

SITUATION IN MEXICO CLEARING

Assurance that U. S. Boundary will be Respected Relieves Tension.

Rebels Evacuate Agua Prieta And Fighting Which Endangered American Border Towns Will Be Stopped.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Positive assurances that the Mexican government will adopt a "definite restrictive policy along the border," and news from Douglas that the rebel forces have evacuated Agua Prieta, did much today to relieve the high tension under which President Taft and members of his administration have labored for the last few days.

The assurances from Mexico followed demands of the state department that fighting which endangered American lives in the border towns, must be stopped.

That the situation is not now regarded as acute is evidenced by the fact that leaders of both the senate and the house with whom the president conferred prior to the assembling of the cabinet, declared that no action is contemplated by congress at this time.

Senator Cullom insisted that he could see no reason for intervention while Mr. Sulzer announced that congress would not act hastily. Mr. Sulzer is of the opinion that thus far there had been no overt act in Mexico sufficient to warrant intervention.

He intimated, however, that a plan is being considered to relieve the danger to Americans near the border. This contemplates an agreement for a neutral zone five to ten miles wide along the boundary line.

Congress, Mr. Sulzer said, will not act under any circumstances without a special message from the president. To his callers today President Taft said there was no intention upon his part to intervene in Mexico.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—An attack on Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is momentarily expected, according to a telegram from the United States consul there, received at the White House today.

The consul reports that he has asked Col. Sharpe to keep the Americans from crossing the Rio Grande during the battle.

Mexico City, 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.

El Paso, Texas, April 18.—The statement that there was firing in the vicinity of Juarez last night proved to be untrue. There has been no disturbance in that neighborhood since last Saturday. A courier arrived here this morning from Maderon cam 23 miles south of Juarez and reported that Madero is on his way to Juarez and a battle is eminent.

Agua Prieta, April 18.—The rebel army, after almost 18 hours of incessant fighting yesterday in defence of Agua Prieta, quietly evacuated the town during the night. It moved out silently and when day broke was nowhere to be seen.

The Mexican national troops entered the city at dawn, encountering no resistance. The Federals approached the town from the south and east during the early hours, coming slowly and cautiously, lest they encounter an ambush. Great was the surprise of the commanders of the government troops on finding, when they reached the outer works of the rebel entrenchments that the trenches had been abandoned and no insurgents were in sight.

The Federals continued to come in, still more slowly, presumably expecting at every moment to encounter a surprise but they found no rebels anywhere. The latter had vanished as completely as the night. There was no indication even of the direction they had taken.

THE CITIZENS VOTED IN FAVOR OF A CHANGE IN CONDITIONS AND THE COMMISSION CARRIED

Ratepayers of St. John Yesterday Decided in Favor of the "Leap in the Dark" by a Large Majority--Commissionites with Excellent Equipment and Organization, Won a Notable Victory--Not Due to the Merit of their Proposal, but to the Canvass of "Anything for a Change"--Bridge Grant also Found Favor--Aldermen Sproul, Vanwart and Willett Defeated, while Alderman Russell Led the Poll.

Table with columns for wards (Guys, Brooks, Sidney, Kings, Queens, Dukes, Wellington, Prince No. 1, Prince No. 2, Victoria, Dufferin, Lansdowne, Lorne, Stanley) and a TOTALS column. Rows list candidates for various positions like Aldermen-at-Large, Alderman for Guys Ward, etc.

Commission carried at the elections by a large majority. The friends of the movement were out in force, and automobiles and carriages galore were used in the canvass. They had one of the most effective organizations ever engaged in a civic election here while the opponents of the movement were without organization or funds.

Most of the aldermanic candidates gave strict attention to their own interests, and made little canvass either for or against the commission. Prominent business men who have never before taken an active interest in a civic election, labored industriously to help bring out the vote, and the heads of many big industrial establishments were at hand to set an example to their employees.

Considerable interest was manifested in the results of the elections. A large crowd gathered in the city hall during the evening and there were many gathered about the newspaper offices, the board of trade rooms and other places.

The returns for Stanley, Brooks and Sidney reached city hall before the common clerk arrived shortly after seven. Other wards came in short intervals up to about 9 o'clock. There was a long wait for the returns from Dufferin, Wellington and Queens. The former arrived about 11:15, but the returns from Wellington and Queens, both of which polled large votes, did not come in till after midnight.

The vote on the proposition to expend \$300,000 towards the construction of the bridge, was evidently a surprise. As the returns came in the announcement of the majorities given by the East Side wards was greeted as if it were a good joke. Probably many of those who voted to make this expenditure were in the same mood when they cast their ballots.

REPUBLICAN FORGES HAVE A NEW PLAN

Democrats Anxious Over the Result of the Reciprocity Debate.

Amendment Embodying Republican Free List May Be Introduced And Seriously Interfere With Adoption.

Washington, April 18.—Representative E. J. Hill, of Connecticut, a Republican member of the ways and means committee, and an active advocate of the Canadian reciprocity agreement opened the debate on that measure when the house convened today.

Mr. Hill declared that the agreement in no way threatened the policy of protection. He produced recent reports of the tariff board to show that prices in Canada were practically the same as in the United States, on all products on which the reciprocity agreement reduces or wipes out the tariff duty.

Mr. Hill declared that the attitude of some of the communities against the reciprocity bill was based on wrong information. He read from a petition that had been widely circulated in farming communities that farmers must have the same protection as the manufacturer. Mr. Hill presented figures to show that the average protection given the farmer was greater.

Representative Hamilton, of Michigan, who followed Mr. Hill, declared the burden of the whole reciprocity agreement would fall on the farming interests of the United States. He pointed to the fact that it was admitted that the flour millers would gain greatly by the new treaty.

"Who will recoup the farmers for recouping the losses of the miller?" asked Mr. Hamilton. The millers, brewers and packers will absorb all the benefits of the reciprocity agreement, he declared.

Mr. Hamilton charged the Republicans with being hypocrites if they went back on the things they had preached to the farmers for many years.

"Whatever the American farmer plant on shares with Canada," said Mr. Hamilton. "The quickest way to get low prices and hard times is to turn the management of our tariff making over to the Democrats."

Mr. Hamilton declared that the extra session of congress will be known in history as the anti-farmer session, and that the Democrats will be in the position of the men who drew an elephant in a raffle.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Democratic leaders are preparing an attempt by some of the Republicans who oppose the Canadian reciprocity bill, to embarrass the democratic majority in the passage of the bill by proposing an amendment to it which would embody all of the free list that the democratic ways and means committee has prepared as the first of the party's tariff measures.

Opposition republicans have charged in the house that if the democrats were earnest in their desire to have this free list passed, they would offer it as a part of the reciprocity bill, so that President Taft could not find occasion to veto it even though it did not meet with his approval.

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Buffalo, N. Y., April 18.—Navigation on the Great Lakes out of Buffalo was opened this afternoon when four big freighters of the Boland and Cornelius Line successfully battled their way through the ice fields which still cover the lower end of Lake Erie.

Of five boats that cleared the breakerwater, the steel wrecking tug James Reid of Saratoga, was the only one forced to return to her berth in port. The steamers which got away were the Adam R. Cornelius, bound for Toledo; the Theodore, Wickwire Jr., for Fort William; the Theodore H. Wickwire and the Jacob T. Koepf for Milwaukee.

"BIG BILL" GETS MEDAL. New York, N. Y., April 18.—"Big Bill" Edwards, commissioner of street cleaning has received today the medal which was awarded him by the Carnegie hero fund commission, for saving Mayor Gaytor from death at the hands of James J. Gallagher, on August 9th last. Edwards incurred a wound and imperilled his own life, in going to the mayor's assistance.

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL. Mayor—J. H. Frink. Aldermen-at-Large—F. L. Potts, J. V. Russell, R. W. Wigmore, Wm. E. Scully, Guy—H. G. Smith, Sidney—J. B. Jones, Dukes—G. H. Green, Prince—J. W. Kierstead, Kings—C. T. Jones, Dufferin—H. E. Codner, Lansdowne—A. O. H. Wilson, Lorne—F. H. Elliott, Stanley—J. McDermick, Brook—N. P. McLeod, Wellington—Dr. W. E. Christie, Queens—E. C. Elkin, Victoria—R. T. Hayes.

Several Candidates For Provincial Legislature Named Yesterday By Both Parties—Elections Called Soon. Halifax, April 18.—The nominations for the provincial legislature took place today. One was at Amherst, where C. R. Smith, Amherst, and J. Flemming Gillroy, Springhill, were nominated by the Conservatives for Cumberland county.

In Pictou the Liberals nominated R. M. Macgregor and R. H. McKay, two of the present members, and Archibald McKenzie, of River John, as their ticket. Speaking of the government's railway policy, at a public meeting following the convention, Premier Murray said that he believed the burden of the Musquoddy Valley Railway and a line from Sunny Brae to Guysboro would be assumed by the federal government. This would be a stretch of 140 miles of road. The province will contribute a subsidy.

NOVA SCOTIA NOMINATIONS. Two Amherst Men Arrested Monday On Charges Of Having More Wives Than The Law Permits.

Amherst, N. S., April 18.—Amherst had a sensation yesterday in the arrest of two men on the charges of bigamy and they are now in jail awaiting their preliminary examination. The men are Alex. Cayton and Edward Williams. Cayton, it is said, has a wife in Truro whom he married some years ago. He then came to Amherst and married wife No. 2, but died shortly after the marriage. He then, it is claimed, united himself in marriage to No. 3, with whom he has been residing since last May.

Williams hails from Yarmouth and the crown claims that he has a wife and five children in that town. Last October he married a Mrs. Bielski, formerly of Sackville. The preliminary examination will take place tomorrow.

BIGAMY IS CHARGED. AVIATOR HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Caught in a sudden gust of wind while flying over Potomac park here today, Anthony Jannus, a local aviator, narrowly escaped death, when his biplane dropped 25 feet to the ground. He received several minor injuries.

A large vote was polled, a good percentage of the business men casting their ballots before 10 o'clock. Dr. T. D. Walker was one of the commission workers at this poll and he established a record for bringing out women voters. A number of people whose names were not on the lists applied at the chamberlain's office for tax receipts and were given them.

CANADIAN OFFICER DEAD IN AUSTRALIA. Melbourne, April 18.—Capt. Claremont, Canadian officer who under the system of exchanging military officers had been stationed in Australia, has been found dead in a Mildura train. The cause of death is officially stated to be heart failure.

Ottawa, April 18.—The Capt. Claremont, mentioned in an Australian cable as being found dead on a train, is a Canadian officer. He belonged to the Royal Canadian Artillery, and up till a year ago, was stationed at Halifax, N. S. After resigning from his regiment there he went to Australia.