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## MEXICAN RUMORS ARE DISQUIETING

### President Confers With Members Of Cabinet

#### Azcona Story Is Discredited--Threat That Invasion By Yankee Troops Would Be Signal For Slaughter Of 40,000 Americans South Of Rio Grande Held Too Absurd For Consideration--Senor Crespo Asks That Juarez Be Considered Closed Port

Washington, Feb. 29.—The Mexican revolution, following the peaceful capitulation of the important border city of Juarez to the rebels, took a new turn, presenting a number of serious and delicate questions to the American government. Reports, which later were found to be exaggerated, that rebel forces had captured a number of towns near Vera Cruz and were advancing into the big oil district near there, were received at the state department. Many Americans have large interests in this district.

Following the receipt of these reports Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Acting Secretary of State Wilson met in a conference with the president. The fact that the secretary of the navy was called in led to the belief that this conference was directly due to the Vera Cruz situation and considered the possibility of warships being rushed from Cuba to that port.

#### Discredit Secretary's Threat.

The state department declined to give credence to a statement supposed to have been telegraphed from Mexico by Sanchez Azcona, private secretary to Madero. This purported to be a warning from the president's secretary for Americans not to enter Mexico, declaring that the arrival of the first member of the military within that country would prove the signal for the slaughter of the 40,000 men, women and children living or visiting in that country. A high official of the department characterized this statement as too absurd for consideration.

Sanchez Azcona is the Mexican who was arrested in Washington a year ago at the instance of the Mexican embassy on a charge of embezzlement. Senor Crespo, the Mexican ambassador, called upon Secretary Wilson and stated that he had been notified that the port of Juarez has been closed by an executive decree. Accordingly his government demanded that the United States prevent further shipment of arms, ammunition and provisions from El Paso into Juarez. This question will be discussed at a conference among Mr. Wilson, Attorney General Wickham and Acting Secretary Curtis of the treasury department today.

#### READY TO MOVE

Mexican Rebels Plan to Annex City of Chihuahua.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 29.—The Vasquistas movement upon Chihuahua will begin tomorrow, when 2,500 Vas-

quistas will leave Juarez by train for Sauz, at which point they will detrain and march to Chihuahua. This was decided by the Vasquista commanders in Juarez. There are now 1,700 Vasquistas in Juarez, they say. Two hundred will be left to garrison the town, and all the others will move upon Chihuahua. They will carry two heavy field pieces, two machine guns and 100,000 rounds of ammunition, in charge of two Americans, S. Dreher of Philadelphia and F. C. Richardson of Oklahoma City.

The rebels will go on trains if they can get them. That was their intention when they held their meeting, but shortly after all railroad equipment in Juarez was shipped over to El Paso, and unless they can get some from south of Juarez, the Vasquistas may be delayed in their departure.

All gambling has been suppressed in Juarez. This includes the keno houses. All saloons have been closed temporarily and all dance halls put out of business. This drastic action was taken by General Salazar to insure good order during the presence of the Vasquista troops in Juarez.

The postal service has been resumed with the old postoffice force, and efforts are being made to have mail delivered from El Paso.

General Antonio Rojas and command arrived in Juarez, bringing all the Vasquistas in northern Mexico into the city. Perfect order is being maintained and the Mexico Northwestern has been permitted to resume operation of trains. The roads remained and the captured city is as orderly and quiet as it has ever been in its history.

There is a difference of opinion regarding the status of the El Paso-Juarez port. The Mexican authorities say that as far as the federal government is concerned, the Juarez custom house and port is closed, as all of the federal officials are now in El Paso and there is no one there in authority to receive goods. The American customs officials say they have nothing to do with the Mexican situation, and as far as they are concerned and until the treasury department advises them to the contrary, they will continue to export anything which is properly manifested. The rebels appointed their own customs officers.

#### Heartless.

Gritty Pikes—It's a heartless world, pard. Think what a woman done when I asked her to give me something to keep body and soul together! Muddy Lanes—Can't imagine. Gritty Pikes—She gimme a safety pin.—Chicago News.

## APOLOGIZES FOR WRITING HIS NAME ON WALL

Columbus, O., Feb. 29.—The conscience of Roy Gadd of Byesville, O., was troubled him ever since he wrote his initials on the wall in the statehouse dome several years ago. The following letter was received from Gadd, addressed "Statehouse, Columbus:

"Dear Sir—I will write you a few lines as the Lord directs. I was in Columbus a few years ago and was in the statehouse and in the dome look-

ing over the city, and I wrote my initials on the wall and you had a notice up not to do so. I'm very sorry for this, as the Lord has saved me from this. The Lord bless you."

#### Bettsville Badly Scorched.

Bettsville, O., Feb. 29.—Fire completely destroyed the business section of this village and burned several residences. The loss will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

### Laying the Cornerstone of the Maine Monument in New York



Photo by American Press Association.

ON the fourteenth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor (Feb. 15) the cornerstone of the Maine monument was laid in Columbus circle, New York city. It will stand at one of the entrances to Central park, forming a gateway forty-four feet high, which will be topped by a bronze group (representing Columbia Triumphant) cast from the guns recovered from the battleship. The group, of which Attilio Piccirilli is the sculptor, will be thirteen feet high, so that the total height of the monument will be fifty-seven feet. The architect is H. Van Buren Magonigle. Our photograph shows Rear Admiral E. H. C. Leutze, commandant of the New York navy yard (at the extreme left) with the trowel which he used for the ceremony. A short address was delivered by General Daniel E. Sickles. In the metal box which was sealed up in the cornerstone were copies of Captain Charles D. Sigbee's personal narrative of the disaster and of official reports made to the authorities at Washington. The monument, which, it is expected, will be completed in August, will cost about \$175,000. This sum was contributed by more than a million men, women and children, who desired to commemorate the 200 men who lost their lives by the explosion and those who fell in the war with Spain.

## DROPPED FROM DEAL ON ACCOUNT OF TITLE

Washington, Feb. 29.—How Assistant Secretary Hays of the department of agriculture offered to take stock in a company to develop swamp lands in Dismal Swamp, N. C., was brought up before the house committee on agricultural expenditures.

John Selp of Chillicothe, O., the promoter of the proposed corporation, told the committee that he abandoned the plan because of J. O. Wright's attitude. He testified that Wright, who was drainage engineer in the department, was to receive a commission of \$5,000 from the state for making the sale of Lake Mattamuskeet and a gift from him of \$40,000 in stock in the company when it was organized. This double connection, Mr. Selp said, led him to

drop the affair, because he feared it would make impossible a clear title to the property.

## BURNS FATAL TO BABY

Washington, O., Feb. 29.—Helena, 2-year-old daughter of Samuel O'Neill, was burned to death at his home on the West Side. The mother was absent when the child's clothes became ignited and it was fatally burned before assistance arrived.

## RIVER PACKET GOES DOWN

Marietta, O., Feb. 29.—The Pittsburg and Parkersburg packet H. K. Bedford sank in the Ohio river near here, after being severely pounded by the heavy ice filling the stream. The two women passengers and a boy were saved, one of the crew tossing the boy from the boat to the shore, only 30 feet away, but the women and the crew were compelled to swim. The boat is a total loss.

#### Taft Is Indorsed.

Washington, Feb. 29.—The Republican state committee of North Carolina indorsed the Taft administration. This is one of the states in which the Roosevelt people had been hoping to break.

## FATALLY INJURED

Masillon, O., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Albert Middaugh saw her husband and daughter struck by a fast Pennsylvania passenger train. The father will die, but the daughter escaped with a broken arm and other injuries to the body. Middaugh and the girl were picking coal along the tracks when the accident occurred.

## INDORSE ROOSEVELT

Mansfield, O., Feb. 29.—Led by Chairman Huntington Brown of Mansfield, the Richland county Republican executive committee has come out for Colonel Roosevelt, and by vote has said that he is "the man nearer to his fellow countrymen and the man who can carry the Republican party to victory."

#### TOMMY KNEW BETTER

Mr. A., who was planning to build an outdoor sleeping porch at the back of his house, had an expensive new saw sent home from a hardware store. He left his office early the next afternoon, with the intention of getting the porch well under way before dinner; and, as he was very much interested in doing the work himself, he donned a pair of overalls and went at it in good spirits. An hour or so later he came tramping into the house, his face dark with exasperation, and slung himself down in disgust.

"That new saw I bought isn't worth five cents," he stormed. "Why, the thing won't cut butter."

His small son Tommy looked up in wide-eyed surprise.

"Oh, yes, it would, daddy," he said earnestly; "why Ted and I sawed a whole brick in two with it, just this morning!"—Harper's Magazine.

#### MISSOURI BARS DEATH CUP

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 29.—By order of the State Board of Health, all public drinking cups, towels and combs will be abolished after today on all trains and in all railway stations in Missouri.

#### LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Receipts, 13,000 head; beefs, \$5 10@8 65; Texas steers, \$4 75@6 00; western steers, \$5 10@6 00; stockers and feeders, \$4 10@6 30; cows, and heifers, \$2 25@6 80; calves, \$5 75@8 20. Hogs—Receipts, 23,000 head; light, \$6 15@6 60; mixed, \$5 20@6 52 1/2; heavy, \$6 25@6 55; rough, \$6 25@6 35; pigs, \$4 00@6 20. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 25,000 head; native sheep, \$3 00@3 90; western, \$3 80@4 90; native lambs, \$4 90@7 00; western, \$5 00@7 15; yearlings, \$5 00@5 80. Wheat—No. 2 red, 99c@1 02 1/4; Corn—No. 3, 63c@63 1/2; Oats—No. 2, 52c.

EAST BUFFALO—Cattle: Receipts, 2 cars; export cattle, \$7 25@8 00; shipping steers, \$6 50@7 25; butcher cattle, \$5 75@6 75; heifers, \$4 00@6 00; fat cows, \$3 50@5 75; bulls, \$2 75@5 75; milkers and springers, \$25 00@65 00; calves, \$11 00@12 00. Hogs—Receipts, 15 cars; heavies, \$6 90@7 00; mediums, \$7 00@7 05; Yorkers, \$7 00@7 05; pigs, \$6 65@6 75; roughs, \$5 15@6 25; stags, \$4 50@5 50. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 18 cars; yearlings, \$5 50@6 25; wethers, \$5 00@5 25; mixed sheep, \$4 75@5 00; ewes, \$4 50@4 75; lambs, \$5 75@7 50.

PITTSBURG—Cattle: Receipts, light; choice cattle, \$7 75@8 00; prime, \$7 25@7 65; tidy butchers, \$5 75@6 10; heifers, \$3 50@4 25; fat cows, \$3 00@5 50; bulls, \$3 00@6 00; fresh cows, \$3 00@6 00; calves, \$7 00@10 00. Hogs—Receipts, 12 cars; heavy hogs, \$6 95@7 00; mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$7 05@7 10; light Yorkers, \$6 90@7 00; pigs, \$6 50@6 60. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 600; prime wethers, \$4 75@5 00; good mixed, \$4 25@4 65; fair mixed, \$3 75@4 15; yearlings, \$4 00@4 25; lambs, \$4 50@7 25.

CINCINNATI—Cattle: Receipts, 600 head; steers, \$4 30@7 25; heifers, \$3 25@6 00; cows, \$1 50@3 00; calves, \$4 00@9 50. Hogs—Receipts, 3,141 head; packers, \$6 65@6 75; stags, \$3 25@5 25; common sows, \$1 50@6 10; pigs and lights, \$4 50@6 65. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 24 head; sheep, \$1 25@3 75; lambs, \$1 00@6 55. Wheat—No. 2 red, 99c@1 01. Corn—No. 2 mixed, 66c@63c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 53 1/2@54c. Rye—No. 2, 94c@96c.

CLEVELAND—Cattle: Receipts, 200 head; choice fat steers, \$6 50@6 75; good to choice, \$6 00@6 50; heifers, \$4 50@5 00; cows, \$3 50@5 00; bulls, \$4 00@5 25; milkers and springers, \$20 00@25 00; calves, \$9 00@10 00. Hogs—Receipts, 1,500 head; heavy, \$6 35; mediums, \$6 35; Yorkers, \$5 85; pigs, \$6 20; roughs, \$5 00. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,700 head; choice spring lambs, \$7 00@7 40. Wheat, \$1 00 1/4; corn, \$1 00; oats, \$4 1/2; cloverseed, \$13 20.

## JOHNSON TALKS TO DELEGATES

### Tells Them Of California's Many Progressive Laws

#### Galleries Show Disapproval Of Delegate Bowdler's Remarks On License Question By Hissing And Are Promptly Called Down By President Bigelow--Anderson Believes His Proposition Aimed At Brewery-Owned Saloons Will Solve Problem

#### Columbus, O., Feb. 29.—The

constitutional convention this morning listened to Governor Hiram Johnson of California, who has frequently been mentioned as a Republican vice presidential possibility if Theodore Roosevelt proves to be the presidential choice of the Chicago convention. The California executive was given a cordial greeting by both delegates and spectators and his remarks were listened to with the greatest attention.

He reviewed the history of the fight in his state against corrupt corporation rule and outlined the progressive laws enacted by the legislature in the interest of self-government, including the initiative and referendum and recall of officials who prove false to the trust imposed in them. He spoke enthusiastically of the workings of all progressive laws so far enacted, and said that instead of involving the state in constant turmoil, as contended by opponents of the initiative and referendum and the recall, they had merely acted as a brake upon legislators and other officials when inclined to favor corporations in legislative acts or decisions, as they had constantly before them the specter in the shape of the initiative and referendum by which the people could nullify obnoxious laws or the recall by which they could be retired to private life. So far, he said, the people had found few opportunities of exercising their rights under the new order of legislation.

He made an urgent appeal to the delegates to give to voters of Ohio an opportunity of passing judgment on a thoroughly progressive constitution.

#### BOWDLER IS HISSED

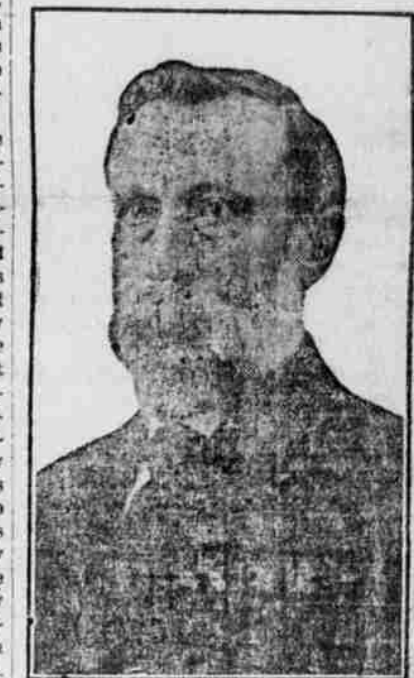
Gallery Gods Show Disapproval of His License Comments.

Columbus, O., Feb. 29.—During his speech in favor of licensing the liquor traffic, Delegate Bowdler of Cincinnati was hissed by the galleries. The disturbance came when he said that when he was home he usually ate lunch in a German saloon, although he was a member of the Episcopalian church and taught a class in Sunday school.

The convention was so angered at the insult to Bowdler that several of the delegates, including Anderson of Mahoning, denounced the galleries, and President Bigelow said they would be cleared if there was a repetition. Delegate Marriot of Delaware declared only vipers and geese hiss. Bowdler was applauded when he finished.

Elimination of brewery-owned saloons, forfeiture of license for a sec-

A. BEYER  
Hancock County Delegate to Constitutional Convention.



ond offense against any liquor law and a limit of one saloon to every 750 people are the main features of the tentative license proposal introduced by Delegate Anderson, dry, of Youngstown. It was during the debate on his proposal that Bowdler was hissed.

Anderson flayed the liquor traffic and all those interested in it. "Brewers ask protection against the low live and brothel," he said, "when all they have to do to eliminate nine-tenths of them is to turn the keys and put them in their pockets."

#### WILEY MAY RESIGN

Cays He Is Tired of Bickering in Agricultural Department.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food champion, is seriously considering resigning his position as chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture. Admitting this in an interview, Dr. Wiley said that while he had not yet determined to offer his resignation, it seemed that he could not be successful in his efforts to secure harmony as long as there are "incongruous elements" in the department.

## JUDGE DEALS BODY BLOW TO CHICAGO PACKERS

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Records of all transactions agreements and business in general transacted at the meetings of the directors of the National Packing company may be introduced as evidence in the trial of the packers, tending to sustain the charge of unlawful conspiracy, according to a decision rendered by Judge Carpenter.

The decision is regarded by District Attorney Wilkerson as the most important victory yet won by the government in the prosecution of the meat combine. The objection of the lawyers for the packers that these meetings were legitimate meetings of a board engaged in the ordinary course of business, was overruled by Judge Carpenter.