

Withdrawal of Ambassadors By Both Nations Means U. S. A. and Mexico Must Plunge Into Long-Drawn War

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MEXICANS WILL FIGHT TO DEATH, SAYS MRS. FRASER

Lady Who Resided There 10 Years Predicts Second Boer War.

BLAMES PRESIDENT WILSON

Interfered Over Etiquette—Time for Action War Long Past.

"I cannot understand why President Wilson did not interfere long ago," said Mrs. Fraser, widow of Dr. James Fraser, this morning to The Advertiser.

Mrs. Fraser left Mexico last year after residing in that troubled country for the past ten years. Her husband, who died in Richmond, Va., was forced to give up his holdings in Mexico because of the war. She is at present with her mother, Mrs. David Mills, on Dutchess avenue.

"The proper time to have interfered was immediately after President Taft's proclamation, to the effect that all Americans in the country should make for the nearest city and put their business into the hands of the nearest consul," Mrs. Fraser contended.

"If the United States had interfered then, it would have been a simple matter to subdue the country, as all the trouble was situated in the northern states. Now, however, it has spread all over the country."

English-Speaking Leave.
"I believe the majority of the English-speaking people have left, as well as the better class of Mexicans."

"Many pitiful cases were to be found. A great number of young and sturdy farmers had risked their all and lost. Family after family have been separated and turned out of their homes by ruthless bandits which infest the country."

"The United States will suffer from the President's waiting policy. I believe it Roosevelt was in power there would have been little or no fighting. The big stick is what rules Mexico and he would have yielded it with a vengeance."

Not Time for Etiquette.

"I can't understand why the United States should interfere on a point of etiquette. They should have come in long ago to protect the lives and interests of their people. It looks like an excuse, after seeing their folly, for undoubtedly there have been murders and atrocities that we have never heard of."

"People have an idea that Mexico is a small country. This is not so. The United States will not find it an easy task to conquer it."

Hated for Americans.

"To opposing factions will join together and fight the Americans to the last ditch, as the majority of Mexicans have an unquenchable hatred against that country and have no respect for it. A great deal more respect than you if you were known to be a British subject."

"I believe that the British Government may have brought pressure to bear on the situation and this precipitated action on the part of the United States."

"The only solution as far as I can see, is the United States taking control of the whole country, which will be no easy task. It will probably be a repetition of the Boer war."

Riley Declares He Has No Complaint to Make of Sentence

Thomas Riley, from his cell in the county jail, where he is waiting for officers to remove him to the Kingston Penitentiary, through a juror, who visited him, has given out his first public statement since he was sentenced by Justice Kelly to serve fifteen years for the killing of George Blackburn.

"Now that the law has been complied with and I am to serve a term in a prison cell, I wish to thank the citizens of London for the many favors shown me during my months of trouble. To a stranger in the position that I have been in, they have been very, very good to me. I understand that I am to leave for Kingston shortly. When I arrive there, I will be as model a prisoner as I have been in the London jail and will try to get all the time taken off for good conduct that I possibly can. Fifteen years is a long time, but I have no complaint to make," was Riley's statement.

A number of citizens visited Riley today, one man giving him a quantity of cigars, while a number of young ladies brought him a quantity of cakes, pies and other dainty eatables.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

T.T.R.—Richmond ... 2:05-2:12 p.m. 7 min.
T.T.R.—Richmond ... 2:30-2:15 p.m. 6 min.
T.T.R.—Rectory ... 3:34-4:42 p.m. 6 min.
T.T.R.—Rectory ... 12:48-12:53 p.m. 5 min.
T.T.R.—Rectory ... 5:20-5:25 p.m. 5 min.
T.T.R.—Rectory ... 10:34-10:40 p.m. 6 min.
T.T.R.—Richmond ... 12:04-12:10 p.m. 6 min.
T.T.R.—Richmond ... 3:36-3:41 p.m. 5 min.

WAR!



TEMPERANCE WORKERS TO START CAMPAIGN EARLY

Vote Will Be Taken Next January if the Commissioners Turn Down Request for Refusal of Six Hotel Licenses.

"We have made up our minds to go right ahead," said Professor James H. Bowman, of the London Temperance Alliance, referring to the intimation of the license commissioners yesterday that they would not make any reduction in the number of licenses in the city. "But we are waiting for a few days to see whether the license commissioners will not take some action."

"If they do not, we will begin early in the fall a campaign for license reduction. We will start in plenty of time to get petitions signed and everything in readiness for a vote in January. It is likely that a meeting of the temperance people will be held in a few days."

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Story of commissioners' meeting on page two.

BRUCE PENALIZED FOR BEING LIBERAL

Is Object of Gerrymandering—Liberals Keep Strathroy in N. Middlesex

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 23.—The redistribution committee this morning accepted an amendment moved by the Liberal members, that Strathroy remain in North Middlesex instead of being transferred to West Middlesex. There was a bitter controversy over the wanton gerrymandering of Bruce County, but the Government is determined to penalize Bruce for returning three Liberals at the last election.

The only other change made is to transfer the town of Port Dalhousie from West Lincoln to East Lincoln. Mr. Rowell strongly objected to the dual representation of four of Toronto's seats. He charged that the Government could not subdivide Toronto into ten single seats without giving the Liberals a chance to elect several members.

DOWN TOWN "CLEAN UP"

"The downtown district is doing very well," said Dr. T. V. Hutchinson, medical health officer in referring to the progress of the civic clean-up, paint-up campaign.

"Many householders apparently believe in putting it off as long as possible. They could not have better weather than we are having at present."

"It is very desirable that they should do so immediately, as refuse heaps in backyards are ideal places for the breeding of flies and other pests."

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EMPLOYEES REAP CONTRACT BENEFITS

Get Coal at Same Prices as Govt. Institutions, Says the Superintendent in His Evidence.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 23.—Parliament Buildings—The public accounts committee still drags on.

This morning the witnesses required to complete the investigation of the Niagara Falls Park boulevard contracts were not on hand, and so the committee will not be able to wind up until tomorrow.

The only evidence taken was that of E. R. Rogers, provincial inspector of hospitals and charities. Mr. Rogers admitted that the advertisements for tenders for coal for the various institutions did not require the tenders to be marked "tenders for coal," with the result that, while some come in that way and are held, others might be opened as soon as received.

Another admission of the inspector was that various employees of the department, including himself, received coal from the contractors at the same price as the institutions.

Excavators Break Pipes.—Teams engaged in the excavation work for the new radial transmission station on Horton street, trampled on pipes leading from the reservoir to the Beck wells, with the result that the pipes were broken and a great quantity of water was turned into the excavation. Men were at work all day yesterday pumping it out. The ends of the pipes have been plugged in the meantime.

SKELTONS WERE MODERN PEOPLE

Prof. Dearnness Declares Sunday's "Discoveries" Were Not of Ancient Races.

OTHER RELICS FOUND

Pipe Stems, Human Bones and Implements Unearthed Near Where Skeletons Lay.

Several pipe-stems, human bones, and rusted iron implements have been found in the graves of the three Indians, discovered in "The Valley" on the north branch of the river, Sunday. Children of the neighborhood have unearthed a number of bones, and relics since the finding of the skeletons.

Not Prehistoric.

Prof. John Dearnness, a member of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, gave his opinion of the skeletons, as those of comparatively modern people.

"It was the custom of the Indians of this district to gather all their dead at intervals sometimes as long as a year, and bury the bones all together, in one pit, he said. A high spot, overlooking some stream or stretch of country was generally chosen. It is very likely that the spot where these skeletons were found on Sunday, was such a place. These burying-grounds are frequently found in this district."

Found Near Cliff.

The skeletons in the "Valley" were found at the edge of the cliff overlooking the river, not far from a giant tree, gnarled and withered with age. Only the three skeletons have been unearthed, and there do not seem to be any more in the vicinity. Pieces of metal are puzzling the finders.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL

TEMPERATURES
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to eight o'clock last night: Highest, 56.5; lowest, 37.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today, were: Highest, 49; lowest, 29.

FORECAST.

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CAPTURE OF VERA CRUZ COST UNITED STATES TWELVE MEN KILLED AND FIFTY WOUNDED; WILL SEIZE RAILWAY TO MEXICO CITY NEXT

Pope Requests Huerta to Yield to United States

Foreign Rulers Forward Similar Exhortations, Hoping to Avert Any More Bloodshed.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, April 23.—A cable to the Tribune from Rome says: The Pope has sent a cable dispatch to the apostolic delegate in Mexico, instructing him to ask President Huerta to yield to the United States, in order to avert further bloodshed. It is understood that similar exhortations have been cabled to Huerta by several foreign rulers, including at least one king, who offered his services as mediator.

The foreign office here has exchanged views on the Mexican situation with the representatives of Austria, Hungary, Germany and Great Britain. Italy's attitude does not differ from that of the other powers.

UNIFORM BASIS OF ALL ASSESSMENTS

City Official Suggests Equal Land Valuation for Every Block.

FLOOR SPACE SCALE

Buildings Would Be Assessed on Basis of Size and Quality.

An absolute rejection of the present system of assessment, and a method by which whole city blocks would be assessed at a correct land value and the buildings upon them according to floor space and quality of construction, is the ideal plan as viewed by a prominent city official.

"The assessments in the city are anything but equitable," said the official this morning, "and I believe that a thorough revision of the system is necessary. My idea is to assess all the land in one block at a certain figure, and then to make the building assessments on the basis of floor space, and quality of construction. The start would be made from the most valuable block of land in the city, then graduating down in all directions toward the city limits. For instance the land on Dundas street between Wellington and Waterloo streets would under this plan, be valued entirely at so much a foot. Then, the value of the buildings would be considered and the assessments made accordingly."

"Our present system," he said, "is, at the best, haphazard, and is based upon valuations made ages ago, with increases from time to time. In most cases, the small owners have been assessed nearly to the value of their properties, while men with large houses and costly buildings have not been given a proportionate assessment. Under the plan of assessing all the land in a block at a certain figure and charging up the buildings on floor space and cost of construction, this unfairness would be eliminated, and all assessments would be put on the same plane."

FIRE BURSTS OUT AGAIN IN DEBRIS

Chemicals Used to Extinguish Blaze in Pile of Books in Insurance Office.

The ruins of the Dominion Savings Building today was the scene of activity as gangs of laborers commenced to clear away the debris.

Chief Aitken and his men have removed all the material that was in danger of falling into the street, with the result that many of the former tenants visited their offices today and removed what was left of their business equipment.

While the fire chief was investigating the ruins this morning he discovered a quantity of papers and wood burning in the office formerly occupied by the Atlas Insurance Company on the second floor of the structure. A call was sent in for the motor truck and the blaze extinguished with the chemicals.

W. C. Fitzgerald opened one of the vaults today, and found everything inside was unharmed. "You would never know there had been a fire, judging from the papers inside the vault," said Mr. Fitzgerald.

The fire insurance adjusters from a number of companies visited the scene of the blaze today and made settlements with a number of their policyholders.

British and German Ships Courteously Receive on Board Many American Refugees Who Seek to Leave Danger Zone.

Mexicans Reported to Have Repeatedly Violated Flag of Truce During the Past Two Days' Fighting.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., April 23.—After issuing a statement, declaring the intention of the United States to enforce reparation "whenever and wherever the dignity of the United States is flouted," President Wilson bent all the energies of the administration today to planning for operations in Mexico. The President's statement, issued after a cabinet conference, in reply to the message received from the Constitutionalist Chief Carranza, declared that "we are now dealing only with those whom Huerta commands, and those who come to his support."

NOT A FULL EMBARGO.

From dawn this morning the weary chiefs of the war and navy departments, Secretary of State Bryan and the other cabinet officials hurried from conference to conference.

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Orders from the War Department directed the stoppage of all importations of arms directed to the Huerta forces across the border of Piedras Negras. This led to a report that the embargo on arms had been re-established at the northern border against both Federalists and Constitutionals. Some officials said it was very probable that no arms would be allowed to cross the border, although the department hesitates to issue a blanket order until the exact attitude of the Constitutionals toward the United States can be demonstrated.

THE MAIN TOPIC.

The situation on the Mexican border was the subject of all the day's conferences. Any contemplated movement of the army to Vera Cruz by transport, it was reported, would be held up as a result of the Carranza message of last night until border conditions would permit withdrawal of troops there. Suggestions were made that before any extensive army movement could be ordered the militia would have to be called out by congressional action and money supplied for the mobilization of a large army.

REPLY TO CARRANZA.

As yet the Washington Government does not expect open hostilities from the Constitutionals, hoping that they will remain neutral. Carranza's request for the withdrawal of the American forces from Vera Cruz on the

ground that it "was a violation of the national sovereignty of Mexico and a hostile act to the Mexican nation," gave the President and his cabinet advisers with whom he was in conference, much concern. In consequence the White House statement was issued to inform General Carranza that the United States could not recognize him or seek reparation from him as he requested, but must deal with the authorities in control of the territory where offenses were committed. This has been the consistent course of the Washington Government.

NOT NECESSARILY WAR.

The fact that Charge O'Shaughnessy had been handed his passports by General Huerta, added an acute aspect to the situation, but has been more or less expected. The interests of the United States will be looked after by one or two of the other foreign legations as was the case in Spain during the last war. Secretary Bryan said the mere withdrawal of the charge d'affaires did not necessarily mean war. He referred to the fact that precedent showed instances where war did not follow the departure of a minister or a charge with his passports.

AMERICANS PROTECTED.

The department said from 800 to 1,000 Americans were in Mexico City, and that they would be protected by the guards of the other legations, numbering about 100 soldiers.

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Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN BRINGS IN \$6,000

Another \$1,000 Secured by Teams During This Morning.

\$2,000 MORE TODAY

That Much Is Expected To Be Raised in Afternoon's Work.

Nearly one thousand dollars more was added to the Y. M. C. A. campaign fund by the canvassers this morning. This makes a total of nearly \$6,000 already collected. The members expect to get at least \$2,000 this afternoon, when they will do some strenuous work.

"The citizens have responded most liberally," said Secretary E. R. Wilson, this afternoon. "The great need is for men to canvass them. We expected more in the teams for the work today, but they did not turn out. However, we have done very well indeed."

The campaigners, at a meeting tonight, will discuss plans for continuing the campaign until the end of the week.