

## YANKEE AND BRITISH FLAGS DRAGGED IN DUST

## MAD MOB IN MEXICO CITY VENTS SPLEEN

### MEXICAN TROUBLES ARE GROW- ING WORSE DAILY IS TO- DAY'S REPORTS.

## JAP FLAG IS OVATIONED

Americans in Mexico Flood State Department at Washington With Complaints of Treatment Accorded to Them—Torreon Falls Into Hands of Rebels After Bloody Fight, Is Report

Mexico City, July 23.—Ripping the American and British flags to ribbons and trampling them in the dust, a mob of Mexicans, marching under the Japanese flag yesterday gave an indication of the temper of that city. The mob was composed of several thousand discharged workmen, clerks and students who were en route to the palace to protest to Heurta. The flag was secured at a Japanese shop.

It required the aid of cavalry to disperse the mob.

Mexican newspapers print sensational stories of events which may be expected to follow the advent of the new Japanese minister, playing up in large type the details of a great demonstration which greeted him.

Rebels Capture Torreon.

After a desperate struggle of three days the rebels have captured Torreon according to a wireless from Zeacreas.

Mob Takes Flags From Curio Shop.

The mob took the British and American emblems from a curio shop; tore them to shreds, after which they stamped them in the dirt of the street, while a chorus of execrations went up, especially for the "accursed gringos."

When the Anglo Saxon standards had been destroyed the leaders of the mob raised the Japanese flag aloft and marched away with it.

Federals Driven to Surrender.

The federal guns posted on the hills on the outskirts of Torreon mowed down rebels last night until the ammunition was exhausted. The federals were then driven into Torreon and forced to surrender.

No Details Known.

The details of the taking of Torreon by the rebels, are not yet obtainable, but it is known that 6000 troops were commanded by General Contreras, Carrill and three rebel chiefs, who attacked the city Sunday night and fought until the surrender. Two thousand federals defended the city. Losses on both sides are reported as heavy.

May Annual Taft Pact.

Washington, July 23.—The repeal of the Mexican neutrality laws, it was authoritatively learned, is being considered.

In a conference this afternoon Chairman Bacon of the senate, and Flood of the house committees on foreign affairs, will possibly decide the matter.

It is admitted that the effect would be to give unlimited guns and ammunition to the rebels opposing Heurta. Advice to the president is urging such action on the grounds of fair play.

Advisers Express Themselves.

Advisers say that if the United

## GREAT CROWDS AT FAIR.

La Grande poured hundreds of people into Cove today where the Annual Cherry fair and Union County Pioneers' meeting has been in progress during the day. Barring public offices, barber-shops and a few miscellaneous businesses, the city has been all closed up tight for the occasion and auto loads of people began to drive Coveward with the early hours of the day. La Grande has probably never turned out so large a delegation to a Cove attraction as this year.

## INTERVENTION SEEMS CERTAIN

### TURKISH ADVANCES WORRYING EUROPEAN POWERS.

One Power May Be Delegated to Prevent Further Inroads.

London, July 23.—With the officials of the government it is frankly admitted that the intervention of the powers is almost certain as a result of the Turkish advance. Sir Edward Grey ambassador of the powers in London said he held a conference in the foreign office over the situation which it is admitted is grave.

The only question to be settled apparently, is whether powers act unitedly or delegate one power to act for them in concert.

Russia is believed to be the most available for the task but if it acts alone it is feared Germany and Austria will be jealous and a general conflagration ensue.

Belgrade, July 23.—It is announced that the Serbian troops captured Belogradchik in Bulgaria after a fierce struggle. The fighting was accompanied by heavy losses. The main battle was fought at St. Nicholas.

The Servians and Greeks are continuing operations against the Bulgarians despite the peace negotiations at Nish. Bulgaria protests against Allegations.

Bulgaria formally protested today against the powers for the alleged Turkish atrocities at Adrianople and Kirk Killish. It is alleged that the Moslem troops massacred 100 women and children.

### Bryan in Iowa.

Adel, Ia., July 23.—Accompanied by a large party of Iowa democrats, Secretary of State Bryan is here today. He will go by automobile to lecture tonight at Panora, and will return via Chicago to Washington, reaching the capital on Friday.

States wont recognize Heurta as president it should not aid him through the operations of the neutrality law pact made by ex-President Taft, which is a legacy to the Wilson administration from the Taft regime.

The state department is today flooded with complaints from Americans in Mexico.

The president continued the examination of state affairs in Mexico today devoting most of his time to the problem. He held a conference with Senator Pomerin of Ohio, on the subject but no inkling of the talk was given out at the executive office. Pomerin refused to discuss his conversation with the president.

## Telephone Rate Issue Settled By the State Railroad Commissioners

### Local Co operative Company Ordered To Increase Its Rates To Patrons

Salem, July 23.—The railroad commission of Oregon has issued an order directing the Eastern Oregon Co-operative Telephone association in Union county to increase its rates more than double as a matter of self preservation for itself and fair dealing for its competition which the commission says, cannot exist under competition of the former's rates where the stockholders in the co-operative company were allowed a less rate than non-stockholders. The ruling is the result of a hearing upon a complaint brought by the Home Independent Telephone company of La Grande, at La Grande on April 3, when a complete hearing

in the matter was had. The Home company was the complainant and alleged that the rates charged by the co-operative concern were not sufficient to justify the expense of operating between its headquarters at Elgin, and Summerville, Cove and Union.

Various phases of telephone practices were brought up. It was a very unusual case from the start in that like grounds had not been advanced in this state before by a corporation. The hearing developed that the company was in debt to a considerable extent and that the stockholders were maintaining the up-keep as the revenues were then insufficient.

## ANGRY DOG BITES YOUNGSTER

Ronald (Brownie) Brichfield, the 11-year-old son of John Birchfield, living at Depot and Jackson, is suffering today serious pain resultant from several bites of a vicious dog last night. The animal was shot today by Poundmaster Tom DeBorde after an exciting chase and the firing of two shots. The lad was bitten, without provocation, it seems, in the muscles of the arm, the wrist and through the hand. The bites were deep wounds and the arm swelled rapidly. He is reported today to be in an unsatisfactory condition but it is not believed the dog was suffering with rabies but bit the youngster in a fit of vicious disposition. Today when taken in charge, by the poundmaster, he made vicious attempts to bite Mr. DeBorde, and though the officer had him tied with a rope he was required, for his own safety to release him. When the dog had reached a desirable distance he fired but the bullet went low and a long

chase was necessary before he again got within shooting range. At the second bullet the dog fell, dead. A plan is afoot to forward the brains of the dead animal to the state health department to learn if any symptoms of rabies exists.

The condition of the Birchfield boy is not very alarming unless the canine was infected with rabies, but there was no visible symptoms of that disease and no serious complications are expected.

The brute had every indication of being an exceptionally vicious fellow, however. He was unmuzzled at the time, and yesterday afternoon while hanging around the O-W. machine shops and store house made jabs at several people it is said. No owner is found. Urgent need of wholesale slaughter of unmuzzled dogs is seen in this incident as other children have been bitten of late in the city.

### COMMITTEE THAT HEADS THE STORY OF "THE WOLF OF WALL STREET."



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It was this committee that heard the testimony of the self-confessed former chief lobbyist for the National Association of manufacturers. United States senate lobby investigating committee which is probing the charges by President Wilson that there is a "powerful lobby maintained at Washington for the purpose of influencing tariff legislation." From left to right the members of the committee shown in the accompanying photograph are Senators Reed, Overman, who is chairman; Nelson and Cummins.

## FORTY-FOUR PERISH IN FACTORY CONFLAGRATION

### MANY MINES IDLE.

Marquette, Mich., July 23.—More than 15,000 mines and copper mines closed because the Western Federal Union of miners is about to order a strike for recognition of the union and the eight hour day as well as improved working conditions. The demands made were denied. The mines were closed against all workers in the district although only about 20 per cent are affiliated with the federal union.

## MUZZLE PUT ON MINORITY

### FILIBUSTER SPEECHES NOT TO BE TOLERATED.

Reading of Tariff Bill Will Curtail Lengthy Anti-Speeches.

Washington, July 23.—Unless republican senators voting in opposition to the senate tariff bill expedite their speeches, Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, chairman of the senate finance committee announced he intended to block further "slow talk" by demanding a reading of the tariff bill.

Borah today concluded the speech he began yesterday against the bill.

Strong indication that progressive republicans intend supporting the democrats in many reductions under the tariff bill came in the house when the majority members won in the first test vote. The vote came when Smoot moved to retain a rate of two cents a pound on oxalic acid instead of a cent and a half, as provided in the administration bill. On Smoot's motion, Love, LaFollette, Works, Cummins Jones, Borah, Crawford, Bristow and Norris, all progressives, were supporting the democrats.

### Sun Power Plant a Success.

London, July 12.—The sun power plant designed by Frank Shuman, the American engineer, to carry on the work of irrigation in the Nile valley, is an unqualified success, according to the official report received here today from Cairo. The device has proved to be more efficient and more economical even with the river at its lowest level, than pumps run by coal fuel engines, or the old hand method of lifting the water into the ditches. Lord Kitchner, the British agent in Egypt, who recently inspected the plant believes it will be of enormous help in the agricultural development of the Soudan and upper Egypt.

### Rose Causes Death.

Madrid, July 23.—A rose thrown into the bullring at Toulouse was responsible for the death of Antonio Fernandez, a noted matador, who was frightfully gored and trampled by an infuriated bull just as he was about to give it the final swordstroke. The fight was witnessed by a large number of women, some of whom to express their admiration for the matador's skill and grace, threw roses into the arena. Fernandez slipped and before he could recover his feet the bull was upon him.

## CHILDREN CAUGHT ON ESCAPES AS FLAMES SPREAD

### SUDDENNESS OF BLAZE RESPONS- SIBLE FOR GREAT LOSSES OF HUMAN LIFE.

## FIRE DRILLS FORGOTTEN

In Excitement Girls Are Pinned In and Friends and Loved Ones Watch Them Burn at Head of Fire Escapes Cigarette Said to Be Cause of the Fire—Investigation Is Carried On.

Binghamton, N. Y., July 23.—Charred bodies removed from the ruins of the Overall factory fire today, added to the 19 that died in hospitals from injuries received in the fire, and with the addition of two missing, the total death list from yesterday evening's terrible holocauste here has reached 44. Ten are fatally injured and will die it is believed, during the next few hours.

Victims Mostly Women. A great portion of the victims were women and girls. Many of those recovered were burned beyond recognition and some of those rescued are terribly maimed.

Pray for Death. Among those who escaped, suffering is intense. Many are praying for death to relieve them from the agony of the burns and pain of broken limbs. The town is horrified at the holocauste but a general feeling prevails that it was no fault particularly of the overall company. The state factory commission however, will examine conditions this afternoon when the ruins have cooled sufficiently.

Around the scene of the fire, the greatest the city has ever known thousands watched the workers in the glare of three big searchlights last night, many in the large throng being restrained only by closely drawn police to keep the crowds from rushing into the ruins to seek the bodies of relatives or friends. Water in many streams was poured into the fiery pit that was the cellar of the burned establishment, during early morning hours. As the ruins cooled slightly from time to time in a spot on which the streams were centered men went forward to dig. Occasionally a body was found and taken quickly away. This work went on all night and perhaps all of today before the glowing mass gives up its last dead. It will take at least two days, the authorities believe, before the cellar can be cleared out and the whole truth known.

The big outstanding fact of the catastrophe was its suddenness. A killing blast of flames followed quickly on the heels of the alarm. There was small opportunity for any one to use the ordinary or emergency means of exit.

The fire escapes were not large enough to hold all and the trapped victims rushed to the windows, screaming with pain as the flames swept on them from behind. From windows and fire escapes bodies dropped thick and