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### PRESIDENT REPUDIATES LIABILITY

#### Mexico Not Responsible For Death of Americans On American Soil

### DIAZ'S REPLY TO TAFT

#### Getting Ready for Battle Near Juarez— Rebels Have Demanded Surrender of Town Before 5 O'clock This Afternoon—Federals, Though Greatly Outnumbered, Preparing to Fight—American Side of River Closely Guarded—Rebels Out of Provisions and Must Soon Fight to Obtain Rations.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, April 20—That President Diaz disclaims responsibility for death of Americans at Douglas during the battle of Agua Prieta and that the Mexican government repudiates all liability for injury to American citizens across the American line and that this will be embodied in the reply of the Mexican government to President Taft's demands for assurances that there shall be no further danger to American citizens was acknowledged by President Taft at the white house today, in a conversation with Representative Slayden, of Texas, who represents the San Antonio district.

After a long conference with President Taft this morning, this was announced by Representative Slayden as he left the white house.

This, however, President Taft believes is only a diplomatic move on the part of the Mexican government to retain the favor of the Mexican masses, and "to save its face."

That this is understood thoroughly by the president and Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City, is evident from information obtained at the state department this morning.

Secretary of State Knox and Assistant Secretary of State Wilson were in conference this morning for more than an hour going over the reply of the Mexican government, the substance of which was telegraphed yesterday by Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City, and preparing a draft of it for the president, and an abstract for publication.

While in the main the government appears to reject President Taft's demands and accusations, in diplomatic language, American citizens on the border with fomenting the rebellion and assisting the revolutionists, President Taft and the state department are not alarmed over the situation.

It is the general opinion here now in diplomatic circles that President Diaz has become so alarmed over the magnitude of the rebellion that it is possible that he has taken this opportunity to practically invite the United States to intervene in Mexico to prop his falling government.

On the other hand President Taft

### CONFERENCE ON MEXICAN TROUBLE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, April 20—An important conference on the Mexican situation was at 1 o'clock at the white house. Those summoned to participate were Secretary Knox, Representative Sulzer, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs, and Representatives Garner, Sharpe and Foster, members of a sub-committee of the foreign affairs committee. Before the conference started Representative Sulzer said that his committee is practically unanimous against Mexican intervention.

An effort to invade Mexico would mean the strengthening of the United States standing army to probably three times its present size, he asserted. Mr. Sulzer quoted military experts to show that a force of 250,000 men would be necessary for offensive operations and that it might

take years to bring a campaign to a successful conclusion.

After the sub-committee from the house had conferred with the president concerning the new developments in Mexico the president let it be known that he regarded the published accounts of the reply to this government from Mexico as authoritative. He indicated, however, that any friendly or diplomatic parts of this note had been left out and that only the apparently hostile parts of it had been given publicity.

He gave the impression that there might be political conditions in Mexico which made it necessary for the Mexican government to wish the apparently hostile part of the reply made public at home, to strengthen them with their own people.

The president let it be known that a repetition of the Douglas affair might occur at other places along the border, but he was emphatic in his position this country would not be dragged into intervention if intervention could possibly be avoided.

Chairman Sulzer of the house committee on foreign affairs, immediately after the conference, said: "We are agreed to act so as to prevent any invasion of intervention in the Mexican affair."

This indicates that the house committee is prepared to back up the president in his determination not to interfere in the internal affairs of Mexico.

### Direct Election of Senators.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Albany, N. Y., April 20—The senate by a vote of 28 to 15 today adopted a resolution calling for the direct election of United States senators. The resolution now goes to the assembly.

### Aviator Dead.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Chalons, France, April 20—Pierre Louis, an amateur aviator, died today from wounds received in a 20 foot fall Tuesday when his machine fell.

### WOULD ABOLISH THE MONETARY COMMISSION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, April 20—Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury to transmit to the house a detailed statement showing the moneys paid out on account of the monetary commission, and the dates and the purposes of the payments. This resolution is the first step in the house toward the abolition of the commission. Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has already introduced a resolution in the senate calling for the final report of the commission not later than next December.

### STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE.

#### George Hunt and His Fiance Killed— Auto Driver is Arrested.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
North Attleboro, Mass., April 20—George Hunt is dead and his fiance Lottie Thomas is dying today as the result of being struck by an automobile while they were walking on the Boston-Providence Railroad near the Pawtucket, R. I. last night.

Three of the four occupants of the machine, Charles W. H. Day, 70 years old, who was operating the car, George A. Hancock and Edgar Kelly are under arrest.

Day is charged with manslaughter. Specific charges have not yet been made against the other two men.

All concerned are residents of North Attleboro.

Day and his party had been in Pawtucket and were returning home last night when they ran down the young people.

Hunt was instantly killed and Miss Thomas so seriously injured that there is little hope for her recovery.

The victims were to have been married in a few months.

### Mexican Situation in Parliament.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
London, April 20—The government was interpellated on the Mexican situation in the house of commons today. Under-Secretary McKinnon Wood replying, said that except in a few isolated cases the government had received no complaints that British commercial interests had been injured by the unrest in Mexico.

### Shock Caused Death.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Freehold, N. J., April 20—The shock of losing his first homicide case caused heart failure from which former Judge William T. Hoffman dropped dead within 24 hours after the conviction of Frank Heidman, the Ashbury Park murderer, whom he defended.

### WORK OF THE SENATE

#### Senator Works, New Insurgent Member Speaks

#### Address on the Initiative, Referendum, and Recall—All the Progressives of Both Parties in Attendance to Hear Him.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, April 20—Senator Works, the new insurgent senator from California, occupied the center of the stage and the attention of the senate during the larger part of the session today after the close of routine morning business, with an address on the initiative, referendum, and recall.

The Californian had previously given notice of his intention to speak upon this subject, and in consequence all of the progressives of both parties were in attendance to hear him. The old line regulars looked upon the newcomer in the arena of debate with feelings of resentment, not only on account of his attitude on the question which is not in keeping with the ultra conservative ideas, but because of the temerity of the senator in presuming to address the senate thus early in his career in that body.

It was a most flagrant violation of the old-established practice—now fast becoming more honored in its violation than its observance—which used to oblige a new member of the senate to remain quiet for at least a session, and not attempt to advance any opinions upon the floor until he had warmed his seat for a year.

Senator Works boldly overrode this custom and sallied forth with a vigorous exposition of his hobby, which was largely instrumental in landing him in the senate from the California primaries. He was the first of the 17 new senators who came in on April 4, to address the senate.

Senator LaFollette offered a resolution which was adopted, calling upon the secretary of the interior for a list of all claims locations, claims filings and entries made upon land in the Chugach national forests of Alaska, and the names of those who have made such entries.

Senator Williams, Mississippi, offered a resolution to investigate the commission's appointed under the government.

Senator Thornton, Louisiana, presented joint resolution directing the secretary of war to return to the state of Louisiana the original resolution of secession.

After a brief discussion Senator Culberson's motion pending when the senate adjourned last Monday, to refer the direct election of senators resolution which passed the house last week to the committee on the judiciary instead of the committee on privileges and elections, were the regulars had endeavored to send it in order that it might be killed by inaction, was adopted. Senator Bailey pointed out in as much as it was a question amending the constitution it should go to the judiciary committee.

### Mexican Secretary Assaulted.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Phoenix, Ariz., April 20—Following the receipt of news here today that the secretary to the Mexican consul at Douglas had been assaulted on the street today and subsequently arrested, Governor Sloan sent a message declaring that all such acts be avoided to prevent clashes between Mexicans and American citizens.

### REAPPORTIONMENT BILL REPORTED

Washington, April 20—The house committee on census today favorably reported a reapportionment bill, which places the membership of the next house at 433 members or 435 members if Arizona and New Mexico are admitted as states. Under this plan no state in the union loses a member, regardless of its loss of population. The bill reported today is identical with the Crumpacker bill, which passed the house last session, but did not come to a vote in the senate. The basis of representation in the next house is placed at one member for every 211,877 population. Among the states which will make large congressional gains if the bill becomes law are the following: California, gain of 3 members; Illinois, 2; Massachusetts, 2; New Jersey, 2; New York, 4; Oklahoma, 3; Pennsylvania 4 and Texas and Washington, 2 each. A number of states gain one member each.

### GOOD ROADS WORKERS ARE NOW AT WORK

#### H. B. Varner Chosen to Lead Central Highway to Victory

#### IS MUCH ENTHUSIASM

#### Every County Willing to Do Good Part in Completion of Road Nearly Five Hundred Miles From Sea to Tennessee Border—Organization Made Complete—The Meeting.

With a fine show of enthusiasm the trustees of the Central Highway, created by the last legislature, met in the office of Commissioner Graham today and organized the commission by electing Mr. H. B. Varner, publisher of Southern Good Roads and a good roads enthusiast, president; Mr. E. E. Britton, secretary and Mr. G. C. Royall treasurer. A central executive committee was also named and every member pledged himself to work for the completion of the highway. So enthusiastic are some of the counties through which the proposed road will run that the expenses of the trustees were paid to Raleigh. The commission passed a resolution introduced by Dr. Tompkins, of Wake county to request the various county commissioners to pay the

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### TARGET PRACTICE MAY END THIS DAY

It seemed early this afternoon that the teams of the National Good Road target practice on the city range might encounter more rain, but if they should not, the work will be finished today. Shooting continued all morning. The records of the various teams may be completed tomorrow.

### WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION OF Labor Conditions in the Postoffice Department.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, April 20—An investigation of labor conditions in the postoffice department was started today when Samuel Gompers, president and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor appeared before the house committee on the civil service in support of Lloyd's bill. This bill gives government employees the right to join labor unions.

Gompers and Morrison produced copies of orders issued by the postoffice department forbidding small clerks affiliating with labor unions. They declared the order has been used as threats, and Morrison produced affidavits from mail clerks stating that they have been given the third degree by officials who tried to discover if the employees were connected with labor organizations. The committee after a lengthy hearing decided to call upon the department officials for their side of the story, and other labor men will also be given the right to be heard.

### Bush Resigns From Western Maryland.

New York, April 20—At a meeting of the directors of the Western Maryland Railroad Company here today the resignation of President Benjamin F. Bush, now head of the Missouri Pacific, was accepted and former Vice-President Alexander Robertson was elected to succeed him as president.

### Schooner Ashore in Gale.

Boston, April 20—In a blizzard and gale blowing 50 miles an hour, the two-masted schooner Caroline Gray, of Rockland, Me., went ashore today off the Woods End life-saving station near Provincetown. She carries a crew of seven men. Life-savers offered aid, but the crew decided to stick to their vessel.

### Deal in Traction Lines.

Richmond, Va., April 20—It was announced here this afternoon that the Virginia Railway & Power Company of this city of which Frank J. Gould is the head, has taken over the Norfolk & Portsmouth Traction Lines and that the systems will be operated under one management hereafter. The deal involves several million dollars.

### NEW RATE ON BRICK

#### Corporation Commission Pro- mulgates New Order.

#### All Special Rates Repealed and Gen- eral Rates Applicable to All Rail- roads Established—Will be Effective May 25.

The corporation commission today withdrew the old rate on brick shipments and promulgated a new rate for North Carolina. The new rate is the result of a hearing held by the commission Tuesday, when both shippers and railroad officials were heard. The circular follows:

Circular No. 154—Freight rate on brick, carload lots, minimum 10,000 bricks:

From and after May 25, 1911, freight rate on brick will be as follows:

Dist- ance.	Per 1,000 bricks.	Dist- ance.	Per 1,000 bricks.
5 miles.	\$.55	80 miles.	\$1.60
10 miles.	.59	85 miles.	1.65
15 miles.	.63	90 miles.	1.70
20 miles.	.67	95 miles.	1.75
25 miles.	.71	100 miles.	1.80
30 miles.	.75	105 miles.	1.85
35 miles.	.79	110 miles.	1.90
40 miles.	.83	115 miles.	1.95
45 miles.	.87	120 miles.	2.00
50 miles.	.91	125 miles.	2.05
55 miles.	.95	130 miles.	2.10
60 miles.	.99	135 miles.	2.15
65 miles.	1.03	140 miles.	2.20
70 miles.	1.07	145 miles.	2.25
75 miles.	1.11	150 miles.	2.30
80 miles.	1.15	155 miles.	2.35
85 miles.	1.19	160 miles.	2.40
90 miles.	1.23	165 miles.	2.45
95 miles.	1.27	170 miles.	2.50
100 miles.	1.31	175 miles.	2.55
105 miles.	1.35	180 miles.	2.60
110 miles.	1.39	185 miles.	2.65
115 miles.	1.43	190 miles.	2.70
120 miles.	1.47	195 miles.	2.75
125 miles.	1.51	200 miles.	2.80
130 miles.	1.55	205 miles.	2.85
135 miles.	1.59	210 miles.	2.90
140 miles.	1.63	215 miles.	2.95
145 miles.	1.67	220 miles.	3.00
150 miles.	1.71	225 miles.	3.05
155 miles.	1.75	230 miles.	3.10
160 miles.	1.79	235 miles.	3.15
165 miles.	1.83	240 miles.	3.20
170 miles.	1.87	245 miles.	3.25
175 miles.	1.91	250 miles.	3.30
180 miles.	1.95	255 miles.	3.35
185 miles.	1.99	260 miles.	3.40
190 miles.	2.03	265 miles.	3.45
195 miles.	2.07	270 miles.	3.50
200 miles.	2.11	275 miles.	3.55
205 miles.	2.15	280 miles.	3.60
210 miles.	2.19	285 miles.	3.65
215 miles.	2.23	290 miles.	3.70
220 miles.	2.27	295 miles.	3.75
225 miles.	2.31	300 miles.	3.80
230 miles.	2.35		
235 miles.	2.39		
240 miles.	2.43		
245 miles.	2.47		
250 miles.	2.51		
255 miles.	2.55		
260 miles.	2.59		
265 miles.	2.63		
270 miles.	2.67		
275 miles.	2.71		
280 miles.	2.75		
285 miles.	2.79		
290 miles.	2.83		
295 miles.	2.87		
300 miles.	2.91		

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25 miles.	.75	130 miles.	2.30
30 miles.	.79	140 miles.	2.40
35 miles.	.83	150 miles.	2.50
40 miles.	.87	160 miles.	2.60
45 miles.	.91	170 miles.	2.70
50 miles.	.95	180 miles.	2.80
55 miles.	.99	190 miles.	2.90
60 miles.	1.03	200 miles.	3.00
65 miles.	1.07	210 miles.	3.10
70 miles.	1.11	220 miles.	3.20
75 miles.	1.15	230 miles.	3.30
80 miles.	1.19	240 miles.	3.40
85 miles.	1.23	250 miles.	3.50
90 miles.	1.27	260 miles.	3.60
95 miles.	1.31	270 miles.	3.70

### WORK OF BOMB.

#### Three Persons Are Missing, a Score Injured, and a Row of Buildings Damaged.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Chicago, April 20—Three persons are missing, a score are injured, and a whole row of one and two-story buildings is in ruins today as a result of the explosion of a blackhand bomb shortly after midnight at Grand avenue and Green street. The bomb set buildings afire and sent hundreds of near-by residents to the street in terror.

The buildings where the greatest damage was done was 838 Grand avenue, two story frame, occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Moore; 840 Grand avenue, one story brick, occupied by Joe Moriel; 842 Grand avenue, occupied by Henry Kapsonis. A group of small structures immediately in the rear of the places was leveled to the ground and for blocks around all windows in stores were shattered and residents thrown into panic.

Mrs. Moore, who is 76 years old.

### DISASTROUS STORM IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New Orleans, La., April 20—A storm raged over Louisiana and Mississippi last night and early today caused four known deaths and over \$1,000,000 property loss.

A cyclone demolished fifty houses at Hamburg, killed three negroes. A white man named Spool was killed by lightning at Crowley, La. Wires are down and communication entirely cut off from some of the stricken points. It is feared that the casualties and damage will be much heavier than at first reported.

### Disorder in Furniture Strike.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Grand Rapids, Mich., April 20—The first disorder in the furniture strike occurred this morning. Policeman Minogue was beaten and several other persons were slightly injured in a riot which was soon quelled by the police. Manufacturers are arranging to bring strike-breakers here from Chicago.

was caught in her room by flames and was rescued by firemen.

The bomb was placed against the inside door of Moriel's store and was the result of his refusal to give tribute money to the Chicago Mafia. He had received several threatening letters, embellished with crude pictures of skulls and bones.

The building directly across the street, where Moriel lives, was slightly damaged, as were other buildings in the neighborhood.

### Sheriff Kills 4.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Morganfield, Ky., April 20—Sheriff James Carter, of Union county, killed himself in his stable this morning by shooting through the temple.

A shortage of \$6,000 had been discovered in his accounts and he had been given a week in which to make up the amount due the county. The fine would have expired tomorrow.

### Speyer to Member of Directorate.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, April 20—Official announcement was made today that upon George J. Gould's invitation James Speyer will become a member of the Missouri Pacific directorate that the firm of Speyer & Company will become the bankers of the Missouri Pacific.

### Pope Has Gout.

(By Cable to The Times.)  
Rome, April 20—Pope Pius is suffering from a slight attack of gout. He has been confined to his bedchamber since yesterday afternoon, although the various physicians declare there is no danger. Audiences have been temporarily suspended.

### Coffins Sent to Camp.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Galveston, Tex., April 20—The quartermasters department of the United States army here was notified today that 400 coffins have been sent from New York to Texas.

### AMERICAN CITIZENS WARNED TO LEAVE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
El Paso, Tex., April 20—United States Consul Edwards, stationed in Juarez, today warned all American citizens to leave town, saying that he had been advised that Madero's insurgent army would attack the town today unless General Navarro surrendered.

General Madero sent word to the junta here this afternoon that he would not agree to an armistice, declaring it to be a trick on the part of the Mexican government in order to gain time to recruit more soldiers. "They want an armistice to get up reinforcements; that's all," said Madero. "We will first fight. My army will win or be whipped at Juarez before we talk armistice."

Heavy siege artillery has been sent from Chihuahua to Juarez. The big guns are being carried overland and probably will not arrive for about ten days. If the federals still hold the town then the guns will be used to strengthen the defenses. If Juarez has fallen they will be used to batter down the town over Madero's head.

### Message For Family.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, April 20—To the family of the late Edward A. Mosley, the first and only secretary of the interstate commerce commission, the members of that board today officially and personally sent their regrets. Mr. Mosley died Tuesday, after more than twenty-five years of service for the government.

### Funeral Services.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at St. John church, and the body will be taken to Newburyport, Mass., Mr. Mosley's old home town, for burial.

### Business Man a Suicide.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Cumberland, Md., April 20—Charles A. Smeck, aged 50, a former leading business man here, left home Tuesday without warning and today his family received word that he had committed suicide in a Pullman berth near Akron, Ohio, by shooting himself in the head.

Smeck was defeated for mayor a year ago.

Financial difficulties are believed to have caused his suicide.

### Explosion in Distillery.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Cincinnati, O., April 20—An explosion in the elephant Distillery today killed one man and seriously injured four others. It was caused by fermentation of mash in a vat.

People who are never in a hurry to begin believe in the theory that it is never too late to mend.

### HARD TO SHUT OFF TALK ON RECIPROCITY

#### Debate Goes On As Many Members Want to Talk and Get In the Record

#### BUT WILL VOTE TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Washington, April 20—After nearly a week of continuous debate the Canadian reciprocity bill may come to a vote in the house late this afternoon or tonight.

There is a probability that the debate may be extended into tomorrow although Representative Underwood, in charge of the measure, is doing his best to shut off the constant flow of oratory for and against the measure.

Many new members have maiden speeches up their sleeves, which they are anxious to get into the Congressional Record. Those who want to expedite the passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill in the house are trying to persuade some of these would-be speakers to postpone their orations until the free list bill is called on next week. Another opportunity for oratory will be afforded them.

The house remained in session until 7 o'clock last night in order to allow the opponents of the reciprocity agreement an opportunity to "catch up" in the debate. The contending factions started off today with an even division of time.

The "old guard" which is violently opposed to reciprocity with Canada, probably played its trump card when Uncle Joe Cannon spoke for three hours and twenty minutes against the bill yesterday afternoon. The former speaker