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## INSIDE LIGHT ON MOBILIZATION IS GIVEN

HIGH OFFICIAL AT WASHINGTON TELLS OF TRUE PURPOSE OF PRESENT MANEUVERS.

## JAPAN INDIRECTLY CAUSE

Mexican-Japanese Alliances and Japanese Aggressiveness in Lower California Said by Prominent Official to Be Directly Responsible—Taft Is Ready to Explain to Congress When He Is Called On.

Washington, March 17.—Japan, and not Mexico, is the object of the present American mobilization, according to a high Washington official today. His statement is confirmed from a dozen state capitols where the militia executive officials have been taken into the confidence of the administration. Officials said President Taft is misunderstood and that those who criticized him will admit it, that he knew he would be called by congress to explain.

It was learned today that the original plan was to mobilize 60,000 regulars but at the last moment it was decided to call 20,000. The official said the movement was designed to stop any possible Japanese aggression in Lower California.

He pointed out that the mobilization was an offensive move but was not prompted by any immediate fear of trouble with Japan. He said it was to end diplomatic exchanges concerning concessions in Lower California between Mexico and Japan.

### Germany Supplying Arms.

Washington, March 17.—Mexican revolutionists are not receiving all their arms from America. On a reliable source it is reported leading German manufacturers are sending arms to Provisional President Madero, and ranging weapons on the Mexican coast.

### Mining Frisco Harbor.

San Francisco, March 17.—April 1st the mine planting companies will start work on mining the entrance to San Francisco harbor under supervision of the coast artillery officers.

The mine planting marks a more alert coast defense. Three artillery companies, comprising 300 men, become skilled mine operators under experienced officers. The planting is to be done at night.

## EXPRESS STRIKE EFFECTIVE

## WELLS-FARGO AND U. S. COMPANIES ARE OUT.

## American and National Employees Refuse to Join the Move.

New York, March 17.—A general strike order to drivers and helpers of the Wells-Fargo and United States Express companies is effective today.

Employees of the American and National companies refused to go out.

General Manager Ashton of the United said 22,000 are affected by the order. Ashton is seeking general arbitration of an agreement to settle the teamsters' grievances, and if he fails a general strike will follow. Express companies are preparing for a finish fight.

Five thousand striking teamsters were on the streets this afternoon. A number of arrests were made for disturbances. Mayor Gaynor this afternoon offered the entire police department to the employers to protect the wagons.

## JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.

English Statesman Whose Ill Health Caused His Retirement.



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## TURIN EDICT IS 50 YEARS OLD

## ROME CELEBRATES MOMENTOUS EVENT WITH POMP.

## Fifty Years Ago Today the Turin Declaration Was Issued at Rome.

Rome, March 17.—The kingdom of Italy looked backward half a century today and bowed low to the statesmen and soldiers whose patriotic efforts brought about the Turin declaration of March 17, 1861, when united Italy came into being and Victor Emmanuel was designated as the ruler of the new kingdom. It is the semi-centennial anniversary of this event that Italy is preparing to celebrate this summer on a grand scale. Beginning in the early summer and continuing until the late autumn there are to be an almost constant succession of fetes and patriotic demonstrations from Sicily to the Alps. The features of international interest will be the great expositions in Rome and Turin.

The movement which led to the unification of Italy had its beginning about the middle of the last century. At that time Victor Emmanuel II, a most liberal and statesmanlike monarch, occupied the throne of Sardinia. His great minister, Count Cavour, was an ardent believer in Italian unification. Inspired by Garibaldi, Mazzini, Cavour and other eminent and able patriots of the time, Victor Emmanuel joined France in a successful war with Austria for the liberation of northern Italy, and then began to extend the kingdom of Sardinia.

Fifty years ago today came the declaration of Turin, when Victor Emmanuel assumed the title of king of Italy. During the ensuing ten years province after province united with the new kingdom of Italy, and finally, in 1870, after a sharp struggle with the Pope, supported by France, Victor Emmanuel annexed the papal states, entered Rome in triumph and from his new capital began to rule a united Italy.

### Texas Mothers' Congress.

Houston, Texas, March 17.—Many women of prominence in various parts of the state are in Houston to attend the semi-annual conference of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' association. The gathering will continue over tomorrow and will have among its speakers Mrs. F. W. McAllister of San Antonio, Mrs. J. W. McManus of Dallas, Mrs. William Capps of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. G. Sutton of Beaumont, Dr. Frederick Eby of the university of Texas, and F. M. Bralley, state superintendent of public instruction.

## LAND FRAUDERS INDICTED BY FEDERAL JURY

WATSON OF SPOKANE AMONG THOSE INVOLVED IN FAMOUS "FROST" LAND CASES.

## CANCEL MANY COAL SITES

Federal Grand Jury Returns Batch of Indictments Against the Alleged Principals in the Alaska Land Fraud Cases—Bench Warrants Issued for Their Arrest—Frost Will Return From England.

Washington, March 17.—It was announced today by the general land office that probably 604 coal land sites will be cancelled in Alaska as the result of yesterday's indictments against nine prominent capitalists by the federal grand jury. The men are charged with having planned to steal coal land worth \$10,000,000, and constituted the famous Frost cases said to be the most extensive land frauds in the history of the department.

Among the men indicted are A. G. Frost, president of the Alaska Northern Railroad company; Pierce Beach, former secretary of that railroad; Frank Watson of Spokane; George Ball of Muncie, Indiana, and who is said to be Frost's backer; Harry Osbourne and Gwynne Francis, Stewart bankers and brokers. It is reported that extradition of the indicted Canadians will be asked for.

### Bench Warrants Out.

Chicago, March 17.—Bench warrants were issued today for George W. Seward, Pierre Beach, George Ball and Frank Watson. Among those indicted for Alaskan coal land frauds, is Albert Frost, charged with being the prime mover, is in England and is expected to return without extradition.

Assistant Attorney General Townsend with his staff left Chicago today for Seattle, to prosecute the indicted members of the English group of claimants.

### FIRE AT JOSEPH YESTERDAY.

### Dance Hall and Opera House Destroyed by Fire.—No Insurance on the Building.

Joseph, March 17.—E. T. Roup's dance hall and opera house building was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, entailing considerable loss. The first floor was occupied by F. L. Bedding field who conducted a pool room and all his furniture was saved. The building was insured, partially covering the loss.

It was the only building of its kind in Joseph and the place is now without an opera house.

### Princess Patricia Congratulated.

London, March 17.—Princess Victoria, younger daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, received many handsome presents and congratulations from her relatives and friends today on the occasion of her 25th birthday anniversary. The princess, who is often spoken of as the prettiest woman of the British royal family, is looking forward with keen pleasure to her coming sojourn in Canada, where her father soon is to succeed Earl Grey as governor-general.

### Rebels and Federals Clash.

San Diego, Cal., March 17.—A long expected clash between Mexican federal troops and rebels, between Mexicall and Tia Juana, happened this morning at Te Carte. Forty rebels retreated, some into United States territory. There were 80 federal's who came from Ensenada. Four were killed.

### Aged Broker Dead.

New York, March 17.—Frank Work, aged 92, a broker at the time JaJy Gould was the biggest Wall street figure, is dead here today.



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## JOHN HAYS HAMMOND, AMBASSADOR TO CORONATION.

UNLESS Boer influence should succeed in causing President Taft's withdrawal of the appointment John Hays Hammond will represent the United States as special ambassador at the coronation of King George V. of England in June. The Boers, whose territory now is an integral part of the British domain, don't like Mr. Hammond. Some years ago they caught him and condemned him to death. This was because of his part in the noted Jameson raid. Mr. Hammond finally escaped with his life, but he paid a fine of \$125,000 to help along the government of Oom Paul Kruger. He was in South Africa as a mining engineer. He is considered perhaps the ablest expert in that profession. His skill in locating gold deposits is almost as great as that of the diving rod. Mr. Hammond is a personal friend of President Taft, on whose ticket he wanted to run for the vice presidency.

## ROOSEVELT READY TO ORGANIZE SOUTHWESTERN ROUGH RIDERS

Albuquerque, N. M., March 17.—It was learned today that Colonel Roosevelt, before leaving here last Wednesday, completed preliminary arrangements for the organization of an entire division of volunteer cavalry to fight Japan should the occasion arise.

Roosevelt admitted the Japanese were a menace to the western coast of Mexico and informed rough rider friends that in the event of war, he would ask for permission of the administration to organize a division recruited solely from the southwest.

Various rough riders admitted today that they had been offered commissions in the event of hostilities. Roosevelt came here from El Paso where it is said inside information of alleged Japanese activities startled him into making tentative arrangements to go to the front should the necessity arise.

### Boston's Day to Celebrate.

Boston, Mass., March 17.—The observance of the 135th anniversary of the evacuation of the town of Boston by the continentals in fortifying Dorchester Heights and Hook's Hill, was celebrated with unusual spirit today, particularly in South Boston, where the British forces embarked. A large military and civic parade was the spectacular feature of the day's celebration.

### Day Observed in Montreal.

Montreal, March 17.—The feature of the St. Patrick's day celebration in Montreal today was a big parade of Hibernian Knights, Ancient Order of Hibernians and other Irish military and patriotic organizations. The procession marched from Victoria square to St. Patrick's church, where the marchers attended a special high mass.

### Phoenix Awaits Roosevelt.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 17.—Phoenix is decorated with flags and bunting in anticipation of the arrival of ex-President Roosevelt tomorrow morning. The distinguished visitor is expected to remain in Phoenix over Sunday. Tomorrow afternoon he will press a button opening a gate in the great Roosevelt dam and in the evening Miss Ethel Roosevelt will turn on the electric lights above the dam.

### Honor to Erin's Patron Saint.

New York, March 17.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated in the metropolis today more generally than usual. The Irish flag was much in evidence, special services were held in the Catholic churches and a big parade of Irish societies marched through the principal downtown streets and was reviewed by Mayor Gaynor, Archbishop Farley and other notables.

### Central Illinois Teachers.

Peoria, Ill., March 17.—With an address by Congressman Champ Clark among the scheduled attractions the 27th annual meeting of the Central Illinois Teachers' association began here today under conditions that give promise of the most successful session in the history of the association. The sessions began this morning with President Charles McIntosh, of Monticello, presiding.

## 30-FOOT FRONT BRINGS OVER \$8,000.00

DALTON PROPERTY, CORNER FIR AND ADAMS, SOLD TO S. R. HAWORTH LAST NIGHT.

## BUILDING TO GO UP SOON

Dalton immediately secures lease and will continue in business at the Old Stand—Building on the Property Valued at Little Making Banner Price for the Realty Involved in the Transaction.

Thirty feet frontage at Fir and Adams, containing an inferior building valued at but little, rang a record bell last night when the S. H. Dalton corner property brought a trifle more than \$8,000. S. R. Haworth is the buyer and was willing to pay that fat sum for the property on the strength of unmistakable signs of continued increase in realty values and not only has he paid this lucrative price for the property but has announced extensive improvements in the lot as soon as the present lease expires. S. H. Dalton, the former owner, immediately closed a lease with the new owner and today said he was thoroughly satisfied with La Grande and was going to stay even though he has disposed of his realty property.

Mr. Dalton purchased the property two years ago from Mrs. McQuirter paying far less than the sale price now.

Since then the property has been surrounded by paving, enhancing the value greatly, of course, but in addition to that the margin between the purchase price and the sale price is such as to corroborate the assertion that city property is climbing up at a record-breaking pace.

"I made the purchase and paid the price demanded because everywhere I go I find that the old town of La Grande is becoming known throughout the state and northwest as the real little city of a destiny throughout Eastern Oregon or the state for that matter," said the new owner, S. R. Haworth, as he left for Enterprise this morning. "In Portland you hear it at all corners—La Grande is the town of Eastern Oregon. It does the business. I have sufficient faith in the expansion of the city business district to warrant me going to added expense by building a suitable building on it within a year or so."

## COVE BOOSTERS ORGANIZE

## WILL PERFECT PERMANENT ORGANIZATION SATURDAY.

## Temporary Arrangements Made Last Night—Union to Assist.

Cove, March 17.—(Special)—Organization of a commercial club in this place was effected last night by the formation of temporary officers and the creation of a by-laws committee which will report next Saturday night at which time a permanent organization will be effected. The business men and fruit growers met last night to talk the situation over and elected George Stock as temporary president and Harry Rees temporary secretary. A committee consisting of Carl Stackland, Roy Conklin and Logan Anderson, was named to frame by-laws and report next Saturday evening.

The Commercial club of Union has volunteered to send a delegation to Cove tomorrow night to assist in the permanent formation and do all in their power to get the club well launched.