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AMERICAN SOLDIERS RUSHING TOWARD MEXICO 20,000 STRONG

MOBILIZATION IS ORDERED

WAR DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN SECRET ACTION

Information Obtained as to Roads and Bridges in Mexico and Army May Be Sent Across the Border—Residents of Imperial Valley Send in Frantic Appeals for Aid.

PRESIDENT DIAZ IS ON HIS DEATH BED

Washington, March 7.—Diaz is on his death bed and is being kept alive only by the use of strong heart stimulants, declared an attorney for Madero of the revolutionists today.

The revolutionists profess to believe that Wilson reported to Taft that Diaz is in imminent danger of dying. They assert their agents have them the information about the same time.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—A great naval and military demonstration, involving 20,000 troops and four armored cruisers, ordered by United States government today is to be made immediately on the Mexican frontier.

As the state department openly admits its support of Diaz, and as American capitalists have investments aggregating \$100,000,000 in Mexico, largely in concessions, it is believed here that the demonstration is directed against the Mexican rebels.

The action followed the return of Ambassador Wilson from Mexico and is coincident with a cabinet meeting attended by General Wood, who later announced that the sudden dispatching of one-fourth of the army to the border was merely a "war game."

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Secret military information obtained today is that the war department is ordering the mobilization of 6000 troops along the Mexican border.

The eleventh cavalry from Ogletown, Ga., the seventh infantry from Fort McPherson, Atlanta, in addition to three batteries of artillery from Fort Meyer, Md., have already been ordered south and are preparing to start Texasward. Others will be rushed borderward rapidly.

Dickinson officially asserted the troops are assembling for the purpose of maneuvers, but it is rumored that the American troops will be sent into Mexico and Dickinson did not deny that this may be the intention of the government.

Information Gathered. Washington, March 7.—Three troops of field artillery from Fort Meyer have been ordered to proceed to Texas where they will be sent to some point along the Mexican border.

Utah Troops Rush Borderward. Salt Lake, Utah, March 7.—The fifteenth infantry under rush orders left here for the Mexican border this morning.

Americans Send Appeals. Washington, March 7.—The state department is receiving frenzied appeals from Americans in Imperial valley, California, for protection against the Mexican brigands who have been purloining food, money and clothing. No protection has been offered from either the Mexican troops or the insurgents.

"Joint Manoeuvres," Says Wood. Washington, March 7.—Major General Wood announced that joint manoeuvres of the army and navy will be held immediately at San Antonio, Galveston, San Pedro and San Diego. It is said the manoeuvres are for the purpose of trying out military organization and equipment and to take advantage of conditions on the southern border. He would not comment on the connection the movements have with the Mexican situation.

Torpedo Fleet Receives Orders. San Diego, Calif., March 7.—The torpedo fleet of eight vessels entered

the harbor and received rush orders this afternoon to load provisions and ammunition and be ready to sail tonight. It is believed this is in connection with the Mexican situation.

Colored Troops Also. Denver, Colo., March 7.—It was announced at the department of Colorado headquarters here that the colored fifteenth infantry at Ft. Douglas, the eighteenth infantry at Ft. Wingate and three troops of cavalry at Boise, Idaho, have been ordered to Arizona.

Des Moines Sends Quota. Des Moines, Iowa, March 7.—Twelve troops of the sixth cavalry at Ft. Des Moines have been ordered to be in readiness to start for the border.

Armored Cruisers Leave. Washington, D. C., March 7.—The American armored cruisers Washington, Tennessee, Montana and West Virginia, have been ordered sent to the Texas coast.

Secretary Meyer said: "We are sending these ships down there so the people can see what an American fighting ship looks like."

Orders have been issued for 700 marines at Philadelphia to prepare to board the Prairie for Guantanamo, Cuba, the government's naval base, which is within easy striking distance of Mexico.

A full army division will be concentrated at San Antonio and it is expected that Wood and Dickinson will inspect them there. It will consist of nine regiments of infantry, two regiments of field artillery, seven of cavalry, a battalion of engineers and a signal corps with Wood commanding.

Among those ordered to San Antonio was the 10th infantry from Fort Benjamin Harrison, Montana. Troops for San Diego will be sent from California garrisons and from Texas from the Atlantic coast.

SUFFRAGETTES STORM ILLINOIS CAPITAL

Chicago, March 7.—Five hundred suffragettes start for Springfield today to demonstrate to the legislature that they favor a woman's rights plan. A "votes for women" flag is flying on the state house. Twenty-five women will address the legislature tonight and later in the evening a reception will be given them by Mrs. Deneen, wife of the governor.

Hardware Men Meet. Syracuse, N. Y., March 7.—An exposition was opened today in the state armory in connection with the ninth annual convention of the New York State Retail Hardware association.

BOMB EXPLODES NEAR GREEKS. Attempt Made to Assassinate Colony of Foreign Laborers at Salem.

Salem, Ore., March 7.—Wholesale assassination of a colony of Greek laborers, employed in sewer construction work in this city and housed on Miller street in South Salem, is believed to have been attempted late last night when a bomb was exploded within 10 feet of the door of a large shack containing 18 Greeks.

A ragged hole was torn in the earth six or seven feet deep and gravel was thrown in all directions, shattering windows and generally shaking things up. The explosion was the source of much alarm to residents in the neighborhood.

The Greeks themselves lay the blame to the Black Hand, saying that they incurred the enmity of a Greek labor contractor in Seattle, and that he has adopted this method of intimidating them, while others lay the incident to ill feeling that has grown up between local white laborers and Greeks who were imported by contractors to work on the South Salem sewer construction. Had the bomb struck the ground immediately in front of the door of the shack instead of ten feet away several fatalities among the Greeks would have occurred.

RUEF IS NOW WEARING STRIPES OF CONVICT. San Francisco, Calif., March 7.—Ruef's long fight ended this afternoon when he left San Francisco for San Quentin to begin his fourteen-year sentence. His seven-day stay of sentence expired this morning and Judge Lawlor refused to grant further time.

He was taken to prison in a taxicab which was placed aboard the Ferry and taken to Tiburon where the trip was completed in an automobile. He carried five suitcases containing books and clothes. He will have two suits of stripes in the penitentiary.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe handled 1361 more loaded cars the first week of this month than the same period last year.

INDICTMENTS IN COAL FRAUD

Seven Individuals Charged With Conspiracy Against the United States.

MICHIGAN-ALASKA COMPANY IS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Government Charges Defendants With Violation of Land Entry Laws of 1910 by Making Fictitious Locations on Coal Lands—Penalty Is Two Years in Prison and Fine.

Detroit, Mich., March 7.—Government investigation into alleged Alaskan coal land frauds involving approximately 48,000 acres of land valued at more than \$50,000,000 resulted in the issuance last night of federal indictments charging seven individuals with conspiracy against the United States government.

The defendants are Wilbur R. McAlpine, Albert H. Roehm, George W. Ross, Frank D. Andrus, Arthur L. Home and McCurdy C. Lebeau, all of Detroit and John M. Bushness of Chicago. They are officials of the Michigan-Alaska development company.

The government's contention is that the defendants conspired to induce 200 to 300 individuals to become stockholders in the company by making fraudulent and fictitious location of certain Alaska coal lands, thereby violating the land entry laws of 1910, which made it illegal for more than four persons to form a company for locating Alaska coal lands and taking out patents on more than 640 acres.

It is alleged the several stockholders of coal lands "were led to believe that they were really locating the lands for their exclusive use," but in truth and in fact "for the use of the seven defendants and the development company."

The Michigan-Alaska Development company was organized under the laws of Arizona. W. W. McAlpine is president. The coal lands involved are at Juneau, Alaska, and include several contiguous tracts near Homer on the western end of the Kenai peninsula, bordering on Cook Inlet. The claims are said to have been located by about 200 Michigan residents and a hundred other claimants from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, and other western points. It is said by the defendants that strictly individual entry of the lands has been made and that the Michigan-Alaska company was organized as a benefit association to aid the stockholders or claimants better to protect their title and to develop their lands. They deny the stock was to be sold, and insist the corporation was not formed for the exploitation of the coal lands. District Attorney Watson announced last night that he will prepare for an early trial. The penalty is two years' imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$10,000.

NEW SULTAN ON MOROCCO'S THRONE.

Tangiers, Morocco, March 7.—Rebel forces who hold practically all the territory between Allazar Kebif and Fez today proclaimed the restoration of Abruil Aziz as sultan in place of Mulaj Hafid, after the sultan's troops had been repeatedly defeated. Aziz lost the throne to his brother in 1908. Hundreds were slain in recent battles.

New York, March 7.—Hugo Kelly and Jim Smith are expected to supply a snappy scrap for the members of the Fairmont Athletic club tonight. The men will fight ten rounds.

HENRY HEADS COMMITTEE

Membership of Most Powerful Body in Lower House is Designated.

TEXAS MAN WILL BE NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

Ways and Means Committee Discusses Democratic Program for Sixty-second Congress—Tariff Revision and Canadian Reciprocity Are the Principal Problems.

Washington, March 7.—The rules committee, one of the most powerful of the house committees of the 62nd congress, with Representative Robert L. Henry of Waco, Texas, at its head, was formally selected by the new house ways and means committee at its first meeting yesterday.

The following were announced as the seven democratic members: Robert Lee Henry, Texas; Edward W. Pugh, Smithfield, N. C.; Thomas W. Hardwick, Sandersville, Ga.; Augustus O. Stanley, Henderson, Ky.; Finis J. Garrett, Dresden, Tenn.; Martin D. Foster, Olney, Ill.; and Matthew R. Denver, Wilmington, Ohio.

The committee will consist of 11 members. The four republican members will be chosen by the republicans later, with the other republican members of committees of the new house.

The ways and means committee, which is charged under caucus dictum with the function of selecting the committees, is not empowered to name the chairman, but it recommended to the new rules committee that it elect Mr. Henry as chairman, which is tantamount to designation at this time.

The committee will meet tomorrow to confer over its preliminary work. There was some discussion over the program of tariff revision, but the committee is deliberating carefully over that, which is the greatest task before it. The committee expects to report its program to congress soon after April 4.

The democratic members realize there is considerable difference of opinion among their party associates in the house as to the methods of revising the tariff, some favoring that wholesale bill, and others schedule by schedule, in accordance with the views of leaders like Messrs. Clark and Underwood.

There is no conclusion yet as to whether the schedules are to be tacked to the Canadian reciprocity bill but the bill itself will carry out the terms of the agreement in good faith.

The committee has not yet passed upon the committee chairmanships beyond those of the ways and means and rules committees, but in any instance, more or less complete assurances of individual members of the ways and means committee have made the chairmanships largely a matter of ratification by the formal action of the committee.

These constitute some of the tentative chairmanships, some of them being fully assured: Ways and means—Underwood, Alabama.

Public lands—Robinson, Arkansas. Naval affairs—Padgett, Tennessee. Indian affairs—Stephens, Texas.

Agricultural—Lever, South Carolina, or Beall, Texas. Rivers and canals—Knorby, Indiana.

Private railroads—Slayden, Texas. Merchant marine—Clark, Florida. Mines and mining—Foster, Illinois. Rivers and harbors—Moon, Tennessee; Randall, Louisiana, or Sparkman, Florida.

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SECRETARY OF INTERIOR R.A. BALLINGER RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

Experts Gathering in Los Angeles to Study Conditions Existing. Los Angeles, Cal., March 7.—Naval problems and needs of the Pacific coast will occupy much of the attention of the experts who assembled today for the annual national convention of the Navy League of the United States. The sessions will occupy two days and promise to be unusually interesting. Naval problems arising from the completion of the Panama canal will also come up for attention.

In the opinion of many influential delegates, the completion of the big ditch will render imperative a larger battleship fleet in the Pacific. The purpose of the Navy League is to foster patriotism and encourage the upbuilding and development of the United States navy. The officers are Horace Porter, president; Henry W. Ward, secretary, and J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., treasurer.

Skeleton Uncovered. Ashland, Ore., March 7.—While excavating for the erection of a house George Mathes unearthed a skeleton. The skeleton was found buried standing up, and from an examination made of the skull and teeth it is supposed to be that of an Indian squaw. The supposition is that this was an Indian burying ground.

CONCENTRATING ALL MARINES IN CUBA

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Secretary Meyer announced late this afternoon that 2000 marines will be concentrated at Guantanamo within a few days and that the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet will leave New York within two days for Guantanamo.

FEDERAL TROOPS TO ATTACK INSURRECTOS

Women, Children, Merchants and All Non-Combatants Ordered Out of Mexicala, Threatened Rebel Stronghold.

Mexicala, March 7.—Five rebel scouts, one of whom apparently had been wounded, rode back into this insurgent stronghold last night with information that a body of federals had entered the valley and would probably attack the town today.

The report of the scouts caused General Leyva, commanding the insurgent forces, to order all non-combatants out of Mexicala. The women residents and merchants of the town, most of whom are Americans, immediately crossed the boundary to Calixto.

The information of the scouts was supplemented by reports from ranchers that a large force of federals had crossed the Cocopah mountain passes and were rapidly marching in the direction of Mexicala. One body of insurgents was sent southeast two days ago to protect the engineering work now being prosecuted to curb the overflow of the Colorado river. The workmen are being threatened by a band of outlaws who had raided the commissary. At the approach of the insurgents the bandits disappeared.

The insurgents impressed a train on the inter-California to take them to and from the site of the American government works. This gave rise to the erroneous report that the insurgents themselves were threatening the project.

While in the vicinity of the Colorado the rebels scouted about in search of federals but found no trace of any.

SEATTLE VOTERS ARE CHOOSING COUNCILMEN

Seattle, Wash., March 7.—Out of 18 candidates Seattle voters today are selecting nine members of the city council. Nine reformers are pitted against nine supporters of the Gill administration.

BRIEF CAREER IS TURBULENT

QUITS WHEN DEMOCRATS PLAN HIS IMPEACHMENT

Two Years of Stormy Political Life Sufficient for Former Seattleite—Wanted to Give Up Office in January But Held on Until Close of Session at Taft's Request.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—After two years of stormy politics, Ballinger today resigned as secretary of the interior. He first resigned January 19, but on Taft's request postponed it until the adjournment of congress. Yesterday he wrote a second formal letter of resignation which was accepted by Taft today.

It is announced that Walter L. Fisher of Chicago, will be his successor. The resignation followed the announcement that the democrats intended to impeach Ballinger at the next congressional session.

Successor Is Pinchotte.

Fisher is a Pinchot conservationist, and his selection is regarded as an attempt to placate the progressives and restore peace in the conservation war. Fisher is president of the National Conservation association, which was organized in opposition to Ballinger's land policies. Ballinger says he will return to Seattle as soon as possible.

Fisher Is a Lawyer.

Chicago, March 7.—Walter Fisher, the newly appointed secretary of the interior is a member of many clubs and a reform politician. For the last six months he has been sitting as a member of Taft's railway securities commission, investigating the financial condition of American railroads.

Taft Praises Ballinger.

In a letter to Ballinger Taft said he knew what a good public servant Ballinger was. "I do not hesitate to say you have been the object of one of the most unscrupulous conspiracies for defamation of character that history can show," wrote Taft.

Then he said he deemed it his duty to stand by Ballinger to the end and that those who attacked Ballinger were "unprincipled conspirators." Taft, in his letter accepting Ballinger's resignation, roasted the muckrakers, and praised Ballinger who said his health was responsible for his resignation.

Land Commissioner to Resign.

Washington, March 7.—It was learned this afternoon that Fred Bennett commissioner general of the land office will resign in a few days, following Ballinger's action. Bennett has been one of Ballinger's closest supporters.

PIRATES AT WEST BADEN.

Pittsburgers on Their Way to Hot Springs for Boiling Out. West Baden, Ind., March 7.—A long, low, rakish craft, flying the black flag with the skull and crossbones emblem, sailed up West Baden today and anchored off West Baden, when the crew, as hardened a lot of buccaniers as ever sailed a pirate ship over the sea, came ashore and took possession of the city. The invaders, who admit to being pirates and shamelessly confess to being from Pittsburg, Pa., will remain for ten days before again boarding their ship and setting forth on the long cruise to Hot Springs, Ark.

According to Mister Clarke, the chief of the Pirate band, the buccaniers will spend seventeen days in Hot Springs before starting out on their exhibition tour. The University of Arkansas nine will play the Pirates in Little Rock on April 4, and then will come exhibition games with Memphis and Chattanooga, Tenn., and Columbus and Dayton, Ohio.

To Meet on Pea Ridge.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 7.—Today is the forty-ninth anniversary of the battle of Pea Ridge, Ark., one of the most desperate encounters of the civil war, and a project is now under discussion to commemorate the semi-centennial of the battle next year by a great reunion of both the Union and Confederate soldiers who took part in the bloody conflict. Pea Ridge is in the northwestern corner of the state, in Benton county, and it is proposed to hold the peace gathering of the Blue and Gray on the exact site of the battle.

Special Agent E. E. Wood of the O. W. company came in last evening.

COMMERCIAL CLUB OFFICERS TAKE OFFICE THIS EVENING

This evening the regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club will be held and the feature of the session will be the fact that the new officers of the association will enter upon their duties. Henceforth Dan P. Smythe will be president, W. E. Brock vice president; C. M. Bishop, secretary and Royal M. Sawtelle, treasurer. The managing board for the coming year consists of the following men aside from the officers: Dr. C. J. Smith, A. J. McAllister, T. C. Taylor, G. M. Rice, W. L. Thompson, G. I. Ladow, T. G. Montgomery, H. D. Gray, J. P. Winter and E. B. Aldrich. No formal program has been arranged for the meeting this evening

but considerable interest attaches to the session through the fact that the new officers will take the helm. According to President-elect Smythe he will announce the chairmanships of the committees this evening but the full committees will not be named at once. Each member of the managing board is given a committee chairmanship and he will recommend other men for places on his committee. This plan of having the chairmanships held by members of the managing board was followed during the past year by President Thompson. It worked very successfully owing to the fact that when the board was in session each committee chairman was likewise present.