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STATEMENT ISSUED BY MEXICAN AMBASSADOR

Urged to Return to Own Country

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 9 .- The re-Diaz, who is more than 80 years of League: has been seriously ill for weeks, his death has been expected.

alld attempt more than supervising Dear Sir, In answer to the question establishment of a definite form of your deputation put before me yester-

of other official representatives of the cipal Elections Act, 1908, by paying his vernment in the United States. A \$2 road tax, or what is commonly known as 'Poll Tax?'"

Conference in New York.

lexico, who is here to-day.

Diaz is dead is untrue." Reyes Reported Recalled.

Havana, March 9.—It was reliably re ported in Mexican circles here to-day the Mexican army. Another Denial

Antonio, Texas, March rique Creel, Mexican foreign minister, telegraphed to-day to Senor Ornelas, Mexican consul here, as follows: 'Deny imphatically the rumor that President luaz is dead. Also state that Mexico (Concluded on page 4.)

### CHINA REJECTS

Will Not Grant Any Trade Privileges Outside of Manchuria

(Times Leased Wire.) March 9.-The Chinese and refused to-day to accede to Russia's ands for trading privileges on the Isiof Chinwanto, in Chi Li province. It lieved that the foreign board was

BANKER'S SUICIDE.

(Special to the Times.) miota, Man., March 9.-The cor ring into the death of ford, manager of the Bank of Ham- page through the streets in the lower sec-

ATTORNEY-GENERAL GIVES INTERPRETATION

Loval Citizens of Republic Are Possessors of Agreements of Sale May Register as Householders

(From Thursday's Dally.)

Yielding to pressure of public opinion heen dead 48 hours spread rapidly through official confirmation the report generally credited on the ground mitted to him by, the Victoria Voters'

"Can an assessed owner of property become entitled to vote under the defini-Mexican attaches of the embassy say that the rumor is circulated by the chels for the effect it will have on their as the 'Poll Tax?' '

"It is an old trick of the anti-Diaz action," said one attache. "Whenever they think it is opportune they start a amor that our president is dead. They reculated the report in Mexico last namer. Diaz is an old man, but he is the best of health."

as the 'Poll Tax?' "

Not only is the assessed owner debarred from voting by the terms of the Municipal Elections Act, but the authorities at the city hall have held that he is also debarred from making the householder's declaration accompanied by the payment of the \$2 road tay for commer. Diaz is an old man, but he is the best of health."

The report of the death of Diaz is assing the belief to spread here that secret advices that he was dying and that the end was inevitable was the cause of the unprecedented orders is mobolization issued by the war department. If Diaz is dead, or if he cause of the United States, it is belief to the United States, it is belief to sume a protectorate or to take actual consume a protectorate or to take actual consumers and consumers of the consumers o

dav. namely: Ambassador De La Barra of Mexico "Can an assessed owner of property formal denials of the death of become entitled to vote under the desident Diaz to all Mexican consuls inition of 'Householder' in the Muni-

xicans to return to their own coun- After giving this matter every con-Following a conference with Presideration and fully considering the term "Householder," I can see no reaintentions towards the Diaz govern- has been a resident in the municipality from the first day of January last, and who has paid directly to the municipality road tax or assessment tax amount-New York, March 9.—Senor Jose ity road tax or assessment tax amount-finance, and J. P. Morgan, Jr., London municipality other than water rates, taxes or license fees for taxes, should cret conference at the Plaza hotel not be entitled to be placed on the vot-re this morning. After it was over ers' list. The fact that this party has ither would say what matters had an agreement for sale and may have been placed either properly or im-Greenfel, a member of the Bri- properly on the list as the assessed parliament, participated in the con- owner does not in my opinion change SIR E e for an hour. It was understood the situation, because the taxes that at Morgan notified Minister Liman- the city collects from that property that order must be restored in are chargeable to the land itself, which exico and that Limantour read Mor-stands in the registry office in the name of a translation of a long cipher tele-of the registered owner. I wish further am from the Mexican government. to point out, however, that any person That the report that President Diaz who wishes to qualify as a voter in Declares Government Did Not Special hearing of Payment of Three-Storey Brick and Stone dead is false is the belief of Henry the present election in Victoria under ane Wilson, American ambassador to the term of "householder" must in addition to the payment of his \$2 road "You can put it down as practically tax, make a statutory declaration be-ertain," he said, "that the tip that fore the 15th of March, as set out in paragraph 8 of the Victoria Special

Election Act 1911 (Sgd.) W. J. BOWSER, Attorney-General. ported in Mexican circles here to-day that the government has recalled General Bernardo Reyes from Paris to supplant Corrall and resume command of notice to those wishing to qualify as like the present went on. The relations, householders or license holders, that the commercially, between America and city assessor's office, city hall, will be kept open each office day until the 15th inst. until 8 p.m. for the purpose of

taking declarations. A close inspection of the terms of the enabling act discloses the fact that neither the mayor nor any of the aldermen will be called upon personally to pay an expenses connected with the suits instituted against them to invali-

### RUSSIA'S DEMANDS BRIDGES SWEPT

Distress Already Being Felt in Many Districts in California

Santa Barbara, Cal., March 9.-Following Santa Barbara, Cal., March 9.—Following sant Barbara, Cal., March 9.—Following the san trade encroachment will not be manced in China outside Man- Santa Inez river reached the highest mark in the memory of the oldest inhabitants at 8 o'clock to-day and was still rising. tish diplomat says: Rain, which temporarily : ceased, began falling again at midnight and continued steadily throughout the day, swelling Mission creek until it went on a wild ram-

brought in a verdict to the effect tions of the city. At noon three inches he committed suicide while tempor-had fallen, making 33 for the season. The Southern Pacific has discontinued to both and service south. The line north of here has been out for three days. Bridges are out "In so fa



PROVINCIAL GENERAL JAIL DELIVERY.

No, credulous, not to say gullible, reader, the above is not the "fast, commodious and continuous" passenger, express and mail steamship service" promised by the McBride government and its supporton View street, occupying the property which extends along the president personally reitrated his assurances of America's good
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**ERNEST A. FERGUSON** 

Case To-morrow

(From Thursday's Daily.)

## BRITAIN'S POLICY

GREY ON

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Send Instructions to Am-Road Tax Through Agent bassador Bryce

London, March 9.-In the House of commons yesterday Mr. Balfour said Canada would become so inextricably intertwined that the larger partner would have every interest in inducing the smaller to frame its tariff in acordance with United States interests The tendency would perhaps eventualbe impossible to resist.

Replying, Sir Edward Grev again opportunity of reminding them to have regard for Imperial interests while doing their best for Canada. Britain's was served upon Edwin C. Smith, city offices the interior equipment will be of the due to non-interference with Canada's clerk, by George Morphy this morning.

The interior equipment will be of the most modern design. There will be a Several Officers Reported Killed To Head All Troops Taking most modern design. There will be a Several Officers Reported Killed To Head All Troops Taking most modern design. we might have been faced with Can- service. ada's demand for her own Washington | The action taken by the city treasurdiplomatic representative. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had resisted such a demand successfully, and the relations between through George Morphy, was at the insuccessfully, and the relations between through George Morphy, was at the in-

Reports Published.

Ambassador Bryce's reports to the foreign office on the subject of the United States-Canadian reciprocity neuron is successfully, and the relations between through George Morphy, was at the instruction of the mayor, who had given orders that only those who appeared in person to pay the tax were eligible to be near the Douglas street branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The erection of such a structure at this point should add meterially to that progress. It is in the corona room-ing house, which was formerly the old Finlayson homestead, and it will also be near the Douglas street branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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"As at present advised, I am disposed to believe that British interests are not to any appreciable extent prejudiced The arrangement rests, in reality on a growing realization of the fact that a high tariff wall between contiguous countries whose products are econ-injuries from which he died in a few hours.

the list.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Minedosa, Man., March 9.-Jack Os

tern was caught in the belting of the

Pennington mill to-day and suffered

# HOUSE PLANNED

DINSDALE & MALCOLM IS THE PLAINTIFF TO BUILD ON DOUGLAS

> Structure to Go Up on Field Street

(From Thursday's Daily.) Corroborative of the oft-expressed George Morphy and Frank Higgins, opinion that nothing better exemplifies solicitors, this morning appeared before Mr. Justice Morrison in Supreme assume proportions than the building sault upon a woman near London, Ont., the fact that a city is commencing to court chambers and obtained special of apartment houses is the announce- fourteen years ago, committed suicide. leave to have mandamus proceedings ment which the Times is enabled to He cut his shirt into strips and hanged against the city of Victoria, in connection with the payment of the structures is about to be erected, making the list of such new built or building the list of such new built or building the list of such new built or building well on to the half-dozen mark.

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rected on Field street, which runs The solicitors are acting for Ernest from Douglas street to McBride avenue. Alexander Ferguson, an hotel-keeper, Dinsdale & Malcolm are to be the denied that the government had insuits instituted against them to invalidate the election, the act providing that all expenses must be defrayed by the city.

denied that the government had instructed Mr. Bryce, and said it did not propose so doing except to cordially endorse everything he had done. Mr. Bryce had done. Mr. Bryce had done. Mr. Bryce had done. Mr. Bryce had done with taken part in the negotiage had been drawn and approved and work is expected to start at an early city treasurer to receive through an agent the regular \$2 road tax payable by householders who wish to be placed by householders who wish to be placed. tiations, but kept closely in touch with by householders who wish to be placed borhood of \$25,000. It will be three the Canadian ministers and lost no upon the voters list for the fortheom- storeys in height, with a large basement. There will be 24 suites, beside Notice of the mandamus proceedings the caretaker's apartments and the

fiscal system. Except for Mr. Bryce The mayor was present at the time of separate bathroom attached to each suite, this necessitating 24 separate sets of plumbing. In exterior appearance

United States-Canadian reciprocity negotiations were issued last evening, acting as an unauthorized agent for portion of Douglas street as a rapidly In a communication under date of the city and, the lawyer claims he is developing business section. As the developing business section. As the street will shortly be paved with asphalt and the limit of t asphalt and the cluster lighting system installed, it will assuredly not be long ere the business section extends all the way from Humboldt street to Hillside

> TWO MAY DIE. and Her Grandson Injured by

#### TEN-STOREY BLOCK SEEMS ASSURED

**MAKING ARRANGEMENTS** TO CLEAR THE SITE

anced Largely by Local Capital

(From Thursday's Dally.) That all doubt has been dispelled reative to the fruition of the ambitious plans of the syndicate which was formed recently to arrange for the erection was demonstrated this morning when On each count the government returns

with any of its type on the coast, and since that date the Times has kept closely in touch with the progress of the negotiations for the consummation visions contained in this act, the lieu-

nent business men in this city. The mammoth structure will be ten storeys in height and cost in the neight follows: borhood of \$1,000,000. It will be planned

oughfare to a distance of 260 feet.

The building will be known as the St. Regis, and the sketch plans of the various elevations indicate that it will be very handsome in its exterior appearance. The theatre will be one of the most modern and commodious on the coast. The seating capacity will be from 1,500 to 2,000. The stage will be 60 feet in width and 40 in depth.

The fact that preparations are now being made to clear the site is taken

being made to clear the site is taken to indicate that there is no longer any doubt about the building being erected. The Times is not in a position to additional surface drains lisclose the names of the local business men who are said to have become identified with the enterprise, but the have been authorized by by-law. mere mention of them would inspire confidence in the announcement now

JUDGE LANGLEY'S CONDITION. Halifax, March 9.-The condition

provement to-day. His physicians, how-

ever, do not yet consider him out of dan-

PRISONER HANGS HIMSELF. Kingston, Ont., March 9.- Charles Gold-

from being killed. Goldsmith's mind was and lateral connections.

SENT TO TRIPOLI

or Wounded in Anti-Turkish Outbreak

(Times Leased Wire.) Rome, March 9.-Several Italian war ships have been dispatched to Tripoli, where an anti-Turkish revolution is i

It is reported that a number

CANNOT KEEP OUT HINDUS.

Hindus now detained by the immigration been missing from his place of busi-authorities at Seattle must be admitted ness and his home for ten days. His to the United States because of a loop-hole in the law, although the department of commerce and labor is convinced they should be kept out.

The Hindus originally emigrated to the Shirt Reports from surrounding sections indicated that distress already was being fatted and defended in the lick of the Royukuk streams running to the scene of the strike to-day.

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GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO CIVIC DEPUTATION

Ambitious Project is Being Fin- Argument Advanced That Additional Powers Asked for Are Unnecessary

(From Thursday's Daily.) F. A. McDiarmid, city solicitor, this morning received the reply of the executive council to the representations made on behalf of the city yesterday, of a magnificent ten storey structure in which greater power in the execution the site of the old Spencer building,

was demonstrated this morning when the Times ascertained on excellent authority that overtures are now being had to contractors for bids to clear the site for the big building.

It will be recalled that it was in these solumes that any other and the site of the city solicitor a delegation representing the city council approached the provincial authorities and asked for additional powers, better that such application and the site of the city council approached the provincial authorities and asked for additional powers, better the city council approached the provincial authorities and asked for additional powers, better the city council approached the provincial authorities and a negative answer. hese columns that announcement was believing that such application was first made of the scheme for the erec- justified under section 20 of the Viction of the great block, which will rank toria Special Election Act, which reads

of the project. The scheme was promoted in the first instance by J. W. Weart, of Vancouver, and the work of matter or thing for which express propreparing tentative plans was entrusted to H. S. Griffith, the well known architect. Some difficulty was experienced at the powers contained in this act may the outset in securing the money necessary to finance the project, these be found that the time allowed to do fforts being confined in the main to any act is insufficient, and an altera-indeavors to enlist the support of Van-tion or extension of such time, and any ouver capital. Not much progress be- alteration of dates consequent thereon ing made in that direction, attention shall appear to be necessary, the lieuwas turned to Victoria, and the Times tenant-governor in council may deearned this morning that this latest clare, either by regulation, or notificaeffort has resulted successfully and tion in the B. C. Gazette, that such that the major portion of the stock alteration shall be made, and therein the company will be held by prom- upon the same shall be made and take effect accordingly."

The city presented five requests, as 4. For power to proceed with the to serve the purposes of a theatre, laying of water pipes throughout the hotel and office building. It will face city, to order a quantity of lead, neces-

4. For power to proceed with the erection of the various schools which

5. For power to proceed with the local improvement work on Fort street. The government in its reply points out that it has received assurances from H. B. Robertson, the commissioner appointed to prepare the new voters' of list, that such progress has been made Judge Langley continues to show im- with the work as to indicate that the new election may be brought on-within one month's time; and, that being the case, the need for haste with the various matters referred to in the re-

In respect to clause three it is pointd out that the request is plainly peyond the scope of the act and also outside the provisions of section 20. In regard to request No. 5 the govstructures is about to be erected, mak- an immigrant boy, and when working on a bill clearly contemplates that that work

juests is not apparent.

#### LORD KITCHENER WILL BE IN COMMAND

Part in Coronation Ceremonies

London, March 9.-The colonial troops attending the coronation will be quartered t the Duke of York school at Cheisea. Lord Strathcona has given \$1,250 towards heir entertainment fund Lord Kitchener will be in command o all the troops at the coronation.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, March 9 .- Charles Abbott a prosperous east end butcher, has appearance, and there is not a clue to