

Diaz Will Venture Great Lengths to Bring Peace

Direct Negotiations Likely to be Soon Opened with the Leader of the Insurrectos—The War Injuring Industries of All Sorts and Imposing Suffering on All Classes of Citizens—Insurrecto Successes on the Texan Border.

Madero's Camp, West of Bustillos, Mexico, April 11, via Laredo, Tex., April 12.—Peace overtures for the first time since the Mexican insurrection began, were laid before Francisco I. Madero, the insurrecto leader, at his camp west of Bustillos Hacienda today. The result is still pending with a prospect that he will either reject or affirm the proposals within a few days. The preliminaries are of an unofficial character, but are looked upon as possibly opening the way for more direct negotiations between Madero and Mexico City.

Frederick Moyer, a merchant, went to Mexico City where, he says, he held a conference with government officials relative to peace. Minister Limantour is said to have been one of those consulted. Senator Moyer was told that the government already had made great concessions, and it was hinted that even greater changes, pertaining to the presidency, were discussed.

Harvey to Chihuahua, Senator Moyer was joined by J. F. Heffert, and today they drove in an automobile to Madero's camp. Meanwhile the telegraph wires in Chihuahua were hooked up with those in the field controlled by Madero, and messages were sent advising Madero of the coming of the messengers. So eager was Senator Moyer to hear the proposals that he had in his march to Casas Grandes region, and with a force of men returned to a point near Bustillos. The meeting took place as Madero sat surrounded by his staff.

Asked on what terms he would con-

clude peace, Senator Madero said he only could repeat demands already made.

Senator Madero was told the war was causing great hardships, that it was injuring industry and imposing intense suffering, not only to those fighting but to non-combatants. He replied he was fully aware of the conditions and was as anxious for peace as anybody, but he could see no way for peace until his cause triumphed, and in the end he felt the insurrection would prove a great blessing. He then inquired as to the news from Mexico City.

A conference was then held, with the statement that possibly information might be given out later.

Success of Insurrectos.

Presidio, Tex., April 12.—Jose de Lacruce Sanchez, insurrecto commander, announced today that the insurrecto army would enter the besieged city of Ojinaga, Mexico, within five days. Day by day the rebel lines have been drawn closer and after a brief fight last night, the trenches were advanced until bullets were falling in the water at the new ford, the last possible link to the American shore, and the only source of supplies for the beleaguered garrison.

Braulio Hernandez, provisional secretary for the state of Chihuahua, has established headquarters in the camp of General Sanchez. He declares that all the talk of peace at this time is unauthorized. "Why should the progressives take half a loaf when everything is in their grasp," he declared.

I. C. R. Train Derailed.

Newcastle, April 12.—Accommodation No. 36 was derailed at Nash's Creek at 8.20 o'clock this morning, but no material damage resulted. The accident took place at the station, and was caused by a switch being out of position. The wreckage was cleared and the engine on the way freight was substituted for the engine on the accommodation, which was damaged. The delay caused No. 36 to be two hours late.

FAITHLESS TO BE EXCOMMUNICATED

Joliet, Que., April 12.—Much comment has been caused here by the announcement of Bishop Archambault, giving notice to the faithful that he would publicly excommunicate all who were known to belong to any secret organization condemned by the church. He added that at the expiration of fifteen days he would take action, and would not be deterred therefrom even by threats of imprisonment or other punishment.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Several Interesting Cases Were Taken Up This Morning.

The Supreme Court this morning on resuming took up the Crown paper, the first case argued being that of the King vs. T. J. Allen, commissioner, etc., of Parish of Westmorland, ex parte Thos. J. Gorman, the defendant. Mr. J. A. Powell, K. C., opened the case for the Crown, and the Canada Temperance act and Mr. A. B. Copp this morning moved to quash the conviction. The chief argument made in support of the contention was that the case after it had been started was adjourned until a certain date to 10 o'clock in the morning. In the meantime the attorneys engaged agreed not to go on with the case until 2.30 the same afternoon. The magistrate, however, opened his court at 10 and took the evidence of the witnesses in the absence of the defendant's representative.

Mr. Copp contended that the conviction should be quashed on this ground as the defendant had not the opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses. Mr. J. D. Phinney, K. C., opposed the application. The court said that it would consider the case. It intimated, however, during the course of the argument that it was within the discretion of the magistrate as to how he should conduct his court and as the point raised did not go to the jurisdiction the present court could not interfere with the decision.

The case of the King vs. Malby ex parte Whalen was, on motion, stood over until next term.

The King vs. John Sperdake.—The defendant was found guilty before Judge Forbes for the theft of electricity and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1000. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., contended that the sentence was most severe and appealed to the bench for relief. It was claimed that the amount of electricity purloined came to some \$15, but the evidence went to show that it did not exceed much over two dollars. Mr. Sperdake stood well in St. John, owned considerable property and the sentence passed was out of all reason. Mr. Sperdake in his testimony claimed he was innocent of the charge. Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., said that he appeared on behalf of the Attorney General. He wished to make the statement that it was considered that the sentence was severe and the Judge Forbes had expressed the same view and wished to amend his decision. The court quite agreed with this view, but said they could not amend the sentence under the criminal code unless it was shown to be too harsh. The court seemed inclined to look favorably upon this view. Mr. Powell said that Judge Forbes had expressed the opinion that the fine without the imprisonment would satisfy justice. Mr. Wallace, said that such a sentence should be the one passed and the company's right would be fully satisfied. The court said that it would give its decision at an early date.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC BILL WAS PUT OVER FOR YEAR TODAY

Opposition to Bill Carried Corporations Committee by Vote of 12 to 8

BILL MAY COME UP IN THE HOUSE TODAY

Prorogation Will be Reached Tonight or on Thursday Morning

The greatest fight of the present session of the Legislature has been in the Corporations Committee on the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Power Company's bill, and it resulted this morning in the bill being stood over for a year.

The organized opposition to the bill was most persistent and in the private session of the committee this morning the vote was said to have been 12 to 8 in favor of giving the bill the twelve months' hold.

It is just possible that the fighting over the bill is not all over yet. The matter may be brought up again in the House this afternoon, and another effort made to get the bill through. The opposition to the bill has been organized very largely by Mr. W. F. Hatheway, member for St. John City, who is confident of being able to defeat the bill if it comes to a vote in the House.

The New Brunswick Mangrove Corporation, Limited, bill was also thrown out to-day. Its provisions were felt to be too sweeping to be taken up at such a late date in the session.

This afternoon the Public Accounts Committee are meeting to conclude their work, and it may be that the House will prorogue either this evening or to-morrow morning.

GIRL FRIEND STOLE ARMOUR BONDS

But \$105,000 Theft Fails to Sever Friendships of Wealthy Widow and Her Chum

Kansas City, Mo., April 12.—It came out today that the person who took securities valued at \$105,000 from Mrs. S. B. Armour's safe deposit box in the New England National Bank and sold them was none other than a young woman who is a close friend of the widow of the wealthy packer.

Oddly enough, too, it seems that the disappearance of the bonds has not interrupted the friendship of the two women, although nearly every one from the trades people with whom the young woman spent many thousands of dollars for objects of art to members of the exclusive "social set" in which Mrs. Armour and her young friend move knows the facts in the case.

Aside from the fact that Mrs. Armour has drawn a new will, cancelling the one in which her young friend was named as one of the executors, no retaliatory steps whatever have been taken by the aged widow.

One firm of bankers is said to have been asked about \$50,000 worth of the bonds. All of them the young woman took to the office personally. She represented that Mrs. Armour wished to see the securities sold as soon as possible. Knowing the close relations existing between the girl and Mrs. Armour, the broker accepted the commission without suspicion.

Another broker familiar with the young woman's transactions reported that Mrs. Armour's broker, the latter immediately told Mrs. Armour, who was astonished and at that time refused to believe in the dishonesty of her friend. It was not until later that she changed her will.

A thirst for art and the artistic seems to have actuated the young woman in robbing her friend. She did not board the money but spent it lavishly for pictures, bric-a-brac and rare jewels.

NEW BRIDGES.
Bill Introduced in House Names Permanent Structures to be Built.

The bill providing for building permanent bridges during the coming year which was introduced in the House yesterday, gives a fair idea of the programme of work mapped out for the season.

The bill names the following permanent structures to be constructed this year under the provisions: Bloomfield, Centreville and Ryan Brook Mouth bridges in Kings County; Tracy Station and Mill Settlement bridges in Sunbury County; Balacony bridge in Westmorland County; Benjamin River bridge in Restigouche County; Church Brook bridge in Albert County; Sterling's Retaining Wall bridge in York County, and the Tidewater bridge for which provision was previously made.

At Unique Tonight.

The Seminole's Sacrifice, a great Indian story, will be the feature film at the Unique tonight. It's a Selig, and highly sensational. A Biography and an Edison, with last appearance of May and Mack. To-morrow Crossed Verno in a great wire act. Watch this attraction.

CHAMPAGNE RUNS ALONG THE ROADS SOUTHERN FRANCE

Riotous Wine Growers Show Their Disapprobation of Legislation of Government

THE WINE CELLERS WERE BROKEN INTO

And Their Contents Scattered In All Directions—Troops Sent to Scene

Damery, France, April 12.—The champagne riots, which began in this department yesterday, were continued this morning by the excited populace. Wine cellars are being destroyed, and the disorder is spreading in spite of the presence of troops called out to preserve order. The trouble in this department yesterday began on the receipt of news from Paris that the Senate had passed a resolution in favor of the suppression of all territorial limitations of the area in which wine which can legally be designated as champagne.

Seven thousand wine growers left here this morning, marching on the Epervay, four miles distant, to destroy the wine cellars there. The manifestants were admirably organized and were aroused to a pitch of fervor in the justice of their cause.

During the progress of their advance they sang revolutionary hymns and waved red standards. They they did to disown the government, which they affirm has abandoned them to ruin. They declared the government to be a result of the steps taken by the makers of inferior grades of wine.

The column had reached the town of Ay at noon and co-operating with another band which had reached Ay from a different direction, the rioters proceeded to Veneuil, where they destroyed the huge wine presses. The troops which had been hurriedly dispatched to Veneuil, charged and dispersed the mob, but not until the manifestants had accomplished their purpose.

The attorney general went to Veneuil by automobile today with the object of investigating the situation, but was unable to advance through the streets because they were piled high with broken champagne bottles. Damery today is a champagne riotous. The streets are literally running with a dark mass of champagne mixed with mud. Within a stone's throw of the red banner floating over the city hall, stands the ruins of six houses of wine merchants which were practically demolished by the mob last night.

The commanding officer of this district has concentrated several thousand troops to this town which is an entrepot for champagne, wines, and at other threatened points in this vicinity with the object of preventing further destruction of wine property. The troops are preparing to meet the advancing manifestants and the soldiers have been given orders to use force if necessary.

AT OPERA HOUSE.
Audience Thoroughly Enjoyed Wizard Feats and Mind Reading of Mildred and Rouche.

Not a full house owing to counter attractions, but well satisfied one with took a two hour's benefit at the Opera House last evening out of the wonder-working of magic and mind reading of Mildred and Rouche. The entertainment was considerably after the style of those given some time since by Pauline, with however, the advance of a new line of mesmerism and modern miracles, some of which while provoking the greatest amusement are still a puzzle to the beholders.

For the first half of the evening Mr. Rouche demonstrated his mastery in occult science by his lightning transformation of men and things on the stage, in every case returning unharmed the articles borrowed from the audience; and at one time when he was supposed to be before the footlights, he was really in the audience in the part of a veiled female acting the part of an irate sufragette and kicking against the performance, till when finally ordered out, he unmasked amid laughter and applause and stepped up to proceed with the entertainment.

As a mind reader Mildred never failed and told Mindfold on the stage all the secrets that passed between Mr. Rouche and those he interviewed down in the hall, giving names, wishes and private history instances which requested, till the audience was in an uproar. After doing undirected whatever the spectator thought or devised, she later came down and carried out accurately every desire of those who wanted proof by demonstration.

Special features that were mysteries were the growth of Dick Leggett to the height of a mountain while giving a comic song, and a capital combination known as the Minstrel and the Maid by Williams and Melburn, which received persistent encores.

The company will give another performance tonight when, needless to say, they are sure to have a better house.

Mr. H. L. Dixon, of Sackville, is at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. R. A. Snowball, of Chatham, is at the Queen today.

Reciprocity to Have Its Inning

U. S. House of Representatives will Give Precedence to the Bill and There is Slight Doubt of Its Passage in that Branch of Congress—Afterwards It Will Have to Run the Gauntlet of the Senate

Washington, April 12.—With the legislative plan of procedure arranged by the Democratic majority in last night's caucus, the House of Representatives to-day was prepared to witness the introduction of the Canadian reciprocity bill, the substitute for the McCall bill of the Sixty-fourth Congress. Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means Committee, was expected to send in the bill, which would be referred probably to be called upon when the legislative decks will be swept for the initial important action of the extraordinary session of the Sixty-second Congress.

The caucus determined to push reciprocity and a Free List bill, but it was left to the Ways and Means Committee to decide upon the priority of the two measures. This Committee, by a considerable majority, already had decided upon reciprocity as the first measure in tariff legislation.

The Free List bill will be followed after a caucus to be held two weeks hence by revision of the wool and cotton schedules.

Bills to be regarded as party measures, providing for popular election of Senators, publicity before election of campaign contributions, and statehood for Arizona and New Mexico, already have been introduced in the House, and action on them also is to be hastened by the majority leaders.

Chairman Underwood, of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, introduced to-day his bill to put on the free list about one hundred articles which are now dutiable. The list is of special benefit to farmers, and includes treats of nearly all kinds, lumber, leather goods, etc.

OUR N. B. SCHOOLS NOT OUTCLASSED
In Many Ways by the Schools of Cultured Boston, Says Dr. H. S. Bridges

St. John, April 12.—Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of public schools, who recently returned from a trip to Washington, New York and Boston, has submitted an exhaustive report to the public schools in those cities, which he inspected. In complete contrast with our own schools the chief points for commendation which he found were the fire proof buildings, modern equipment, provisions for vacation studies, and the efficient instruction in music and drawing. In organization, discipline and instruction, he says, our own schools compare very favorably.

Geo. C. Cutler, of Boston, is here today and is in conference with the local directors of Stetson, Cutler & Co. It is understood that the proposal of a company to take over the pulp mill at Mispic are under consideration.

Ex-Postmaster T. B. Hanington and Mrs. Hanington returned today, after spending the winter in Philadelphia.

PREFERRED DEATH TO THE DISHONOR

Schenectady, N. Y., April 12.—The Hon. Jacob W. Chute, three times mayor of Schenectady, shot himself dead in the bathroom of his home this morning, while the sheriff and undersheriff were waiting at the door with a body execution for him, growing out of alleged irregularities in the handling of an estate.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.
Mayor Thomas Presided at Entertainment at the Salvation Army Hall Last Night.

Last evening the Salvation Army hall was filled to the doors when Mayor Thomas presided over a splendid concert. The Mayor spoke very highly of the Army work in its spiritual and social operations, and said also that while he and the aldermen were doing their best for the interests of the city of Fredericton, they want all the church influence possible for the uplifting of the moral side of the city. The programme rendered was as follows:

March—Band (selected).
Vocal Round—Capt. and Mrs. and Lily Howland.
Vocal quartette—H. Howland, A. Reading, E. Beatty, H. Howland, Jr.
Cornet and trombone duet—E. Bamford and H. Howland.
Sextette—E. Bamford, E. Beatty, E. Gregory, W. Lyons, L. Smith, H. Howland.
Recitation—Miss Kimball.
Scotch Song—Miss M. Kelly.
Recitation—Barry Allen.
Male quartette—Messrs. Mitchell, Holder, Redpath, Cooper.

The different numbers were encores, and the concert was thought by many to be one of the most successful given in the city during the winter.

ONTARIO MURDER TRIAL.
Goderich, Ont., April 12.—Late yesterday afternoon the grand jury in the trial of Edward Jardine, charged with the murder of Lizzie Anderson, returned a true bill for murder and the trial will proceed today. The trial of George Van Stone for the murder of his son will not take long. It is probable that he will be sent to an asylum.

Seriously Ill.
The condition of Mrs. John McGinnis, who is ill at her home on Charlotte street, is quite serious today and her friends are much alarmed as to the result.

BAHAMAS WANT TO JOIN CANADA

Residents of Islands Anxious For Annexation to the Dominion of Canada

Toronto, April 12.—That there are scarcely two opinions in the Bahama Islands on the question of annexation to the Dominion of Canada is the settled conclusion of Dr. W. W. Ogden, of Toronto, who has returned home after a stay of five weeks in the islands.

"I mingled a good deal with the people both white and colored, but I did not hear any unfavorable criticism," said Dr. Ogden. "There was an almost uniform desire to join with Canada, and the interest shown in the subject was intense. Every intelligent man I met spoke very hopefully of the prospects of annexation, and the general idea was that it would start a new regime of prosperity and of progress."

LONDON EXCITED OVER SENSATION

New York, April 12.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables: The storm, which has been raised by the discovery that officials of the treasury advised several large companies to withhold payments of the income tax until after the close of the financial year, shows no sign of abating.

\$5,000,000 LIABILITIES.
New York, April 12.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed here today against Wm. J. Cummings, president of the failed Carnegie Trust Co., now under indictment. The liabilities are given as \$5,000,000, and the assets as worth \$400,000. Payson Merrill was appointed receiver, with a bond of \$100,000.

Two other petitions in bankruptcy were filed against Charles Arthur Moore, a director of the Carnegie Trust Company, and M. J. Condon, also a director. The liabilities of Moore are given as \$2,000,000, with assets of \$100,000, and those of Condon, liabilities \$5,000,000 and assets \$500,000.

PERSONAL.
Mr. A. R. Gould of Presque Isle is registered at the Barker today.

Mr. A. E. Trites, of Salisbury, is here attending the horse and cattle sales.

Mr. H. P. Timmerman, Industrial Commissioner of the C. P. R., is a guest at the Barker.

Dr. Bell Dead.
Fredericton friends have learned with deep regret of the death at Montreal of Dr. Bell, the noted surgeon. Dr. Bell has visited here on more than one occasion. He was born at Carleton Place, Ont., in 1852, and was one of Canada's most skillful surgeons. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He is survived by his wife and one son.

To Address Board of Trade.
Mr. W. Leonard Palmer, who is on a trip to this country representing a London Journal called The London Financial News, is expected to arrive in the city this evening, and will deliver an address to the Board of Trade and such citizens as may wish to attend.

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RECIPROCITY IS TO BE DISCUSSED

Mr. G. H. Cowan, M. P., and Others Will Speak Here on Monday Night

Arrangements have been made for a meeting in Fredericton to be addressed by Mr. G. H. Cowan, M. P., of Vancouver, in the series of addresses he is to deliver in this province on the question of Reciprocity. The meeting will be held in the Opera House on Monday night next.

Mr. Cowan is a native of Ontario, and went to British Columbia after graduating from the University of Toronto and being called to the bar in 1889. Removing to Vancouver, he quickly attained front rank in the legal profession and it was only under the strongest pressure and most earnest solicitation of his friends and fellow citizens that he consented to represent that city at the House of Commons. He is a most earnest and very eloquent speaker; thoroughly appreciates the aspirations and understands the needs of the great west, and his addresses on Reciprocity will be the studious and intelligent western view.

Starting at Fredericton on Monday night, Mr. Cowan, accompanied by other representative speakers, will deliver addresses at Woodstock Tuesday night, Sussex Wednesday evening, and Moncton Thursday evening, returning to Ottawa from the latter city.

200 WILLING TO SELL THEIR BLOOD

New York, April 12.—Two hundred men called at Mount Moriah Hospital yesterday in answer to an advertisement offering \$25 for a quart of human blood. Most of them were penniless and all declared that the monetary consideration was their sole object in applying.

G. J. Allen, a strapping sailor, was selected, and for half an hour blood flowed from his arteries into the veins of Mrs. Rosier Reiser. Allen wanted to depart when the operation was concluded, but surgeons detained him until he recovered his strength. Mrs. Reiser, who had lost blood through an internal hemorrhage, has a good opportunity for recovery.

GIRL SENT TO PRISON.
Barrie, Ont., April 12.—Pearl Smith, of Collingwood, charged with the death of her infant child, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary by Justice Teetzel this afternoon.

Minister Makes Assignment.
In the Royal Gazette today notice is given that Rev. Ephraim B. Grass, of Moncton, has made an assignment to Sheriff Willott, of Westmorland County.

FINE RENDITION OF CRUCIFIXION

Stainer's Oratorio Was Heard by a Large Audience at the Cathedral

The singing of Stainer's oratorio, The Crucifixion, at the Cathedral last night under the direction of the whole and choir, was a most successful and artistic success.

The character of both text and music is peculiarly adapted to the Lenten season and the spirit of the whole was maintained by both chorus and soloists with the utmost fidelity. From the first note of the organ prelude until the final hymn the atmosphere of reverence was dominant. The singing of the chorus was well balanced with a pure, even tone and clear intonation. As tenor soloist C. A. Munro of St. John, whose splendid voice has achieved an enviable reputation, added to his list of successes his admirable work in The Crucifixion. He sang with wonderful expressive feeling, but with just sufficient repression to bring the existence of a temperament disciplined and well rounded. His clear enunciation deserves to be noted. Every word he sang was understandable in every part of the Cathedral. The basso, William Dougherty, sang with enthusiasm and gusto. His voice was well modulated and was emotionally satisfying. Mr. Dougherty made his premiere as a soloist last night and his work was well.

Mr. Farrar accompanied the oratorio with his usual admirable exhibition of combined technique and interpretation. His direction from the organ bench made the ensemble perfect and the merging of the voices and organ spontaneous. The whole work from start to finish was flawless and all together united to make a homogeneous whole. Fredericton may be assured that in its organist and choirmaster it has a power for musical good that is bound to have a wide effect. The writer heard on Sunday one of the finest choirs in the city of Boston sing a special Palm Sunday musical service and the service last evening equaled if not excelled that service in every particular.

21 KNOWN DEAD.

Victoria, B. C., April 12.—The names of Geo. Webber, Pa., and Mrs. N. W. Green, and P. Green, recent arrivals from England, and William Aitken, of Vancouver, B. C., were added to the list last night of those drowned in the foundering of the steamer Troquois last Monday, bringing the total number of known dead to 21.

DOG TEAM RACE.
Nome, Alaska, April 12.—A. A. S. (Scotty) Allan driving the dog team entered by Mrs. C. E. Darling of Berkeley, California, won the all-Alaska sweepstakes, coming into Nome last night after covering the 412 miles to Candle and return in 81 hours and 40 minutes.

THE COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS MEET
Moncton, April 12.—Customs collectors from various parts of the Maritime Provinces are arriving in Moncton to-day to attend the convention which opens to-night in the Supreme Court Chambers. It is proposed to organize an association for the benefit of the service. George Wait, of Chatham, is secretary pro tem.