunition, had started for Philadelphia to board a transport southward.

**South Expects War.**  
San Diego, Cal., March 8.—Army and navy officers here are expecting war. The torpedo fleet here is stripping for action, coaling and making ready to sail south tonight. Two thousand infantrymen are reported en route here and it is said that 400 of them will be taken on the torpedo boats to Salina Cruz, Mexico. It is expected the Pacific fleet will make this its base for operations.

**Bell Goes South.**  
San Francisco, March 8.—Major General Bell, Colonel Ladd and Major Winships today were ordered to proceed to San Antonio to report to Major General Carter. They left this afternoon.

**Rushing Up Barracks.**  
Galveston, March 8.—Working under rush orders laborers are preparing barracks for troops at Fort Crockett, San Jacinto and Tavis, Texas. The

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## FISHER PACIFIES PINCHOTITES

### SEATTLE PLANNING BIG OVATION FOR SECRETARY.

Pinchot Expresses Satisfaction of Conservationists with Fisher.

Washington, March 8.—Every adherent of Ballinger now employed in the interior department will probably be retired shortly after Fisher takes charge. Those already retired are Assistant Secretary Wilson, Assistant Attorney General Lawler and Chief of Field Service Schwarts.

**Pinchot Satisfied.**  
New York, March 8.—Before starting for Europe today, Gifford Pinchot, the former chief forester, discussed the succession of Walter Fisher to Ballinger's position as secretary of the interior. He said Fisher's entrance into government service will prove satisfactory to the conservationists. New York papers combine, almost, in saying Ballinger's usefulness as a government official was destroyed by scandal and charges.

**Seattle Plans Reception.**  
Seattle, March 8.—Friends of the ex-senator, Richard A. Ballinger, are preparing a formal welcome for him on his return home. It is regarded as probable that he will resume his practice of law.  
A coterie of clubmen is planning a public ovation for him.

### ATKINSON CASE DELAYED.

Horse Trading Case Argued This Afternoon and Then Comes State Case

Missing the schedule by a few hours only the charges preferred by the state against Ralph Atkinson of obtaining money under false pretenses came up late this afternoon when the arguments had been made by counsel for the parties involved in the case of K. J. Martin against Abel Eaton. This was a case over a dispute following some trades in horses.

The Atkinson case will be disposed of as soon as possible and then will come the case of Franklin Truax against Frank Beinhoff, regarding an account.

## TIME BOOK LOST BY ELLEXSON IS FOUND

EVIDENCE TO STRENGTHEN CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE DISCOVERED YESTERDAY.

### FOUND NEAR UNION STATION

Carrying Notations Made by Ellexson on September 3, Day Before Supposed Crime Occurred, Indicates Book Was Lost After September 3—Probably Lost Where Ellexson Hit the Railroad Track Again.

Evidence that would have been of much value to the prosecution during the trial of T. R. Ellexson, convicted of the murder of Waldo Perry at Union, last summer, was uncovered yesterday afternoon near Union station when a man named Chadwick, working as butcher for the Hot Lake company, found a time book used by Ellexson while he was employed at Union and at Baker.

**Dropped by Wire Fence.**  
The book was found near a wire fence, indicating that it had been dropped while the owner was crawling between the wires. The discovery is of especial importance to justify the conviction attained on circumstantial evidence, in that it almost indisputably contradicts the story told by Ellexson in his self defense. Followers of that hideous crime will remember that Ellexson claimed to have boarded a train at Telocaset and riding direct to La Grande; in fact the prosecution could not bring him nearer to the scene of the crime than Telocaset.

**Last After September 3.**  
It is presumed the murder was committed about September 4, and it has been carefully and distinctly established that Ellexson quit work at Baker on September 3, and notations in the book found by Chadwick include the final account with the Baker employer on September 3.

**The Probable Solution.**  
Men who are in touch with the discovery and who know the exact location of the book when found have drawn the conclusion that when Ellexson had gone to the Perry ranch, located about the same distance from Union station as it is from Union town and committed the foul murder, he cut cross lots and hit the railroad track near Union station and to do so, was forced to crawl through the wire fence back of Union station. In this act he lost the book.

The book was brought to La Grande last night. While there was a general feeling prevalent that justice was fitly applied in the conviction of Ellexson that feeling has been spread and cemented by the discoveries yesterday.

## REFORMERS WIN AT SEATTLE

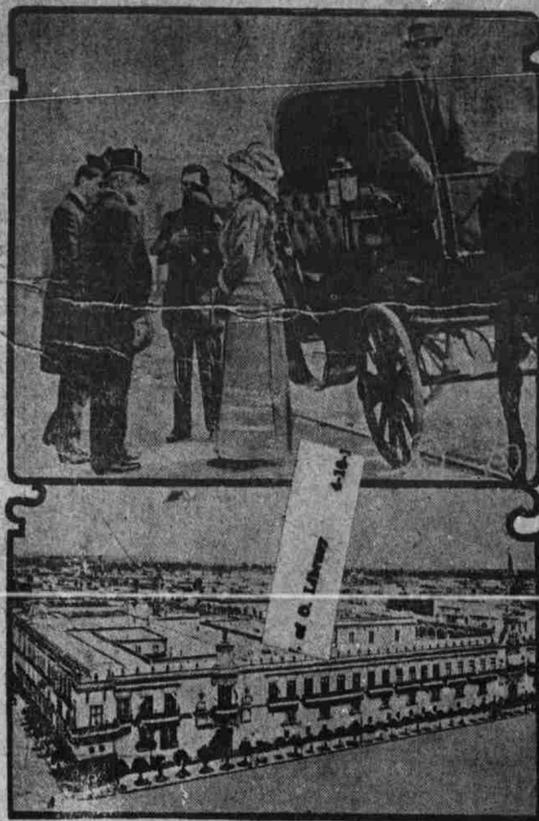
### COUNCILMEN OF REFORM TYPE ARE CHOSEN.

Municipal Street Railway Proposition Also Accepted by Vote.

Seattle, March 8.—With 20 precincts unheard from it is considered certain that a reform council was elected and the \$800,000 bond issue for municipal street railways, carried yesterday by a big majority.

### Federals Threaten Mexicali.

Mexicali, March 8.—A large force of Federals are advancing on Mexicali and were located eight miles west of this city by rebels.



A recent picture of President Diaz about to enter his carriage. President Diaz death at this time would precipitate the greatest international disturbance of years and mobilization of troops on the southern border is taken to mean Uncle Sam will not be found wanting, should occasion arise for him to take a hand in the Mexican affairs. Below the president is a view of the city of Mexico, where Diaz is now fighting with death.

## FLOUR ORDER FROM JAPAN IS EXPLAINED AT PORTLAND

Portland, March 8.—Rumor is current here among wheat and flour men, based on private Oriental cables, that Japan is preparing to intervene in the Mexican affair and thereby draw the United States into the embroglio. They profess to believe this explains the recent unprecedented orders for flour from Japan.

Another report, unconfirmed, is that the United States is in the market for provisions on a scale unusual in peace time and that the local flour men are being called upon to contract shipments for Uncle Sam.

### INDIANS MISUSED.

Priest Predicts Trouble with Canadian Indians in Near Future.

Vancouver, B. C., March 8.—Trouble with Indians and bloodshed is predicted in British Columbia by Father Bellet, a missionary, who passed through this city today en route to Fort George carrying with him from Ottawa a sanction of the federal government to sell Indian reserves on Fraser river to the Grand Trunk Pacific, which will construct a line from here eastward to Prince Rupert. He says the provincial government is making no attempt to help the Indian but passes laws prohibiting fishing and hunting, and in other ways in curtailing their endeavors to earn a livelihood which is causing a widespread discontent. "Though I am a missionary of the church I cannot say but what they will be justified," said the priest.

### DISPLAY HORSEFLESH SATURDAY

Maple Avenue Stock Farm Company Plans Demonstration Saturday.  
Imported Clyde stallions now stabled here by the Maple Avenue Stock Farm company of Ontario, Canada, will be exhibited and shown on Adams avenue next Saturday at 2 o'clock so that farmers and horsemen interested can see the animals together. Manager F. H. Neil, who has been here this week looking over the opportunities for opening a big barn of pure bred stock, made this announcement this afternoon and will personally oversee the exhibit.

### YOUNGSTER SUICIDES.

Tacoma, March 8.—Fearing parental punishment because he broke into his mother's trunk and took some small articles, Oscar Edfast, aged 15, is dead today. He committed suicide last night with carbolic acid.

## 90 ACRES OF ORCHARD AT \$50,000.00

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IS INVOLVED IN SALE OF IMBLER ORCHARD OF 90 ACRES TO DAYTON MEN.

### ITS INCREASE ENORMOUS

Land Seven Years Ago Raising Meagre Crop of Wheat Turned for \$550 an Acre—Expert Passes Praises on the Tract and Commends It to His Clients—Sold for \$67.50 an Acre Six Years Ago—New Record.

**SIX YEARS' HISTORY OF 90-ACRE IMBLER TRACT.**  
Sold six years ago by John Ellingford to Walter Lyman for \$67.50 an acre.  
The same fall Lyman sold a half interest to L. Oldenberg for \$95 an acre. These men planted it to orchard.  
The following year Oldenberg and Lyman disposed of it at \$125 an acre, to W. A. Laddlaw of Portland.  
Same 90 acres sold yesterday evening, at \$550 an acre.

Record prices for big orchard tracts in this valley were set late last evening when 90 acres in one piece just north of Imbler sold for a lump sum of \$50,000, or \$550 an acre, creating a banner record for rapid increase in land values. Many small tracts have been sold in this valley at prices in advance of \$550 an acre but never has there been a single tract of such large proportion turned at one time.

Hinging entirely on the dictum of J. I. Dorenberger, the deal not only stands for high attainments of land values but places on Grande Ronde valley orchards a stamp of approval such as has never been equalled before. The buyers of this tract are Bert Monnett and Clyde Weatherford, both of Dayton and they brought with them as their advisor J. I. Dorenberger, the manager of the Pomona orchard owned by the famous orchardist, Mr. Dumas—the orchard by the way, is the most famous 100-acre tract in the world. What this expert said went and he said the words that closed the deal. But for heavy financial ties in Washington Mr. Dorenberger would himself invest heavily and move to the Grande Ronde—a testimonial that has made local orchardists swell with pride.

The seller in this case was W. A. Laddlaw and a Portland real estate firm figure in the transfer. Local men interested in real estate do not begrudge the commission in view of the fact that the industry has received an enormous impetus by the transfer and verdict from the expert.

What this piece of land has accomplished in its evolution from what land growing less than 50 bushels of wheat seven years ago, to its present state, is pointed out above.

### RATE FIGHT IS OVER.

Pennsylvania Cancels Advance Schedule and Others Follow Suit.

Washington, March 8.—The railroad rate fight against the rate decision of the commission is over. The Pennsylvania cancelled its advance schedule today and the New York, Baltimore & Ohio, and the Erie have promised to follow suit. Other railroads are expected to do the same immediately.