

# "Iron" Man on Sick Bed Agrees to Yield "Scepter"

## MEMBER SECRETARY OF WAR TO BE DIAZ

This and Appointment of the Foreign Office Federal Conditions

In Organization of All Other Departments Madero Will Have Voice

has been consulted, regardless of the stipulation made by the government.

### UP TO MADERO

Madero may insist upon appointing, without suggestion or interference from a member of the present government, a portion of the remaining members of the cabinet, but it is not believed here that his opposition will go that far.

It is considered that Madero will concede the fairness of De la Barra in his desire to get an amicable adjustment of affairs and that he will not object to the mutual selection as proposed.

Without doubt the government will place at the disposition of Madero the telegraph and railroad facilities to facilitate the transmission of the news that an agreement has been reached and his orders to cease fighting.

### MORE BATTLES EXPECTED

It is not improbable that battles will be reported from time to time in the next two weeks, probably even later in isolated districts.

It is not questioned the reputable chiefs of Madero, such as Ambrosio Figueroa in the south and Luis Moya in the north will obey the call of Madero to cease hostilities.

The government itself will not be inclined to place the blame for their operations upon Madero.

### RESIGNATION PATHETIC

The scene wherein Porfirio Diaz renounced the scepter he has wielded so many years would have been pathetic had it not been for the heroic character of the man who was its central figure.

In much pain, relieved by narcotics, able to utter but few words, and these with difficulty, recumbent on his bed, relinquishing his power—he was still the dominant figure of the council.

"Every day I think of myself," said Limantour, "as a man who has expressed his views for the future of his country. He has an honest pride, but no vanity. I venture to predict that in a year or two, when the present order of things has been established, Mexico will regard him as the greatest hero."

### CRITICS SILENCED

This resignation must forever silence those who could find no other criticism than that he had not done more. He has ruled with the single-heartedness of his country's welfare, and he resigns for the same reason.

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## MADERO'S AIDE REFUSES OFFER OF MEXICAN ARMY LEADERSHIP

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

EL PASO, Tex., May 17.—General B. J. Viljoen, hero of the Boer war, the man who was in command of the Dutch forces after General Cronje was taken prisoner, has been offered a position in the war college of Mexico to direct the campaign against the rebels should the peace negotiations now pending fail to materialize.

Viljoen, who has been managing a big alfalfa ranch in the Mesilla valley of New Mexico since the close of the Boer war show in St. Louis, was military aide and adviser to General Orozco and Madero during the attack upon Juarez. It was to him that Navarro surrendered when the town fell.

The offer from the federal government came through H. de Villiers of Mexico City, who is a mining engineer and close to the government officials. Viljoen has refused to consider the offer, and will continue with the rebels unless peace is agreed upon.

## WAR'S END SEEN BY LAST OF MAY

Final Terms of Peace Now Thought to Be Matter of Only Few Days

JUAREZ, Mex., May 17.—Judge Carbajal, representing the Mexican federal government, and Dr. Vasquez Gomez, Jose Pino Suarez and Francisco Madero Sr., representing the provisional government, agreed at 6 o'clock tonight to declare a five day armistice throughout Mexico.

The revolutionist envoys called on Judge Carbajal at his room in an El Paso hotel, prepared to put the armistice into effect immediately, but the federal envoy reminded them that the signing of an armistice was a military prerogative and not included in his diplomatic instructions.

He declared, however, that authorization was a mere matter of form and that either tonight or early tomorrow he would affix his signature to the document already drawn up by the revolutionists.

All armistices hitherto for northern Mexico have been signed by General Navarro as the federal military commander and Francisco I. Madero Jr. as provisional president and commander-in-chief of the revolutionists, but the agreement with Juarez the representative of the military authority of the government was deposed.

The armistice is the first general cessation of hostilities since the revolution began last November and was declared by Provisional President Madero this afternoon immediately after the receipt of an Associated Press dispatch from Mexico City stating that President Diaz had agreed to resign at the end of the present month.

News of vigorous warfare in central and southern Mexico, which Senator Madero considers unnecessary in view of the agreement made toward a peaceful settlement of the revolt, also induced the rebel chief to act quickly and prevent further loss of life or suffering.

Provisional President Madero and Judge Carbajal expressed the belief tonight that the armistice would be superseded by the signing of a definite peace agreement calculated to restore Mexico to an era of complete tranquility. The distinct advance toward complete peace has warranted the most encouraging hopes on both sides for the return of the country to its normal condition within a month, by which time, it is expected, the minister of foreign relations, Senor de la Barra, by constitutional authority, will assume the provisional presidency of the republic following the resignation of President Diaz.

The armistice terms include the neutralization of railway and telegraph lines and the cessation of hostile troop movements.

Provisional President Madero was at work in his house here with Doctor Gomez and his father, Francisco Madero Sr., on the final terms of the peace agreement when an Associated Press representative brought him the dispatch from Mexico City concerning President Diaz' intention of resigning before the month's end.

"What day is it?" immediately asked Senor Madero.

"The 17th," was the answer.

"Bueno" (good), commented the rebel leader as he begged to be excused to continue his work.

## FRIENDS MOURN LATE C. T. CONLAN

Obsequies of Judge Attended by Magistrates and Members of the Bar

The funeral of the late Police Judge Charles T. Conlan was held yesterday morning. The obsequies began at the Conlan residence, 590 Page street, and for an hour prior to the start of the cortege the house was crowded with the friends of the departed.

From the Conlan home the funeral procession moved to the Sacred Heart church in Fillmore street, where was celebrated a solemn high requiem mass.

Many members of the local lodge of Elks, of which the late magistrate was a member, were in attendance. The police courts adjourned, and all of the judges and attaches attended the services.

Many of the members of the superior court and a large number of city officials were also represented, as were many members of the San Francisco bar.

All of the police judges acted as honorary pall bearers. The floral tributes were many. Those who officiated as honorary pall bearers were: Mayor P. H. McCarthy, Police Judges Charles Weller, E. P. Shortall, Daniel Deasy and A. B. Trevelick; Police Commissioner Terry Handerson; Superior Judges Frank J. Murray, George Olanoff, Thomas F. Graham and John J. Van Nostrand; P. J. Kinnelon and James Nealon.

Interment was in Holy Cross cemetery.

## LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED Wednesday, May 17. S.S. p. m. steamer Thomas L. Ward, Petersen, 26 hours from Port San Luis; 450 tons barley and oats and 225 tons asphaltum to Orono & Johnson.

## PRISONERS AT CAMORRA TRIAL GRILL ACCUSER

Informers Taunted With Charge That He Did Not Learn His Part Well

Alfano and Vitozzi Declare That Abbatemaggio Was Real Assassin

VITERBO, Italy, May 17.—Francisco Desiderio, one of those charged by Gannero Abbatemaggio with having been at the Alda tavern in Bagnoli when Gennaro Cucullo was condemned to death for treachery by a court of the camorra, faced the informer at the trial of the Camorrista today.

The exchanges were similar to those in which the state's witnesses have engaged with other prisoners. Abbatemaggio again recited his version of the meeting at the tavern and charged Desiderio with complicity in the crime. The accused denied each assertion in turn and sought to confuse the other by taunting him.

"You did not learn your part well this morning," said the alleged assassin.

Abbatemaggio replied calmly: "Do not put yourself to unnecessary trouble. It is useless to try to confound me."

Desiderio was prompted frequently by others to accuse, especially Alfano and Vitozzi. The latter, quoting from Alfano's earlier denunciation, repeatedly cried out at Abbatemaggio: "Assassin! You are the real murderer."

Several others among the accused then so notorious as those who preceded them confronted Abbatemaggio at the afternoon session. Most of the time was occupied in recrimination, which sometimes developed into open threats.

## HAYNE, 'BULL CHIEF,' PLUNGES IN COTTON

100,000 Bales Each of May and July at One-eighth Over Market Price Asked

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—Sensational bids at the market for 100,000 bales each of May and July cotton and offers of one-eighth over exchange quotations for any or all of the spot cotton in New Orleans startled the cotton market here today.

The bids were offered by Frank B. Hayne, the bull leader, and he added to his challenge by declaring the bid for spot over the market price was open all day and covered anything from low ordinary grade to fair.

One brokerage firm gave him 500 bales of May. Hayne yelled for more, but none was offered.

On this transaction Hayne paid \$1.10 a bale more than the cotton exchange quotations—said spots were worth.

Hayne's bidding had a sympathetic effect on the entire market and at noon futures were eight to nine points over yesterday's closing quotations.

Even after May had advanced to 15.75 cents Hayne shouted an offer for 70,000 bales of May at that figure.

## Foreign Brevities

LADY DECIES IS IMPROVING.—London, May 17.—It was said at the home of Dowager Lady Decies today that Lady Decies was making satisfactory progress toward recovery following the operation for appendicitis on last Friday.

CLOUDBURST FLOODS TOWN.—Lumber, Austria, May 17.—A cloudburst at Boryslaw, a town of 11,000 inhabitants, important for its petroleum and concrete deposits, today flooded the place, inundating the houses and shops and causing great damage to the oil works.

## Telegraphic Brevities

BILL TO CLOSE POSTOFFICES.—Washington, D. C., May 17.—Representative Mann of Illinois, minority leader of the house, introduced a bill providing "that hereafter postoffices shall not be opened on Sunday for delivery of mail to the public."

MORSE AND WALSH TO KNOW FATE.—Washington, May 17.—President Taft probably will announce his disposition of the pardon cases of Charles W. Morse of New York and John H. Walsh of Chicago, the convicted bankers, this week.

## Coast Brevities

WELCHING COMPANIES BARRED.—Porter, May 17.—According to the ruling of the city council the fire insurance companies that did not meet their obligations after the San Francisco fire will not be allowed to write fire insurance on city property here.

## Son of Indian Chief To Open Concert Tour

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CHICO, May 17.—Elmer Lafonso, son of a chief of the Chico Creek Indians and protégé of Mrs. A. E. K. Blodwell, left today for San Francisco to start on a concert tour, which will take him to all the principal cities of the United States.

Lafonso, unlike other natives, has a wonderful voice, single tenor.

## SENATE URGED TO ADOPT PACT WITH DOMINION

Reciprocity Advocated by Governor of Michigan as Benefit to States

Lumbermen's Agent Opposes Bargain for Free Timber as Unnecessary

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The address of Governor Osborn of Michigan favoring the passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill was a feature of today's hearing before the senate finance committee on the reciprocity and free list bills.

Osborn expressed the opinion that Canada could not compete successfully with the United States in growing wheat or in any of the ways suggested by those who opposed the treaty.

He said, however, that he looked at the compact in a broader way than an economic and finance problem. If either side would benefit from the treaty the United States, he declared, would be the country.

It would be a "blow in the face of Canada," he added, if the compact were not agreed to.

When Senator McCumber read figures tending to prove that Canada was a formidable opponent of the United States the amount of wheat and other grains produced, Osborn said that the statistics probably were "from railroad and speculative reports" intended to boom northwestern Canada.

He said he would favor entire free trade with both Canada and Mexico, but not with other nations.

The alleged "lumber trust" came in for considerable discussion. Leonard Bronson, representing the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, who opposed the bill, said that lumber had been placed on the free list because the public believed there existed a lumber trust.

Although the government in its efforts to prove that there was a lumber trust had received all possible aid from the lumber people, nothing had been proved, Bronson said.

He contended that this country did not need Canadian timber, but acknowledged that there was need for proper conservation of the timber resources of the United States.

## THREE HOMES TO COST \$700,000

James L. Flood Residence Site Paying Approximately \$1,000 Per Foot

Three magnificent homes will be built soon on Pacific heights on sites purchased this week.

James L. Flood has bought the lot in the north side of Broadway, 68 1/2 feet west of Webster street. This lot faces both Broadway and Vallejo streets, being 148 1/2 feet on each street by 275 feet in depth.

The east end of the block, adjoining the lot sold Mr. Flood, being the northwest corner of Broadway and Webster street, 68 1/2 by 275 feet, is occupied by the magnificent fire proof residence of Joseph D. Grant. A. B. Hammond's brick house adjoins the property on the west, so that when the Flood residence is completed, there will be three of the most modern and expensive residences in San Francisco adjoining each other.

Mr. Flood's intention to erect at once a mansion on this choice piece of land. The price is private, but it is known to be considerably over \$1,000 a front foot, the highest price ever paid for a residential lot in San Francisco. The sellers are Mrs. C. E. Brigham, who owns 68 1/2 by 275 feet, and C. F. Kohl, who owns 80 by 275 feet.

This lot has been known as one of the most valuable and desirable in the city. The transaction was made by the realty firm of Shainwald, Buckbee & Co.

This firm has also sold the beautiful marine view corner of Jackson & Cherry streets, 60 by 117 feet, formerly owned by Henry Darnham and William Kauffman to Robert M. Loosan, who will at once erect a beautiful brick building and garage. The selling price is \$25,000.

These three sales of vacant lots, which aggregate considerably over \$200,000, will be improved immediately at an additional outlay of probably \$500,000 more, with three magnificent homes.

## Specials for 800 Knights

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, May 17.—The committee in charge of the Knights of Columbus celebration, to be held here next Sunday, reports that there will be special trains from Napa, Oakland, Chico, Stockton and San Francisco, carrying 800 visitors. Sacramento council will confer the second degree. Neal Powers of San Francisco, assisted by the state degree team, will confer the third degree to a class of 70 candidates.

## 30,000 UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN CONSTANT FEAR OF MASSACRE

All But Four of American Residents of Acapulco Flee on Steamer to Escape Threatened Attack by Murderous Army of Brigands

coast. Mrs. Godman and her son, Donald, came to San Francisco and left last night for Paso Robles where Mrs. Godman's parents reside.

LIKE BOXER REGIME From other passengers on the City of Panama it was learned that there exists throughout western Mexico a situation, as far as Americans are concerned, similar to that prevailing in China during the boxer outbreak.

George Moreno, agent at Acapulco for the Pacific Mail company, received two letters threatening him with death. His life for weeks past has been in constant danger. Afraid to return to his home in Acapulco, he was thrown on the steps of his office. Under ordinary circumstances Moreno would have kicked the intruder into the street, but the presence of a delegation of dark skinned natives gathered around the door warned him that any

violence on his part would probably mean cold steel for him. Natives forced their way into his house, spat on the floor, kicked over the furniture and in other ways invited the swift kick that Moreno must have been aching to turn loose. But he had his wife and children with him, so he held himself in restraint, and when the opportunity offered, shook the dust of Acapulco from his feet. He is at Manzanillo.

REWARD FOR AMERICANS Among the passengers on the Panama were a number from Tepic, where the feeling against Americans is intense. One wealthy Mexican there, proprietor of a big restaurant, is quoted as saying that if the United States intervened he would spend his fortune in rewards of \$1 apiece for the heads of Americans. Some of these refugees have been in Mexico for a number of years and they all agree

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feeling pretty nervous when Mr. Godman received word that a shipment of machinery for the plantation was in the custom house at Acapulco and that he would have to go there to get it out.

"I finally compromised by going with my husband on condition that we return in two days. We were returned to the hacienda on Friday, April 23, and made the trip to Acapulco on muleback. We took Tomas, our moseo or native servant, with us and sent him back the next day with the mule pack.

"Shortly after we left a native warned the boys that they must not sleep in the house, as it was going to be attacked. The boys did not believe there was any danger. Nobody came Friday night. On Saturday they received another warning. Another native, a man who worked on the plantation, went to the house and asked the boys for firearms. We will need them, he said, to protect you and ourselves. The boys gave him my revolver, but retained a number of weapons for themselves.

WARNING REPEATED "Late in the afternoon our butcher's boy got Donald away from the house, told him the place was going to be attacked and advised him and his brothers to go into the brush and hide. The boys handed at their younger brother, but insisted on his going away with the butcher's boy.

"The boys looked the house carefully and Felipe, one of our men, stood watch on the veranda. The bandits, about 80 of them, came shortly after dark. Felipe saw them as they stood in a crowd near the house. He heard them say that they would first kill the Americans and he called to the boys to 'vamoos.' Before they could heed his warning the bandits came on with a rush. Felipe saved himself by rolling under the veranda.

"The door followed by the sound of machetes on the bars that guarded all the windows. Realizing that they were trapped the boys extinguished the one light that had been burning and took refuge in the middle of the hall that runs through the center of the house. Between the blows of an improvised battering ram with which the bandits were attacking the heavy front door the boys could hear the heavy breathing of men struggling to wrench apart the window bars.

"There was no noise at one side of the house and the boys planned to escape through that side. Roy opened the door and the boys went to the kitchen to see how one window of which they were afraid was holding out, heard a shot. He ran to where he left his brother. He called but got no answer. He called again. This time Roy spoke.

"I'm done for Mel," he said, "save yourself and find Donald."

"The dying boy refused to let his brother remain with him.

"Don't stay with me," he insisted. "I'm done for. Pull me out on the ground and save yourself and Donald."

Melvin made his escape. He lived two hours. Before he died, Thomas, the whitest black man that ever lived, returned with the mules. He went in through that band of murderers and did what he could to make my boys' last moments comfortable.

MELVIN GETS AWAY Melvin fell into the hands of friendly natives and after several days made his way safely to Acapulco. Donald returned to the house at Paso Robles, Perfidio, the butcher boy, told him the coast was clear. In company with the faithful Thomas he started out for Acapulco. The boatman, at a laconic nod, started the boat. They were across. He finally agreed to do it for \$2 and Donald's revolver but, after landing them, rowed away, leaving their mules on the other side of the water. They made their way to Acapulco, partly through thorny brush that tore the cloths from their backs and for many weary miles through the hot, heavy sand of the seashore.

The news of the murder of Roy reached Acapulco before either of the boys. Judge Godman appealed to acting Consul Dr. Pangburn, who asked Colonel Diard, in command of the garrison, for 20 soldiers to search for the missing boys. The colonel was very sorry but he had only 80 men in his command and as they were all convicts and had to be locked up at nightfall he could do nothing.

AMERICANS LEAVE SHORE In Acapulco, for days before the City of Panama arrived, all the American residents were sleeping on barges anchored out in the harbor. Two days before the Panama arrived Edwards, the new consul, and his wife arrived from San Francisco. The day of his arrival the insurgents sent in word demanding the surrender of the city. This was the climax and when the City of Panama entered the harbor the American colony decided to get out.

Edwards and his wife slept on board the Panama the two nights the ship was in port and only the lack of money to pay his fare prevented him from quitting the consul business there and then returning to this city.

Judge Godman and his son, Melvin, left the steamer at Manzanillo where there is a strong federal force. It was their intention to proceed to Mexico City and there demand adequate protection for Americans on the west coast.

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