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**THE WEATHER**  
YESTERDAY—Highest temperature, 66;  
lowest Sunday night, 50.  
FORECAST FOR TODAY—Fair, warm  
in the forenoon; light north wind changing  
to moderate west.

## UNCLE SAM MAY YET INTERFERE IN DIAZ' REALM

Changes in Mexican Cabinet Do  
Not Assure Nonaction  
by Government

Washington Is Waiting to See  
What New Regime Is Able  
to Accomplish

Motives That Actuated Taft in  
Mobilizing Troops Are  
Revealed

By IRA E. BENNETT  
[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, March 27.—It became known here today that the changes in the cabinet of President Diaz by no means assure nonaction on the part of the United States in the affairs of Mexico. It is asserted by high authorities that the cabinet changes are not a full guarantee of the restoration of peace, that Mexico is literally a hotbed of insurrection and even anarchy and that the United States is simply waiting to see what the new regime will be able to accomplish.

All the motives that actuated President Taft in sending the American troops to the Mexican border can now be made public. It is fully expected that certain members of congress will demand this information, and unless President Taft believes that a state document on the subject will be against public policy he will furnish a complete statement of everything that led up to the great mobilization of one-fourth of the American army.

### Reasons Summarized

The reasons that led President Taft to send the troops to Mexico can be summarized as follows:

Mexico was seething with revolution. American lives and property were seriously menaced.

Seventy-five per cent of the people of Mexico were hostile to the Diaz administration.

Anarchy prevailed in several parts of the country and continued unrestrained.

The major part of the Mexican army was kept right in the City of Mexico to uphold Diaz himself.

No troops could be spared for important duty along the Mexican border. Mexican regulars and insurgents were trying to use American territory as a convenience for their operations against each other.

The neutrality laws were being broken continually.

Protection Denied U. S.

It has become known that the United States formally requested the Diaz administration for troops to protect American workmen engaged on the construction of the Mexican portion of the Colorado river. Enrique Creel, then minister of foreign affairs, sent back this reply:

"We can not spare a single soldier from the capital."

This is but one of many incidents that showed to the United States officials the utter inability of Mexico to cope with the revolution.

The latest information that has come to the authorities here is that Lower California is in a condition of wild disorder and that hundreds of refugees are pouring in from the other side. It is also reported that Americans in Mexico are targets of violent attacks.

Americans engaged in business in Mexico have been sending their wives and children to the United States, but lately, in many instances, have found railroad facilities crippled.

70,000 Americans There

According to the data in the state department there are 70,000 Americans in Mexico. The original figure given out was only 20,000.

The Mexican government asked permission of the United States to send a detachment of troops over the border to make a flank attack on the Madero forces. The request, naturally, was refused. It is said the Mexican government retaliated by withdrawing its permission for the American navy to continue target practice in Magdalena bay.

Today the United States government is being forced to defend the Colorado river dam on Mexican soil by a civilian force. The Mexican government has refused permission to send American troops for this duty. Thousands of dollars are invested in the work and Mexican insurgents have tried to destroy it utterly.

The president does not pretend to have foreknowledge of what is going to happen in Mexico. The new regime may be successful, although there seems to be no inclination on the part of the insurgents to accept the cautious promises of reform. Taft, however, hopes that peace will be restored and that the \$2,000,000,000 of American property will not be further endangered.

Should the effort at reform fail, and should the revolution spread, the American troops will be near at hand. Congress will then be in session. It will be given all the facts essential to a

## President Thinks Bucket Shops Are Lure to Poor Man

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, March 27.—While President Taft has made it a rule never to discuss any legislation which he has not had a chance to study, The Call correspondent, who called his attention today to the legislation in California against bucket shops, is at liberty to say that the present administration is unalterably opposed to bucket shops, believing them to be lures to poor men who can ill afford their losses.

The president made his position plain when he instructed Attorney General Wickersham to make a drastic legal campaign against bucket shops in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York several months ago. He is determined to wipe these shops out of existence, and the attorney general is working hard to this end.

President Taft welcomes aid from state legislatures in definitely providing good laws to end this evil. It is a matter in which he thinks the states can give valuable aid to the United States government.

## BROKERS BY MAIL BREAK INTO JAIL

Federal Raid on Wisner & Co.  
Office Said to Show \$2,-  
000,000 Irregularity

NEW YORK, March 27.—In a raid on the stock brokerage offices today in Fifth avenue, occupied by Wisner and company and the Standard securities company, postoffice inspectors charge that irregularities amounting to more than \$2,000,000 had been brought to light. Transactions in excess of \$10,000,000 throughout the country are credited to the two concerns in the last few years.

Arohie and Emmett B. Wisner, constituting the ownership of both concerns and Grover S. Trumbull, chief clerk, were arrested. A United States commissioner held Archie Wisner in \$2,000 bail for the federal grand jury. Emmett S. Wisner in \$5,000 and Trumbull in \$1,500. They were committed to the toms. The charge is using the mails to defraud by selling worthless stocks.

The specific charge is that the Wisners, through mail correspondence, represented to stock purchasers that the California Diamond oil company was actively at work when, as a matter of fact, according to the charge, the company was dormant and had lost title in 1908 to the property it was said to be operating.

The principal stocks dealt in by Wisner & Co., according to the postal inspectors, were:

Thirty Three Consolidated oil company, Mutual oil company, Homestake gold mining company, Little Badger mining company, Sycamore oil company, Valencia copper mining company, Black Oak gold mining company, Eureka oil and gas company, Mount Jefferson mines consolidated, Murchi gold mines consolidated, Empire gold mines limited, California and New York oil company consolidated, California Monarch oil company, United Tonopah and Goldfield mines, Manhattan Nevada gold company, Philippines plantation company, California Diamond oil company, Murchi Extension gold mining company, and the Amalgamated mining and oil company.

Of the latter corporation, Wisner & Co. is alleged to have disposed of stock to the amount of \$3,000,000.

Postoffice inspectors say another arrest probably will be made in San Francisco within 24 hours.

Several thousand dollars, the harvest of morning mail, was found upon the desk of promoter Wisner.

At the offices of the company the most extensive "sucker list" known to the government was discovered. It contained about 120,000 names and was divided into a graduated list of persons who would send money more or less quickly in response to letters and prospectuses of mines and oil wells.

**EASTERN WOMAN SICK  
SO LEAPS INTO BAY**  
Takes Drink of Chloroform  
Then Takes Life

LONG BEACH, March 27.—Mrs. John Saywell, 44 years old, who came here from Detroit, Mich., with her husband last December, because of her poor health, committed suicide today by jumping into the channel at Alamitos bay after drinking a potion of chloroform. The body was later recovered on a bar 1,000 feet out in the bay.

Saywell was formerly a builder and contractor in Detroit.

While her husband was engaged in business here, Mrs. Saywell resided with Mrs. M. H. Millington, a sister in law in Los Angeles, but she visited her husband frequently.

## ROOSEVELT GAY AND WITTY AT CLUB BANQUET

He Talks of Conservation to  
Commonwealth Members at  
the Fairmont

Devotes Good Part of Speech to  
Short and Discomforts  
Fresno Man

COLONEL ROOSEVELT was at his best last night at the Commonwealth club dinner at the Fairmont hotel. He talked conservation, touched naively upon his relations with Wall street, paid his respects to the Guggenheim and Morgan syndicates, extended his best wishes to Mayor Hodghead of Berkeley in his candidacy for re-election, played football with the speech of Frank Short and interrupted himself long enough to confess, "I had expected to enjoy the dinner, but not as much as I have."

It was to Short, who dared to rush

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## BROKERS FINED \$20,000 FOR CUSTOMS FRAUDS

Duveen Brothers Will Deposit \$1,200,000 With U. S.  
Treasurer to Cover Undervaluations It Is Said

NEW YORK, March 27.—Louis J. Duveen and Joseph Duveen, members of the art importing firm of Duveen Brothers, pleaded guilty today to charges of conspiracy to defraud the federal government by making undervaluations of imported art objects. Judge Martin of the United States circuit court fined the importers \$10,000 each, the maximum fine, which will be paid.

United States District Attorney Wise and counsel for the Duveens, it was said later, have a compromise agreement for the settlement of the gov-

ernment's civil suit for \$5,000,000 against the firm of Duveen Brothers. It was understood this afternoon that District Attorney Wise would recommend that the government accept the Duveens' \$1,200,000 offered in settlement of all claims to date in the civil suit against members of the firm.

According to the reported terms of settlement the Duveens deposit \$1,200,000 with the United States treasurer in full discharge of all claims against the firm for duties alleged to have been underpaid in importation of objects of art.

**SHOT FIRED IN PLAY;  
CONSEQUENCES GRAVE**

Dynamite Explodes, Killing One  
and Wrecking Property

FRANKLIN, La., March 27.—The explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite from the impact of a rifle bullet fired by a member of a launch party yesterday afternoon, resulted in the death of Kate Miller, the injury of three persons, the wrecking of the boat and damage to property several miles distant. Windows were broken in buildings five miles away. One of the party picked up a rifle-ammunition box and said he could hit a box on the shore 150 yards distant. He fired and a terrific explosion followed. The boat was broken in two and immediately sank.

**PROMOTION COMES  
TO MANY OFFICERS**

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Army orders:

Major George B. Duncan, Second infantry, on expiration of his present leave of absence, will proceed to his regiment at Honolulu.

Second Lieutenant Clifford Oearly, Twentieth infantry, is relieved from treatment at the general hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, and will proceed to Fort Springs for observation.

The following assignments of officers recently promoted with rank from March 3 are announced:

Edson A. Lewis, from captain Twenty-fifth infantry to major Sixth infantry; Richmond Smith, from first lieutenant Eleventh infantry to captain Sixth infantry; David H. Scott, from second lieutenant Thirtieth infantry to first lieutenant Third infantry.

These officers will proceed to San Francisco for duty pending the sailing of transport upon which they may secure accommodations for the Philippines, where they will join their regiments.

**MOTHER AND CHILDREN  
PERISH IN FIERCE FIRE**

HARRISBURG, Ky., March 27.—Four persons perished and five others narrowly escaped in the destruction of the home of J. T. Veach by fire, four miles from here, early today. The victims were Mrs. J. M. Bridges and her three children. Her parents, who escaped with slight burns, Mrs. Bridges and her children were visiting at the Veach home. They slept on the second floor, and the rapid spread of the flames prevented their escape.

**LEWIS, BOSTON NEGRO,  
IS SWORN INTO OFFICE**

WASHINGTON, March 27.—William H. Lewis, the Boston negro, recently named by President Taft for the position of assistant attorney general of the United States, was formally sworn in today. Lewis' nomination failed of confirmation by the senate and Taft gave him a recess appointment. The new official of the department of justice called later at the white house to thank the president. Lewis was one of Harvard's star football men in his day.

**EDITORS WILL FIGHT  
DUEL WITH PENS NOW**

NEW ORLEANS, March 27.—With parting shots through the medium of their respective papers, the Bee and the Wasp, Editors Barocelli and Capdeville apparently have abandoned the idea of a duel and the district attorney is once more resting easy. The latter warned the belligerent editors that no more threatening articles would be tolerated and they bowed to his ultimatum.

## WOMEN IN CHISHOLM CASE VANISH ONE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN



Sheriff Jack Smith, holding the letter, and Detectives McCowan and McLaughlin examining L. C. Chisholm's clothing and effects, in a vain search for clues.

## WHOLESALE MURDER IS THEORY

Behind Killing of Powell, the  
Police Expect to Unearth  
Many Crimes

LATEST AFFINITY OF  
"PHYSICIAN" ESCAPES

Takes With Her All Evidence  
Which Might Incriminate  
Accused Consort

DISAPPEARANCE OF HER  
PREDECESSOR A MYSTERY

MISSING LINKS IN THE  
CHISHOLM CASE

Blanche McGrudie, former companion of accused man, feared to have been murdered for her money.

Blanche Samuels, who eluded police and took with her all letters, papers and evidences of Chisholm's past career, completely blocking the trail.

THE disappearance of two women, one of whom is thought to have been murdered and the other who escaped the cast of the police net by the briefest of margins, taking with her all the evidence which the police hoped would clear the mysterious career of Lewis Clark Chisholm, charged with the murder of John D. Powell, injected additional sensations yesterday into a case already replete with them. The woman who, it is thought, has been murdered is Blanche McGrudie, who lived with Chisholm in Sacramento. The other is Blanche Samuels, of Seymour, Mo., as far as the police can learn.

For both a wide hunt is being conducted, for both are of the utmost importance in the investigation. So numerous have been the aliases and changes, of the sending and receipt of false letters, of the twists and turns and lies and pretenses which have been hauled in by the official dragnet in this investigation, that the police have been brought to realize that they are dealing with a unique and exceptionally clever criminal. The peculiarity of the circumstances long ago led to a theory that behind Powell's death there were others, that the man who shot him and thus cleverly covered his tracks had other crimes to his name.

New Murder Theory

The extent of these crimes was a matter of conjecture, but when it was learned yesterday that Blanche McGrudie, with whom Chisholm had been living in Sacramento two years ago, and who was worth at \$2,000, had suddenly disappeared, there became prevalent an immediate belief that she, too, had been murdered. Her friends telephoned the police, begging them to find her. With the police they feared that the woman had come to a violent end. The relationship between her and Chisholm was brought to the attention of the police first by a telephone message from a woman, whose name the police will not disclose.

"This woman told us," said Detective McGowan, "that two years ago Chisholm was living with a friend of hers, Blanche McGrudie. Chisholm was then making a livelihood as a quack doctor, with offices near Trust's candy store. The woman who telephoned declared that Blanche McGrudie had a bank account of at least \$2,000, for she saw her bankbook shortly before she left Sacramento, which was about two years ago. No definite news of the woman was received after her departure. She and Chisholm went to Oakland and there presumably went to house keeping again.

"Six months ago our informant told us she met Chisholm in Market street and inquired after Blanche McGrudie.

"A letter to her addressed to general delivery will find her," replied Chisholm; "she is living in Oakland with me."

Letters Not Delivered

"The woman believed him at the time, but despite all her efforts and her letters failed to find Blanche McGrudie. When she learned of Chisholm's arrest she notified us of the circumstances surrounding her."

When the police first learned about Blanche McGrudie they believed she was the woman with whom Chisholm

## BRAVE FIREMEN TO GET MEDALS FOR HEROISM

Seven Members of City Department Will Be Decorated  
For Acts of Daring

Following are the firemen who will receive gold medals for heroism:

JOSEPH HERLBY.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN.

M. O'BRIEN.

JOSEPH CAPELLI.

Chief Engineer Thomas Murphy of the fire department, Mayor McCarthy and Auditor Boyle met yesterday at the auditor's office and authorized the award of gold medals to a number of the men in the service, who during the last year had performed acts of daring and self sacrifice in rescuing persons from fires.

The tokens will be given to Joseph Herlby, acting engineer of Engine 34,

who saved the life of a woman in the apartment fire at the corner of Hayes and Octavia streets by jumping from the ladder to a third story window, himself being injured; John McLaughlin, lieutenant of Engine 1, for a similar rescue, and Battalion Chief M. O'Brien and Captain Joseph Capelli, for taking a dying laborer out of a sewer manhole from the midst of flaming gasoline fumes.

Martin C. Stewart of the "David Scannell" fire boat, and Charles B. Rogers and George A. O'Reilly of the "Dennis T. Sullivan," were commended for bravery in rescuing drowning men along the water front, and may later be given special medals.

## "SOLD!" CRY POLICE, FINDING 'BURGLARS' TO BE NEW OWNERS

BERKELEY, March 27.—When R. D. Darby returned to his home at 2325 Acorn street, West Berkeley, after a brief absence yesterday afternoon he heard voices which convinced him that burglars were within. He telephoned to 1040 Leavenworth street, San Francisco headquarters and a squad of eight patrolmen, led by Sergeant A. S. J. Woods, came to his assistance.

The police surrounded the house and Sergeant Woods and Darby entered with drawn revolvers. Opening the door, they beheld a woman seated at the piano, while her husband, reclining in an easy chair, was enjoying a cigar.

Both were strangers to Darby. When they had recovered from their astonishment at the appearance of the police they explained that they were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMains, formerly of 1040 Leavenworth street, San Francisco, but the present owners and occupants of the house in which they had been found.

The house had been listed for sale in a local real estate office by Darby and had been purchased during his absence and without his knowledge by the McMains. Darby promised to buy for the eight policemen and the sergeant.

## FOOTPAD CAPTURED AFTER FACING DEATH IN MEXICO

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

STOCKTON, March 27.—The month of March has been a strenuous one for John W. Martin, aged 21, who was brought to Stockton today from Corona, Riverside county, to answer to a charge of highway robbery.

March 2 he held up and robbed three women in this city and left for Mexico, where he joined the rebel army. He was entrusted with important messages, and while on his way to the

rebel camp was captured by the Mexican soldiers. St. Patrick's day he was tried and condemned to be shot. He was rescued by American soldiers. Then he returned to California and was arrested.

Martin confessed to robbing the women. He held up Rita Bonner, Mary Smith and Jennie Zotte, from whom he took 50 cents, \$27.50 and \$42.50 respectively.

## ELKS DRINK BIRTHDAY TOASTS TO MEMBER 101 YEARS OLD

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SAN BERNARDINO, March 27.—Charles C. Clusker, the oldest Elk in the world, is celebrating the one hundred and first anniversary of his birth today, and the Elks of this city are drinking toasts to their aged brother. After Clusker had celebrated his centennial last year, the Detroit lodge initiated a man 105 years old, but the

easterner died during the year and Clusker's title again is unclouded. Clusker is a charter member of the local lodge No. 836 and was initiated in 1903. Clusker is now living in San Diego and was unable to pass his birthday in San Bernardino, but his fellow members of No. 836 are celebrating the occasion with due ceremony.

## MISSING LUMBER DEALER IS LOCATED AFTER 35 YEARS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RENO, March 27.—Ira Lewis, who 35 years ago disappeared from Elmira, N. Y., after completing a large lumber deal, has been located in this city by his former Senator Dix W. Smith of New York. Smith saw Lewis pass his office Sunday and had him followed and brought back. He admitted his identity,

but refused to give a reason for his appearing. He is 80 years old, broken in health, and working as a laborer in the lumber yard of E. L. Drappo. His brother, Alexander Lewis, a wealthy lumber man of New York, was notified and will arrive here tomorrow. Lewis says he will not return.

**SHEEP HERDER TURNS  
ROBBER FOR "MAKING'S"**

Demands Papers and Tobacco  
at Pistol Point

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 27.—Thomas Keeley, a sheep herder, resorted to highway robbery to get the "making's" of a cigarette this morn-

ing. Unable to find a tobacco store open, he held up half a dozen pedestrians at the point of a revolver and demanded tobacco and papers. His first victims were nonsmokers and were allowed to proceed when he had searched their pockets. Keeley was arrested just after he had secured the coveted "making's." He took his booty to the jail with him.

**BARON DE CONSTANT WILL SPEAK**—Baron de Constant, member of the French senate and judge of the Hague court, will speak Sunday evening, April 2, at the First Congregational church, Post and Mason streets, in "International Arbitration and Conciliation."