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## CANADIAN RECIPROcity A TRAP

Says Senator Simmons. Must be Amended to Pass at Special Session.

Raleigh, N. C., March 20th.—United States Senator, E. M. Simmons in discussing national politics here last week said that he has not been profoundly impressed with the leadership of Champ Clark and Oscar Underwood. They started out he says, by attempting to commit the party to the support of Taft's tariff board bill, a protection scheme, which the Democratic had at a former session fought bitterly. A large number of Democrats refused to follow them in support of this scheme, but they controlled enough to carry it through, and opponents of the measure in the senate had to filibuster night and day for nearly a week to keep it from becoming a law.

Speaking of the Taft Canadian reciprocity measure, Senator Simmons characterized it as a "trap," and says that Clark and Underwood, by caucus action, bound the Democrats in the House to its support, though about 30 of them were bitterly opposed to it and that it would not be a law, and all hope for the next two years as to any real tariff revision would be gone, but for the determined opposition of all the Democrats except Beveridge and the 3 or 4 Democratic Senators who have stood steadfastly against it.

Commenting on the newspaper announcements that President Taft has assured that the reciprocity bill will be passed during the extra session, Senator Simmons takes the view that it will not unless it is materially amended and some real tariff reform legislation tacked on to it. The only effect it would have, he says, enacted in its present shape, would be to give the newspapers and magazine, perhaps, cheaper paper; give the flour and meat packing trusts cheaper raw material, and enable the harvester, automobile and coal trusts better profits in the Canadian markets.

He insists that it would not reduce the cost of living, and that so far as relieving the people of the present tariff conditions, even if everything claimed for it were true, it would be nothing but a crumb. He insists that if passed it should be amended to put flour and meat on the free list, as well as wheat and live stock, the flour and meat being the things the people eat; also that it ought to be amended to put agricultural implements of all kinds and machinery of all kinds, as well as farm and forest products, upon the free list.

The Mexican revolutionary leaders in El Paso, Tex., asserted that fighting would continue.

## PLAGUE IN FAR EAST

Enormous Ravages. Since 1896 Nine Million Deaths Estimated Mortality.

London, March 20.—The latest estimate of the ravages of plague in the far East gives 19,000 as the total mortality. This figure apparently covers the whole period since the beginning of the epidemic, not less than four months ago. The plague in its present manifestation has now been in India since 1896, and since that time it has carried off probably not less than 3,000,000 of people. Culminating in 1907, with an official death roll of 1,315,892, it has shown until the last year a remarkable decline, and the present season is not looked upon as especially severe. But contrast the mortality returns with those of Manchuria.

In the week ending January 14 there were in India 12,143 deaths from plague in the following week there were 20,167, the figures numbering 24,783, so that the plague death rate for the whole of India was over 81 per cent.

In the United Provinces alone the deaths during this one week of January (the last for which figures are available) were considerably more than half the entire mortality in the far East.

The great difference between the bubonic plague, which has been pandemic in India for more than a decade, and the pneumonic plague, which became epidemic in Manchuria towards the end of 1910 is, of course, that the latter is hardly less fatal to Europeans than to Asiatics.

Europeans in India do not flee from the bubonic plague. But it will be seen that in the respect of destructiveness the two cases differ enormously, the plague in India being incalculably more deadly. Again, the pneumonic plague is a winter disease; the bubonic gathers its strength during the first three or four months of the year, reaching its highest point in March or April.

Miss Blythe's Spring Millinery Opening will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in Mr. J. J. Baxter's department store. The public is invited.

### Government Cotton Report.

New York March 20.—The Census Bureau announced today a total commercial crop of cotton 11,941,000 bales this is the final crop report. The crop last year was about 10,600,000 bales.

## LOOK FOR PEACE SOON

Mexican Trouble Likely to End Within Week and Explanations Given.

Washington, March 20.—The Mexican Ambassador, has received telegraphic advice announcing the arrival in Mexico City of Senor Limantour, Mexico's Minister of Finance. No secret is made of the fact that Senor Limantour bears important data on the situation as it affects Mexico and the United States and that this information will be conveyed to President Diaz.

In order to arrive, if possible at a speedy settlement of the dispute between the Mexican Foreign Office and the State Department over whether Edwin Blatt and Lawrence Converse, two Americans, were arrested by Mexican officials on American or Mexican soil, Senor de la Barra and Mr. Huntington Wilson, Acting Secretary of State have practically agreed to expedite the negotiations bearing on the case.

Both Governments are desirous of having the matter settled without delay because of the feeling which controversy of this kind are likely to engender among the people of both countries.

Peace is assured in the Republic of Mexico within the present week if certain influences now at work toward that end prove effective. With the arrival in Mexico City of Senor Limantour, President Diaz will begin a series of conferences which, it is expected, will result in the announcement within three or four days of a reorganized Cabinet.

Minister Limantour will present an exposition of the demands of the revolutionists, and the changes in the official family of President Diaz, as well as the institution of certain reforms, are confidently expected to appease the insurgents.

In the meantime, President Taft, who will arrive here from Augusta, Ga., will confer with Ambassador de la Barra and there is good ground for the assumption that the troops now concentrated in Texas will immediately begin a series of maneuvers and return shortly to their posts.

In addition to this, when conditions again are normal in Mexico, a complete statement of the things which actuated the mobilization of the troops will be issued by the White House.

### Cotton Cases are Thrown Out.

The following article which was clipped from the Kinston Press of last Saturday will be of interest to many of our readers.

When the case of L. Harvey & Son vs. Petway was called, the attorneys for the defendant demurred to the complaint, alleging that the contract attached to the complaint was a gambling contract, on account of a clause in the contract. His Honor Judge Peebles sustained the demurrer, holding that on its face the contract was a gambling transaction. The demurrer was sustained and the case "thrown out of court" before any of the evidence had been introduced, the ruling of the court being upon the complaint and contract attached. The attorneys for the plaintiff gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court, and the other cases on the calendar known as the "cotton cases" were continued to await the ruling of the Supreme court on the question of whether or not the contract is a gambling contract. The attorneys for the plaintiff stated that they feel confident that the higher court will overrule the decision of the lower court on that point.

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