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UCLE SAW TO obably will sail to-morrow night as soon as repairs to her engines are completed the cruiser Washington will ail with a supply of rifles and revol-

FORCES READY TO

CROSS INTO MEXICO

Explanation of the Hurried Mo-

bilization of United States

(Times Leased Wire.)

Aboard President Taft's Private Car, Mount Airy, Ga., March 10.—The forces

of the United States stand ready to in-

prevent filibustering, and, finally, the

The administration makes no further attempt to cloak the army's activity

under the term manoeuvres. It is admitted that the army of mobolization

on may become an army of pacification, and that the forces are gathered in Arizona, California and Texas to ald

resident Diaz in suppressing the Mex-

The army will not hesitate to invade

A plan whereby the American an

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In Lower California.

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the Socialist paper La Revolucion and

head of the Los Angeles junta, was to be named president as soon as the reb-

General William Levva and General

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General Leyva, it is expected

Sails for San Diego.

Mare Island, Cal., March 10 .- Carry

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Rebels Well Armed.

Rebels Well Armed.

New York, March 10.—That the Mexican rebels have all the arms and ammunition needed was the statement here to-day of Gustave Madero, agent of the insurgent junta.

"The United States has a perfect right to put a wall of troops along the frontier," Madero said, "but that will make no difference. We have all the guns and ammunition we need. Incidentally, I wish to contradict a report that my brother, Francisco, was dethat my brother Francisco, was feated at Cases Grandes Tuesday.

WISCONSIN TOWN WIPED OFF NAP

vade Mexico at the "first, necessary cause for action." They will check any secessionary movements on the part of the people of lower California from the Diaz confederation; the troops will pre-IN POWDER WORKS

original excuse of mobolization, practice manoeuvres, will be engaged in by Two Men Instantly Killed-Property Loss is Estimated at \$1,500,000

(Times Leased Wire.) Kenosha, Wis., March 10.-The little city of Pleasant Prairie is off the man to-day as the result of the explosion yesterday of 150 tons of dynamite at the plant of the Dupont de Nemours Mexico if it be deemed necessary to Powder Company, in which two lives were lost. Not a building was left Mexican federal armies will act to standing. So great was the force of the has been decided upon at a control of the explosion that the entire region from Cleveland, Ohio, to Clinton, Iowa, Mexican Ambassador De La Barra. The was badly shaken: The damage to the was badly shaken. The damage to the conference followed a series of expanded by the special powder plant, other hulldings at Pleas-ant Prairie and to contiguous territory is estimated at \$1,500,000.

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Flynn was blown to atoms, and a man an line..

All this was freely admitted to-day who has not been identified was killed.

correspondents aboard the presiden The other men escaped with severe Lower California is regarded by the injuries.

The cause of the explosion is unministration as the danger spot. It known.

as pointed out that the great penin-ula holds Magdalena Bay which com-unds the mid-Pacific coasts of the Will Shoot Looters. Kenosha, Wis., March 10.—(Later.)—
Investigation to-day shows that only SOME LEGAL PROBLEMS merican continent. The territory is two lives were lost in the Pleasant Prairie explosion, and two injured. The body of John Thompson, superintenpower, both Mexico and the United dent of the glazing room, who was ates would be continually menaced blown through a window, has not been Diaz is not able now to send enough recovered.

gin, Ill., when the force of the explesion shock his home. Los Angeles, Cal., March 10.-Activity Many houses at Bristol and Rainy in Lower California where it is planned were demolished and deputy sheriffs to establish a "Social republic" are, ac- patrolled the streets all night. There ording to eastern advices to day, the is nothing left of Pleasant Prairie to determining cause in the action of the day.

United States in sending troops to the Bent on looting the wreckage, vanborder to help the Diaz government, dals poured into town. Deputies are
The fear that lower California and patrolling the streets with orders to

part of northern Mexico might become shoot looters on sight.

e maintand of mexico who long town has a population of about 700. City for increased powers. The letter alifornia movement was organized by in the powder mills. I should say that he Mexican revolutionary junta in Los in the powder mills. I should say that solicitor, F. A. McDiarmid, is now to the mayor said in making the angeles. It was planned to selze the contained 5000 on 5000 pounds of the plant solicitor, F. A. McDiarmid, is now to the mayor said in making the angeles. ninsula, drive out the federal troops contained 5,000 or 6,000 pounds of examination hand as follows: plosives, more than one-half of which sir:—The memorandum of the 7th of occurred to the city solicitor that there was black powder. Of the cause of March, over your signature as solicitor was a doubt about the validity of the

ion secured control of Mexico proper The plan was to make the government sent." day received due consideration, and 1 lect in its statement or not, said the appeal plosion at Pleasant Prairie last night that as to sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, it is in accordance with the attorney-genshook Chicago from end to end and the view of the government that the eral's ruling. The mayor said the regave the citizens the biggest fright in statute recently enacted by the legisla- sponsibility would rest entirely upon years. Many believed that an earth-quake had occurred and hundreds ran Elections Act 1911, does not give to the from their homes scantily clad. The city council authority to act. With re-General William Leyva and General Simon Berthold, both of Los Angeles, with forty followers, slipped across the shattered. lower California boundary into Mexico shattered.

early in January, drove out the half dozen federal garrison and burned the customs house. They were joined by SHOOTS HIMSELF IN about 200 well-armed men. An attempt General Vega of the federal army, two weeks ago, resulted in the wounding of

vacuate Mexicali within a few days Montreal Coroner's Jury Will Investigate the Boarding House Tragedy

transport Buffalo sailed at 7 a. m. day for san Diego. The supply ship Montreal, March 10.-"How would acier is being loaded with supplies you like to see me die?" said a young the city council think otherwise and provisions and will sail for the man named Fred A. Patrick, aged 22 when, at a recent meeting, they voted years, as he sent a bullet through his to turn down the veto, they felt that orders were received from the navy brain last night in the boarding house they were amply justined under the provisions of the Municipal Clauses partment to-day to place the cruisers on St. Germain street, where he re- Act. But at the suggestion of the city cinnati and Raleigh in commission sided. He was in the best of spirits, solicitor it was decided to secure the sail for San Diego early next week talking and laughing with his land-opinion of the city barrister. Even lady at the time, and evidently he was should this opinion be in line with that of the city solicitor and favorable to ir kits preparatory to a move on Enada. Beyond announcing that Tit charged its contents and he fell dead. a judicial interpretation of the provisana would be attacked, General try a couple of years ago. Whether it try a couple of years ago. He came to Canada from the Old Coun- ions of the act secured. was a case of deliberate suicide or an parently authentic reports were the federal band reported in this a matter for the jury's consideration at the inquest to-morbeyond Picacho pass and it was row.

"RAFFLES" IS CANCELLED.

eneral Leyva granted the war corpondents permission to accompany peated to-night and to-morrow-night plicable here. laden with provisions for the fleet and fluous.



TO NIGHT'S MEETING

BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

William French dropped dead in El- Council's Hand Tied as **New Election**

went Down Side of Mou SEH WHOM FREE DENY Special interest attaches to this council (From Friday Daily.) and board of works in view of the im-

the accident we know nothing at pre- for Victoria city and addressed to his completion in its entirety all work contemplated, under sub-section (j) of

I am to add that an advice has been eceived to-day from Mr. Harold B. Robertson, special commissioner, which enables me to inform you that there is every likelihood of completing the new municipal elections within a month

H. E. YOUNG, Provincial Secretary

It is likely that at to-night's meeting also the city barrister, W. J. Taylor, K C., will give his opinion as to the mayor's power of veto. The city solicitor has given it as his opinion that the mayor has the right to veto any act

lature.

Property ewners on St. John street, as well as those on other nearby thoroughfares, will present a vertil oughfares, will present a petition to have that street extended through to ncoe street. St. John street at pre ent runs from Belleville street south

AGREEMENT HOLDERS MAY BEREGSTERED

Local Improvements Until Mayor Adores Decision Throws Responsibility on Government

Mayor Morley announced this mornportant matters to be discussed in con- ing that the \$2 road tax will be acceptenrollment upon the voters' lists for the next election.

nouncement this morning that it had in speeches. opinion of Attorney-General Causing a simultaneous ringing of day received due consideration, and I rect in his statement or not said the

GRAIN PRICES ARE

Manifesto Alleges Dellberate Scheme to Discredit Reciprocity.

growers' Guide publishes the following: "A deep-set suspicion has existed for said that the damage in that county of the council, that such veto stands some weeks past that a deliberate would exceed \$1,000,000. In the Santa and that the council cannot by major- effort was being made by a section Maria district over 1,000 acres have ity vote over-rule it. The members of of Chicago, St., Paul and Winnipeg grain men to knock the price of grain down, with a view to discouraging and discrediting the reciprocity agreement now before parliament. On January 26, the day on which the reciprocity agreement was first announced the price of spot No. 1 Northern wheat at Fort William was 94 1-2 cents and the price of No. 2 Canadian Western oats Jexacall, Mexico, March 10.—Acting under the impression that the revolver the mayor's stand the council will not 32 3-4 cents per bushel. On February der orders from General Leyva, the blank cartridge. As he placed the surrectos at Mexacali to-day packed muzzle to his head the revolver dismuzzle to his head the revolver dis- until a ruling of the courts is had and bushel, which was 6 1-2 cents a bushel below the price on the date of the announcement of the reciprocity agree ment. The price of No. 2 Canadian City Engineer Smith will present a Western oats had gone down to 29 1-2 couple of interesting reports at to-night's meeting. He will suggest what at country points in Manitoba and he considers is the best method of re- Saskatchewan, hundreds of farmers pairing defects in the Smith's Hill res- were getting from 30 to 35 cents p ervoir. Mr. Smith last week made a bushel on the car at their shipping trip to Seattle, where similar trouble points for shipments to other farmers Mayor Hiram C. Gill was called before was experienced in a reservoir, and he in these provinces for seed and feed. the grand jury that is probling charges in these provinces for seed and feed. Which was produced at the Victoria theatre last night, and was to be rewhich was produced at the Victoria adopted there to remedy defects is applicable here.

Will advise the council if the methods adopted there to remedy defects is applicable here.

The Amateur Cracksman, will advise the council if the methods adopted there to remedy defects is applicable here. even some who predict that seed oats be Councilman Max Wardall. While Steaming Southward.

New York, March 10.—The crisers also, has been concelled. This step has been concelled. The engineer will also report on what row have to be brought back from a shooting and to supply unfroated grain to supp set upon the city's uncartakings by the cents a bushel more for it."

BUSINESS OBSTRUCTED BY CONSERVATIVES liking.

Irish Members Interrupt Speeches and Wordy War-

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Session of 19 hours' duration, in the companion of the aldermanic less operating in a legitimate way in the members of the aldermanic less operating in a legitimate way in the course of which fisticuffs were narrow-

opponents to use force, and after a plicants. wordy conflict the Conservatives aban- Ald. Langley, at this evening's meetdoned the scheme. Hon, Winston Churchill led the ad- resolution to fix the place of nominaministration forces in the absence of tion and polling for mayor, aldermen Premier Asquith and Chancellor Lloyd and school trustees, the appointment George. By adopting a closure Mr. of a returning officer and the various Churchill forced the passage of many ward deputies. clauses in the revenue bill, although Nominations for mayor, aldermen the Conservatives denounced him as a and school trustees will take place in

sideration at adjournment. THE CALIFORNIA FLOODS.

Damage May Exceed Five Million Dollars-Railway Companies Suffer.

San Francisco, Cal March 10 - Five million dollars was considered a conservative estimate to-day of the loss caused by the floods which have prevailed in nearly every section of the state. With light showers predicted for to-night and many of the larger streams overflowing their banks, this estimate may fall short of the actual

News from Santa Barbara to-day been devastated of crops. The 70,000 gallon reservoir of the Union Oil Company is a complete wreck.

Los Angeles and vicinity have sufto alfaia and garden truck alone is placed at \$100,000. It, was feared to-day timates published last night. The esthat snow falling in the mountains would cause the Los Angeles river to overflow the city's bottom lands. Heavy damage was inflicted on bridges on the Salt Lake railroad.

More than a score of houses at Colusa are inundated by the breaking of the levee, and the water in some of the streets is five feet deep.

GRAND JURY INQUIRY. Former Mayor of Seattle Called Give Evidence.

to-day. Another witness to-day will

VOTERS' LEAGUE ACTIVE

PLACE CANDIDATES

PANAMA CANAL DEFENCES.

Raffway President in Favor of Taft's

Portland, Ore., March 10.—John H. Stevens, president of the Hill lines in Oregon and formerly chief engineer of the

Panama canal, is on record to-day as favoring the fortification of the Panama

completion of the canal it would be pos-sible to anchor a fleet in San Francisco

To Nominate Aldermen Pledged to Support Mayor Morley's Policy

Voters' League is holding meetings the Citizen, which was published in the interests of the mayor during the last cannaign will age in make it.

liking.

As announced in last evening's Times suggested, it would divert trade into new channels.

The commission of the

The climax came when the Conser- 400 names have been put on the list of tended that the B. C. Act would com vatives offered to assist the Speaker in householders. The assessor's office pare favorably with the Ontario Act or ejecting Irish members for interrupt- where the registration is being effected, any other of its kind. It had in fact will continue open each evening until The Irish members challenged their 8 o'clock for the convenience of ap- les' Act. He had been talking with

ing of the city council, will submit a

usurper. The bill was still under con- the court room at the city hall, and the polling places will be: For mayor, in the police court room, city hall; for aldermen, in the public market building; for trustees, in the B. C. pottery

BRITAIN TO BUILD

Naval Estimates Show an Increase of \$19,900,000 Over Last Year

(Times Leased Wire.) London, March 10,-Great Britain this purpose should also be empowered fered to the extent of \$250,000. The loss will build five Dreadnoughts during the to recommend that the personal tax on coming year, according to naval es- the merchants' stocks should be aboltimates total \$221,962,501, which is an building of the country the tax was increase of \$19,900,000 over last year.

CHILDREN CROSS OCEAN.

Halifax, March 10 .- The Allan liner Sicilian, which arrived to-day after a passage of ten days from Liverpool, brought 511 passengers, of which 13 was acting in a detrimental way to the were for Halifax. She also had 384 development of trade. Bernardo children for Peterboro and Toronto. The little ones had a good time on the voyage. The children were tion fee so long as it did not exceed a landed at the immigration building and were inspected by the port physi-Mayer Hiram C. Gill was called before clan after which they returned to the by Mr. Thomson, who intimated that Sicilian which sailed for Portland at the government intended to appoint a 6 o'clock. The children will land at royal commission to go into the whole Portland and entrain for Toronto and question of taxation in the province. Peterboro.

COMPANIES ACT

At a meeting of civil engineers at the Commercial Club last night he asserted that the United States should protect the canal at any costs. He said with the SCORES A VICTORY

bay 17 days after leaving Hampton Roads.
Stevens said he was certain that the opening of the canal would not injure the opening of the canal would not injure the Brings Government to Its Senses

> The agitation against certain provisions of the Companies' Act culminat-ed Thursday at the board of trade neeting when, in the course of a disassion, it was gathered from the lips S' LEAGUE ACTIVE
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> Of H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., that the government were willing to open the whole question up again. Premier McBride had expressed his willingness to consider any suggestions that might be brought to be sider any suggestions. brought to his notice by the hoards of trade of Victoria and Vancouver.

The matter came up in the ordinary course of business. J. J. Shallcross attacked the trade restrictions in the act, saying that the effect of them would be to reduce the credit of the firms operating in the province. The inevitable effect of such restrictions on trade, he said, was to add to the cost of living. The consum-Interest is already keen in the aper would ultimately have to pay the in-proaching municipal elections. The embargo. The only people to benefit Voters' League is holding meetings would be the lawyers and attorneys; nightly, and it is understood that a and he did not think it was the desire decision has been reached to place of the board to add to the cost of livaldermanic candidates in each ward in the city pledged to support Mayor mayor ing the merchants and others with add-Morley should the latter be re-elected. ing to the cost of living by demanding It is said also that the paper called extortionate prices. He held that the

last campaign, will again make its ap- to the cost of handling goods. He con-Many in the city are said to be fav
province were willing to hold their own Many in the city are said to be favorable to allowing the mayor and all the aldermen to be returned by acclamation, but His Worship, it is understood, is indisposed to acquiesce in this suggestion, taking the position that as a majority of the members of the board have shown opposition to his policy it would be better to make an effort to elect men more to his liking.

Drevince were willing to hold their own in competition, and they did not want to make British Columbia a dear province to live in by the creation of artificial prices. He hoped the committee which had been recommended would not lay down its work until it had near the province for commercial intercourse. Mr. Shallcross also mentioned that if the act was allowed to remain as it was for a year in order to give it, a trial, as had been suggested it would divert trade into

overtures the latter part of the present month. It is known positively that under no consideration will Alex. Stewart trial it was still willing to meet and consent to run. These are the only names which have been mentioned thus far in connection with the forth coming contest, as likely opponents of trade of Victoria and Vancouver to mayor. a separate nation is said to have decided the administration that the time to act had come. The movement in lower California had its inception here. While the insurrectos in lower California styled themselves "Revolutionists," they were a separate body with mists, they were a separate of the mainland of Mexico who follow has a normalizing of about 700 and the mainland of Mexico who follow has a normalizing of about 700 and the persons paying the same to the color of the discussed in conjugate and the portant matters to be discussed in conjugate and the portant matter to be discussed in conjugate and the portant matter to be discussed in conjugate and the porta tinues slowly, and up to date about they would have to register. He con-

been based upon the British Compan-Mr. McBride that morning and he had agreed that if the Vancouver and Victoria boards of trade would appoint committees to go into the matter and could set forth all the points which they considered ought to be changed, and would then communicate with him, allowing him certain time for their consideration, he would then make an apcointment for a delegation to meet h to discuss the points already submit-

ted. The government was willing to Mr. Shallcross at once pointed out that while he was glad to learn that the government was prepared to consider the act on its merits, he did not think the comparison drawn between the Companies Act of this province and that of Ontorio was a fair one. In Ontario companies could operate without registering if they had an agent or representative within the province for was it similar to the British act, as had been suggested. The British act only required a nominal fee of five shillings as a registration tax and no company was required to register at all if doing business through an agent

or by correspondence. Mr. Leiser thought that too much was being made of the objections to the act. He did not think that the registration fee would keep any firm out of

the field. F. A. Pauline expressed the desire that the committee to be appointed for ished. To merchants who were in harness and were contributing to the upmost unfair. To discriminate between the active merchant and the retired merchant in this way was to his mind perfectly indefensible. As to the regis tration in the Companies Act he did not for a moment believe that it was a mere bagatelle. He was sure that it

He with the other business men of the community was in favor of a registranominal capacity

The property tax issue was replied to When that commission commenced its sitting the board would have an oppor-