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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

U. S. SOLDIERS ARE FIRED UPO

Incident at Presidio, Texas, that May Lead to Complications - Mexican General Asked to Explain

INSURRECTOS LOOK FOR CONCESSIONS

Inhabitants of Troubled Districts Threatened with Famine-Report of Rebel Victory at Tecarte

PRESIDIO, Tex., March 22.-Shortafter the crossing of supplies from residio intended for the Mexican roops besieged in Ojinaga, on the oposite bank of the Rio Grande, had een stopped today, bullets from federal rifles fell among a detachment of Inited States troops guarding the merican side of the river. An explanation has been demanded

General Luque, in command of the Mexican troops. A report of the firing into the troops is being prepared by Lieut. J. E. Taylor, for transmission to Wash-

of prospective negro settlers from Chilaboma tonight are under guard in States customs officials.

The ninth day of the siege shows the insurrecto lines that surround the city unbroken. Last night the insurrectos routed an outpost and took possession of the trenches 400 yards from the federal artillery encampment. Reports from Olinaga are that supplies are running low, and besides the garrison of 500 soldiers, 1,000 non-combatants are suffering for want of food. Several persons have been counsied by bullets which crossed the river.

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—Not-

EL PASO, Tex., March 22.—Not-withstanding reports from Mexico City to the contrary, it is the view of insurrecto leaders here that Senor Limantour's conference with President Diaz is expected to have important results looking towards peace in Mexico. They assert that Senor Limantour has had an object in concealing his mission to Mexico, and that in reality

without the retirement of President

A message received today is said to be confirmatory of a previous telegram from Gustavo I. Madero, the financial agent in New York, that Limantour had promised an entire change of politics in Mexico.

Genzales Garza, the insurrecto secretary of state, said.

"We think he will offer a proposal by which he hopes to end the war. demands for the retirement of Diaz and the retention of our arms until peace is assured, are the stumling blocks on which we are unwilling to yield. Without an armed truce, it is folly to talk of peace."

Starvation in Prospect

antime, conditions in the warted parts of Northern Mexico are dly growing worse. From north of nahua City, 225 miles to the border and westward into Sonora state, he insurrectos are surrounding the towns with a view to inducing nonombatants to join their ranks and to eep supplies from being taken from country. Refugees who are reaching the border declare that many nonombatants are facing starvation. An American connected with a mine near 'asas Grandes said:

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the line during the expected battle. It is evident that Salinas considers the insurrecto movement in Lower California as independent of that in the states

Negro immigrants WINNIPEG, March 22.—The party ington. The orders to prevent the of prospective negro settlers from crossing of supplies came from United Oklahoma tonight are under guard in

WINNIPEG, March 22.-The Manitoba government will refuse the offer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for settlement of the boundary question, and will insist upon Manitoba being placpolitics in Mexico.

We believe Limantour all along has vinces of the Confederation. The govhad plans which he was unable to ernment's stand is set forth in a resdivulge, and which he attempted to olution, notice of which was given by conceal by a rather untactful antag- the Premier this afternoon. It will istic attitude towards us," Senor be moved tomorrow, when a big debate, which practically will wind up the session, is expected.

MUST STAND TRIAL

Chicago Packers Not Likely to Benefit Further by "Immunity Bath"

—Heavy Sentence Possible

terlocutory decree, from which there is no appeal, means that the packers

river front. Captain Felipe Ceyudo, of General Navarro's staff, ventured on the American side in uniform. A crowd attacked him and United States troops escorted him to the middle of the bridge on his way home.

Reported Rebel Victory

MEXICALI, March 22.—The receipt of a telegram from the junta stating that insurrectos had gained a great victory today at Tecahte resulted in the rebel garrison here holding a jubilee.

The presence here of Salinas, who has a reputation as a trained and tried military man, has greatly increased the confidence of the rebels. Up to yesterday, they displayed considerable anxiety as to how they would be treated by the Americans in case they should cross the live during the limposed later. ntence will be imposed later.

Is evident that Salinas considers the insurrector movement in Lower California as independent of that in the states of Sonora and Chihushua. He said today that if Lower California should pass into the hands of the rebels this would mean that in case Diaz and Madero should agree to pence terms, separate negotiations would have to be entered into with the peninsula insurrectos. The statement made in Los Angeles by a relative of Madero denouncing the Mexicali rebels is said to have a great deal to do with the attitude assumed in this regard.

William Stanley today selzed one hundred head of cattle, which Santiago Larona, a rancher near Algodones, was about to take into the United States.

Balders in Texas

ALPINE, Tex., March 22.—A telephone message this afternoon from Chishos mines on the Mexican border, where it was reported yesterday that Mexican raiders crossed into American territory, (Continued on Page 2.)

Negro immigrants

Sir Edward Tennant Speaks of Monroe Doctrine and Anti-Oriental Immigration Law Complications

tion laws of Canada and the United States. He pointed out in connection therewith that neither Germany nor Japan had ever recognized the Monroe Doctrine. He was told that arbitration would settle these two questions as well as many another. He did not be-

Oriental immigration question, two matters of the very greatest important to decide and they must make up their minds to deal with them, conscious of the grave responsibility that rested on their shoulders.

Speaking on the reciprocity question Sir Edward declared himself a free trader, holding the British Liberals' be-lief in the removal of artificial restrictions to the greatest possible extent.

OUR AWFUL FATE

English Paper Makes Horrible Dis covery in Regard to Plans of United States

LONDON, March 22.—The Newcastle Daily Chronicle anent arbitration with the United States says: "If we with-CHICAGO, March 22.—Judge Carpenter in the United States district court in refusing today to quash indictments against ten Chicago packers placed a limit on the freedom from liability granted the packers in the United States says: "If we with a meeting here of the creditors' committee of the Westinghouse Machine before the United States annexes every inch of territory from Alaska to Winnipeg, and it is not improbable that an extension plan of the indebt-dense of the company had become operative, that a new \$10,000,000 first and refunding mortgage had been placed on the combined properties of from liability granted the packers in the "immunity bath" given by Judge Humphrey in 1906.

He also ruled that "immunity bath" did not prohibit the facts and evidence on which it was granted being used as evidence to establish proof of wheat belt of Canada under the Stars and Stripes, so that the territory from dence on which it was granted being used as evidence to establish proof of conspiracy existing since the immunand Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes, so that the territory from Chicago up to Alaska might be under the Star and Stripes and

Coal Conference Still Deadlocked.

Emperor Nicholas Reported to be Anxious that Veteran Statesman Should Withdraw His Resignation

STATEMENT MADE

Polish Members of Council

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The chamber of commerce has received from John Jacob Astor, of New York, a check for \$10,000. Accompanying the favor of M. Stolypin remaining premier. Although M. Rokovson had been appointed to the premiership, the appointment has not been officially announced. The emperor dined last evening at the residence of Mme. Mevirobon, a daughter of Secretary af State Tanen, who is also grand master of the court. After the dinner, the Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrenov told those assembled that the emperor had succeeded in persuading M. Stolypin to remain in office.

In response to inquiries, M. Stolypin said the situation was without change and that he had received no direct or indirect proposals from his Majesty since his resignation.

The Nationalist page 16.

indirect proposals from his Majesty since his resignation.

The Nationalist press is strongly urging M. Stolypin to reconsider his detarmination to retire.

The emperer today received the Polish members of the council of the empire who helped to defeat the Zemstvo bill, and graciously conversed with them. This was much commented upon, because the defeat of this bill resulted in the fall of Premier Stolypin.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—President Taft today maid a cordial interview with them. The stolypin is to the fall of the fall of

The president said he was amazed to find on his return from Augusta that some newspapers had been giving credit who shot and killed Captain Elliston in Work Point barracks will be argued in appeal before the supreme court. This afternoon the chief justice announced that as the prisoner had no means to retain counsel for the defence. The court has assigned to the duty of counsel for the president that he attached no imprisoner J. A. Ritchie, crown attorney of the County of Carleton, on account of his legal ability and wide experience, said Chief Justice Sir Charles Fitz-patrick. He has very willingly accepted the responsibility placed upon him by the responsibility placed upon him by the court.

PITTSBURG, March 22.-Following and refunding mortgage had been placed on the combined properties of the Westinghouse Machine Company and the Westinghouse Foundry Company, the capital stock of the latter being owned by the former.

EXTRA TAXATION

Everett City Council's Plans to Make Up for Revenue Lost by Abol-ishing Bara.

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No Commission for Ottawa OTTAWA, March 22.—The commission form of government for the city was defeated today by a majority of \$1.

One Reform Governor, RIDA, Mexico, March 22.—Th

WASHINGTON. March 22—President Taft today held a cordial interclew with Japanese ampassador Baron Uchida, whom he sent for to felicitate with him upon the ratification of the new treaty between this country and Japan.

He took advantage of the occasion to assure the ambassador that never in the history of the two countries had their relations been so pleasant as they are today; never had talk of war been more absurd.

Mr. Taft expressed pleasure at th mission to Mexico, and that in reality great political changes are in formation under terms partly agreeable to the insurrectos.

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ASKS NEW TRIAL

illionaire Hillman Alleges Prejudice and Other Faults on Part of Former Jurors

ed for the beach meet of the Atlantic-pable Reach, March 27 to 30. The one hundred porse-power Darrace, the Prince Henry Benz and the giant Knox were also included in the lifting of the offi-cial ban.

BY GRAND DUCHESS

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ASTORIA, Ore., March 22.—The contract for 100 miles of railway grading and ballasting on the American Protective Tariff League in a special meeting to day adopted resolutions reciting that in protection for his industry when protection shall have been denied to the farmer," and urging that all friends of protection bring to bear "every proper influence upon congress" against the adoption of the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

St. PETERSBURG, March 22.—The a check for \$10,000, Accompanying

TO RETURN THE CREW OF UMBRINA

Seattle, made up of peanuts, soy, sake, rice, matting and general merchandise, and 113 tons for Victoria, including rice, tea, soy, matches, canned pears, bean oil and general merchandise. The steamer had a good passage. There were but three Eurhandise. Fermer Jurors opeans among the passengers, three seamen from the British ship Comet of the Standard Oil Company. There

Wilfrid Laurier's Reply to Question in Commons in Regard to Government's Attitude Towards Proposal

MOUNTED POLICE FOR CORONATION

Matter of Sale of St. Peter's Indian Reserve is Again Brought Up - Royal Commission Refused

OTTAWA, March 22.—When the House met Mr. Fowke, Liberal member for South Ontario, asked: "Has the attention of the government been called to recent speeches of Sir Edward Grey and President Taft in reference to the proposed arbitration treaty between the British Empire and the United States, and is the government prepared to express an opinion on the subject?"

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied: "The attention of the government and, it may be added, of the whole people of Canada, could not fail to be attracted to the proposition now being discussed by Sir Edward Grey and President Taft for a treaty of arbitration between Great

AT REST

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Capt:

Folger, six white men and part of a tribe of Vangouver island Indians, the crew of the sealer Umbrina brought into this port last Friday by the United States naval collier Saturn, will be added, of the whole people of Canada, the returned to Victoria within a few days. The Indians were part of the crew of the British sealing schooner Umbrina, of Victoria, B. C., which was rammed and sank of the Hecate banks the previous Wednesday by the naval vessel. The Indians are being taken care of at the immigration station: on Angel island, and the authorities are working in on the government and, it may be added, of the whole people of Canada, in the British sealing schooner Umbrina, of Victoria, B. C., which was rammed and sank of the Hecate banks the previous Wednesday by the naval vessel. The Indians are being taken care of at the immigration station: on Angel island, and the authorities are working in sonjunction with the British consultations, it can he safely asserted the Umbrina to procure accommodation of the Umbrina to procure accommodation of the Umbrina to procure accommodations and wrich is so closely connected with in United States, which of the Umbrina to procure accommodations, it can he safely asserted the Umbrina to procure accommodation of the Umbrina to procure accommodations and wrich is so part of the British consultations, it can he safely asserted the Umbrina to procure accommodation of the Umbrina to procure accommodations and wrich is so part of the British consultations, it can he safely asserted the three is no part of the British consultations, it can he safely asserted the Umbrina to procure accommodation of the Umbrina to procure accommodation of the Umbrina to procure accommodation and wrich is account to the Umbrina to procure accommodation and wrich is account to the Umbrina to procure accommodation and wrich is account to the subject?

FRON FAR EAST question asked by him on a previous occasion as to how many members of the Northwest Mounted Police force would be sent to the coronation of King George

posed to send 75 men and five officers, but the matter had not been definitely

Alex Haggart of Winnipeg drew the Times are Anticipated in cumstance that coronation day will be attention of the government to the cira bank holiday in Great Britain. He asked if it would likewise be a bank holiday in Canada. Sir Wilfrid replied that the matter had not been consid-

Price of Million Dollars Asked by Dominion Government for Fort Osborne Barracks

WINNIPEG, March 22.-Another attempt will be made by the provin-SEATTLE. March 22.—Counsel for Clarence D. Hillman, the millionaire from the Fritish ship Cometed and the case of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus and the millionaire of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus to determine the millionaire of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the standard oil company. There were focus the million of the case of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the case of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the case of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the standard oil company. There were focus the million of the standard oil company. There were focus the million of the standard oil company. There were focus the million of the standard oil company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the million of the standard oil company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus the focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus of the Standard Oil Company. The focus of the Standard Oil Company. There were focus of the Standard Oil Company. The focus of th cial government to secure Fort Os-borne barracks from the Dominion