

U. S. FORCES READY FOR ACTION

ARMY AND NAVY ACTIVITY AT SAN DIEGO

It is Believed Japan Will Figure Prominently in Developments

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., March 13.—Although no official here would accept the responsibility of being quoted, there is a growing sentiment to-day that the next few days will produce developments that will cause Japan to loom up as an important factor in the army and navy mobilization in the Mexican trouble zone.

What trend events are likely to take place, however, and the attitude of the branches of the state and war departments indicates concern. It is rumored that Pacific coast reports tend to connect other forces than the Mexican government with the military demonstration.

Oriental Complications.
London, March 13.—London newspapers to-day are prominently displaying a special cablegram from the Cypriot Gazette suggesting oriental complications as a reason for the mobilization of American troops.

"Americans generally are suspicious of the Japanese," says the cable. "Whether the mobilization of the American army is due to fear of Japan or to the actual events in Mexico cannot be stated owing to the United States government's secrecy."

Ready to Move.
San Diego, Cal., March 13.—Despite the usual dearth of official information every indication in both the army and naval branches of the mobilized forces here to-day is that action is expected within a few hours at most. What that action will be is still problematic, but the advance of part of the army forces to the American Tia Juana, the dispatch of the destroyer fleet down the Mexican coast and the announced arrival of the Buffalo's 500 marines with 14 days' provisions at Magdalena are only some of the indications of developments soon to come.

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The probability of a dash down the coast by the destroyers was taken from the fact that Commander Richardson, in command of the mosquito fleet, and Admiral Thomas, passed almost all of yesterday in conference and last evening again in council of command of the torpedo boats, destroyers and submarines was held.

"There has been no change in the situation yet," said Admiral Thomas to-day. "As all can see, steam is up on all the ships and we are ready to start anywhere on a moment's notice."

That the Buffalo will soon follow the Yorktown down the Mexican coast and that she will land her 500 marines with 14 days' provisions at Magdalena Bay, is confidently predicted. Since the Buffalo's arrival not one of her officers or men has been ashore.

Expectations of an early departure by the Buffalo are based on alleged reports from the gunboat Yorktown which is said to have sent wireless messages off Ensenada. The Yorktown sailed late Saturday night. These reports, it is said, have urged on Admiral Thomas to put the Buffalo in Mexican waters. He refuses to talk on the question. No information has yet been given out as to the Yorktown's ultimate destination.

Fresh confirmation that a campaign of some length is anticipated by the United States army now stationed here is seen to-day in the information that the steamer Roanoke of the North Pacific is expected to arrive here to-day.

TWENTY-SIX MINERS PROBABLY KILLED

Workings in Minnesota Mine Collapse—Bodies of Ten Victims Recovered

(Times Leased Wire.)
Victoria, Minn., March 13.—Ten bodies crushed into unrecognizable shape were recovered to-day in the Norman mine. It was stated that 16 bodies still remain in the collapsed workings. A large force of men is being sent to reach them, but in spite of continuous work it probably will be two days before they will be recovered.

The accident is attributed to recent snow which softened the earth on which the line timbering rested.

SHOULD ALTER SEA WALL PLANS

CONVICTION GROWS THAT MISTAKE WAS MADE

Special Meeting of City Council May Be Called to Deal With Matter

(From Monday's Daily.)
Large numbers of people yesterday visited Dallas road and inspected the work which has already been done on the sea wall, being erected on the section running from Montreal street to Menzies street. So much publicity having been given to the fact that some doubt has arisen as to whether the plans under which the wall is being constructed have been properly drawn, nearly everybody who inspected the work yesterday had an opinion to offer as to just what ought to be done to meet the situation. There was a remarkable unanimity of opinion, however, that if the present plans are followed and the wall finished with a straight "face" it would not long stand against the breakers which roll in from the straits with great force during stormy weather.

Many former residents of England agree with Ald. Humber, that the work should be stopped pending a revision of the plans, and that the amended scheme should call for the construction of a concrete wall some eight or ten feet further toward the sea than the line of the present work; that this wall should have an "apron"—that is, a concave face which turns back the waves by its curvature. There are said to be many of these walls in England, where the problems of foreshore erosion have had to be grappled with for many years, and that they are giving the best of satisfaction. It is argued also that if the plans are amended in the way suggested a large amount of valuable land would be reclaimed, as Dallas road would be widened a distance of eight feet between the two points mentioned.

So serious is the situation affecting the construction of the wall, in the opinion of the mayor and some of the aldermen, that it is not impossible a special meeting of the council may be summoned this week to deal with the matter. At the last meeting of the board the mayor was favorable to stopping the work at once, but in view of the fact that Edward Mohun, C. E., of the public works department, is preparing a special report, it was decided to defer further consideration for a week.

It may be added, in passing, that no adverse criticism is directed by anybody against the manner in which the Pacific Coast Construction Company, the contractors for the wall, is carrying out the work. The company has followed the plans as laid down and has made such progress with the work that it could complete it in three months' time.

In view of the great public interest which is being taken in the matter of the construction of the sea wall, the full text of the city engineer's report on the same, presented at the last meeting of the board, is published for general information as follows:

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SOLDIERS SET FIRE TO TWO HOUSES

Serious Clashes Between the Troops, Mexicans and Negroes at Galveston

Galveston, Texas, March 13.—Galveston is under a form of martial law as a result of soldier riots in the Mexican and negro sections of the city. In order to prevent a renewal of attacks on Mexican residents, 1200 soldiers are restricted to the camp and provost guards patrol the Mexican and negro quarters.

Col. Bailey to-day cut down leaves of absence to 15 days. Twenty-five soldiers are in the guard house following Sunday's battle between soldiers and Mexicans and negroes in which two houses were burned. The riots started when the soldiers, on leave, entered the homes of Mexicans and negroes. Furniture was demolished, the occupants driven out and several buildings set on fire.

In a street fight that followed Private Winfield Joel was stabbed in the side. He was the first patient to be taken to the military hospital.

Policeman Eagan and other patrolmen attempted to subdue the soldiers and several of them were knocked down by policemen's clubs. The fire department was called out, but the riot was not quelled until Col. Bailey and fifty picked men had appeared. A military guard was thrown about the disturbed sections.

NEW JUDGE.
(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, March 13.—George Patterson, a prominent Liberal of Deloraine, Manitoba, has been appointed county court judge at Winnipeg in succession to Judge Walker, retired.



A BIG STICK FOR MEXICANS.

DEATHS MARK RAILWAY STRIKE

ELEVEN KILLED; NEARLY SCORE WOUNDED

Negro Firemen Shot in Their Cabs While They Were Passing Through Mountains

(Times Leased Wire.)
Somerset, Ky., March 13.—Today's toll of death is eleven and of injured nearly a score in the strike on the Queen and Crescent railroad. Traffic on the line, both here and at Chattanooga, is at a standstill as a result of clashes between striking firemen and strikebreakers.

The strike resulted in the refusal of the negroes to give assurances to the white firemen that they would have preference over negroes in the line of promotion.

The dead include nine negro firemen and two white deputy sheriffs. Five of the negroes were killed yesterday, having been picked off in their cabs by sharpshooters while the engines were passing through the mountain districts.

Four negroes and the two deputies were slain in battle last night near Glenary, Tenn.

Railroad officials were served with an ultimatum by the mountaineers that unless the negroes were discharged they would be killed and the company's bridges blown up.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13.—Armed mountaineers have held up three Queen and Crescent freight trains near King's Mountain, Ky. 1200 miles from Cass, Grand, this engine is believed to have been the result of President Diaz' order suspending the personal guarantee provision of the Mexican constitution.

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THREE KILLED.
Colon, March 13.—A big slide of earth at the north end of the Galum lock of the Panama canal, buried a steam shovel and caught a gang of workmen, killing two Spaniards and an American and injuring several others.

RUSH TO CANADA ALREADY IN PROGRESS

Ten Thousand Immigrants Will Arrive From Great Britain This Week

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, March 13.—Several hundred immigrants of a good class, the advance guard of over 10,000 arriving this week from Great Britain by various steamers, reached Montreal to-day. The majority of these are bound for western Canada.

Extra Steamer on Route.
London, March 13.—The Allan line steamship company is running an extra boat this week to cope with the phenomenal rush to Canada.

Determined to Crush Revolution.

Diaz May Adopt More Drastic Measures

Rebel Leader Orders His Men to Grant No Quarter to Federal Troops

(Times Leased Wire.)
Mexico City, March 13.—That the determination of President Diaz to suppress the revolution will result in even more drastic steps than the suspension of personal guarantees under the constitution was the general belief here to-day. It was expected that the order refusing civil trials to persons charged with the destruction of property and ordering disturbers shot would have quieted disorders.

As far as could be learned here, however, the deprivations of the lawless element continue.

No Quarter For Federals.
El Paso, Texas, March 13.—Francisco I. Madero, commanding the eastern wing of the Mexican revolutionary army, has issued orders to his men to give the Federal troops no quarter, according to a courier arriving to-day from Casas Grandes. This order is believed to have been the result of President Diaz' order suspending the personal guarantee provision of the Mexican constitution.

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MORE SUPPORTERS FOR RECIPROCITY

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION FAVORS AGREEMENT

Alberta Organization Sends Resolution to Minister of Finance

(Special to the Times.)
Calgary, March 13.—The question of the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States was taken up by the directors of the Alberta Live Stock Association. Expressing their opinion in writing up to the present time thirty-one members are of the opinion that the proposed agreement is in the best interest of Canada and six do not favor the agreement. Acting on this vote, a resolution has been forwarded to the minister of finance favoring the proposed pact.

Tariff Reformer's Views.
Bristol, March 13.—At a meeting of the Western Counties Tariff Reform Federation here on Saturday, the following resolution was adopted:

"While we strongly deprecate any suggestion of interference with the internal administration of Canada, we view with alarm the recent reciprocal proposals for reciprocity tariff arrangements between the Dominion and the United States."

"We express the conviction that the same will seriously affect the trade of the Dominion, and in view of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement we appeal to the government to adopt such measures as will meet our desire."

Questions in Commons.
London, March 13.—In the House of Commons to-day T. McKinnon-Wood, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, answering Sir Gilbert Parker, Grey's question: "I don't think it would have been practicable and I am certain it would not have been desirable for Ambassador Bryce to have made separate representations to the United States about negotiations into which Canadian ministers were, under the constitution, competent to enter."

CANADIAN NAVY.
Davenport Storekeeper Will Organize Supply Department for Dominion.

(Special to the Times.)
London, March 13.—The admiralty has been lent J. W. Oliver, storekeeper at Davenport, to the Canadian government for six months to organize a supply department for the Dominion navy.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL.
(Special to the Times.)
London, Ont., March 13.—James Petman, formerly bartender at the Grigg House, and hotel man at Candebury, was struck by a street car Saturday night, died in the hospital yesterday from his injuries.

LISTS SMALLER AT NEW ELECTION

REGISTRATIONS ARE SHORT OF LAST YEAR

Some Possibility of Contest Being Brought on Early in April

(From Monday's Daily.)
As the time for the registration under the household and license qualification of voters who wish to exercise the franchise at the approaching municipal election nears, it is close there is an increase in the number of applicants for registration privileges at Mr. Northcott's office, and to-day has probably been busiest with the returning officer since the new lists were ordered prepared. But by no possibility will the list be as large as last year. Only a very small proportion of the assessed owners who at the last election were on the lists have thus far taken advantage of the opportunity to register as householders. To-day and Tuesday the city assessor's office will be open until 5 p. m., but on Wednesday the registrations will be made only up to 4 o'clock.

One peculiar feature about some of the registrations and one about which more will likely be heard is that the mayor and the city solicitor have interpreted a recent ruling of the executive council to mean that women may vote as householders. Inasmuch, however, as all registering as householders must make a declaration that they have paid the road tax, and as the road tax cannot be paid by females, it is agreed that when the commissioner, Harold B. Robertson, comes to revise the lists he will strike out such registrations.

The commissioner is very hopeful that the increase in connection with the preparation of the new lists will permit of the new election being brought on about the first of the coming month. The Voters' League is very active, having already entered upon a campaign in support of Mayor Morley. A new weekly to be issued under the auspices of the league, an advance copy appeared on Saturday. It is called "The News" and is popularly supposed to be mostly the Citizen with another name, which sheet did duty on behalf of the mayor at the last election. A lady canvasser is busy collecting subscriptions for the new weekly, which she announces "has come to stay."

R. L. Drury continues to be pressed by many friends to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of mayor. He has declined to do so, but he had not as yet made up his mind about the matter.

RECEIVES MEDAL.
(Special to the Times.)
Portsmouth, March 13.—James Diddin of Yafford, Isle of Wight, has just received a medal from the Canadian government for services in the Kewan trouble in 1896.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO ARRIVE IN FALL

Enquiry to His Royal Highness is Making Preliminary Arrangements at Ottawa

Ottawa, March 13.—Capt. F. Rivers-Bulkeley, M. V. O. Scots Guards, enquire to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, arrived in Ottawa on Saturday, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the coming of the Dominion's first royal governor-general, Capt. Bulkeley, it is understood, is to be controller of the household during the Duke's two years tenure of office.

Although the Duke will not arrive in the city until fall, there is already every indication that much will be added to the social life of the capital and cause a considerable influx of society people, particularly during the session. There is reason to state that already many of the best suites at the Chateau Laurier have been spoken for, American social leaders being present in plenty to the fore in that connection.

ELEVATOR COMMISSION.
Members of Manitoba Board Object to Reduction in Salary.

Winnipeg, March 13.—That the members of the Manitoba Elevator commission would not be pleased with the sweeping reductions in their salaries proposed in the legislature and accepted by the government, was only to be anticipated. The report has it that Mr. McLennan, whose salary was cut from \$8,000 to \$4,000, has resigned. Dr. W. McCuaig, the chairman, and former president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association, is also said to be disgruntled.

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(Special to the Times.)
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FERRY SERVICE IS POSSIBILITY

NEW IMPORTANCE TO SAANICH ELECTRIC LINE

Hopes Raised That Company May Provide Service to Lower Mainland

(From Monday's Daily.)
Since the announcement that the B. C. Electric Railway Company had definitely decided to proceed with the building of its Saanich extension, with its terminus at Deep Bay, there have been numerous rumors afloat that the project would ultimately be amplified to the extent of providing a through service from Victoria to points on the mainland, a ferry service being utilized from the terminus on the Saanich peninsula. Not only have many in Victoria given credence to these rumors, but the people of New Westminster and other Fraser river points have had their hopes raised, as they have long desired a connection with the capital city of the province.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, was seen by a Times reporter this morning and asked about the matter. He said the company had not yet, as far as he knew, made any definite plans looking to the inauguration of a ferry service of the kind indicated, though the possibility of such enterprises had no doubt often been discussed. He could say, however, that Deep Bay, where the Saanich line would terminate on the island, was a splendid harbor, and the company hoped to pick up much business from the Gulf Islands from that point. Perhaps later it would be deemed feasible to inaugurate a ferry service connecting Deep Bay with points on the Mainland. In this connection a Westminster correspondent, writing under date of March 11, says:

"The announcement of the B. C. E. R. Company that Victoria and Sidney are to be connected by an electric railway had more of interest to the citizens of Westminster than appears on the surface."

For some time the people of Westminster and Victoria have been anxious for a steamer service between the Fraser valley towns and the island in the Tropics. The boats of trade of the two cities have taken up the question on several occasions, but so far have been unable to secure a satisfactory service. Efforts have been made, but the service inaugurated was either insufficient or was not permanent. With an electric line from Victoria to Sidney it was believed that certain interests would back a steamer service from Sidney to the mainland.

"Now that the B. C. E. R. Company has announced that this is to be done, much satisfaction has been expressed by the interested parties, and it is understood that a company has already been formed to put two steamers on the run between Sidney and Westminster carrying freight and passengers. The benefits of such a service are readily apparent. Large quantities of farm produce are shipped from Fraser valley points to Vancouver Island, especially from the Delta country, such as hay, oats and potatoes. In return considerable freight is also carried this way."

"For one thing freight from all parts of the world arrives at Victoria by steamer for transshipment to lower mainland points. This freight is handled several times before it reaches Fraser valley points. With a direct steamer service up the Fraser this freight would proceed without delay to its destination."

"The promoters of the proposed line are very sanguine of the venture being a success, and as both Victoria and Westminster are desirous of seeing the service established, it is certain to receive every support possible, if inaugurated."

WINNIPEG CHURCH SOLD.
Winnipeg, March 13.—Westminster church, Notre Dame avenue, was sold to-day for \$85,000. The congregation is erecting an edifice on Maryland at a cost of \$100,000.

MACKENZIE'S OFFER TO PRAIRIE CAPITAL

Willing to Sell Interests in Gas, Light and Power Systems for \$15,000,000

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, March 13.—This city council was in secret session this morning considering Sir Wm. Mackenzie's offer to sell out all his interests here in the gas, electric light, street car system and power plant at Lac Du Bonnet for \$15,000,000.

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