HOUSE BARGAIN, $12,500 — Detached house in Oakwood District, 9 rooms, finished in quarter-cut oak, 4 mantels, hot-water heating; owner's home. Cost over $12,000 to build. Terms arranged.
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HOUSE BARGAIN, $6700—Sheldrake Blvd., close to Yonge St., detached, solid brick, 7 rooms, hot-water heating; lot 50 x 150, beautifully decorated, finished in hardwood. A great sacrifice, owing to owner removing to New York. Must be sold this week.
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Unless Something Unforeseen Occurs, the United States Will Occupy Vera Cruz for a Few Weeks, Evacuate the City and Consider the Incident Closed

NUEVO LAREDO IN RUINS | AND THE FLAG IS NOT SALUTED

TOTAL CASUALTY LIST AT VERA CRUZ IS NOW 142 KILLED AND 270 WOUNDED

TERMS OF AID TO C.N.R.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO C. N. R. SUBJECT TO SEVERE CONDITIONS; MAY MEAN CHANGE IN CONTROL

Announcement of Terms Will Probably be Made in House on Wednesday ---Conditions Involve Change of Management in Five Years If Provisions Not Complied With.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, April 24.—The World understands late tonight, upon good authority, that the government will present its proposals in connection with aid to the Canadian Northern Railway to parliament at Wednesday's sitting. It is presumed, altho no definite information could be obtained, that the proposals will first be submitted to the party caucus. While details are lacking, it is understood that the conditions imposed upon the company are quite drastic and contemplate a change in control and management within five years' time, unless certain conditions are complied with.

There is still some opposition to the legislation among government supporters, which includes Mr. Bennett of Calgary and Mr. Nickle of Kingston.

The legislation for the relief of depositors of the Farmers' Bank, announced today, is regarded as significant, as some Ontario members are understood to have opposed any relief for the Canadian Northern until the government implemented its pledge respecting the Farmers' Bank.

OCCUPATION FOR FEW WEEKS; EVACUATION---INCIDENT CLOSED

That is the Program of Administration Unless Something Unforeseen Occurs---This Will Be Regarded as Due Reparation for Indignities and No Indemnity Will Be Demanded.

Special to The Toronto World.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The New York World learned tonight from the highest sources that it is the purpose of the administration to retain its possession of Vera Cruz for a few weeks, perhaps months, unless something unforeseen occurs then evacuate and consider the Tampico incident closed. According to The World's informant, unmolested occupation of Vera Cruz for a period of several weeks' duration would be regarded as due reparation for the indignities to the nation. There will be no indemnity asked for the death of 17 American sailors and marines, and the wounding of 70, or the great expense sustained by the United States in forcing reparation.

This is the end to which the Washington Government is working. Whether it achieves success will depend on Huerta and the constitutionalists. According to the same authority Gen. Carranza and his followers will remain the friends of the United States just so long as no effort is made by the American forces to take Mexico City.

This Carranza will not tolerate without fighting the United States.

He has made this plain to the American Government.

Carranza has been assured in the last 24 hours the United States has no intention of sending a force to Mexico City unless compelled to do so. Such an event as the killing of Americans and the wholesale destruction of American property in the Mexican capital would be considered justification by the United States for attacking the City of Mexico.

From what can be ascertained in high official circles President Wilson will not take this opportunity to force the abdication of Huerta. If he can, by keeping possession of Vera Cruz starve Huerta financially, and thus force him out, the president will do so. But he will not take any aggressive action in that direction.

INTERFERING IN A DOG FIGHT.

TO REIMBURSE ALL DEPOSITORS

Dominion Government Will Pay More Than Million Dollars to Farmers' Bank Victims.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, April 24.—Depositors in the Farmers' Bank who lost their money are going to have it refunded by the government. Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, has given notice that he will move the following resolution:

"Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that there may be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada a sum not exceeding $1,200,000, to be paid to persons who were creditors for money on deposit in the Farmers' Bank of Canada, the respective amounts standing to their credit in the books of the bank when the bank suspended payment."

This is the bank to which Hon. W. S. Fielding granted a certificate in spite of various warnings as to the dangerous character of the undertakng, hence the government's responsibility.

JAPS IN MEXICO CITY SHOW HOSTILITY TO U.S.

Cheered Before Foreign Office and Displayed Flags and Lanterns.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MEXICO CITY, April 24. — The Japanese residents here are making great demonstrations with flags and lanterns. They cheered before the foreign office today, and the foreign minister appeared on a balcony and addressed them upon the close union between Mexico and Japan.

BRENNAN NOT EMPLOYED BY OVERLAND SALES CO.

In connection with the account in The World yesterday morning of the arrest of Harold J. Brennan on a charge of fraud, the Overland Sales Company denies that Brennan ever was in its employ. The World regrets that the statement was made that Brennan was a salesman for the Overland Sales Company. Brennan was arrested on Yonge street, and not at the King Edward Hotel.

FOUR AMERICANS IN DANGER OF EXECUTION

Seven Taken From Train by Federal Soldiers While on Way to Vera Cruz, and Lives of Four Are Reported Imperiled.

Canadian Press Despatch.

VERA CRUZ, April 24.—Seven Americans, prisoners of Mexican soldiers, are being held at Cordoba or Orizaba, on the line of the Mexican railway between here and the capital four of whom at least are threatened with execution, according to authentic information received here tonight.

Four of the Americans were taken from a train on the Vera Cruz isthmus line at Tierra Blanca, and further along at Motzolongo station three other Americans and an Englishman were seized. Those captured at Tierra Blanca are W. A. Mangan, superintendent of the railroad, Engineer Elliott and Conductors Riley and Hart. At Motzolongo Edward Wenuch, his son Sydney, A. M. Thomas and Mr. Boyd, a Britisher, were arrested by the federals.

In Peril of Death.

The belief that the federals intended to execute at least four of the prisoners was gained from the conversation of the soldiers who captured them which was overheard by passengers on the train. The prisoners were taken to Cordoba, and, it is believed, later, were transferred to Orizaba, a point nearer the capital.

Eighteen Americans are still in Tierra Blanca, among them J. O. Cook, chief engineer of the Isthmus Railway;

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M'MULLEN HELD FOR PERJURY

County Constable Taken Into Custody in Connection With Evidence in Damage Action.

After the conclusion of the Wettlaufer breach of promise suit in the county court last evening, James McMullen, county constable in York County, was placed under arrest by Detective Montgomery on a charge of perjury. McMullen was taken to No. 1 police station, where he spent an hour in the cells, after which he was released on $2000 bail, furnished by James McCormick, Grosvenor street. The warrant was sworn out by J. L. Wettlaufer yesterday afternoon and the charge is in connection with certain letters written to the morality department, which when produced in the recent trial McMullen denied having written.

AMERICANS HELD IN MEXICO CITY

Admiral Fletcher Says Huerta is Reported to Have Taken Drastic Measures.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Under date of 6.30 p.m. today, Rear-Admiral Fletcher, at Vera Cruz, reported to the navy department the arrival at Vera Cruz of Charge O'Shaughnessy and party.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher's report also says:

"The rumor has reached Mexico City that no Mexicans were allowed to leave Vera Cruz, and it was reported in consequence Huerta would not allow any more Americans to leave Mexico City. Mexicans in Vera Cruz have been allowed to leave at will, and every facility and transportation available has been given, but none have been able to go out on trains. Captain Huse was directed to lay much emphasis on this fact, and to express a strong desire to send daily trains to convey Mexicans from Vera Cruz to meet trains bringing foreigners from Mexico City. General Corona promised to bring it to the attention of Huerta."

TORCH AND DYNAMITE APPLIED TO NUEVO LAREDO BUILDINGS BY MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS

Quaint Old City Was Completely Destroyed Rather Than Let It Remain as It Was, to Be Possibly Occupied by United States Troops if They Crossed River.

Special to The Toronto World.

LAREDO, Texas, April 24.—The United States consulate, municipal building, shops, market building, roundhouses and station of the national railways of Mexico, custom house, Banco National, Concordia theatre, barracks of Mexico federals, Laredo flour mills, electric light plant and a number of other buildings in all parts of Nuevo Laredo reduced to a mass of ruins, tell the destructive work done by the Mexican federal soldiers upon their departure from Nuevo Laredo this afternoon at two o'clock upon special trains.

Best Buildings Destroyed.

The quaint old Mexican city was destroyed rather than let it remain as it was to be possibly occupied by American soldiery if they crossed the river. The best and most costly buildings of the town were reduced to ashes when the torch was applied to them this afternoon. Before setting fire to the adjoining buildings, the United States consulate, recently vacated by Consul Garrett, was blown to atoms by dynamite.

Fired at U. S. Troops.

As the train pulled out with the Mexican soldiers, some of them poured a volly into the American guards on the banks of the American side, and the fire was promptly responded to.

Then several Mexicans appeared and opened fire across the river on the same guards and most of the Mexicans were killed, but no American soldiers were injured.

Then two men attempted to blow up the international and railroad bridges from the Mexican side and they were shot down by American sharp shooters.

Ready For Emergencies.

During the excitement caused by the burning of Nuevo Laredo, and the short-lived fight on the river banks, battery A, third field artillery, took station near the power house on the river banks prepared for an emergency, while calvary and infantry guarded the bridge and did patrol duty; but the soldiers were not fired on and did not cross the river, except in the instances mentioned.

Tonight a heavy military patrol is on duty about the city at the two bridges and at intervals along the river.

Nuevo Laredo is still in flames tonight.

O'Shaughnessy at Vera Cruz

VERA CRUZ, April 24.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the United States Charge d'Affaires at Mexico, arrived here tonight.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy was accompanied by General Corona and Colonel Braniff, who were appointed as his escort by President Huerta as a special courtesy to the retiring charge d'affaires.

VILLA'S NEED IS TEN MILLION CARTRIDGES

He Could Then Make Triumphal March to Mexico City, He Asserts—Emphatic in Declaring He Will Not Aid Huerta Against the United States.

Canadian Press Despatch.

EL PASO, Tex., April 24.—The international political situation cleared greatly today as affecting the status of the rebel government and that of the United States. This city and Juarez were perfectly quiet. A long note from Secretary Bryan to Carranza was transmitted thru Juarez to Chihuahua tonight.

Gen. Francisco Villa, who arrived at Juarez yesterday, repeated his declaration that he would not be drawn into a war with the United States, particularly as that would serve to draw the Huerta chestnuts out of the fire. He repeated this assertion to George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department, and to newspapermen and

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TO LAY CHARGE AGAINST HANNA

Liberal Members of Legislature Will Spring Allegations Concerning License Inspector Snider.

Liberal members intimated in the legislature last evening that they would make a more or less serious charge against Hon. W. J. Hanna before prorogation. Altho nothing definite was announced, the inference was drawn that the charge would concern the activities of License Inspector Snider in the Counties of Huron, Peel and Welland, prior to the recent voting on the Scott Act.

Liberal Whip Bowman hinted that further activity of the opposition was probable in this connection and it is rumored that an attempt will be made to have the privileges and election committee again called to probe the expected charges.

OPEN TONIGHT.

Big Hat Specials For Today's Shopping at Dineen's, 140 Yonge Street.

The people of Toronto must recognize that this is "some city," and that it has outgrown its short trousers and stays up after curfew. This store decided many years ago to be up-to-date and stay up also till 10 every Saturday night.

Special lines in Soft and Stiff Hats at $2.50, $3 and $4 are offered all day up to ten tonight. Silk Hats $5 to $8. The Dineen Company stand behind the hats they sell with a guarantee that they are the latest designs and the very best of Fur Felt quality. Men's Spring Overcoats too.

THE SLUMP IN CANADIAN PACIFIC

Canadian Pacific stock has sustained a shrinkage in its market value in less than two years of about a quarter of a billion of dollars!

It is the most stupendous blow at Canadian credit in our history.

It is largely due to the methods of high finance, of frenzied finance, being applied to the greatest and best railway proposition known to financial history. These methods had wrought havoc in the States and should have been kept out of Canada!

Canadian Pacific has lost nothing of its assets: it still has millions of reserves in cash, in lands, in town sites, in ships, in hotels, in telegraphs, in shares in other companies greatly undervalued, in its ledger entries, in good-will and business connections; but it has lost the confidence of the European investor, which had been built up by years of wise management; it is now the plaything of the speculator, of the bull, the bear, the raider.

The Cause of it.

Not the public, not the law of the land, not any reduction in freight rates, not the press, not the criticism in parliament, is to blame; only the change in policy adopted some years ago of cutting melons for shareholders at the expense of weakening the assets of the company, and thereby making the stock a matter of speculation rather than investment! The Mexican war has littleto do with the drop.

The losses in Montreal in C.P.R. must aggregate sixty millions. More than that has been lost in Germany. The rest in Britain, in the States, in Canada!

The shrinkage in the market value of two hundred and sixty millions of stock in two years is $93 on each share. But this is only a part. It was the high merit and standing of C. P. that secured for many other Canadian issues a welcome in the British market. C. P. stock was the barometer for all Canadian issues.

Melon For Shareholders.

To get one hundred and fifty millions of additional capital the money was raised in such a way that nearly one hundred millions of a melon was given to shareholders, and at the same time ten per cent. dividend on the face value of the stock was paid to the holders—an annual charge of fifteen millions in dividends where less than half that amount would have sufficed to pay interest on one hundred and fifty millions of bonds secured, say, on the lands of the company.

This bond method would have got the money for extensions, expansions, betterments. It would have avoided the melon, but it would have saved the shrinkage in value of stock, which is fifty millions more than the melon cut! And the eight millions saved in interest in bonds over dividends in stock would have given the public lower freights, and at the same time strengthened the reserves of the company and sent its stock values to higher bounds. It would have been the greatest investment stock in the world. Now it is a kick-about on Wall Street and a suspect in Berlin. It has lost its aureole in London. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is no longer the railway Wellington. He was the greatest in building and operating and in diplomacy; but when he sought to be a Napoleon in railway finance he was sailing toward St. Helena, and his ship is in that port!

Some References.

Railways should be pdimarily a bondholders' proposition and next a study in betterments in service and railway rates for the public. The shareholders should not be unnecessarily increased nor the whole works. The bondholders' appetite is strictly limited. Sir Thomas recent annual reports were mainly a glorification of the shareholders and of adulatory references to "your property" and "your road." The public and the service of the public were never mentioned, and the bondholders that had up till then played a part in the development of the company were told that the funeral of the last of them was appointed for the current year. With the bondholder went the mainstay of the stock buyer for investment. It became a speculation.

Our opinion always has been, and apparently now it is more than justified that these things are wrong, absolutely wrong; and that parliament must step in and stop the business for ever; and that it must not only stop it in regard to railways, but to all companies that hold public service franchises of any kind whatsoever.

Another Lesson.

If there is another lesson for the people of Montreal who have lost so many millions in C.P.R. stock, it is of the attempt now being made to use the public service franchise of the Montreal Street Railways and Tramways for the exploitation of three or four hundred millions of dollars for there promoting it. It is another kind of melon cutting, another kind of bonus grabbing, another kind of depleting what ought to be a high-class investment proposition.

True, parliament, is now seized of a revised Railway Act, which, among other things, will control the issue of securities by our railways; but the stories that come from Ottawa are to the effect that the bill will not be put thru this session.

If there is any reason why parliament should sit even if it took all summer, it ought to sit until the securities issues of our railways are absolutely controlled as to amount and as to form by a responsible body like the Railway Commission.

We could say a great deal more on the matter, but prefer to leave it where it is at present in the hope that the melon cutting practice is to cease forever and that better methods will prevail hereafter, including frequent cutting in rates, not in melons.