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NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS FOR A JAPANESE COALING STATION

CONSUL STADDEN SAYS SO CONFIRMING THE STORY OF THE LONDON STANDARD

Japan Made No Overtures Directly, But Tried to Get Agreement for Coaling Station for the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, a Big Jap Steamship Company That Is Heavily Subsidized by the Government, and Is Practically a Government Line---A Coaling Station for It Would Also Be for Entire Jap Navy.

Washington, March 14.—The London Standard's explanation of the significance of the American mobilization today created a sensation in government circles here. The publication comes simultaneously with unexpected official confirmation here of Japan's effort to establish a coaling station at Manzanillo, a Pacific coast terminal of the Mexican Central railway.

In making formal report American Vice-Consul Stadden, at Manzanillo, wrote the state department as follows:

Negotiations are progressing between the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the Japanese trans-Pacific steamship line, and the National Railways of Mexico, looking to the establishment of a coaling station at Campos, 2 1/2 miles from here, on the National Railways.

"The Toyo Kisen Kaisha ships touch at Manzanillo on the run to Yokohama and Valparaiso and return. If a coaling station were secured these vessels would coal home-

ward bound at Manzanillo, and an effort will be made to sell coal also to the Naviera line of steamers, plying on the Mexican coast."

Stadden wrote his report February 10 and mailed it. It was received at the bureau of manufactures February 25, and reached the state department March 1, which, allowing a week for investigation, indicates that it might have played a significant part in the causes for military mobilization March 6.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha is very close to the Japanese government. It is heavily subsidized, and practically government-owned. A coaling station for its fleet would be virtually an emergency coaling station for the Japanese navy.

Moreover, Stadden's statements are in direct conflict with the assertions of Ambassador Uchida and Ambassador De Labarra, who denied that any negotiations for a Japanese coaling station in Mexico had taken place.

Continuing his report, Stadden said:

"Until recently the Toyo Kisen Kaisha found little cargo for its eastbound ships, and it was planned to have these vessels carry coal to the proposed station at Manzanillo. Now the Toyo Kisen Kaisha is securing full cargoes of rice and general merchandise for Peru, and it was planned that, in the event of the establishment of a coaling station, the coal could be brought from Japan in the steamers of the Mitsui company.

"The Mitsui company is said to be in communication with an American contractor for port works at Manzanillo, who also holds a concession from the Mexican government for a coaling station at that port. Incidental to these negotiations, there are rumors that coal fields exist on the western coast of Mexico. One rumor is that the Southern Pacific railway has discovered coal along the lines of its proposed extension to Tepic."

TO HOLD HORSE SHOW BEGINNING APRIL 7

The Salem Horse Show association held a meeting last evening and after deciding to hold a show this year elected a board of directors which in turn in the near future will elect officers, and laid the foundation for plans looking to the holding of the show.

The show last year was a success from beginning to end, and that this one will be goes without the saying. It will commence on Friday morning, April 7, and continues through Saturday. There will be the usual parades and the sale which was a great feature of the show last year will be held again.

The directors elected are: C. L. Dick, R. C. Paulus, J. L. Stockton, C. W. Yanke, Max O. Buren, H. C. Fletcher and Judge John Scott.

KILLED HIS SWEETHEART ANOTHER MAN AND HIMSELF

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, March 14.—Crazed with jealousy, John Sharkey, a sailor on the cruiser California, today shot to death Miss Bessie Cook, a "Bar-bary coast" dance hall singer, and Hugo Rhann, night clerk in the St. Louis hotel on Montgomery street, and then blew out his brains.

his discharge from the navy in order to marry the girl. When he arrived at the hotel early today a quarrel commenced. When Rhann interfered Sharkey drew a revolver and shot the girl through the left breast. Sharkey then dropped Rhann with a bullet through the brain. When the sailor realized the effects of his shot, he blew out his own brains.

Will Go Down Coast.

San Diego, Cal., March 14.—That the administration plans operations for the troops concentrated here in Mexico and along the Lower California coast is the opinion of army men here today, through the receipt of an order from Washington directing the inoculating against typhoid fever of every man in General Bliss' brigade. Mosquito hoods, the war department orders, are also to be provided for the men. As there are no mosquitos anywhere near San Diego, the Washington order is being regarded as indicating a move.

TRAMP SAVES KID THEN "HITS THE GRIT"

Redwood City, Calif., March 14.—"Hully Chee! What youse trying to do? Make a hero of me? No man could stand by and see a kid croak, could he? No, I won't tell you my name. What's the use? I am only a tramp."

After making this statement an unidentified hobo who yesterday saved Howard Collins, 14, from drowning in Butcher Creek, "hit the grit." Efforts to find him today have been fruitless.

WIRELESS SYSTEM FOR AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, March 14.—Thirteen high power wireless stations are to be established around the coasts. For obtaining the best results from the defensive power of the fleet, it is suggested that the land forces be coordinated as fast as possible.

SAYS TAFT IS CREATURE OF INTERESTS

SENATOR POINDEXTER SAYS CONGRESS WILL INVESTIGATE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS—EVERYTHING POINTS TO MOVEMENT BEING MADE AT COMMAND OF TRUSTS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

St. Paul, Minn., March 14.—That congress will investigate the action of President Taft in mobilizing American troops on the Texas frontier was the statement made here today by Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, who criticized the move as one without precedent.

"I understand," said Senator Poindexter, "that President Taft has given out two different statements in reference to his order, and there is no doubt that an inquiry will be made to determine which statement is correct.

"If the mobilization was ordered merely as a maneuver, then the president undertook to prove our preparedness for war, which is as expensive as recruiting a new army.

"If his last statement was correct, which now seems apparent, then President Taft usurped the powers of congress by making a demonstration, which is almost equivalent to a declaration of war."

Poindexter believes that the extra session of congress will delve deeply into the motives for the concentration of troops on the Mexican border, and that the debate on the reciprocity measure will be greatly delayed.

Is She at Magdalena?

San Diego, Cal., March 14.—"Where is the gunboat Yorktown?" is a mystery here to observers of the war game, which is one its many puzzling features. Since the Yorktown sailed south Saturday night not one word has been given to the public of her whereabouts, though her wireless is believed to be in constant touch with Admiral Thomas' fleet of cruisers. The impression is that the Yorktown is in Magdalena bay, reconnoitering and reporting on conditions in Lower California.

CAPTURED AMERICANS EXECUTED

Fifteen Americans Fighting Against Diaz Are Captured at Casas Grandes and Are Promptly Shot With Other Prisoners.

RULES OF WAR PERMIT IT

Chihuahua is in Bad Condition, Being Down to Famine Rations, and Water Supply is Short—Insurgents Say It Will Soon Be Compelled to Surrender—All Railroad Communication Has Been Cut Off From It By Dynamiting Bridges.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

El Paso, Tex., March 14.—Fifteen Americans, captured at the battle of Casas Grandes, were shot to death by Mexican federalists, according to General Madero's scouts, who were sent to ascertain the fate of the prisoners, following the engagement. After the federalists had massacred the wounded insurgents left on the bloody field they dealt swift execution to their captured enemies, say the couriers.

"There is not the slightest doubt that the Americans and other prisoners were shot," said Gonzales Garcia, provisional secretary of state, today. "Under martial law the dictator's troops would feel no hesitancy in executing them as traitors, as the men were captured in battle. Furthermore Diaz probably would consider that their execution would discourage other Americans from aiding the insurgents."

The Maderistas also bring word that hope for the relief of Chihuahua by the Mexican federal column has fled. The situation in the city is desperate: For nearly two weeks the fighting force has been on famine rations, while non-combatants are faring even worse. Hundreds are endeavoring to break through the rebel lines and reach the American border.

The water supply is nearly exhausted, and it was reported among Madero's troops that scurvy and fever had broken out. The insurgents are reported to have successfully diverted the small stream of the Rio Conchos from the town in the hope of forcing capitulation. The bodies of a few in the city who have died have been buried to prevent the spread of disease, but sanitation is virtually impossible.

An insurgent force detached from the investing army is reported to have dynamited bridges on the line of the Mexican National railroad, and to have cut telegraph wires. Captain Oscar Creighton, of New York, a Harvard graduate, is said to be in command of the raiders, who today approached within a few miles of Juarez.

JAPS QUIT WORKING TO "VISIT A FRIEND"

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Portland, Ore., March 14.—Asserting that they intended to go to Seattle "to see a friend sail for the Orient," 16 Japanese, employed by the Monarch Lumber company, today quit work and demanded their wages. It is reported that Japanese em-

TROOPS WERE ORDERED MOBILIZED TO PREVENT DICKINSON RESIGNING

Advance Guard of Colonists.

Portland, Or., March 14.—With the arrival of 500 colonists from the East and Middle West last night, the rush of homeseekers to the Pacific Northwest has begun. It was expected that 1000 colonists would reach Portland today and several other parties are en route.

According to railroad officials the influx of new settlers will be great this year, and reports from the East say that the transportation companies are making elaborate arrangements to handle the rush this spring. The colonists consists of two classes—skilled workmen and farmers.

ELINOR WAS MISTAKEN BUT ONLY SLIGHTLY

New York, March 14.—Examination of the health department records proves that Elinor Glynn was wrong again, when she declared that there had not been a birth on Fifth avenue, New York's highway of fashion, in the last two years.

The records show that in 1909 there were seven babies born on Fifth avenue between Washington Arch and 105th street, a distance of 110 blocks. In 1910 eleven births occurred in the same neighborhood.

AN ENGLISH AMERICAN ALLIANCE

HOUSE OF COMMONS CHEERS WHEN IT IS SUGGESTED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY GREY—WOULD NO AID THE JAPANESE AGAINST UNCLE SAM.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

London, March 14.—British officialdom today showed its interest in the news dispatches from the United States, particularly with all references to suspected Japanese connection with the military mobilization on the Mexican border line. It was predicted that if England attempts to carry out an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan there will be a national outcry against the pact.

Foreign Secretary Grey, in the house of commons last night, evoked the greatest enthusiasm when he openly made a bid for an Anglo-American alliance. It is not doubted, even should England conclude an active alliance with the Mikado, but that England would refuse to attack the United States in the event of a war between the United States and Japan.

DROPPED DEAD FROM FRIGHT WHEN SAFE WAS DYNAMITED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Rushville, N. Y., March 14.—Robbers early today blew open the safe of the Rushville banking company and escaped with \$4,000 in cash. Mrs. W. Irving Jones, wife of the cashier of the institution, dropped dead from fright. Armed posses are pursuing the robbers.

A BIG TRUST TO CONTROL BREAD MARKET

New York, March 14.—John W. Gates and his friends are today said to be the men behind a \$30,000,000 corporation which is to be formed to control the bread market of New York and surrounding territory. One billion loaves of bread are sold yearly in New York City alone.

SO SAYS HIGH OFFICIAL HE WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE INEFFICIENCY OF SYSTEM

Same Official Say Secretary Dickinson Threatened to Resign Unless Permitted to Show the People How Unprepared the Army Is for Service---Taft Consented to Save His Services to the Country and the Conditions in Mexico Were Seized Upon as an Excuse for Putting the Troops on a War Footing.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

San Antonio, Tex., March 14.—"The mobilization is merely a demonstration or publication of the suppressed report of Secretary of War Dickinson, which answered the McLaughlin congressional resolution inquiring whether the army was not on an efficient basis," declared a high military authority here today. "Army men understand that Dickinson threatened to resign unless allowed to show the people how unprepared the army is for real service. He tried to show in the report which was suppressed in a spirit of economy if it had gone to congress the lawmakers would have been forced to grant the army's demands for an efficient organization.

"Unable to get a report before congress thus, the army people understand that Dickinson tendered a conditional resignation to President Taft, to become effective unless the president allowed a hurried mobilization of troops to prove what the report charged regarding preparedness.

"The Mexican situation was the reason seized upon as an underlying motive for ordering out the division to prove the army's own contention that it was unfit for effective service," this authority continued. "It will be 11 days from the time the mobilization order was issued before a division will be in the field. You will find a major-general commanding a division who never saw so many men in the field, and colonels seeing their

Insurrectos Will Shoot Prisoners.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Mexico, Mex., March 14.—Notice that all federal prisoners captured by insurrectos hereafter will be shot was served on Mexican Consul Sira at Calexico today by General Simon Berthold, second in command of the rebel forces in Lower California.

Berthold specified 15 Mexican officials who have been in Calexico since the insurrectos captured Mexicali and whom he understood, he said, had been ordered to Yuma. Berthold said he had issued the order to his men not because of Diaz' order revoking the personal liberty clause in the Mexican constitution, but because he regarded the Mexican officials as oppressors.

TRANSPORT BRINGING SUPPLIES FROM PHILIPPINES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Manila, March 14.—Forty thousand uniforms for tropical service, large amounts of field artillery ammunition and miscellaneous supplies intended for troops in tropical service accompanied the 13th cavalry on the transport Sheridan which sailed for the United States today. The supplies are to be used by the American troops in Texas.

regiments in their entirety for the first time since the Philippine war."

Dickinson Confirms It.

New York, March 14.—In an interview here today Secretary of War Dickinson denied that there had been any friction among President Taft's cabinet over the mobilization of American troops on the Texas frontier.

He reiterated that the hasty gathering of troops was merely for maneuvers, and denied the report that the Mexican revolution had anything to do with the postponement of his trip to Panama to inspect the canal. Dickinson also denied rumors that American troops soon would cross the border into Mexico, and laughed at the report prevailing in England that the mobilization was intended to prevent Mexico and Japan from making an agreement whereby Japan was to have a coaling station on the west coast of Mexico.

ADDITIONAL CAPITOL BUILDING

STATE BOARD AGREES THAT BLOCK EAST OF CAPITOL IS WHAT THE STATE WANTS—WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY—WOULD PAY \$50,000 FOR THE NAKED PROPERTY TODAY.

President Selling, of the state senate, Speaker Rusk of the house of representatives, and State Treasurer Kay have been going over the situation created by the legislature appropriating \$150,000 to buy grounds adjacent to the state capitol, and erect an additional building thereon. The bill allows the state to buy or condemn property anywhere within three blocks of the state house.

The Oregonian today says: "Speaker Rusk was accompanied to Salem by President Selling, of the senate, they having been requested by Governor West to meet with State Treasurer Kay and inspect the sites offered the state. It was agreed by the three gentlemen that the most available site for the purposes desired was the block of land lying directly east of the Capitol building. "The south half of this block," said Speaker Rusk, "is owned in equal parts by Governor West and Phil Matschan, ex-state treasurer. Gov-

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MEXICAN TROOPS ORDERED NOT TO TAKE ANY PRISONERS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

El Paso, Tex., March 14.—Tales of the cruelty of Diaz' soldiers to the rebel wounded continue to arrive at the headquarters here of the insurrecto junta. It is reported that a suspected federal spy captured by General Blanco's men and held for examination by Madero said that General Navarro, federal commander, ordered his men not to take any

prisoners. The suspect declared that many insurgent wounded were killed after the battles of Casas Grandes and Agua Prieta. Heavy firing was heard this morning at a point 12 miles east of Juarez and several bands of rebels have been sighted near Zaragosa. The insurgents again control the two Mexican railroads leading out of El Paso.