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## MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

### Had Much Trouble in Meeting Payrolls for Past Ten Days.

### MAY MEAN THE FINISH OF THE HUERTA REGIME

### Rumor that Tax of Fifteen Per Cent Would be Levied on Banks—Fear that Run on Financial Institutions Will Result.

Mexico City, Oct. 31.—The government today encountered some difficulty in meeting its payrolls for the ten days ending today. In some of the departments only partial payments were made, with the promise to the men that the balance would be forthcoming tomorrow. In other departments payments have not yet been made. The government secured funds and tonight began giving the men in all departments their money. The paymasters had instructions to continue at work all through the night, if necessary.

Rumors of the inability of the administration to meet its financial engagements spread over the city, together with another persistent circulated rumor that President Huerta proposed to levy a tax of fifteen per cent on all bank deposits. The latter report spread to such an extent that many persons withdrew their funds from various banks. Apparently there was no basis for the report. Several leading bankers said they knew nothing further of it than the talk that was going on in the street and the fact that they had been required to answer dozens of telephone inquiries made by anxious depositors.

The withdrawals did not reach the proportion of runs on the banks, but bankers feared that this might be the result should the excitement continue to grow. The manager of one of the leading banks expressed the opinion that President Huerta, who thus far has confined his financial efforts to legal bonds, would not attempt to adopt such a measure as levying a fifteen per cent tax on deposits.

There is a distinctly high tension of expectancy here, and on all sides the belief is freely expressed, both by Mexicans and foreigners, that the administration is facing a financial crisis. It is said that the banks are reluctant to pay for shares in the 8,000,000 pesos loan for which they recently subscribed.

### Saves Mexicans.

New York, Oct. 31.—The steamer that arrived tonight from Vera Cruz with Mrs. John Lind, wife of President Wilson's special envoy, brought also Mexican legislators who over their liberty, if not their lives, to save the two Mexicans arrested at Vera Cruz. Mrs. Lind hid them in her stateroom and sat up all night on the deck until the boat left port and the officers of the Huerta government had gone ashore.

A week ago the cables brought word that the Ward liner, Morro Castle, had been detained at Vera Cruz, while Huerta's agents searched for eight rebellious members of the legislature. The steamer arrived here tonight only those aboard knew that two of the eight "deputies" had escaped arrest.

Those men, Adolfo Dominguez, and Miguel A. Cordera, say they will stay in New York until Mexico becomes a safer home for the opponents of Huerta.

Mrs. Lind said that her husband, the special envoy, had expected to come home after the Mexican election. Now she didn't know when he would come.

### LONDON, ONTARIO, TO VOTE ON SUNDAY CARS.

London, Ont., Oct. 31.—The population of the city is now 55,026, according to the figures prepared by Assessment Commissioner Grant, and these statistics will be at once forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor in council with a request that the electors be allowed to vote on Sunday cars in January. The figures last year were 52,375, with the annexed district, the increase being 2,476.

### AN ANTI-TRUST SUIT.

Boston, Oct. 31.—The defense in the suit brought under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by the government against the United Shoe Machinery Co., will be opened on December 12. The date was set by Judge Putnam today. The government's case was presented last summer.

## I. C. R. - C. P. R. AGREEMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS

### St. John Representatives Can Then Present Our Claims For Justice.

### HON. J. D. HAZEN SENDS MESSAGE TO THE BOARD

### Feeling is that this Action Will Give St. John an Absolutely Fair Chance—Borden Club Deals With Members Who Resigned.

The agreement between the C. P. R. and the Intercolonial Railway for carrying freight from St. John to Halifax is to be investigated by the Dominion Railway Commission. Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, in a telegram to the secretary of the local Board of Trade yesterday said that Mr. Gutelius had been instructed to send copies of the agreement here when signed and the minister has been instructed to submit the agreement to the Railway Commission for a report as to whether or not the rates are discriminatory against St. John. Board of Trade representatives can appear at the hearing, if desired.

Ottawa, October 31, 1913. H. T. Hoag, Secretary Board of Trade, St. John, N. B.

Documents containing heads of agreement between C. P. R. and I. C. R. being mailed you today. Gutelius has been instructed to send copy of extended agreement when signed. Minister has directed him to submit agreement to Railway Commission for a report as to whether rates are discriminatory against St. John or not. Representative of Board of Trade can be heard before Railway Commission, if desired.

J. D. HAZEN, Absolutely Fair.

Prominent citizens who were interviewed by The Standard yesterday said this was absolutely fair treatment, and the report of the Railway Commission would settle the question of discrimination. No definite announcement has yet been made in regard to the sailings of the Royal steamers from St. John, although despatches yesterday indicated that the third vice-president of the C. N. R. had said that the boats would still use Halifax, and no change would be made now. There is, however, a feeling among those in close touch with steamship matters that the Royal boats may still make St. John their western port of call during this winter.

### The Borden Club Difficulty.

At the regular meeting of the R. L. Borden Club executive last night the following were elected to membership: F. W. Crawford, D. Callan, C. G. Flewelling, B. C. Tapley, F. H. Teed, J. A. Tait, L. Gifford, A. C. Smith, Jr. Arrangements were completed for keeping the rooms open during the winter on three nights each week. The evenings selected were Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. A series of entertainments will also be arranged and two nights each month will be devoted to this feature.

Executive committee meetings will take place on the first and third Monday in each month. A committee was appointed to arrange for the decorating of the assembly rooms for the Hazen-Kegon banquet.

G. Earle Logan was elected a delegate to the Conservative executive in place of W. J. Brown, resigned. E. Allen Agar was elected to the position on the executive committee in place of T. E. Simpson.

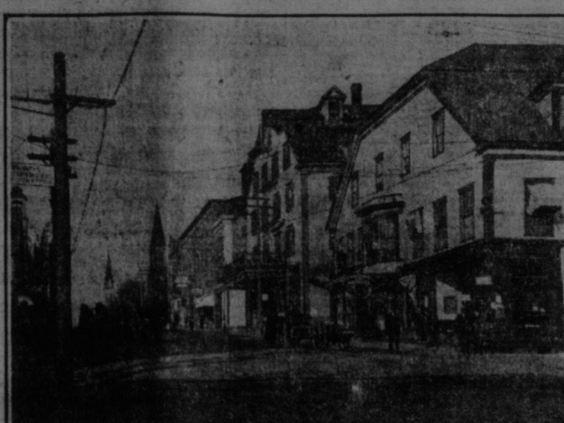
### PREMIER LEAVES FOR CONTEMPLATED REST

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—Premier Borden left the capital this afternoon for the holiday, which he has contemplated taking for several weeks. Except for a short stay at St. Andrews, N.B. in the early part of the summer, the Premier has spent the parliamentary recess in Ottawa in close personal attention to the various questions of administration which have come up for consideration. He will be away for five or six weeks.

### HALIFAX TERMINAL TENDERS.

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—Fresh tenders will be called for the Halifax terminal contract, the figures submitted being regarded as excessive. The new tenders are to be in by November 20.

## IN PICTURESQUE AND BUSY NEW BRUNSWICK



A VIEW OF MAIN STREET, WOODSTOCK, N. B.

## THREE JURORS ARE FINED BY JUSTICE WHITE

### H. P. Garvell, Robert N. Jones and John F. McBride Were Absent from Woodstock Court.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 31.—The circuit court which opened here ten days ago, under Mr. Justice White, adjourned today until January 27th, 1914. The jurors were not discharged but will hold themselves in readiness for the adjourned session. The judge commented on the absence of some of the jurors and fined H. P. Garvell, Robert N. Jones, and John F. McBride seven dollars each.

## FATE OF IRON WORKERS NOW UP TO JURORS

### Men Convicted in Connection with McNamara Dynamite Plots Stand Chance of Liberty—But Three Decisions.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Arguments on the appeal of thirty of the labor union officials convicted at Indianapolis last December of conspiracy and complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots were completed before the United States circuit court of appeals today. The court took the petition under advisement, and will render a decision probably within sixty days.

### WILLS ESTATE TO WIFE.

London, Ont. Oct. 31.—By the will of the late George Wesley Neeley, former member of the legislature for East Middlesex, an estate of \$23,348.81 is bequeathed to his wife, Sarah Alice Neeley. Nearly all of the estate is made up of real estate.

## GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED IN NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTIONS

### "THE NATION" IS OPPOSED TO POLICY

### Important Old Country Paper Attacks England's Foreign Office.

### MEXICAN SITUATION SUBJECT OF COMMENT

### Should Protect British Interests Instead of Assisting Big Financial Men—Another Paper Attacks U. S.

London, Nov. 1.—In an editorial today the Nation, following an outline of recent Mexican history, sharply criticized the policy of Great Britain in Mexico. After assenting to the propositions that Great Britain cannot intervene in the affairs of a half-civilized nation because its morals are bad and its politics liberal, and that the first concern of British diplomacy is with British interests, the editorial says: "Our complaint is not that British diplomacy has declined to intervene against President Huerta. It is rather that in a peculiarly cynical way it has given him countenance and at a moment when the United States was using its influence to restore some approach to constitutional rule. If all the world had recognized Huerta as a master of routine, our action would have had little significance; but it was taken at a dramatic moment when it could be interpreted only as a rebuff and a counterpoise to the efforts of President Wilson. The term 'British interests' in this connection requires some definition. Cheap labor, for one thing, is not a British interest."

After stating that Lord Cowdray and other British capitalists are friendly to Huerta as they were friendly to President Diaz, and expressing the belief that American oil interests are behind the Mexican constitutionalists, the article declares that even in the narrowest views of British interests the success of a revolution which aims at turning serfs into free wage earners may, in the end, do more to benefit British trade than all the favors a dictator might shower on a few cronies.

### Scores Foreign Office.

The editorial concludes with a denunciation of the policy of the British foreign office as not being in accord with Liberal principles. It says this leaves Great Britain standing alone among the Liberal powers, and exposes the country to suspicion at a moment when the government more than ever deserves British good will.

The Outlook declares that President Wilson's Mobile speech means a policy of "idealistic grab," by which all other nations except the United States will be shut out of the trade of the western hemisphere.

"Spain from 1600 to 1800," the Outlook says, "forbade all other nations to trade with South America, which was strictly reserved to the commercial enterprises of Spaniards alone. In the year 1913, President Wilson wants to impose a practically identical yoke of domination on the commercial relations of the great independent communities, which have grown up between the Rio Grande and the Antarctic extremity of the continent. The further assurance that the effect of the opening of the Panama Canal would be to abolish foreign concession hunters in favor of the investments of the United States, completes the exposition of the barefaced appropriation of the hemisphere. It is barefaced, indeed, but wilyly absurd."

### AMERICAN SCHOONER ASHORE NEAR DIGBY, N. S.

Digby, N. S., Oct. 31.—The American schooner Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. Bovie, with a cargo of pickled fish, was ashore today at Trout Cove, about 12 miles west of Point Prime Light. A tug has been sent to her assistance. The vessel registers 34 tons.

### A GOOD MAN GAVE WRONG.

New York, Oct. 31.—Nathaniel Laird Superintendent of a Sunday school, was sentenced today to serve not less than one year nor more than four in Sing Sing prison for the larceny of \$48,000 from his employers, the Kensito Company. Laird's speculations extended over two years. The money, he said, was spent in high living.

### Partial Returns Give Sir Edward Morris Thirteen Out of Nineteen Seats.

### ONE SOCIALIST IS AMONG THE WINNERS

### As Opposition Candidate He Defeated Speaker of the Newfoundland Assembly—Honors Divided in St. John's Riding.

St. John's Nfld., Oct. 31.—Returns up to tonight indicate that the Morris government has been sustained. Incomplete figures for nineteen seats give thirteen for the government and six for the bond party.

One of the surprises is the defeat of the speaker of the assembly, Mr. Warren, by Mr. Grimes, secretary of the Fishermen's Protective Union, which has formed a coalition with the opposition headed by Sir Robert Bond, the former premier.

Grimes, who is regarded as the first socialist in the assembly, had 174 majority in Port De Grave.

In Carboneau, Goodison, government defeated Bond by 65 votes.

Harbor Grace elected three government candidates, Messrs. Picotte, Parsons and Young.

The two bond candidates in Ferryland lost their deposits, Messrs. Cashin and Moore being elected.

Messrs. Woodfield and Kennedy, Morris candidates, were returned in Harbor Main.

The contests in Bay De Verde and St. John's East are close, the opposition probably winning the latter while the former split.

### NIGARAGUAN ASSASSINS CAPTURED

Managua, Nicaragua, Oct. 31.—Details were officially made public today of the conspiracy against the lives of President Adolfo Diaz and his cabinet ministers, in connection with which several arrests were made on Wednesday.

It appears that the president was to hold a cabinet council in his official residence at five o'clock on the evening of October 29 and that a number of conspirators gathered at a house in the vicinity at that hour with the intention of attacking and assassinating the president and some of his colleagues. Their presence was discovered accidentally and the president informed. He telephoned to the police and the whole band of conspirators was captured.

### DID NOT FIX THE PRICES

is Testimony of Harry D. Westfall at Government Dissolution Suit—Gary Dinners are Defended.

New York, Oct. 31.—Harry D. Westfall, vice president of the Labelle Iron Workers of Steubenville, Ohio, testified this afternoon as a witness for the defense in the government's dissolution suit against the Steel Corporation, upheld the corporation's contention that no agreement to fix prices had ever been made at any of the so-called Gary dinners.

Mr. Westfall said that he had attended many of these dinners and the committee meetings afterward, and that while manufacturers had revealed quite freely the prices they were paying for products and the prices they intended to charge, there had not been the slightest intimation of any agreement, expressed or implied to fix prices.

Herbert S. Smith of Ossining, N. Y., the next witness, corroborated Mr. Westfall. Mr. Smith said that the Gary dinners were held so that manufacturers might discuss conditions "for the betterment of the industry."