Traffic Badly Blocked in Cen-

moving, and will arrive towards morning.

The Western Pacific is still blocked by slides in the mountains. Flood conditions continue serious in some sections. Heavy rains are still falling in the southern end of the San Joaquin valley, and around San Luis Obispo. The only fatallities reported in connection with the flood waters were the drowning of two boys near Arroyo Grande.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 5.—Reports from San Benito say that nearly two inches of rain have fallen within the 124 hours, and both bridges over the

Arroyo Grande;
SAN JOSE, Cal., March 8.—Reports from San Benito say that nearly two inches of rain have fallen within the 24 hours, and both bridges over the San Benito river are down, isolating the town from the surrounding country. The irrigation dam five miles south is under water, and the surrounding country is submerged several feet. Telephone lines throughout the country are down.

ountry are down.

Thirty acres of orchard trees have been torn our by the roots. Tres Pinds creek has played great havoc along its banks, leaving the channel in places and washing out farms.

MOBILIZATION ONLY ARMY TEST

(Continued from Page One.) and animals and the tons of supplies that could be handled by each carrier. For instance, it was shown that there were four separate lines of railway in-to San Antonio, and the number of usual. warehouses, with the exact capacity of each at Fort Sam Houston, was indi-

It was not asserted that all this data had been prepared since the order had been given to mobilize the troops in Texas, but it was pointed out that similar information existed on every other point in the United States where it was probable there might be need to ncentrate a great body of troops.

A Considerable Force livision of troops which will be conat San Antonio under comcentrated at San Antonio under command of Major-General Carter were made public today by the war department. The division will consist of three brigades

composed of the Eleventh, Fifteenth and Eighteenth Infantry; the second, of the Thirteenth, Twenty-second and Twentythird Infantry, and the third of the Tentin: Seventeenth and Twenty-eighth.

will consist of the Third Cavalry, which for the present, it is announced, will rived from San Francisco today and re remain on the border. The independent cavalry brigade will be composed of the Ninth and Eleventh Cavalry.

The following auxiliary troops have been attached to the division: the Third battallion of engineers; companies "A" and "B" of the signal corps; four ambulance companies and four field how. bulance companies and four field hos-

The three brigades will be commanded by Brigadied-generals, M. P. Maus, T. A. Smith and Ralph W. Hoyt, while the remaining units of the division will in charge of the artillery district of veals, as it has perhaps never before be in charge of colonels to be selected by Major-General Carter. The signal corps in the field will be commanded by Major George A. Squier, assistant the chief signal officer of the army.

part of the country, studying their tonight for San Diego. The detachaddition to the 200 marines who will 770 enlisted men, carried with it mabe concentrated at Guantanamo, Cuba, chine guns and 150 mules and horses.

It will then be possible for someone along the western coast of the Pacific states and proceed on board the arvessels will be assembled at San Pedro ception have been completed. The and San Diego, Cal The cruisers Calicamp for the soldiers has been laid out fornia, South Dakota and Pennsylvania at Fort Crockett.

ambassador to the United States, the from Fort McPherson. United States ambassador to Mexico. the Mexican minister of finance, and the representative here of the Mexican rrectos, professed themselves upable to offer any explanation today of All alike were unwilling to believe

Senor De La Barra, the Mexican ambassador, was cheery but baffled. Ambassador Wilson was guarded and reby the United States army on the Mexican ambassador Wilson was guarded and reby the United States army on the Mexican ambassador with the Mexican ambas ticent. Jose Ives Limantour, the Mexticent. Jose Ives Limantour, the Mexican minister of finance, was terse and rather sombre. He did not disguise his uncertainty and anxiety, or the fact that his latest reports from Market. that his latest reports from Mexico geles today and proceeded to San brought word that the people there were restless. Gustav Madero, brother

tral and Northern California
— Two Boys Swept to Death

The Death Team of the statement of the should spend the night here or not. In the should spend the night here or not. In the should spend the night here or not. In the should spend the night here or not. In the should spend the night here or not. In the statement of the spending are somewhat improved tonight, but railroad traffic is still far from normal. The coast line of the Southern Pacific is still tied up by washouts, and through trains over that route may not move for another day or two. The Shasta route to the north, it is expected, will be opened tonight. Overland trains which have been stalled in the mountains are moving, and will arrive towards morning.

The Western Pacific is still blocked.

The annuaucement from Westing.

ceiving the explanations given out at Washington at their face value. The ambassador was not pressed for a pre-cise explanation of this phrase. Dias in Good Health.

MEXICO CITY, March 8.-Genera Diaz received Admiral Lajarte and members of his staff at 5 o'clock today in the national palace. At 8 o'clock tonight he was in conference in his town residence with the governor of Guanajuato.

In reply to a query from Barcelona today by a member of the president's staff regarding the truth of rumors which had reached there, Col. Porfirio Diaz,, Jr., cabled that his father was n excellent health. The president passed the morning in

nis office in the national palace and walked in Chapultepec grounds as Note-MEXICO CITY, March 8.-I

saw President Diaz personally last night. In apparent good health. (Signed) Whiffen, Correspondent, The Associated Press, Mexico City.

Marines From Seattle. SEATTLE, March 8 .- Two compa Sound Navy Yard, left at 5:30 tonight

San Francisco, where they will board the provincial lands around the creek, the cruiser Buffalo and sail for San of sufficient water for the grant of Details of the composition of the full Diego. At San Francisco the companies from Seattle will be joined by The decision of the Privy The field artillery brigade will be form
San Diego, where they will be joined by the Province; secondly, he by their sister ships, California, Penn
endeavor to force the Dominion ed by the Third and Fourth Field Ar- sylvania and South Dakota. The West The naval collier Prometheus ar-

Virginia and Maryland are under or-The divisional cavalry detachment ders to reach San Diego by Saturday. remain on the border. The independent ceived orders to load 7,000 tons of fuel

> Some Details. Boston, with headquarters at Fort

MONTEREY, Cal., March 8.-Ten While in the south, Major Squier will companies of the Eighth Infantry and give close attention to the operation of two companies of the Thirteenth, under the aeroplanes now operating in that command of Colonel Mason, left here value from a military standpoint. In ment, which consists of \$1 officers and ers of the Pacific fleet. These row morning, preparations for their re-

fornia, South Dakota and Pennsylvania already at San Diego, while the West Virginia and Maryland are at the Puget Sound navy yard, whence they will sail for southern waters within a few days.

The Transport of the Mesh The first of the solution of the Mesh The first of the Mesh The Mesh The first of t NEW YORK, March 8.—The Mexican diers will arrive tomorrow morning

WASHINGTON, March 8 .- "The health of President Diaz is excellent. The American manoeuvres have nothing to do with Mexican politics." This able to offer any explanation today of the movement to the Texas border of a formidable United States army.

All alike were howelling to believe

LOS ANGELES, March 8 .- Profess-

Senor De La Barra returned from With 200 rounds of ball cartridges, in to which a substantial control of Limantour until late tonight. At Department, received today. Col. Dyer by the provincial government.

Honor for Mr. Roosevelt RENO, Nev., March 8.—The legislature at Carson by resolution today extended the freedom of Nevada to former President Roosevelt in anticipation of his visit to Reno on April 3, when he will deliver his lecture on civic

## LEGAL BATTLE

Suit to be Commenced to Compel Recognition of Records

itation is naturally conserved, the soil formation lower down in the valley being decidedly porous and therefore nies of marines, 210 men, at the Puget unfitted for the storage of water, the on a special Great Northern train for Dominion was to deprive farmers on

division will consist of three brigades of infantry, a field artillery brigade, and an auxiliary troop, including members of the signal, medical and engineer corps.

The armored crulisers west virginia, firough his solicitors, will proceed signal, medical and engineer corps.

The first infantry brigade will be competed of the been coaling and taking on ammunition with two objects in view: First, to support the irrigationists in the farmore of Nova Scotia and New been coaling and taking on ammunition with a little affort see will sail early tomorrow morning for and initial charges on records granted endeavor to force the Dominion government to recognize priority in records, inasmuch as it is obviously inequitable that records should be nullified that were granted years before the jurisdiction of the Department of the Inte

rior was established. In this latter connection the plain tiff's case is strengthened by the weak point in the Privy Council's decision, namely, that it gave jurisdiction over waters, which, although having their source in the Dominion balt, flowed, while in that belt, through comparatively barren lands, not watering ara-BOSTON, March 8,-Orders were re- ble lands, until the stream reached ceived this afternoon directing Major- provincial territory. This suit which General Robert U. Patterson, surgeon is being brought by Mr. Bonthrone, rebeen strikingly shown, the position in Banks, to proceed at once to San An- which the farmers of Lower Nicola are tonio, where he is to organize, or take placed. The argument has been in-charge of a field hospital. those in the Lower Nicola are affected. Such, however, is said to be not the case. It will not be long before the Cold Water Valley is settled up, as well as other valleys watered by streams having their origin within matter, and the solution of the problem is said to call for decisive and co operative action.

Urgency Telegraph Calls. In response to recommendations nade by the Victoria and Alberni boards of trade the Dominion Government has decided to put an urgency call service into operation on the telegraph lines of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The new rule, of which Mr. William Henderson, superintendent of telegraphs, has received notice is as follows: "On the coast lines in British Columbia a special night service for local urgency calls, subject to double tolls, is authorized. The amount of extra tolls collected is divided in equal proportions between, or amongst, the operators engaged in the handling of the special messages. This double toll service does not apply to ordinary telegrams which may chance to be handled after the regu-

r William Van-Horne's View of Reciprocity Agreement-Advantages Already Gained to be Abandoned

Sir—I regret that, having to leave for England on Thursday, I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Anti-Reciprocity League next week, and to give my views in person on the question of reciprocity.

has no reference to party politics, for I have nothing to do with politics or any particular interests. I speak only any particular interests. I speak only as an individual who for the past thirty years has been working heart and soul for the upbuilding of this country, and one to whom the great development of the past two decades has been a source of immense pride and satisfaction.

To my amazement and distress and shame I now see the magnificent work of a generation traded away tor a childish sentiment; the splendid commercial and industrial position we have reached and our proud independence bartered for a few wormy plums, and I feel it my duty to join in the Granted Prior to Privy

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every section of the country. Today
we are in an enviable position, with
a commerce three times as great per
capita as that of the United States,

has come pretty near to this. Some of
the farmers in the Canadian Northwest
want reciprocity in the hope that it will
bring them better prices for wheat and

Then came, in 1879, our National policy, and factory chimneys began to appear above our tree tops and their unfitted for the storage of water, the result of the grant of record by the Canadian Pacific Railway, opening credit prices up our Great West, and from that time Canada advanced by leaps and bounds.

When Canada Found Herself. The United States, by the McKinley tariff, added brick upon brick to her better prices for their potatoes and apwall against us, but Canada prospered ples. All the possible gain in more and more. She was beginning to way may be easily known by looking find herself. Then came the Dingley at the prevailing prices of these things icy of his government:

And hear Senator Beveridge again: ada. Our tariff with the rest of the world does not apply to our northern driven American manufacturers across the Canadian border, built vast plants employing Canadian workmen to supply trade. That capital should be kept at home to employ American workingmen to supply Canadian demand. We should admit Canadian wood pulp and Canadian paper free in return for Canada's admitting our agricultural implements, our engines, pumps and other machinery too. We should admit Ca-nadian lumber to American planing mills in return for Canada's freely admitting other American manufactured products to Canadian markets. We should have a special tariff arrangement. with this intimate neighbor and natural customer. This would mean millions of dollars of profit every year to American industry. Recip would mean vast increases in Canada's purchases from us."

As I said, twenty years ago speaking of this same subject of reciprocity, it is not necessary that a small boy should be a schoolboy to know what all this means. And, if Indiana, which is a second rate state, is to gain millions by reciprocity, what hese millions? Canada. Who else?

Mr. Fielding's Message The other day Mr. Fielding, in a something of the kind, to warrant them across the Atlantic under the watchful cable message to the Canadian high in crossing, and when other American commissioner in London, said that for channels of trade have been established fifty years the people of Canada and both of its political parties had wished for reciprocity. That was true of the sixties and seventles, but it has not since been true. For the past twenty years we have heard only an occasional whine from some survivor of Canada's ing the bed to lie in and die in. Sindark age. We have heard nothing for many years back of commercial union, many years back of conferent union, reciprocity and all those fads which grew from empty pockets. The Liberal party came into power eighteen years ther sombre. He did not disguise his accompanies the fact nat his latest reports from Mexico at his latest r

Laurier and Mr. Fielding; had the respect and confidence and good will of everybody, even of their political opponents.

Now out of a clear sky comes Mr. Fielding plunging like Icarus into darkness and threatening to take us all with him. Was there ever such an exhibition of crawling and cringing as Canada's representatives have just now given us at Washington? We have heard much of the dignified attitude of our government on the subject of reciprocity, which was assumed after repeated snubs. We have been told that if there was anything more to be said about reciprocity it must be said at Ottawa, but at the very first eignal from Washinging we have seen Canada's representatives and show that the very first eignal from Washingington we have seen Canada's representatives. MONTREAL, March S.—Sir William but at the very first signal from Washing letter to Mr. Charles Chaput, chairman of the Anti-sectorocity League:

Sir—I regret that, having to leave to England on Thursday, I shall not for England on Thursday, I shall not sultation with one of our business interests, and apparently without consultation with their colleagues, hastily sultation with their colleagues, hastily e able to attend the meeting of the nti-Reciprocity League next week, and to give my views in person on the juestion of reciprocity.

What I have to say on the subject tas no reference to party politics, for the northing to do with politics or the certain consequences. was or was not the certain consequences

and I feel it my duty to join in the munity, every interest and every indiv-protest which has been started from idual; but, rightly considered, our tariff and the state of the common actine tell us to state of the common actine tell us to stay where we are and to let well as instructed his solicitors to common and provincial governments to compet the common actine development of the state of the common action against both the Dominion and Provincial governments to compet the precentition of records granted prior to at the Pricy Council's decision of 1310, when it was decided that the Dominion and also had jurisdiction to grant records upon the result of the state of the s

> credit prices Wrong Ideas. We are told that some farmers in the maritime provinces favor reciproc-ity in the expectancy that it will bring reciprocity matter, says about this pol- Brunswick may, with a little effort, sesame things are re-exported from the neighbor. That policy already has United States to Cuba and elsewhere. Ontario suffers in her butter, eggs, cheese and such other things until the with American capital on Canadian soil, Dingley tariff compelled a turn to other markets which proved to be more profitable.

Loss Instead of Gain.

Aside from the fisheries, of which I do not know enough to speak, I do not believe that there is any industry anywhere in Canada that cannot find from the prices to consumers in the may well be that we are, as with pomight easily be made our very best market. Let us not run away with the idea

that if we make a mistake in this matter of reciprocity we shall be able to correct it at pleasure. We may not be permitted to do so. It should be renembered that there are such things west—lines which have for some years splendidly.
been resting their noses on the bound—
The girls, when a sufficient number been resting their noses on the boundary line waiting for reciprocity, or W. C. VAN HORNE.

tion of thirty miles of the Koot-do so without deplet Central Railway south from tions of the Museum.

WILL REMODEL THE

## WELL-KNOWN RIVAL

EVERETT, March 8 .- A has been started here among yachts-men to remodel the yacht Rival, bwned by Goldfinch and McAdams, and make that craft much faster than

fastest craft of her class in the North

Submarine Telegraphy PARIS, March 8.-Interesting experi-

TO TOTHISEW

Mr. Thos. Howell Seeks them for the West in the British Isles — Represents Railway Company

Mr. Thomas Howell, for years past side scholars of the city cure twice as much as they are now ters officers of the Salvation Army in "Not the Bourbons of France in the getting for their potatoes and apples Canada, and now in charge of the imtime of Louis VI, not the Tories of and at the same time quadruple the migration and colonization department the installation of a centre there, but England in the period of George III, demand by reducing prices one-half to of the C.N.P. Railway's activities in at the same time it is desired that ever insisted on a policy so blind, so foolish and so ruinous as that so-called statesmanshin which instead of fool statesmanship, which, instead of fos- Canadian farmer about seventy-five Big Smoke by announcing that he tering a purchasing market in Canada, cents reaches the consumers at seven wants five thousand wives! In justice High School, forwarded a report is making Canada a manufacturing dollars. So also with apples. The Ca- to Mr. Howell it must be explained Capt. Bennett, on the recent inspection. nadian trade commissioner at Havana that he does not want them all for tion of the Victoria will verify this statement. Our farm- himself-as he is not recruiting for calling attention to the necessty "There must be reciprocity with Can- ers count on exporting potatoes and any Mormon colony—but merely as the ada. Our tariff with the rest of the apples to the United States while these confidential agent (although most of them do not yet know it) of an equal dets and the ability of the office number of bachelor farmers, fruit growers, mining and railway men, to this year's estimates for proper arm say nothing of a few still eligible news-paper men, in this Province and Al-

In western Canada, Mr Howell has bserved with regret, there are at present no fewer than thirty young farmers who attend to all the busework for themselves, besides the addition to the Victoria West looking after their farms or their claims, or whatever their special lifea way to be better off without reciprocity than with it, and with many industries the question is a vital one, beds, put out the clock and wind the And even with our codfish, judging cat. It is because of this that Mr. Howell is now visiting the Old Coun-West Indies and Central America, it try-for the purpose of finding five thousand girls who will come to this tatoes and apples, overlooking what country and share their lot with about

one-sixth of these lopsided eligibles. Mr. Howell only arrived in England about the 1st of March, but already he has received innumerable communications from interested lassies. He is enjoying the assistance in his delicate mission as an ex-officio matrimonial to the amount of \$3,396.93 were pa agent, of six ladies and ten male lecas vested interests of nations, real or country, going through the provincial alleged, which are terribly binding towns and villages in order to get in is to gain millions by reciprocity, what millions must the great manufacturing states gain? And who will pay all inces, and the campaign is progressing the hands of a receiver, has been brough

care of a matron, and great care will be taken to see that everything is perwhen the fectly satisfactory with respect to the marriage contract.

Vienna Exhibit Back

at the recent Sportsmen's Show at laine was appointed receiver and trust yesterday, and the individual specimens as they are unpacked will be returned to the Provincial Museum. It the intention of the Curator of the Mr. W. H. Lomas, who for Department hereafter to secure duplicate specimens wherever possible. Provincial Government at Duncan, ha
so that the Province may at all times resigned his office, which, pending the be ready to make an adequate exhibit appointment of a permanent wherever it appears advantageous to bent, is being administered by

ACCOMMODATION STILL LACKING

Growth of City Puts Hard Problem Before School Board North Ward Residents Seek More Educational Facilities

Lack of adequate accommodation is

the bugbear which confronts the board of school trustees and despit the utmost efforts to provide room and the voting of additions funds by the ratepayers the trouble daily becoming more accentu with the rapid growth of the Only last evening the members oard, at their regular monthly ing, had the necessity of more commodation impressed upon when a deputation of residents i northern portion of the city waited apon the board and urged that provision should be made at the earliest possible moment for children in that ection. The deputation composed Messrs, E. Henderson, W. Yule Bigham and J. Bernath, pointed the great increase in homes in north ward, the rapid settlement which within the past year or has greatly outgrown the school cilities. It is estimted that about children will have to be provide with accommodation, over and abothe number now attending school. is the desire of residents that school be opened somewhere bety

the Burnside road and, Oaklands. The chairman of the board, Mr.

well as a number in other schools w be taken out and placed in a class t be situated in some quarters in China town, and their absence will affor some relief to the white pupils. addition it is probable that frame schools may be erected North Ward school to accommedate

additional classes. ... .. now w These changes coupled with the resignation of two or three teachers will render it necessary to call in applications for six new teachers, applications to be in in two weeks' time On the application of Mr. H. F. Pullen, one of the Oak Bay school that the city, board arrange, if poss training facilities will be considered

Mr. S. J. Wills, prin sufficient storage for arms. Bennett eulogized the drill of the The board has made provisions storage room for the same.

Progress on New Schools Trustee Riddell chairman of building and grounds committee. ported that progress on the erection of the new Bank Street school a school is satisfactory, the basements having been constructed and th walls carried up to the first floor.

The manual training centre at the George Jay school will be opened soon as possible. Mr. Woolridge appointed to the position of man training teacher at a salary of a month. The resignation of Mr. Redmond, of the manual training partment, was accepted. The res nation of Miss Coates was also a cepted. The appointment of the domestic science teachers was ed and ordered paid. .. Where Sovereign Bank Stumbled

CHICAGO, March 8-The name of bert G. Frost, promoter of the Chic and Milwaukee electric railroad, now

into the investigation through a rece court order directing the grand jury investigate books of the Frost companion The books now are in possession George Seward, receiver for Mr. Fros and are said to contain records of promotion of the Alaska Central Railwa company, running from Seward to of a receiver in 1908 on complaint The colelction of characteristic J. P. Morgan & Co., the Sovereign Ba trophies of the game birds and beasts of Canada and the Central Trust Co of British Columbia which attracted Illinois At that time it was charged to so favorable and widespread attention company was over-capitalized. John B Vienna reached Victoria on its return Mr. Frost was president. The railroa

> rt depleting the attrac- McB. Smith of the Provincial Assessor's Department

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OPINION

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and marines o; 600 now on the the Pacific and 7 leave Philadelphia Thursday or Friday armored cruisers-a, North Carolina an 0 officers and me at Guantanamo, R A. Staunton comma of the Pacific fleet Pedro and San Die

On Pacific Coast. ALLEJO, Cal., Mařch 7. were received at Ma y Yard today for the per Buffalo to sail for omorrow with about 200 ms offigerator ship Glacier is seeing stocked with supplies ected to go south with the gunboat Torktown, whave salled for Panama, is and probably will accompany in the harbor, received to go to the Puget So i tomorrow to coal and i to the southern Calif they will be joined b

California, South Dakot See Interventio EL PASO, Tex., March result of the federal ring additional Uni ps toward the Mexic Mt. Week the cabinet there were enough troops on and Americans here knew th truth. Consequently the additional men is taken by o mean only one thing-A ntion in the near fu

Mexican disturbance Many Americans believe rest of Lawrence Conver ward Blatt of California ar vania by Mexicans on Texa

The United States consulhas proof in his possession boys were kidnapped in Textwired the State Departme that their release be deman Americans also see in the of American property in Me The Mexico Northwestern B been cut to pieces by the reb touthern Pacific line in walley has been treate rebels have also notifie perty) and the Southe een Naco and C destroyed if federal at has forced the his rebels say the ines as soon as

Americans are also the National lines de Wes in Weed of Hel YORK, March 7.—Me ing peace or n Interests within exican minister here tonight fro nding of American has nothing to do our country," said

, the presence oldiers might have ct upon the insurr States troops cer across the border to eported, Senor, th the rights of it will. Is this true