

NICARAGUANS TAKE HONDURAN CAPITAL

Salvador and Guatemala Go to Aid of Bonilla.

END OF WAR NOT NEAR

Invading Troops Capture 1,600 Rifles and Kill 200 Men.

Stories of Butcheries Crop Out in Fall of Choluteca—Senior Corea Gets Word from President Zelaya of His Country's Victory—Washington Fears Trouble May Spread—Mexico Would Join in Ending Hostilities.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Mexico City, Mexico, March 25.—Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, has fallen before the Nicaraguan army's assault, and it is now confidently expected here that the war, that has so far been confined to the two countries, will spread to Salvador and Guatemala.

Salvador, it is well known, has been sending secret aid to President Bonilla, of Honduras.

Now, it is thought, both heretofore neutral countries will come out from under cover and go publicly to the aid of the defeated army.

Reports from Managua are to the effect that in capturing Choluteca, the Nicaraguan troops succeeded in getting about 1,600 rifles, with ammunition, in addition to slaying about 200 Hondurans. The latter, it is reported, butchered many of the Nicaraguans before the battle turned in their favor, and the Nicaraguan troops are said to have retaliated when the town was captured.

However, it is reported here that the Nicaraguan government has sent out word that all prisoners of war must be treated with respect.

If Salvador and Guatemala did not show an inclination to take a hand with Honduras, it is believed here the war would come to a speedy close, but it is admitted that the addition of the other two countries complicates the situation and may prolong the struggle indefinitely.

SENOR COREA NOTIFIED.

Nicaraguan Minister Hears of Country's Victory.

Senior Corea, the Nicaraguan Minister, last night received a telegram from President Zelaya, stating that the Nicaraguan army was occupying Tegucigalpa.

Advices received at the State Department last night from its representatives in Honduras are to the effect that President Bonilla, of that country, has succeeded in reorganizing his army, and intends to prolong the struggle with Nicaragua. The information comes from a reliable source, and indicates that the Nicaraguan army is in a position to be able to form an open alliance with Salvador and Guatemala may have been realized.

The fact that the Honduran President, who has been leading his troops in person, after repeated disastrous defeats, has been able to get his army together again, is believed to mean that he must have received material aid from Salvador and Guatemala.

Only Sunday the dispatch from Central America showed that Bonilla's forces had been routed, and that he was himself fleeing toward the coast, with the evident purpose of leaving the country. It was to prevent him from getting away and thus actively enlisting the support of the two sister republics that the Nicaraguans sent their gunboats to Amapala for the purpose of intercepting him.

The wily president general, however, seems to have eluded his would-be captors, and to have established himself in a position to continue the fighting.

While neither side to the controversy thus far has indicated a desire to allow the United States and Mexico to adjust their difference, there has, nevertheless, been a willingness on the part of Nicaragua to have these two countries intercede to the extent of insisting that Salvador and Guatemala shall maintain neutrality, but the efforts in that direction have accomplished nothing.

Honduras, which has sustained one defeat after another, has not been the first to seek peace through the intervention of the United States and Mexico is explained by the apparent fact that she has received encouragement from her neighbors, Guatemala and Salvador, to continue the fighting, and assurances of support in a material way. It is admitted on all sides that Nicaragua cannot hold the advantage she has gained by her series of victories, against the combined forces of Honduras, Salvador, and Guatemala.

At the situation now stands, this government can do little toward bringing about a cessation of hostilities, as it must wait until one or the other of the countries involved seek its assistance in restoring peace. However, through the Mexican Ambassador to the United States the effort is being made, but thus far with no apparent success.

CANNON PRAISES CANAL.

Progress Made by Engineers Pleases the Speaker of House.

Colon, March 25.—Speaker Cannon today said in regard to the canal.

"I am not a civil engineer nor a practical constructor. I am not an expert. I feel, however, that much greater progress has been made than I expected to see in thorough sanitation, as well as in the actual work of excavation, especially at the Gatun dam and Culebra cut. So far as I am concerned, whatever fear I may have had touching the engineering practicability of the construction of the canal has been removed.

"A competent executive, with offices in the Canal Zone and a free hand, will, in my judgment, bring the work to a successful conclusion during the lifetime of the average man of my age. I am greatly encouraged touching the work from every standpoint by my visit to the isthmus."

The Congressional party was accompanied by Maj. Goethals, Engineer Stevens, Dr. Gorgas, and other canal officials.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Fair; warmer today; to-morrow increasing cloudiness; light to fresh southerly winds.

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FRANCE TO SEIZE PORT.

Paris Will Demand Redress of Morocco for Death of Physician.

London, March 25.—The French cabinet this afternoon decided to seize Oujda, on the Algerian-Moroccan frontier, until the Sultan gives a satisfactory explanation or makes proper redress for the murder, at Morocco City, Saturday, of Dr. Mauchamp, of the French geodetic mission. The dispatch received here from the Exchange Telegraph Company, which says that serious diplomatic complications are likely to result.

BRYCE GIVEN OVATION

British Ambassador Guest of Union League Club.

MAKES MORE NEW FRIENDS

Diplomat Wins Good Will of New Yorkers with Pleasant Little Talk. To Be Guest of Chamber of Commerce at Noon To-day—Leaves Metropolitan for Ottawa, Canada.

New York, March 25.—The Hon. James Bryce, the British Ambassador, was the guest of the Union League Club to-night at a reception and supper. The new Ambassador made himself strong with the Union Leaguers, even though he did not show himself to be much of a handshaker. A pleasant little talk, which can hardly be called a speech, containing references to the club's history and traditions, a Scotch story, and a handsome compliment to the American Union placed the Ambassador on a warm footing with the club.

The reception was brilliant and even picturesque. Gov. Hughes came down from Albany with his gold-embroidered staff, making one of the swift trips which the governor is getting pretty well used to. There were representatives of the army and navy in Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Rear Admiral Joseph H. Coghlan, and a dozen or more green and red and gold uniforms, a United States Senator or two, several Congressmen, State and Federal judges, and men more or less distinguished in various activities.

Beside these there were present officers of the British army and navy, as an escort to the Ambassador, their uniforms and decorations adding rich touches to the black and white background furnished by the evening dress of most of the men there.

Walks Through Lane of Members.

The Ambassador arrived at the clubhouse a little before 9 o'clock. He entered with ex-Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, at whose home he is a guest while in this city. The members of the club, standing in the reception hall, formed a lane through which the small and active figure of Mr. Bryce passed with Mr. Choate. There were checks, which Mr. Bryce acknowledged by smiles and quick bows. The members assembled in the large reception hall on the second floor of the club, again forming a lane. The president of the club, George R. Sheldon, brought in Mr. Bryce and escorted him to the dining room. Behind them came members of the governor's staff, an escort of the New York National Guard in full panoply, Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, and the English officers. Then came Gen. Grant and Admiral Coghlan, and after them a long procession of members and guests. While the members were arranging themselves the Ambassador took a seat on the sofa with President Sheldon, Gov. Hughes, Mr. Choate, and Senator Chauncey Depew formed a little group for a few minutes in front of the dais chatting. President Sheldon introduced the Ambassador.

Greeted with Applause.

There was much applause when Mr. Bryce stepped forward, interlocked his fingers behind his back, and started to speak easily and conversationally. When he had concluded, at the invitation of President Sheldon, who stood at Mr. Bryce's left, the clubmen formed in single line and passed before the Ambassador. The first few shook hands. Then handshaking seemed to go out of fashion and the members merely bowed to the Ambassador, who acknowledged it with one of the alert movements that appear to be characteristic of him.

Following the Reception, Ambassador Bryce and a company of guests were entertained at supper. There were no formal speeches.

Ambassador Bryce will be the guest at noon to-morrow of the Chamber of Commerce at a reception and buffet luncheon. He will make an address. At 7 o'clock to-morrow night the Ambassador will start for Ottawa.

Ambassador Tower Sets To-day.

Berlin, March 25.—Ambassador Charlemagne Tower and W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will sail from New York to-morrow on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, as will also the Kaiser's representatives, who will attend the dedication of the Carnegie Institute, at Pittsburgh.

Civil Service Examination April 22. At Eckstein's from 12 to 3. 1412 N. Y. ave.

Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.

AMBASSADOR ACTS AS RIDING MASTER

Von Sternburg Is Teaching Theodore, Jr., and Kermit.

FINDS THEM APT PUPILS

Capt. Fitzhugh Lee and President Assist Him.

Lesson in Hurdling Given at Rock Creek Park by the Kaiser's Representative—Theodore, Sr., Finds He Is Getting Too Heavy for the Foot Bars, but His Sons Clear Them Successfully—Jaron An Expert.

The people who wandered out to Rock Creek Park yesterday afternoon saw a cavalcade that attracted their interest. It consisted of a heavy-set man, in riding costume and black slouch hat, mounted on a superb hunter, a small man on a cobby animal, who appeared to be on most excellent terms with the heavy man, a sturdy looking young fellow, who sat his horse like a trained cavalryman; a still younger man, not very tall, but well knit; a boy of sixteen or thereabout, on smaller animals, and a stalwart soldier, attired in the uniform of a sergeant of the regular service, mounted on a big army charger.

If those who saw the cavalcade had followed in its wake, they would have left the macadam driveway that twists and turns with the sinuous course of Rock Creek, proceeded along a side road, and at last come to a field where there were a stone wall and several hurdles. And if they had waited at this point they would have seen some stunts that were well worth seeing.

The heavy-set man in the black slouch hat was the President of the United States. The smaller man was his constant friend and companion, Baron Speck von Sternburg, Kaiser Wilhelm's Ambassador to the United States. Theodore, Jr., and Kermit.

The sturdy young fellow was Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, of the Seventh Cavalry, whose firm seat showed that there was meaning in that Virginia expression, "The Lee is in the saddle again." The other young man and the boy were Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and his brother, Kermit, who are home for the Easter holidays—Theodore from Harvard and Kermit from Groton. And the soldier was Sergt. Cornelius McDermott, of the regular service, crack revolver shot and orderly to the President.

When the party reached the field with the stone wall and the hurdles, Baron Speck von Sternburg, when the President called "Speck," took charge of things. He was there to teach young Theodore and Kermit how to jump their horses. Baron Speck von Sternburg was a hussar of the German army in the war with France, and what he doesn't know about horses isn't to be found in the best literature on the subject. He learned the art of riding from the ground up, as he enlisted as a private and worked his way along to commission in a crack cavalry regiment.

Authority on Horses.

Years ago when President Roosevelt was a subordinate official of the government in Washington, and the present German Ambassador was a secretary of his Emperor's Embassy here, Mr. Roosevelt found out that the little Freiherr was an authority on horse flesh, and particularly well informed in regard to animals used for military purposes. Many of the points which Col. Roosevelt found of value in the organization of the Rough Riders were obtained from his German friend, and when his two older boys expressed a desire to learn something about riding hunting nags the President didn't hesitate a minute in the selection of a tutor.

"Baron Speck is the man," he said. And the boys were delighted, for the German is a great favorite with everybody at the White House, where he continues the old intimacy begun in the days when he and the President were young enthusiasts here in Washington.

The lesson that Baron Speck gave yesterday to the young boys was a big fellow from the wild and woolly West. Capt. Seth Bullock, of Deadwood, frontier friend of Mr. Roosevelt, brought him to Washington two years ago to ride at the head of the cowboy contingent in the inaugural parade. Upon leaving Washington Capt. Bullock gave the horse to Theodore, Jr. "Grey Dawn" he is called, and if he lacks the style and conformation of Roswell and Audrey, he makes it up in sterner and endurance.

"Now," cries Tutor Sternburg, and young Theodore goes at the hurdle. His animal clears it at a bound. "Pretty good for a beginner," says the spectators, when the measure shows that it was a jump of four and a half feet. Then Kermit tries it, and manages to get over also—good work for a boy in his teens.

"I think I'll try it myself," cries the President of the United States, as he throws a leg over Roswell and jams his hat down upon his ears. "Away we go!" somebody shouts; and away they went.

The additional weight is a little hard on Roswell, but he makes a supreme effort and manages to top the hurdle.

Puts Bar Higher.

Then Baron Speck puts up the bar to five feet, and the Roosevelt boys try it again. One or two balks for each, but they finally get over, while their father and the others applauded. The President's blood is up by this time, and he wants to do five feet also. If the spectators have any doubt as to his ability to do as well as his youngsters, they fall to exclaiming.

A la Carte Lunch Served Daily

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INJURED IN THEATER PANIC

Twenty-four Persons Hurt When Gas Explosion Occurs.

END LIVES TOGETHER.

Man and Woman Drown Themselves in the Schuylkill River.

Philadelphians, March 25.—Mystery surrounds the drowning of two persons, a man and a woman, in the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park to-day. The police are confident that the deaths are the result of a suicide compact, although they have as yet been unable to identify the woman. The man was identified this evening as William Van Winkle, of 1317 Somerset street.

Park Guard Long first saw the woman when she started to wade toward deep water, and ran to stop her. When she was waist deep, she saw the guard coming and thrust her head under the water. When the guard reached the place she had disappeared, and the body has not been recovered.

The man's body was discovered a few minutes later, and he had apparently been dead but a very short time. His mother believed he killed himself, but can give no reason for suicide. He had over \$80 in his pocket when found.

VORYS TO HANDLE TAFT BOOM

Consents to "Ascertain Sentiment" in Secretary's Home State.

Declares No Organization Is Needed to Insure the Delegation Next Year.

Advices received here from Ohio last night were that State Insurance Commissioner Vorys has accepted Charles P. Taft's invitation to "ascertain the condition of political sentiment toward the nomination of William H. Taft in that State."

Mr. Vorys has taken no active part in the fight which has been on in Ohio between the forces led by the two Senators on the one side and Representative Burton on the other. It is inferred that he will be a potential candidate for governor in the event that he succeeds in landing an Ohio delegation to the national convention next year for Taft.

In a statement he said: "I believe that William H. Taft is the choice of the people of Ohio as the successor of President Roosevelt. The favorable sentiment toward him is deep, enthusiastic, spontaneous, and is becoming universal. It seems apparent that no other man will seek the Presidential nomination next year, and, therefore, Taft will have no antagonists in his own State."

"No organization seems necessary to insure the Ohio delegation for Taft in the next national convention, but I will cooperate with others—and there will be many of them—to give concrete form to the Taft sentiment for the purpose of convincing the rest of the country that Ohio is well and solidly, unflinchingly, and enthusiastically for Taft for President."

CRIME TO TIP PORTER.

Indiana Legislature Unwittingly Stops Fees on All Trains.

Indianapolis, March 25.—It was discovered to-day on the eve of publishing the laws of the recent legislative session, that the person who gives a porter or a waiter on a dining car a tip will be guilty of bribery under the new statute. The bill was introduced by Senator Mock, and was intended to protect shippers against freight conductors, whom the shippers were frequently compelled to tip in order to get cars. The law makes it bribery for any railroad employe to accept anything of value from any persons having business with the company, and also makes it bribery for any person to give anything of value for services rendered or to be rendered by such agent or employe. The penalty is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

Unexplained Packages. From the Adams Express Company will be sold at Sloan's, 1407 G. st., at 10 o'clock to-day.

Lumber trust broken—Libbey & Co.

Alabama Flooring, mostly edge grain.



VICE PRESIDENT CHARLES WARREN FAIRBANKS.

MORE MONEY MISSING GIVES AID TO BANKS

Experts See Discrepancies in Chicago Subtreasury.

UNABLE TO FIND THE \$173,000

Government Accountants in Checking Up of More Than \$600,000,000 Locate Old Irregularities in the Department—Teller Fitzgerald Is Said to Be Losing His Mind.

Administration Worried by Continuing Disturbances in Stock Market and Talk of General Depression.

Considers Political Effect of Possible Panic—Effect of Last Order.

Chicago, March 25.—That there are other discrepancies in the subtreasury here in addition to the missing \$173,000 was a great day-day. Just what amounts have not been accounted for are not known positively to the public. It is said, however, that during the recent count of the \$600,000,000 in the vaults and in checking up the books several irregularities were discovered.

Four experts from the United States Treasury at Washington have completed the tremendous task of counting all the wealth in the subtreasury, something more than \$600,000,000 in silver and gold. Previous to the mysterious disappearance of the \$173,000, which is still baffling the Secret Service men as well as all of Chicago's detectives, the cash in the vaults had not been counted for several years. It is only customary in the government subtreasury when a large amount is stolen or on occasions when a change is made in the subtreasurership.

Thorough Inspection Made. Books and papers of the different officials and of the various departments were inspected thoroughly by the expert accountants from Washington. In several instances discrepancies were found in the methods of bookkeeping in vogue. In the balance, however, of the bookkeeper's accounts and the cash on hand the difference is said to have been considerable, but to just what extent is not known. Nearly all the money which had been checked in, with the exception of the \$173,000, was accounted for.

The true facts in the case, and just what was discovered by the checking-up of the government's money by the experts are to be placed before the Secretary of the Treasury in a report which is being made to keep the matter quiet.

MRS. FAIRBANKS IMPROVES.

Vice President Returns—Says the Freight Lines Are Congested.

Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the Vice President, has nearly recovered from the illness that prevented her from participating in the social functions of the past winter season, and her speedy convalescence is expected. The Vice President returned to the city Sunday and called at the White House yesterday, where he had quite a long talk with the President on current matters of interest.

In speaking of the railroad situation, after he had talked with the Chief Executive, Mr. Fairbanks made the statement that the present tie-up in the Middle West has made it impossible for him to get his corn tipped from his farm in Illinois.

"This seems to be a very serious situation," said the Vice President. "My corn has been waiting since last fall to get to market. My brother, who also has a farm in Illinois, had a like experience. There seems to be a congestion of freight and a shortage of cars, and as far as I know, it continues nearly as bad as in the beginning."

Mr. Fairbanks would offer no solution for the railroad problem, and declined with thanks to discuss the next Presidential campaign. His managers said that he is far in the lead at this time.

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NEW LOW LEVELS MADE BY STOCKS

Wall Street Narrowly Averts Another Panic.

STEEL SHARES SUFFER

Common Drops to 31 1-2 Points Under Great Pressure.

Smelters Another Industrial to Feel Effect of Bear Attack—Day Repetition of the "Quiet Panic" of Two Weeks Ago—No Rumors of Failures Crop Out, and All the Houses Appear to Be in Sound Condition.

Following are low prices reached by stocks March 14 and March 25:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes United States Steel common, National Lead, and others.

New York, March 25.—Selling pressure exerted principally upon the industrials, but not neglecting the standard speculative railroad shares, drove the stock market to-day through the low level of prices reached on March 14, the date of the recent panic. The course of the market was a steady recession, but with a feeble rally at the close.

The close found the average price of thirty railroad and industrial stocks at 95, a loss of 2 1/2 points for the day and five-eighths of 1 per cent below the average of the same stocks at the close on March 14. In the twenty statistical railroad stocks there was an average decline of 2 1/2 points. The average closing price was 92.75, as compared with 95.71 on March 14.

There were other industrials and several railroad stocks with losses heavier than were scored by the shares of the United States Steel Corporation, but in no others does the decline so exceptional, nor were there in any of the others declines which, in the aggregate of market valuations, represented so severe a loss.

Without any news unfavorably affecting the value of the steel shares, both the common and the preferred broke far below the low prices of the panic, at which time the steel shares held, by comparison, very strong.

Heavy Sale of Steel Shares.

Transactions in steel common reached the enormous total of 208,500, and in the preferred a total of 83,900 shares. The common exceeded in activity any other security on the list. At the opening the common was a fraction above Saturday's closing, but the preferred was 1 1/2 points off, and it was this initial weakness in the preferred which gave the first intimation of the loss that was to come.

Apparently, brokers said, some large holders of the preferred had come to the conclusion that it was either advisable or necessary for them to liquidate. An alert bear party, noting the opening weakness, attacked both the common and preferred shares with vigor.

Under the combination of bear attack and forced liquidation the preferred dropped steadily, until it touched 91 1/2, 4 points below the low price on March 14. From that point it fell to 92 1/2, as against a closing at 95 1/2 on March 14. The common got down to 31 1/2, and closed at 32 1/2, as compared with a panic low and panic closing of 33 and 34, respectively.

While the steel shares were making these new low records the bear party was also achieving great success in uncovering long accounts in smelters. In the panic the steel stock got no lower than 110 and closed at 113. To-day it dropped from 117 1/2 to 104 1/2, and closed at 109. The break of 13 1/2 points was the sharpest of the day, and it was accompanied by rumors of pool losses.

Smelters' Pool Wrecked.

A large pool in the stock, it was said, had not been entirely dissolved, but some members of the pool had been unable or unwilling to answer calls for their portions of the requisite margins, and the stocks of these members had been released from the pool and thrown upon the market. Bear operators were reported to be gunning for other members of the pool, but it was by well-informed persons that the surviving members were abundantly able to keep the remaining holdings intact.

New low records for the year were also made for upward of a score of less conspicuous stocks. The decline was accompanied by few rumors of impending failures. In this respect the day was a repetition or, more correctly, an imitation of the "quiet panic" so-called of March 13 and 14. Bankers were practically unanimous in stating that calls for additional collateral were met promptly, and that the cases were very few in which it had been necessary to throw over collateral for collection of loans.

They repeated the remark often uttered in the past two weeks, that everything was all right except the quotations. Neither during the day nor on any previous day of the bear movement has there been the same number of calls for additional collateral, whether inside the clearing-house or not.

ROYAL AUTO KILLS CHILD.

Dowager Queen of Portugal in Machine When Accident Occurs.

Lisbon, March 25.—While Maria Pia, the Dowager Queen, mother of King Carlos, and Prince Alfonso, brother of the King, were going to theater to-night in an automobile, the car ran over a woman carrying an infant.

The child was killed and the woman dangerously injured. The Dowager Queen was overcome with emotion and wept. She had the woman taken to the hospital in the automobile.

Murphy-Sullivan Fight, Baltimore, March 28. Take Baltimore and Ohio 6, 7, and 8 p. m. trains (not Camden route). Return 11:30 and 11:32 p. m.

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