

JAPAN WILL NOT MEDDLE IN MEXICO

AMBASSADOR CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT TAFT

Report That Secret Japanese-Mexican Alliance Has Been Abrogated

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., March 23.—Sweeping assurances that Japan will withdraw entirely from Mexico and hereafter will take no part in Mexican affairs, it is said here today in diplomatic circles, were given yesterday to President Taft at his conference with Baron Uchida, the Mikado's ambassador to the United States.

Dispatches received today from Mexico City confirm this. They state that, as a consequence of the American naval and military mobilization, a secret Japanese-Mexican alliance has been abrogated.

It is definitely known that President Taft and Ambassador Uchida agreed upon what statement of the ambassador was to be made public, and naturally announced friendliness of the other's country.

In spite of this parade of attachment, it has been learned that a secret Japanese-Mexican treaty, the existence of which officials of both nations publicly denied, was framed last April by a special Japanese agent and that the United States has since that time been watching the course of events with increasing displeasure.

Under this agreement Japan practically controlled the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and all the ports of western Mexico below Guaymas. Finally, ten days ago, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, realising the futility of competing with the Japanese for the coast of Mexico, announced its withdrawal of ships from Salina Cruz, the terminus of the Tehuantepec Isthmus railway.

The secret Japanese agreement, it is said by diplomats who are familiar with the situation, and through them opened the door of Mexico to Japan. The pact was such that it could easily have been made the basis for a strategic alliance. This was what the United States feared, and it was this prospect which induced President Taft to smash all precedent and order the mobilization which blocked Japan's scheme.

The movements of the troops, these diplomats say, were a notification to President Diaz that no trifling with the Monroe doctrine would be permitted and were also a notification to Japan that America was awake to the situation and would consider any aggression an affront of the most serious nature.

Officials familiar with the facts in the case are amused at the ease with which uninformed press agencies were deceived into believing that mere diplomatic formalities represented the true situation.

A high official, who was recently sent to Mexico by President Taft to inspect the Japanese situation there, today said:

"I may be sure President Taft would not say that he feared war with Japan. If he did, he would be unfit to hold office. Ambassador Uchida certainly would never admit that Japan had made a treaty with Mexico and then had been forced to abrogate it through dictation by a third power. The annals of diplomacy are filled with instances where war has been declared while diplomats of the opposing nations were affectionately embracing."

At Baron Uchida's conference with the president, it has been learned, the Japanese diplomat agreed that his mission was completed.

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CONVICTED OF USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

Millionaire Head of Manufacturing Company Found Guilty—Will Appeal

(Times Leased Wire.)
Cincinnati, O., March 23.—William P. Harrison, millionaire head of the World Manufacturing Company and its subsidiary organizations, was convicted today in the United States courts here of using the mails to defraud. He was found guilty on seven counts, making possible his imprisonment for 35 years or fines on each count of from \$1,000 to \$5,000. An appeal will be taken.

The arrest of the manufacturer was the result of a raid ordered by Postmaster General Hitchcock. It was alleged that Harrison's advertising literature misrepresented a vacuum cleaner which his company sold through the mails.

WOULD WELCOME ARBITRATION

SIR WILFRID REPLIES TO QUESTION IN COMMONS

Says Great Interest Has Been Aroused by Discussion Regarding Proposed Treaty

Ottawa, March 23.—In the House yesterday 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 Britain and the United States, which would secure for them and their respective peoples the blessings of perpetual peace."

"While the government of Canada could have no direct voice in the negotiations, it can be safely asserted that there is no part of the British Empire where such a treaty would be more welcome than in the Dominion of Canada, which is so closely connected with the United States by geographical proximity and ever-increasing trade relations, and which is still more intimately connected with Great Britain by the strongest bonds of devoted allegiance."

STATE SENATOR'S TRIAL

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—Evidence in the trial of State Senator J. Broderick, accused of having bribed State Senator David W. Holtzlaw to vote for William Lorimer for United States senator, was concluded here at noon today. The attorneys in the case are presenting their arguments this afternoon.

STOLYPIN URGED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE

The St. Petersburg Nationalist Press Supports Former Premier

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The ministerial situation took a turn yesterday in favor of M. Stolypin remaining premier. Although M. K. Kovalev had been appointed to the premiership, the appointment has not been officially announced.

The emperor dined Tuesday evening at the residence of Mme. Meviroboff, daughter of Secretary of State Taneff, who is also grandmaster of the court. After the dinner the Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrovna 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 press is strongly urging M. Stolypin to reconsider his determination to retire.

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

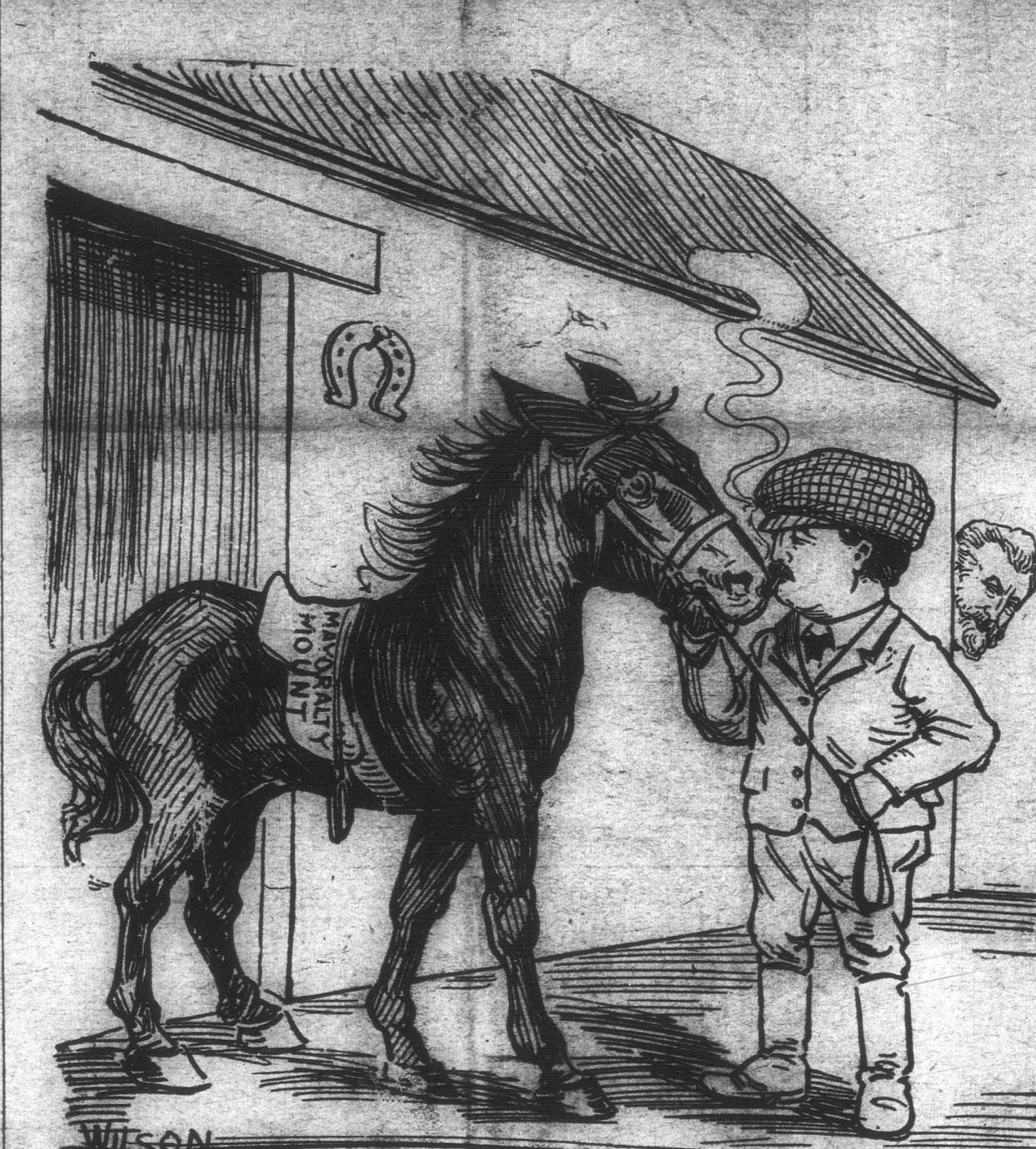
RECEIVES THANKS

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The American National Red Cross has received the thanks of the Chinese government for its assistance to the starving people of the Red Cross, in bringing relief to the famished. The emperor has brought to the attention of the throne, and the thanks of the imperial government was expressed.

The Red Cross has received contributions from the American public aggregating \$74,000, of which \$33,000 already has been cabled to the famine-stricken populace in sums from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

FOR THE CORONATION

Ottawa, March 23.—R. S. Lake, of Qu'Appelle, in the House yesterday repeated a 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 V. at London.



THE MAYORALTY STAKES—SECOND GREAT EVENT OF THE YEAR.

WILL TRY TO OVERAWAY PORTUGUESE ELECTORS

Provisional Government Will Display Military Strength During Elections

(Times Leased Wire.)
Lisbon, March 23 (Via Badajoz).—Hoping to insure its return to power in the approaching popular elections in April, the Portuguese ministry today is taking elaborate precautions to overawe the populace with an overwhelming display of military strength.

Life of the new republic depends virtually upon their success, although the method is not free republicanism. The ministry wishes to prevent a heavy vote for Royalist candidates, fearing that should many be elected, the restoration of Dom Manuel to the throne would be inevitable.

Owing to persistent rumors of an assassination plot, special guards were detailed today to watch over President Braga and his cabinet. The army is said to be split into factions and dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs is widespread.

BIPLANE CARRIES ELEVEN PASSENGERS

French Airship Travels Three Miles—Flight for \$3,000 Prize at Havana

(Times Leased Wire.)
Paris, March 23.—With eleven passengers aboard, Lieut. Breguet broke all records here today, flying three miles in his biplane. He flew across the aerodrome in four minutes. The total weight of the airship's passengers was 1,500 pounds.

Flight at Havana.
Havana, March 23.—Eclipsing the time recently made here by Aviator McCurdy, Rene Barriere today flew from Camp Columbia to Morro Castle, in competition for the aero club's \$3,000 prize. Barriere did the 13 miles in 15 minutes and 31 seconds, a full minute and a half faster than the time made by McCurdy.

CUSTOMS FRAUDS

New York, March 23.—Alexander Hollander, a member of the firm of Alexander Hollander & Company, customs broker, pleaded guilty in the United States court to a charge of conspiracy in connection with customs frauds, aggregating \$20,000. He was arrested in Naples last December. Sentence will be imposed later.

ALGERINE IS ON HER WAY HOME

HAS BEEN ABSENT SINCE LAST OCTOBER

(Times Leased Wire.)
Honolulu, March 23.—After one of the longest cruises on record for a vessel of her tonnage—less than 1,000—the British sloop of war Algerine, called from here today for San Diego, Cal., whence she will return to Esquimaut after an absence since last October.

With about 100 men on board, the Algerine sailed from Esquimaut and proceeded to Acapulco, Calais and Valparaiso. Thence she steamed 2,000 miles westward to Easter Island and then went through the south seas via Tahiti, Henderson Island and a hundred other out-of-the-way ports to the Fanning islands, whence she sailed for this port.

Throughout the whole of the Algerine's long voyage the weather has been pleasant and the health of her crew has been uniformly good.

LOYD GEORGE MAY RESIGN PORTFOLIO

Report That Ill Health Will Compel Chancellor of Exchequer to Retire

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, March 23.—Reports that Hon. David Lloyd George will be forced within a few days to resign as chancellor of the exchequer because of ill health are in circulation here today in political circles. So far no official confirmation of the correctness of these rumors has been obtained.

AVIATION MEET.

New York, March 23.—Following the announcement that there would be no horse racing at Belmont Park this season, it was learned today that the Aero Club of America will use the course as the site of a big aviation meet.

At a conference between August Belmont and the President of the Aero Club, it was arranged to hold the meet around May 15, or about a month before the sailing season for London, to participate in the flying events of coronation week.

TO WAGE FIGHT ON TUBERCULOSIS

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE GRANTS \$25,000 FOR PROVINCIAL SANITARIUM

(Special Correspondence.)
Regina, Sask., March 23.—The Saskatchewan legislature will be prorogued to-morrow. Today's proceedings were largely of a winding up nature. This morning the supplementary estimates were brought down. These include \$7,500 for the premier's coronation trip; provides for a provincial tuberculosis sanitarium, \$25,000 for a Dominion fair to be held in Regina, \$20,000 for organization work of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Co., \$5,000; George Langley, for services on the elevator commission, \$3,807.45. The seasonal indemnity of members is increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100, to take effect this session.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—The 30th annual convention of the State Y. M. C. A. opened here this afternoon. Colonel Roosevelt will address one session of the convention.

WITNESS APPLAUDED BY CAMORRISTS

Demonstration by Caged Prisoners at Murder Trial at Viterbo

Viterbo, Italy, March 23.—Grim denial of the government's charge that the Camorrist assassin of the Cuocolo washed their bloodstained hands in her home after the crime, was made here today by Maria Stendardo, known as "Queen of the Camorra," when she took the stand today in the trial of the alleged murderers in progress here.

Examined by Judge Bianchi, the Stendardo woman denied that she had bribed witnesses to testify in favor of the Camorrist and denounced the Camorrist for offering, as he swore, \$15 to her for every witness she could get for the prosecution.

Fernando De Matto, who is charged with having lured Cuocolo and his wife to death, was also examined. He denied any friendship with Nikola Morosone, one of the alleged actual murderers, and amid applause from the thirty caged Camorrist, repudiated all knowledge of the Cuocolo or any other assassin which have been laid at the door of the Camorra.

A MAYORALTY FIGHT PROMISED

PETITION IS OUT FOR D. E. CAMPBELL

Every Likelihood of His Entering Contest—Is a Pioneer Business Man

(From Thursday's Daily.)
A petition is now in circulation and being largely signed which will be presented to D. E. Campbell, the well-known druggist, proposing that he allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of mayor at the forthcoming special municipal election. Mr. Campbell is out of town today, but it is understood that he has intimated to those who have approached him in the matter that he is disposed to give the question of his candidature favorable consideration.

There is now every assurance, therefore, that the present incumbent of the office, Mayor Morley, will be opposed. The resultant campaign, though it will necessarily be a short one, will be exciting in vigor, for with the opposing forces well organized there is every promise of one of the most interesting municipal contests in the history of the city.

Mr. Campbell, who is now popularly regarded as practically in the field for the petition would hardly be in circulation if he were known to be adverse to the suggestion of his candidature—in one of the best known pioneer residents of the city. He has during his long business career in the city refrained from taking an active part in public life, his time being taken on the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, in the capacity of president. He is, however, regarded as one of the most progressive of Victoria's citizens, is a large property-owner and very popular.

Though no official announcement has as yet been made of the date of the elections, April 7 can be counted on as the day when the municipal election will be held on Monday next at the city hall in the council chamber.

FORMER CIVIC EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

Ex-Deputy City Clerk of Tacoma in Custody on a Charge of Forgery

(Times Leased Wire.)
Tacoma, Wash., March 23.—Herbert E. Campbell, a deputy city clerk, who resigned Monday morning after City Clerk W. H. Cushman was ousted from office by the municipal commission when it was found the recall petitions had been tampered with, was arrested today by Chief of Police Maloney upon a warrant charging Campbell with forgery. Ex-City Clerk Cushman swore to the complaint at midnight, and in default of \$1,000 bail, Campbell was locked in the city jail.

According to Chief Maloney he has in his possession evidence that indicates Campbell has committed a series of false endorsements on city warrants, and has received thereby various sums of money. Thirty-two of the alleged false signatures, according to the police, have been admitted by Campbell, and it is further stated that he has agreed to make good the deficiency, which he claims will not exceed \$100.

Cushman, however, told Chief Maloney that he feels personally responsible for the conduct of the office of city clerk up to the time of his removal and said he would deposit a blank cheque with the city treasurer in order to insure the city against loss.

Cushman does not charge Campbell with having any hand in the irregularities in connection with the recall petitions.

CONTEMPT CASE DELAYED.

Cincinnati, O., March 23.—Judge Gorman's hands were tied today in the contempt cases against "Boss" George B. Cox, when Judges Smith and Swing, both Republicans, restrained Gorman from proceeding with Cox's trial. Judge Jones, a Democrat, voted that Gorman be allowed to proceed.

RAILWAY BUILDING.

Winnipeg, March 23.—The contract for 100 miles of railway grading and ballasting on the Alberta Central railway, 80 miles west of Red Deer and 35 miles east, was awarded yesterday to James McDonnell & Co. The price was \$25,000 a mile.

COMMISSION PLAN REJECTED.

Ottawa, March 23.—The commission form of government for the city was defeated yesterday by a majority of 51.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

New York, March 23.—Woman suffrage was endorsed by organized labor in Carnegie hall last night at the first meeting of its kind here.

ASKS BIG SUM FROM THE CITY

J. AVERY DEMANDS SUM OF \$25,000

Board of Arbitration in Session To-day Hearing Interesting Case

(From Thursday's Daily.)
One of the most interesting arbitration cases to which the city has been a party, commenced this morning in the committee room at the city hall, when the claim of John Avery for compensation to the amount of \$25,000 was taken up. John Dean, acting for the city; J. O. Potter and J. C. M. Keith, for the claimant, and George Jeeves, referee.

Mr. Avery's claim arises out of the fact that the city acquired certain property at Spring Ridge for the High school site. On certain lots included in this parcel of land he had been conducting a cement block works, and his claim in the main rests on the allegation that because of the purchase by the city of the site, he is forced to move to another location, and thus be deprived of the privilege of getting his material, sand and gravel, at a low figure, this material being heretofore right to his hand.

Mr. Avery's property has a frontage of 88 feet by a depth of 16 feet, and he lays particular stress on the fact that he holds contracts for the delivery of sand from his property, a claim which the city has refused to take into consideration, having offered him the sum of \$1,500 in full settlement.

Ordinarily the city, would, it is said, find itself in an embarrassing position in respect to the claim preferred by Mr. Avery, but it is understood that arrangements have been made whereby the Mount Toimie Sand & Gravel Co., which recently merged with the Worswick Paving Company, will come to the rescue of the city and offer to meet the requirements of Mr. Avery in the matter of the supply of sand and gravel.

Capt. W. H. Worswick, president and managing director of the Worswick Paving Company, on learning of the difficulty which confronted the city in the matter of the adjustment of Mr. Avery's claim for compensation, intimated to the city solicitor that rather than see the city suffer the loss of a large amount of money through circumstances which appeared to work an injury to a manufacturer, the company would agree to supply Mr. Avery with all the sand and gravel he requires at the same rate as he formerly paid for the same, providing that he located his new plant at some point which could be reached by the street cars which haul the material from Mount Toimie.

This offer on the part of Capt. Worswick was, it is understood, made to the board of arbitrators at this morning's session. The hearing of the claim will probably occupy several days.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—By a vote of 31 to 19, the Illinois senate yesterday passed a bill empowering women to vote for certain candidates for city, village and township offices and on questions of public policy. The bill provides that wherever it is adopted by a referendum women more than 21 years of age may vote for all officers who are not constitutional officers.

WILL WITHDRAW SOLDIERS.

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—Following a cessation of all trouble at the Northwestern Coal Company's mine at Beld, Governor Deneen today announced that Russian state militia would be withdrawn at once.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL TALKS TOO FREELY

Fleet Commander Rebuked for Predicting Defeat by Turkey

(Times Leased Wire.)
St. Petersburg, March 23.—Forecasting defeat for Russia in a conflict with Turkey and a subsequent revolution against the Czar, Admiral Skeyrdloff, the foremost naval authority in Russia, received today an intimation that unless he curbed his tongue he would be dismissed.

Skeyrdloff, the commander of the Black Sea fleet, is Muscovy's pessimist. He predicted defeat for Russia in the Far East, owing to the Czar's unpreparedness for war with Japan. Now he sees trouble in the southward.

"The growth of the Austrian navy proceeds apace," said the admiral, "and simultaneously the Turkish fleet are increasing. Influenced by Austria, the Turks are eager for the fray. Revolution may follow the outbreak of hostilities, and the revolution would be much more appalling than any uprising that might have gone before."