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MEXICO TO BE ANNEXED BY UNITED STATES, THINKS LONDON

DEEP MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE MOBILIZATION OF TROOPS

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON IS GREATLY EXCITED

Movement May Be Demonstration Intended to Warn Japan Not to Attempt to Establish War Base on Western Coast—Mexican Minister Summoned to Washington for Conference With President Taft—Rumored that United States Has Been Requested by Foreign Governments to Protect Investments—"War-Game" Theory is Ridiculed.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—The combined protest of Wall street, England and Germany over the destruction of railroads, the stoppage of mining and other development, taken in connection with the illness of Diaz, is given here by correspondents of the Mexican revolutionists as the cause for the mobilization of American troops on the frontier. This revolutionists say Diaz's professed satisfaction over the intervention by the United States is merely feigned. They declare that they promised the financial interests they would not tear up the tracks nor interfere with the works unless Mexico carried troops on the lines. As she did, the railroads must take the consequences. Despite the statements that the Mexican government was advised previous to the mobilization and that it was satisfactory to the Mexican government, the impression prevails here that stronger events are in the making. It is pointed out that the government would not go to this enormous expense simply for maneuvers.

London, March 8.—The mobilization of 20,000 American troops on the border is taken here to be the first step toward the absorption of Mexico by the public. It is generally admitted here by statesmen that should America annex Mexico, England would accept the action and might help, while Germany would vigorously protest, as her interests there are large. May Be Warning. Washington, D. C., March 8.—Another theory which does not conflict with the occupation theory is that the mobilization demonstration is intended as a warning to Mexico against closer relations with any other power which might strike at the Monroe doctrine. Practically setting the doctrine at naught, it is known that Japan is endeavoring to obtain a naval base on the western coast of Mexico where they have a big Japanese colony. It has been learned on excellent authority that the Mexican situation is the cause of the movement of troops. Army Officers Have Theory. Leavenworth, Kas., March 8.—Army officers here declare the belief that troops are being mobilized with the idea of ending negotiations between Japan and Mexico, whereby Japan sought to acquire a coaling station on the west coast of Mexico. The equipment of the 13th infantry and third battalion of engineers was loaded here today. The infantry left this morning for the Texas frontier, while the engineers leave this afternoon. Officers Expect War. San Diego, Calif., March 8.—Army and navy officers here are expecting war. The torpedo fleet is stripping for action, coaling and will be ready to sail south tonight. Two thousand infantrymen are reported to be en route here and it is said that 400 of them will be taken on the torpedo boats to Salina Cruz, Mexico, and it is expected that the Pacific fleet will make this a base for operations. Marines Soon Ready. Boston, Mass., March 8.—Within half an hour after the issuance of orders, the company of marines at the Charleston navy yards, each with 200 rounds of ammunition, started for Philadelphia to board the transport southward. Washington is Excited. Washington, D. C., March 8.—President Taft today requested Jose Yues Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, to come to Washington to confer on the Mexican situation. Ambassador De La Barre of Mexico, went to New York and will return with Limantour, who recently arrived from Europe, where he floated fifty millions in Mexican bonds. Not since the days before the Spanish war have Washington officials been so excited. Reports that Diaz is dying and that the foreign governments are demanding that the United States protect their Mexican investments, lead to general ridicule of the official explanation that a war game is being played. Prominent army officers today pointed out that the troops are carrying two hundred rounds of ammunition which is unnecessary in mere maneuvers. Both Wood and Dickinson today evaded all questions as to the object of mobilization. "Gen. Carter," they said, "will be allowed to work out his own war game." General Maus to the Front. Vancouver, Wash., March 8.—Brigadier General Maus, commander of the department of the Columbia, leaves tonight for San Antonio under rush orders to report to Major General Carter. Cruisers Coaling for Cruise. New York, March 8.—The armored cruisers, Tennessee, North Carolina and Montana are coaling here and will sail for the Gulf tomorrow. Col. Miller in the Dark. Spokane, Wash., March 8.—Colonel S. W. Miller, commanding the 25th infantry stationed at Fort Wright, said today that the movement of warriors southward was a mystery to him. So far no orders for the movements of troops stationed here, totaling 600 men, have been received. Preparing Immediate Attack. Mexicali, Mex., March 8.—The large force of federals advancing on Mexicali were located eight miles west of this city by the rebels early today. (Continued on page five.)

INDETERMINATE TERM FOR JACK MOULDER

STANFIELD NEGRO PLEADS GUILTY TO ASSAULT CHARGE. Colored Man Who Shot at Hoskins Must Go to the Penitentiary—Roy Neal Also Pleads Guilty.

Jack Moulder, the Stanfield negro who pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, was this morning sentenced by Judge G. W. Phelps to spend an indeterminate number of years from one to ten in the penitentiary. Roy Neal also of Stanfield, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of forgery and will receive his sentence Monday. Application has been made for parole in his case. Administrator Wins. The jury in the case of Sam Ash vs. H. C. Craig, administrator of the estate of John Stodard, deceased, brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon in favor of the defendant giving him judgment for \$400 and costs. Boxcar Robber Up. The time of the court has been taken up today with the case of the State vs. Daniel Ragan in which the defendant is charged with burglarizing a boxcar at Umatilla and of disposing of his plunder to John Nitson. The star witness against him is his partner in the alleged crime, William Brown, who pleaded guilty to a similar charge. Attorney Peterson for the defense is centering his attack upon Brown whose testimony he declares is unworthy of consideration. The jury is out at time of going to press. That place in which no living thing has habitation is called "Yesterday." The one in which no explorer has ever set foot is called "Tomorrow."

SMALL BOY ENDS HIS OWN LIFE. Tacoma, March 8.—Fearing paternal punishment because he broke into his mother's trunk and took some small articles. Oscar Edfast, aged 15, is dead today. He committed suicide last night by drinking carbolic acid in a local hotel.

RECIPROCITY IS ENDORSED

Premier Laurier Clears Way for Passage of Agreement by Canadian Parliament.

PRIME MINISTER MAKES FIRST SPEECH IN DEBATE. Pleads for More Friendly Trade Relations With the United States and Scouts Idea of Annexation—Urges Development of Canada—Remarks Received With Approving Demonstration.

Ottawa, Canada, March 8.—Editorial comments and politicians today are united in declaring that the reciprocity speech in the house, of Premier Laurier has done much to clear the way for the passage of the agreement. He endorsed the agreement and assured the continued loyalty of Canada to Great Britain, the annexation idea being scouted. Laurier said it was a peculiar spectacle to witness two countries of like people, with no fortresses separating them, but an invisible wall stopping trade between them. His views against annexation and the more friendly relations were especially emphasized. The premier's remarks were received with approving demonstrations. Describing his ideal of the relationship between the United States and Canada, Sir Wilfrid said: "There perhaps may be a spectacle of two people living side by side, separated only by an invisible line, with not a gun firing across it, not a fortress on either side, with no armament one against the other, but living in harmony, in mutual confidence and with no other rivalry than a generous emulation in commerce and arts of peace. To the Canadian people, I would say that if it is possible for us to obtain such relations between these two young and growing nations, Canada will have rendered to old England, the mother of nations—nay, to the whole British empire—a service unequalled in its present effect and still more in its far-reaching consequences. I think I can venture the assertion that the policy involved in the agreement has met with the enthusiastic approbation of the majority of the Canadian people. I am perfectly aware that the policy has not been universally accepted and has met in some quarters rather stubborn opposition. It is well known that an organization has been created in Montreal and Toronto to fight this agreement. I do not underestimate the importance of such a movement, or the men at the head of it. No Cause for Objection. "Yet, I do not think there is cause for alarm in the government. It is a wonder to me there should be any (Continued on page eight.)

ROOSEVELT IS ON LONG TRIP

Former Strenuous President Leaves on "Swing Around the Circle".

ITINERARY INCLUDES NEARLY EVERY STATE. Addresses to Be Delivered in Principal Cities of the South and West—Will Be in Oregon Last Week of this Month—May Pass Through Pendleton on Way Home.

Roosevelt's Itinerary. Today—Left New York for Atlanta. Tomorrow—Due in Atlanta at 10:20 a. m. and will speak before Southern Commercial Congress, leaving late at night. Friday—Due early in morning at Birmingham, Ala., where he will address the National Child Labor Conference, leaving at night. Saturday—Due early in morning at Jackson, Miss., where he will speak at invitation of Governor Noel. Leaves at 1 p. m. for New Orleans, arriving at 5 p. m., and will speak at dinner of Commercial club. Sunday—Leave New Orleans in morning. Monday—Arrive in San Antonio, Texas, where he will address the cattlemen's convention. Tuesday—Leave San Antonio, and spend day in traveling. March 15—Arrive Albuquerque N. M., where a reunion of Rough Riders will be held. March 16—Leave Albuquerque shortly after noon. March 17—Arrive at Grand Canyon Ariz. March 18—Arrive Phoenix, Ariz., and will motor seventy miles across country to the Roosevelt irrigation dam, spending the night at the town of Roosevelt. March 19—Motor from Roosevelt to Mesa, Ariz., where Archie Roosevelt is attending school, thence to Phoenix. March 20—Leave Phoenix early in morning. March 21—Arrive at Los Angeles, Cal., speaking there and at Pasadena. March 22—Arrive San Francisco, where he will remain about ten days and will deliver the Earl lectures, six in number, before the University of California at Berkeley, going thence to Nevada, Portland, Ore., Seattle and Spokane, Wash., points in Idaho and Montana and home. New York, March 8.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt boarded a special train today for one of the longest and most ambitious "swing around the circle" he has ever undertaken. For weeks the former president has been working on the addresses and lectures he is to deliver during the month and which will cover the widest range of topics. It is uncertain when Col. (Continued on page eight.)

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING HIGH SCHOOL

TEN BIG TAXPAYERS TO SUBMIT REPORT

Dan P. Smythe Installed as President of Commercial Club Last Night—Outlines Enthusiastic Plan for Years Work—Committee Chairmen Named From Members of Managing Board—Weekly Luncheons Will Be Held by Managers and Monthly Banquets by Entire Membership High School and Academy Topics for Discussion Last Night—Merchants Want 50 Cents on Dollar for Claims Against Defunct Academy.

WELCOME INVESTIGATION. Head of Church Declares It Will Set at Rest All "False Charges." Salt Lake, March 8.—Declaring an investigation would set at rest all "false charges" and do the church good, Joseph Smith, head of the Mormon church today asserted that he welcomed an investigation of the church and the charges that young girls are being persuaded to emigrate from England to the Mormon colonies of Utah. Mormon missionaries are active in spreading Mormonism in England and reports reaching here say that Home Secretary Churchill will begin an investigation to ascertain whether the charges are true.

FISCHOT APPROVES THE SELECTION OF FISHER. New York, March 8.—Before starting for Europe today, Fischot, former chief forester, discussed the succession of Fisher to Ballinger's position and said Fisher's entrance into the government service would be approved, undoubtedly by the conservationists. New York papers almost combine in saying that Ballinger's usefulness as a government official was destroyed by the scandal and charges. Funeral of Jerry Despain. The funeral of Jerry E. Despain, who passed away Sunday of erysipelas, was held at the Methodist church this afternoon at 2 o'clock and a large number of friends and relatives of the deceased were present to pay their last respects to the dead merchant. Rev. Nathan Evans delivered a very impressive funeral sermon. The pall bearers were the following friends of the deceased: Lee Teutch, George H. Clark, F. E. Livengood, J. W. Maloney, Joe Stockman, and Kenneth McRae.

Now at Work. Immediately after the appointment of the committee the chairman, Mr. Rice, called for a meeting of the committee at 2 o'clock for the purpose of visiting the high school and inquiring into conditions. It was announced that during the investigation the committeemen would secure the testimony of contractors and builders as to the safety of the present structure. Members of the school board were invited to accompany the committee to the school so as to assist in showing the investigators through the building. It is the intention of the committee to have its report ready for presentation by Friday if possible. A special meeting of the club will be held that evening for the purpose of receiving the report.

Smythe at the Helm. At the opening of the meeting last evening Retiring President W. L. Thompson presided until the meeting had been opened and the annual report of the treasurer read and filed with the auditing committee. He then called Dan P. Smythe, president-elect to the chair and upon taking his post Mr. Smythe announced the appointment of committee chairmen for the coming year. Following the plan in use during the past year he gave a chairmanship to each member of the board of managers. The following is the list of committees and the chairmen selected: Committees. Advertising and Publicity—E. B. Aldrich. Railroads and Transportation—G. M. Rice. Finance—John Winter. Promotion and Trade Extension—Dr. C. J. Smith. Entertainment—Royal Sawtelle. House—A. J. McAllister. Public Policy—W. L. Thompson. Roads and Streets—W. E. Brock. City Affairs—T. G. Montgomery. County Affairs—T. C. Taylor. Membership—Irving LaDow. Auditing—H. D. Gray. W. L. Thompson offered to resign from the board so as to reduce the membership of that body, but President Smythe insisted he continue upon the board. The full committee will be named at a subsequent meeting. (Continued on Page five.)

CANADIAN INDIANS THREATEN TROUBLE

CATHOLIC PRIEST PREDICTS BLOODSHED IN THE NORTH. Father Bellot Says Reds Have Just Grievances Against The Provincial Government.

Vancouver, B. C., March 8.—Troubles with Indians and bloodshed is predicted in British Columbia by Father Bellot, a missionary, who passed through this city today enroute to Fort George, carrying with him from Ottawa, the sanction of the federal government for the sale of the Indian reserves on Frazier river to the Grand Trunk Pacific which will construct a line from here eastward to Prince Rupert. He says the provincial government is making no attempt to know the Indian and that laws prohibiting Indians fishing, hunting and in other ways curtailing their endeavors to earn a livelihood, is causing widespread discontent. "Though I am a missionary of the church I cannot say but what they will be justified," said the priest.

FAMOUS REAL ESTATE CASE GOES TO JURY. Seattle, Wash., March 8.—The case against Hillman, the real estate promoter, charged with using the mails to defraud, goes to the jury tomorrow. The trial has lasted six weeks and 200 witnesses were called.

REFORM WINS AGAIN IN CITY OF SEATTLE. Seattle, Wash., March 8.—With 20 precincts not heard from it is considered certain that nine reform councilmen have been elected and that the \$800,000 bond election for a municipal street railway has carried by a big majority.

SHINER OF SHOES SPEAKS AND WRITES SEVEN LANGUAGES

In quest of adventure, shipping aboard a trading schooner as cabin boy. He followed the life on the bounding wave for a number of years, rising finally to a position of chief mate, at which juncture he decided to seek his fortunes in other vocations. In 1907 he enlisted in the Greek army and served with Prince George against the Turks and was present at the taking of the Island of Crete. While in the army, his ability as a linguist was discovered and he served as interpreter for the prince. Finally, after ten months of war life, peace was declared and he went aboard a French man-of-war, where he served two years as interpreter. Quitting the French service, he went to England and took a steamer for Portland, and, arriving in the Oregon metropolis, he drifted eventually to Pendleton where he has spent the last two years. De Hall declares he would rather do something besides shine shoes, but that he took such a job in preference to nothing. He says he will never go back to sailing but will probably drift back to Europe before long. To be able to speak and write fluently seven different languages and to make himself understood in a half dozen others and yet to hold no more prominent position in the world's affairs than that of a shiner of gentlemen's shoes, is the fate of Albert de Hall, until recently bootblack in the Humphrey barber shop on Court street. In French, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Russian and Turk he can convey his thoughts easily by word of mouth or word of pen, while he can make himself understood in Norwegian, Swede, Japanese, Arabian, Hindu, Egyptian and a number of other languages. De Hall was not born with a knowledge of these different tongues, neither did they just grow in his head, for he has paid the price of every one of them in a life of stirring adventure. Born on the Island of Trinidad in the West Indies, at an early age he was sent to France to receive an education. There he learned to speak and write a number of languages during his school life, but tiring of the humdrum existence of absorbing knowledge, at the age of 19 he started

BALLINGER ADHERENTS FOLLOW THEIR CHIEF. Washington, D. C., March 8.—Every adherent of Ballinger, now employed in the interior department will probably retire shortly after Fisher takes charge. Those already retired are Assistant Secretary Wilson, Assistant Attorney General Lawler and Chief of Field Service Schwartz.