



MEXICAN CABINET OFFERS TO RESIGN

All Except Limantour to Be Replaced.

THEY ARE OLD AND UNPOPULAR

Step Is Preliminary to Important Reforms.

YOUNGER MEN DEMANDED

Diaz Defers Action in Choosing New Ministers, but People Rejoice.

Corral and Creel Special Targets of Rebels.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., March 24.—Following a meeting of the cabinet today every member of that body tendered his resignation to President Diaz. An yet none of the resignations has been accepted, but on excellent authority it is said that but two of them—possibly not more than one—will be asked to remain in the portfolio. In diplomatic circles it is assumed that Diaz will insist upon Jose Yves Limantour remaining in charge of the Department of Finance.

Members of the cabinet refuse to comment upon their action, but it is said that the united stand was taken not by them, but by the President, who, it is believed, proposes to surround himself with younger men, in the hope that such action will serve to unite all elements of the nation.

Entirely New Deal Likely.

It is probable that the acceptance of the resignations will be coincident with the announcement of the names of the new ministers. Who will compose the new cabinet is not known, but it may be said that they will be men who have not taken a leading part in the government affairs. Neither will it include any who have been identified with the revolutionary movement instituted by Madero.

Included in the resignations was that of Ramon Corral as Minister of the Interior, but not as Vice-President. It is reliably reported that the Vice-President will sail April 1 for Europe. The announcement of the cabinet changes has revived the rumor that General Diaz has recalled General Bernardo Reyes from Europe, but this could not be substantiated tonight.

"Too Old," Is Popular Cry.

Not one of the men who until today formed President Diaz's Cabinet is less than 45 years old and several are much older. With the exception of Enrique C. Creel, Minister of Foreign Affairs, all have been cabinet members for many years and in the eyes of the revolutionists, who have insisted that the chief executive ally himself with representatives of the younger generation, men more closely in touch with the affairs of the people.

Following are those whose resignations were received:

Enrique C. Creel, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Ramon Corral, Minister of Interior; Jose Yves Limantour, Minister of Finance; Eleazar Miller, Minister of Fomento; Justo Sierra, Minister of Education; Manuel Gonzalez Casio, Minister of War and Marine; Leandro Fernandez, Minister of Public Works and Communications; Justino Fernandez, Minister of Justice.

Feeling Strong Against Cabinet.

Without exception these men have contributed valuable services to their country and to their President, but the popular feeling against them has been growing steadily since long before the beginning of the revolution. Ramon Corral is so old that his age can be used as an argument against his loss and he is unpopular.

Enrique C. Creel is not by any means in the decrepit state, but he, too, has fallen under the displeasure of the forces opposing the administration and his age serves as an excuse. What has added more than age to his unpopularity among the masses is the fact that he is a rich man and incurred the hostility of many in his own state, Chihuahua. That Mr. Creel is a diplomat was demonstrated in the conduct of his office as Ambassador to the United States and his record as a cabinet officer, which is considered good by the conservative element.

Limantour Alone May Remain.

Jose Yves Limantour, who, it is reported, will be the only cabinet member to remain, is an old man but yet is regarded as one of the shrewdest and most able in the republic. There is an element which will not be pleased at his retention.

Justo Sierra, Minister of Education, entered the cabinet many years ago and to him is due largely the credit for building up Mexico's schools. Towards him objection has rarely been made and the praise that is his far overbalances any condemnation that has been given him.

The three men against whom the masses have cried "old age" are Leandro Fernandez, Justino Fernandez and General Casio. In former years these men have accomplished much in their respective offices, but it is an open secret that for the last three or

UNKNOWN VESSEL BURNS OFF COAST

FLAMES' GLARE SEEN THROUGH FOG BY PERSONS ON SHORE.

Tremendous Sea Prevents Life-Savers From Going Out—Boats Discerned Pulling Off.

EUREKA, Cal., March 24.—A vessel thought to have been a steam schooner bound north, but the identity of which has not yet been established, is believed to have burned at sea tonight about four miles off Table Bluff, six miles south of Eureka.

A dense fog which hung over the water rendered it impossible to make out anything but the misty outlines of the vessel as it was lit up by the glare of the flames.

The life-saving crew here immediately started out in the power-driven lifeboat for the burning ship, but a tremendous sea was breaking over the bar and after being nearly swamped half a dozen times, the crew came back to wait until daylight.

Wireless orders were immediately sent to the steamers Argyle and Rose City at Crescent City, 125 miles north of here, to go to the aid of the ship on fire.

At 11 o'clock the wireless operator at Table Bluff reported that the bright glare had died down until it was barely visible and that he could see several small lights flashing about on the water some distance from the fire. These he believed to be lights in small boats which put off from the burning vessel.

Owing to the rough bar it is believed the boats will not attempt to come in tonight.

As the keeper of Trinidad lighthouse reports that no steamer passed south today and Table Bluff says a steamer or steam schooner passed off that point going north about 6 o'clock, it is believed that the vessel left San Francisco some time yesterday, bound for Northern ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—About a dozen steamers and steam schooners sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Northern ports. Among these were the steam schooners Santa Clara, Olympic, Alcatraz, Excelsior and Fair Oaks and the steamers Samon and Rosecrans, Westerner, Quinsault and Bear.

"DEADHEADS" TAKE RISKS

If They Are Killed on Railroads, Heirs Get No Damages.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—(Special.)—So-called "deadheads" on railroad trains swear away their right to collect damages for injuries, according to the decision handed down by the State Supreme Court in the appeal of Charles A. Sessions against the Southern Pacific Company. The decision was written by Justice Shaw.

Sessions arranged with the conductor of a Southern Pacific train to ride free from the Oakland Mole to Fresno. He was killed in a wreck. Suit for damages was brought against the railroad company by Ella A. Sessions, his widow, and Nathan Sessions, his child.

The jury awarded a verdict of \$5000, which was set aside by the Supreme Court on the ground that Sessions was not entitled to damages because he was riding free.

OLDEST ENGINEER IS DEAD

John Strange Waller Reeves Passes at Age of 100.

TACOMA, March 24.—John Strange Waller Reeves, aged 100 years, died today at his home in this city. He was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., October 18, 1810, and at the time of his death, was said to be the oldest locomotive engineer in the United States having been the first engineer on the Hamilton & Dayton Railroad.

He was the father of 15 children, of whom three sons and one daughter survive. His wife was the daughter of Rev. William Jones, a Methodist minister and a descendant of St. Thomas Cox, first Lord Mayor of Cork, Ireland. Reeves had lived in Tacoma upwards of 21 years.

FAMOUS MINE WORKED OUT

Winding Up of Monte Cristo Ends Chapter of Nevada History.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The concluding chapter in the history of one of Nevada's most famous mines was begun here today by the filing of a petition asking for the dissolution of the Monte Cristo Silver Mining Company.

The company was incorporated in 1883 with a capital of \$1,500,000 to operate a mine in Storey County, Nevada. In 1878 the capital was increased to \$10,000,000, as the mine had proved one of the richest producing in the state. Today's petition recites that the mine is no longer productive.

The directorate of the company reads like a roster of bonanza pioneers.

CUSTOMS MEN MUST WORK

"Full Day for Full Day's Pay" Is Secretary MacVeagh's Order.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—"A full day's work for every full day's pay," is the order which has been flashed to every custom-house in the United States by direction of Secretary MacVeagh.

It applies to every man in the custom service from collectors holding choice appointments with salaries running into four figures, to the stevedore who hustles freight on the dock at a day wage.

CONSCIENCE MADE FOR DAILY WORK

Roosevelt Speaks for Practical Ideals.

MATERIAL SUCCESS NEEDED

Berkeley Students Are Told to Seek Money as Means.

RAP GIVEN MILLIONAIRES

History Will Mention Them Only in Footnotes, He Says—Scoundrel Who Wins Out Is Menace.

Scorn Is Effective Weapon.

POINTED SAYINGS OF ROOSEVELT.

Sometimes men have one conscience for social affairs and another for their business relations. I have noticed this particularly in captains of industry.

If you tell boys to despise things of the body—material success—you are telling them things you would not have your own boys adopt unless you would have them become public charges.

I haven't the slightest feeling against multi-millionaires. I like 'em, though I'm afraid that feeling is not reciprocated.

Let us make it impossible for the scoundrel to succeed.

Don't make the mistake of condemning as vice simple and innocent amusements.

People who depend upon importing foreign art and products may in the end be forced to import their children.

BERKELEY, Cal., March 24.—Theodore Roosevelt divided his time today between California's two great universities. Early this morning he journeyed to Stanford, where, as the guest of honor on "Junior day," he addressed the student body and faculty on "Productive Scholarship."

He returned to San Francisco shortly after noon and, crossing to Berkeley, found awaiting him in the Greek Theater of the University of California a crowd almost as large as the one that greeted him there yesterday for the first speech of his present visit to the Pacific Coast.

"Realistic Ideals" was the text chosen by the Colonel for the address today, which inaugurated the Earl lecture series that he will deliver under the auspices of the Pacific Theological Seminary.

Value of teaching morality that can be lived up to, the necessity of accomplishing a certain amount of material success, the utility of mere money-making and the discouragement of what he termed "mere law honesty," were among the points he dwelt upon most insistently in this lecture. His remarks were followed with close attention and he was frequently interrupted by long-continued applause.

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SHIP IS CAPSIZED; 39 ARE DROWNED

STEAMER SECHELT GOES DOWN OFF BEACHEY HEAD.

Boat Leaves Victoria With 35 Passengers and Crew of Four.

All Reported Lost.

VICTORIA, March 25.—A tugboat which reached Esquimalt early this morning from William Head brought word that the steamer Sechelt, of the British Columbia Steamship Company, which left here yesterday afternoon for Sooke with 35 passengers and a crew of four, capsized off Beachy Head near Race Rocks during a sudden gale.

It was reported that all were drowned, but no verification can be had as yet.

The tug William Jolliffe left Esquimalt for the scene at 1 A. M.

COLONIST TRAVEL DOUBLE

Connecting Lines Into St. Paul Are Taxed to Utmost, Says Cleland.

Since the present reduced rates have been established by the railroads the Northern Pacific has had to use more than twice as much equipment to handle the colonists and homeseekers as was required for last year's business, according to a telegraphic announcement received in Portland yesterday from A. M. Cleland, general passenger agent.

"Indications point to continuance of the heavy travel during the remainder of the colonist period," he says, "with specially large crowds coming through out the Spring. People seem to have wakened up to the advantages of the Northwest as never before; greater volume of inquiry as well as actual business. All Eastern offices report the same. Connecting lines into St. Paul are taxed to the utmost.

O. W. R. & N. train No. 5 yesterday brought in 87 colonists on the first section and 115 on the second; No. 17 last night carried 75 and 98 homeseekers on the first and second sections respectively.

LAUNCH ON SOUND BURNS

Lantern Drops Near Can of Gasoline; Explosion Follows.

TACOMA, March 24.—The launch Elsie E. operating between Tacoma and Henderson Bay points, was destroyed by fire last night at Purdy following a collision with a raft of logs. Bert Evans, the owner, and Ed escaped with their lives.

The launch was valued at \$3000 and carried a cargo of 16 tons of hay, grain and general merchandise.

A lantern hanging by the engine was thrown down and the flaming oil came in contact with a can of gasoline. In an instant the engine-room was in flames.

BRODERICK IS ACQUITTED

Accused Illinois Briber's Jury Decides in 20 Minutes.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 24.—State Senator John Broderick was found not guilty of bribing Holtzlaw to vote for Senator Lorimer by a jury in the Sangamon County Circuit Court this afternoon. The jury was out 20 minutes.

REFERENDUM ONLY CHECK, SAYS FOLK

Missouri Doesn't Use Initiative Freely.

WHOLE SYSTEM HELD CLUB

Ex-Governor Declares Lobbyist Is No More Now.

WEST GREET MISSOURIAN

Well-Known Politician Discovers That in South Dakota Referendum "Is Apparently Positively Vicious System."

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)

"We have never used the referendum in Missouri and it is considered there merely as a check against the corruptionists and not for use," stated ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, who was in the city today and visited Governor West, later delivering a lecture in the evening.

"Our referendum, I suppose, would operate differently than the Oregon plan," continued Mr. Folk, in an interview. "Should the referendum be applied there I understand it would not withhold the operation of an act. The law would stand good and be in effect until such time as the people voted to repeal it. That is a question which has never arisen in Missouri and one, which, in fact, I never thought of before, but our law contains no provision that the referendum will keep a law from going into effect until the people pass on it. Eight Per Cent Required.

The referendum in Missouri requires 8 per cent of the registered voters. The same as the initiative. Referendums may be called regardless of an emergency clause, this clause being merely to place an act in force immediately, instead of waiting the constitutional limit of 90 days and the emergency clauses are used freely.

"The initiative is not used as freely as in Oregon. At the last election there were five measures considered and all of them were defeated. Very few measures have ever been passed through the initiative and the people of the state do not consider the initiative serious as a legislative factor.

"The whole system is considered by the people at large as an excellent club to be held over the heads of the legislators and in that respect the system has proved its own worth. Corruption has largely died down in the legislative assemblies and Legislatures are afraid of the power of the referendum, even though the people have never seen fit to use it.

Lobbyists Must Register.

"Another wholesome law which has had a salutary effect on the legislators is one compelling all lobbyists to register with the Secretary of State. Under

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THREE MEALS FIT MAN AS SOLDIER

RECRUITING OFFICE LOATH TO LOSE GOOD SPECIMEN.

Weight Gained Overnight Qualifies Harry A. Foster to Bear Arms for His Country.

Discovering Thursday that Harry A. Foster, who wished to enlist in the Army, weighed only 147 pounds, when his height and other physical dimensions called for 149 pounds in order to insure acceptance, Lieutenant Upham, in charge of the Portland recruiting office, kept the man over night and fed him three square meals. Result, Foster weighed 150 pounds yesterday and was accepted. He is, unassigned as yet.

The faint chance that there may be active service has led to an unusual number of applications for enlistment at the recruiting office. Sixteen applied yesterday. Ten were rejected summarily for physical deficiencies. Three—Eugene D. Mundy, Harry A. Foster and James McCormick—were accepted, and two youths who are under age are being held for the consent of parents. They are Jesper C. Thompson, of Winlock, Wash., and Richard A. Coon, whose mother lives at Monticello, Ill.

Egon Filtzer von Rypin, aged 21, the son of a German cavalry officer, and master of four languages—English, German, French and Russian, is among those who have been accepted in the last few days. He took out his citizenship papers the day he enlisted. The young German exhibited a letter from his father expressing a wish that he join the United States Army. He reached Portland as a sailor on a sailing vessel from Europe.

CALIFORNIA GAINS PEOPLE

Colonist Travel Largely Increases and 80 Per Cent Settle Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—(Special.)—Colonist travel into California under the low one-way rate from Eastern points, in effect for the month from March 19 to April 10 on the Southern Pacific, has thus far reached a figure higher by 2437 travelers than for the corresponding number of days last year. Until last Wednesday 9523 people holding tickets at the colonist rate came into California. Last year the number was 7085. E. O. McCormick and Charles S. Fee, of the Southern Pacific, have expressed themselves as particularly pleased with the showing made this year.

According to the railroad statisticians, 80 per cent of the persons holding colonist rate tickets remain in California. Another 10 per cent come back the second time and remain. The other 10 per cent either return East for good or scatter to other points along the Coast.

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MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED BY YOUTH

Balkan Feud Leads to Tragedy in Portland.

CONSPIRATORS PLOT DEATH

Crime Celebrated With Beer and Peanut Orgie.

6 OF 12 ARE ARRESTED

Theodore Atjam, Bulgarian, Marked by Macedonians for Slaughter, Is Story Told to Authorities by Boy Bootblack.

Discovery of the body of a murdered man, in some ways such as tied about with rope, at Martin's dock, in August, 1909, with evidence of murder, was explained yesterday when Piet Moto, a bootblack, related to Deputy District Attorney Hennessy how he was a witness to the killing of Theodore Atjam in a house at Seventh and Flanders streets, by 17 men, for 12 of whom warrants were issued last night. Detectives made six arrests last night and ascertained that four of the men had returned to Europe. They believe there were only 10 in the gang in all.

Moto, who is a Macedonian, said that the motive for killing Atjam was that he had participated in a feud between Bulgarians and Macedonians in their native country, in which 50 men were killed and five houses were burned.

Assassination Coolly Planned.

The informant, who is a mere youth, said that the 17 conspirators assembled in the house where he lived and deliberately discussed the assassination of the marked man. Moto was so frightened, he said, that he left the house. He returned 10 minutes later and saw the body of Atjam lying face upward on the floor in a pool of blood. He did not know what means had been taken to kill him. The Macedonians sat about and eating peanuts, of which they had ordered 30 pounds.

Frightened out of his wits, the boy crept off to bed. Next morning he found the men gone, the floor clean and the body removed. The men told him, he said, that if he mentioned the affair he would be killed, and he kept discreet silence. About two months ago, he said, Theodore Kas, now in Montana, made renewed threats of violence if he ever mentioned the case.

Bulgarian Persists in Search.

Atjam was missed by George Sourpas, one of the heads of the Bulgarian colony, who made a search continuing from that time until his meeting with Moto. He conducted the boy to the office of the District Attorney yesterday, where the boy told his story and consented to accompany the detectives in a search for the assassins. Warrants were issued for 12 men, as Moto said that that many at least of the conspirators were still in the city.

When Moto told of the disappearance of the body, Detective Carpenter, who was present, was reminded that he and Detective Riesing had investigated the finding of the body at Martin's dock, and he is confident that it was that of the murdered Bulgarian. The records of the Coroner's office show that in the month in question the bodies of three men were found in the river, one being that of a Chinese.

Following the clue given by young Moto, Detectives Carpenter and Price started out in the evening to arrest as many of the men accused of the murder as were in the city. In less than an hour they had six in custody and learned that four others of the gang had gone to the old country. The six men were all charged with murder in the first degree.

The prisoners indicated by their manner that they knew of the charge placed against them. As they had little to say voluntarily and evaded the few questions asked, other than to admit their identity, no attempt was made last night to elicit information from them.

Arrests Made Quickly.

Starting at Fourteenth and Marshall streets the detectives arrested George Gasto, a porter, 24 years old, and T. Slavoff, 39 years old, proprietor of a pool room. Then they arrested James Johnson, a laborer, 32 years old, at Fourteenth and Hoyt. At Fourteenth and Gilsen they arrested George Pete, 31 years old, and caught Tom Numan, 40 years old, a porter in Erickson's saloon, and Tony Numan, 27 years old, a porter in Fritz's saloon, in their places of employment.

Tom Numan, who is an educated Macedonian, is said by members of the Macedonian colony to have received two letters from "Moto" within the last 30 days demanding \$200 on threat of death. At these letters Numan is reported to have laughed. Members of the Macedonian colony insist they have known of these letters ever since they were received. Tom Numan is one of the leaders of this colony.

Fearing that Moto would meet with a foul play when the news spread through the Macedonian colony, the detectives locked him up for safe-keeping to hold him as the principal witness.

