

SITUATION ON THE MEXICAN LINE

Taft Demands Assurances That There Will Be No More Fighting Near Border

Washington, D. C., April 18.—President Taft felt last night that he had done personally all that can be done by him to control the situation along the Mexican border. He and his advisers

Through the state department the administration played what may be regarded as its last card yesterday. It reiterated in no uncertain tone the representations made to Mexico a few days ago, that affairs like that at Douglas and Agua Prieta last week must not be repeated. Instead of awaiting the customary period for a formal reply from Mexico, the department asked for immediate assurance that there would be no more fighting there.

A few hours after the department announced it had issued this second demand, dispatches from Douglas began to come in to the war department showing that the second battle of Aguirre had begun.

that came through the war department and through the press, were taken to him wherever he happened to be, and were read with interest. He did not conceal the fact that he was intensely interested.

The president had two important conferences. He talked with Secretary Knox in the afternoon and last night he had a conference with Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain. The official explanation of Mr. Bryce's visit was that he came to talk about the

proposed arbitration treaty between the United States and England. It is practically certain that Mexico figured in the conversation. It is believed the ambassador explained to Mr. Taft the landing of British marines at San Quentin last week. He was able to tell the president that the landing was made only after Americans and British subjects had asked for protection.

In connection with Mr. Bryce's visit a suggestion that there might be joint intervention in Mexico by the United States and Great Britain was discarded.

It was pointed out that any such joint intervention would be construed as an acknowledgment by the United States that this nation is unable to handle the situation, and that it would be almost an abandonment of the Monroe doctrine.

President Taft has told cabinet members he does not contemplate sending a special message to congress relating to affairs in Mexico. He has shown the leaders of both the Senate and the House the confidential correspondence

The president himself has let it be known that no United States troops would cross the line unless authorized by congress, and Secretary of War Dickinson confirmed that statement last night.

No one here doubts that intervention would mean war. War in Mexico, the president's advisers say, would mean a conflict that would rage for months, probably years. Intervention would mean a long-drawn-out struggle, in which the Mexican federals and the

Furthermore, intervention would be likely to dissipate all the good feeling that years of careful diplomacy had created between the United States and the Latin-American countries.

One of the dispatches made public at the White House from Colonel Shunk, commanding officer at Douglas, said that three insurgents without arms, "surrendered to us," and that they are now held as prisoners.

President Taft last night replied to a

message from Governor Sloan of Arizona, asking for protection for citizens of Douglas from the fire of the federal and insurgents, that he was loath to endanger Americans in Mexico by taking so radical a step as sending American troops across the border to prevent further fighting.

INTERRED AT OTTAWA.

Funeral of Sir E. Taschereau, Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court.

Ottawa, April 13.—The funeral of Sir Elzear Taschereau, former chief justice of the Supreme court of Canada, took place yesterday to Notre Dame cemetery. The services were held in the Sacred Heart church, where the Archbishop conducted the funeral services. Denzil Macdonald was present, representing the governor-general. Sir Wilfrid Laurier attended, and also Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Hon. R. Lemieux and Sir R. W. Scott. The members of the Supreme court

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Prince Rupert, April 17.—The other day young William Nicholls, while on the way out shooting with a fellow workman, met with a serious accident. The shotgun went off suddenly in his companion's hands, and the charge, fortunately well spread, splattered his face and shoulders. By good fortune also, Nicholls' eye escaped injury. No serious harm resulted from the looking

of the numerous pellets in Nicholas' arms and face. These were skillfully removed, and he returned to his work at the whaling station after a few days.

SUPPLIED LIQUOR TO INDIANS.

Lytton, April 17.—A Chinaman, who procured liquor from Vancouver and supplied it to Indians, was brought up before F. Webb, stipendiary magistrate of Hope, and fined \$150 for supplying the liquor and \$100 for selling it all without a licence.