MEXICO MADE SECRET PACT

Had Granted Coaling Station on Coast.

American Envoy Discovers Document, Photographs It, and Hurries to Washington With Copy.

Mexico City, "April 10 .- President Taft gave President Diaz of Mexico six days to abrogate a treaty he is said to have made with Japan.

The hidden treaty was discovered by Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, who ton to inform the State department.

The treaty is said to have contained clauses that gave Japan coaling station privileges and other big concessions on the coast of Mexico, including completed, is being pushed forward the right to use Magdalena Bay for target practice. with the utmost rapidity. The steam dredge Norman Davis, lent to the gov-Taft's order mobilizing troops at ernment by the Huston-Trumbo Dredg-

These are startling disclosures made army dredge Barnard are dumping the border followed promptly.

here by an apparently authentic source hundreds of tons of material into the today and which, as recited in narra- caissons. tive form, are given as the cause of the hurry order that rushed 20,000 caissons will be completed by the end troops to the border. The relations of April, and after that the most inreported to have existed between Mex-ico and Japan are said to have prevail-pumping out the great basin and leaved prior to March 1.

Ambassador Wilson, of the United cisely the condition she was on the States, so the story goes, had occa-sion many months ago to feel that ago-will begin. strong antipathy of Mexicans of all classes was shown toward the United retaining wall around the basin, it is States. In the celebration in honor of probable that riprap will be dumped the foundation of the republic, when around the exterior of the ellipse of many Japanese of high rank came as caissons before the pumping begins. special ambassadors from their country The wreck itself will have to be to the Mexican capital, the ambassa- carefully watched as the water level dor noticed that there had been priv- falls, there being some danger that, as offer a bill putting all woolen importate audiences between Diaz and a few the support of the water and the mud of his more influential ministers and in which it rests is withdrawn, the the Japanese delegates.

To Ambassador Wilson it was reported that for 18 months every ship sufficiently secured. of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, whose port As soon as the wreck is fully ex-is San Francisco, were carrying from posed, the work of exploration in 20 to 150 Japanese, passage paid, be- search of human bodies will take presides cargoes of agricultural machin- cedence. It is practically certain ery, household goods and general that when this stage of the work is stores. At San Francisco these Japanese were transshipped to steamers will be ordered to Havanna and will of the Pacific Mail line plying be- lie close to the wreck to receive the tween San Francisco and Mexican bodies as fast as they are recovered, ports.

In February Ambassador Wilson was busy cultivating every source of exhausting scrutiny of the shattered information in the higher circles of wreck by experts, who, in the opinion the Mexican government. Very near of engineer officers, will be able to the end of the month, from a certain determine beyond all question precise-source in the government, Mr. Wilson, ly the character of agency by which is said, obtained for a few hours the destruction of the Maine was efthe orignal of a secret treaty between Japan and Mexco. He kept it long enough to have photographs made of before the final stage of the work-Then it was returned to its place the extraction and disposition of the

clauses which were to be a part of a formal agreement on the part of the When the after part has been strip-Mexican governent to allow the Jap-anese commercial line of steamships weights, including the two turrets,

BRIEF REPORT OF THE DAILY WORK ON MAINE PROGRESSES. WORK OF NATION'S LAWMAKERS Caissons Around Battleship Com-

Havana, April 11 .- In the driving of the last few interlocking steel piles of the 20 caissons forming the inclosng wall of the huge basin or cofferiam surrounding the wreck of the battleship Maine, the first stage in the work of removing the shattered remains of the warship has been brought to a successful conclusion. not report until tomorrow. The work was accomplished with

pleted Successfully.

with those on either side.

It is expected that the filling of the

rapidity, and its progress was unmarked by a single mishap or hitch until the introduction of the final pile, which failed to interlock properly without division

This gave rise to a rumor that the stability of the caisson was endangered, but examination showed the trouble resulted from the piles being slightly deformed by an accidental blow from the iron bucket of a dredge against it. The Republican members, When the Canadian re-with the republican members, When the Canadian re-with the republican members, When the Canadian re-Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson, who photographed it, returned the original, and proceeded post haste to Washing-repair the damage. The second stage of the work, that of filling the caissons, as fast as completed, with the mud, clay and rock dredged from the some time, and, now that the ring is what effect the changes would have.

tee. called up tomorrow for discussion.

Opposition to the reciprocity bill from the same Republicans who op-posed it in the last session developed The free list bill, to be called up quickly. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, ter the passage of the reciprocity bill, asked the privilege of filing a minor- is also a caucus measure and cannot ity report.

with Canada to insure further recip- minority because each amendment ing the hull of the battleship in prerocal relations will not in any way must be germane to some particuar eopardize the bill itself, in the opin- item in the bill. Considerable debate ion of political leaders of both parties. is expected, but the Democratic lead-Underwood, of the ways and means ers expect both measures will be

As a guaranty of the security of the committee, McCall and President Taft ready for the senate within two it has emphasized the need of so doing. himself, conferred as to the added weeks. clause before it was proposed to incor-

porate it in the Underwood bill. Sec- list would make a difference as compared with the present duties and revretary Knox was also consulted. It is reported on good authority that enue of less than \$1,500,000. They the ways and means committee will are: Plows, harrows, headers, harvest-

ations on the free list. Senator Cummins today gave notice planters, mowers, horse rakes, culti-

hull may careen, just as ships have of a motion amending the senate rules vators, been known to do in drydock when inbills to be germane to the schedule other agricultural implements, in-affected. A rule of similar import has cluding repair parts.

been adopted by the house.

Washington, Apri 14.-The house of burlap and bags for sacking agriculrepresentatives, by a vote of 296 to 16, late today passed the Rucker reso-late today passed the Rucker reso-ing hay, straw or other agricultural lution proposing a constitutional products, grain leather, buff, split, amendment for the direct election of rough or sole leather, bend or belting, United States senators and transport them to their final rest-United States senators.

This is the first of the Democratic dles and saddlery. programme measures passed by the house. It went through without mod- strands or wire rope, wire woven or ification and with a speed that brought protests from the Republicans. Meats of all kinds, fresh, salted, protests from the Republicans. The resolution, as the house ap- pickled, dried, smoked, dressed or un-proved it, is in the form in which the dressed prepared or preserved in any

Borah resolution was reported out of manner; bacon, hams, shoulders, Probably many months will elapse the senate judiciary committee in the lard, lard compounds and lard substiclosing days of the last congress. Re- tutes; sausage, buckwheat flour, corn publican opposition to the Rucker re meal, wheat and rye flour, bran, midin the innermost archives of the Mex-can state department. The document, the report here in-dicates, was in the shape of several

Washington, April 14.—The Can-adian reciprocity bill introduced in the house yesterday was reported favor-ably to the house today by the new to reciprocity with Canada and inci-dentally to the Democratic party by of Oregon and Washington, Specially"Suitable to Pacific Coast Conditions SEEDTIME AND HARVEST.

ways and means committee. The the placing of a number of articles committee also passed favorably on the free list tariff measure, but will The first two measures to be offered in the house this session were intro-

The Canadian reciprocity treaty bill duced today by Chairman Underwood, was taken up first by the committee, and, after a brief discussion, McCall, its sponsor in the 61st congress, moved and the free list bill. The former bill that it be approved. This was done is identical with that passed at the with the highest expectations to a harvest last session except for a clause author-

The free list bill, however, was not izing the president to continue nego unanimously approved, the vote on it tiations for reciprocity on Canadian in the committee having been a strictly articles not covered by the pending party vote, the Democrats favoring it agreement. The free list bill com-

When the Canadian reciprocity bill against it. The Republican memoers, with Sereno Payne as spokesman, de-is called up Friday by Underwood clared that the proposed bill was hasty there will be no effort to limit debate uttered, perhaps, has received so uniunless the minority demands an unnot been referred to the tariff board and that Chairman Underwood and his Democratic colleagues on the commit-should conclude whatever arguments is to be the the tariff board reasonable time. It is the opinion of the time is founded upon a most primal lit-eral truth. From remote times man has been harbor bottom, has been going on for tee had not sufficient data to show there will be against the bill within From remote times man has been two days

When the house met, Underwood Probably not more than four days' recurring harvest in its dearth or in submitted the report of the commit- debate will be given and it will be its plenitude has driven home the un-The reciprocity bill will be passed by a large majority in the alterable truth of this maxim. Yet house and be sent to the senate within the farmer of today, who of all men a week. No amendments will be should give most heed to the literal accuracy of this text and its direct ap-The free list bill, to be called up afplication to his industry-seems often more heedless of this first step toward

a bountiful harvest than were his forebe amendmed by the party in charge. bears ages ago. The clause in the bill providing that the president continue negotiations amendments can be offered by the For failure because of carelessnes in the quality of the seed used, there seems little excuse nowadays. If 'scientific agriculture'' has done

aught it has first of all increased the farmer's opportunity to secure crops of the highest quality, and repeatedly Everywhere the state experiment The articles designated for the free stations and the federal agricultural authorities have eagerly extended the helping hand to aid the farmer in procuring good seed, and year after year

has the wisdom of these efforts been amply demonstrated. ers, reapers, agricultural drills and The farmer of Oregon seems less progressive in this matter than those threshing machines, cotton of any other section of the country. so as to require amendments to tariff gins, farm wagons, farm carts and all Out of all of the samples of seed received and tested at the cooperative seed testing laboratory at Corvallis Bagging for cotton, gunny cloth and last year only twenty per cent were fabrics suitable for baling cotton; sent in by Oregon farmers. Yet the need for most careful examination of seeds before purchase or sowing is constantly being demonstrated by the results of the work done in this seed testing laboratory. This need is evi-dent especially in the grasses, clovers and alfalfa. For example, in the tests of alfalfa seed alone since Jan-Barbed wire fence, wire rods, wire uary 1st of this year forty-two per cent of all samples examined by the seed experts contained dodder, and in sixty-one per cent of this infected alfalfa, the dodder was the most dangerous species known to agriculture. One sample of alfalfa seed examined and reported only last week contained 15.1 per cent dodder. Yet 1 per cont of dodder is sufficient to destroy the solution in the house was based on the dlings and other offals of grain, oat fact that it did not contain the changes made in the fight in the cereal foods; biscuits, bread, wafers afterwards made in the fight in the cereal foods; biscuits, bread, wafers

FARM AND ORCHAR Notes and Instructions from Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations

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grasses and similar seed, it appears With such wonderful weather for perfectly evident, that both in purity and viability, the bulk of the seed now the earliest plowing and seeding as being sown by farmers in the North-west is decidedly inferior, and with most prosperous harvest.

The grass seed samples tested show even greater need of minute examina-But just a moment, friend! You tion before purchase of seed. So far remember well the scriptural warning this year only two samples of Red Top 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that have been received that were up to shall he also reap." No prohecy ever standard in purity. Two-thirds of all the Orchard Grass samples examined were below the standard of purity that versal acceptance from humanity in it is possible to obtain. The best all the ages as this, possibly because sample of Kentucky blue grass examard of germination for Red clover is first of all a sower of seed and every 35 per cent, yet the average germina-

Using alfalfa as an illustration of

what is even more common in the

recurring harvest in its dearth or in tion of the samples so far examined its plenitude has driven home the un-by the laboratory this year is 73 per cent. To illustrate how dangerous it may be to sow seed containing a small percentage of impurities, the exact analysis of a sample of what was sold for a mixture of timothy and alsike is given as follows:

Timothy, 66 per cent; alsike clover, 14 per cent, other cultivated grass seeds, 5 per cent; trash, 9 per cent; foreign seeds, 6 per cent.

Although the amount of foreign seeds is only 6 per cent, and may pos-sibly be considered of no consequence, yet a list of the weed seed contained in this 6 per cent of foreign seeds fol-

Plantain, Cinquefoil, Black-seeded plantain, mouse-ear chickweed, sorrel, pepper grass, evening primrose, witch grass, shepherd's purse, small crab grass, night-flowering catchfly, sedge, slender spike rush, lamb's quarters, amaranth, brown-eyed Susan, woolly panicum, crab grass, May weed, dodder, syperus, small-seeded false flax, hedge mustard, nerved manna grass, green foxtail, white vervain, curled dock, sporobolus sp., three-seeded mercury, forked catchfly, sleep catchfly, yellow wood sorrel, sinuate sleepy leaved evening primrose, Canada thistle, horsemint, lyespus sp., rush. Total weeds seeds per pound of sample, 13,500.

Although the farmer received only eighty-five cents' worth of good seed for every dollar he paid out, yet, when the weed seeds he has sown on his farm are considered, it is not hard to realize how enormously unprofitable his seeding will prove at harvest time. It is this seeding of the land to worthless plants and noxious weeds that is causing the farmers of the Northwest the loss of thousands of dollars annually from the inferior crop produced and the labor wasted. Nor can the dishonesty of the seedsmen in the Northwest be considered the cause of this enormous annual waste. The seedsmen of this region are, for the most part, trying to do their best, but afterwards made in the light in the cerear loads, biscurds, brach, brach After six hours of debate, in which After six hours of debate, in which high quality and refuse to sell anydinary conditions to so thoroughly inthing else. Only by insisting upon pure, viable seed will the farmer secure, and finally force the seedsman to carry nothing Farmer and seedsman alike else. have at their immediate service, free he seed of which when sown with the of all cost, the co-operative seed testing laboratory at Corvallis, which has but the one purpose, that of aiding both dealer and grower in securing and sowing high-quality seed. The soil roots of the dodder then die Hence, my friend, look well to your seeding, so that in the golden harvest Ex-Speaker Cannon taunted the tissues of the alfalfa plant, sapping it time your present expectations may Democrats with having approved as of life in a few weeks. Having des- not be discounted. Begin at the be troyed the alfalfa plant the dodder ginning. Use naught but seed of vine blossoms and seeds most prolifi- quality, pure and of high vitality, and various committees practically the cally, the seed scattering upon the as logically as effect follows cause, so ground, quickly germinating and at- certainly will come to you at harvest the opportunity to reap in profit that which you have sown with precaution.

states along the Western coast.

by Mr. Wilson, the report continues, straits of Florida. gave Japan a lease of a coaling stacoaling station at one other of a few the material with which they coast.

Clauses also set forth Japan and Mexico's mutual interests in the Pacific, and while not stipulating an offensive and defensive alliance, gave in a diplomatic way Japan's keen interest in the protection of Mexico against aggression. The treaty had been ratified, not by the Mexican senate, but by Diaz and his cabinet.

The day after he obtained the photograph of this treaty, Mr. Wilson left for Washington.

Rebels Will Not Stop War.

Williams' rebels would have on the insurrection, the insurrecto junta here authorized the following statement:

"The insurrectos in Southern Mexico have no connection with the Ma- 12, the the 100th anniversary of the republic. The defeat of Williams' band by Colonel Mayot's federals will ognized as leader."

Filipino Laborers Released. Honolulu - The territorial Supreme court released on a writ of habeas corpus 15 Filipino laborers who were taken from the steamer Korea before laborers who arrived here from Hawher departure for San Francisco. In aii on the steamer Korea and who its decision the court severely censur- brought their contracts to work in the ed the action of the prosecution, rep- Alaska canneries have decided to reresented by the planters' attorneys, main in this state, hoping to secure in preventing F. B. Craig, counsel for employment in the interior. A few when no charges had been preferred. Alaska Packers' fleet.

200 Persons Die in Fire.

Bombay, British India - Two hunensued

to have its own coaling station at a weighing with their pairs of ten-inch point on the Pacific coast and to grant guns about 200 tons each, it will be certain other colonization rights in possible to build a bulkhead across the shattered end and float the hulk out of

The secret clauses of the treaty, the basin, to be sunk in all probability those said to have been photographed hundreds of fathoms deep in the

Finally will come the extraction of tion and maneuver pivileges in Mag- the thousands of steel piles composing dalena bay, with the alternative of a the 20 caissons and the dredging of scattered ports down the Mexican filled. This may not be completed before the end of the year.

Sandhogs Unearth Relic. Portland-As the sinking of the first caisson of the Broadway bridge Rhode Island. continues, "sandhogs" of the Union Bridge & Construction company are wagering that in medieval times there was a sawmill on the waterfront, for publicans who voted against the measbeen whip-sawed out of logs instead elections in the states, given to safe- tees

El Pasco, Tex .- Asked as to what tance below the river bed, where the effect the defeat of General Stanley material is hardened more than silt.

Fort Astor to Be Built.

Astoria, Or.-The Centennial committee has selected Wednesday, April senatorial elections. park for the construction of a repro- the resolution.

holiday. The contract for building the house on record, the fort has been awarde! for \$2,800.

Few Filipinos Go North.

San Francisco-Most of the Filipino the Alaska Packers, from seeing the of them, however, left for the north meeting of the house committee on Filipinos and in confining them in jail on the Continental and Oriental of the ways and means that the tariff board

Rebels Besiege Canton.

London-A special dispatch to the dred men, women and children were Daily Express from Hongkong says hurned to death in a fire which de- that a serious uprising is reported to ney General Wickersham's assistant, stroyed a thatched structure in which have occurred at Canton. It is said and senator elect from Iowa, will not placed on irrgation and on mileage. ever, is shown by the fact that 20 per they had gathered for a festival. Five the Tartar general commanding the qualify as a senator until the importhundred persons were in the building. troops has been murdered and that ant anti-trust prosecutions, which he is now conducting, can be arranged mittee for Western members, mileage factory germinating power — were has only perfunctory duties to percity, which is in a state of siege.

many demands were made for this sawed boards, planks, deals and other change in the resolution, all but 15 lumber, rough or dressed, except Republicans voted for the resolution. ebony, mahogany, rosewood and all The majority of them had stated dur- other cabinet woods.

Sewing machines and salt complete ing the debate that they would support the resolution because convinced the the free list.

public wanted such a constitutional amendment submitted to the country as quickly as possible.

Those who opposed the resolution on the final vote were:

Republicans - Cannon, Mann, Illinois; Danforth, Malby, New York; history that committees had been elec-Dodds, Fordney, McMorran, Michigan; ted.

Harris, Lawrence, McCall, Wilder, Massachuesstes; Hinds, Maine,; Sul-loway, New Hampshire; Utter,

Democrats-McDermott, Illinois. Ex-Speaker Cannon, Mann, the Republican leader, and others of the Re- put on these committees in the last in their excavating operations there ure, declared that its form was such as Democrats with gross unfairness in ing the crop, there being practically have been unearthed quantities of to threaten the Federal government cutting down the minority memberslabwood that appears as if it had with the loss of control over senatorial ship on the most important commit-

of being cut by modern steam saws. guard the integrity of these elections. Besides, it is found at a great dis- They insisted, as did other Republicans who ultimatey voted for the resolution, that the direct election amend- committees strictly upon the Demo-

ment should be offered without any cratic majority in the house itself. language that might be dangerous to the future congressional supervision of first time a minority leader had been

The Republican insurgents, led by derists in other parts of the Mexican naming of Astoria, as the date on Lenroot and Cooper, of Wisconsin, which to break ground in the city forced a record on the final "passage of The house voted loudly by the Democrats. have absolutely no effect on the plans duction of old Fort Astor. A special overwhelmingly in favor of the meas-of the insurrectos in other states program of exercises has been arprogram of exercises has been ar- ure, when Speaker Clark called for where Francisco I. Madero, Jr., is rec- ranged for the occasion and the mayor the viva voce vote, but the insurgents has been requested to declare a half demanded a roll call in order to put ambassador, Secretary of State Knox If free use were made of this labora

Tariff Board Cannot Help.

Washinton, April 14.—Revision of the wool schedule of the Payne-Aldrich convention, and the administration is tariff law, accomplished as forming still confident that the document will part of the program for the Demo cratic house of representatives, will be completed in ample time for subhave to be undertaken without the mission to the present session, for ratassistance of the tariff board. It was ification. announced today after the first full is not yet in a position to furnish in-

formation on the wool schedule.

Kenyon to Wait Awhile.

Washington-W. S. Kenyon, Attorwithout injury to the work.

fest the crop with the parasite as to destroy the alfalfa in a single season. Alfalfa is one of the most important crops in the state and in the Northwest. Dodder is a parasitic weed,

Washington, April 11.-It required alfalfa germinates in the ground. Afmore than two hours in the house of ter germination the slender tendrils of representatives to e'ec' its new com- the dodder vine reaches out, fasten upon and coil about the alfalfa stalk. mittees. It was the first time in its

and the pest thereafter obtains its sustenance directly from the grownig the Republican representatives on the same men whom he, as speaker, had tacking new alfalfa plants, thus raphouse. The Republicans charged the idly spreading and ultimately destroy

no remedy where the dodder once gets started.

The only means of preventing in-Underwood, the Democratic leader, fection from this dangerous pest, the replied that the Democrats had based seed of which so closely resembles althe proportionate representation in falfa seed as not to be easily detected except by experts, and which cannot be separated from the alfalfa seed by "the any cleaning device now known-is by the refusal of the buyer to purchase or ermitted to name his committees and sow alfalfa seed containing even a has had them adopted by the majority minute precentage of dodder seed.

without dotting an 'i' or crossing a Free of charge, the seed expert at the cooperative seed testing laboratory at Corvallis will examine and immediately report upon any sample of alfalfa

or other seed sent in by any farmer or Washington-James Bryce, British seedman in Oregon or the Northwest. and Chandler Anderson, counsellor of tory there is little question that dodthe State department, held another der in the alfalfa fields of the northong conference in regard to the prowest, and in the seed harvested thereposed arbitration treaty. Progress is from, would be on the decrease in-being made in the negotiation of the stead of increase as it is now.

Nor is it in dangerous impurities that inferior seed is constantly being discovered. Using alfalfa as a further illustration, germination tests of

tory since January 1st of this year showed the following:

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ench,		44	**	70-50	1 44	the
nmit-	14	 **	24	60-70	48	
rench	1.2.2	 **	**	60-60	**	the

pleased with the committees given Yet good alfalfa seed should gerhim. Lafferty, who made a strong minate ninety-five per cent or over. fight to get on public lands, was That good seed can be secured, howcent of the samples tested had a satissearch for such, however.

Tale of a Bird.

A little four-year-old boy living in a country town disturbed and took some eggs from under a sitting hen belonging to a neighbor. The neighbor complained to the boy's mother, who later called her boy to her and began to reprove him, when he broke in with the question; "Who told you?" The mother said: "A little bird told

me. Now, tell me, how many eggs did you take?'

The little boy, stammering, said: 'Well! Well! Why didn't the bird tell you the whole of it?"

NOTES OF THE SHEEPFOLD.

The greatest profit is realized by doing things right.

Sheep are nature's dependable aida in restoring and increasing soil fertility.

Sheep will thrive peither with wet feet or with damp, soggy fleeces.

The lamb that cashes in the most money for its owner is not a product of poverty.

all the samples received at the labora- Circumvent the large feed bills by producing better roughage and grain on your own farms.

To allow feeders to eat all the corn ey can stow away after reaching farm is disastrous.

A little flock well tended on the small farm well tilled will rarely disy appoint the good shepherd.

Throwing a Fit.

"What is the athlete in that piece or statuary doing?" "Throwing the discus." "What sort of a fit was that ?"

This statement was cheered

"This is moreover," he said,

Treaty Work Progresses.

Northwesterners Disappointed. Washington-Northwestern in gents, with the exception of Fre f Idaho, did not fare well in con tee assignments and none but Fr

While irrigation is a fairly good com-

form.