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MEXICANS TIRED OF WAR GAME

Armistice is Now Proposed by Rebel Party Pending Negotiations for Settlement of Political Troubles.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 18.—A proposition for an armistice pending negotiations for a settlement of Mexico's internal troubles was received by the department of foreign relations today from Washington, presumably from Dr. Vasquez Gomez. A reply was returned in which it was indicated that the government looked with favor upon the suggestion.

The armistice proposal appears to be an outgrowth of the battle at Agua Prieta, and the loss of life and bodily injury in Douglas, by the fire from the Mexican side. It points to the danger of international complications which might follow a continuation of the conflict. Minister De La Barra, sent to Washington to answer to the proposal made by the agents of the revolutionists. In it he stipulated minor terms, to which it is believed there will be no objection.

It is believed no time will be lost either by the rebels or by the government in concluding arrangements for the armistice, and that as soon thereafter as possible the drafting of terms for permanent peace will begin. It is conceded both sides realize the war is costing too much in money and lives. While it is not presumed that the exact terms have been agreed to, tentative promises of a character calculated to satisfy the rebels have been made. Although the rebels lost the battle yesterday at Agua Prieta, sympathies here say their position is not so desperate as to make them willing to enter into an agreement in which all terms are made by the government.

While no confirmation could be obtained, a rumor was current that the rebels had accepted the resignation of President Diaz within five months, the appointment of Minister De La Barra as president pro tem, pending a special presidential election and a revision of the electoral laws.

Admitted by Dr. Gomez.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Dr. Vasquez Gomez admitted tonight that a proposal for an armistice had been sent to the Mexican government and that a favorable reply had been received. It was learned that he had telegraphed the insurrecto junta in El Paso, to communicate this information to General Francisco I. Madero, Jr., in the field, and to obtain from him at once the definite conditions upon which he would agree to an armistice. It is said that the Mexican government will permit the couriers to pass through Juarez so as to facilitate the transmission of messages arranging an armistice.

The armistice proposed will impose the status quo upon both sides in Chihuahua and in the northern part of Sonora and would continue pending the arrangements of a peace conference. Dr. Gomez will not be able definitely to reply to the Mexican government until he receives word from the forces in the field that an armistice is acceptable.

AUTO FATALITY

Car Plunges from Roadway Near Columbia River Ferry—Man Killed, Others Injured

PORTLAND, April 18.—An automobile racing along the elevated roadway over the low ground between the mainland and the Vancouver ferry landing on the Oregon side of the Columbia river this afternoon, struck a hole in the road, killing Vernon Palmer, perhaps fatally injuring B. F. Carpenter and seriously injuring August Campen and Albert Lane. All of the party lived in Washington, and were making fast speed in order to arrive here in time for the Los Angeles-Portland ball game.

The roadway is full of curves, and in trying to make one of the turns, the steering gear failed to respond and the car plunged through the railing to the ground, fifteen feet below. Palmer's body was taken to Vancouver. Palmer was instantly killed. Carpenter's injuries are internal and his condition is critical. Campen and Lane suffered fractured limbs and were badly cut and bruised, but will recover.

Charge Against Alderman

PEORIA, Ill., April 18.—Frank J. Higgins, "boy alderman" of Peoria, was arrested here today on a warrant charging a strongly worded resolution which was being instrumental in the death of Claude W. Tremble, a palmer. The coroner's jury started an investigation today but did not complete their work.

Receiver for Walsh Banks

CHICAGO, April 18.—The Illinois appellate court today upheld the appointment of a receiver for the Chicago National Bank and the Home Savings Bank, the John B. Walsh institutions which went down in the financial crash in 1907.

Against Negro Settlers

WINNIPEG, April 18.—The Winnipeg board of trade this evening passed a strongly worded resolution which will be forwarded to Ottawa, condemning the admission of negroes into Canada as settlers. The resolution says the newcomers are not successful white settlers, nor agreeable neighbors for resolutions similar to that of the man-

ufacturers' association on the proposal to amend the railway act to enable the railway commission to suspend the railway tariff charges on an appeal from patrons of the railways against which grievances are held.

ULSTER'S VIEWS

Orangemen Say Establishment of Home Rule Will Mean Beginning of Disorder

DUBLIN, April 18.—The Central Committee of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has received several communications from Grand Lodges in Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, promising assistance in men, money and arms to the Irish Loyalists in the event of Home Rule being granted. One of the Grand Lodges of Canada assured their Irish brethren that should they be driven "to the dire necessity of taking up arms in defence of life and property," they would have Canadian moral and material support.

Similar messages have been received from other parts of Canada, one undamaging help to "the last dollar and the last drop of their blood." The Grand Master of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States, in a long letter, assured the Irish Orangemen that their American brethren would stand ready to support them in their opposition to Home Rule.

Mr. W. Moore, M.P., addressing the members of a re-established Unionist club at Gifford, West Down, said that was one safeguard against Home Rule, and under Providence only one, and that was in themselves. They should have a body of Ulster Protestants organized to a man, prepared to stand shoulder to shoulder when the time came to breathe the Ulster traditions of loyalty and independence. The Unionist clubs gave them a nucleus of such an organization; it should be called the duty of every Unionist to join it. If the Nationalists had their way, the foresaw there would inevitably be a great demand in parts of Ulster for sober, reliable men to be sworn in as special constables to preserve the peace. He thought the members of the Unionist clubs would form a most excellent reserve for the class of men, and he trusted this would be availed of by their local bodies. Its only object was the defence of the Union and the uniting of all Unionists in its defence. It moved them to see that every available Unionist Orangeman and Radical Churchman and Presbyterian joined the club, which was wide enough to receive them all in the fight they had to wage.

Routes to Be Followed

The Saanich extension of the B. C. Electric Railway will connect with the Douglas street car line at the corner of Burnside road and Douglas street. From this point it will follow the Burnside road to a point near where the Tillikum road intersects, from whence it will proceed along the private right of way acquired by the company. The route passes midway between Prospect Lake and Elk Lake, proceeding past the Heat postoffice to a point near Ted Inlet. From there it crosses to a point near the school just above Sturges' postoffice; thence passing through Saanichton and paralleling the V. & S. Railroad for some distance. Leaving the immediate vicinity of the V. & S. Railroad line will go through a center of the north end of the peninsula, making its terminus at Deep Bay on the west side of the north end. The total mileage will be 22 miles.

TACOMA MAYORALTY

W. W. Seymour Elected Over A. W. Fawcett by 825 Majority—Active Campaign Waged.

TACOMA, April 18.—W. W. Seymour, Public Welfare League candidate, was elected mayor of Tacoma today, and Mayor A. W. Fawcett recalled, after one of the bitterest fought municipal campaigns ever waged in the city, the women taking an active part, both as stump speakers and precinct workers. The vote cast was the largest of any election held in the city totalling 21,840 out of a registration of 24,248. Fawcett received 10,394 votes to 11,246 cast for Seymour, the latter's majority being 852, decidedly closer than his supporters had predicted.

Mayor Fawcett flatly refused to see newspaper men or make any statement after the result of the election became known, going home and his family said, retiring. It is common talk about town that the mayor has spent from \$5,000 to \$7,000 in this campaign, much of it going to personal workers. A number of his checks have come to light, one of them given to a judge of election the morning of the primary before the polls opened.

INLAND TEACHERS

Association holds its First Convention at Vernon—Hon. Mr. Ellison Gives Address.

VERNON, B. C., April 18.—The first session of the Okanagan and North Kootenay Teachers' Association began this afternoon. About one hundred and twenty-five teachers met in attendance. The president, Principal Smith of Vernon, set forth the objects and ideals of the convention. Hon. Price Ellison welcomed the visitors, speaking of the valuable services performed by the profession, the liberal policy of the government as regards education, the question of better remuneration, etc.

Principal Wilson, of Armstrong, read a valuable nature study, which served as a reference to the identification of plants. An interesting discussion followed. Mr. Wilson displayed a splendid herbarium embracing several hundred specimens. In the evening a reception was given to the visitors by the Vernon staff in the Central school.

St. John Wants Commission

ST. JOHN, N.B., April 18.—The voters of St. John cast their ballots in favor of a commission form of government today. The new system to come into effect one year hence.

Killed by Indians

NORTH YAKIMA, Wa., April 18.—William Lusby, who with his wife was assaulted and beaten unconscious by Indians Saturday morning last, died today in the Toppens hospital. "Jim" Johnson and "Bill" George, both Indians, are held here on a charge of murder. Mrs. Lusby will probably recover.

Refuse to Go to Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Of the 135 Filipino and Hawaiian laborers brought by the steamship Senator from Hawaii, en route to the Alaskan salmon canneries, only seven have agreed to finish the trip. All the others came ashore at San Francisco today, including 30 who were transhipped yesterday to the Star of Italy by the Alaska Packers' Association, which chartered the Senator.

BEGIN WORK ON SAANICH LINE

B. C. Electric Railway Has A Force of Men Engaged in Clearing Right of Way Out of Victoria.

Work preliminary to the actual construction of the Saanich extension of the B. C. Electric Railway, has been commenced. Two camps between Victoria and Stelly's crossing, a point 12 miles out, have been established and a number of men, working from these are clearing the right of way for the suburban car line. The force at work will be increased to two hundred men within the next few days.

The clearing of the right of way over the first twelve miles will occupy about two months, and all this work will be carried out by employees of the B. C. Electric Railway company, who are now available through the power transmission line from Jordan river to the city having been installed. When the right of way over this section has been cleared it is probable that the grading work will be let by contract. Before the summer is over work will be in progress over the entire twenty miles, and it is anticipated that within eighteen months from date the new suburban railroad will be in operation.

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entered Canada by North Portal and at Manitoba points of entry 3,848 settlers with 512 cars of effects, valued at three-quarters of a million, entered.

WRECKING OF THE OLD JABEZ HOWE

Sailer Was Driven on Beach During Gale—Storm Opened Seams and Crew Worked All Night

Further particulars received yesterday from Seaward of the loss of the wooden ship Jabez Howe of Chignik, Alaska, on April 6th, state that the ship Star of Alaska, owned by the Alaska Packers' association; the ship Benjamin F. Packard, owned by the Northwestern Fisheries Co. and the Jabez Howe, laden with supplies for the salmon canneries which are about to begin operations, arrived at Chignik on April 6th and were at anchor, not having discharged their cargoes.

On the night of the 6th a furious gale arose. The Star of Alaska and the Benjamin F. Packard were blown ashore, but afterward got off undamaged. The Jabez Howe was not so fortunate, for the storm opened her seams, and the crew, working all night on the pumps, were unable to keep down the water. At daybreak Capt. Johnson to save the cargo, beached the ship.

The Jabez Howe, built of oak timber at Newburyport, Mass., in 1877, was having for many years one of the most successful records for fast voyages in the foreign trade. With the passing of the sailing vessel the Jabez Howe fell upon evil days. For three years the old ship, owned by C. Boudrow, of San Francisco, was tied up near Seattle. Recently she was sold to the Oregon salmon packers and suffered the humiliation of being put into commission as a tender for Alaskan canneries. She carried supplies from Astoria, Ore. This cargo was saved. The ship was valued at \$12,000.

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Just Arrived—A new shipment of the American One-piece House Dresses, up from \$1.75

AFTER-EASTER SUGGESTIONS

Dependable Underwear. Ladies' Vests, Jaeger Wool, low neck, short sleeves, summer weight, lace trimmed, each \$2.00. Ladies' Combinations, Jaeger Wool, knee length and short sleeves, summer weight \$3.25. Ladies' Vests of Fine Ribbed Cotton, low necked, trimmed with beading and ribbon draw, long sleeves, short sleeves and no sleeves. Each, 20c and 15c. Ladies' Fine Ribbed Cotton Vests, with lace yoke, no sleeves. Each, 35c and 25c. Ladies' Plain Ribbed Lisle Vests, with beading and ribbon draw. No sleeves and short sleeves. Each, 50c, 45c and 40c. Ladies' Swiss Lisle Vests, with fancy lace yoke, no sleeves. 75c. Ladies' Fine Silk Vests, plain or trimmed. No sleeves or short sleeves. Each, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.35, \$1.25 and \$1.00. Also a Full Range of Children's Summer Underwear in Stock.

Hose Section. The Famous Silkette Hose, in black and tan, all sizes, 35c per pair, or 3 pairs for \$1.00. Ladies' Cotton Hose, in black and tan, white and balbriggan, spliced heels and toes, fast dye. Per pair \$1.00. Ladies' Plain Lisle Hose, in black, tan, sky, pink, white, helio. Per pair, 35c, or 3 pairs for \$1.00. Ladies' Black Lisle Silk Embroidered Hose, in colors, cardinal, sky, white, pink, tan. Pair, 50c. Ladies' Lace Lisle Hose, in all shades and sizes. Per pair \$1.00. Special Mention—Ladies' Cotton and Lisle Hose, in extra large sizes. Per pair, 50c and 35c. Ladies' Penman's Cashmere Hose. Per pair, 50c and 35c. Special Line of Ladies' Plain Silk Hose, garter tops, lisle soles, in black, sky, tan, grey, pink, navy, mode, helio and green. Special, per pair, \$1.00.

Shirtwaists and Blouses. Colored Marquessette Waists over foundation of white lace net, in champagne, green, Copenhagen, navy, black, brown and old rose, kimona sleeves \$7.50. Chiffon Blouses, chiffon over cream net, kimona sleeves, in all the newest shades \$5.75. Chiffon Waists, black and white stripe over heavy white net, kimona sleeves. Very smart indeed \$6.90. Lingerie Waists, in all the most approved styles, all of which are exclusive with us. "Campbell's," \$8.75 to \$1.25. \$5.50 TO \$2.50—Shirtwaists in Dainty White Mull, hand embroidered, with fine tucks and lace insertion. \$8.75 TO \$6.50—Exquisite Marquessette Waists, hand embroidered, kimona sleeves. UP FROM \$4.25—Pure Irish Linen Waists, with handsome embroidery, stiff cuffs and detachable collars. UP FROM \$2.75—Pure Irish Linen Waists, hand embroidered and tucked, stiff cuffs and detachable collars. \$2.25 TO \$1.25—Splendid range of Lingerie and Tailored Blouses—very exceptional value at the price. UP FROM \$2.25—Embroidered Linen Shirtwaists in fancy designs and many exclusive styles.

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ELECTRIC ROAD MERGER PLANNED

Financiers Credited With Idea of Traction Combine to Cover Western Ontario, With London as Centre.

LONDON, Ont., April 18.—Valuators have been inspecting the plants of the London Street Railway, the London Electric Company and the London & Lake Erie Transportation Company, with a view of estimating what they are worth to financiers contemplating a merger in Western Ontario. They are credited with the intention to make London a centre. Once securing franchise here, they will go after others in neighboring places. They will complete the chain of radial railways to Niagara Falls and also west.

Railway Wages Increased. DENVER, April 18.—Following several weeks of negotiations the conductors of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad were granted today an advance in wages, passenger conductors getting 10 per cent increase and freight conductors 7-1/2 per cent. Two thousand men are affected. Telegraph operators also have asked for an increase.

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