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PRESIDENT OF MEXICO TO RETIRE

President Diaz Expected to Resign On Account of Ill Health

CAUSE OF MANEUVERS

Imminent Retirement of the Aged President of Mexico Believed to be the Most Logical Reason For the Movement of Troops—Two Weeks Will Find All the American Troops in the Field and Battleships Close to Mexican Ports—Mexican Army Unreliable and it is Feared Disorder Would Follow Resignation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, March 9.—The United States army quartermaster's department today arranged for the despatch of fifty ambulances for the use of the army in the department of Texas. They will go direct to Galveston.

Plans For Invasion.
Washington, March 9.—Plans of the United States for the invasion of Mexico are now complete and the state department is only awaiting information of the death or resignation of President Diaz or advice from the United States embassy in Mexico City that the revolution is getting further beyond control of the aged Mexican executive, to give the word to the war department to loose the dogs of war now crouching along the frontier.

Mexico will be invaded from four points on the Texas border, according to officers of the general staff of the army here today, who make no secret of the real purposes of this government, all diplomatic pretense having been cast to the winds.

Debouching from San Antonio brigades will penetrate Mexico at El Paso, Eagle Pass, and Laredo, while a regiment of marines from Guantanamo will be landed at Tampico and possibly at Matamoros.

With the exception of the army that invades Mexico through El Paso, into Chihuahua, where it will be permanently stationed to protect foreign lives and investments, the other troops will, after leaving the Texas border at the points mentioned, converge on Torreon, restoring order on their way to that city. At Torreon, the different brigades will be formed into a corps, which will then be within striking distance of Mexico City, should anarchy begin there after the death, resignation, or deposition of Diaz.

Once in Mexico the possibility of American troops remaining permanently, and the possible annexation of Mexico to this country, will be a question for the diplomats to settle. This is the plan of campaign, as outlined today by officers of the general staff.

The movement is expected to begin as soon as Major-general Carter reaches San Antonio. General Carter and a large headquarters staff left

NEW SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 9.—Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher and former Secretary Ballinger held a long conference with President Taft today shortly after the former arrived here. Mr. Fisher will assume the duties of his office tomorrow. Mr. Ballinger reiterated his determination to President Taft to "go after" his foes, including Gifford Pinchot with libel suits.

Statehood Fight.
(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 9.—The fight to prevent the admission of New Mexico to statehood unless Arizona is admitted at the same time, will be carried on in the next congress, according to an announcement made at the white house today by Senator Owen, of Oklahoma. Senator Owen declared he intends to filibuster indefinitely against New Mexico until the senate agrees to the admission of Arizona.

here last night for El Paso, via St. Louis.

Persistent rumors are in circulation today that General Diaz is dead, that his death has been concealed by Vice-president Ramon Corral, who has seized the reins of power in the Mexican capital. These rumors could not be verified at the state department or the Mexican embassy, where the lid on news was clamped on tight this morning.

The following statement was given out at the Mexican embassy today: "The Mexican government understands thoroughly the object of the war maneuvers of the United States troops in Texas and discounts sensational newspaper reports that the United States has any designs on Mexican territory. President Diaz was fully informed, in advance, of the maneuvers and their object."

That President Diaz has had a violent quarrel with his cabinet because of his determination to keep the bulk of the government troops in the Mexican capital was reported in diplomatic circles here today. Scoffing at his fears of an outbreak in Mexico City, influential Mexican officials at the Mexican capital are reported to say Diaz is his own worst enemy and is unwittingly aiding the insurgents in Chihuahua because of his refusal to pit the real strength of the Mexican army against them.

The Mexican dictator is said to regard the army as his personal bodyguard and stubbornly declines to let them leave the capital because he fears a demonstration against him there the moment his strong military arm relaxes. It is this situation which prevented the revolution from being stamped out months ago, it is said.

The possible political significance of the present "war game" on the Mexican border is being analyzed by politicians here today. Opponents of President Taft declare that there is a shrewd political purpose behind the mobilization of troops, in gaining the support of the "jingo" element, and the advocates of a large and powerful army.

Should the army be compelled to invade Mexico, another great wave of martial patriotism would sweep over the people, and reassure the rejection of President Taft to the presidential chair in 1912.

Friends of the administration indignantly deny that there is any politics in the massing of troops in Texas, but others are pointing out the possible consequences of the present situation.

Senor De La Barra, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, returned to Washington today from New York, and at noon held an hour's conference with President Taft. The ambassador said the president had at this conference, personally reassured him that the statement issued in Mexico City represented the attitude of the American government. Ambassador De La Barra said that Mexican Minister of Finance Limantour would not meet the president before the latter leaves the city this afternoon. Senor Limantour will probably come to Washington in the next three days, and if so, his conference will be held with state department officials.

"The president was very cordial in receiving me today," said the ambassador. "I talked with him for some time, with regard to the assembling of troops on our frontier, and the president assured me that the statements made to my government and published in Mexico City yesterday was the sincere position of the United States."

"This is quite satisfactory. I am convinced that the friendly relations between the United States and Mexico are undisturbed and will remain undisturbed throughout all this seeming trouble."

"There is an apprehension on the part of the Mexican government as to the object of the United States in mobilizing so many troops on our border. This I am able to say without qualification."

"In Mexico, the administration is firm and is able to take care of the insurrection. It has been able to do so from the beginning. There need be no fear on the score."

When asked whether the report concerning President Diaz's physical condition were true, he denied that the Mexican president was ill. "That is all a mistake," he declared with emphasis. "President Diaz is in excellent health and as been, in excellent health and has been for some years, and the suggestions that he is ill and unable to keep his commanding place in our government is an error."

Death or Resignation.
Washington, March 9.—President Diaz, of Mexico, is expected to announce his retirement on account of ill-health within the next fortnight. This statement was made by a prominent diplomat here today. (Continued on Page Two.)



Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, who, unless the republican state in the senate is broken, is to have the place of Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, long powerful in directing the course of tariff and other legislation in the United States senate, at the head of the senate committee on finance. Senator Penrose is now chairman of the committee on postoffices and post roads. He is the ranking member of the committee on finance.

BRYCE IN NEW YORK.
Addresses the Members of the Legislature—Praises Dewey.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Albany, N. Y., March 9.—British Ambassador James Bryce was a spectator today at the forty-fourth joint ballot for United States senator. After the announcement of the ballot, which showed the deadlock unbroken, Mr. Bryce made an address to the assembled senators and assemblymen. Addressing the legislature, Ambassador Bryce said that while he had observed the proceedings of many political bodies in this country, he had never been present at the joint balloting for a candidate for United States senator. He said that he understood that the deliberation had been of some duration, "but," he said, "I am not surprised that you take some time in electing a senator when I consider the importance of the office and the very distinguished man and able scholar he is to succeed."

Ambassador Bryce said that he was in sympathy with the difficulties a legislator was compelled to meet with the many-sided influences brought to bear upon him in the discharge of his duties.

"He must balance his duty to his party and to his constituents; this is a difficult matter, but I believe that an honest man can generally find it possible to cast an honest vote in the face of such difficulties."

In conclusion, the distinguished visitor spoke of the increasing number of large questions which come before a legislator and alluded to the remarkable progress which had been made in the United States. He said that it was a great pleasure to him that the friendship between England and America and Canada and America was evidently so strong. After expressions of thanks had been extended to Ambassador Bryce he was presented to the members of both houses.

Thieves Got \$40,000.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Memphis, Tenn., March 9.—The residence of Albert Caldwell, was entered a month ago by thieves while the family was at supper, and \$40,000 worth of diamonds taken. The police suppressed the news of the robbery until today. The jewels belonged to Mrs. Blanche Lockwood, of Indianapolis, and her daughter, who are visiting the Caldells.

Ticket Agent Killed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Chicago, March 9.—Fred Myer, a ticket agent for the Northwestern elevated railroad, at the Madison street station on Fifth avenue, was shot and killed early today by W. R. Page, 33 years old, living at Eighteenth and Rockwell streets.

A dispute over the payment of five cents worth of peanuts purchased by Page from the agent was the cause of the shooting. Page was arrested.

A Commission Government for our city means progress. Vote for it on March 20th.

THE MELBER TRIAL

May Plead Guilty to Manslaughter

Jury for the Trial of Mrs. Melber Almost Completed—Effort to Induce Her to Plead Guilty to Charge of Manslaughter.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Albany, N. Y., March 9.—Mrs. Edith Melber will escape the death chair penalty for the murder of her 6-year-old son, George, down whose throat she forced poison last January.

Negotiations are going on between counsel for the accused woman and prosecuting attorney Sanford which probably will terminate in Mrs. Melber pleading to a lesser degree of crime, probably murder in the second degree. When Judge Howard's court opened today the jury box was not yet filled, the progress of the trial having been halted to allow conferences between the prosecutor and lawyers John H. Dugan and George M. Palmer, representing the defendant.

A new panel of fifty takersmen reported to court this morning upon orders from Judge Howard, the old panel of 200 having been practically exhausted with only ten jurors being selected.

Thos. Bell, farmer, of Altamont, was the twelfth juror accepted.

Peter Sharp, a farmer of Altamont, was the first juror chosen today. He was the eleventh in the box. Assistant District Attorney Harold D. Alexander opened the case for the prosecution. In reviewing it he told the jury that the motive of the crime was undoubtedly the obstacle which the child placed in the way of a second marriage for Mrs. Melber. He charged that the accused woman had deliberately led to a young man as to her motherhood and that her purpose was to make him believe her childless. He traced the history of little "Georgie" Melber, telling the jury that the facts showed that the mother became more and more estranged from her child.

Moran and McFarland Training.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, March 9.—Both Owen Moran and Paddy McFarland have trained hard for their fight on city next Tuesday night, although Moran is giving the harder work because he is giving McFarland about nine pounds in weight. Moran is putting on the finishing touches at Lakewood, N. J. while the Chicago stock yards had his quarters in Wrescher's country. Moran declared today that he could not hope for a knockout but hoped to win on points.

The English lad said that he would attempt to get a match with Matt Wells, the new lightweight champion of England in a few weeks.

Man Determined on Suicide.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, March 9.—A man not yet identified took a dose of poison, shot himself in the head, and then leaped to the pavement from the five-story tenement at 300 Broome street today. At first the police thought the man had been murdered. Later, however, a revolver and a bottle containing sulphuric acid were found on the roof of the building from which the man jumped.

Will Take Oath Next Monday.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 9.—Walter L. Fisher, the new secretary of the interior will take the oath of office next Monday, it was announced at the white house today.

Denis Johnston Injured.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Dublin, March 9.—Denis Johnston, chief organizer of the United Irish League was probably fatally injured and Sir James Long, his companion, slightly hurt in an automobile accident here today.

BIG BRIDGE BLOWN UP BY STRIKERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Springfield, Ill., March 9.—The immense viaduct of the Belt Line of the Illinois Traction System, near here, was wrecked by dynamite early today. A second explosion an hour later wrecked the top works of the Capitol mine, only recently installed at a cost of \$40,000. The explosion that wrecked the Belt Line viaduct caused a panic in Springfield.

The trustees of the McKinley Company employed on the electric line walked out yesterday when an increase in wages was refused them and the strike is held responsible for the wrecking of the bridge.

New Bishop Chosen.

Kansas City, Mo., March 9.—Bishop Sidney C. Partridge, of Japan has been elected bishop of the diocese of Kansas City to succeed the late Bishop Edward R. Atwell. He was chosen at a convention of Episcopal laymen and clergymen here.



The Duchess Hohenberg, morganatic wife of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, who refuses to attend court unless she is granted the same privileges as those accorded her husband. Though the Emperor, Francis Joseph, has bestowed high titles and honors upon the morganatic wife of his successor, she still ranks behind the youngest of the Imperial Archduchesses, and at court functions is supposed to walk behind mere children in short coats simply because they are Princesses of the Blood. This action on the part of the Duchess is said to have caused ill feeling between the Emperor and his successor to be.

CONFERENCE OF FARMERS.

Holding Conference Today in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

The farmers of the eastern section of North Carolina, representing 120 counties east of Greensboro, are meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the city. The farm demonstration work of the United States Department of Agriculture has been organized three years. Leaders have been appointed from each county to begin the work this month, the work to continue seven and a half months.

About forty counties are represented, practically all east of Greensboro. It is a conference of leaders for exchange of ideas, discussion of plans as to how to accomplish the best good. Demonstration plots are being started on farms in all sections of each county.

The farm demonstration work is under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture. There will be lectures by C. R. Hudson, in charge of the demonstration work in this state for the United States Department, and other speakers of the department.

TODAY'S CHARTERS.

Oxford and Winston-Salem Get the Two Charters.

The Fogleman and Turner Company, of Oxford, is chartered to carry on the business of contracting and constructing in all of its branches; to carry on the business of builders, decorators, contractors, etc. The total authorized capital stock is \$25,000 but may begin when \$500 has been subscribed. The stockholders are W. H. Fogleman, L. R. Turner, Lelia F. Wyatt.

Money-Hammer Company, of Winston-Salem, is chartered to do a general real estate business, buy and sell, lease and improve the same. The total authorized capital stock is \$50,000 but may begin when \$2,000 has been subscribed. The stockholders are R. H. Money, O. W. Hammer, A. H. Eller.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Booklet Issued Telling of the Work in Raleigh.

The board of directors of the Associated Charities has issued a little booklet telling of the work of the association in this city. This little booklet is now being mailed to the friends and supporters of the work. The booklet contains the report of the governing board, the general committee, and general report. The report shows that help has been extended in the past year 2,109 times, that 2,000 visits have been made, that eight funerals have been conducted, 42 persons sent home, clothing furnished 1,800 times, employment found for 85, homes for children 26, baskets offered Thanksgiving day, 287. Over three thousand

dollars were expended during the year. The report makes a mighty good showing for this worthy institution.

MRS. J. A. J. PENNY.

Died Last Night at 10 O'clock at Her Country Home.

Mrs. J. A. J. Penny, wife of Dr. J. A. J. Penny, died last night at ten o'clock at her home in Barton's Creek township, 15 miles north of Raleigh. She was about 66 years of age at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, and six children, Messrs O. B. Penny, of the firm of Phillips & Penny, of Raleigh; E. O. Penny, of Raleigh; Mrs. John Rogers, of Durham; Mrs. John McGee, of Franklin; Mrs. William Bailey, of Falls; Mrs. R. I. Ray, of Barton's Creek.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at one o'clock in the family burying ground, the services will be conducted by Rev. R. S. Stephenson.

NEW FISH COMMISSIONER.

Governor Appoints C. S. Vann to Succeed Theo. S. Meekins.

This morning Governor Kitchin announced the appointment of Mr. C. S. Vann of Edenton, as fish commissioner, for a term of four years beginning March 15. He takes the place of Mr. Theo. S. Meekins, who has resigned.

Death of Miss Lizzie Smith.

Miss Lizzie Smith passed away today at noon at Rex Hospital in the 53rd year of her age.

The funeral will be conducted from St. Luke's Home tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. She had been an inmate of the home since the death of her sister, Miss Belle Smith, a short while ago. She was well known in the city and had many friends who will regret to learn of her death.

Red Cross Receipts.

The following additional receipts for contributions made to Joseph G. Brown, treasurer, for the relief of the Chinese sufferers:

Amount previously reported, \$3,422.25
Rev. J. M. Ashby and wife, 5.00
Robert N. C. Co., 2.00
Cash, Raleigh, N. C., 2.00
M. E. Sherwin, Raleigh, N. C., 5.00

Relics Detained and in Flight.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Tucson, Ariz., March 9.—Leadership and police-stricken, a defeated rebel force of 300 men, formerly commanded by Salome Moran and Juan Pacheco, which has been operating around San Ignacio, Mex., is in flight today toward La Villa pursued by federals, according to telephone advices received here. Twenty-five insurgents and the two leaders are reported to have lost their lives in a conflict with Mexican regulars. Sub-Prefect, Zuni, commanding the regulars, gave his loss as twenty men.

Sisters Save Children.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New Brunswick, N. J., March 9.—A little band of heroic Catholic sisters saved 75 children, inmates of St. Mary's Home, from death or injury today when fire broke out in the institution. Mother Superior Mary Verlorne counted the alarm for the fire, which had been operating around San Ignacio, Mex., is in flight today toward La Villa pursued by federals, according to telephone advices received here. Twenty-five insurgents and the two leaders are reported to have lost their lives in a conflict with Mexican regulars. Sub-Prefect, Zuni, commanding the regulars, gave his loss as twenty men.

Plea of Immunity Denied.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Detroit, Mich., March 9.—United States Judge Dennison today denied the plea of individual members of the so-called bath tub trust for immunity and they must stand trial. The plea of the defendants has been that they were entitled to freedom from criminal prosecution because of having testified at previous civic suits against themselves. It is contended the government will ask that prison sentences be imposed.

Italian Nobleman Arrested.

(By Cable to The Times)
Paris, March 9.—Three men claiming to be Italian noblemen were arrested today charged with fleecing Livin Hart, a young American, out of \$25,000 in card games. Hart says they took him to various gambling places and systematically swindled him with marked cards. He gave the names of Bordelli, Caminatti and Bordeni.

Missionaries Imperilled.

(By Cable to The Times)
Amoy, China, March 9.—The lives of American missionaries are imperilled by an outbreak of bubonic plague at Siekhe. The mission station of the Reformed Church of America is located there. A number of women are at the mission. Fifty plague cases were reported today. Siekhe is fifty miles west of Amoy.

Bantoms Matched.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Chicago, March 9.—Bantam weight champion, Johnny Coulton and Harry Forbes, former holder of the title, practically are matched to box ten rounds in Kenosha, Wis., on March 28. The weight question will be decided today. The champion wants to weigh in at 116 pounds three weeks before the fight, while Forbes wants to make 116 pounds at 7 o'clock.

ROOSEVELT THE GUEST OF THE SOUTH

His Reception Lacked the Enthusiasm of Former Greeting in Atlanta

HE SPEAKS TONIGHT

Former President Will Speak Tonight "On the South's Obligations in Statesmanship and Business Endeavor"—Reception Lacked Former Enthusiasm—Several Speeches Made Today by Prominent Men and the Congress is Proving a Great Success.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Atlanta, March 9.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was given a cordial welcome when he reached Atlanta this morning, but the reception was far different in degree of enthusiasm from those accorded him on previous visits.

He was met by officers and directors of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and officers of the Southern Commercial Congress, before which he speaks tonight on "The South's Obligations in Statesmanship and Business Endeavor."

Fletcher President.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, was elected president of the Southern Commercial Congress here today. President Parker becomes first vice-president by this action for the ensuing year. This was the principal work of the morning session of the congress. Messrs. Quarles and Dawes were elected secretary and managing director, respectively. Mr. Parker refused to accept the presidency of the congress for another term.

A large committee led early this morning to meet Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, at the Georgia state line. He will be given a reception equal to that of President Taft or ex-President Roosevelt, except for the military escort. The Princeton alumni club will give him a luncheon and the Young Men's Democratic League a dinner.

Governor-elect Hoke Smith said today that Governor Wilson is one of two men who would be the next democratic nominee for the presidency. Next to the governor-elect himself, Governor Wilson is probably Georgia's choice.

Secretary of War Dickinson arrived with Colonel Roosevelt. He refused to discuss the war scare except to declare that the troops are merely being sent to Texas for maneuvers and has no other significance.

"Naturally, I don't care to talk about that matter above all things," he said. He refused to be drawn into further discussion. The secretary expects to return to Washington after his address tomorrow night.

The arrival of Colonel Roosevelt and Secretary Dickinson was the feature of today. John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, and John Temple Graves, of New York, came on the same train with them.

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PRESIDENT TAFT STARTS FOR ATLANTA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, March 9.—President Taft will leave Washington at 4:15 this afternoon over the Southern Railway for Atlanta, Ga. He will speak in Atlanta tomorrow night before the Southern Commercial Congress and Saturday morning he will leave for Augusta, Ga., where he will spend a vacation of two weeks. He will be accompanied by Captain Archibald W. Butt his military aide; Secretary Norton, Secret service men and newspaper correspondents.

Mrs. Taft will leave here next Saturday, arriving in Augusta Sunday.

Aviation Meet At Wilmington.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Wilmington, N. C., March 9.—The first aviation exhibition in North Carolina opened today under favorable conditions. During the next three days flights will be made by J. A. D. McCurdy and Lincoln Beachy in Curtiss biplanes.