

CLEARINGS
Bank clearings today were
\$35,002.87.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER
Clear and Cooler.
Bar. 29.02 Temp. 55.

FORTIETH YEAR.

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1911.

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IS PRESIDENT DIAZ OF MEXICO DEAD?

RUMORS RIFE REGARDING DEMISE OF EXECUTIVE THIS WOULD BE EXPLANATION OF THE 'WAR GAME'

Mexican Ambassador Denies but Country is Puzzled by Sudden Movement of Troops Which is Continued Without Abatement—More Men and More Ships Are Sent South.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Is President Diaz of Mexico dead? That is the question troubling Washington today. Rumors are rife to that effect but denials follow close.

The death of Diaz, if true, would lead to such a movement of the part of the United States as has startled the country during the past two days.

No other explanation is offered excepting that of a gigantic "war game."

But why this "war game" and consequent pouring out of thousands of dollars, when Taft's whole policy has been retrenchment. It is generally believed here that if Diaz is not dead he is very near the end.

Ambassador de la Barre of Mexico sent formal denials of the death of President Diaz to all Mexican consuls and other official representatives of the government in the United States. A formal call was also issued for all loyal Mexicans to return to their own country.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9.—That President Diaz of Mexico has been dead for 48 hours is a report received by broker operators here over their private Wall Street telegraph wires. No confirmation of the report, it is said, has been received.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 9.—A report received over brokers' wires here today says President Diaz is dead. The report has not been confirmed.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Notwithstanding the rumors that President Diaz of Mexico is dead, the stock market was unaffected at the opening today.

MEXICAN SHIPS ARE AT ENSENADA WITH MANY TROOPS ABOARD

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 9.—It became known here today that Ensenada, Mexico, 80 miles south of here is something of a war base itself. Mexican warships arrived there Tuesday, but were not reported sooner because of a break in communication.

The Democra, a large cruiser rather old, and the gunboat General Guerrero, both are at anchor there having brought all the troops they could carry, besides field artillery and a band. It is said that the warships brought in more than 700 troops.

Troops from Ensenada under General Le Jol, second to General Vega arrived at Mexicali last night. The number is reported to be 640.

MEXICAN MINISTER AND MORGAN HOLD A LONG CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 9.—Senator Jose Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, and J. P. Morgan, junior, London member of Morgan & Co., held a long secret conference at the Plaza hotel here this morning. After it was over neither would say what matters had been discussed.

BRYCE ASKS U.S. FOR PROTECTION OF BRITISHERS

His Government, However, Denies That Such a Step Has Been Authorized by Them—France Announces That It Has Not Made Any Representations to the United States Regarding Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The admission of Ambassador James Bryce of England that he had asked the United States to protect British interests in Mexico because the revolution there has passed beyond the power of the Mexican government to control, is causing interested comment today, in the light of official denials of his government and semi-official denials of the French government that any representations regarding Mexico were made at Washington.

That the British foreign office desired to keep any move it had made secret is generally understood here, and Bryce's statement caused considerable surprise. In some quarters, it is believed that it may furnish the real explanation for the mobilization of American troops.

LONDON, March 9.—Although the foreign office issued a formal denial that it had asked the United States to protect British interests in Mexico, persons high in official life here say authoritatively that such representations were made to the state department at Washington.

The tone of the London newspapers generally commends the action of the United States.

PARIS, March 9.—The foreign office today semi-officially announced that it had not made any representations to the United States regarding Mexico.

GENERAL WOOD IS TO LEAVE FOR THE FRONT EARLY IN COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, will go to San Antonio early next week "as soon as an army division is organized" according to war department officials. It was also stated that "as many as the general staff officers as can be spared" will go to San Antonio.

CALIFORNIA NAVAL RESERVES MAY GET A TASTE OF WARFARE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 9.—The San Francisco division of the California naval reserve is in readiness for auxiliary duty with the Pacific fleet in Mexican waters, according to Captain A. B. Adams of the Fifth Division. The local division numbers 250 officers and men who are eagerly awaiting word to sail. Similar conditions prevail at San Diego and Los Angeles, where the First and Second divisions are on practically a war footing.

ARMY OFFICERS SCOUT IDEA THAT JAPS ARE MIXED IN WITH MOVE

HUACHUCA, Ariz., March 9.—Army officers at Fort Huachuca today professed to believe that the present activity of United States troops in the direction of the Mexican border was the result of a re-

Said to Be Back of Move



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Who is said to be back of the move now underway by the government forces. Morgan owns or controls over \$100,000,000 of Mexican securities, and is firm friend to Diaz administration, since it was Diaz who granted him vast Mexican concessions.

PIERCE IS TO QUIT HIS JOB

Assistant Secretary of Interior Department Says It is Duty of Every Official to Resign When Fisher Takes Charge of Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Declaring it the duty of every official of the interior department to resign when Walter L. Fisher becomes secretary of the interior, Assistant Secretary Pierce today said he would leave the department when a Billinger relinquishes his portfolio.

Secretary Ballinger reiterated today his determination to sue his alleged slanderers. Details of his plans for wholesale libel suits have not yet been completed, he said. It was intimated that proceedings probably would be started at New York and Seattle.

Cruisers at Practice.

BREMERTON, Wash., March 9.—No information regarding the movements of the cruisers Maryland and West Virginia can be obtained here from the navy yard officials. The cruisers are now in the straits making speed tests on coal qualities. The commandant of the yard would neither admit nor confirm the report that the vessels had been ordered to join the fleet off the lower Pacific coast.

RUEF TAKES UP ROUTINE WORK

Is Attending to Spools in Jute Mill—Is Now Only a Numbered Object—Labor is Not Arduous but Requires Alertness.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., March 9.—Abraham Ruef began today the unbroken routine of prison life that he must follow for many a weary year. Until today the former political boss of San Francisco had been given respite from routine to accustom himself to his surroundings.

Has Good Hens.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Hen for hen, Marcus Johnson of Glenville will back his flock of 60 against any like-sized bunch in the county in an egg-laying contest. From the nests of these 60 hens, Johnson gathered during February 1,030 perfectly good eggs, thereby winning a wager that they would "turn out" 1000 eggs during the month. This is an average of 17½ eggs for each hen in 28 days.

FISHERMEN ARE SWEEPED TO DEATH

Great Storm Rages Off Coast of Portugal—Shipping in English Channel is Heavily Damaged—Fully One Hundred Lives Are Lost.

ALL VESSELS WARNED TO SEEK SAFE HARBORS

Coast is Piled With Wreckage—No Yet of Storm Breaking Up.

LISBON, March 9.—Fully 100 fishermen have lost their lives during the past twenty-four hours in the great storm which is sweeping the bay of Biscay.

A large number of small fishing crafts are missing and the shores are piled with wreckage. The hurricane came up suddenly last night and did great damage.

LONDON, March 9.—Seldom at this season of the year has the English channel been swept by as heavy a hurricane as has prevailed during the past twenty-four hours. Much damage has been done and a large death list is expected.

The merchant marine exchange has issued warnings to all vessels telling them to keep within the shelter of the harbors.

There is no sign of the storm abating.

TRAINS TO BUTTE FALLS APRIL 1

Company Puts on Force of Men to Get Track in Shape for Regular Train Service After First of Month—Open Resort to Campers.

The Pacific & Eastern railway expects to have a train service to Butte Falls by April 1 according to an announcement made by Chief Engineer Gerig today.

A large force of men has been put at work getting the new track in shape and work will be rushed.

The train service means opening a splendid camping ground to the people of Medford this summer.

WILL MOVE ON ENSENADA SOON

Rebel General Makes Ready to Attack Seaport—Is Spurred on by News That United States Troops Are to Occupy Lower California.

MEXICALI, Mexico, March 9.—Driven by reports of impending occupation of lower California by United States troops and urged to activity by the Los Angeles revolutionary Junta, General Leyva, commanding the rebel forces in Mexicali, announced today that unless attacked before tomorrow by federal troops reported in the vicinity, he would move on Ensenada.

Rebel scouts today reported that the federals had withdrawn into Picocho Pass, and rather than risk an engagement with them under geographical disadvantages, General Leyva announced his intention of taking his men along the border, attacking Tia Juana en route.

At a meeting last night General Leyva, who has been threatened with being ousted, was given an unusual amount of confidence by his men. Several Americans who have been the chief agitators against him were sent out of the camp.

NEW HAT FOR MEN IS PERFECTLY LOVELY; BEARS SMALL FEATHER

On Left Side of Grey Derby Hats is a Cute Little Feather—Chicago Grooms New Creation

CHICAGO, Ill., March 9.—Perfectly lovely men's grey derby hats ornamented with the cutest feather will be common sights along State street this spring, according to leading Chicago hatters. The advance guard of the new fad has arrived and in several windows is exciting more than passing comment.

The feather is a regular plume and stands up jauntily on the left side beside a bow-knot that is effectively hidden by the hat brim.

BOY FACES JAIL FOR WATCH THEFT

Bert Cummings, Known Locally as an Amateur Clog Dancer, Arrested in Oregon City at Request of Local Officers for Stealing Gold Watch

Bert Cummings, formerly of this city and well known to patrons of the "amateur" night performances at local theatres as a clog dancer, passed through this city this morning in the custody of Constable A. L. Irwin, of Ashland. He will be taken before Justice of the Peace Hurt in Ashland this afternoon to answer to the charge of having stolen a gold watch, the property of Mrs. L. Strumph, of this city, on the night of the fire in the Wonder store here. The boy was arrested yesterday in Oregon City by the police there on a description furnished by Chief of Police J. F. Hittson of this city. In the absence of Constable Singler from this district, the district attorney was forced to turn the warrant over to Constable Irwin of Ashland, who went to Oregon City after the prisoner.

The alleged theft, which the boy now admits, took place during the confusion incident upon a fire in the Wonder store here last week. Mrs. Strumph, who conducts a rooming house over the store, rushed to the street when the alarm of fire was sounded and, upon reaching the curb remembered that she had left her dog in the supposedly blazing building. Cummings offered to go and get the dog and, he told Chief Hittson this morning, unable to resist the temptation when he saw the watch lying apparently forgotten, he took that too. He turned the dog over to Mrs. Strumph but kept the timepiece.

After the excitement of the fire was over, Mrs. Strumph discovered her loss and immediately notified Chief Hittson. She advertised for a return of the watch, which she said, she valued highly as it was a gift from her mother. Hittson suspected Cummings and hearing that he left the city, traced his baggage to Oregon City.

Unless he is able to furnish the bail required in the justice court in Ashland, Cummings will be brought to the county jail in Jacksonville this afternoon to await the action of the grand jury.

That the boy was the victim of a sudden impulse when he took the watch, and that he is not a thief at heart, was the belief expressed this morning by the officers who have brought about the capture. Cummings has been employed in the city, and has at all times borne a good reputation for industry and sobriety.

TAFT IS SOON TO DECIDE MORSE PLEA

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—President Taft announced today that he would decide during his proposed southern trip whether to pardon Bankers Charles W. Morse and John R. Walsh. Attorney General Wickesham has sent petitions for clemency to the president and suggested clemency.

MORE HOUSES BADLY NEEDED

Prediction Made by Manager Maibouef of the Commercial Club Points to Probability of Shortage of Houses.

GREAT INFUX DUE FROM MIDDLE WEST

Advices Received Show That Accommodations in City in House Line Will Be Taxed to Utmost.

Scores of letters received by the Medford Commercial club daily, show definite indications of record breaking conditions in the way of incoming land and investment seekers in April. This is demonstrated by the many requests for furnished and unfurnished houses, and apprehension is expressed by a large number as to the prospects for their being accommodated. A strong feature is the inquiry for city values both in the way of building lots and residences.

From all parts of the Union comes the same story that April will be the favorite month for westward movement this year, which means that the majority of people looking to the Rogue River valley will pay little heed to the colonist rates which will expire the tenth of that month, but will come at the regular passenger fares that prevail throughout the year. But in addition to this a great number of homeseekers and others will take advantage of the special inducements offered by the railroads, and the latter have foreseen an enormous prospective travel which is evidenced by their arrangements for taking care of the multitude. Private advices from Chicago express the situation that Medford and the Rogue River valley are more in the public eye this season than any other western locality.

OREGON BOYS WOULD FIGHT

Mexican War Scare Threatens to Inundate Militia With Applications for Places in Service—Spanish War Men Want More Service.

PORTLAND, Or., March 9.—The Mexican war scare threatens to inundate the Oregon militia with applications for places in the service.

Richard Dieck, first lieutenant in the militia, and a Spanish American war veteran, said today that nearly a dozen members of the company with which he fought during the war with Spain, had either telegraphed to him or had made personal appeals asking to be enrolled in case war broke out.

RUSSIA GETS A TURN DOWN

Chinese Foreign Board Refuses to Accede to Demand for Trading Privileges on Island of Chinwanto in Chi Li Province.

PEKING, March 9.—The Chinese foreign board refused today to accede to Russia's demand for trading privileges on the island of Chinwanto, in Chi Li province. It is believed that the foreign board was actuated in its refusal by a resolve that Russian trade encroachment will not be countenanced in China outside Manchuria.