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WEATHER  
Fair tonight, probable frost.  
Sunday fair, easterly winds.

Forty-third Year,  
Daily—Eighty Year.

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## HUERTA PROPOSAL TO RETIRE IN FAVOR OF ROJAS MAY SOLVE PROBLEM

### Dictator Will Take Field to Oppose Rebels

Proposal Transmitted by Lind to Bryan May Result in Understanding Between Washington Administration and Huerta Government.

Asks Withdrawal of Objections to Future Candidacy—State Department Considers Proposal.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—That President Huerta has made a proposal which may solve the Mexican problem was admitted at the state department today.

This proposal was the subject of Mexican Foreign Minister Rojas' conversation with John Lind at Vera Cruz. The conference lasted three hours and Secretary Bryan has received a full report of it. He did not make the report public, however. He was considering it, it was stated.

It was believed here that Huerta offered to turn the presidency over to Rojas, himself taking the field in person against the rebels, if the Washington administration would recognize Rojas and raise no objection to himself (Huerta) as a candidate at the next presidential election.

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—An understanding between the Huerta government and the Washington administration was rumored here today to be very near. Apparently the reports were based on Foreign Minister Rojas' visit with John Lind, representing President Wilson, at Vera Cruz. What was the nature of their conversation could not be learned, but it was the popular theory that Rojas submitted a new proposition from President Huerta to Lind.

It was believed, too, that United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy went to Vera Cruz in connection with the rumored new proposals, though he said he took the trip for recreation.

### BATTLE AT TORREON RAGING WITH REBELS IN SIGHT OF TOWN

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—Heavy fighting at Torreon was reported in a telegram received at the war office this afternoon. The message was from General Refugio Velasco, the federal commander, who said the big engagement was on with the enemy in sight of the town.

### TENER IN CLASH WITH CLUB OWNERS

NEW YORK, Mar. 21.—A clash between Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, president of the National League, and the club owners was reported imminent today. Tener, it was said, refused to ratify the appointment of Charles Thomas as president of the Chicago Cubs. It was reported that Tener has notified Charles P. Taft that Thomas is undesirable and is merely a Charles W. Murphy figurehead.

The old charge, voiced by Franz Chance, that Murphy never did own much stock in the Cubs, was revived here today. The former Cub leader has frequently asserted that Murphy "owned less than 20 per cent of the club's stock and received a salary of \$25,000 annually."

SIR EDWARD CARSON,  
LEADER OF ULSTERITES



### LAWSON WANTED IN PROBE AGAINST BAKER OFFICIALS

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 21.—Colonel B. K. Lawson, who executed the governor's orders in putting Copperfield under martial law, said today he would be glad to pay his own expenses to Baker in order to testify before the Baker grand jury in so far as he was given assurances that he was not wanted in Baker for the purpose of allowing civil service to be made upon him in the personal damage suit brought by the Copperfield saloonkeepers. He said he did not care to fight the suit in Baker county.

Governor West received another telegram today from Birg Spaulding, foreman of the grand jury, saying that the grand jury would listen to Frank Snodgrass or anyone else sent by the governor, but as newspaper reports said that Lawson took the obscene pictures from the Copperfield saloons the grand jury wants him too. The message said also that the jury wanted Lawson to testify against District Attorney Godwin and Sheriff Hand.

### PRESIDENT NOT PLAYING CZAR SAYS NEWLANDS

Senator Asserts Studied Attempt Being Made in Press to Represent Wilson as Task Master, While Reverse is True.

Jones Would Like to Be Personally Assured That There is Any Good Reason for Repeal of Tolls Clause.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Democratic leaders believed at noon today that there was a bare chance of the resolution providing for the repeal of the exemption clause in the Panama canal tolls bill coming up for consideration in the house this afternoon. Consideration of the rivers and harbors bill was being rushed in an effort to reach the canal matter.

The initial fight on the canal bill was expected to center in the demands for more time for debate. A special rule, under which the resolution will get the right of way, provides only fifteen hours for debate. Many insist that the time be increased.

#### Sharp Debate Starts

A sharp debate in which Senators Jones, Newlands and Pomerene figured was participated when Jones read a newspaper article in which it was stated that President Wilson wanted the debate on the Panama canal tolls limited. It came when administration leaders attempted to squelch Jones.

"I believe," said Senator Newlands, "that there is a studied attempt on the part of the press to represent President Wilson as a taskmaster. Most of the newspapers seem to be trying to convince the public that the president is trying to control congress. He certainly has not shown any such desire in his public utterances and there has been nothing in his private conversations intended to create such an impression."

#### Skating on Thin Ice

Senator Jones denied the president had told him that he was "skating on thin ice" when he intimated that the president's repeal address followed a conference with Englishmen.

"But," said Senator Jones, "I would like mightily well to be assured by the president that there is any good reason why he wants the tolls exemption clause repealed."

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### REBELS READY FOR ATTACK ON TORREON



MAJOR RODOLFO FIERRO IS ACCUSED AS SLAYER OF W. S. BENTON

### EDITOR'S SLAYER WEEPS IN TELLING HER STORY TO JURY

PARIS, Mar. 21.—For writing a letter to Mme. Henriette Caillaux congratulating her on having killed Editor Gaston Calmette of the "Figaro," a complaint was preferred by the police today against Deputy Thalamas of the French parliament. It was charged that the letter amounted to instigating murder.

Ex-Finance Minister Joseph Caillaux visited his wife in prison this afternoon. He looked worn and broken.

With four police inspectors guarding her, Mme. Caillaux was taken this afternoon to the palace of justice for her first examination. She was both cheered and hissed as her automobile passed through the streets. The prisoner wore black and showed no sign of emotion.

M. Labori, the famous attorney who will defend Mme. Caillaux, was present at the hearing.

The defendant wept when she repeated the story of her life and referred to her two children.

"I married M. Caillaux in 1911," she said. "It was a love match. Our fortunes were equal, both of us being independent."

### WATSON OUT-PUNCHES GALLANT OF BOSTON

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 21.—Inability to measure his opponent and put over the crusher when he had his man all but out was responsible for Red Watson's failure to have a knockout with his credit over Gil Gallant of Boston today. As it turned out, Gallant's greater experience enabled him to stall through the remainder of the round and his work in the earlier sessions justified Referee Irwin's decision of a draw.

Watson's big chance came in the fourteenth round of his twenty-round bout here last night with Gallant. He caught the young Bostonian flush on the jaw with a terrific right. Gallant turned completely around and dropped to the mat. He was up at the count of six, but so groggy he could hardly stand. He clinched, and although Watson shook him off time and again, he was unable to put over the sleep-producer.

### HUERTA EXECUTES NINETEEN OFFICERS

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 21.—That nineteen officers were recently executed at President Huerta's order in Santiago Tlaloaleca prison was stated in a dispatch received today. It was said the only reason was that Huerta doubted their loyalty because they were pupils of General Felipe Angeles.



BOYS OF 14 DRAFTED BY HUERTA IN HIS ARMY DEFENDING TORREON

### PREMIER ASQUITH BREAKING DOWN UNDER IRISH FIGHT

LONDON, Mar. 21.—Premier Asquith was reported breaking down today under the strain of the Irish home rule fight. His friends were fearful of a complete nervous breakdown.

The government was going energetically ahead, however, with its preparations for handling the situation in North Ireland when the home rule bill passes. At the same time it was doing everything it could to prevent having to use the forces it is concentrating.

Orders were sent to Sir Arthur H. F. Paget to pursue a conciliatory course, to avoid provoking the Orangemen and to bear in mind that it is not the suppression of disorders that the government wants but their prevention.

At the war office it was denied that advices had been received telling of wholesale resignations of army officers in Ireland.

War Minister Seeley conferred with King George for an hour this forenoon concerning conditions in Ulster.

### STATE GOOD ROADS DAY IS PLANNED

PORTLAND, Mar. 21.—An all-Oregon good roads day with 100,000 Oregon men wielding picks and shovels, the women preparing camp dinners for workers, competing in the work done for prize banners, is the plan being furthered today by the executive board of the Portland Ad club.

S. S. Hewitt, chairman of the club's special committee, communicated with Governor West who gave his entire approval and suggested that a day in the latter part of April will be best.

The plan was first broached by the Ad club yesterday and has received enthusiastic endorsement on all sides.

### SANTA FE SECURES SACRAMENTO GATE OVER ANTIOCH LINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 21.—A traffic agreement whereby the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway system will be enabled to run its cars over the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern railroad into Sacramento and other Sacramento valley towns, was announced here today.

The announcement is an important one to shippers, as it means that freight can be sent from eastern sources direct to Sacramento and to such points as Chico, Oroville, Woodland and scores of smaller points, without reshipping or switching. A Santa Fe car starting from Chicago, under the terms of the new agreement, may now be attached to an Oakland, Antioch & Eastern locomotive and pulled straight into Woodland, because the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern company has a traffic agreement with the Northern Electric company, whereby they use each other's tracks.

A flat toll for such services, it was said, will be paid by the Santa Fe. The new agreement also brings the Santa Fe into direct competition in the Northern Electric territory with the Western Pacific and the Southern Pacific companies. The Santa Fe is now expected to make a strong bid for fruit shipping and will erect a big icing plant at Sacramento.

### CHICKEN THIEVES CAUGHT IN AUTOS

POMONA, Cal., Mar. 21.—After a wild automobile ride covering more than 25 miles, through orchards plowed fields and dusty as well as paved roads, chief of Police Tracy and Constable Slanker captured three men and two highpowered automobiles loaded with chickens at an early hour today and are believed to have broken up an organized gang of chicken thieves that has been cleaning out the coops in the Pomona valley for some weeks, resulting in losses of hundreds of dollars.

### PREPARING FOR REAL WAR IN NORTH IRELAND

Troops Ordered to Strategic Local Points—Constables Provided With Carbines—Preparations for Sharp Work at First Sign of Rebellion.

Irish Militia Ordered in Readiness—Hundred Officers of Fourth Hussars Resign Rather Than Serve.

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HUDDERSFIELD, Eng., March 21.—"Liberalism will not flinch an inch," declared Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George, discussing the Irish home rule situation during a speech here today, "before Torryism's insolent attitude."  
"The country confronts the gravest issue in its history since the Stuarts. Representative government is at stake. I am here on the government's behalf to say we mean to confront this defiance of popular liberty with resolute and unwavering determination, whatever the hazard."  
"We are not fighting over Ulster or home rule; we are fighting for all that is essential to the civil liberty of this land."  
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### BELFAST, Ireland, March 21.—

What looked like preparations for real war on a large scale were in progress here today. Troops were passing and repassing through the streets on their way to strategic local points or to other Ulster towns. Military messengers were clattering about. Constables were being provided with carbines. Special magistrates were being sworn in by the score for service throughout the county.

Similar scenes were being enacted at all other Ulster towns. The authorities were careful to avoid any act likely to give the anti-home rulers unnecessary offense, but they plainly were making ready for sharp work at the first overt move among them.

#### Dissension Among Troops

They were having serious trouble with the troops. Reports were current that a battalion of Dorsetshires positively mutinied in barracks here when told they were about to be transferred to another station, throwing down their arms and declaring they would not fight for home rule. This report was perhaps exaggerated, but it was certain the men was discontented and unruly.

The officers were even more so. Just how many had resigned could not be learned, but the number was sufficiently serious to cripple the government in its military dispositions. The transfer of cavalry from Curragh camp to Ulster had to be cancelled temporarily, indeed, for lack of officers to command it.

#### Irish Troops Ordered Out

DUBLIN, March 21.—All troops in southern Ireland were ordered to the Orange counties today. Leaves of absence were cancelled and absentees were recalled. The Southern Irish militia, which will be overjoyed to fight the Ulstermen on the home rule issue, were instructed to be ready to join the colors on short notice.

Nor were naval preparations overlooked. The fleet in Bantry Bay was already steaming for Belfast. The training ships Gibraltar and Royal Arthur were on their way to the same port from Kingston.

Field Marshal French, who arrived today, was directing preparations. He also did some investigating into the report that many army officers in Ireland had resigned rather than fight for home rule, and learned that about 100 officers of the Fourth Hussars, stationed at Curragh, really had surrendered their commissions.

### MAJOR BENJAMIN M. KOEHLER ON TRIAL AT FORT TERRY



The mystery of the trial of Major Benjamin M. Koehler at Fort Terry on Plum Island, in Long Island Sound, has not yet been solved. The court-martial has been closed to newspapermen and the public, despite the statement of Secretary of War Garrison that he believed it should be open.

One day, in making a concession to the secretary of war, Colonel Kirby, president of the court-martial, permitted newspaper photographers to visit the island. They remained outside the courtroom, however, and had to snapshot the characters who figure in the case. On the left in this photograph is Major Koehler, holding his hand to his face to keep the photographer from getting a view of him. On the right are his military and civil lawyers, Colonel Harry J. Asthorne and Samuel H. Hudson.