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Victoria TWICE-A-WEEK Times

MEXICAN REBELS  
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Number of Yaqui Indians Reported to Be Joining the Revolutionists

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Calexico, Cal., Feb. 20.—Gathering his supplies and arranging to make fully equipped several recruits who were expected to cross the line under cover of darkness. General Simon Berthold, second in command of the rebel forces in Lower California, prepared to-day to march on Ensenada.

General Berthold announced he will take advantage of the disorganization of the federal garrison at lower California at the risk of returning to Mexico and finding it in the possession of Mexican troops, prepared to be marching to the city across Arizona and California.

Accounts sent out close to the boundary line as possible, so as not to impinge on the neutrality agreement, revealed that the number of the band could be as far as Yuba.

As a result of a request by Captain Delock, in charge of the United States troops patrolling the lower California border, that he withdraw to a point twenty miles from the international line, General Berthold will leave a small garrison in Mexico when he marches toward Ensenada.

Reports of Clash.

Del Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—Being made by the guns and rifles at a distance of about a party of Americans and Mexicans are reported here to-day to have badly beaten a force of General Navarro's Mexican troops near Del Rio, Coahuila de Zaragoza, where the mountains across the Rio Grande to San Elizario, brought the news of the fight.

The fugitives declare that the federalists marched into an ambush where a company of Americans who were with the rebels opened on the column with machine guns and rifles at point-blank range. The federalists, they say, fled in disorder.

Military headquarters at Juarez deny the report that only a few shots were exchanged by Navarro's troops with the insurgents, and that they were no casualties on either side. As no couriers have as yet arrived from the scene of the alleged battle, it is believed that these reports rather than knowledge, inspired the official explanation of the story.

Heavy snowfall is reported in the mountains south of California, which has caused the Mexican revolutionists to be driven from the mountains across the Rio Grande to San Elizario, brought the news of the fight.

The insurgents fired upon a provision train taking supplies to Navarro's troops yesterday, fatalling wounding the fireman. They failed to stop the train and retreated before a volley of the federal guards. As a consequence of the firing, Navarro's men today refused to take out trains.

More than 250 Yaqui Indians, well armed, are reported here to-day to have joined the insurgents at Guzman.

Jack London Not in Custody.  
Glenn Ellen, Cal., Feb. 20.—Jack London, the author, is not under arrest at Calexico for unlawfully assisting Mexican revolutionists, as has been reported. He is at his home here.

Denying that he has been arrested, the author is an individual who has been personating him in different parts of the country for eight months. A month past rumors that London was participating in the Mexican revolution have been in circulation. The author was reported to be a leader of insurgents at Mexicali. London's widely known Socialist tendencies and the public support he has given the cause of the Mexican revolutionaries give rise to these rumors. According to London, a man who has taken his name is a man who has been active on the border.

GOVERNOR'S STORY OF FIGHT

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 20.—Governor Dwinelle's story of how the insurgents cut up his Mexican federal command at Mexicali and seriously wounded himself, reached here to-day. The three bullet holes in his body, Governor Dwinelle arrived in Ensenada Saturday. How his troops were routed, he told to A. Morales, pursued at the United Press on the arrival of the vessel here.

General Vega's story is that on Feb. 14, with 140 men, he left the camp of Laspuente, close to Campo, and marched across the Fieles, past a Mexican lack of warm clothing, food and water made the journey a trying one and the little band had to march through the afternoon, night and following day before reaching their destination. They found the insurgents securely entrenched across a river, a branch of the Colorado, and while they suddenly brought into a fight the engagement was at 200 yards, across a river, and with modern deadly rifles on either side. The overwhelming numbers of the enemy caused General

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IRISH MEMBER  
IS SUSPENDED

REFUSES TO RETRACT  
CHARGE AGAINST SPEAKER

Laborite Apologizes to House for Letter to Lawrence Grimell, Nationalist

(Times Leased Wire.)  
London, Feb. 20.—Admitting that he wrote "on the spot," the moment J. J. Walsh, a Laborite, apologized to the House of Commons to-day for his letter to Lawrence Grimell, a Nationalist, in which he supported Grimell's charges in declaring that Speaker Lowther ruled the House with the iron hand of a "Czar." The House accepted Wedgwood's apology.

The parliamentarians are now considering what action to take in the matter of Grimell, publishing Wedgwood's letter to the Midland Reporter. Grimell has apologized to Wedgwood for publishing a private letter, but refused to retract the charges he made against Speaker Lowther.

The House found Grimell guilty of a breach of privilege and the motion of Premier Asquith that Grimell be suspended for one week was carried by a vote of 311 to 85.

The debate over Grimell's sentence lasted three hours.

CANOE FATALITY.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—Leon C. Phelps was drowned yesterday afternoon in the Lake Washington canal, when a canoe in which he was riding overturned. Arthur P. Purdy, the other occupant of the frail craft, managed to work his way to shore. Phelps was an expert swimmer while Purdy cannot swim a stroke.

FILIBUSTER IN  
U. S. HOUSE ENDED

Compromise is Arranged by Which Democrats Secure Balance of Power

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Adopting the gag rule suspending debate by a vote of 173 to 42, the House to-day put an end to the filibuster which has tied up business since Friday and provided for expediting business until the end of the session.

It will now require a two-thirds vote to pass the pending measures and this gives the balance of power to the Democrats. Only under that condition would they compromise.

When the rule was adopted, Representative Law, New York, moved to suspend the rule and pass the war claims bill. Before the final agreement the Democrats had rejected one compromise destined to end the filibuster.

Speaker Cannon's opposition to the filibuster caused surprise. During a conference he declared he did not wish to stay for an extra session.

Under the compromise plan finally adopted it is possible by a two-thirds vote to suspend the rule at any time and with only 40 minutes' debate pass the bill.

As a result of the rule adopted, the Democrats are able absolutely to kill any bill. It will be possible to amend the appropriation bills on the floor, but the Democrats can force committee amendments by refusing to permit consideration.

By a two-thirds vote the House considered the war claims bill and passed it.

The district of Columbia bill then was sent back to conference.

PORTUGUESE NUNS  
GOING TO OREGON

Where Forced to Flee From Portugal by Republican Government

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Baker, Ore., Feb. 20.—Six nuns of the Dominican order, driven from Portugal by the Republican government which King Manuel was overthrown, have arrived in New York and will soon depart for Baker, according to information received here to-day.

They have been invited to Oregon by the bishop of the diocese to aid the Capuchin mission to found a convent.

The nuns are in charge of Mother Mary Catherine, who tells of their escape to England following the order of expulsion which gave them only six hours in which to flee the country.



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FOREMAN McBRIDE—Byes, I'm afraid the Boss will be aft'er dookin' us for bein' nine or tin months late for wor-kr this fine mornin'.  
HERR BEHNSEN—Ach, Himmel! Dose gomme beebles iss hard masters, Dirk.  
MINTHA TOMSON (just returned from three months' 'trippin' o'er the daisies')—Faith, that iss true for you, Meester Behnzen; they are that.  
NAVY DAVEY—And to think of how hard we've worked for them!

RECALL ELECTION AT  
TACOMA IN MARCH

Votes of Women Will Probably Decide Fate of Mayor Fawcett

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 20.—Now that the petitions for the recall of Mayor Fawcett are on file, with the required number of signatures to insure the calling of an election, interest to-day is keen as to whether Fawcett will be returned to office or, like Bill of Seattle, be removed by the votes of the people. Although the recall election is set for March 21, the opponents of Mayor Fawcett are not yet as yet making a candidate to oppose him, one meeting held for that purpose having resulted in a disagreement.

As in the case of CHI, the woman vote is expected to decide the fate of Fawcett, but there do a strong belief that because of the alleged street of the liquor interest and the street railway company to oppose the removal of Fawcett from office, the woman will cast their votes for the mayor.

GIVES UP AVIATION.

Count Leopold Will Join Staff of Canadian Northern Railway in West

(Special to the Times.)  
Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—Count and Countess de Lesseps will take up residence in Winnipeg. Sir William Mackenzie has persuaded his son-in-law to give up aviation and he will join R. J. Macdonald's staff in Winnipeg in connection with Canadian Northern work in the west, after returning from his honeymoon in Egypt.

FALL PROVES FATAL.

(Special to the Times.)  
Astoria, Ore., Feb. 20.—Timie Borth, while working in a mine here, fell a distance of 30 feet from the hoisting cage into a pit and died a few minutes later.

MISSIONARIES FOR WEST.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—At the recent session of the Methodist Western Missionary committee the plan of co-operation was completed and now will go before the members of the general conference in Toronto. The general board of missions is to be asked to appoint suitable missionary agents to work among the scattered settlements of the West. A resolution was adopted recommending that a special missionary conference be held to consider the sending of special missionaries to work among the scattered settlements of the West. It was also decided that the West should apply for the first Western conference with sales at least \$10,000 annually.

SEATTLE INQUIRY.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—George Turner and Clarence Girdell, sailors who were before the grand jury there in connection with the alleged corruption in the late police administration, are now before the grand jury to determine whether they should be held in custody or released. Turner and Girdell were held in custody for a few days.

JAPAN DENOUNCES  
TRADE AGREEMENT

NEW TREATY NOW BEING NEGOTIATED

(Special to the Times.)  
Saitama, Saitama, Feb. 20.—B. A. Partidge and R. Railton, who are organizing a farmers' joint stock company to build a Hudson Bay railway, are on their way to Montreal where they intend to prepare for a trip to Hudson Bay. They are determined to find out for themselves whether the proposed route is feasible from the navigation standpoint, and they will therefore make the trip if possible.

They are enthusiastic believers in the Hudson Bay route, and their journey to the far north is being taken entirely at their own expense.

RACE NOT FRAUD.

Hiramshaw, Ala., Feb. 20.—Sheriff's deputies today have secured a true bill for several cases where a race was held. It is explained that the piece work system in its shops at Culloway, Ohio. The order applies to boiler shops on the road. Eighty men quit work at Culloway and 200 at other points.

FAMILY OUTING  
IN AEROPLANE

Aviator, His Wife and Two Children Travel Half a Mile in Airship

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 20.—Having flown half a mile with his wife and two children as passengers, aviator Charles F. Walsh of Los Angeles to-day will seek recognition from the California Aero Club for having conducted the first family outing in an aeroplane.

Walsh performed the feat at Dominguez aviation field. He used a Los Angeles power engine machine with a fifty-horse power rotary engine. Most of the flight was made with the machine 50 feet in the air. Walsh's children are aged 11 and 8 years. The combined party weighed 320 pounds.

SEEKING ROUTE  
TO HUDSON BAY

Farmers' Joint Stock Company Being Organized to Build Railway

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RELIEF FOR CHINESE.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—The United States transport Buford, which is expected to arrive from San Francisco en route to China with relief supplies for famine sufferers, will in all probability reach Seattle by the latter part of the week at the latest.

INSANE TOWERMAN  
TIES UP TRAFFIC

Brings Trains on Three Railways to Standstill—Taken Into Custody

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—After having tied up traffic for two hours on three railroad lines and chasing his family from home with a loaded revolver, William Hurlinger, a Pennsylvania towerman, was turned over to-day to a lunacy commission for examination.

Suddenly losing his reason while on duty, Hurlinger tampered with his lights and brought every train of the Delaware Central, the Philadelphia and Baltimore and Washington, and the West Chester roads within his district to a standstill. He then went home, drove his family out and for half an hour stood at an upper window with a revolver in his hand.

Later the police slipped in through a back door and found him asleep in bed.

CHINA'S REPLY  
UNSATISFACTORY

RUSSIA WILL MASS  
TROOPS ON FRONTIER

Report That Preparations Are Being Made to Seize Chinese Territory

(Times Leased Wire.)  
St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Disatisfaction with China's reply to Russia's demands, which were received here to-day, is reported to have been followed by orders for a concentration of troops on the Chinese frontier with the object of at once seizing the Kuldja district in Chinese Turkestan.

The Chinese reply falls far short of the Czar's demands. China says that the granting of Russia's demand would give the latter a commercial monopoly of Mongolia, even including Chinese trade. Russia demanded "freedom to trade and liberty to travel and residence for Russian subjects in Mongolia and the territories behind the Great Wall." China contends that this is unwarranted and not provided for in the treaty of 1881.

In her reply China agrees to the establishment of Russian consulates at all the points mentioned by Russia except Chenchow, but insists that article 12 of the treaty providing for the withdrawal of traffic exemption when ever trade warrants the establishment of a Russian consulate be adhered to. This denies Russia's general contention for freedom from Chinese tariffs.

Summing up, China contends that the colonies had not even been violated in letter or spirit, but points out several violations on the part of Russia. China cites as illustrations of this, the fact that Chinese subjects were expelled from the east side of the Amur river, and also mentions the failure of Russia to indemnify China for property destroyed in the Russo-Japanese war.

GREAT BRITAIN AND  
HER DOMINIONS

Questions in British House of Commons Regarding Relations

(Special to the Times.)  
London, Feb. 20.—In the House of Commons to-day Premier Asquith, in reply to a question, said he saw no reason why a committee should be appointed for the purpose of collecting evidence in regard to Great Britain's relations with the Dominions beyond the seas. He also said that the Parliament Bill would not be submitted to the imperial conference next summer.

The colonies had not even been consulted about it. James Hope, member for Sheffield Centre, asked: "Is it the opinion of the government that they have nothing to learn from the colonies?" Asquith did not answer.

Rowland Hunt, member for Shropshire South, asked whether Right Hon. Jas. Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, has assisted in any way in bringing about an agreement on reciprocity? He was told there was nothing to add to the answer given to Sir Wm. Bull on February 16.

WILL STIMULATE  
INVESTMENTS

Believes Reciprocity Will Increase Flow of Capital to Canada

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Advice for Unionists.  
Manchester, Feb. 20.—The Earl of Derby urges Unionists here not to commit themselves yet as to whether the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States interferes with the tariff reformers' programme in England.

Professor Hewins says he has disapproved the position with Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, who thinks that a grave crisis within the Empire has been reached.

The Manchester Guardian says: "Canada's ambition is to follow her own free development. British diplomacy has removed one after another of the old disputes between Canada and the United States. If Canada in return acts as mediator in securing perfect friendship between English-speaking peoples it will be a greater service than she can render in any other way."

A McNeill's Views.  
London, Feb. 20.—Alexander McNeill, ex-M.P., one of the original promoters of Imperial Federation in Canada, writes:

"Canadians, saturated as they are with affection for the land of their forefathers and loyalty to the common Empire would deeply deplore the rejection of a great Imperial policy and of incalculable trading advantages which must then pass into the hands of astute commercial rivals."

Sheffield Comments.  
Sheffield, Feb. 20.—The Daily Telegraph says: "The programme for the coming imperial conference is a general warning to us in Great Britain. Canada's silence is most significant and sinister. It seems as if she were on the point of slipping from us."

Asquith's Statement.  
London, Feb. 20.—Announcing that the British government "will not give a fictitious value to Champ Clark's annexation talk," Premier Asquith declared in the House of Commons that his cabinet would make no representations to the American government.

Premier Asquith's statement was called out by a query from an opposition member.

Senator Bailey's Attitude.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Following a conference with President Taft to-day, Senator Bailey of Texas, announced that he had pledged himself not to filibuster against the reciprocity measure in the senate.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

New York, Feb. 20.—Planning to make permanent his most food article, Dr. Cook, Ralph Franke, one of the Brooklyn explorer, aids to-day in preparing for an Arctic trip on his own account. His vessel, the Polar Star, is being built in Holland. Franke proposes to leave in June. From Etah, Franke plans to lead a party of soldiers and sportsmen to Elmerland, thence to Bradley land, going further north if conditions permit.