



## MEXICAN PROTEST HEEDED BY TAFT

### Naval Patrol Recalled From Both Coasts

### NO MORE TROOPS ORDERED OUT

### Dickinson Denies Second Division Going South.

### NOT NEEDED, SAYS MEXICAN

### Limantour's Adverse Comment Quickly Followed by Denial.

Taft Reassures Mexico as to  
His Friendly Intentions.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The Mexican Ambassador and the Mexican Minister of Finance received assurances from Washington tonight which convinced them there was sincere co-operation between the Administration of President Taft and that of President Diaz.

It is not professed that all tension has been relieved, and, while American troops remain in force on the Mexican border, it is admitted some tension will continue, but apprehension was appreciably lessened by two pieces of news.

First in importance was a long telegram to Ambassador De La Barra from the State Department, announcing that American warships on patrol duty on the Pacific and Gulf coasts of Mexico had been ordered to call at Mexican ports only for coal and then withdraw promptly.

### Hint From Limantour Taken.

This action is reassuring to Senator Limantour. In a recent interview he said he could consider the presence of American men-of-war in Mexican waters, so far distant from their base at Galveston, only as part of an unnecessary effort to impress on Mexico the power of the United States.

His personal protest was promptly followed by official representations, and tonight he expressed himself as "very much gratified that the request of his government had been so promptly granted."

Ambassador De La Barra added that the action "was highly satisfactory to his government, and that perfect understanding existed between the two governments regarding the matter."

### Dickinson Kills Rumor.

The second development was the publication here of an authorized interview with Jacob M. Dickinson, the Secretary of War, in which he denied that his Government contemplated intervention or that orders had been issued to mobilize a second Army corps on the frontier. A rumor to that effect, originating in Galveston, was current here, but General Leonard Wood, in Washington, added his denials to those of Mr. Dickinson.

### More Troops Not Needed.

Earlier in the day and before these assurances had been received, Senator Limantour had said regarding the rumored sending of another division to the border:

"There have been no developments in my country during the last few days which could justify doubling the forces which the United States Government originally announced it was its intention to mobilize for military maneuvers."

"Of course, your government has the right to send as many troops as it pleases to that section of the United States, but I believe not even 20,000 troops will be needed to stop the insurgents from smuggling arms and other supplies across the Texas border."

"Most of the smuggling has, naturally, been done not through cities like El Paso, Eagle Pass or Laredo, but at points well removed from the border and towns. To do effective work, therefore, it is perfectly plain that the troops must be distributed along the borders. If this is done, it by no means follows that a conflict is about to occur between the Federal troops of Mexico and those of the United States."

Regarding the telegram from Washington, Senator De La Barra said it contained assurances that "President Taft wished to reiterate the expressions of good feeling and friendship on the part of the United States Government toward the Mexican government, which he expressed to the American Ambassador at a recent interview."

### Bankers Predict Reforms.

Of all the important financial visitors to Senator Limantour, not one has yet had a single word to say. Weight is, therefore, to be attached to a statement issued tonight from the offices of Laidlaw, Thalmann & Co., fiscal agents here for the Mexican government and assisting in the flotation of bonds of the National Railway of Mexico, addressed to the foreign correspondents.

"After a careful investigation we can say on best authority that the Mexican government feels absolutely safe to handle the internal disturbances," the statement says in part. "Troops are being taken not only to dispose of this situation, but the intention exists to carry through certain administrative reforms which should mean much for restoring satisfactory conditions in the interior."

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## RUSSIA THREATENS TO INVADE CHINA

### ULTIMATUM IS DISPATCHED TO PEKING GOVERNMENT.

### St. Petersburg, Dissatisfied With Orientals' Second Reply, Demands Closer Adherence to Treaty.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 13.—Russia has sent an ultimatum to China insisting upon a closer adherence to the provisions of the treaty of 1881, which has been the subject of negotiations between the two countries for several weeks.

This is a sequel to the announcement of Saturday that the Foreign Office was not satisfied with China's second reply to the Russian demand concerning Russian consular and commercial privileges in Hui and Mongolia, as provided in the Russo-Chinese treaty of 1881.

The Russian occupation corps is within 100 miles of the frontier and is marching on Kulu.

Only the immediate execution of China's treaty obligations toward Russia can interrupt the advance of this army. Two brigades of sharpshooters, four squadrons of Cossacks, two batteries of field guns and eight batteries of machine guns were dispatched from Margalen, in Gergana, Turkistan, shortly after the receipt of China's second reply.

The Russian force is considered sufficient to occupy and hold Kulu, as the Chinese troops, although nominally 10,000 in number, actually number a bare couple of thousand. They are undisciplined and of diverse equipment and lack artillery.

The instructions which the Foreign Office telegraphed today to M. Komarovsky, the Russian Minister at Peking, contain the ultimatum. This embodies two points: The reopening of Russian consulates at the points specified in the treaty of 1881 and establishment of free trade in certain products, including tea, in fulfillment of article 12 of the same treaty.

### MAN'S WIG LOST ON WAGER

### Spokane Senator Reaches Home Wearing Scalp Won.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—Senator E. S. Whitney came home from Olympia with the scalp of "Deep Creek" Jones, of the Board of Control. The Senator is now wearing the scalp over the shining dome that once was the pride of bald-headed row in the State House.

It came about in this way: When the Hutchinson bill was before the Legislature providing for purchase of additional land for the Institute for the Feeble-Minded at Medical Lake, Mr. Jones was opposed to it. Whitney backed Hutchinson and the two men got into an argument.

"Tell you what I'll do," said Mr. Jones, "I'll bet you my wig against \$20 that 'Hutchy' doesn't get that bill through."

"I'll take you on that," responded Whitney.

The bill went through both Houses and was signed by the Governor. Then Whitney called on Jones to deliver the wig and get it. A delegation went to the barbershop with Whitney and saw it trimmed to fit the new pate.

### SOLONS MAY MEET AGAIN

### Good Roads Legislation May Cause Extra Session in Washington.

TACOMA, March 13.—In an endeavor to save the work which the state has done on its roads since the good roads movement was instituted four years ago, the State Good Roads Association is to make an appeal to Governor Hay to call the Legislature in special session within 30 days to consider road legislation and make appropriations needed at least to keep the roads already built in repair.

The movement started in this city yesterday when Eli Rockey, of Bay Center, president of the Pacific Coast Good Roads Association, met Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, of the Federal Court, one of the directors of the State Association, and asked his support in the movement. This was readily obtained and Judge Hanford issued a long statement, urging an extra session and bitterly condemning the lack of action in the Legislature.

### EGGS CAN BE CONFISCATED

### United States Supreme Court Decides Case About 50 Cases.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Over the fate of some Missouri eggs, of the vintage of 1908 or earlier, the Supreme Court of the United States today laid down an interpretation of the pure food and drug act of 1906.

The Court held that the Federal Government could pursue adulterated food or drugs for the purpose of confiscation, after such articles had passed through an interstate journey, provided that the original package in which they were shipped remained unbroken.

The question arose over the jurisdiction of the Federal Court to decree the confiscation of 50 cases of eggs shipped from St. Louis to Peoria.

### ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN

### Value of February Business Reaches \$175,996,467.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Breaking all records for February, last month's exports were valued at \$175,996,467, while the imports, larger than in any earlier February, except in 1910 and 1907, were valued at \$121,766,284.

These figures announced today in a report of the bureau of statistics, embrace \$27,453,938 of imports entered free of duty.

## TAFT IS JUBILANT THAT TAX UPHELD

### Supreme Court Dictum Upholds His Views.

### PRESIDENT WINS BITTER FIGHT

### Wood Informs Him Movement of Troops Is Complete.

### MANEUVERS WILL BE HIKES

### Soldiers Will Be Trained by Long Marches to Patrol Boundary and Enforce Neutrality—Walsh and Morse to Wait.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 13.—President Taft's delight was beyond measure today, when he was informed of the decision of the Supreme Court upholding the validity of the corporation tax law.

Mr. Taft's insistence put this law on the statute books. All during the long tariff fight over the Payne-Aldrich bill, the President insisted that such a tax would be held to be constitutional, despite the fact that many Senators and others who opposed it expressed the belief that it would not stand a test.

Mr. Taft defended his action in signing the Payne-Aldrich law partly upon the fact that it contained corporation tax provisions. The corporation tax proved a great success and, besides bringing more than \$27,000,000 into the National treasury in the first year of its enforcement, it gave the Government much valuable information regarding many of the big interstate corporations.

### Fight on Tax Bitter.

The bitterness with which the tax was fought was reflected in the statement of a Chicago banker, now stopping in Augusta, that his institution alone put up \$10,000 to test the validity of the law.

It now seems practically assured that the President, while in Augusta, will not act on the cases of the two convicted bankers, Charles W. Morse, of New York, and John R. Walsh, of Chicago. The President has not looked at the papers. To act upon them as he usually acts upon pardon cases would require several days of office or library work.

The President came to Augusta for rest and is anxious to spend as much of his time as possible out of doors.

### Troops Will "Hike" on Border.

The President today received dispatches from General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the Army, saying the mobilization of troops in Texas was practically complete.

The patrolling of the Mexican border, it is said, undoubtedly will be accomplished largely through a series of practice marches, or "hikes." This will enable the War Department to

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### SALEM GRANTS FRANCHISE

### Oregon Electric Can Now Connect With Eugene.

SALEM, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—By a vote of 13 to 1 the Oregon Electric franchise out of the city south passed the City Council tonight. Councilman Manning registering the only dissenting vote. Immediately following the ballot, Mayor Lechman signed the franchise, declaring that it is reasonable in every respect.

This is without doubt the most important step ever taken by a City Council here. It means the expenditure of \$750,000 by the railroad, and in addition a connecting link with Albany, Eugene and intermediate towns.

It has been frequently stated that the franchise granting the Oregon Electric ingress into the city from Portland has caused a commercial awakening here unprecedented in the history of the city, and it is believed that the extension of the road south will result in an even greater growth.

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## NIGHTRIDER PLEA ACQUITS SLAYER

### Victim of Camas Prairie Gang Released.

### RELEASE HELPS U. S. INQUIRY

### Settlers Now Come Forward to Expose Bad Men.

### MINISTER SHOWS DELIGHT

### Baptist Clergymen Helps to Carry J. K. Vaughn From Courtroom When Murder Charge Falls. Boise Probe Proceeds.

BOISE, Idaho, March 13.—(Special.)—Acquittal of Joseph K. Vaughn of first-degree murder after his testimony that his victim, D. V. Emmons, was the leader of Camas Prairie nightriders, has added vim to investigation of the gang undertaken by the Government.

Cheers rang in the courtroom as Soldier when the slayer was freed and he was carried from the scene of his three-day trial on the shoulders of admirers, one of whom was a Baptist minister.

### Acquittal Disperses Fear.

C. H. Lingenfeller, United States District Attorney, has charge of the case which comes to be the most sensational in the history of Southern Idaho. Prior to the acquittal of Vaughn and the recital by 15 witnesses of the threats made by mounted, armed and masked men, many settlers were chary of telling their experiences at the hands of the nightriders. Now they are seeking United States District Attorney Lingenfeller voluntarily and investigators are known to be in possession of a mass of evidence. Three dozen settlers of the Camas Prairie country have been summoned to appear before the Federal grand jury next Monday.

### Threats of Gang Told.

The tale of attempts made by the nightriders to force entrymen to leave the country under threat of death that the gang could contest and jump claims, was told vividly by Vaughn in the preliminary hearing. He declared that six men visited his claim on the prairie and threatened him with death if he did not withdraw his contest against an entry of one of their friends.

Vaughn made a strong plea of self-defense and was supported by 15 witnesses. The accused man told of the visit of a band of nightriders to his home on the prairie and the threats they made against him. He was told upon the upper window, ransacked the rooms and stole diamonds and other jewelry and cash, with a total valuation of \$1000.

Among the stolen articles was a diamond solitaire ring valued at \$350, a diamond ring containing three stones valued at \$200, a cluster of 19 small diamonds valued at \$100, and a stick-pin valued at \$75, some articles of less value and \$30.45 in money.

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## NEWSPAPERMEN LOST IN MEXICO

### ANXIETY IS FELT FOR PARTY IN REGION OF BANDITS.

### Writers Who Left San Diego in Automobile Sunday Morning Fail to Return.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 13.—Considerable anxiety is felt here for the safety of a party of San Diego newspapermen who left here yesterday morning in an automobile and intended to make an attempt to reach Ensenada. Up to a late hour tonight no word had been received from the party and in view of the reports that many bandits are roaming over the country to the south of Tia Juana, there is some uneasiness over their fate.

The party was headed by W. D. Van Blarcom, editor of the San Diego Tribune. He was accompanied by H. C. Eller, a reporter on his staff; Bert Phillips and A. Wuest, chauffeur.

The automobile party was last seen 20 miles south of the border by a telephone lineman at work on the line between San Diego and Ensenada, who reported by wire that the machine appeared to be broken down and that the newspapermen were then in the camp of some federalists.

The lineman, who was mounted, reported over the wire that bandits were numerous in that vicinity and that if he could elude them he expected to reach Tia Juana tonight.

W. D. Van Blarcom, mentioned in the above dispatch, is well-known in Portland and throughout the Pacific Northwest. About four years ago he was employed on Portland newspapers. He has also done newspaper work in Spokane and Lewiston.

### BULB TRUST DISSOLVING

### Electrical Moguls Said to Be Willing to Discontinue "Pools."

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Intimations have been received that the so-called electrical pools, said to be part of the trust system against which the Government recently filed a case, are breaking up.

With the exception of the incandescent bulb section of the business, against which the Department of Justice filed the anti-trust suit at Cleveland, all the others, it is said, have agreed to stop the practice to which the Government objects.

While the lamp case will be more or less in the nature of a friendly suit, both the Government and the companies are anxious to have the courts decide the features of the patent law in dispute.

### \$1000 IN DIAMONDS STOLEN

### While Guests Joke at Dinner Party Thieves Ransack Kundret Home.

While a dinner party was being entertained last night on the first floor of the home of Henry G. Kundret, 730 Broadway, perchance entered the second story of the building, after prying open the upper window, ransacked the rooms and stole diamonds and other jewelry and cash, with a total valuation of \$1000.

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### DEEP SNOW AUGURS FLOOD

### Blue Mountains Covered Most in Years, and Thaw Is Feared.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 13.—(Special.)—Snow in the Blue Mountains is deeper this Spring than at any corresponding time in years. In the report brought from the hills by mountaineers. They say that the snow is packed hard and is from 4 to 12 feet deep on the level, with the gullies and canyons full.

The reason for this is that there have been no thaws this Winter, and the snow has accumulated. A heavy thaw now would mean one of the biggest floods in years, say residents of the mountain districts.

### SENATE FAVORS SUFFRAGE

### After Women Interview Them, Nevada Legislators Succumb.

CARSON, Nev., March 13.—After a session this afternoon, turned over to suffragists, a number of whom pleaded with the Senators to allow a state vote on the question of woman's suffrage, the upper house passed the House bill calling for a popular vote two years hence to decide whether women shall vote in Nevada.

If the state indorses a constitutional amendment granting votes for women, it will be four years more before the reform can become operative.

### SOCIALISTS BUY BIG PARK

### Majority in Milwaukee Council Decides to Spend \$1,000,000.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 13.—The City Council's Socialist majority tonight decided to buy a stretch of 500 acres along three miles of the upper riverfront for a public park at a cost of \$1,000,000, to be paid in 20 annual installments.

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## BROTHERS UNITED AFTER 46 YEARS

### Railroad President and "John" Meet.

### MARKHAM "BOYS" ARE HAPPY

### "Charley" Arranges Reunion in His Private Car.

### CHILDHOOD DAYS RECALLED

### Elder Man Had Not Been Able to Locate Relatives Since Civil War Until He Read That "Baby" Was Illinois Central Chief.

PADUCAH, Ky., March 13.—(Special.)—After a separation of 46 years, Charles Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, met and identified John T. Markham as his brother, in the private car of the former near Memphis, Saturday night. The meeting was to have been kept secret, but it leaked out today that the elder brother, in answer to an urgent request of the younger one, went to Memphis to renew the ties which had been severed nearly half a century.

The meeting was an affectionate one. There was a great contrast between the two men. John Markham had grown gray and grizzled since he had last met the new president of the Illinois Central. Old times were brought up, and when the train arrived at Paducah, both had gone over the events since they had parted. The old home, former neighbors and the surrounding country had been gone over again as they had before the outbreak of the Civil War.

### Meeting Is Arranged.

Several weeks ago, after a talk over the long-distance telephone, President Markham asked that the older brother meet him at the conclusion of an inspection trip through the South. Without telling any of his friends where he intended going, John Markham eluded his friends at Hopkinsville and went to Memphis, where he was joined by the brother whom he had left at home at the outbreak of the war.

The story of John Markham, through his most prosperous brother, was a simple though interesting one. After leaving home in the early '60s he joined the Confederate troops, fought under the stars and bars, and was captured by the Federal troops. While a prisoner, he was taken through Chicago, the home of his brother, but he was not aware that his family had left the old home.

### Tooth-Pulling Recalled.

As soon as the pair had recognized each other, the elder brother said: "Charley, do you remember the time that I took you on horseback to the dentist and you had a tooth pulled?"

"Yes, I do," replied the younger man. "I never can forget that."

There were a few of the railroad president's friends who were present at the meeting, and when the brothers were clasped in each other's arms there was a mist before the eyes of the witnesses and they stole away to leave the reunited brothers to discuss bygone days.

### Family Is Gone.

Since the brothers had been separated the mother has died. The first knowledge John Markham had of her death was when he talked to Charles Markham over the long-distance telephone from Hopkinsville, Ky., to Chicago. When he returned home from the war the elder brother found that his father had died and that his mother, with the baby brother, had moved away, he did not know where.

Although he made every possible inquiry, he learned nothing of the whereabouts of his brother until there was an announcement in the papers under glaring headlines that the last baby brother had been elected to the presidency of the Illinois Central Railroad. No plans have been announced as to what John Markham will do.

### WATERFRONT DEAL PENDS

### Mysterious Syndicate Negotiating for Lease of Large Tract.

Negotiations are pending for the leasing of a large body of waterfront land on the East Side by a concern whose identity has been thus far effectually concealed. The land is situated about a quarter of a mile north of the Portland Flouring Mills plant and is owned by a syndicate which is headed by B. M. Lombard.

The land has a frontage of 1600 feet on the Willamette opposite the southern half of Swan Island. It is bounded on the north by Killingsworth avenue, on the south by Webster street and extends back from the river a distance of 2000 feet to the right of way of the O. & W. R. & N. Railway. The tract comprises about 60 acres and the ship channel off the property has a minimum depth of 42 feet.

"We were asked to name a basis for leasing the property for a long term of years," said Mr. Lombard yesterday. "We gave a figure at which we would consent to lease and the terms are now under consideration. I am in the dark as to the identity of the concern that seeks to lease the property."

