

"READY FOR WAR OR FUN," SAY LEADERS

MOBILIZATION COMPLETED; AWAIT WORD FROM PRESIDENT

8000 SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IN THE SOUTHWEST

Await Word Which Will Hurl Them Over the Mexican Line or Set Them at War Game—They Care Not Which—Generals and Naval Officers in Dark as Yet They Say.

California force ready for probable invasion of Mexico. THE NAVY: Rear Admiral Chauncey Thomas commanding. Battleships—The Delaware ordered from Valparaiso. Cruisers—South Dakota, Pennsylvania, California (flagship). Gunboats—Yorktown and Buffalo. Torpedo destroyers—Lawrence, Perry, Rowan, Preble, Truxtun, Goldsborough and Stewart. Torpedo boats—Fox and Davis. Submarines—Grampus and Pike. Total naval force about 5500 officers and men. THE ARMY: Major General Tasker H. Bliss commanding. Thirtieth Infantry. Eighth Infantry. Garrison of Fort Rosecrans. Total army force about 2500 officers and men.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11.—Primed for battle and hoping only that battle will come, nearly 8000 American soldiers and sailors are here in the southwest corner of the country tonight all ready for war. And the men are not particular. Perhaps it will be an occupation of Mexico; perhaps it will be merely a brush or two with the insurgents along the boundary line; perhaps, they whisper, Japan enters into the situation—and if it does and there is a chance to get a whack at the little brown men, every man aboard ship and in the camps ashore will be tickled to death.

"It looks to me that there is more than the Mexican insurrection behind the government's move," is the way General Bliss puts it.

Admiral Thomas is puzzled and admits it. But the men, scenting trouble ahead, are jubilant and care not who knows the fact.

Mobilization Completed.

When the gunboat Yorktown and the Buffalo nosed their way into the harbor here this afternoon and the long lost Eighth Infantry arrived over the dilatory Santa Fe the United States mobilization—so far as California is concerned—was practically completed. Only the arrival of the battleship Delaware, ordered here from Valparaiso, was needed to fill out the roll of fighters held by Uncle Sam for eventualities as yet unknown.

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Hard March Ahead.

General Bliss fears that, in case a march on Ensenada is ordered, the troops will have a hard campaign in crossing the wastes of Lower California.

READY FOR FIGHT OR FUN SAY LEADERS OF ARMY AND NAVY

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11.—"We are ready for fight or for fun. But which it will be—and when—we know absolutely nothing. Everything possible is being done to put the last touches of preparedness to our work and by the first of next week the mobilization here will be complete and the United States forces will be in a position to strike any blow ordered by Washington."

This in substance, is the statement of both Admiral Chauncey M. Thomas, commanding the naval contingent here, and of General Tasker H. Bliss, the army chief, today.

BIG COLONIST INFUX STARTS

Many Tickets Prepaid for Trips West—Heavy Trains on Move—Farmers Want to Exchange Present Holdings for Properties Costing Less

CHICAGO, March 11.—Passenger traffic officials on lines leading from Chicago to the Pacific coast points declared that a large number of tickets were sold during the day to persons taking advantage of the colonist rates to the Pacific coast cities. The opinion was expressed that this business will increase daily during the 30-day period in which the special fare will be offered.

PORTLAND, Or., March 11.—Judging from the number of prepaid tickets sold to colonists through the agency of friends or relatives who deposited the money for their fares with the Portland office, the arrival of new residents in Oregon during the low fare period established by the railroads and which went into effect yesterday will be exceedingly great.

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WOMAN SHOT, CRAWLS MILES

When Husband and Nephew Are Killed and She is Left for Dead by Assassin, Woman Crawls Miles Along Road to Summon Assistance.

SHERIFF AND POSSE ARE CLOSE ON MURDERER'S TRAIL

Lay in Road Half Hour Trying to Gain Strength to Proceed—No Motive for Crime Given.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., March 11.—John LaFranchi and his nephew, Augustine Albertino, were shot and killed; Mrs. Rose LaFranchi, his wife, was seriously wounded by an Italian who visited the LaFranchi ranch, near here, today. Mrs. LaFranchi, shot in both legs by the assassin, crawled nearly a mile to the nearest house to summon aid.

The woman, in broken English, described the shooting but could give no motive for the crime. The Italian appeared at the ranch four miles from San Rafael, late last night. He was given food and a place in the barn in which to sleep.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 11.—Former Chief of Police Wappenstein, now under indictment charged with acceptance of a bribe of \$2,500 from Clarence Gerald and Gid Tupper, Frank C. Doig, editor of the "Wireless" and George Allison, an inspector of elections at the September primary, all of whom were indicted by the grand jury now in session, appeared before superior judge Main today for arraignment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Complete reorganization of the force of inspectors of the customs of the port of San Francisco resulting in sweeping reductions in salaries of three-fourths of the men employed there, was ordered today by the treasury department. The men hereafter will be divided into three grades. Twenty men will receive \$5 daily, twenty will get \$4 and twenty \$3.

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SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR SENATOR BAILEY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 1.—States Attorney Burke said today that a subpoena had been issued for United States Senator Bailey of Texas directing him to appear in the Sangamon county court with a certificate of deposit that former State Senator Holtzslaw is alleged to have given him.

HUMES URGED TO BRING CANNERY TO MEDFORD AND CAN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Are Elected Honorary Members of Rogue River Fish Protective Association.—Isaacs President.

Herbert Hume and John Hume, successors to R. D. Hume at the mouth of Rogue river, were elected honorary members of the Rogue River Fish Protective association at its annual meeting Friday evening, at the Commercial club rooms. The Humes were extended a formal invitation to move their cannery to Medford and operate it for fruit and vegetables instead of for fish.

Governor Oswald West, Judge William M. Davis of Portland and Ben Selling, president of the state senate, were among others elected as honorary members. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: W. F. Isaacs, president; Charles Davis, vice-president, and Dr. L. Bundy, secretary-treasurer.

The treasurer reported the association as owing \$100 and the raising of funds to pay off the debts was authorized. Membership cards will be sold at \$1 each and every angler is expected to renew his membership.

FORMER CHIEF IS ARRAIGNED

Wappenstein Will Enter a Plea Next Saturday—Is Charged With Accepting a Bribe of \$2,500 From Clarence Gerald.

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RAILROAD ORDERED TO LAY DOUBLE TRACKS

OMAHA, Neb., March 11.—The directors of the Union Pacific railroad today directed Vice-President A. L. Mohler to go ahead with the work of double-tracking the road from Julesburg to Pine Bluff, Neb.

ENGLAND TO EXPEL MORMON MISSIONARIES

LONDON, March 11.—The home office will soon issue an order expelling Mormon missionaries from the United Kingdom, according to the Daily News. The paper today asserts that Hans Freese, representing the American Women's Intermunicipal council, has convinced Home Secretary Winston Churchill that the Mormons constitute a menace.

RUSSIA MAY WAR IN CHINA

Within Next Three Days Armed Russian Forces Will Probably Be Sent Across Border of Celestial Empire to Occupy Provinces Sought for Trade.

GERMANY FAILS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE

Negotiations Are Said to Be at End—China Refuses to Extend Treaty of 1881 and Trouble is in Sight

ST. PETERSBERG, March 11.—It is predicted here tonight that within the next three days that armed Russian forces will occupy the several provinces in China in which trade concessions have been sought by the subject of the Czar during the past few weeks. Negotiations will probably be broken off within the next few days and forces sent across the border.

Should China resist the occupying of the provinces as planned by the Russians it means that war will be declared and the Czar will have another far eastern war on his hands. Germany has been endeavoring during the past few days to step into the breach and prevent hostilities but so far the efforts of the Kaiser have been unavailing.

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HOPES NEGROES WILL LEAVE SOON

Secretary of War Dickinson Says Black People Should Go of Their Own Accord to Some Country for Themselves.

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CONDITIONS IMPROVE ON CALIFORNIA ROADS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 11.—Nearly every gap in the coast line of the Southern Pacific railroad will have been bridged this afternoon according to officials.

HEALTHY GAIN IS MADE BY LOCAL BANKS; SHOWN BY RECENT STATEMENTS

Nearly 20 Per Cent Gain Made in Year in Deposits—All Are in Substantial Condition.

Two million, one hundred and twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred fifty six dollars and sixty cents is on deposit in the Medford banks according to the statements issued in response to a call of the comptroller of the currency for the close of business March 7.

Healthy indeed are the local banks as shown by the statements. All show strong reserves and steady growth. The banks have gained nearly 20 per cent in deposits since one year ago. The deposits are expected to make a substantial growth in the next two months, as much work will be started for the summer season which means that many contractors will enlarge their forces and naturally their bank accounts.

CAMORRA TRIAL IS UNDER WAY

Members of Centuries Old Vendetta are Placed on Trial—Town is Guarded by Troops—One Prisoner is Reported to Have Confessed to

VITERBO, Italy, March 11.—The trial of Enrico Alfano and 38 of his brothers of the Camorra, the most sensational criminal trial in Italy's history, began today. The Camorristas, members of a centuries-old vendetta, are charged with having murdered Gennaro Suoculi and his wife in 1906.

The spectacle of the prisoners being taken through the streets in steel-lined vans under strong police guard caused hundreds of persons to swarm to the old San Francisco church, where the trial is being held. Viterbo is filled with Camorrist agents, and the town is guarded by 500 soldiers, in addition to the carabinieri and the police.

The prisoners will be kept in a steel cage in the church during the trial. No one will be permitted to speak to them, and 40 soldiers stand guard in and around the edifice. The fear of the Camorra obstructs the progress of justice. No citizen is willing to serve on the jury, and desperate efforts are being made to evade service. Judge Bianchi, a marked man, according to the brigands, overruled most of the excuses, promising the talesmen that they would be protected amply.

One prisoner, it is reported, has confessed to participation in the murders. The prosecution expects to prove that the band murdered Joseph Petroni, the New York police detective, at Palermo, through agreement with the Mafia, and in revenge for the expulsion of Alfano from America and certain leaders of the Black Hand society.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL RECOGNIZE PORTUGAL

LISBON, March 11.—The foreign office today was notified that England will recognize the Portuguese provisional government, "subject to the election and assemblage of a parliament in April.

MRS. BAKER EDDY'S ESTATE IS \$2,512,146

CONCORD, N. H., March 11.—The estate of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy in New Hampshire is valued at \$2,512,146, according to an appraiser's report today. Henry Baker, executor of the will of the founder of Christian Science, estimated that the Massachusetts property was worth \$250,000 additional.

SOLONS, IN DARK AS TO MOVE, TO DEMAND A REASON

Senators and Congressmen State That Administration Must Explain Movement of Troops—If Necessary Resolution in Congress Will Be Used to Force Explanation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Unless the martial demonstration which is now under way throughout the United States is explained by President Taft in a special message to congress or light is shed on the affair in some other way, congressmen here tonight declare that a resolution calling upon the white house for an explanation will be introduced at the next session of congress.

"MANEUVERS" AS EXCUSE IS INADEQUATE FOR THEM

Taft's One Cry Has Been Economy Yet He Pours Out Money Like Water and Then Says War

Representatives and senators are alike in the dark. They can gain no more information as to the underlying reasons for the sudden demonstration than the private citizens of the country. Every where they have sought for enlightenment they are given the answer "maneuvers," but this fails to satisfy. They want a better reason and unless one is forthcoming they will call upon the president for that reason when congress assembles.

It is pointed out that only the gravest reasons can warrant the movement of troops upon as large a scale at the present time when both the army and navy departments are facing a large deficit. The orders have gone forth to pour out money like water, and the authorities are doing supplies have been purchased with a it without restraint. Provisions and lavish hand. Cavalry horses have been purchased by the hundreds. Men are being enlisted right and left, and quartermasters stores have been increased beyond precedent in time of peace. Surgeons from distant cities have been ordered to active duty. Troops have been rushed in special trains for hundreds of miles. Cruisers have been ordered to points of mobilization under forced draughts, which besides burning coal is unlimited amounts, has worked damage to the ships themselves. Arsenals have been replenished. Cambersome pontoon bridges have been rushed forward by train loads. The expense has run up into the millions and congressmen and senators are asking why.

The administration answers "maneuvers" and keeps on spending money. Never before has the government caused such a large movement of ships and troops to be made in time of peace. Never before have the departments of the United States poured out as much money in a war game. Surely, reason the solons, there is an underlying motive but what? President Taft's one cry since taking office has been economy and retrenchment. All of the departments have felt it. Scientists in the employ of the government in other departments have been called off to save money. Appropriations have been forced down by the president. Still he has ordered this great movement of troops. Why?

The solons state that they will know the truth if congress is forced to ask the president for the answer. If you; personal service had always been cleverly want-advertised, perhaps you would have been earning, or many years past, double your present salary. The reflection should be a valuable one for you now.