



NO INTERVENTION, TAFT TELLS DIAZ

Maneuvers Not Significant to Mexico.

MEXICANS TAKE NEWS CALMLY

Many American Residents See First Step to Intervene.

PEARSONS DO NOT PROTEST

Taft Says Army Movement Should Cause No Concern to Mexico, and Diaz Sends Thanks, but Skepticism is Prevalent.

MEXICO CITY, March 8.—Setting at rest all rumors that the United States is preparing for intervention in Mexico, President Taft today sent to President Diaz a telegram in which he says the military maneuvers being conducted along the frontier in Texas have no significance which should cause concern to Mexico.

The message was transmitted to the Department of Foreign Relations by Fred M. Deering, Charge d'Affaires of the American Embassy. Following is the text:

"I have the honor to advise your excellency that I am in receipt of instructions from my Government, directing me to inform his excellency, President Diaz, through the medium of your excellency, that the President of the United States wishes to express the hope that no misapprehensions will result from unfounded and sensational newspaper conjectures as to the military maneuvers about to take place in Texas and elsewhere, and to give to President Diaz assurance that the maneuvers have no significance that should cause concern to the friendly neighbors of the United States to the south."

Diaz Expresses Thanks.

To the foregoing General Diaz replied through Minister Creel and the American Embassy, acknowledging receipt and expressing gratitude "for the courtesy of explaining in such explicit terms the situation."

A calm and dispassionate view of the mobilization appears to have been taken here by the Mexicans. No excitement followed the appearance of the news. Dailies in Spanish as well as the American morning newspapers give much space to the details of the movement.

Many Americans Skeptical.

In some quarters, nevertheless, the explanation given out at the White House as to the significance of President Taft's order was viewed with skepticism. This was particularly true as relating to American residents in the city, many of whom professed to see in it the first step in a move toward intervention.

Leading Mexicans who were approached for opinions declined, for the most part, to talk for publication, but privately expressed confidence in the good intentions of the American Government.

No Protest Sent to Britain.

That any protest regarding damages sustained has been made to Great Britain by Dr. Pearson has been denied by his representatives, both to the State Department and to the newspaper. Walter Cowe, Dr. Pearson's representative at Toronto, sent a telegram to the State Department, saying that Dr. Pearson syndicate, a large British and Canadian construction firm, has made no protest. On the contrary, he says, the company has done its utmost to minimize the extent of the trouble.

Lord Cowdry, who before his elevation to the peerage some months ago was known as Sir Westman Pearson, and who also has extensive railway and mining interests in Mexico, took occasion today to say he had made no appeal to his government for protection.

"The statement that we Pearsons have asked for protection from our government is absolutely without foundation," said Lord Cowdry to an Associated Press representative tonight. "No better protection than that which the Mexican government itself gives is required."

Two Pearson Syndicates Exist.

The press dispatches giving rise to the confusion referred simply to "the Pearson Syndicate." Dr. S. P. Pearson is the principal stockholder in the Mexican Northwestern, the railroad which has been put out of commission by the revolutionists, and one of the chief stockholders in the Mexican Light & Power Company, which operates the Mexico City street car system.

Lord Cowdry is the joint owner with the Mexican government of the Tehuantepec Railroad, and is the man whose oil land holdings in Mexico have enabled him to become one of the most formidable competitors of the Standard Oil Company. Both he and Dr. Pearson are subjects of Great Britain.

DEAL WITH DIAZ SUSPECTED

Washington Believes Two Presidents Work in Concert.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Official Washington still insists, for publication, that the sole purpose of the sudden and

HOODOO FOLLOWS BIG HOPE DIAMOND

E. D. McLEAN AND WIFE ARE SUED FOR PRICE BY DEALER.

Daughter and Son-in-Law of Late Millionaire Walsh Decide to Shun Hoodoo, but Fail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—(Special.)—The hoodoo of the Hope diamond, which has followed its successive owners since the jewel graced the corsage of the ill-fated Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, has attacked the new owners of the expensive bauble, Mrs. Evelyn W. McLean, daughter of the late Thomas F. Walsh, the multi-millionaire mine-owner of Colorado, and her husband, Edward D. McLean, son of John H. McLean, of Ohio and Washington.

1 DIVIDEND DOWN, 1 UP

President of New York Central Blames Rate Decision for Cut.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Directors of the New York Central Railroad at a meeting today cut their quarterly dividend from 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 per cent. To-night President W. C. Brown issued a statement announcing that the reduction was due to the recent decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission denying increased freight rates.

"As a result of the decision," said Mr. Brown, "the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad has reduced its dividends from 6 per cent to 5 per cent per annum.

DIAZ IS IN GOOD HEALTH

President Receives Admiral, Takes Walk—Correspondent Sees Him.

MEXICO CITY, March 8.—General Diaz received Admiral Lajarte and members of his staff at 5 o'clock today in the National Palace. At 3 o'clock tonight he was in conference in his town residence with the Governor of Guanajuato.

In reply to a query from Barcelona today by a member of the President's staff, regarding the truth of rumors which had reached there, General Diaz, through his secretary, stated that his father was in excellent health.

The President passed the morning in his office in the National Palace and walked in Chapultepec grounds as usual.

WOMEN TO GUIDE HORSES

Fair Sex Largely Represented in Entries for Pasadena Show.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 8.—(Special.)—Equestrianism and feminine whimsy in large numbers will add considerable interest to the Pasadena Polo Club's show at Tournament Park, Pasadena, March 16 and 17. Entries closed today. The feminine horse fanciers will be included among the entries in larger numbers this year than ever before, while not a few will drive or ride their favorite stock for the ribbons and trophies.

Among the women who are to be seen to advantage are Mrs. A. C. Anderson, of Seattle; Mrs. Frank Hogan, Miss Inez Pearce, Mrs. Stuart Harper, Mrs. John Visser Elliott and Mrs. A. Kingsley Macomber. Mrs. Anderson will be a bright particular star at the show, for she has entered her string of seven equine blue bloods from her Seattle ranch and is confident of winning her share of blues.

CHURCH SAYS "HATS OFF"

Chehalis Edict Orders Women to Bare Heads at Prayer.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—With Easter only a few weeks off, women of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Chehalis are dealt a hard blow by a ministerial ruling that requires them to remove their hats during services.

A resolution adopted last night at the second quarterly conference of the congregation's officers allowed them no exception, not even for the Easter celebration.

Rev. F. A. La Violette, pastor, believes the rule to be a good one, but does not take all the blame for the ultimatum, saying other men at the conference were instrumental in bringing about the hat ban.

ROADS PLAN FOR CANAL OPENING

Freight Rates to Coast Will Change.

NEW CONDITIONS TO BE MET

Two Distinct Schedules Are Being Considered.

MEETING WILL BE HELD

One Tariff May Be Low to Meet Water Competition, Other Higher for Commodities Not Affected by Water Traffic.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special.)—Transcontinental railroads will hold an important meeting in Chicago next week, beginning March 15, to check over the freight tariffs applying to both California and North Pacific Coast points and to discuss recommendations and plans which have been under consideration for a long time relative to changes in the west-bound rates.

Some time ago, it will be remembered, the transcontinental lines drew up a system of rates to meet the requirements of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as announced in some of the noted Western rate cases, the feature of which was an advance in coast terminal rates and a graduated system, according to distance, applying to the interior points. A full set of proposed rates was drawn up covering transcontinental shipments.

The transcontinental lines, however, are not agreed as to what changes can or should be made in the class and commodity rates to the West. That the railroads may decide, in view of coming important developments in conditions—namely the opening of the Panama Canal—to adopt an entirely new plan of meeting water competition seems probable from some of the proposals which will come before next week's meeting of the roads in Chicago.

Two Tariffs to Coast Suggested.

Two different westbound tariffs, each to contain a different scale of rates, have been suggested to coast points, one to be considered a strictly water competition tariff, naming rates to Pacific Coast terminals only on shipments which are subject to water competition, the other to name rates to the coast on commodities which are not materially affected by water competition, and carry a higher basis and apply to intermediate points on the same line.

Important changes are proposed on some articles on the ground that they are not water-borne commodities. The following propositions have been made:

- First—To continue the existing rates, except to make the New York rates apply to all common points.
- Second—To continue present rates from Chicago and points west thereof and apply same rates to intermediate points, cancelling present through rates from points east of Chicago.
- Third—Increase present rates to Pacific Coast terminals and apply such rates to intermediate points.

The proposed action of the transcontinental lines.

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MINERS RACE TO BEAT SUN

Hundreds Start for Alaska Gold Fields Before Spring Thaw.

SEATTLE, March 8.—The steamships, Jefferson and Alameda, sailed for Southeastern Alaska, with all accommodations taken. The stampede to Alaska is due to the desire of miners and prospectors to get into the interior before the snow trails are made impassable by the Spring sun.

Among the passengers tonight were 100 miners from Goldfield, Nev., several parties of big game hunters, an organized body of prospectors from Salt Lake, and a large number of cannery employees.

The shipment of freight to Alaska is also so heavy that old steamers tied up in the harbors of the Puget Sound and almost forgotten have been brought out and put in service. The great highway of Alaska, the Yukon River, will not be open, until the latter part of May.

Cavalry Moves From Boise.

BOISE, Idaho, March 8.—Three troops of the First Cavalry, stationed at Boise Barracks, left tonight for Fort Huachuca, Arizona, on the Mexican border.

WASHINGTON LAND OFFICIALS SAFE

House Kills Bill Aimed at Ross.

INVESTIGATION ALSO DOWNED

Vote Quashes All Action Against Commissioner.

DICKSON HAY'S CHAMPION

Representatives Disapprove Abolishment of Office and Creation of Appointive Board as Urged Early in Senate.

SOLONS IN SESSION LONG.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—At 12:45 A. M. the Senate was still in session after devoting five hours to road bills. Nearly \$2,000,000 was appropriated for roads after the Senate had shelved the Pacific highway project. The Senate's action has completely overturned the House road programme.

The House at 12:30 A. M. passed the Senate bill for a \$60,000 bridge across the Lewis River.

The Legislature will adjourn tonight.

ROSS FORCES WIN.

After the victory had been won in postponing the bill, the House concurrent resolution providing for an investigation of the Land Office was offered. A motion was made to postpone this resolution indefinitely and it was lost.

Friends of Land Commissioner Ross then moved to reconsider the vote by which this was lost and the old fight was opened again. The resolution was placed on passage again and was defeated by 30 to 64, with two absent.

This disposes finally of any action against Mr. Ross.

The investigator's report intimated bad management in the office of the Land Commissioner. It was largely due to statements made by friends of Governor Hay in connection with the report and the incumbent on the floor of the Senate early in the session that the bill passed in the upper house. In the lower house today the Governor's followers did not place credence in the report and did not favor the passage of the Senate bill in its present form. They sought to abolish the offices of the Tax Commissioner and Land Commissioner and consolidate them with the newly-created Public Service Commission, giving as the only reason a policy of economy and retrenchment.

Leading the fight on behalf of the Governor.

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MASONS TO MEET ON MOUNT MORIAH

OREGONIANS TO CONVENE SESSION ON HALLOWED SPOT.

SIMULTANEOUS SESSIONS OF GRAND LODGE IN PORTLAND AND PALESTINE UNIQUE IN HISTORY.

ALBANY, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—When the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon convenes in annual session in Portland June 14, next, three leading Oregon Masons will convene a session of the Oregon Grand Lodge on the slope of Mount Moriah, in Palestine, a mountain noteworthy in Masonic history. It will be the first time in the history of Oregon Masonry that a session of the grand lodge of this state has been convened in the Holy Land. The men who will participate in the unique ceremony are Rev. J. R. N. Bell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis; Professor J. H. Horner, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Dr. J. L. Hill, of Albany.

These men have calculated the exact hour, Palestine time, at which the grand lodge of Oregon will convene in its annual session and at that moment they plan to be on Mount Moriah and convene their session. For 34 consecutive years Dr. Bell has served as grand chaplain of the grand lodge of Oregon, thereby achieving the record of being the oldest grand chaplain in Masonry in the world, and he will at that time repeat his prayers as grand chaplain, though on the opposite side of the world from his brother Masons of Oregon.

Dr. Bell has taken 23 Scottish Rite degrees and 12 York Rite degrees, in addition to 36 "Egyptian degrees." He belongs to the blue lodge at Baker City, the chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Council at Corvallis, the commandery of Knights Templar at Baker, the Eastern Star at Corvallis, the Scottish Rite temple at Portland, and is a charter member of El Kader Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Portland.

RECIPROCITY GETS BOOST

Reports of Ambassador Bryce to British Foreign Office Favorable.

LONDON, March 8.—Ambassador Bryce's reports to the foreign office on the subject of a United States-Canadian reciprocity negotiations were issued this evening. In a communication under date of January 22 the date following the confirmation of the agreement, the British diplomat says: "As at present advised, I am disposed to believe that British interests are not to any appreciable extent prejudiced."

"The arrangement rests, in reality, on a growing realization of the fact that a high tariff wall between contiguous countries whose products are economically interchangeable is an injury to both and is opposed to sound fiscal principles.

"Insofar as the arrangement oversteps this basis it is probably unjustified and will at any rate be publicly justified and defended in the United States of promoting closer economic relations with the United States of the Western Hemisphere."

HONORED DEAD WANTED

Removal of Body of ex-U. S. Senator Baker to Salem Asked.

MEDFORD, Or., March 8.—(Special.)—A movement to have the body of Edward Dickinson Baker, a United States Senator from Oregon, brought from his present resting place in Oakland, Cal., to Salem, Or., was started here last night at the annual reunion of the Illinois Society of this city.

Baker was by birth an Illinoisian and while for a time a resident of the State of California, it was Oregon which honored him by sending him to the Senate. On that theory the speakers last night, among whom were State Senator Westerlund and District Attorney and ex-State Senator Mulkey, base their claims that the remains of Baker should be given a final resting place in the capital city of the state he represented at the National capital.

BULLET SHATTERS WINDOW

Caretaker at Home of Late Judge Williams Tells Police.

Robert Coventry, who takes care of the residence of the late Judge Williams, 41 North Eighteenth street, reported to the police last night that a front window of the house had been broken by a bullet.

Tuesday night a bullet was fired through the window of the residence of J. Glendonning, in the same neighborhood, and fell under the dining table where the family was sitting. Coventry did not know when the shot was fired through the window of the Williams residence.

"BUSTER BROWN" COMING

R. F. Outcault, Originator of Colored Comics, to Live in Bridgeport.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—Buster Brown and Tige hereafter will romp in an apple orchard, chase bears and wildcats and enjoy life on the border.

R. F. Outcault, who draws the noted comics, with his wife and Buster and Mary Jane, the little sister of the pictures, are to move to Bridgeport, Wash., where Mr. Outcault has a large orchard tract. He will build a fine residence and will make Washington his home, says Charles N. Crewdon, the author.

GIRL LOSES FIGHT FOR BALDWIN GOLD

Judge Directs Verdict Against Plaintiff.

SUIT IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Jury Decides 17-Year-Old Miss Is Not Entitled to Cent.

HER LAWYERS WILL APPEAL

Mrs. Turnbull's Marriage to Notorious Turfman Was Not Established by Testimony Declared Court, in Charge.

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—The jury in the case of Beatrice Anita Baldwin Turnbull, the 17-year-old Boston girl seeking a one-sixth share of the \$11,000,000 estate of Lucky Baldwin, today, under instruction from the court, returned a verdict adverse to the claimant.

Eight days ago arguments for and against a motion to instruct the jury to return a verdict against the plaintiff began, and a few minutes before the noon recess today Attorney Garret McInerney, of San Francisco, concluded for the respondents. Only a momentary pause ensued before the judge announced his decision blasting the hopes of the young claimant to the Baldwin millions.

Judge Charges Jury.

Judge Rives delivered the following charge to the jury: "Gentlemen of the jury—We have about reached the conclusion of this case, contrary possibly to your expectations. The matter has been submitted to the court on purely a question of law as to whether or not, taking into consideration all the testimony introduced and giving it full weight, with the greatest possible favor to the plaintiff, she has made a case.

Marriage Not Legitimized.

"After a careful consideration of the matter and a thorough and exhaustive argument, both as to the facts and the law, I have concluded that under the testimony in this case there has been a failure to establish a marriage and therefore it becomes my duty as judge of this court to instruct you and direct you to find a verdict accordingly."

The jury then retired and when it returned brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury empanelled to try the issue raised and joined therein, upon the direction of the court do hereby find there never was a marriage, either valid or null in law or any marriage whatever between the mother of said Beatrice Anita Baldwin, otherwise known as Beatrice Anita Turnbull, and the said Elias J. Baldwin, deceased.

Child Not Legitimate.

"That Beatrice Anita Baldwin, otherwise known as Beatrice Anita Turnbull, is not a legitimate daughter or a legitimate child of Elias J. Baldwin, deceased."

The attorneys for the contestant noted an exception to the instructed verdict and announced they would take an appeal direct to the Supreme Court.

The suit to break the Baldwin will has been on trial since the first week in December. At one time, just after filing the petition, there was said to be a disposition among the recognized heirs to compromise and procure an early distribution of the estate. The Baldwin estate was appraised at \$11,000,000, but is commonly reputed to be worth twice that sum. One heir is understood to have held out against any compromise with Miss Turnbull, and the fight was decided upon.

Mrs. Turnbull Star Witness.

At the trial, Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull, mother of the girl, was the star witness on the side of the contestant, her daughter, Mrs. Turnbull testified that Baldwin had married her by contract on March 3, 1893, upon her visit to him in San Francisco to accept his offer to adopt her, then a young woman, as his daughter. She left him the following May when she learned that he already had a wife, and her daughter was born a few months later.

Attorneys for the estate cross-examined Mrs. Turnbull as to why she did not, in the seduction case against Baldwin, speak of the marriage contract. When she answered that she did not know why she did not, she was asked if she was not aware that a wife, contract or otherwise, could not sue for seduction.

In the motion of the directed verdict counsel for the estate made two points—that even if there was a marriage contract, which was denied, there was no marriage, because of the legal provision of the estate. The first was followed by general questions on the part of outsiders of the marital relations of the parties, and that should Miss Turnbull be declared a legitimate daughter of Baldwin and a legal heir, she could in no case inherit more than \$10. The latter case grew out of the provision of Baldwin's will, which states expressly that if any other came forward and were recognized, they should have \$10 each and no more.

