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## PEACE OVERTURE PROGRESSES SLOWLY

NO NEWS OF PEACE PACT FROM MEXICO CITY TODAY AND HOPE IS FADING.

## BANDITS MENACE WHITES

Companies of Texas Rangers Sent to Quell Disturbances Where Two Towns Are in Danger—White Men's Stock Stolen by Bandits Under the Guise of Being Revolutionists on Yankee Soil.

Washington, March 22.—To personally assure the Japanese ambassador that the present relations between the United States and Japan are satisfactory President Taft invited Baron Uchida to call at the white house this afternoon. He wished to inform the ambassador there are no grounds for the belief that the present military maneuvers were unfriendly to Japan, but that the mobilization was ordered on account of the apparent danger of a resile in the Mexican international affairs.

El Paso, March 22.—Hope that the Mexican revolt was near an end, faded materially today through failure to receive any message promising peace from Mexico City. The impression is now that Diaz has refused to discuss the proposals until the rebellion is over. Army officers at Juarez, seemingly look for a hard fight as they are arranging for their families to remain at El Paso.

Outlaws Menace Whites. Austin, Texas, March 22.—Two companies of Texas rangers were ordered to Chiso today to disperse 300 Mexican outlaws who, under guise of being revolutionists, are raiding American ranches and stealing live stock. The bandits have threatened to sack Chiso and Terlingua.

Purpose Really Accomplished. Washington, March 22.—That the United States accomplished several important objects by the mobilization is explained here today. Uncle Sam established a precedent of what it can do to cope with a situation in the war line and it is believed prevented development of the Mexican-Japanese alliance which might ultimately end in war. The government had no expectation of immediate exigency, but made maneuvers to accomplish these two important purposes.

To Honor Senator Watson. Fairmont, W. Va., March 22.—Citizens of Fairmont have completed elaborate preparations for the banquet tomorrow night in honor of Clarence W. Watson of this city, who was recently elected to the United States senate. Many of the leading democrats of West Virginian will attend the banquet.

## DIVORCE SOUGHT BY ARTIST

HOMER DAVENPORT OF SILVERTON WANTS SEPARATION.

Says Wife Nags at Him and Insults His Relatives Too.

Salem, March 22.—Charging his wife with insulting his relatives and systematically nagging at him, Homer Davenport, one of the foremost cartoonists in the United States today, filed a divorce suit in the circuit court here. Davenport was born at Silverton, Ore., and was married in Chicago in 1893. He has three children.

Louis F. Swift, Head of One of the Biggest of the Meat Packing Firms.



One of the men chiefly blamed for the recent advance in the prices of meats is Louis F. Swift of Chicago, head of one of the biggest of the packing companies. He is the son of the late Gustavus H. Swift, who founded the firm of Swift & Co.

## TAFT'S POWERS IN DISPUTE

MOBILIZATION OF MILITIA UNDER CERTAIN ISSUE.

Governors May Have a Voice in the Matter, Say Skeptics.

Washington, March 21.—Talk of mobilizing a part of the national guard as a possible third division on the Mexican border has raised the extent of President Taft's authority over the state troops has developed a conflict of opinion between the war department and capitol hill authorities.

A military official expressed the opinion that the president could not get the national guard out of a state without "consulting" the governor and obtaining his consent. Congressional authority is to the effect that, under a variety of conditions the president not only can order out all the guardsmen who have qualified under the Dick militia laws, but can send them to foreign lands regardless of the feelings of governors.

The first Dick bill, passed in 1903, provided that the organized militia that adopted the organization, armament and discipline of the regular army should share in a fund of \$1,000,000 annually and receive, free, all the equipments of regular army soldiers.

The president was authorized, in the case of invasion, threatened invasion, rebellion or to "execute the laws of the union" to call out the militia to serve for not more than nine months in any part of the country. He was empowered to give orders direct to officers of the militia. No mention was made of governors.

In 1908 a Dick bill to amend the law of 1903 was passed. The annual fund was increased to \$2,000,000. Additional demands were also made upon the militia. The guardsmen were required to serve for the full term of their enlistment in the militia, instead of only nine months. The president was authorized to order them to serve "either within or without the territory of the United States," instead of only in this country as provided by the original law.

The new law stipulated that in calling out the militia the president should "issue orders for that purpose through the governors of the states or territories from which such troops should be called, to such officers of the militia as he may think proper."

The burning question is whether submission of orders through the governors is only a matter of routine or

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## BIG BRICK TO BE BUILT ON SNODGRASS CORNER AND BUILDING IS LEASED

Six Thousand Dollar Building to be Erected on Lot Selling for Six Thousand—Extreme Haste to be Employed in Building

Sale of the Snodgrass corner at Depot and Washington involving the transfer of a piece of naked property 55x90 feet, announcement that a \$6,000 one story brick covering the entire frontage and length of the property will be built at once, and that a five-year lease is now being closed up between the buyer and a well-established local firm is boosting real property on Depot and Washington and spells the rapid spread of the city's business district. A local architect is now preparing the plans and the buyer is under promise to have the building ready in 60 days for occupancy by the lease. Extreme haste is to be resorted to have the building completed as near on time as it is possible.

The buyer is at present not announcing his identity but is a local citizen. The people to occupy the building are likewise remaining incognito for the present but full details will be ready for announcement as soon as the lease is finally signed and settled.

The purchase is one that reflects the rapid increase of city property. While the naked site sold for \$6,000 it will require an additional thousand or two to put the place in shape for the builders bringing the price to a point where it is both reflective of substantial prices and still not exorbitant. Not alone does it mark the stability of city real estate but spreads the business center off from Adams avenue and widens the scope of business houses materially. Washington and Depot streets will be materially enhanced by the deal.

## FEARING VENGEANCE, WHITE MEN REFUSE TO RE-ENTER MINES

Blend, Ill., March 22.—Fearing vengeance of armed miners, now striking and who yesterday threatened to kill any strikebreaker or union man who did not join the strike or leave town, more than 2,000 American workers today, refused to resume their work in the mines, despite offers of troop protection.

Last night the militia camped in the center of the town which is under martial law. Foreign strikers threaten to dynamite the home of Superintendent Rees; of the Northwestern mines. Grave apprehension is felt owing to the intention of Colonel Lang to have his troops raid the district where the foreigners are staying.

## Roosevelt to Lecture at Berkeley.

San Francisco, Cal., March 22.—Ex-President Roosevelt, who is due to arrive in San Francisco tomorrow, will remain in this vicinity for ten days. The chief purpose of his visit is to deliver the series of Earl lectures at the university of California at Berkeley. These lectures will be four in number and will be delivered on consecutive afternoons. The first will be delivered Saturday and will have "Realized Ideals" for its subject. Leaving San Francisco on April 3 Colonel Roosevelt will talk at Reno, Nev., the following day at Sacramento.



—Bradley in Chicago News.

CHARLES S. THOMAS, Candidate in Colorado to Fill Hughes' Place in Senate.



## SANE YESTERDAY RAVES TODAY

FORMER UNION SAWMILL MAN IN A DEPLORABLE STATE.

Mania Runs Along Socialistic Lines; Calls Himself a Disciple.

Violently insane—much of the time today a raving maniac—and yesterday sane and rational, is the pitiful change coming over James Bryce, formerly a sawmill man of Union and until today living on the Spain ranch out from Union. Bryce raved and pounded at his cage in the county jail and has been declared to be one of the most violent of insane men housed in the county jail in years. He has a wife and four children who are residents of the county.

Bryce came to La Grande last evening and was suddenly seized with the terrible affliction and his arrest followed soon after.

His mania is a peculiar one. John, the Baptist, preached the doctrine of Socialism in the wilderness he asserts, but the populace heeded him not and today he has been commissioned with a discipleship to not only preach the same doctrine but insist on its obedience. His mind seems to dwell continually on socialism.

Bryce will be examined and sent to Salem as soon as a guard can reach here. In the meantime he is being attended by medical men, who with the assistance of aids have succeeded in quieting the man's raving by the use of sleeping potions.

## Currency Hearing Deferred.

Washington, March 22.—The hearing of the currency committee of the American Bankers' association before the National Monetary commission, originally scheduled to take place today, has been postponed until next Tuesday. Other banking interests will be heard on the same day.

## Texas Maccabees in Session.

Dallas, Texas, March 22.—Delegates representing the Texas lodges of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World met in state convention in this city today. A gratifying growth is reported in the order in Texas, there being 250 local lodges with an aggregate membership of 25,000.

## Faces Trial for Murder.

Hanford, Cal., March 22.—The case of James Ward, charged with the murder of "Tommy" Clayton, a racetrack follower, was called in court today for trial. Clayton was shot and killed in a drunken brawl last October. It is understood Ward will plead self-defense.

## TEN MEAT KINGS FACE PRISON SENTENCE

COURT OVERRULED DEMURRER TO INDICTMENTS CHARGING CRIMINAL ACTS.

## IMMUNITY BATH REFUSED

If Men Are Convicted Nothing Can Save Them From Prison—Immunity Baths of 1903 Are Not Applicable in This Instance Rules the Court—Armour and Swifts Are Included in the List of Ten.

Chicago, March 22.—Ten Chicago meat barons were brought measurably nearer to jail—in case they are convicted—for violations of the anti-trust law when U. S. Judge Carpenter today overruled the demurrer to indictments against them. The judge declared the "immunity bath" of 1903 doesn't apply in this case and the men must go to trial with their defense.

The packers affected by the ruling are Louis F. and Charles Swift, L. Ogden Armour, Edward Tilden, Francis Fowler, Edward Morris, and Louis Heyan. The indictments charge criminal conspiracy and are brought against the packers themselves. If convicted, it means jail sentences for all of them.

## No Treats in Tacoma.

Tacoma, March 22.—There is sorrow in the saloons here today. The referendum election of the anti-treating ordinance carried by a safe majority and practically 4,000 saloonists are preparing to obey the provisions which make it a penalty of a heavy fine to allow any treating.

Women did it. This is the opinion of saloon men. It is a noticeable fact that working women voted almost two to one for the ordinance while the tenderloin and society women wards voted against it.

## Pensions for School Teachers.

Hartford, Conn., March 22.—Leading educators of Connecticut spoke today before the committee on education of the general assembly in support of the measure to grant pensions to the public school teachers of the state. If the measure is enacted into law all the teachers in the public schools and normal colleges of the state will be eligible to retire on a pension after 30 years' employment.

## Meeting of College Deans.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 22.—Many educators of wide reputation are in Arbor for the annual meeting of the Association of Deans of the State universities of the United States. The meeting began today and will continue over tomorrow. It is to be devoted to papers and discussions dealing with educational problems of general interest.

## TAFT FRIENDLY WITH NEGRO

EDUCATOR RECEIVES WARM LETTER FROM TAFT.

Booker T. Washington Has Staunch Friend in President Taft.

New York, March 22.—Sympathy for Booker T. Washington and confidence in his integrity are expressed today by President Taft in a letter to the negro educator who was beaten by a man named Ulrich recently. Ulrich accused Washington of being Peeking Tom. Taft ended the letter by saying he was proud to subscribe himself one of Washington's friends.