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TAFT SUMMONS B T WASHINGTON CABINET FOR CONFERENCE

MEETING SAID TO TAKE PLACE
THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS
MEXICAN SITUATION.

DIAZ PALACE NOT STONED FLIRTING CHARGE IS FILED

Officials at Washington Flatly Deny
That Limantour Will Succeed Diaz
as President—War Talk Is Silly, As-
serts One Consul at Chicago—Army
Officers Continue to Expect Invasion

Washington, March 20.—Mexican
Ambassador de La Barra today flatly
denied that Minister Limantour will
succeed President Diaz and reports
that the president's palace was not
stoned by a mob recently as reported
yesterday. He says the statement is
untrue. Gustavo Madero, a brother
of the revolutionist, remarked that
certain business interests have taken
steps to depose President Diaz and
that Limantour will be named for the
national presidency.

Army Awaits Conference.

San Antonio, March 20.—Believing
that the Mexican minister of finance,
Limantour, bears with him the Ameri-
can ultimatum on which an invasion
of Mexico depends, the army command-
ers today are eagerly waiting for the
result of Limantour's conference at
Mexico City with President Diaz and
representatives of Madero. High army
officials continue to believe an inva-
sion is imminent.

Cabinet Meeting Tonight.

Washington, March 20.—Although
there was no official confirmation to
be had, it is freely rumored that Presi-
dent Taft and his cabinet will meet
tonight to discuss important develop-
ments in the Mexican situation. Presi-
dent Taft arrived home at noon from
Atlanta and said he was greatly wor-
ried over indications that unfriendly
congress will demand an investigation
of the mobilization. It is said that
telegraphic advices from Mexico are
behind the calling of the cabinet.

"War Talk Is Silly."

Chicago, March 20.—Talk of war be-
tween Japan and the United States is
silly according to Millard Ames, the
Siamese consul here. "America is
losing business and prestige in the
Orient through lack of progressive
business methods and products of Eu-
ropean nations are purchased in pre-
ference to American goods because of
the continued war scares.

BERRY PAROLE REFUSED

PRISONER ORDERED RETAINED
IN SERVICE OF COUNTY.

Physician's Consideration of Prisoner Is
Given Consideration.

W. W. Berry will not be paroled as
prayed for by a petition circulated by
Mrs. Berry and signed liberally, and
filed with the circuit court last Sat-
urday evening. Circuit Judge J. W.
Knowles refused this morning to
grant the parole, and instead Berry
will be turned over to the road-mak-
ing and bridge-building departments
of the county where he will be given
an opportunity to shorten his term
by hard work.

Refusal General Benefit.

In refusing the petition Judge
Knowles affirmed that it was in Ber-
ry's own interest, principally, that the
parole was denied. By keeping him
away from influences that crazed him
frequently and allowing his physical
being to be recuperated by out of
door life and retirement, the court be-
lieved that benefit would be derived
to him.

SOUTHERN NEGRO EDUCATOR IS
ILL AT HOSPITAL FOLLOWING
ASSAULT BY A GERMAN.

ASSAULTED BY WORKMAN

Booker T. Washington in Hospital and
His Assault in Jail on Charges of
Assault Preferred by the Educator
—Woman Says Negro Called Her
His Sweetheart—Scalp Badly Cut.

New York, March 20.—Admitting he
mistook Booker T. Washington, the
prominent negro educator of this
country and president of the Tuskegee
institute, as Peeking Tom—who gave
him a severe drubbing. Albert Ulrich,
a German carpenter, was arraigned in
police court today on charge of as-
sault, preferred by Washington him-
self. Ulrich testified that he saw
Washington loitering about an apart-
ment house and said he spoke disre-
spectfully to Mrs. Ulrich. He chased
Washington through Central park and
quite severely injured him.

The famous educator denied he was
speaking to the woman and said he
was looking for a friend.

Washington's Scalp Cut.

Mr. Washington's scalp was cut in
two places and he had to go to the
hospital for treatment. Mrs. Ulrich
today insisted he called her his sweet-
heart and says she cannot understand
why her husband is held and Wash-
ington is allowed to go free.

The German is held on \$500 bail.
Counsel for Washington presented a
physician's certificate saying that
Washington was unable to leave his
bed. Ulrich pleaded not guilty.

SEVERAL MEN ARE DISCHARGED

RETRENCHMENT ON HARRIMAN
LINES FELT LIGHTLY HERE.

So Far Only Twenty Men Have Been
Withdrawn; Worse Elsewhere.

Effects of retrenchments along the
Harriman system are being felt in
La Grande in that 20 men, represent-
ing a monthly payroll of about \$1,200,
have been stricken from the O-W
salary list in this city during the past
few days. Orders to curtail the ex-
pense in this point have been received
and the discharges are in line with
that policy. The effects are not felt
nearly as badly in this city as in Poca-
tello for instance, where the shops are
working five days a week and eight
hours a day. Here, as usual, the shops
run full capacity and nine hours, a
day but several machinists, a boiler
maker, coal shovelers, a hostler, and
various other trainmen have been
withdrawn and the payroll is cut
down as stated.

Little freight is moving and this is
the reason advanced. With the reduc-
tion of freight rates, it was believed
business would pick up but for all
that there is a falling off in business.
Big construction projects are said to
be at a standstill and there is little
need for big freight orders. Business
out of La Grande is keeping a stiff up-
per lip but the heavy money-bringing
freight trains are not moving.

Local railroad men know little or
nothing of the reasons behind the re-
trenchment, other than as pointed out
but declare that indications are that it
is merely a temporary arrangement.
That the machine shops are required
to operate to capacity as usual is an-
other indication that the policy will
not affect this city as hard as other
points on the Harriman lines in the
Pacific northwest.

CAPTAIN FRANK BARTLETT

Naval Academy Instructor Heads
Steam Engineering Department.



KILLED BY TRAIN AT TEKOA

CONDUCTORS LOCKS RUN OVER
AS HE STEPPED DOWN.

Conductor on Fast Spokane-Portland
Train Meets Death.

To be killed instantly while running
a passenger train into Tekoa yester-
day noon, was the lot of Passenger
Conductor Locks, known to many La
Grande railroaders. The Spokane
conductor was taking the fast Spo-
kane-Portland train toward Portland
and as he jumped from the train in
the Tekoa yards yesterday noon to
register he fell accidentally and in place
of going in to register, was picked
from under the wheels, dead. The
details of the death are not pointed
out in messages received here, other
than as stated.

Conductor Dpendorf of this city is
among those who knew Locks well
and many others were familiar with
him. His home was at Spokane.

REMAINS ARRIVE TODAY.

Accompanied by Will Gilham, Remains
of Ad Gilham Reach Here.

In charge of a brother, Will Gil-
ham, who is a resident of California,
the remains of Ad Gilham, the former
assistant postmaster of this city, ar-
rived today from Phoenix, Ariz., where
demise occurred last week. The fune-
ral will be held tomorrow from the
Presbyterian church. Relatives from
Seattle and other parts of the Pacific
northwest will arrive tonight and to-
morrow.

ORGANIZE CLUB TONIGHT.

Committee Appointed Recently to
Make Report This Evening.

Formation of a live, Commercial club
is to be actually made tonight when
the committees on organization, ap-
pointed some time ago, make their
report to the members of the new club.
Definite plans as to what is to be done
will be outlined and finally acted on.
Former meetings have been prelimi-
nary in nature entirely and the meet-
ing tonight will be final and creative
rather than preliminary.

Trio Celebrate.

John Dordan, Joe Kelley, the pro-
prietor of the Kelley tontorial parlors
and a ten-pound girl born today to Mr.
and Mrs. D. L. Crowe, form a trium-
virate which every March 20th hereaf-
ter will celebrate jointly. Mr. Kelley
and Mr. Dordan both have birthday
anniversaries today but retrenched on
their own celebration and remembered
the little baby with a very pretty gift.

JUDGE RECALL IS CONDEMNED BY ROOSEVELT

READING FROM MANUSCRIPT THE
COLONEL EXPRESS HIS
AVERSION TO IT.

ARIZONA LAWS IMPERFECT

Constitution of Arizona Is Flayed in
Set Speech by Roosevelt at Phoenix
Today—Recall of Judge Is Wrong,
He affirms—Recall, R. referendum and
the Initiative Are Good in Places.

Phoenix, Arizona, March 20.—In his
first speech made from manuscript
Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today at-
tacked the constitution of Arizona in
its relations to the judiciary. He said
he regretted that Arizona adopted the
recall of the judiciary. "It is difficult
for me to discuss seriously the asser-
tion that the adoption of the initiative,
referendum and recall make our form
of government unrepresentative. No one
can be taken seriously if he asserts
that the government of California and
Oregon is not as absolute republican
in form as that of Connecticut or Mis-
sissippi. But the recall of the judi-
ciary gives chance for harm.

"The principles of the initiative and
referendum may or may not be adapt-
ed to the needs of a given state under
given conditions. I believe they are
useful in some states and communi-
ties and not in others. The right to
its use in no community should be
allowed to dictate to any other com-
munity in this matter."

Rehearsal Tonight.

The members of the Tuesday Musi-
cal chorus will meet tonight at 7:30
and all are urged to be present. The
rehearsal takes place in the Carlock
studio.

DISTRICT MEET IN LA GRANDE

FRUITMEN CONVENE SATURDAY
TO DISCUSS SITUATION.

Meeting Will Be Called to Organize
all of Eastern Oregon.

A meeting which paved the way for
a gathering of fruitmen from all over
Eastern Oregon—the geographical
territory assigned by the Pacific Coast
Fruitmen's association—was held in
this city last Saturday afternoon when
several prominent fruitmen gathered
at the Commercial club. The meet-
ing was informal and was more of a
school than anything else, at which
the fruitmen learned from Secretary
Williams just what is expected of
them. The entire district will send
delegates to La Grande in about two
weeks when the district will be orga-
nized, to comprise all local unions that
may exist, and thereby become elab-
orate to the big association which is to
facilitate shipping problems.

The meeting was very successful in
that those present were familiarized
with what is to be done. The local
unions were also discussed at some
length. The big meeting will be of
extreme importance and will be like-
ly attended by a great many fruit-
men.

Engineer Henson Home.

Engineer Henry Henson arrived
home this morning from an extended
stay in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He
spent several months there with Mrs.
Henson who showed remarkable im-
provement, and was able to return
with her husband. She is spending a
few days with her daughter, Mrs.
Dupes at Pleasant Valley.

WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER.

Member of Wealthy Family Has
Recently Been Seriously Ill.



PREDICTED LINE UP FORMED

FAMILY OF KENNEDY HEAD THE
DELEGATION.

About Twenty Will Come From Herm-
iston to File on 15 Tracts.

Four men who have their eyes fixed
on three especially fine tracts of land
to be thrown open to filing on the
morning of the 22nd inst., at the local
land office, formed a lineup early this
morning and will head a line which
will grow to about 20 before the fil-
ing hour arrives. The land sought is
included in the 15 tracts in the fourth
unit of the Umatilla government pro-
ject which becomes open to entry on
the 22nd and in the batch of 15 claims
there are three especially good. Wil-
liam, who is in the line with one son,
and has two other sons to "spell" the
"lineupers" said today that the en-
tire batch is fairly good land but
three especially are level and need lit-
tle fluming to be put under water. The
Kennedys affirmed that there is much
interest in the opening and predict
that about 20 will form a line here
tonight and tomorrow. Mr. Kennedy
has been in the Hermiston county
about a year or so and is well pleas-
ed with the country. The remaining six
claims in the third unit need consid-
erable funds to be financed and it is
said that none of the present lineup
or what is to follow, will pay any at-
tention to that unit.

In the party now lined up are Wil-
liam Kennedy, William, Jr., John and
Robert Kennedy, James, Eddie and
U. S. Mitchell.

HOME OF BOGUS BANK STARTER

Man Has Been Missing for Five Days
—Involved in Two Banks.

Portland, March 20.—The police to-
day searched the home of the missing
banker, F. N. Myers, for whom a war-
rant is out charging him with having
illegally accepted deposits for the
Italian-American bank of which he
was secretary. Myers was also pres-
ident of the Mount Scott bank which
recently closed its doors through the
bank examiner's orders. Myers has
been missing five days. He recently
started a chain of banks throughout
the northwest.

Methodists in City.

Rev. W. M. Winters of Union, and
Doctor G. G. Haley, district superin-
tendent, are in the city today. Doctor
Haley will conduct a business meeting
at the Methodist church.

Club Meeting Tuesday.

The Neighborhood club will meet
tomorrow afternoon for the regular
meeting. A full attendance is desired
as there is business of importance to
come before the club.

"SPOKANE RATE" CASE UP FOR FINAL ACTION

LA GRANDE'S INTERESTS BEING
CARED FOR AT WASH-
INGTON TODAY.

WANT RATES PERMANENT

Shippers From All Northwest States,
Nevada and Utah Have Representa-
tion Before Interstate Commerce
Commission at Washington Today—
Involves Various Points in the
Freight Rates.

Washington, March 20.—Final argu-
ments in the "Spokane rate case" were
begun today before the interstate com-
merce commission.

The case involves the freight and
passenger rates of the inter-mountain
territory and through rates between
the east and west for routings through
this territory. The shippers from
Utah, Nevada, and the Pacific north-
west states, whose protests were the
basis for the hearings, were represent-
ed today in the arguments.

The point involved now is to ask
that the provisional adjustments, fol-
lowing is out charging him with having
Seattle and other towns, be made
permanent by the commerce commis-
sion.

This is the case in which La Grande
shippers have been connected for the
past year or more, their interests first
coming up at Spokane where the com-
mission had its first hearing and
where La Grande was given an opportu-
nity to file oral and briefed argu-
ments. It has become allied with Spo-
kane and the other cities so that if
the present adjustments are made
permanent, this city will benefit as
the others.

Danville Citizens Here.

R. A. Black and J. T. Henderson of
Danville, Ill., the home of Joseph G.
Cannon and the scene of the recent
political upheaval, arrived today and
will be with the Warren Construction
company with headquarters at the
Foley.

Start Seeding Early.

Ed. Clark, lessee of the Lee Fergu-
son ranch near Hot Lake, is in the
city today and says that active seed-
ing of spring barley and oats will
commence the first of the next week.

ENLISTMENT IS VERY NORMAL

WAR SCARE HAS NOT INCREASED
SIZE OF ARMY.

West and Middlewest Show Normal
Increases in Enlistment.

Washington, March 20.—Reports
through this country today indicate
that the war scare has not caused
much increase in enlistments. In east
New York it is normal, in the middle
west slightly increased, in the west
normal.

Adjutant General Ainsworth declar-
ed today the same standard for re-
cruits is as necessary as previous to
the maneuvers.

Johnson Slightly Better.

Cleveland, March 20.—Reports late
this afternoon say that Tom Johnson
is slightly improved though still in a
critical condition.

Searching for Alleged Murderer

San Francisco, March 20.—The po-
lice are carefully watching incoming
vessels for the murderer of Barbara
Holtzman at Portland.