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AND WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL.

FUNSTON STILL SILENT AS TO PLANS

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Washington March 13.—The United States will reply to General Carranza's request for a reciprocal arrangement for crossing of troops at the Mexican border late today.

The war department was still without advice as to whether American troops had crossed into Mexico.

Official Washington was in suspense awaiting official announcement that troops were over the border carrying vengeance to Villa and his followers for the Columbus massacre.

The war department was besieged with inquiries and newspaper men gathered about the door leading to Secretary Baker's office.

There was no assurance, however, that General Funston would advise the Department before his men were well on the march south.

A question confronting Mr. Wilson was that of reaching a decision of whether or not it would be wise to lay the Mexican situation before Congress at this time.

While strictest secrecy was maintained by the war department as to the force, General Funston designated to pursue Villa information from the border, pointed to a force of cavalry, mountain artillery and engineers, which would total between 5,000 and 6,000 men.

PRESIDIO AT MONTEREY DESTROYED BY FIRE

About Six Hours After American Troops Had Left For Mexico.

Monterey, California, March 13.—The headquarters of the Monterey Presidio was destroyed by fire today, six hours after being vacated by troops of the first cavalry who left for the Mexican border.

An investigation was started immediately. Monterey was the Spanish and Mexican capital of California.

Troops Gather For Crossing Border. El Paso, March 13.—In spite of official denials reports persisted here today that American cavalry on the Arizona state line had gathered for the immediate crossing of the Mexican border.

A joke isn't much a joke unless it is punctuated with laughter by the host.

WHITSETT WON

First Game of the Season Played Here Saturday Afternoon.

From a spectator's point of view two things made the baseball game at Locke Park Saturday afternoon between Whitsett Institute and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute appear more like a football game.

The big end of this score belonged to Whitsett and it was made in a genuine, old-fashioned run making way—pounding the ball. To use an old expression on the first game of the new season, the hits were scattered—some were on one side of the fence and some were on the other.

Whitsett—Green, short; Ellington, 2; Patterson, 3; Joyce, 1; McLean, left; Lambeth, c; Lovett, right; Crews, p.

THE STOCK MARKET

Mexican Situation Again Factor in Opening of Market Today.

New York, March 13.—The Mexican situation was again a factor of primary importance at the opening of today's market, latest developments across the border having a pronounced effect upon shares of corporations operating in that country.

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DEOF ALL OTHERS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Senator Borah Introduced This Resolution Today.

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CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

Hickory Municipal Election Promise To Be Lively.

Hickory, March 13.—S. L. Whitener has announced that he will be a candidate for mayor to succeed Mayor J. W. Shuford, who will not be a candidate for mayor for reelection.

NATIONAL BANKER TO REPORT CONDITION

Washington, March 13.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call to all National banks requiring them to report to him their condition at the close of business on Tuesday, March 15th.

A PRONOUNCED PAUSE IN WESTERN THEATRE

SUNDAY PASSED WITHOUT INFANTRY ADVANCES.

ARTILLERY KEEPS UP BOMBARDMENT

It Was Particularly Fierce in the Woerze District, Where the French Guns Have Been Searching Out Hostile Positions, Indicating That Some Move By the Germans to the East or Southeast is Anticipated.

There has been no cessation of the artillery play, however, the bombardment continuing along much of the front.

Reports come from Dutch sources that the Dutch-Belgian frontier which has been closed for several weeks, coincident with the Verdun offensive, has been re-opened as one point.

THE COTTON MARKET

Market Was Quiet Today With Fluctuations Narrow and Irregular.

New York, March 13.—The cotton market was quiet early today with fluctuations comparatively narrow and irregular. The feeling of nervousness over international affairs served to restrictiveness and after opening steady at a decline of three points on March but generally one to five points higher, active months sold about four to five points under Saturday's closing figures.

TRIAL OF THOMAS MOTT OSBORNE BEGAN

Charged With Perjury in Connection With His Administration at Sing Sing.

White Plains, N. Y., March 13.—The trial of Thomas Mott Osborne began in the Supreme Court here today on an indictment charging him with perjury in connection with two investigations into his administration as warden in Sing Sing prison.

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WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

The Missionary Society of St. James Lutheran Church will observe a week of prayer and self denial for missions, March 13-16, at 4 p. m. All women of the church are cordially invited to be present at each service.

OFFICIAL SAVES MAN IN THRILLING AUTO RACE TO PRISON

The inside working of politics is shown with striking reality in the great five-reel Mutual Masterpiece, De Luxe Edition, "Vengeance Is Mine!" featuring Crane Wilbur, now showing at the Theatorium today.

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MRS. WARREN AND CHRISTY TO RALEIGH

Should Have Been Taken to Raleigh Saturday, March 11, According to Law.

Raleigh, March 13.—Governor Craig today notified counsel for Mrs. Ida Ball Warren that as he construed the law, it was the duty of the sheriff of Forsyth county to deliver Mrs. Warren and Samuel Christy to the state prison 20 days before the date set for the execution of the death sentence imposed upon the man and woman.

SECURITIES WORTH A BILLION TAKEN BY MORGAN IN LONDON

Deal for American Paper Gathered By Britain Completed—Market to Be Guarded.

London, March 12.—J. P. Morgan has not yet fixed a definite date for his return to New York, although he may sail at the end of this month.

INTERESTING MEETING HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON WITH MRS. J. F. DAYVAULT

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Dodson-Ramsper Chapter U. D. C. was held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Dayvault Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

U. D. C. MEETING

It has been decided now that part of the mass of securities shall be put on the market, but care will be taken that Wall Street shall not be gorged with them, while the balance, probably 75 per cent. of the whole, will be utilized as collateral against loans and liquidated as opportunity arises.

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