Exiled Mexican Leader Takes Command of Rebel Activities.

Torreon in State of Siege-Looters Camp Near By Awaiting Fall of City-City Suffers.

San Antonio, Tex.-Emiliano Vasquez Gomez has issued a manifesto accepting the provisional presidency of Mexico.

He subscribes to the plan of Tacubaya, which he says was writen while he was an exile in a foreign land.

Gomez says he will remain in San Antonio and take no part in the warfare in Mexico. He urges his followers to respect all the rights of foreign-

He reiterates that he has taken no part in the present affairs of Mexico, the steel business," Mr. Hill replied. except to write to the press and a few friends in America.

He declares the Madero governent should be overthrown because it has not carried out the plan of San Luis Potosi, upon which the last revolution was based.

Mexico City-Notwithstanding their threat to attack the city before the end of the week, the rebels are yet regarding Torreon from a distance. Communication from that town by telegraph was restored and latest dispatches indicate no improvement in the revolutionary situation.

Private advices written four days ago are that the city is beginning to feel the effects of a siege. With railroads disabled, it is impossible to renew food supplies. Most of the Americans and many of the other foreigners have left.

It is not the rebel force the people of Torreon fear so much as the horde of individuals likely to take advantage of the rebels' assault.

One man, in a letter, said that already there were camped about the place hundreds of Indians awaiting Beall asked. the day when they could join in the looting. The men had brought with them burros on which to carry off the plunder.

Rebels from various parts of the re public tell of rebel raids and small uprisings at distant points.

A body of rebels overpowered the small garrison of Apizaca, in the state of Tlaxcatla, relieved the soliders of their guns and ammunition and left without doing any looting. Other towns in the same state are reported to be menaced by the same band.

CHECK PROPOSED.

Wickersham Would Make Impeachment of Judges Easier.

urged the simplifying of impeachment. He said:

But the process of impeachment against 12.44 per cent now. of judges is a cumbersome one. It According to the committee estiought to be simplified so that charges mates the bill would increase the govagainst judges may be tried by some ernment revenue from the chemical appropriate and workable machinery tariff to more thatn \$16,000,000 in as well as other grave and important the next fiscal year, an increase of issues are tried.

direct popular election."

Dogs Convey Delegate.

proxies of the 50 delegates from the Nome judicial district, has started by dogs.

More Use Sleeping Cars.

ports that travel holds up remarkably well. Sleeping car department earnof first class travel than a year ago. The Pullman company has scarcely and succeeding months.

British Aviator Killed.

London - Graham Gilmour, one of the commission's own decision. the best known among British aviators, was instantly killed by a fall with his aeroplane from a height of 380 feet. He was testing a new monoplane in which he was making a flight from the aerodrome at Brook-

NO END TO COMPETITION.

Will Always Rule.

Washington, D. C .- James J. Hill told the Stanley investigating commit-tee that he would be a "first-class angel with red and white wings" before he would go into the steel business, and predicted that competition would be the rule long after the present laws were wiped off the statute

Mr. Hill's last day of testimony was replete with the sage expressions for which he is noted.

He said that the stockholders of the Great Northern railroad were "not wearing any crepe" because the United States Steel corporation in its fright had cancelled the Great Northern ore lease.

"You will be in a comfortable position, no matter whether the lease is cancelled or not, won't you?" Chairman Stanley suggested. "You could start a steel company of your own dertake the task assigned to me." with 400,000,000 tons of ore in the ground.'

"I will be a first-class angel with red and white feathers in my wings long before I ever consider going into

"I'll be 74 years old my next birthday and I don't mind telling you that I've done about all the hard work I intend to do in this life."

Just before the railroad builder was excused, Representative Beall, of Texas, called his attention to the assertion of E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of the Steel corporation, and other business men, to the effect that the day of competition passed, and that the time was at hand when the government must regulate maximum and minimum prices of commodities.

"I think you will have to tame human nature and eliminate all selfish motives that rule human beings and every other form of life, before you will eliminate competition," Mr. Hill remarked. "There will be competition just as long as the doctrine of the survival of the fittest lasts, and that will be operating long after all our present statutes have been wiped off

"Do you think, then, it would be unwise for the Federal government to assume control of business?" Mr.

"I think when the Federal govern ment does that, it will be a short step until there will be no Federal govern-

"You think that such a government would not be much like a republic?" "It would be a monarchy.

CHANGE CHEMICAL TARIFFS.

Would Increase Revenue From Drugs \$4,000,000 or More.

Washington, D. C. - The chemical tariff revision bill, prepared by the Democratic members of the way and means committee of the house, has been made public. It puts the following articles on the free list:

Acids, sulphate of copper, borax, St. Louis-Attorney General Wick- charcoal and boneblack, coal tar and ersham, in an address here before the some of its products, sulphate of iron, City club, on the subject, "National Paris green, London purple, phos-Stability," declared an independent phorus, sheep dip, sulphate of soda, fixing the size of standard boxes, it judiciary, which could not be deterred strychnine, sulphur in all forms, talfrom doing its duty by any amount of cum, especially all drugs, such as undertakes to fix standard grades of grain carried away in it, there was a clamor, to be more essential than any barks, beans, berries, fruits, dried apples, and this feature of the bill general rush of farmers when the cars other part of the government, but fibers, roots and the like, in a crude may operate to defeat the measure. condiof the process state, not advanced in valu "Where judges become so blinded tial to the prevention of deterioration will arrange to oppose it. by prejudice or class feeling that they pending manufacture. The same cannot fairly and impartially admindrugs advanced in value or condition ister the law, they should be impeach- are subject to 10 per cent ad valorem

more than \$4,000,000.

"There has been a growing discon- It would take many articles off the tent with legislative bodies all over free list of the present tariff law and the land," Mr. Wickersham declared. impose duties on them. Among those "State legislatures and municipal are: Black pepper, nutmegs, ginger councils," he added, "have been found root, cinnamon and other spices, 1 in many instances to be corrupt and cent a pound; mace, 8 cents; cloves, inefficient. I am in entire sympathy 2 cents; medicinal roots and herbs, with the reasons which have led to the including licorice and sarsaparilla enactment of laws providing for the roots, 1 to 1 cent; iodine, 1 cent; innomination of candidates for office by digo, 10 per cent; camphor, 3 cents a pound.

Gums and other articles used in making varnish, now free, are made Nome - Charles Herron, with the dutiable at from 1 to 1 cent a pound.

Directors Made Liable.

Washington, D. C. - Comptroller attend the territorial Republican convention at Cordova, March 30. He is strictly enforce the law which holds instructed to cast the votes for a Taft directors of National banks liable for delegation to Chicago. At Fairbanks losses sustained through loans in ex-Mr. Herron, if he chooses, may take a cess of legal amount. He instructed horse stage to Chitina, on the Copper National bank examiners, when such River railroad, and complete his jour- losses are discovered in the future, to ney by team, but he purposes to travely request the boards of directors to pass el the whole distance behind swift a resolution setting forth names of mand \$6. the directors responsible for the excess loan, amount of the loss, and to promise that the loss will be met by the di-Chicago-The Pullman company re- rectors who authorized the illegal loan.

Rate Reparation Ordered Washington, D. C .- Claims for repof last year's reductions in berth aration on hardwood lumber from Misrates, which indicates a larger volume sissippi River points to the Pacific Coast and to New Orleans for export, denied by the Interstate Commerce felt the effect of the reduced berth commission, were sustained by the Canadian boundary commission, in an rates. The comparisons with a year Commerce court. The commission ago will be more favorable this month had ordered a reduction of the freight strong appeal against the reduction. rates, but refused to grant reparation. The court held that a definite claim for reparation had been made out by

Mining Men to Oppose Bill,

of Spokane, and Robert M. Bell and reply was received. The message, John Rock, of Wallace, will arrive in which consisted of seven lines, was made two determined efforts to rush Washington in a few days to appear relayed at the Mare Island navy yard the Italian line, but were beaten off lands and was traveling at the rate of 60 miles an hour when his machine opposition to a clause favoring a resuddenly buckled and dropped to the duction in duty on lead contained in time record in wireless communication. The answer was after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine, but were beaten of melbourne—The announcement is after desperate hand-to-hand fighting. The farmant fine fighting is a farmant fine for the farmant fine fighting fine fighting fi the Underwood bill.

YUAN IS PRESIDENT

Premier of New Chinese Republic Will Do His Best.

Royal Princes Fear to Have Him Leave Pekin-Resistance to Rebels Discontinued.

Pekin-In an interview here Yuan Shi Kai said:

"Owing to lack of experience, the republican government will make fighting, according to an official dismany errors. Having been elected patch. president of the republic, I will un-

Yuan said he had a great admiration for Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who has shown himself to be a true patriot.

Yuan is determined not to go to Nanking and is endeavoring to persuade the Nanking assembly that his presence is not necessary, at the same time pointing out the dangerous possibility that the monarchial party may endeavor to re-establish itself in power. He also told them of the threatening situation in Manchuria, where foreign intervention was probable if control were relaxed. There also is danger, he considers, of anarchy in the northern aprovinces and the Manchu troops are difficult to control.

The princes of the imperial court are beseeching Yuan Shi Kai not to leave Pekin, fearing that something will happen to the court, which trusts only to him for its safety and for the fulfillment of the pledges given by the republic.

Yuan Shi Kai seemed much less worried than he has been for some He apparently believes that the Nanking assembly cannot stand in the way of the country on the question of the choice of a capital. He has issued an order for the northern army to cease its opposition to the Republican troops, who are now permitted in the northern territories with absoulte

APPLE BOX BILL IN.

Sulzer Revives Lafean Scheme to Standardize Packages.

Washington, D. C .- Representative Sulzer, of New York, has introduced in the house a bill similar to the Lafean bill of the last congress, which attempts to standardize the size of boxes used in shipping apples, the purpose being to discriminate against Oregon and other Western apples that now dominate Eastern markets and command prices far in excess of those paid for Eastern apples.

The Sulzer bill does not stipulate the dimensions of apple boxes, but says that the "standard boxes shall have a capacity of not less than 2,352 cubic inches."

If the bill was confined solely to There will be hearings on the bill tion by treatment beyond that essen- soon, and Western representatives

Larger Fleet Desired.

Washington, D. C .- Representative Humphrey, of Washington, appeared before the house naval committee and urged that measures be taken to increase the size of the fleet on the Pa-

He declared that the completion of the Panama canal would not only solve | Angeles soon to take her son home. this problem and demonstrated by charts that it is farther from the here and employ a specialist. Panama canal to Puget Sound than but wouldn't it be awful to be blind from Japan to Seattle, Wash., and all your life?" that an American fleet assembled at the Pacific end of the canal could not reach Puget Sound as quick as the Japanese or any other fleet from the

Higher Wages Are Asked.

Chicago - A general advance in wages on the expiration of existing from tract at an advance of 50 cents a day. The minimum in future will be \$6. Lathers are demanding \$6 a day, an increase of 50 cents over the present scale. Carpenters, who are now receiving \$4.80 a day, are asking \$5.50. Plumbers, now earning \$5 a day, de-

Miners Oppose Duty Cut. to congress against any reduction in the duty on lead and zinc was adopted by the Northwest Miners' convention now considering the metal schedules. Ex-United States Senator George Tur ner, member of the United Statesaddress to the convention made a

Wireless Makes Record.

lulu, flashed a wireless message to the Washington, D. C .- Fred Burbage, Navy department at Washington, a

ALARMED AT UPRISING.

Durango Appeals to Diplomatic Representatives for Protection.

Mexico City-Spread of rebellion in Mexico is shown by dispatches received here. The rebels have overrun Officers of Ironworkers Accoused the Laguna district in Coahuila and appeared in the states of Durango, Zacatecas and Guanajuato.

In the south Zapatistas continue their campaign and in Guerrero followers of Jesus Salgado are showing remarkable activity. The govern-ment repeatedly has said the Salgado uprising was virtually ended.

In Chihuahua, Antonio Rojas and Braulio Hernandez continue to evade government troops. On the other hand, General Orozco has persuaded the rebels at Cases Grandes to quit

In the state of Durango the rebel part by field hands who have joined looting the haciendas on which they have been employed. The consuls in the city of Durango, capital of the states, sent messages to their diplomatic representative in Mexico City, ler, of Buffalo, N. Y, the first vice appealing to them for additional military protection.

In the state of Zacatecas the rebel outbreak is characterized, as it is in depredations to the cry of "Vive other defendants on March 12. Zapate."

SCORES COST OF LIVING.

Massachusetts Executive Puts Blame for Textile Strike.

Boston-The fundamental cause of the textile strike at Lawrence is the high cost of living, according to Governor Foss, in a letter to Representative Oscar W. Underwood, Democratic leader of the house. Governor Foss urges the immediate removal of the duty from foodstuffs and other necessaries of life. The letter says in

"Back of whatever local cause there may be for this strike, involving 30, 000 operatives, the fundamental cause is the high cost of living, from which the working people of all sections of the country now suffer, due in large part to the present excessive tariff.

"The present strike in Msssachusetts will be settled within the state, but the high cost of living can only be remedied by the prompt action of congress, and until congress acts, the working people can hope for no permanent relief."

Farmers Fight For Cars.

Regina, Sask .- In a pitched battle among 100 Galician, French and Doukhobor farmers at Blaine Lake, one Doukhobor suffered a broken skull and it is said he will die.

Stones, clubs, bottles and whips were used by the combatants in the fight, which was over the possession

of grain cars. Two hundred cars are needed at Blaine Lake to carry off the surplus grain and only a scattering few arrived there. As the first man reaching the car is entitled to have his

pulled in. Man Blind; Don't Know It.

Los Angeles-J. Robert Atkinson, shot out both eyes about three weeks ago, when he attempted to commit county hospital that he will be able to leave that institution this week.

Atkinson does not know that he has been blinded for life. He fails to re- Falls. member the shooting. Mrs. Atkinson, the mother, will arrive in Los

Atkinson said: "I'm going to leave

Aviator Skims Bridges.

New York - Two sensational aero plane fights were made here Wednes-Frank Coffyn, in his hydroaeroplane, made his third flight over New York harbor within the last ten days, and George Beatty flew over Nassa boulevard, Long Island, contracts is to be asked this spring by and landed in Central Park. Coffyn's the building trades unions, according flight was highly spectacular, includto announcement made here. Plas- ing dips beneath both the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges, as well as flights over them at a height of 700 to 800 feet. Beatty's flight took him over church spires and skyscrapers.

46 Perish in Collision.

Nagasaki, Japan-Forty-six sailors sinking, after a collision of two Jap-Spokane - A resolution protesting red in a heavy fog just outside this being erected by union men. After here. The protest was immediately Mori Maru, of 1,103 tons net, was ade was over. 1880, and owned by the Yoshida Seike.

Banker Makes Grainbags.

Walla Walla, Wash.-A. J. Welty, learn the use of the machines and

Turks Lose; Sixty Killed.

Derna, Tripoli-The Turks in force killed and 22 wounded.

ARREST UNION MEN

of Dynamite Conspiracy.

Association Cannot Give Bail for All and Many Are in Jail - Held on 120 Counts.

Indianapolis - The United States government has arrested almost all of the 54 men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy cases.

It took into custody within a few hours virtually the entire official staff of the International Association of ranks have been filled for the most Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, including the chief officers, the members of the executive board and about 20 business agents and former business agents. These included Frank M. Ryan, the president; John T. Butpresident, and Herbert S. Hockin, the second vice president and successor of J. J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer. Each of these men was required the south, by raiding and looting. In to give \$10,000 bonds for his appear many instances the mobs commit their ance for arraignment here with all the

> More than 40 of the men, chiefly labor union officials, who are charged with conspiring to destroy by dynamite or nitro-glycerine the property of employers of non-union labor, are under arrest.

These men are accused of being accomplices of the McNamaras and Ortie McManigal in the dynamite plots that were begun in Massachusetts in 1905, and, including nearly 100 explosions, were scattered over the country for six years, resulting, among other outrages, in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building and in an attempt to blow up President Taft's special train near Santa Barbara, Cal., last October.

Fourteen of those indicted are each required to furnish \$10,000 bonds, and 40 are each required to furnish \$5,000 bonds, making an aggregate bond required of \$340,000. Some of those whom the government was unable to find were reported to have disappeared through fear of inability to furnish bonds. It was intimated that the Iron Workers' association would be unable to furnish security for its indicted members.

The indictment on which all the nen were arrested was made public. It charges all 54 men with conspiracy to violate the statutes forbidding the carrying of explosives on passenger trains, details 47 transportations charged as overt acts, and names Ortie E. McManigal, the McNamaras or Herbert S. Hockin in each act, but does not specify the part taken by the other defendants.

BUY OREGON CITY LOCKS.

Government Accepts Offer and Only Details Remain.

Portland, Or.-Official authorization is looked for immediately by Major J. F. McIndoe, corps of engineers, U. S. A., to close negotiations with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for the purchase of the Willamette River locks at Oregon City, the Helena, Mont., young man who for \$375,000. The War department will spend approximately \$300,000 on from the sterilizers. repairing the locks and basin and in 5th. My prices are reasonable, not advertised suicide, has so far recovered at the the construction of a concrete wall to cheap prices to lure you in, and then charge you separate the property from that of the more-but a price that will make more friends; corporation, which will retain all other holdings at the Willamette

> News of an agreement having been reached was received in the city, and on the arrival of Major McIndoe from Washington he confirmed the fact that government ownership of the last barrier to free navigation of the Willamette was an early probability

> Immediate possession will not be given the government, as it will be necessary for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to execute a deed conveying the locks system and abutting property that is included for a keeper's habitation and other buildings, and the instrument will be forwarded to the department of justice for scrutinization. When accepted the government will assume charge and all tolls will cease.

Won't Use Non-Union Stand. Phoenix, Ariz.-Governor G. W. P. Hunt, the newly installed executive of Arizona, created a mild furore just after he had subscribed to the oath of office by refusing to occupy a reviewand passengers were drowned by the ing stand built by non-union laboring men. The governor and his party reanese steamships, the Royha Maru and tired to the capitol building to look at the Mori Maru. The accident occur- the parade while another stand was port. The Royha Maru was built in it had been completed the governor 1878 at Hiogo, Japan, and was owned and his friends took seats upon the by the Yoshida Keitaro, while the platform and remained until the par-

Two Camorrists Set Free.

Viterbo, Italy-The court which is engaged in the trial of the members of the Camorra has ordered the release the Bellingham ex-banker, was put to of Francesco Desiderio and Antonio work in the jute mill at the prison Percucco, two of the men accused of Wednesday. For a few days he will having been present in Bagnoli on May 26, 1906, when a court of the Vallejo, Cal. - Just 20 minutes later may be assigned to one All the Camorra condemned Gennaro Cuoccolo from the time the cruiser South Da-kots, with the Pacific fleet at Honoin jail what would be the maximum penalty if they were found guilty.

Ex King of Samoa Dead.

against the treaty powers in 1893.

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