

PRESIDENT GIVES REASON FOR "MEXICAN INVASION"

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT FIGHTING IN MEXICO MUST COME TO END WITHOUT DELAY

President Taft at Last Removes All Cause For Doubt in Connection With Movement of United States Troops to The Texas State Line.—All Doubt as to Activity Swept Away.

SOLID MILITARY WALL TO FORM ADROSS THE FRONTIER

Hope to Stop Smuggling of Arms and Contraband into Mexico and Thus Bring Revolution to a Close.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—That the administration has decided to dissemble no longer its reason for the sudden and unprecedented movement of troops to the Mexican border is indicated by the following dispatch received tonight from the staff correspondent of The Associated Press who is accompanying President Taft on his journey to Atlanta.

"All doubt as to the purpose of the government in sending 20,000 troops to the Mexican border has at last been swept away. The United States has determined that the revolution in the republic to the south must end. The American troops have been sent to form a solid military wall along the Rio Grande to stop filibustering and to see that there is no further smuggling of arms and men across the international boundary. It is believed that with this source of contraband supplies cut off, the insurrectionary movement which has disturbed conditions generally for nearly a year, without accomplishing anything like the formation of a responsible independent government, will speedily come to a close."

President Taft satisfied. The result either of unofficial representations of foreign governments regarding the situation in Mexico or the intimation that several of the European powers were sounding each other as to the desirability of making representations to the United States at an early date. At any rate the matter was put up to the administration in such a way as to call for the quickest sort of action. The necessity for this speed of mobilization was seized upon by the war department as a Heaven-sent opportunity to answer criticism both in and out of congress, and that interpretation was put upon the movement.

GUARDSMEN OF THE STATES RECEIVE THE 'INVITATIONS'

Limited Number of Officers From All States Asked to Join "Maneuvers"

FINE TRIP MAPPED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

Adjutants General Are Asked to Furnish Lists of The Available Officers

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The scene of activity in connection with the movement of troops to the Mexican border has shifted to the long line which they will occupy and official Washington has become merely a place for the receipt of reports showing the progress of the units towards their places of rendezvous.

As to National Guard. The war department tonight made public the text of the telegram combination of great capital, he declared, was the natural outcome of this day and age of great business and also was the proper thing, providing however, that the men who

Still on The Job.



SECOND DAY OF COMMERCIAL CONGRESS EMPHASIZES SOUTH'S OPPORTUNITIES

Excellent Speeches Set Forth Facts and Figures Which go to Show That Fortune Knocks at Our Doors. Asking For Admittance.—A Notable Gathering of Notable Men at Georgian-Capitol.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 9.—Strict governmental regulation of all industrial combinations but, to attain that end, the making of laws which reforms and are not conceived in the minds of demagogues playing to the clamor of ignorant agitators and a misled minority of the people was urged tonight by the Southern Commercial congress, now meeting in Atlanta.

directed the affairs of those manner to influence politics and work harm to the man in moderate circumstances. "I do not approve," he declared with vigorous gestures, "of certain forms of legislation directed against industrial combinations. But some persons who trade with a merchant go to other merchants if he does wrong. Tradesmen refuse to deal with those who will not pay. When the merchants or these tradesmen control that which is necessary to comfort and combine in such a way that they can dictate what the people shall pay, there is only one thing which can call a halt on that state of affairs—that is the government. As to Railroads.

"Let this be a warning," he declared, "if this colossal experiment in government is to stand, we must stand together and develop evenly, and we must not fall short of honesty and right."

It was learned from official sources that there has been more or less discussion between the state department and representatives of several European nations as to internal conditions in Mexico, but it was said that this discussion had at no time taken proportions of what the diplomatists call "representations."

The railroads occupy a peculiar position in this regard. They are situated so that if you ship you must in many cases ship through them alone; if you travel you must travel on them. These have been fit objects of federal regulation. Ultimately other great aggregations of money will be regulated in the same way. Beware of those persons who unduly criticize wealth. Beware of those who constantly launch tirades against the wickedness of one class of people. Beware of demagogues."

Other speakers of the evening were Atherton Brownell, of New York, American director for the Brazilian commission of economic expansion and Colonel L. D. Tyson, of Knoxville, Tenn.

THREE U. S. SAILORS MEET DEATH BY GAS ROUTE IN A NEW YORK CITY HOTEL

Bodies Found Fully Dressed in Room Filled With Fumes of Gas

SAW FOREIGN SERVICE

NEW YORK, March 9.—Three sailors from the United States armored cruiser Tennessee were found dead from gas in a room in the hotel Washington in Hoboken today. The gas jet in the room was turned on and the gas pouring from it but a gas heater in the room was lighted. One of the men was found on the floor fully dressed but the other two were undressed and in bed when the porter broke into the room.

MEXICANS SEE NO CAUSE FOR ALARM IN MOVEMENT OF UNITED STATES TROOPS

President Taft's Message Said to Have Had Reassuring Effect

MAKE STATEMENTS

NEW YORK, March 9.—Senator Jose Limantour, the Mexican minister of finance, continued his conferences on the Mexican situation at his hotel here today and maintained his attitude of optimism that he saw no outward events foreshadowed in the rush of United States troops to the border.

BODY OF N. C. PLANTER IS FOUND FLOATING IN THE PASQUOTANK RIVER

Wounds on Captain Gibbs' Body Indicate That He was Brutally Murdered

POLICE HAVE A CLUE

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 9.—The body of Captain Edward Gibbs, a prominent and wealthy planter of this county, who disappeared mysteriously from his home early on the morning of February 17 was found floating in Pasquotank river this afternoon. Gashes on the head, face and hands showed that Gibbs had been murdered and that he had fought heroically for his life. There was no water in the lungs and all the evidence pointed to the fact that he had not drowned. Gibbs had a small amount of money on his person and this was missing. The police claim to have a clue and it is expected that the coroner's inquest will develop a sensation. Searching parties have scoured the country unremittingly since his disappearance, the military aiding, but no trace was found of his movements until the body was discovered today by a fisherman.

N. CAROLINA OFFICERS ARE ANXIOUS TO MOVE

Many Telegraph Their Willingness to Go to the Mexican Frontier

RALEIGH, N. C., March 9.—There are coming into Adjutant General Lester, of North Carolina national guard, a number of telegrams from men officers in various quarters of the state volunteering service in the event there is a call by the United States government for militia to participate in the demonstration on the Mexican frontier.

ROOSEVELT SAYS NEGROES SHOULD SOLVE PROBLEM

Tells Colored Audience at Atlanta That Black Man Can Solve Race Question

ATLANTA, Ga., March 9.—Theodore Roosevelt delivered the first speech of what he has announced as his last speech-making tour, when he talked today to the colored population of the city at the Central avenue Methodist church. The address was made at the solicitation of the officers of the church and the building was packed to the doors when Colonel Roosevelt arrived. He was greeted with a burst of cheering and his remarks were frequently interrupted by renewed applause as he made points which appealed to his hearers. The great need of technical education among the negroes as a move toward the solution of the race problem in the South was the keynote of the colonel's talk. He cited figures to show that the vast majority of the population of Georgia was engaged in agricultural pursuits but declared that between 250,000 and 300,000 of those were illiterate and unskilled laborers, and an such could not hope to better their condition or make themselves necessary to the white race. It was for this reason Colonel Roosevelt declared that he had taken such great interest in the agricultural colleges in the South.

LOCAL PHYSICIANS ARE NAMED ON COMMITTEE

Dr. Minor and Dunn May Go to International Congress in Italy

NEW YORK, March 9.—Announcement was made today at the headquarters of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis of the appointment of a special committee of one hundred members to represent America at the seventh triennial international congress on tuberculosis, which is to be held at Rome, Italy, from Sept. 24 to 30.



GRUESOME TALES TELL OF HORRORS OF CHINESE FAMINE

Natives in Famine Districts Cut Down Like Chaff Say Reports Received

HUNGER AND DISEASE CLAIMING HUNDREDS

Cincinnati Chinese Relief Committee Sends One Thousand Dollars to Sufferers

WASHINGTON, March 9.—More gruesome stories of the horrors of the Chinese famine reached the state department today from the consular general at Shanghai, who sums up conditions at the beginning of February. One traveler reported passing thirteen dead bodies in thirteen miles on the road. The missionaries tell of the natives eating cakes made of leaves and stems mixed with millet chaff which they buy with the allowance from the government of three cents a piece. The trees had been stripped of bark which had been eaten. Dr. Cochran, an American Presbyterian missionary, declared that in the whole afflicted region there were two million starving people. In one village of one hundred families one-third were dead of hunger and pestilence. Snow was falling and many were without proper shelter of clothing. The missionaries have attacked the work of relief with the greatest system and directness. The families in the province of Pichow, for instance, were divided into four classes and enumerated with the result: Those who had plenty numbered 19,995; those who could eat till harvest on what grain they had 229,237; those who had little grain but would be in need before the end of February, 16,401, and those really destitute in need of immediate relief, 197,681.

MRS. HAYES ON THE STAND TELLS STORY OF KILLING

Says She Shot Floyd in an Effort to Save Herself From Assault

WHITEVILLE, N. C., March 9.—Mrs. Rosa Hayes, on trial for the murder of Robert Floyd, a young member of the legislature, took the stand in her own behalf today and swore that when she killed Floyd he was making a desperate effort to assault her in her own home. The 17-year-old wife was cool and collected and told her story without hesitation. She swore simply that she fired not once but repeatedly in the effort to save her honor. The state in closing its case today introduced letters from the defendant to Floyd in which the woman betrayed her love for the victim. It was shown also that Floyd was engaged to a young lady of Charleston, and following this line the prosecution endeavored to prove that it was the old story of a woman scorned; that Mrs. Hayes determined that Floyd should die rather than that another woman should have him. The explanation of Mrs. Hayes was not concluded when court adjourned for the day.

SNOW HILL FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE

SNOW HILL, N. C., March 9.—The entire district of this town was swept out of existence by a fire which started early this morning in the store of J. S. Sugar, a merchant. The town has no fire fighting apparatus and the fire burned itself out. Immediately after the fire Sugar was arrested charged with incendiarism. Circumstances point strongly to his guilt. Wednesday he took out additional insurance on a stock already over insured, and after the fire his room at the hotel was found stocked with goods removed from his store. Sugar came here six months ago from Baltimore. Feeling against him is high.

COFFIN BREAKS RECORD AUGUSTA, Ga., March 9.—Frank Coffin, in his Wright biplane, made the trip to Aiken, S. C., a distance of twenty-eight miles in thirty-one minutes today.

It is impossible for me to understand why sensational developments should be expected with the two people whose relations are so well defined as those of Mexico and the United States are and who are living and for a long time have lived as such good neighbors."

CRISP GETS JOB AMERICUS, Ga., March 9.—Chas. Crisp, son of Former Speaker Crisp, of the national house of representatives, today received a telegram from Champ Clark, speaker-to-be of the house offering him the place of house parliamentary clerk and clerk to the speaker. Judge Crisp immediately accepted the appointment and was instructed to report in Washington March 21 for duty.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—North Carolina, generally fair Friday and probably Saturday somewhat warmer. Friday moderate south winds.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 9.—That the reciprocity agreement with the United States will be confirmed by parliament as soon as it is possible to reach a final vote was the decision reached by the liberal supporters of the government in a caucus behind closed doors today. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other members of the government were present, and it is understood were heartily commended for the agreement made with the American authorities.

NORFOLK, Va., March 9.—After a night of terror, to be greeted by a day of sunshine and warmth, the 25 members of the crew of the British steamer Manohira, stranded three miles below Little Island on the Virginia coast refused to leave the vessel today and from the deck of the ship waved their hats to their eight shipmates who last night risked their lives in the breach busy to reach shore and were nearly drowned by mountain high waves that beat over them.