

GRIM SPECTRE OF WAR AGITATES THE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Possibility of Trouble in Mexico Discussed With The Same Feverish Anxiety as Marked The Days Which Preceded Declaration of War With Spain.

TRAINS BEARING SOLDIERS ARE RUSHING IN FROM ALL SECTIONS

Movement of Troops Being Directed With Accuracy and Precision Which Denote The Most Careful Preparation.

MEXICO CITY, March 8.—Effectually setting at rest all rumors that the United States is preparing for intervention in Mexico, President Taft today sent to President Diaz a telegram in which he says the military maneuvers being conducted along the frontier in Texas have no significance which should cause concern to Mexico.

troops within a few steps of the Mexican soil never would have been affected without suitable interchange between the two governments to preclude the possibility of misunderstanding.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The officers who set the machinery going for the great gathering of United States troops and warships from end to end of the Mexican frontier today drew their first long breath in thirty-six hours, and sat back in their chairs in the war and navy departments to watch the "thing work."

Looking Over Plans. Maj. Gen. Wood, the chief of staff, came into town from his Fort Meyer home early in the day and was soon busied with the reports from his aides and from other members of the general staff showing what progress was being made in carrying out the plans for mobilization of troops.

Mexico Not Surprised. The conundrum over which the unfriendly and puzzling tonight is the question of the real attitude of the Mexican government towards this unprecedented display of war resources at its doorstep.

Well Prepared. Nowhere was the superiority of the new state of affairs over those that existed in the war department before the days of the Spanish war made more manifest than in the quartermaster's department.

INTERVENTION IN MEXICO WOULD MEAN WAR AT ONCE DECLARES MEXICAN CONSUL

Says Mexico Has the Means of Resistance and Would Use Them All

IS NOT SUSPICIOUS

EL PASO, Texas, March 8.—Antonio V. Lomeli, Mexican consul at El Paso and Frederick Gonzales Garza, general secretary of the revolutionary party, today discredited the possibility of American intervention.

AUGUSTA PREPARES FOR COMING OF PRESIDENT FOR TEN DAYS OF REST

After Making Speech in Atlanta Will Join Party for Short Recreation

FAVORITE PLACE

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 8.—Arrangements were made here today for the coming of President Taft Saturday for a visit of ten days.

AMBASSADORS CAN OFFER NO REASON FOR WARLIKE MOVE

Mexican Minister Unable to Explain Ordering of Troops to Texas

THEY DO NOT BELIEVE ACTION IS HOSTILE

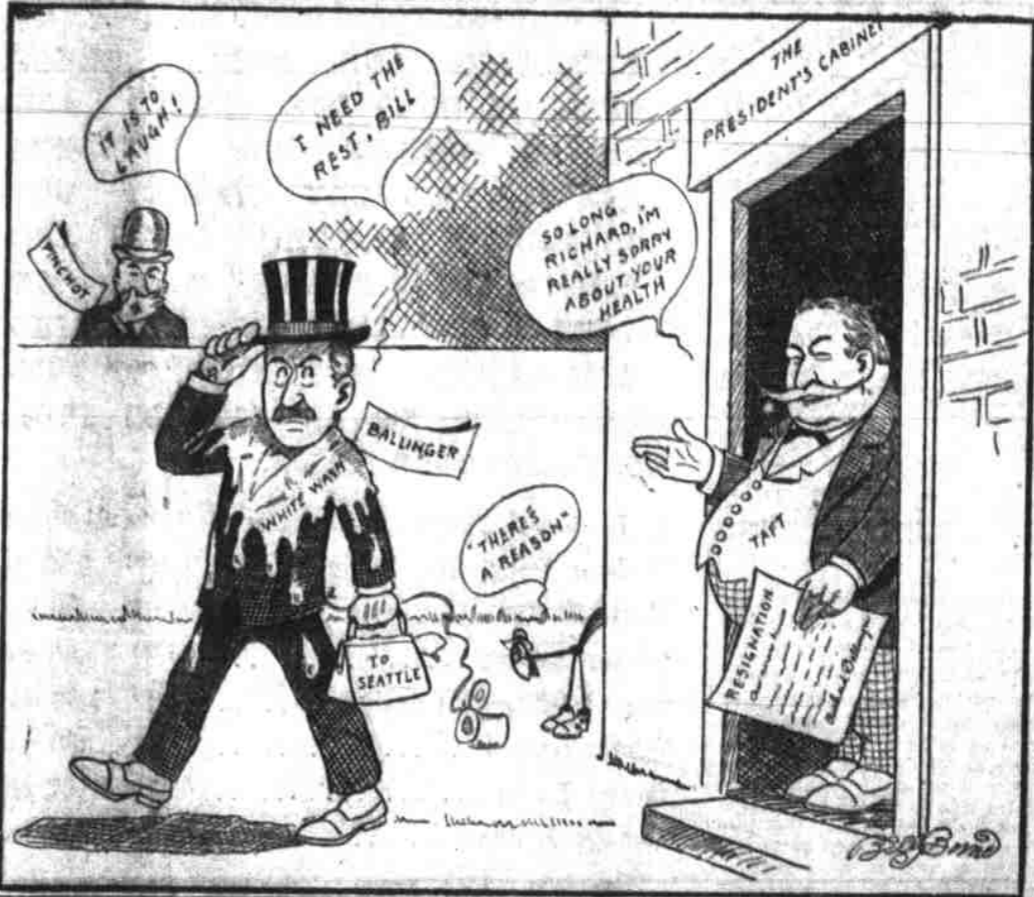
Health of Diaz is Not Factor in Present Situation Says One Minister

NEW YORK, March 8.—The Mexican ambassador to the United States and the United States ambassador to Mexico and the Mexican minister of finance and the representative here of the insurgents all professed themselves unable to offer any explanation of the movement to the Texas border of a formidable United States army.

Gives Interview. Senator De la Barra returned from Washington today and was closeted with Senator Limantour until late tonight.

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Did he Fall, or Was he Pushed?



SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS WILL TELL WORLD OF SOUTH'S WEALTH

Thousands Attracted to Meeting in Atlanta Where Some of Most Distinguished Men of Nation Are to Speak.—"For a Greater Nation Through a Greater South" is Slogan of Great Conference.

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 8.—If forecasts made here today come true the next great movement of settlers will not be toward the west or north-west, which heretofore have been the Mecca of persons seeking new homes, but to the old South.

in his particular section and what has been done toward a business awakening. These speakers and their states included: Albert P. Rush, Mobile, Ala.; Col. S. W. Forde, Hot Springs, Ark.; F. P. Conroy, Jacksonville, Fla.; J. S. Davis, Albany, Ga.; Logan C. Murray, Louisville, Ky.; B. Howell Griswold, Jr., Baltimore; R. W. Griffith, Vicksburg, Miss.; Cyrus P. Walbridge, St. Louis; J. Elwood Cox, High Point, N. C.; Prof. Chas. N. Gould, Norman, Okla.; E. W. Robertson, Columbia, S. C.; Leland Hume, Nashville, Tenn.; Oliver G. Heane, Wheeling, W. Va.; and W. H. Saunders, District of Columbia.

This character would have been beyond the conception of the wildest dreamer and the greatness of the United States is typified when the great men of the nation now assist in making the world appreciate the vastness of southern possibilities.

Today's session was devoted to speech-making by well known men of the country and individual delegates from the various southern states. Each pointed to the increased prosperity in store and the multitude of natural advantages which have hardly begun to be utilized.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is expected to arrive tomorrow morning and will deliver the principal address at the night session tomorrow on the subject "The South's Obligation in Statesmanship and Business Endeavor."

"The 1778 was the most patriotic people on the globe and had no millionaires. Today, conditions are reversed, and we have thousands of millionaires and few who are willing to sacrifice their personal benefits for the general good."

"Symposium of South" The night session was given over to a "symposium of the South," a delegate from each state present making a short talk on the opportunities

President Parker said in part: "Until fifty years ago a meeting of

"We have no royalty in this country and should tolerate no class distinctions and should tolerate no class distinctions and should tolerate no class distinctions."

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD CALLED TO MEXICO

Will be "Invited" to Take Part in "Training" Manuevres on Frontier

EIGHT THOUSAND OF THE STATES' MILITIA

Acceptance, However, is Optional. But It is Believed Many Will Answer

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The militia officers of all the states of the union will be invited to participate in the operations of the army at San Antonio, Texas. This announcement was made by the war department tonight and was coupled with the statement that the invitation will be extended with a view of giving the officers of the national guard practical field training in the extensive manuevres which officials declare is the purpose of the military demonstration.

As it is purely an invitation and its acceptance is optional with the men, it cannot be foretold how many will avail themselves of the opportunity to take part in the present military activity. This announcement in regard to the militia officers gave rise to further speculation in Washington in connection with the movement of troops. The known dearth of officers in the army and the fact that the war department has been knocking at the doors of congress for additional officers gave ground for the conjecture that the real purpose of the invitation to the officers of the militia was to use them to command regular troops.

Need Officers. The need of the army for more officers for command positions had considerable color to the advent of the militia into the pending situation. The war department, however, gave emphatic denial to the suggestion that the militia officers would be used to fill vacancies in command, and reiterated the statement that the assembling of the national guard officers would merely be for the purpose of instruction.

Three airplanes of standard type, it was made known tonight will be purchased by the war department and rushed to the front for service with the troops. This is carrying out the idea of the directors of the present campaign. It is said, to equip the army which is being mobilized along the southern frontier as a modern organization. These machines will be equipped with wireless telegraph instruments which will operate with the cavalry in reconnaissance. It is declared at the war department that the present situation will present a splendid opportunity for a fair trial of the flying machine for purposes of war.

SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY IS ADDUCED AT TRIAL OF GIRL-WIFE MURDERESS

Shot Her Young Victim to Prevent His Leaving Her Is Trend of Hearing

UNDUELY INTIMATE

WHITEVILLE, N. C., March 8.—Evidence introduced by the state in the trial of Mrs. Rosa Hayes, charged with the murder of Robert Floyd, the young medical student, today tended to strengthen the theory of the prosecution that the defendant was on terms of undue intimacy with her victim, and further developed the idea that Mrs. Hayes killed Floyd because she was jealous of him and feared that he was drifting away from her.

GLEMEYNGY MAY BE SHOWN BOTH WALSH AND MORSE

President Has Both Cases Under Consideration and Will Act Soon

JUDGE SO ORDERED

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Taft leaves for the South tomorrow. He takes with him for final consideration the appeal for pardon which has been made by John R. Walsh and Charles W. Morse. The president will study these cases in the quiet of his short vacation and before he returns to Washington both men probably will know whether they are to be free or to stay in federal penitentiaries.

ROOSEVELT DECLARES THAT HE IS NOT TALKING

Former Oracle of the World Suddenly Finds Power of Speech Leaving Him

TONY SMITH RELEASED.

NEW YORK, March 8.—President Ebbets of the Brooklyn Club announces that Tony Smith, who played shortstop for the Superbas last year, has been released to the Mobile club of the Southern association. A probable will captain that team this season.

FORT SAM HOUSTON NOW READY TO RECEIVE TROOPS

Quarters Prepared for the Encampment of 20,000 U. S. Soldiers Entrained

MORE ARTILLEY MOVES.

MOBILE, Ala., March 7.—Three hundred and fifty artillery, coming the seventy-fifth, ninety-ninth and one hundred and seveneenth companies of coast artillery, will leave here for the Mexican border tomorrow morning by special train consisting of eighteen cars.



WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Forecast: North Carolina, fair in interior Thursday; clearing on the coast; warmer; Friday, generally fair; moderate winds becoming south.