PEACE MAY SOON BE RESTORED

MEXICAN MINISTERS AND REBELS TO CONFER

Threat of U. S. Intervention Believed to Have Changed the Situation

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Antonio, Texas, March 29.—Peace in Mexico, army officers here to-day believe, will, if it comes, be due directly to an ultimatum carried from Washington to Mexico City by Minister Limantour. His message to President Diaz is believed to have been dictated by President Taft and the threat of American intervention is thought to have been the means of bringing the Mexican president at last to a realization of the necessity of a compromise.

To go into conference with the Madero family, former ambassador to the United States De La Barra will arrive here to-morrow. He will be met by Francisco Madero, Sr., and his son Alfonso. The party will then, it is said, go toward Monterey, where they are to meet Limantour. It is reported that then the whole party will go to Chihuahua, where Francisco Madero, Jr., the rebel leader, will participate in the negotiations under a flag of truce.

It is believed that Chihuahua negotiations will be only formal, and that both sides have already virtually accepted the terms of peace.

Senor Madero and his son arrived here yesterday. They asserted positively their belief that peace is at hand in their war-ridden land.

"With only the resignation of the cabinet as evidence of good faith, would you care to trust yourself on Mexican soil to take up the question of the cessation of warfare?" Don Gustavo was asked. 'Well, scarcely," smiled the latter.

Borrowing a phrase from the Chinese, those being interviewed said President Diaz would be allowed to "save his face." He will retire with all the honor due his distinguished service. Senor Limantour was firm upon this point as the basis of preliminary negotiations.

The basic concessions, which it is believed, will be ratified later, include the resignation of the Diaz cabinet and the appointment of younger men to their positions, which already has been accomplished. The next is the resignation of Diaz and the holding of an election in which the suffrage shall be unrestrained and free. This arrangement includes the elimination of Vice-President Corral, a sick man, than whom, it is said, there is probably no more unpopular person in Mexico. Corral, already out of the cabinet, will resign the second highest office in the land. Limantour, minister pro tempore, will exercise the functions of the office. The insurrectos do not consider De La Barra a strong man, and the inference was plain in the interviews that Limantour was the leader relied upon to carry out the government's guarantees. Diaz, according to the programme, will remain in office with the new and somewhat unsatisfactory cabinet about him until the country is at rest. When factory wheels are again turning and railroad trains are running without fear of wreck or destroyed bridges, the "Iron Man" will step down and out, it is believed. Limantour or De La Barra will then become acting president and within sixty days will call an election.

U. S. Mobolization.

Washington, D. C., March 29.—President Taft, anticipating awkward questions when congress meets, to-day is using every possible effort to stave off the La Follette resolution demanding an explanation of the army and navy mobolization on the Mexican border. He thinks that if a majority of the senators are confidentially acquainted with the real cause of the war move, he may escape embarrassment in being forced to formally define the attitude of the administration to other countries.

SMUGGLING CHINESE.

San Diego, March 29.—Federal agents here to-day are investigating waterfront reports that contraband Chinese are being brought into California by a mysterious smuggler operating in conjunction with men ashore.

The vessel is said to have come from Puget Sound; that it oustrips in speed the torpedo boats and cruisers of Uncle Sam, and that upon receiving night signals it enters the harbor lands its cargo of Chinese and flits away before the warships can start pursuit.

OFFICERS ON THE TRAIL OF ANARCHISTS

Home Secretary Takes Steps to Prevent Trouble During Coronation Period

London, March 29.—Determined to have no anarchistic outbreak in London during the coronation, the home secretary, Winston Churchill, to-day has a score of detectives of Scotland Yard, aided by continental sleuths, scouring London for suspicious characters. Mr. Churchill believes that the most important members of the band which put up the battle of Sidney street are still at large, and dreads an atempt on the life of some of the foreign rulers who will come to King George's coronation. It is believed that all known anarchists will be arrested on the eve of coronation and held until the foreign royalties have left England.

NEW YORK STATE CAPITOL IN RUINS

LOSS WILL PROBABLY EXCEED $6,000,000

Firemen Have Narrow Escapes While Fighting Conflgration at Albany

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—Fire scorched and water stained, showing a net loss of $6,000,000, not including thousands of precious and irreplacable documents, the New York state capitol to-day stands partly in ruins, following a fire that raged for seven hours in its courts and corridors.

The state library, with its 400,000 volumes, was destroyed. The senate and assembly chambers are smoke-blackened and soaked with water.

The offices of the department of education, the court of claims chamber, the senate finance committee room, the office of the senate president pro tem, the assembly library and the document and cloak rooms, all were gutted.

The great western stairway, with its great architectural beauty, is blackened and its marble chipped. The western wing is flooded and the roof of the north wing is sunken.

The $27,000,000 that has been poured into the capitol by the state for many generations has been wasted. The great building, the pride—and also the shame—of the Empire state, was planned in 1863 to cost $4,000,000. The construction proved too tempting a chance for graft, and so far $27,000,000 has been spent upon it, and still the original plans were unfulfilled.

The capitol is in such a state of chaos to-day that no one can tell what may be its fate. It is a sad wreck at cursory glance, but later investigation may show that enough of its beauty may be salvaged to warrant rehabilitation.

The question arising here is whether the state may now become more economical and erect a fire-proof building to house its departments. It is admitted that millions of dollars worth of decorations were placed upon flimsy fire-tempting frame work.

The Democratic legislative caucus had adjourned only an hour before the fire started. Defective wiring had been reported yesterday in the assembly library.

Smoke was seen issuing from the northeast corner of the building shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. Documents, ornate hangings and rich furnishing were fuel upon which the flames gained headway. With no appreciable check, the fire spread to the assembly chamber and its corridors. The flames communicated to the western stairway and its million dollar ceiling, one of the finest mural paintings in the world, were destroyed.

Firemen risked their lives in a bombardment of falling masonry to stop the advance of the fire. It swept along toward the senate chamber and attacked the state library.

By 3.30 o'clock the assembly library had been wiped out with its shelves of documents and papers, some dating back to 1776. All documents of the senate judiciary committee of the present session were consumed.

Five minutes later the state library was burning. Filled with inflammable material, it became a furnace that drove back the fire fighters. Unable to save the library, the firemen attempted to save the offices on the third floor. The smoke baffled them and drove them out.

Captain Storey and 15 firemen were trapped momentarily in the state library but escaped. They made their exit by the third floor stairway and left that floor just as the roof of the north wing fell in. At 4.10 it looked as though the entire north wing were doomed.

Samuel Abbott, the aged night watchman in the library, could not be found, and it is thought he perished.

While the firemen were fighting to save the state's most previous documents, they were being aided by a constantly increasing force of volunteers. State senators, assemblymen, clerks, and attaches thronged the corridors and committee rooms in advance of the fire and streamed out of the building, staggering under loads of books and papers. Archivist Von Lehr to-day expressed the hope that the greater number of the valuable papers had been saved. It will be several days before he can estimate the loss. It is known that all the Dutch and Colonial records were consumed and that the historical Van Rennselaer collection has been destroyed.

The damage to the capitol building easily will reach $6,000,000. This amount may be doubled when the tally of the damage to the furnishing and loss of documents is made up. The state has not one penny of insurance: the loss is complete.

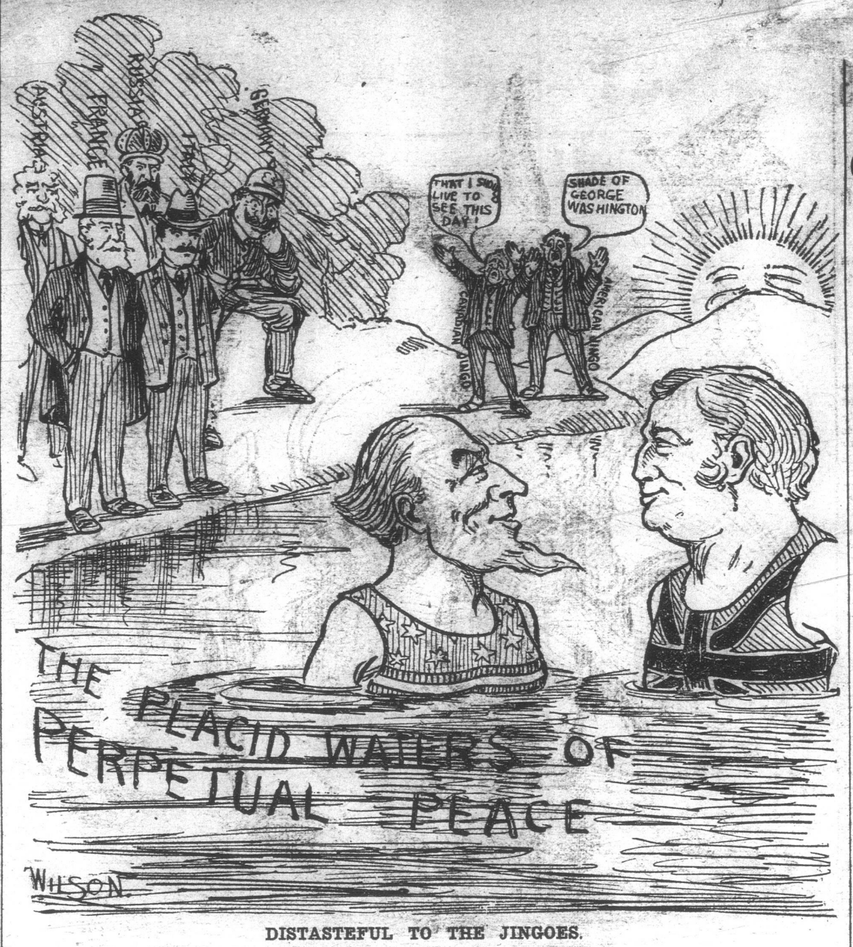
While the capitol typefied wealth and power of the Empire state, it also typified its greed and corruption. In 1879, when only $9,500,000 had been spent, it was charged that vast sums had been misapplied. A legislative investigation uncovered nothing save that the work had been done on the "day labor" plan, and that many persons were carried on the pay rolls that never had seen the building.

The structure covered three acres on the crest of Capitol Hill. Excavation for foundations was begun December 9, 1867, and the cornerstone was laid June 24, 1871. The legislature first occupied the building January 7, 1879.

Commissioner of Education Draper to-day estimated that the property loss in the state library alone would reach $2,000,000, besides many documents which cannot be replaced.

Governor Dix called a conference to consider the safety of the building for future legislative proceedings.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 28.—The National baseball commission to-day ruled that the Three I League could not bar the Waterloo (Iowa) club from its ranks. It ordered the league to withdraw its court proceedings against



DISTASTEFUL TO THE JINGOES.

JOHN BULL AND UNCLE SAM (in unison)—Come on in, fellers; the water's fine!

SENATE TO DEAL WITH ARBITRATION

U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE IS DRAFTING A TREATY

Will Be Submitted at the Special Session of Congress Beginning April 4

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 29.—Secretary of State Knox is busy here to-day on the drafting of a new arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain which, it is hoped, will reach all possible disputes.

Work on the new convention is being hastened in order that it may be submitted to the senate for ratification during the special session beginning April 4.

In case the senate approves the agreement with Great Britain it is broadly intimated that it will be only the first of a series of similar treaties in which the United States will make conditions framed to avoid war with all first rate powers.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Portland, Ore., March 29.—Jans W. M. Hassing, charged with murder in the first degree, was found guilty as charged, late yesterday by a jury in the state circuit court.

Hassing shot and killed his wife during last November, attempting suicide at the same time. He lingered for a time between life and death, finally recovering. The tragedy followed the separation of the couple several months before, the wife declaring that Hassing's jealousy made her life unendurable. Between the date of separation and the day he shot his wife, Mrs. Hassing's brother stated that Hassing made repeated threats. This resulted in Hassing, during October, being arrested and bound over to keep the peace. Hassing's lawyer, in defence of his client, put in a plea of insanity.

TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE.

Illinois Central Railway Refuses to Grant Operators' Demand For Increased Wages.

Chicago, March 29.—Indications that 1,500 telegraphers employed by the Illinois Central railroad, between Chicago and New Orleans, will quit work unless their demands are granted, are contained in the strike vote being received to-day at union headquarters. Complete returns are expected by Saturday. The company has refused the operators' demands for a 25 per cent. increase of wages and 30 cents an hour for overtime.

MASKED BANDITS BUSY.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 28.—Chief of Police Sebastian and his entire force are to-day searching this city for masked bandits who last night held up two saloons in the down town district and exchanged two shots with Patrolman Dowd. No one was hit. The robbers secured only $35 in all.

INVESTIGATING NEW YORK FIRE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY EXAMINES SURVIVORS

Declare Doors Leading to the Stairways Were Locked When Fire Started

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, March 29.—District Attorney Whitman to-day examined 150 witnesses, most of them survivors of Saturday's fire, when 143 lives were lost in the destruction of the Triangle Shirtwaist factory. All agreed that the doors leading to the stairways and the passenger elevators were locked when the fire started and laid largely to this fact the enormous loss of life.

It was decided to-day to postpone the funerals of the twenty unidentified victims of the fire for a week, when a great labor demanstration will be a feature of their burial.

GIRL SHOOTS HERSELF.

Ends Life While Brooding Over Slight Reprimand Given By School Teacher.

Portland, Ore., March 29.—With the positive identification of the revolver as one belonging to her cousin, detectives to-day declared that there was no doubt but that Susanne Quiring, 14, committed suicide by shooting herself in the head. It is believed that she brooded over a slight reprimand given by a school teacher, until she decided to end her life.

When the body of the child was found by Charles O'Neill, a contractor, half hidden by the brush on a tract near east 37th street, he telephoned into police headquarters that the child had been murdered.

This theory was exploded, however, when officials discovered the weapon under her body, two cartridges tied up in her handkerchief, and learned that she had seemingly been depressed for two days previous to her death.

The girl was living with relatives. Her father resides near Dallas, Ore.

ACCOUNTANT DISAPPEARS.

Toronto, March 29.—Worthington G. Lindsey, for three years accountant in the department of agriculture, disappeared on February 25, and his books are being investigated. A shortage of $2,000 has already been disclosed. Lindsey was 28 years old and unmarried.

LOST BRITISH AVIATOR.

London, March 29.—The executors of the estate of Cecil Grace, the aviator who lost his life while attempting a cross-channel flight, were granted leave by the probate court to presume his death. The body of the aviator has never been found.

EXPRESS ROBBERY REPORTED.

El Pasco, Texas, March 29.—Wells Fargo express company officials here refused to-day to confirm or deny the report that one of its messengers had absconded with $50,000. It is said that special agents are trailing the man.

MANY PEOPLE COMING HERE

IMMIGRATION MEN CROWDED WITH WORK

Ten Times as Many Being Sent for as in Previous Years

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

There are ten times as many people coming to Victoria this year as have ever come before from Great Britain or the United States.

That is the information given out by the immigration officials here. Every day large numbers of people call at the immigration offices for information in regard to sending for relatives or friends in the Old Country. People coming into Canada must have $25 in cash and a ticket to their destination. If, however, they have relatives or friends here who are willing to support them until such time as they secure employment they do not need to have that much money. It is in cases like this that the immigration officials are appealed to.

The local office sends a statement to the Montreal immigration officials, and the immigrant on arrival there is passed through. The number of applications so made is ten times as large as ever before.

The majority of the immigrants coming are from Great Britain, but a few are from other European countries, and from the United States the rush is already on. On Sunday last half a dozen families arrived all the way from Vermont, bound to the north end of Vancouver Island. Others are coming from different points in the United States.

One of the immigration officials, speaking of this to-day, said that the rush of people in this direction made them very busy. They had never known anything like it before. Besides the people who are being actually sent for, or for whose arrival arrangements are being made, there are dozens of inquiries every day as to what steps are necessary in bringing friends here. Tickets are often purchased in Victoria and forwarded to the Old Country.

FALSE REPRESENTATION.

Seattle, Wash., March 29.—Frank Guthrie, 56 years old, a former Chicago policeman, was found guilty of false registration by a jury in the superior court yesterday. He will be sentenced within the next few days. Gutherie was arrested election day as he entered a polling place in the first ward.

ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE.

Woodstock, Ont., March 29.—Engineer Robert W. Firth, of the engine which caused the Drumbo wreck on February 4, when six people were killed, was released yesterday on suspended sentence.

BONAR LAW'S VICTORY.

London, March 29.—Bonar Law obtained the victory at the Bootle bye-election by 9,976 votes to 7,782. There is no change in the political complexion of the seat.

N TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Charges That Corporations Which are Opposing Reciprocity Have Conspired to Oust Him From His Position.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Ottawa, March 29.—R. L. Borden today resigned the leadership of the Conservative opposition.

Mr. Borden charged that corporations opposing American reciprocity had conspired to discredit him and to give either Premier Whitney or Premier McBride his place.

Federal Conservative leaders are endeavoring to induce Borden to remain, all but six having pledged themselves to support him.

Review of Situation.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 29.—To-day confusion, uncertainty and chaos reign in the Tory camp. Some of the scoffers who came on Monday to oust Mr. Borden from the leadership remain to pray. He has shown an entire willingness, and indeed a determination to resign the leadership, with its constant worries and bickerings and with disgruntled and self-seeking factions within the party. He wishes to retire to private life, again resume the practice of law, to look after his already large financial interests and have some leisure hours unbothered by the incessant strain of seeking to please everybody, reconcile divergent interests and to shape political compromises to cover all wings of the party.

This attitude he made very clear to the insurgents last night and this morning. As a result there has been a great scurry to cover. A great majority of Mr. Borden's followers realize that there is no one to fill his shoes, and that if he resigns the last state of the party will be worse than the first. Consequently a round robin was got up praying the leader to remain at the head of the party and assuring him of the cordial support, sympathy and allegiance of his followers. This was signed by all the Conservative members now in Ottawa with the exception of the Quebec Nationalist group, headed by Mr. Monk and Messrs. Price and Forget, M. P.'s for Quebec West and Charlevoix respectively. These were backed by other Quebec Tory capitalists and party managers. They led the present insurrection, and, with the exception of Messrs. Northrup, Owens, Schaffner, Barnard, Middleboro, and possibly a few other recalcitrants, still declare themselves in favor of a change. Yielding to the urgent request of a large majority of his followers, Mr. Borden has for the present consented to withhold his resignation pending some effort to again secure at least a semblance of harmony and united support. The insurrection is recognized as premature, since no provision was first made for a successor, and as a result Mr. Borden has now the whip hand. If he consents to continue as leader it will be only because of his party loyalty and on express stipulation that faction fights and caballing against him must cease.

To quote the words of Sir William Van Horne on the reciprocity issue, he is "sick and tired and ashamed of it all," and now, after sober reflection, that is also the attitude of most of his followers towards the insurgents. A big hitch in carrying through the Cabal begun in Montreal during the past few days, following the rise of the anti-reciprocity movement, has been the disclosure of lack of a satisfactory substitute for him. Some of the Easterners, know premier McBride, will pin their faith to him. But Mr. McBride has already told Mr. Borden he doesn't want to lead any forlorn hope at Ottawa and prefers the present opportunities in British Columbia. Maybe he is only waiting to be pressed, but there is no sign here that an unanimous invitation will be tendered him to come and act as a political Moses for the opposition wandering in the wilderness here.

Many of the saner members of the party recognize that there are strong objections to Mr. McBride, and they prefer to keep Mr. Borden, a safer, more experienced and abler party head.

Messrs. Roblin and Rogers are also mentioned, but they are handicapped by a political past and are not persona grata to the best men of the party. Mr. Sifton has been suggested, but it is generally recognized that the Tory party cannot so soon take up with him. Though Mr. Borden has reconsidered for a day or so his decision to resign, the ultimate outcome of the present row in the opposition ranks is problematical. Meanwhile the Liberals sit back and laugh.

Conservative Opinion.

Ottawa, March 29.—Morning Citizen, Conservative, says: "That an undercurrent of unrest pervaded the opposition camp last evening was evident from the paucity of the attendance in the House of Commons and the gathering of groups in the corridors and in the Conservative caucus room. A rumor was prevalent that weary of criticism of his policy Mr. Borden had decided to place in the hands of the party his resignation of the leadership. This report seemed to be somewhat generally accepted as well founded and none gave it more ready credence than Liberals gathered in room 16.

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R. L. BORDEN, K. C., M. P.

Leader of the Conservative opposition at Ottawa since Feb. 6, 1901 he has at length given up the task of trying to lead the discordant elements which make up the party, and placed his resignation in the hands of the caucus.

MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatchewan Synod Will Support Nomination of Dr. R. P. McKay

Regina, March 29.—It is understood that delegates from Saskatchewan Synod will support the nomination of Dr. R. P. McKay for the position of moderator of the Presbyterian church at the next general assembly meeting in Ottawa in June. Dr. McKay has been nominated by several Presbyterians. It is understood here that the invitation of Calgary for the assembly in 1912 will be accepted.

RECORD HARVEST.

Melbourne, March 29.—The official estimate of the Victoria harvest places the wheat yield at 30,000,000 bushels, a figure which is the greatest on record.