

MOBILIZATION OF U.S. TROOPS

STEPS TAKEN TO PROVE PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR

Government Officials Declare Movement Has Been Successful

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., March 22.—That the United States mobilized troops on the Mexican border to prove its preparedness to cope with an event which that very preparedness would prevent, is the explanation given out here today in official circles of the present situation along the Rio Grande.

The maneuvers are a notice to all nations, the officials declare, at the same time that the United States is prepared to maintain peace if necessary by war. It is stated that from the very first the administration did not expect any immediate exigency.

In proof that the move of the administration was a success, it is pointed out that the mobilization has already prevented the development of a Mexican-Japanese alliance, which might involve a serious international tangle and ultimately war.

There will be no move toward the Mexican border unless outrages so flagrant as to call for the presence of a protecting force occur. Upon that, President Taft would not think of acting without the consent of congress. The president felt it was his duty to prepare for an emergency, so that if congress should be called upon to act, its orders could be carried out quickly.

How long the troops will remain in Texas, depends entirely on developments. The United States government has determined to give President Diaz every chance to restore order. President Taft has determined that his government shall fulfill its international obligations in stopping the smuggling of arms and ammunition across the border. The enforcement of the law is regarded as the best solution of the problem.

President Taft repeatedly has assured the Mexican ambassador, Senor De La Barra, that the Mexican government need feel no alarm over the movement of the troops. He has sent the same assurance to the City of Mexico.

Personally assure the Japanese ambassador that the present relations between Japan and the United States are entirely satisfactory. President Taft invited Baron Uchida to call at the White House this afternoon. The president wished to inform the ambassador that there was no ground for the belief that the present military manoeuvres on the Texas frontier were unfriendly to the Japanese nation, but that the immediate cause for the mobilization was the apparent danger of a crisis in Mexican internal affairs.

After President Taft's conference with Japanese Ambassador Uchida today, the cabinet was in session for three hours discussing the Mexican situation and the talk of the president with the Japanese diplomat. Later the president and Robert Bacon, ambassador to France, discussed an arbitration with France and a similar convention with Great Britain, both of which, it is hoped, may be negotiated within President Taft's tenure of office.

Diaz May Take Field.
El Paso, Texas, March 22.—Optimism that the end of the Mexican revolution is near, which was rampant here yesterday, has paled and almost disappeared to-day through the failure to receive any message promising peace from Mexico city. The impression here now is that Diaz has refused to discuss any proposals until the rebellion is over, and both revolutionary sympathizers and federalists think it looks now like a long hard fight to finish.

To Add to the Depression in Juarez, the city evidently expects an attack. One Mexican federal officer here asserted to-day that President Diaz personally will take the field if his cabinet insists upon negotiating with the rebels.

To Disperse Bandits.
Austin, Texas, March 22.—Two companies of Texas rangers were ordered to Chisos today to disperse 400 Mexican bandits who, under the guise of being revolutionaries, are raiding American ranches and levying tribute of cattle and horses.

The rangers moved at the order of Adjutant-General Hatcher, who is cooperating with the United States cavalry troops on the border. The bandits have threatened to sack the towns of Chisos and Terlingua.

Leaders Disappear.
San Diego, Cal., March 22.—Generals Leyva and Berthold, of the Mexican rebel army, are not advertising their whereabouts. Just when they disappeared cannot be told, because, owing to the conflicting reports from the border, unverified rumors about them having been received all this week. But at the brigade headquarters of General Bliss in San Diego, it is officially stated that the two rebel leaders are not at Mexicali or at Tecate, or in the neighborhood. It is not thought here that they have quit fighting and the idea is gaining ground that they are withdrawing a big force of men somewhere to annihilate a larger body of Mexican soldiers.

The big command that was supposed to have left Ensenada last week

B. C. ELECTRIC HAS MUCH WORK

LAYING OF HEAVIER RAILS AND BALLASTING

Big Programme of Track Improvements—Rolling Stock Being Added to

The B. C. Electric Railway Company, in furtherance of its programme of this season's track improvements, has engaged a large number of men at work in various parts of the city. The expenditure by the company this year for up-keep of trackage will be the largest in the record of the company's operations in this city, for besides the extra large amount of ballasting which is to be done, on a number of the leading thoroughfares which are to be paved with asphalt, rails of a very heavy and permanent type are to be put down. Some work of this latter nature is now in progress on upper Yates street, and before the lower part of the thoroughfare can be paved by the Vancouver company, which has just been awarded the contract, heavy rails will have to be laid on that section also. Fort street will also be repaid with a heavier rail while being widened and repaved. The increase in traffic on all local lines has been so marked since the advent of the spring season that further material additions to the rolling stock are an absolute necessity. Last fall the local management placed orders for some half dozen cars of the large type, and these will shortly be delivered from the company's works at New Westminster, but should the increase in traffic this summer assume the proportions of which there is now every indication a further order for cars will be found necessary.

The inspector appointed by the provincial government to supervise the operation of street cars throughout the province has recently been paying a considerable amount of attention to Victoria, and in each instance where he has made recommendations the company has promptly met them. It is now no longer permissible for passengers to ride on the front platform, no matter how crowded may be the condition of the car. The new rule, which recently went into effect, while it at first elicited some objections from those who were wont to ride on the front end while smoking, is now obeyed without murmur.

SNOW AT OTTAWA

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 22.—Nearly a foot of snow fell during the night and street car service is being operated with difficulty. The weather is mild.

HON. D. GIROUARD DIES AT OTTAWA

Justice of Supreme Court Succumbs to Illness Caused by an Accident

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 22.—Hon. Desire Girovard, of the Supreme court, died this morning after a fortnight's illness, caused by being thrown from his sleigh. Deceased, who was 70 years old, was unconscious for five days before his death.

The vacancy on the Supreme court bench, caused by the death of Mr. Justice Girovard, will be filled by the appointment of a French-Canadian.

CORONATION GIFT FOR KING GEORGE

All the Georges in Nova Scotia Will Contribute Toward the Fund

(Special to the Times.)
Halifax, N. S., March 22.—At a meeting at Government House yesterday it was decided that all the Georges in Nova Scotia should contribute a gift to King George at his coronation. The Marys have already decided to join in the movement of Countess Grey for a presentation to the Queen.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEFEATED.
Des Moines, Iowa, March 22.—By a vote of 21 to 21, the state senate here defeated the Allen bill, which was framed to grant suffrage to women.



THE FISHING SEASON WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY.

ANTI-TREATING ORDINANCE PASSED

LAW WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AT TACOMA

Saloon Men Declare Votes of Women Carried the Day
(Times Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., March 22.—There is sorrow in the saloons of Tacoma today as a result of the endorsement at yesterday's referendum election of an anti-treating ordinance. The measure carried by nearly 4,000 majority.
"What'll you have?" is relegated to the things that were. No more will the men upon whom will devolve the honor of representing the militia of the city on the Canadian contingent at the coronation of His Majesty King George V. in London in sunny June.

The names of the fortunate soldiers of this city who will be drafted into the composite regiment to represent the Dominion are: Gunnar A. Nex, Gunner Leslie McNaughton and Sergeant Fred Harrop. Special arrangements will be made for their trip across the continent and the Atlantic ocean.

In all probability some sort of a public demonstration will attend their departure for England.

NINE MEN KILLED IN COAL MINE

Crushed to Death by Fall of Slate in Colliery in Pennsylvania

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—Nine miners were killed early to-day by a fall of slate in the Hazel mine, near Cannonsburg.
One American, David Bonley, was among those killed. Eight hundred men were at work when the accident occurred.
According to report, the victims were entering the mine on a coal car when it jumped the track, demolishing the posts supporting the roof. With the caving in of the roof tons of slate crashed down on the miners, crushing their bodies almost beyond recognition.

Officials of the Pittsburgh-Buttafo Colliery deny that the car jumped the track and assert that the slate fell from the roof. The mine was closed following the accident and work will not be resumed until after the funerals of the victims.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY PETITION

Winnipeg, March 22.—Judge Meyers yesterday ordered that the application of withdrawal of E. D. Martin's petition against the election of Mayor Evans be heard on March 30, and that notice of his intention be published daily for one week between now and March 30, in one daily newspaper of Winnipeg, and also that Mr. Whittell, attorney for Mayor Evans, submit his bill of costs for Mr. Martin in the meantime for their approval.

INCENDIARY AT WORK.
Everett, Wash., March 22.—The police are to-day searching for the unknown firebug who started fires in the Capitol building yesterday. The fire was started twice in the same place. Fire Chief Farrow declares that the blaze was the work of an incendiary and he is leading the search for the firebug to-day.

VICTORIA FIFTH AT CORONATION

THREE WILL REPRESENT CRACK LOCAL REGIMENT

Sergeant and Two Gunners Selected for Places on Canadian Contingent
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TREASURES MADE BY FOREIGN MINERS

Americans Afraid to Resume Work

Illinois Town Declared Under Martial Law by Commander of Troops
Bend, Ill., March 22.—Fearing the vengeance of armed foreign miners who are on strike here, more than 1,000 American workers to-day refused to resume their places in the mines despite offers of protection by the troops who are here to preserve order.
All last night the militia camped in the centre of the town, which was declared under martial law by Colonel Laing in command, and who ordered his soldiers not to spare bullets if they were necessary to quell the expected outbreak.
Threats are freely made to-day by the foreigners that they will dynamite the home of Supt. Reese of the Northwestern Mines and that they will kill his entire family.

The gravest apprehensions of trouble are entertained here to-day as the result of a plan by the troops to raid a stockade where most of the striking foreigners are staying. It is reported that many of the strikers are anarchists and it is believed probable that any attack by the troops will be met by bombs.

MEMBERS OF MANITOBA LEGISLATURE VOTE INCREASE OF \$500.

Winnipeg, March 22.—The legislature last night voted an increase of \$500 to members' seasonal indemnity, making it \$1,500. It raised cabinet ministers' salaries from \$7,500 to \$8,000 for the agricultural college and \$50,000 for a start on the new parliament buildings. The total cost of which will be four millions.

TWO GENERALS KILLED

Fell in Fight in Honduras in Which Forty Rioters Were Also Killed.
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, March 22.—Forces of General Matuy to-day captured the scene of Sunday's battle between rioters and Honduran troops at Comayagua, in which Generals Lara and Palma were slain, forty rioters killed and fifty injured.

Holding began when the troops of Lara and Palma occupied the Pueblo and failed to relinquish their arms, according to agreement between the Honduras government, the rebel forces near Tegucigalpa, and the peace commission. When the federal troops retained their weapons a mob led by insurgents, attacked them.

RAILWAY PROMOTER DEAD.
Boston, March 22.—Nathaniel Thayer, for many years known as one of the foremost railroad promoters in America, died here yesterday. He was a director of New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, of the U. S. Steel Corporation and of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, and many other financial institutions.

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ACTION OF MONTREAL RIOTERS CONDEMNED

Students' Council Expresses Regret for Indignities to Former Minister
(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, March 22.—An official apology from the student body of McGill will probably be tendered to Hon. Clifford Sifton for the indignities to which he was subjected on Monday night by the rowdy element of the undergraduates. A memorial is being circulated in the university and largely signed, while the students' council has called a mass meeting for 5 o'clock this afternoon to consider what action should be taken towards punishing those who have brought their Alma Mater into disrepute and to draft an apology.
Civil actions for damages amounting to \$200, including the cost of a carriage which was burned, may also add to the discomfort of the students and somebody will have to pay. About a dozen students will be made the defendants. It is stated.

It was on the invitation of a large body of the students that Hon. Mr. Sifton consented to address them in the hall of the McGill University.

ALBERTA CROP PROSPECTS.

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WRECK ON C. P. R. AT PORT MOODY

Collision Between Freight and Gravel Trains Delays Traffic

(Times Leased Wire.)
Vancouver, March 22.—Through a misunderstanding of signals between the engineers of a freight and gravel train, a smash-up occurred on the C. P. R. yesterday afternoon at Port Moody, 12 miles east of here. The freight engine ploughed half through the caboose of the gravel train, wrecking several cars and smashing an overhead bridge which crosses the rails in the Port Moody yard at the spot where the accident occurred. No one was injured, but the accident tied up both east and west bound traffic and trains to Seattle until an early hour this morning.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ON SOUTH AFRICA

(Special to the Times.)
London, March 22.—The Duke of Connaught, presiding at the annual dinner of the South African Society, said that under the sympathetic and devoted government of Premier Botha that country would progress rapidly. There was both a strong government and strong opposition, and its people took the keenest interest in the affairs of the union, which now ranked with Canada and Australia among the great self-governing states of the empire.

MAYOR MORLEY WILL BE OPPOSED

CERTAIN THAT RIVAL CANDIDATE WILL APPEAR

Every Promise of an Exciting Municipal Campaign Early Next Month
(From "Wednesday's Daily.")
An ever-increasing amount of interest is now being manifested in the forthcoming special municipal elections, and speculation is keen as to who will be Mayor Morley's opponent. That he will be opposed is said to be a certainty.

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CONVICTED OF MURDER

Lewisohn, Ida., March 22.—The jury in the trial of Robert Worth, charged with the killing of William V. deLoach, returned a verdict late last night of guilty in the first degree. Judge Steele will pronounce sentence to-morrow.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

Olympia, Wash., March 22.—O. B. May, a brakeman on the Peninsula road, was killed by the killing of William V. deLoach, returned a verdict late last night of guilty in the first degree. Judge Steele will pronounce sentence to-morrow.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY

New York, March 22.—The directors of the Missouri Pacific railroad met here yesterday and elected George J. Gould chairman of the board. The presidency of the road was left vacant, but will be filled soon. George J. Gould, Fredrick Gates, E. D. Adams, Edwin Gould, E. T. Jeffers and Cornelius Vanderbilt were elected to the executive committee.

THE MINISTER OF THE CROWN

The Minister of the Crown, by a referendum, has adopted the attitude of the Conservatives, the policy of favour of when in Liberal government. It is an agreement of \$5,000,000, which is a

HON. WILLIAM WARREN

ON THE OCCASION SINCE REORGANIZATION

Measure of hearing of the House of Commons, Mr. Warren is the only member of the House who has returned to Ottawa since the immigration reform bill was introduced.

LIBERALS OF WASHINGTON

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