

## TROOPS DRILLING IN BLACK MUD OF TEXAS BELIEVE INVASION NEAR LIMANTOUR SAID TO BE BEARING ULTIMATUM FROM THE UNITED STATES TO DIAZ

(Special from United Press.)  
San Antonio, Tex., March 20.—Clearing skies, which rapidly dried off the frightfully "sticky wax," as Texas black mud is called, permitted a resumption of camp routine today, and regimental and brigade commanders seized upon good weather to put recruits and old campaigners through prolonged drills in preparation for a Mexican invasion which they believe is inevitable.

The train of 13 Pullmans mentioned in Saturday night's United Press dispatches is being held by the Southern Pacific while almost 50 stock cars have been bedded and fumigated and held near camp here so that horses can be hastily loaded.

Significance in the fumigation lies in the fulfillment of the law for shippers over the quarantine line. The pontoon bridge equipment is held on a clear track, available for instant use, while other equipment, not expected to be used, is almost buried in a mass of cars in the yards.

Officers deny the men of the 8th and 11th cavalry and 4th field artillery are being held in camp preparatory to move, but men of the regiments are responsible for the statement.

### Taft Confers With Ambassador De La Barra

Washington, March 20.—Immediately after his return to the White House, today, President Taft arranged for a conference with Ambassador De La Barra, of Mexico, who was asked to call upon the President at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

President discouraged discussion of the Mexican situation and declined to make public any further explanation of the movement of troops. He indicated, however, that the whole situation will be discussed at tomorrow's cabinet meeting. After that meeting, it is believed some further statement of explanation of the administration's purposes will be made.

On account of the supposed impending crisis incident to the return of Limantour to Mexico, the situation was attached to the conference with De La Barra. The official act of the President before his vacation was a similar conference.

## HIS LEG CRUSHED BETWEEN ELEVATOR COGS, GRAY CALMLY SUPERINTENDS OWN RESCUE His Right Leg, Mangled Between the Knee and Hip Into a Shapeless Mass, is Amputated

### Mechanics Pry Powerful Machinery Apart with Beams —Injured Man, Employed by Coulter & McKenzie Machine Co., Was Repairing Elevator in Newfield Building.

Thomas Gray, a mechanic employed by the Coulter & McKenzie Machine Co., hung suspended by the mangled remains of his right leg, ground between two heavy cog wheels, dangling over the freight elevator shaft of the Newfield Building this forenoon, until fellow employees of the machine company with heavy beams pried the heavy mechanism apart and rescued the man.

All this while Gray retained his consciousness, and directed the work of his rescuers. Dr. H. R. Bennett, who stood beside Gray administered stimulants and Dr. E. C. Krause who arrived on the scene, took the man to St. Vincent's hospital in the ambulance, and around his teeth to still his cries of pain as the cogs slipped back and forth, grinding into his flesh and bone.

Gray is 36, and lives with his family at 334 State street. He with other employees of the Coulter & McKenzie Machine Co. was dispatched to the Mohican store this morning when the freight elevator went out of commission. Gray went to the third floor, and was tinkering with the set of heavy gears when in some way, he

himself can't explain just how, he overall caught in the heavy cog wheels of the elevator machinery. In a twinkling he was drawn into the wheel. His right leg was mangled at the knee and almost to the hip into a shapeless mass. He lost his footing on the rigging and swung like a pendulum.

When the voice, he shouted to his comrades, at work on the first floor, to come to his assistance. When they reached the third floor they were surprised to discover the extent of Gray's injury, for from his voice they had no warning of what had happened. While others set a ladder in place to extricate him, the ambulance responding to the emergency hospital was dispatched. Dr. H. R. Bennett, who responded to the call, arrived at the Mohican store, Dr. Bennett arrived in time to help the mechanic place in position several beams which he used to levers to pry the cog wheels apart. Two of the men standing on a ladder then descended his way to the floor where Dr. Bennett, mangled at the cohesiveness of the victim, stopped the flow of blood so that Dr. Krause, who had returned from the Bridgeport hospital to the scene, could rush the victim to St. Vincent's hospital. The amputation of the leg was completed this afternoon.

## EXTRA SESSION 50 FIREMEN MAY BE LONG Revision Bills Coming Besides Reciprocity and Tariff

(Special from United Press.)  
Washington, March 20.—Though President Taft has announced his desire to limit legislation at the extra session to reciprocity and the tariff commission bill, it was learned today, that he expects to receive several revision bills from Congress.

Advice given him today, indicate that the bills revising the tariffs on woolens, cotton, farm machinery, meats and flour, are likely to be passed.

Ralph T. Beers, Dorris R. Whitney and Frank T. Staples were today appointed appraisers of the estate of the late I. B. Scribner Stone.

## BANKS FAVORS LIBERAL LAW FOR SABBATH No One at Present is Paying Any Attention to Sunday Law, He Tells Churchmen Trouble is That Ruling People Are Descended From Puritan Ancestry, He Asserts

(Special to The Farmer.)  
Fairfield, March 20.—A. J. Banks, who attended the conference with Judge Elmore S. Banks, Saturday evening in the Sunday school room of the Congregational church, Fairfield, and there was a good audience of representative citizens, present, must have come away impressed with candor, good sense and learning of the Judge.

For nearly two hours he stood before the people, answering questions and giving views respecting Sunday laws, and legislation in general. Everything passed off in a good-natured way, and it may be safely assumed that the views of Judge Banks said produced more than a momentary impression. Mr. Justice Becho, wakened called the meeting to order and gave the grounds of the incidents leading up to the conference.—the resolutions adopted by the standing committee of the church, and the reply received from Judge Banks after he had received them. He said the primary purpose of the meeting is to hear Judge Banks expound the law, and to give the people an opportunity to tell him of their understanding in the matter. The Judge replied that he would like first to hear the views of the gentleman who think there should be no change in the law. He thought the law ought to be changed. Prof. Bowers of the Pequot school asked that the law be changed to the end and the statute book was produced. Mr. Wakeman then read the Sunday laws as they were in 1875, 1888 and 1897, pointing out how the words "travel" and "recreation" had been dropped. Prof. Bowers then asked for the proposed amendments. One of these was read, which allowed sale on Sunday of ice cream, cigars, tobacco, soda water and Sunday newspapers. Prof. Bowers pointed out that the audience was impatient to hear Judge Banks, and he responded by saying that without offense he must be perfectly frank and honest.

"I say what I think and it may not agree with your views. At the session of 1903 he had not felt so much as a mere representative of Fairfield as of the State. This because he had been in the House for the House did not always follow its leader, especially on the Sunday law. It did pass at that time, and he voted in 1903 and all of those which he opposed failed. He does not know how the law came to be passed on Sunday laws, for he has been too busy with other matters. But he does know that the bill just read was drawn by the committee, and he was voting in support of it. He thought the definition of Sunday, as expressed in the proposed new bill was very good. He thought for general rest and the more convenient performance of charitable duties and offices, which were kept (Continued on Page 4.)

## WARSHIP TEXAS STRIPPED FOR THE SACRIFICE

(Special from United Press.)  
On board U. S. S. Connecticut, Flagship Atlantic Battleship Fleet, at Crisfield, Md., March 20.—Powerless to return to the States, the battleship Texas, the former battleship Texas, surrounded by almost the entire fleet, awaiting the opening of her sides by the giant shells from the 12 inch guns of the New Hampshire, today, made it doubtful when the firing would begin.

Naval officers call it merely an "orange test" and "spotting practice," but there was a score of warships on the scene. The dismantled battleship—the Texas—stripped of even her name, now being designated in official records as the San Mateo, is helpless and completely dependent on a fleet of impudent naval tugs.

About 12, at battle range of 3,000 yards, were a score of warships which make one of the greatest assemblages of naval fighting machines that the world has ever seen. These vessels gathered here to witness the heaviest destruction of a sister ship—a ship that has done much service in war, while most of those about her have never smelled the smoke of real battle.

Upon the New Hampshire were assembled the gunnery officers, or "spotters" of the entire fleet. They had been assigned to observe the shots as they fell and estimate the adjustments to be given the big guns. The preliminary shots were short and the Texas in order to give the officers extra practice in estimating the error. The Texas, at the time of the Spanish war, was one of the best in the fleet guarding the Cuban coast. She was built at Norfolk Navy Yard in 1895, from plans purchased from England. When she was sent out from San Diego, under the guns of the American warships, the Texas was in the thick of the fighting. She was commanded by Captain John W. Phillips, who shouted, when the Texas Spanish sent up a hurrah as the first Spanish battleship was sunk.

"Don't cheer, boys! The poor devils are dying!"

After the war an ill fate pursued the Texas and she became the laughing stock of the navy. Once, while being repaired, she sank to the bottom without warning. After various mishaps she was sent to Charleston, S. C., where she acted as receiving ship at the navy yard. This winter she was taken to Norfolk, stripped of her fittings, specially armored and condemned to be used as a target to test the efficiency of the big guns and shells exploding inside of her.

A marriage license was issued today to Harry E. Lindburgh, aged 26, and Miss Ethel Broch, aged 18, daughter of Otto Broch of this city.

## FIRE GUTS IOWA'S LARGEST THEATRE

(Special from United Press.)  
Des Moines, Ia., March 20.—Fire, early today, gutted the Auditorium, Iowa's largest theatre, and endangered surrounding buildings, causing a loss of \$50,000. The house was leased by Nicholas Baker, an actor, jumped from a window and broke an ankle and a fireman was injured by falling walls.

## FOUR HURT IN SPECTACULAR TROLLEY WRECK Car Leaves Track at East Main Street and Barnum Avenue, Turning Half Around Electric Light Pole Snaps Under Impact of Car — J. Burton Smith Hurling In- to Air

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, March 20.—On a charge of felonious assault on Booker T. Washington, the negro orator, Albert Ulrich, white, an employing carpenter, was held by Magistrate Carroll, in the West Side police court, in \$1,500 bail for examination, tomorrow. Dr. Washington was unable to be present, his attorney, Wilmot H. Smith, presenting a certificate signed by Dr. Boisford saying that Washington was suffering to such an extent from his injuries that it would be unwise for him to leave his bed today. Ulrich was represented by Attorney James L. Moore and W. J. Gibson and pleaded not guilty.

Ulrich, who said that he did not know who Washington was and that the famous negro educator spoke to his wife as she passed through the hallway of his home at 11-2 63rd street, last night. His wife and her daughter will be witnesses in his defense when the case comes up, tomorrow.

Friends of Dr. Washington were present in large numbers to aid him in prosecuting Ulrich when the case was called. They say that there is no question but that the educator was in the house looking for Dr. C. Smith, auditor of Tuskegee institute, when the assault was committed. The doctor will produce the letter asking him to look Smith up when Ulrich is arraigned in court, according to Attorney Moore.

B. H. Benton, who lives in the house and his two daughters, to show that Washington was actually examining the books in the office and was in the house looking for Dr. C. Smith, the auditor of Tuskegee institute, when the assault was committed. The doctor will produce the letter asking him to look Smith up when Ulrich is arraigned in court, according to Attorney Moore.

Ulrich insisted that Washington had been entering in the hallway of his home, that he had spoken to his wife and that he, mistaking the founder of Tuskegee for a burglar, had seized him. When Washington fled through Central Park West, Ulrich pursued him and beat him some more before a policeman finally took the pair to the police station.

Dr. Washington, today, made a detailed explanation of his presence in the house of the street 63rd street, when he was being assaulted by Ulrich because he "was a much larger man than he and he feared being murdered." He also explained that he had gone to this house to find Dr. C. Smith, auditor of Tuskegee institute, said Washington, "but I did not recall the exact address. He was visiting, neither was I quite sure of the address. I was looking at the names on the letter boxes when I was assaulted by Ulrich."

Mrs. Ulrich accompanied her husband to court and said she would be a witness in his defense. "I can't understand why the doctor and his wife were so badly frightened and his charge against this man thrown out. I am the cause of it all. The first night I went to the house, last night, this man Washington was in the vestibule. Fifteen minutes later I came back and when I went out the door I saw Ulrich and his daughter told her father and he defended me. It is strange that a man cannot protect his wife and daughter from insult and outrage, and while the negro who insulted them goes free."

Dr. Washington said that he had no personal knowledge of Ulrich, and he has no negroes living in the house in which the assault was committed.

## DIAZ TO RETIRE AS PRESIDENT FOR LIMANTOUR

Those High up Say This Will Follow Latter's Arrival in Mexico City

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, March 20.—That "big business" has decreed that Diaz is to retire as President of Mexico and that he will be succeeded by Jose Limantour, Minister of Finance, who will hold forth as provisional President until a new general election can be held, was the assertion here today of Gustavo A. Madero, brother of the leader of the Mexican revolutionists. Other persons interested in Mexico confirm the report that Diaz is at least to be stripped of most of his powers following the arrival of Limantour in Mexico City tomorrow, although they say he may remain as President for a time.

Madero admitted today that Limantour carried out the revolutionary plans of the revolutionists, cutting the terms on which they are willing to lay down their arms. He appeared very hopeful that Limantour would succeed inasmuch as he had behind him the support of all of the big foreign investors who have financed Mexico, and the Inter-Continental Rubber Company, a Rockefeller-Alrich concern. It is because of this report that those interested in Mexican affairs are today inclined to believe that a peace pact is possible in Mexico soon.

### AMBASSADOR'S DENIAL.

Washington, March 20.—Flat denial of the report that President Diaz of Mexico, is to abdicate in favor of Jose Yves Limantour was made by Ambassador De La Barra here today. He also discredited the report that Limantour was the bearer of negotiations for a cessation of hostilities between the Federal forces and the revolutionists, declaring that according to his advice, the situation in Mexico was unchanged.

De La Barra also said that he has just received a telegram from Senator Creel, Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, declaring the recent reports that a mob had stoned the residence of President Diaz were untrue.

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## CONFESSES HE MURDERED HIS FATHER AND MOTHER; WILL BE SENT TO ASYLUM Ansonia Youth Relates Details of Horrible Crime—Unable to Sleep, He Begs For Cigarettes, of Which He is An In- veterate Smoker — Physicians Believe Him to be Insane

(Special from United Press.)  
Ansonia, Conn., March 20.—"With an axe I killed my mother. Then I crushed my father's skull." Thomas Fitzgibbons, Jr., a mechanic, 28 years old and many time patient at asylums for the insane, in those words, today, confessed the murder of his parents in the Division street home, yesterday. The confession was made to the coroner in a quiet city hall and was confirmed by Chief of Police Ellis and Officer Patrick Sargent.

The dead bodies were threatened with cremation, yesterday, in a fire that started from an overturned lamp and a stove in the struggle between father and insane son.

"Didn't you know that the bodies would be burned?" ask the coroner. "Yes," replied the son, "but they were both dead."

No good authority it was learned that a commission of physicians will declare the young man insane and he will be taken to some state institution.

Officer Reardon, who was with the prisoner, last night, stated that Fitzgibbons hardly moved for hours at a time. The prisoner did not sleep a wink. He roused himself occasionally to beg for cigarettes. Fitzgibbons was an inveterate smoker of the "coffin nails."

Coroner Mix verified notice that no one would be permitted to talk with the prisoner, today, except accredited physicians.

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  - FOR SALE—Household furniture on Tuesday and Wednesday at 2214 Main St. \$20 b'p
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  - SIDE BOARD FOR SALE, \$7.00. Redfield's, 286 Fairfield Ave. a'p
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  - FOR RENT—598 Beechwood Ave., half double house with 9 rooms, a bath, improvements. Phone 347 or Chas. S. Cole. State St. \$20 t'p
  - FOR SALE—Cottage, two family house, Barnum Terrace, small payment, balance monthly. 2889 Fairfield Ave. \$20 b'p
  - WE BUY good second-hand furniture, entire contents of houses, antiques, and books, office and store fixtures, out and pay you good prices. Redfield, 286 Fairfield Ave. Tel. 1015-2. a'p
  - DANISH BROTHERHOOD. Brothers: Kindly attend meeting tomorrow night. Report from Building committee. Also adopting of by-laws for our lodge. Per order, Secretary. a'p
  - FOR SALE—60 feet front on Clinton Ave. Splendid location, near Fairfield Ave. Edward S. Hotchkiss, City. Telephone. \$18 p'p
  - FOR SALE—Modern two family house, hot water heated, all store improvements, lot 60x100 ft. Enquire at 473 Maple street. \$18 t'p
  - WANTED—Small farm, house 7-10 rooms, raising chickens and gardening. Write particulars as to rent, location, etc. L. Beardsley, 1301 Wood Ave. \$18 s'p
  - FOR SALE—Splendid building lot, north of Fairfield Ave., between Grove St. and Elmwood Place. Edward S. Hotchkiss, City. Telephone. \$18 p'p
  - TO RENT—4 rooms with improvements and small garden at 231 Goddard Ave., near Old Mill Creek. \$18 s'p
  - WANTED—Experienced saleslady in clothing and suit department. Ideal Cloak & Suit Co., 1231-33 Main St., Stratfield Hotel Bldg. \$18 b'p
  - FOR SALE—100 feet frontage on Elmwood Place; two minutes walk to Fairfield Ave. trolley. Edward S. Hotchkiss, City. Telephone. \$18 p'p
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  - WANTED TO BUY—2 family house, East Bridgeport, \$4,500 to \$6,500. Chas. A. Nicholls, 401 Newfield Bldg. \$17 t'p
  - FOR SALE—Desirable building site on corner Elmwood and Laurel Aves. Also lot on south side Elmwood Ave., near Laurel Ave. E. S. Hotchkiss, City. \$17 t'p
  - FOR SALE—A few 2 family houses, improvements, and building lots. Cash or installments. F. E. Beach, 962 Main St. \$17 t'p
  - REAL ESTATE FOR SALE—A large piece of property in the heart of Bridgeport. Over one hundred feet frontage. Must be sold to close an estate. Price \$35,000. Mortgage of \$30,000 can remain. George W. Finn, 15 Arcade. \$18 b'p
  - WANTED—Three experienced salesmen, not over forty years of age, who can invest \$300.00 each in the shares of a growing manufacturing and contracting corporation, in New York City. Manufacturing cost low, profits large. Salary guaranteed and also commission. Address Fitz Gerald, 411 West 53rd St., New York City. \$18 s'p
  - COURSE DINNERS 25 cents from 11:30 a. m. to 12 p. m. Park City Restaurant, upstairs, 166 Fairfield Ave. \$13 t'p
  - DO YOU LIVE IN A CELLAR? If not cover pipes and boiler and save the cost in coal. J. F. Welsh, 114 Kossuth St. T 5 t'p
  - GUINEA HENS, ducks, roasting chickens, broilers, fowl, live poultry, sausage meat, Bologna, Bismarck & Blutz. \$15 p'p
  - FRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in all wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine lunch served daily. \$25 t'p
  - WANTED—To buy from one to nine cans of milk daily commencing April 1st. Address Milk can of Farmer. \$20 s'p
  - TO RENT—Boarder wanted, gentleman, good accommodations. Private family. Mrs. Ann Murphy, 718 Union Ave. a'p
  - WHIST TONIGHT, March 20, by East Commanders' Association, at R. Hall, 925 Main St. Tickets 15 cents. a'p
  - WANTED—Situation by a competent woman as cook. Understands all lines general housework. Address J. Care of Farmer. \$20 s'p
  - GLENWOOD STOVE. Lot of rugs, 2 shoe benches, small bureau, lot of lace curtains, bed spreads and table cloths. 1237 Stratford Ave. after 8 o'clock. Evening only. a'p
  - CLANCY'S CAFE, Pol. Bldg., Fairfield Ave. is the place for you to get what you call for in the drinking line. Stuppert's beer and Don Rex Whiskey. Fine free lunch all the time. a'p
  - TO RENT—Nice large furnished rooms suitable for two gentlemen. 78 Gold St. \$18 b'p
  - THE PARTY seen taking a white plume at the Lucetta Warner's dance, had no other company. Gilbert, 600 Park Ave. and avoid further trouble. \$20 b'p
  - MY RHODE ISLAND REDS won first cock, second, third and fourth best third pullet and third pen at Bridgeport show. Eggs \$1 and \$2 per setting. Write to Mrs. J. Drew, 109 Fairfield Ave. Phone 3148. \$16 t'p
  - MAIN ST. building lots near St. Vincent's Hospital, high ground, finest home sites in Bridgeport. Chas. A. Nicholls, 401 Newfield Bldg. \$17 t'p
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  - TO LET—House for one or two families with bath and milk room. Enquire 1709 Main St. \$14 t'p
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  - FOR SALE—10 room house in northern section of city, all improvements, garage. Bargain. Charles A. Nicholls, 401 Newfield Bldg. \$15 t'p
  - MORRISSEY & FARRELL, The Shoe Bar, head quarters for Henry Elias Beer, Evans Ale and Budweiser Beer on draft. 705 Water St., opp. Railroad station. \$14 b'p
  - FOR SALE—1908 Model T chain drive car, 40 h. p. Locomobile tonneau. Thoroughly overhauled by Locomobile Co. and in first class condition, repaired, fully equipped. Can be seen at Bridgeport. Vehicle Co. \$14 d'p
  - AT FRITZ G. HARTMANN'S stuffed and baked meats. Free lunch all day, 126 Wall St. H 2 t'p
  - TO THOSE INTERESTED in the wonderful development of Terry Farms we will send a descriptive booklet of 24 craftsmen house plans, fully illustrated. Terry Farms, 307 Newfield Building. T 16 t'p
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  - FOR RENT—Central location. First floor apartment. No. 302 Golden Hill St. 7 rooms and bath, private hallways, modern improvements. Inquire Frank W. Hurd, No. 441 Washington Ave. A 23 t'p
  - JOIN the Casca Laxine tablet users. Great for constipation. 25c. H 1 s'p
  - STORE TO RENT—17 ft. by 42 ft. 177 Fairfield Ave., former building. For particulars call at Farmer Office. L 11 t'p
  - GOOD SECOND HAND National Cash Register for sale cheap. Address P. O. Box 16, City. \$2 t'p