

GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE AVERTED THE DISASTROUS FAILURE OF FARMERS' BANK

UNCLE SAM TRYING TO RAISE DOLLAR?

Senor Zelaya Intimates U. S. Welcomes Mexican Trouble

Also Charges That Americans Are Inciting Revolutions in Latin-America—Slight Skirmish Yesterday.

Washington, March 15.—Acceptance of the military officers of the states and territories to participate in the military operations in the south continues to pour into the headquarters of the army, and today the total acceptances were increased to 2,470. The department has not yet heard from the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Wyoming.

Paris, March 15.—Joseph Santos Zelaya, who was compelled to relinquish the presidency of Nicaragua during the recent revolution, gave an interview to Le Siecle today in which he violently attacked the attitude of the United States toward the Mexican affair.

Zelaya charges that the United States government inspired by the prospect of commercial and financial gains, should not be a mere spectator, but that it should take an active part, not only with Mexico, but against the whole of Central America, which it seeks to absorb so as to become a sole master of the western hemisphere.

He asserts that the United States is deliberately inciting revolutions in Latin America that they may serve as excuses for intervention. He pictures President Diaz of Mexico, as "my friend and grand, courageous old man, who, despite his old age, rides his horse like a gentleman," as patriotically as bravely, but vainly, resisting American encroachments.

Limantour Back to Mexico.

New York, March 15.—The Mexican minister of finance left town this afternoon for Mexico. Just when there had begun to be some speculation as to why his stay, first announced for two days, should be extended, he slipped quietly from his hotel and took a train.

Behind him Senor Limantour left a long typewritten statement and a note at the desk in which he had inquired particularly about the sailings on or about March 20 of all lines running between Havana and Vera Cruz.

It will be recalled that on his arrival from Europe he said he intended to go home by way of Florida, Havana, Yucatan and Vera Cruz, and that he hoped to arrive in Mexico on the tenth or twelve days from the date he left New York.

"There have been frequent and persistent rumors in the past," he stated, "that I would not return to Mexico, and that if I did, it would not be to assume the duties of the office I have retired from, but to be in my sphere of action to improve the general conditions of my country."

"How long will the insurrection dependent quite as much on the attitude and acts of Americans as Mexicans. May the American people forget that Mexico is a country of wonderful resources and possibilities, but that their fullest development can never come except through the complete co-operation of everyone who has the best interests of Mexico at heart. Shall not all such unite in one determined effort to bring about the desired result? This is my last and most serious word to the American people."

The minister compliments the press on its personal treatment of him but chides it for printing certain accounts of conditions in Mexico, to which in large part he attributes the present disturbances. For many years he declares, President Diaz has told his visitors that "all he desired to have told about his country was the truth; he has discouraged fulsome praise as much as muck raking," and this is all that I ask of the press of the United States or of any country in dealing with Mexico—the truth.

AMHERST RAMBLERS WON BOSTON GAME.

Boston, Mass., Mar. 15.—The Amherst, N. S., Ramblers defeated the Victoria hockey team of Boston, in one of the roughest games of the season at the Boston Arena tonight, the score being 3 to 2. Thirteen men were ruled off the ice for rough playing.

AFTER WALRUS HUNTERS.

Copenhagen, Mar. 15.—The government is sending warships to Greenland with instructions to arrest foreign walrus hunters, chiefly Americans, who are reported to be killing thousands of walrus annually.

Opposition Places Grave Responsibility on Mr. Fielding's Shoulders.

In Spite of Strong Warnings, Finance Minister Allowed Bank to Start Business.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., March 15.—Responsibility for the failure of the Farmers' Bank was very clearly placed on Mr. Fielding's shoulders by the opposition today.

Had the finance department refused a certificate the crash would have been averted. There were abundant grounds for refusing the certificate, and it was shown today that abundant warnings were given to Mr. Fielding.

On a motion to go into ways and means, Mr. Henderson (union) moved "This House is of the opinion that a royal commission should forthwith issue to inquire into and investigate the incorporation and organization of the Farmers' Bank of Canada and the granting of a certificate by the treasury board permitting the said bank to issue notes and commence business, and all the circumstances connected therewith and generally to inquire into and investigate the operation and efficiency of the bank act in relation to the affairs and transactions of the said bank."

A remarkable statement. Mr. Henderson made a remarkable statement. While he was not personally interested for he had refused to subscribe, he felt worried over the affairs of the bank as many of his constituents were interested. He went to Mr. Fielding before the certificate was granted and told him that he was anxious. He told him that he had seen the notes in the hands of the solicitor for the ten or twelve men who were in litigation with the bank.

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PURITY IN ELECTIONS

Westmorland Electoral Reform League Adopts Resolution Urging Government to Pass Bill Against Corruption.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., March 15.—The annual meeting of the Westmorland Electoral Reform League was held in Moncton this afternoon, the President, Dr. Borden of Sackville, Father, of Moncton and others being present.

The principal question was the draft of a bill prepared by the league and forwarded to the government at Fredericton providing that on the petition of twenty-five electors a judge shall hold an investigation as to corrupt acts in any election.

After some discussion the following resolution moved by Father Savage, seconded by R. W. Hewson was adopted:

"Whereas the enactment of an election law such as obtains in England, where an independent officer has the power to command evidence in cases of bribery and corruption and consequent punishment of offenders, therefore,

Resolved, That the Electoral Reform League of Westmorland urges upon the government of New Brunswick the importance of passing, at an early date, the bill now in their hands entitled, 'An Act respecting inquiries as to corrupt practices at elections of members for legislative assembly,' or some other law which will adequately meet the requirements of the case."

And further, in case the government should propose legislation along the lines suggested, that the bill should be modified so as to reduce the deposit from \$1000 to \$250, and that the commissioners should have power to fine and disfranchise those guilty of corrupt practices."

MAY BE A GENERAL STRIKE OF SEAMEN

Brussels, Mar. 15.—According to the newspaper La Peuple, the central committee of the International Seamen's Congress now in session at Antwerp, has decided to organize an international commission which shall study the situation with authority to arrange a general strike if thought necessary.

Representatives of the ports of Great Britain, the United States, Denmark and Holland, the paper states, have announced themselves as favorably disposed to a strike.

MR. TWEEDDALE IS VERY UNFAIR IN HIS TACTICS

Member for Victoria Lives Up To His Reputation

Reads Private Letter To Mr. Hazen In House Of Assembly And Is Not Just Enough To Read Premier's Reply.

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GERMANY IS AGREEABLE

Berlin, March 15.—The declaration of Sir Edward Grey on Anglo-German relations made in the House of Commons Monday night had a sympathetic echo in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, which announces that the views of the British Foreign Secretary on the subject of armaments correspond closely with the German standpoint and open a prospect of the further development of the relations between Great Britain and Germany. If an agreement will assist in allaying the distrust in English opinion, Germany is ready to do her part. Sir Edward's speech is approved in most sections by the unofficial press.

YORK COUNTY HAS SELECTED A STRONG CANDIDATE OF GOVERNMENT PARTY

Dr. O. E. Moorehouse Is Candidate of Government Party

Large Convention In Fredericton Endorsed Provincial Government Policy And Chose Standard Bearer.

Fredericton, March 15.—Featuring by a large attendance and representative of the attendance and the prevailing unanimity the Provincial Government party convention at the County Court House this afternoon was without exception one of the finest gatherings of the kind ever held in York county.

There were many bright incidents at the convention, including the presence of Premier Hazen and members of the Government and their supporters in the Legislature, while John A. Young, M. P. P., who has been seriously ill, was able to attend the convention, coming down from his home at Taymouth and was warmly welcomed.

Representative Attendance. The attendance was representative of large delegations, including a large number of members of the County Council, the convention was the most representative and in every way the best conducted ever held in York county under similar circumstances. The river parishes as well as those at the back portion of the county on both sides of the river, were all largely represented.

Opening Address by Chairman. Hon. George Colter presided and upon the platform with him were Premier Hazen and Hon. John Morrisey, Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

Hon. J. M. Cole, paid the opening address, said it was with a great deal of pleasure that he was able to represent such a large representative body of the county in this convention.

The very great loss the county and party had sustained in the loss of the late Thomas Robison. He then devoted the remainder of his address to a warm tribute to late member.

Hon. H. F. McDougall, in the business of the convention was opened by referring to the late Mr. Robison, and after speaking in terms of his worth as a man and as a representative of the county in the Legislature, he expressed his pride at the honor of being in the memory of the late Mr. Robison in the large funeral from his home at Harvey.

He moved the following resolution: That the members of the convention should heartily endorse the memory of the late lamented Thomas Robison.

The resolution carried unanimously by a standing vote.

Provincial Government Endorsed. Mayor C. M. Thomas then moved a resolution endorsing the provincial government and expressing confidence in Premier Hazen. He referred to the misrule of the late government and the excellent resource of the Hazen government since it had assumed the reins of power. He knew that all the representatives assembled would heartily endorse the resolution which he was about to read.

He moved the following resolution: Be it resolved that this convention of the supporters of the Hon. J. D. Hazen and his government and associates in the legislature take this opportunity to express their continued loyalty and steadfast devotion to him and to assure him and them of our warm approval of their course in rescuing the financial affairs of the province from chaos. In instituting and carrying out an earnest and progressive agricultural policy, in honestly collecting and expending the legitimate revenues of the province, in introducing and carrying out a progressive policy respecting the public works of the country and in developing our natural resources and in carrying out the pledges made to the electors of this province prior to the last general election.

And be it further resolved, that this convention assembled do herewith express its satisfaction and approval of the course of the representatives of

HE WORKED FOR LANCTOT BUT GOVERNMENT PAID HIM FULL WAGES ALL THE TIME

Painter in Sorel Shipyard Bossed Job on Mr. Lanctot's House.

Ottawa, Mar. 15.—Investigation of the charges against Adelard Lanctot, M. P., was continued in the privilege and elections committee today. Henry Proulx a Sorel painter was under examination. He valued the work done by the shipyard employes on Lanctot's house at about \$900, though it had cost only \$375. Proulx said in taking Lanctot's house the men were ordered to take a roundabout route but did not do so.

Witness admitted he had a grievance in having the men dismissed from the government's employ at the shipyard. Little new matter was brought out in the evidence. The inquiry continues tomorrow.

Mr. Lanctot was a visitor while the work was in progress.

Asked to give an estimate of the value of the work, the witness said that if he was doing it under contract he would estimate the value at \$1,000. Of this the labor of the men would amount to about \$400.

Witness said he had been sent for by the member who had produced the declaration he had made in regard to this matter. Lanctot asked him if he would care to have his place back. Witness said he would not care to return to the works if Page was to continue to be the foreman.

A question arose as to how the witness could get back the declaration he had made to one Thibodeau, the declaration produced by Mr. Blondin, and Lanctot said that if the witness could not get it back he (Lanctot) would undertake to secure the document.

Witness stated that in 1908 he had done three days work on premises owned by Mr. Lanctot, for which he had been paid by the government. At this point the committee adjourned.

Ottawa, Mar. 15.—In the afternoon Mr. McDougall, counsel for Mr. Blondin, examined Alfred Donaire, a painter, who acted as foreman over the workmen engaged in the painting of the house. He said that during the months of July, August, September and October he had worked for eight weeks at the painting and had been paid by the government at the rate of \$2 per day. The first day he punched his time at the works, but after that date some one else must have punched it for him because he got full pay.

The chairman—Does the name of the witness appear in the account rendered by the department to Mr. Lanctot?

Mr. McDougall—Not for the months of July and August.

Witness named eight other workmen engaged in painting Mr. Lanctot's house all of whom were paid by the government.

ORANGEMEN ARE ASKED TO FIGHT IT

Orange Grand Lodge Of Ontario Opposes Reciprocity

Annual Session Was Opened In Smith's Falls Yesterday

—Col. Hughes Says Reciprocity Means Annexation.

Smith's Falls, Ont., Mar. 15.—A strongly worded request to the Orange order to oppose reciprocity, the advocacy of a change in the criminal laws of the province forbidding the Roman Catholic church to dissolve mixed marriages, and criticisms of bilingual schools and home rule for Ireland were the features of the public meeting held here tonight in connection with the annual meeting of the Orange grand lodge of eastern Ontario.

The opera house was the scene of one gathering and the town hall another, and both were crowded to the doors. Speeches were made by Dr. Sproule, M. P., sovereign grand master, Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., James Birney, of Kingston, grand master of eastern Ontario, Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, of Kingston, grand chaplain of the Royal Black Preceptory, and others.

At the meeting in the Town Hall, after a few remarks by Col. Balderson, of Perth, Thomas Gilday, grand master of the Black Chapter of British North America, was called upon. After telling of the growth of the order in Newfoundland, where Orangemen were 100 miles on snowshoes to attend a grand lodge, Mr. Gilday went on to speak of the political aspect of the Orange order. The latter, he said, if it was Tory, was so because it had always believed, in what was best for the country, and there was no such thing as politics in the association.

Col. Hughes referred to French evangelization in Quebec, and the Eucharist Congress. The object of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, was the ultimate annexation of the former country to the latter. James J. Hill and influential citizens not Champ Clark only, had said so and it was a fact that Uncle Sam had long been courting this country. "When we find these gentlemen openly boasting of taking Canada we are right in considering it an insult to our country."

Grand Master James Birney, of Kingston, defended the Coronation oath and referred to the eucharist congress.

The grand lodge session was opened this afternoon by the annual address of James Birney, of Kingston, grand master. Addresses of welcome were presented from the council of Smith's Falls by Capt. Foster and Ald. Ferguson and from the Orange district by Dr. Stammers. They were replied to by the grand master and Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, of Kingston.

Among those in attendance at the meeting were Dr. Sproule, Thomas Gilday, of Montreal, Grand Master Burnett, and other prominent Orangemen.

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Witnesses at Inquest Into Death of I.C.R. Wreck Victim at Newcastle, Swear Semaphore Not at Danger Point.

Newcastle, Mar. 15.—Another session of the inquest into the death of Harvey McDougall was held here today, the evidence of the trainmen engrossing the attention of the authorities. The testimony served to substantiate that evidence of negligence of the suburban train crew.

During the afternoon session only two were examined. Station Master Atkinson, of Derby Junction, gave evidence that the movements of the suburban were made without his instructions or knowledge. The Whoopee driver J. O'Shaughnessy of the Maritime, swore the semaphore was not at the danger point when the express was near the standing. It had been raised only when the express had passed and when a collision was inevitable. He applied all brakes, reversed the engine and took every other precaution, but the attempt to avoid a collision was futile. Nevertheless he reduced the speed of the train from 40 miles an hour to three or four miles, when the collision occurred.

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THEF CAUGHT AT APOHAQUI

John Lewis, Who Stole Horse And Rig In Houlton, Arrested By Sheriff Freeze—Fire At Centreville.

Apoquiqui, Mar. 15.—A man named John Lewis was arrested here today by Constable J. B. Armstrong, on a charge of having stolen a horse and rig from a livery stable keeper in Houlton, Maine, last Saturday. Lewis, who formerly worked in this vicinity, arrived here today driving a horse and team and accompanied by his wife, who had disappeared from Houlton with the team. Sheriff Freeze of this county received word from Sheriff Tomkins, of Carleton county, that Lewis had stolen a horse and rig from the livery stable in Houlton. Sheriff Freeze notified Constable Armstrong of the theft and gave him a description of the thief, and when Lewis arrived here, the constable took him in custody. He was taken to Hampton this morning and handed over to Sheriff Freeze and this afternoon he was sent to Woodstock in charge of Deputy Sheriff Armstrong, of Carleton county.

Lewis is about 35 years of age.

The home of John H. Folkins, on Mill Street, Centreville, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Mr. Folkins' loss will be heavy as he only had about \$400 insurance on both house and furniture and nothing was saved.

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