

## DIAZ TO RESIGN IF PEACE COMES

President of Mexico Is Willing.

## WAR MUST END FIRST, HOWEVER

Stand Is Expected to Satisfy Rebel Leaders.

## PEOPLE REJOICE AT NEWS

While Manifesto Will Not Be Officially Sent to Madero, It Is Conceded to Be Practically Submission to Demands.

**DAY'S EVENTS EXCITING.**  
Following is a resume of the exciting developments today in the Mexican situation, given in their proper sequence:  
Madero announces that in deference to United States, he will give up plan to attack Juarez, take his troops from the neighborhood of the international boundary and start south with cry, "On to Mexico City."  
Rebels apparently change plans and prepare to make midnight attack on Juarez.  
When rebel guns are trained on Juarez and attack is about to begin, the news of Madero's announcement reaches insurgent leaders and both attack on Juarez and expedition to south are halted. Peace is thought near at hand.

MEXICO CITY, May 7.—General Porfirio Diaz tonight issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico declaring his intention of resigning the Presidency as soon as peace is restored. In this manner the President has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention.  
As to when peace is actually restored, General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto, it will be "when, according to the dictates of my conscience, I am sure that my resignation will not be followed by anarchy."  
The President said his determination not to relinquish the Presidency at this time was not due to vanity or love of power, because, as he pointed out, power at this time had no attraction accompanied as it is by tremendous responsibilities and worry. He said he was prompted solely by a desire to conserve the best interests of his country.

Diaz to Wait for Peace.  
The President made it clear he does not propose to abandon the Presidency while his country is at war and that he would not do so at any time under compulsion. President Diaz's manifesto will be made public tomorrow morning, but it will not be sent officially to Judge Carball for formal transmission to Dr. Vasquez Gomez.  
The promise of the President is made to the people of Mexico and its receipt by the revolutionists will be incidental. That it will be sent to them immediately, however, by private individuals and regarded as entirely satisfactory by them is taken for granted.  
It was at a Cabinet meeting this afternoon that General Diaz announced to his ministers his decision. For two hours and a half they discussed the terms of the manifesto and at the conclusion of the meeting there remained nothing to do but secure its official promulgation.

Rebels Are Scored.  
Only in a general way does the manifesto refer to the revolution. The government's position is that General Diaz could not have made a public statement at an earlier moment, and it is indicated that the revolutionists failed to observe the amenities of the peace negotiations by making them public. It was stated tonight officially that Madero and his advisers were guilty of betraying an agreement by injecting into the conference, either secretly or openly, the question of the President's resignation.  
It was declared that it had been agreed in conference that this point should not be permitted to become an issue.  
Professing the declaration of his willingness to retire, the President discussed the political conditions of the country and the efforts that have been made by the government to establish peace. He called attention to the progress already made in the direction of adopting the anti-re-election law, and declared the project of the reform electoral laws and of the judiciary were being studied. He showed further that the government in all its acts wished to conform to the demand of the people insofar as it is wise and for the best interests of the country.

Events Are Reviewed.  
Events leading to the beginning of negotiations for peace were taken up, and it was indicated it was the disposition to take into consideration propositions which the revolutionists had to make.  
Regarding the point upon which the rupture of negotiations occurred, the manifesto declared that compliance with the demand for Diaz' resignation could not be entertained because his immediate resignation would doubtless precipitate a condition of anarchy throughout  
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## SIERRA CLUB DOES HONOR TO AUTHOR

CALIFORNIANS DEDICATE MONUMENT TO STEVENSON.

Members of Society Camp Out All Night on Mountain Favored in Philosopher's Story.

NAPA, Cal., May 7.—(Special.)—A monument to the memory of Robert Louis Stevenson, the well-known novelist, was dedicated on Mount St. Helena at noon today under the auspices of the Sierra Club, of San Francisco.

The members of the Sierra Club arrived at Callistoga Saturday night and walked to Mount St. Helena, camping on the mountain for the night. At the dedication ceremonies, several prayers were written by Stevenson were read, and Daniel Patton gave a deed of the site of the monument to the club.

The monument is in the form of a large scroll of Scotch granite, bearing a favorite quotation from Stevenson. The scroll is mounted on a solid base of quartz taken from the Silverado, on the mountain. In 1880 Stevenson wrote his famous novel "The Silverado Squatters," while spending his honeymoon in camp on the mountain. Mrs. Isabella Strong, of Santa Barbara, a stepdaughter of Robert Louis Stevenson, made an appropriate response to the remarks of the unveiling.  
Professor Alexander McAdie, vice-president of the Sierra Club, then gave an interesting address on the significance of the occasion and paid a glowing tribute to the noble qualities of Stevenson.

## PEOPLE FLEE FROM FIRES

Forests in Saskatchewan and Ontario Endanger Lives.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 7.—Forest fires are threatening settlements along the River, north of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. A special train brought all persons living in the danger zone to safety today.  
At Clearwater Bay, 15 miles from Kenora, Ont., on the Lake of the Woods, bush fires have been raging for the last two days. There is no settlement there. Fire rangers report the country dry and small fires along the railway right of way at many points may spread to dangerous proportions.

## FRICION SEEN IN ORIENT

Japan to Present New Free Trade Demands to China.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—The newspapers report continued friction between China and Japan. The Reich reports Japan is about to present new demands to China with reference to free trade in Kwang Tung Province and the transfer of the Dalny customs to Japan.  
In event of refusal Japan will present an ultimatum.

## FREE WOOL BILL CANNOT SUCCEED

Republicans of Senate Solidly in Way.

## HOUSE IS HELD POWERLESS

Necessity for Revenue Makes Problem Perplexing.

## EARLY DECISION UNLIKELY

Democrats Feel They Would Have Little to Lose Politically, Although West Would Be Made Solidly Republican.

BY HARRY J. BROWN.  
OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—The Democrats of the House of Representatives have been "sweating blood" over the wool schedule and a marked difference of opinion has developed among members of the majority party, but it will all come to naught so far as the special session of Congress is concerned, for a majority of the Senate will vote against making any change in schedule K until the tariff board reports, and that board will not submit its findings until December.  
Ultimately, the wool schedule will be revised, but the Senate will come pretty near dictating the terms of the revision, notwithstanding the House has first say. The Senate usually dictates the main provisions of a tariff bill and it will do so in this instance. But the Senate will not go on record in favor of any revision before next Winter or Spring.

## Free Wool Cannot Win.

While the Payne-Aldrich bill was pending in the Senate, the wool schedule was loudly denounced by some of the prominent insurgents, notably Senator Dooliver and Senator Cummins. Neither of these Senators, however, favored free wool, but advocated heavy reductions in the old duties. If the Democratic House undertakes now or later to force the passage of a free wool bill, it will fall utterly of its purpose, for there is not a Republican in the Senate who will vote for free wool. The regulars, to a man, are opposed to it, and it is said on the authority of a leading insurgent that no member of his faction will vote for free wool. He declared, also, that the insurgents will vote against any proposal looking to ultimate free wool, even an ultimatum.  
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## SHERIFF BATTLES WITH HIGHWAYMAN

TWO MASKED MEN HOLD UP VANCOUVER STREETCAR.

They Demand Only Money Belonging to Company—Officers and Deputy Give Warm Chase.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.—(Special.)—Following the holdup and robbery of the motorman and conductor on a Capitol Hill electric car about 10:30 o'clock tonight by two masked men, Sheriff Cresap and Deputy Sheriff Barbeau engaged in a revolver battle with the outlaws near the Northern Pacific tracks, three miles northeast of this city. No one was hurt so far as is known. With additional deputies, Sheriff Cresap is pursuing the two men.  
The robbery took place at Rice's Road, in the suburbs, and J. C. Callahan, conductor, was robbed of \$21 in cash, the day's receipts. Motorman McWilliams was also searched by the robbers, but nothing was taken from him. Following the robbery the outlaws made their escape.  
The robbers wore blue polka-dot handkerchiefs over their faces, and both carried revolvers. Motorman McWilliams was just preparing to start the car on the return trip into town when the men appeared. There were no passengers on the car.  
The highwaymen explained that they were laboring men, but that they were forced to commit the crime because they had been unable to obtain employment of any kind either here or in Portland.  
"We only want the money that belongs to the company," explained one of the masked men. "We are not taking anything from workmen like ourselves."  
Of the money taken by the robbers, \$5 belonged to the conductor. The latter told the highwaymen so and asked that the \$5 be returned, but the robbers declined to do so.

## LA GRANDE IN NEW LIST

Postal Savings Bank to be Established There at Once.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—La Grande, Or., is to have a postal savings bank according to the announcement of Postmaster-General Hitchcock, who today designated 38 additional postoffices as postal savings depositories, which, including those previously selected, will make a total of 129 established since January 1.  
The work of furnishing the necessary equipment and having the postmasters and their assistants instructed will be hurried to permit receiving deposits June 1. Mr. Hitchcock expects to extend the system as rapidly as possible until he has a postal savings bank in every money-order office in the United States.  
Among the offices designated were: Douglas, Ark.; Eureka, Cal.; Twin Falls, Idaho; Miles City, Mont.; Goldfield, Nev.; La Grande, Or.; Logan, Utah; Sheridan, Wyo.; Vancouver, Wash.  
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## NEW WHEAT CROP PROMISES WELL

Experts See Prospects of Bumper Output.

## YIELD IN SOUTHWEST IS BIG

WEATHER FAVORS SEEDING

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Uncertainty of Foreign Situation Will Be Market Influence for Some Time—Germany, Austria and Russia Complain.

NEW YORK, May 7.—(Special.)—Reports of bumper wheat crops almost everywhere in the United States and in Northwestern Canada are being received to keep in touch with the grain situation. There are big yields in prospect in the Far Southwest, Texas and Oklahoma. Kansas will have a big crop. Last year's crop has ceased to be a market factor. It is probable that revised acreage figures will add further to the estimated output next harvest.  
In Oklahoma the improvement has been so marked that there is now believed to be a possibility of a large crop. The prospects in Tennessee and Kentucky are good. The Kansas state report, which was issued last week, was better than the Government report for April 1, and promised a yield only a little under the previous high record output.

## New Crop Seems Good.

The situation as to the new crop is certainly promising. In portions of Kansas the crop is thin, but that is in the far western part. It is also thin in some sections of Ohio. Otherwise the outlook is for possibly a record winter wheat crop output.  
A factor to be reckoned with this season is a probable revision of the acreage figures. The Census Bureau before long will have the figures for the actual acreage of the crops and if history repeats itself there will be a revision upward in the figures for the areas planted.  
Of course, the report, which will be issued on May 8, will give the estimated abandoned area, based on the  
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## SNAKE COMES NEAR KILLING SOTHERN

VANDERVALE REPTILE WRAPS COILS AROUND ACTOR.

Two Men, by Valiant Fight, Extricate Shakespearean Star From Grasp of Runaway Python.

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—(Special.)—Of course you can dismiss this as a press agent's yarn spun of whole cloth, if you wish. But—well, E. H. Sothern hardly seems to need a "fake" story to bring him before the public. Here it is, judge for yourself.  
Several weeks ago a vandeville team presented a trained animal act at the Mission Theater in Salt Lake City. While there a ten-foot python escaped and they had to leave the hotel without it. They told the hotel management of the loss and under the pretense of overhauling the plumbing, the huge snake was pursued through partitions, up chimneys, under floors and all over the place, but without being captured.

H. J. Rabon, Mr. Sothern's stage manager, was staying at the Linden and was slightly ill. Mr. Sothern called to see Rabon and upon entering the room, he sat down on a trunk and immediately felt something moving under his feet. An instant later the python reared its head and wrapped its body in crushing embrace about the actor's waist and chest. The snake had plied his arms so that he had no means of defense, and could only struggle helplessly until Rabon came to his aid.

By this time Frederick Kaufman, another member of Sothern's company, appeared on the scene. His arrival prevented a tragic ending to the strange occurrence. Together Kaufman and Rabon attacked the snake and finally succeeded in tearing it away from its victim and smothering it into submission in the bed clothes.  
The snake was later shipped by the American Express Company to Webster & Co., its original owners.

## DATES MAY BE CHANGED

Congress Favors Action in Inauguration and Federal Days.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—A change of the date of the inauguration of the President is assured of ratification by the 624 Congress, and it is not improbable similar action will be taken to change the date of holding National elections.  
The proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States changes the date of the inauguration from March 4 to the last Thursday in April. The date of holding National elections would be changed from the first Tuesday in November to the first Tuesday in April preceding the expiration of the term of the President and members of Congress.

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## RUSHLIGHT WILL MEET OPPOSITION

Republicans Not Satisfied With Choice.

## INDEPENDENT TO MAKE RAGE

Analysis Shows Forces That Controlled Primary.

## HAND OF MACHINE SEEN

Elements Comprising Small Minority of Party, Opposing Real Reform, Accomplished Result. People Are Stirred.

Final figures in Saturday's primary election, nominating A. G. Rushlight for Mayor on the Republican ticket, had not been compiled before general talk was heard of bringing out a representative and substantial business man as an independent to oppose Rushlight in the city election four weeks from today. This dissatisfaction with Rushlight was augmented yesterday when the true identity of the elements of strength that contributed to his nomination was disclosed.  
Even thus early the temper of hundreds of Republicans is such that a candidate will be pitted against Rushlight in the regular city election June 5. Small Minority Chooses.

A review of the returns in the primary election shows that Rushlight was nominated by approximately 650 votes, or 23 per cent of the registered Republican voters in this city. The total Republican registration in Portland is about 23,000. Of that registration, 14,600, or 51 per cent, was cast for Mayor. Of the 14,600, unofficial complete returns give Rushlight 865, or only 45 per cent, less than a majority and delivered today, that were actually cast in Saturday's election. From these figures, it is apparent that Rushlight is not only decidedly a minority nominee, but represents the expressed choice of only 23 per cent, or about one in five of the registered Republican voters of the city.  
Rushlight's support came from every possible quarter that is opposed to clean government, law enforcement and a sane, efficient and economical municipal administration. As has been pointed out, he received the solid support of the saloons and breweries and the vicious element of the North End. He had the unanimous support of the employees of the different departments of the city's government in return for his activity as Councilman in securing for them increases ranging from \$10 to \$50 a month in the salary of each in the last few months.

## Council Machine Is Factor.

Another positive element of support was the City Council machine combination, the members of which are those Councilmen whom Lombard during the campaign denounced as "undesirable" and men who, he said, were serving interests inimical to the city's best interests. Through the agency of a so-called Workmen's Political Club, he received the bulk of the vote of organized labor in this city. Its support, however, was not volunteered and delivered without something being given in return.  
At least one of Rushlight's opponents in the primaries has evidence of a written agreement, executed in advance of the primary election, between Rushlight and certain representatives of organized labor, by the terms of which he has promised, if elected Mayor, to give organized labor equal representation on the various boards and commissions he will be called upon to appoint. The report was also current during the primary campaign that Rushlight's deal for the labor vote also carried with it an agreement to permit organized labor to dictate the appointment of Chief of Police.

## Street Railway Deserts Werlein.

If anything else was needed to complete the combination in support of Rushlight, it was supplied at the last minute, when the street railway is said to have thrown its support to Rushlight, deserting Werlein. Virtually every streetcar platform man employed by the company supported Rushlight and it is understood that the same support came from other departments of this corporation. The shifting of this support did not take place until Saturday, the day of election, and was resorted to as the only means of defeating Lombard. It was evident that the contest was between Lombard and Rushlight, with no chance for Werlein, who was sacrificed. The corporation, together with other interests in the city, did not want Lombard.  
Opposed to this class of support which got behind Rushlight and nominated him, Lombard had the backing of some labor people who favored him because of his intervention and settlement of the grainhandlers' strike several months ago. Lombard also counted among his supporters that part of the church and reform vote and those citizens who stand for good, clean government, that took the trouble to go to the polls and vote. Many, as usual, remained at home. Lombard was also very generally supported by those who approved his advocacy of a com-  
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ABOVE, CONFERENCE IN INSURGENT LEADER'S CAMP—CROUCHING IN CENTER ARE MADERO, HIS SECRETARY AND A LIEUTENANT—RIGHT, SNAPSHOT OF MADERO, HIS WIFE AND ROEL MADERO—BELOW, PORFIRIO DIAZ, MEXICAN PRESIDENT—RIGHT, INSURGENT TROOPS GROUPED ABOUT FAMOUS "BLUE WHISTLER" GUN USED IN FIGHTING AROUND