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## TO SUPPRESS STARTLING DOCUMENTS

### President Taft, Secretary Dickinson and Others Decide to Suppress Jingo Report

## PLANS FOR REMEDY

### Document Which Declares the United States Unfit For War to be Suppressed—President Taft Wants the Root Bill, Which Provides for the Reorganization of the Militia, Passed by Congress—War Department Officials Want the Report Given Wide Publicity—President Doesn't Believe Report Should be Made An Official Document.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, Dec. 15—Following a conference between President Taft, Secretary of War Dickinson, Senator Root and Chairman Hull, of the house military affairs committee, today it was decided to suppress the report of the war department, known as the reply to the McLachlen resolution which declares that the United States is unfit for war and is at the mercy of any European nation, of Japan.

The agitation that has followed the suppression of the report will, if President Taft has his way, be centered on the enactment into law of a measure that has been pending before congress for some years. This measure, known as the Root bill, provides for the re-organization of the militia and in the event of war would bring into the field immediately an army of 400,000 regulars and militiamen. The measure passed the house in a previous congress, but was killed in the senate by Senator Bacon, of Georgia.

The refusal of the house yesterday to accept the report because it was marked "confidential", led to innumerable difficulties. War department officials want the report given wide publicity. Army officers declare emphatically that our inability to defend ourselves is well known to the nations of the world and that the matter should be put squarely up to congress. If congress, they say, fails to remedy the evils, responsibility will rest upon the lawmakers should a war come that will find the United States unprepared.

Conditions now, it was said today, are not so bad as they were when the war with Spain was declared. Then there was only one gun in the Atlantic coast defenses that was fit to be fired. President Taft is anxious to have the nation prepared for war, but he does not believe that a report such as the war department has prepared should be made an official document. Representatives who succeeded in reading part of the "confidential" report, which was returned to Secretary of War Dickinson for reconsideration, do not hesitate to say that the report shows a concerted movement on the part of the secretary of war, Major General Wood, chief of staff U. S. A., and house jingoes, to stampede congress into enacting

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## WANT ANOTHER FIGHT

### The Mexican Revolutionists Manoeuvring For Battle

### Remnants of Rebel Army Have Been Reinforced—General Madero is Said to Head the Rebel Band in Person—Stern Measures by Government Troops.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Mexico City, Dec. 15—Mexican revolutionists are massed in the mountains about Carrizaco in northern Chihuahua manouevring for another engagement with the federals under General Navarro and avenging the barbarous slaughter of wounded rebels by the regular forces, according to advices received from the city of Chihuahua and Guerrero today.

The remnants of the rebel band which fought a bloody battle with Navarro's forces on Sunday, have been reinforced by bands of revolutionists and, according to the federal authorities, by banditti and cattle rustlers. General Madero is said to head the rebel band in person although the authorities are not certain on this point. Reports within the past few days have come from widely separated points in northern Mexico of Madero having been seen there.

The machine guns which were sent from Parral have arrived at the front. Government officials today excused the wanton savagery of the federal troops and Rurales on the ground that the sternest measures possible must be taken to stamp out the last vestige of insurrection. Even the official reports, couched in the plain and meager military terms of the northern commander, which were received today, could not hide the bloody deeds of the soldiers who bayoneted the wounded to death while they lay writhing in misery and pleading for mercy.

Orders have been given the troops of the Chihuahua department to show no mercy and "to take no prisoners." All wounded will be killed. Reports of destruction of property continue to come from Chihuahua, all being attributed to the rebels. Ranch houses have been burned, families held up and robbed; livestock driven off land, in some cases, ranchers were shot to death when they attempted to defend their property.

General Navarro in his official report stated that he expects serious fighting for some days. He has cut his forces in two to prevent a flank movement.

### CONCORD SUICIDE.

### Bad Health Causes E. E. Sides to Take His Own Life.

(Special to The Times.)  
Concord, N. C., Dec. 15—C. E. Sides, one of Cabarrus county's most substantial farmers, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself. Bad health and loss of mind is attributed to the cause. Mr. Sides was about sixty years of age and lived near the Jackson Training School. He was a consistent member and one of the mainstays of Rocky Ridge Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the church at 4 p. m. Wednesday. He leaves a wife and several children with a host of friends to mourn the loss.



### WICKERSHAM AFTER THE PATENT TRUSTS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, Dec. 15—Attorney General Wickersham has had plans to smash every trust that is now operating under patent rights and directly controlling prices to wholesalers and retailers.

For the past two weeks Attorney General Wickersham has had Assistant Attorney General Roadstrom and a number of special agents working on the case that is to be filed against the electric trust. Today it was ascertained that among the 28 or possibly 35 defendants, who will be criminally as well as civilly prosecuted, are included the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric Company.

Although no actual steps have as yet been taken to file this suit a mass of evidence has been collected against the individual companies. The suit will be filed in either New York, Chicago, or Pittsburg, and may name all the companies involved as defendants in one proceeding, or, the companies may be grouped for convenience in prosecution.

The first suit to be filed will be against firms holding patent rights of incandescent globes, trolley and electric train motors. The other cases will be brought later.

Following the filing of these suits the department will make an investigation of companies now handling patented gramophones, and other music box devices.

### Mayor Killed at Fire.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
LaGrange, Ky., Dec. 15—Fire which broke out early this morning from the smouldering embers of the blaze which did \$30,000 damage Tuesday night, cost the life of Mayor Collis M. Dowell. Mayor McDowell was killed by a falling chimney while directing the fight against the flames. Charles and Alfred Fisher fell through a floor and were perhaps fatally injured.

## SLAUGHTER IN SYRIA

### Bedouin Fanatics Kill Hundreds of People

### Refugees Bring News of Horrifying Details of Wholesale Slaughter—Soldiers Put to the Sword and No Mercy Shown by the Frenzied Tribesmen.

(By Cable to The Times)  
Jerusalem, Dec. 15—Hundreds of inhabitants in many Turkish villages in the Syrian vilayet have been killed by massacre at the hands of Bedouin fanatics, according to refugees arriving here today.

Horrifying details of the wholesale slaughter of Turkish garrisons and Turkish officials were told. Soldiers were put to the sword and no mercy was shown by the frenzied tribesmen, the refugees declare.

The maddened tribesmen drove women and children before them and carried off many prisoners from the devastated villages. In cases where defense was made the defenders of families were subjected to the most brutal torture.

The Christians and missionaries are being spared but no mercy is being shown to Mohammedans. There are a number of foreign tourists in Syria at this time, among them some Americans.

While the Christians lives are being spared, they are being robbed by the tribesmen. Word reached here that a party of American tourists were held by the desert tribesmen and all their money and jewelry taken.

Turkish troops are being rushed into the zone of disaster to render aid to the residents and protect foreigners. Field artillery and machine guns are being taken along and the officers have orders to show no mercy.

The representative of the United States government here is attempting to get word of the safety of eight American tourists conducted by Agent Miller, of Chicago, who were robbed at Kerak, in the Turkish vilayet of Syria.



### MILLIONS INVOLVED IN NEW MEASURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, Dec. 15—Millions of dollars of Uncle Sam's wealth in coal lands in Alaska is directly and indirectly involved in a measure which will shortly be introduced in the house by Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska.

Mr. Hitchcock, who after March 4, will be senator from Nebraska, has undertaken the huge task of saving the coal lands of Alaska, including not only the famous Chukchiashan claims that have been so deeply involved in the controversy between Secretary Ballinger and Gifford Pinchot but the rest of the great coal deposits of the far northwestern territory.

Conferences have been held at Mr. Hitchcock's invitation by various friends of the conservation movement and specialists in Alaska affairs in the effort to determine the proper legislation to accomplish the purpose.

### More Riots in Garment-workers Strike.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Chicago, Dec. 15—Two men were shot, one being instantly killed, at Girard street and Bloomingdale road, today in a riot resulting from the garment-workers strike.

### C. & O. Directors Meet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
New York, Dec. 15—The directors of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company at their meeting this afternoon discussed the budget for the coming calendar year and adopted a tentative financial plan. It was authoritatively stated after the meeting that this plan does not involve the issue of any large amount or other securities and also that the plan is subject to various changes.

### Crew Lost In Wreck.

(By Cable to The Times)  
Cádiz, Spain, Dec. 16—Nineteen members of the German steamer Hamburg and five passengers have lost their lives by the wrecking of the vessel on the west Spanish coast, off Galicia, according to a report received from there today. The vessel went ashore upon the reefs and was battered to pieces.

## BAPTISTS CALL PASTOR

### Rev. T. W. O'Kelley Called to First Baptist Church

### Unanimous Call Extended Last Night to Pastor at St. Joseph, Mo.—Understood He Will Consider Call—Native of Georgia and One of Finest Preachers in the South—Thought to be the Man Best Suited to Fill the Pastorate of First Baptist Church Vacant Since Resignation of Dr. W. C. Tyree.

A unanimous call was extended last night from the members of the First Baptist church to Rev. T. W. O'Kelley, D. D., of St. Joseph, Mo., to become the pastor of this church.

Since the resignation of Dr. W. C. Tyree, the first of November, the church has been without a pastor, the committee being busy at work during the time looking for a man whom they felt would exactly fill the need of this church.

After a careful deliberation it was decided to extend the call to Dr. O'Kelley, who is said to be one of the finest preachers in the south. He is a native of Georgia, between forty and forty-five years of age.

The call was unanimous and it is hoped by all that it will be accepted. It is understood that he will consider the call.

He has served most successfully pastorate in Griffin, Ga., Atlanta, Little Rock, Ark., and his present charge at St. Joseph.

### MERIT SYSTEM ADOPTED.

### Asheville Electric Company Adopts System—Southern Employes Hold Meeting.

(Special to The Times.)  
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 15—The Asheville Electric Company has adopted the merit system in regard to its motormen and conductors. Today, the faithful street car men appeared in their new uniforms and upon the sleeves of the coat of each motorman and conductor who had been in the service for more than one year were jagged. Each silver band indicates one year's service, while each gold band indicates five years service. Several of the men had three gold bands, showing more than fifteen years of service.

The Asheville electric company has a fine lot of car men and it is interesting to note that there has never been a tie up of the system due to a strike.

## CONSUMERS

### TELL ABOUT USING OIL

### Number of Witnesses Examined at Second Day's Hearing of Oil Case

## MERCHANTS TESTIFY

### A Number of Ultimate Consumers Take Up the Time of the Morning Session of the Court, Telling About Their Experiences With—Defense, on Cross-examination, Always Brings Out the Fact That the Use of Gasoline Has Greatly Increased—Oil Inspector Thompson the First Witness—Dr. Lockhart Finishes This Afternoon.

Mr. Rosenthal was the first witness called when the court convened shortly after 3:00 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Rosenthal said he had been buying oil from the Standard up until the time of the entrance of the Indian company into the field. The witness then proceeded to relate the manner of the purchases made, stating that he had been under the impression that he was securing the best oil, and that nothing had been said to him about other grades. The Indian entered the field in the spring and the Standard cut the prices. The price last year was about 11 cents, and may have varied a quarter or a half a cent a gallon.

On cross-examination he stated that he catered to the best trade and tried to handle the best goods. He had heard that there were other grades. There is a tendency downward in prices of many things, said the witness. Tickets of the Indian Company were offered in evidence. Witness has noticed increase in use of electricity, gas, gasoline, crude oil, etc.

W. Thompson, of Norfolk, Va., was the next witness. He stated he had charge of the Texas Company's business in Norfolk. He testified he was here on business for his company and was subpoenaed by the state, and had nothing to do with this case whatever.

Tank car lots are worth 4 1/2 cents per gallon f.o.b. Norfolk. The freight is about 1.38 cents per gallon. The cost per gallon for local agents to deliver depends upon number of gallons sold. The Texas has one tank, and the cost is about 1 1/2 cents per gallon to deliver here. The tax is 1/2 cent per gallon. The Texas pays his local agent on a commission basis.

Mr. Bickett says he proposes to show by the witness that the local agent of the Texas Company has resigned because the conditions were such that he could not live here. Defendants objected.

The witness replied that the agent had resigned.

MORNING SESSION.  
The second day of the trial of the case against the Standard Oil Company began this morning shortly after 11 o'clock and Mr. Jacob Thompson, oil inspector, was the first witness called, and offered a memorandum taken from his books, which gave the dates of the receipts of

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## DISASTROUS FIRE IN ELIZABETH CITY

(Special to The Times)  
Elizabeth City, Dec. 15—The plant of the Elizabeth City Iron Works was destroyed by fire last night with a loss of \$17,000 to the company.

The fire took place about 9 o'clock and the upper water street section of the town was in great danger for a while from the flames.

## PRESIDENT HANSON OF GEORGIA ROAD DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Atlanta, Dec. 15—John Fletcher Hanson, president of the Central Railroad of Georgia, died at his home here today after a lingering illness. He was operated on for an affection of the liver last August, and never fully recovered. He was 71 years of age.

Mr. Hanson became president of the Georgia Central in 1908 and had been president of the Ocean Steamship Company since 1902. He had served as a member of the United States Monetary Commission and was prominent in republican politics in Georgia. He was republican referee for Georgia until he broke with Roosevelt when the latter was president over some of the Roosevelt policies.

## Bought Boston Club.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
New York, Dec. 15—One hundred and thirty thousand dollars is the purchase price of the Boston National League baseball club. W. Heppburn Russell, head of the syndicate which will control the club next year announced that \$6,000 had already been paid and that the other \$70,000 will be raised before night completing the deal. Russell and his associates will then own 95 percent of the stock.

### Short Session of House.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Washington, Dec. 15—The house adjourned today within 11 minutes after the speaker's gavel fell, because of the death of Representative Cook, of Philadelphia. Representative Bingham, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution asking the speaker to appoint a committee to attend the funeral, and draw up an appropriate memorial. It was adopted.

## ONLY 8 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas

### Join the Early Shopping League Right Away

## DISASTER IN LYDEN COLORADO COAL MINE

Denver, Col., Dec. 15—An explosion in the Lyden coal mine, owned by the Lyden Coal Company, 14 miles west of Denver, early today, entombed at least twelve men and possibly more in the lower workings of the mine. The fate of the men is unknown, but it is feared all may have been killed by the explosion or burned to death in the fire which followed.

The upper workings caught fire immediately and prevented their escape. There is an old connection between shafts No. 1 and 2 but it is believed this had become clogged by debris. Rescuing parties are trying to pump air into shaft No. 2 in the hope of keeping the entombed miners alive if they have survived the explosion. The upper workings are still on fire and efforts to extinguish the flames are being made.

## ROBIN COOPER TO BE MARRIED TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)  
Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15—The marriage of Robin Cooper of Nashville, slayer of Curmack and Miss Eva Leo Smith, daughter of Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, will take place this evening at the home of the bride's father, Rev. Aquila Webb, pastor of the Wesleyan Memorial church will officiate. Many out-of-town guests arrived today for the wedding. Cooper and his bride will go to New Orleans and Panama on their wedding trip, then returning to live in Nashville.

The proof of the auto is the bill for repairs.