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## TROOPS RUSHED IN HASTE TO TEXAS

It Is Believed News From Mexico Prompted Mobilization.

### QUARTER OF ARMY MASSED

Government Asserts That It Is Only For Maneuvers, But Rumors in Washington Are That Great Britain Threatens Mexico.

An army of approximately 20,000 men, representing all branches of the service, is mobilizing along the Mexican border of the United States.

It is officially stated, and the administration made special efforts to substantiate the statement, that the sole purpose of this unusual mobilization was only for the training of officers and men.

There were persistent rumors, however, that the government was preparing for more serious ventualities.

Confidential reports from Mexico encourage the belief that conditions in the Mexican government are far from being as satisfactory as official assertions seek to indicate.

Immense foreign interests are at stake in Chihuahua, for example, and their owners have been very uneasy as to what would happen to them in the case of widespread disorders.

There was a report in Washington that urgent representations had been made to the state department that unless the United States government immediately made adequate preparations to protect American and foreign interests in northern Mexico, appeal would be, if it had not already been made, to Great Britain to do so.

The report could not be definitely confirmed, but it was simultaneous with the official announcements that an army was already concentrating within striking distance of the Mexican border.

#### Official Explanation.

The White House itself gave out a statement after the meeting of the cabinet in explanation of the massing of troops, and reading as follows:

"The war department is mobilizing a division at full strength at San Antonio, Tex., for the purpose of field training of officers and men, and for the further purpose of holding maneuvers involving possible operations against Galveston. There will be assembled at Galveston a force of three regiments for the defense of that place against the attacks of the navy.

"On the Pacific coast the mobilization will involve a brigade of infantry in the Los Angeles district for the purpose of defending San Diego and San Pedro against possible attack by the navy. The mobilization of these troops will furnish an excellent opportunity for the instruction of a number of senior officers in the elements of higher command.

"It will also put to a practical test the preparedness of the staff department for the mobilization of troops. Major General William H. Carter will command the provisional division. The brigades at San Antonio will be commanded by Brigadier Generals M. P. Maus, F. A. Smith and Ralph W. Hoyt. "The troops at Galveston will be under the command of Brigadier General A. L. Mills. The troops in the Los Angeles district will be commanded by Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss."

Reproducing as nearly as possible war conditions involving hostilities in advance of a formal declaration of war, the president gave the word, and within a few moments messages were flying all over the country by wire ordering the assemblage of 20,000 troops in the department of Texas.

This is virtually one-fourth of the entire army of the United States, in-

### WALTER L. FISHER.

Succeeds Richard Ballinger as Secretary of Interior.



cluding troops in the Philippines and other insular possessions.

#### Navy to Take Part Also.

The navy is to play its part, and a formidable fleet of armored cruisers, supplemented by auxiliaries necessary for the maintenance of a hostile naval force on the coast of an enemy, will take its place off the Texas shore line.

The military force will establish its headquarters at San Antonio under command of General William H. Carter, assistant chief of staff, assisted by several brigadier generals, who will command the brigades into which the grand division will be divided.

Orders so far issued contemplate the assignment to General Carter's command of fifteen regiments of infantry, five of cavalry and two of three of field artillery.

In addition two full regiments of coast artillery will be transformed into infantry, which will be a novel departure in military practice. It is the intention to have this entire force assembled in Texas within five days.

#### Busch Gives \$10,000 to Charity.

Adolphus Busch, it was announced in New York, donated on the occasion of the celebration of his golden wedding \$5000 each to the German Children's hospital, in New York, and the German Seamen's home, at Hoboken, N. J.

#### French Army Officer Killed.

E. Mangin, chief of the French military mission at Fez, Morocco, was killed by the son of the Moorish minister of war because the French officer had caused the execution of two native soldiers.

#### Four Killed by Explosion.

Three children and a man were killed and six other persons injured when a boiler at the Blackburn-Gambill distillery, on Howard's creek, Breathitt county, Ky., exploded. The victims were playing about the distillery when the explosion occurred.

#### Champ Clark Is 61.

Speaker-elect Champ Clark was sixty-one years old Tuesday. The occasion was marked by the receipt of congratulatory messages from various parts of the country.

#### Admiral Joseph Trillee Dead.

The navy department has been advised of the death of Rear Admiral Joseph Trillee, U. S. N., retired, which occurred at San Francisco, Cal., on March 6.

#### Oregon "Plan" in New Hampshire.

An act framed on the Oregon plan of "instructing" the legislature as to senatorial candidates was passed by the New Hampshire house, 268 to 70.

## BALLINGER IS OUT OF CABINET

Taft Accepts Resignation and Appoints W. L. Fisher.

### SCORES HIS OPPONENTS

The President, in Accepting Resignation, Calls Secretary Ballinger Object of "Most Unscrupulous Conspiracy."

Richard A. Ballinger's resignation as secretary of the interior, dated Jan. 19, was accepted by President Taft, and Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, was appointed as his successor, his commission being signed immediately by the president.

Congress has not acted on the Ballinger-Pinchot report, but in the next session, where the administration will have little say, it would certainly have come up. It is hardly likely he would have been exonerated.

Walter Lowrie Fisher, who succeeds Mr. Ballinger as secretary of the interior, is a lawyer living in Chicago, where, since 1906, he has acted as special traction counsel for the city of Chicago. He was born at Wheeling, W. Va., July 4, 1862, and was educated at Marietta college, Ohio, and Hanover college, Indiana, graduating from the latter in 1883.

In 1888 he was admitted to the bar in Chicago, where he has since practiced, being a member of the firm of Motz, Fisher & Boyden.

Mr. Fisher has been one of Gifford Pinchot's staunchest supporters in the matter of conservation of natural resources. He was president of the Conservation League of America, and is now vice president of the National Conservation association, which succeeded the league, and of which Mr. Pinchot is president.

He has always taken a deep interest in conservation and has been identified with the reforming of the Republican party. He was instrumental in the formation of the Municipal Voters' League of Chicago, and was its president in 1906.

#### Health Poor, He Says.

Secretary Ballinger tendered his resignation in a letter of Jan. 19, basing it entirely upon the condition of his health. The president replied at once, expressing his confidence in Secretary Ballinger and his reluctance to accept his resignation, and requested the secretary to remain in office until the close of the session of congress.

Immediately upon the adjournment of congress Secretary Ballinger renewed his request that he be relieved at a date suiting the president's convenience, but immediately if possible. President Taft in a letter formally accepted the resignation.

The correspondence between the president and the secretary is not voluminous, but displays beyond question the confidence which Mr. Taft has reposed in Mr. Ballinger throughout the long siege and the indignation with which he has viewed the attacks upon the secretary's personal and official integrity.

"I have had the fullest opportunity," the president says in his letter accepting the resignation, "to know you, to know your standards of service to the government and the public, to know your motives, to know how you have administered your office and to know the motives of those who have assailed you. I do not hesitate to say that you have been the object of one of the most unscrupulous conspiracies for the defamation of character that history can show."

And in conclusion of his letter the president declares that "every fibre of my nature rebels against such hypocrisy (referring to the attacks upon Ballinger's character) and nerves me to fight such a combination and such methods to the utter end, lest success in this instance may form a demoralizing precedent. But personal consideration for you and yours makes me feel that I have no right to ask you for a further sacrifice."

The president goes on to declare it evident that he has been himself the ultimate object of the attack, and says that to insist upon Mr. Ballinger's remaining in office "with the prospects of further efforts against you, is selfishly to impose on you more of a burden than I ought to impose."

#### Slayer Chief of Police.

Edgar Stripling, who has been for five years the chief of police of Danville, Va., under the name of R. E. Morris, was arrested here as an escaped murderer from the Atlanta, Ga., prison.

In 1897 he was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped pending a motion for a new trial.

Stripling confessed his identity when requisition papers were read to him.

## DEMOCRATS IN SENATE SPLIT

Bailey Group to Wage War on Progressive Faction.

### WILL HANDICAP PARTY

Hostilities Will Begin Early in Extra Session and Progressive Legislation May Be Blocked.

As a result of the resignation of Senator Bailey and his withdrawal of the same in the closing hours of the Sixty-first congress, a split among the Democratic senators is expected in the extra session of congress, which will convene on April 4.

Bailey's statement to the effect that he had decided to recall his resignation came eight hours after his sensational announcement of his decision to make his exit from public life.

His ostensible reason for the recalling of his resignation was the fact that he had been urged to remain in the senate by Governor Colquitt, of Texas, and by a group of Democratic senators.

Eleven of the conservative Democratic senators, most of them followers of Bailey in the senate, signed a telegram to Governor Colquitt urging that Bailey remain.

Those who signed this telegram were Bacon, Foster, Overman, Taliaferro, Paynter, Bankhead, Percy, Johnston, Taylor, Watson and Fletcher.

Of this list, Bankhead, Fletcher, Foster, Johnston, Paynter and Watson, a majority of the eleven, voted to enable Lorimer to retain his seat in the senate.

The progressive Democrats of the senate and house were in the utmost jubilation when they learned that Bailey was going to quit.

They look on the Texas senator as the great obstacle in the way of progressive Democratic legislation in congress. They fear that in the tariff and other matters he will take a stand that will prevent them from going into the campaign of 1912 with a record for progressive legislation that will appeal to the country.

Senator Bailey's decision to quit the senate was caused by his realization that his power in that body was waning and that a growing and more aggressive body of senators on the Democratic side was getting ready to go ahead without consulting him.

Senator Stone, of Missouri; Senator Owen, of Oklahoma; Senator Culbertson, of Texas, and one or two others are foremost in this group.

The immediate cause of Bailey's action was his anger because, on Senator Owen's resolution for the approval of the constitutions of New Mexico and Arizona, all but three of the Democrats voted favorably. This Bailey construed to be approval of the initiative, referendum and recall, which are features of the Arizona constitution.

As a matter of fact the real issue between the two wings of the Democrats in the senate is much broader than the initiative, referendum and recall, which Bailey says he cannot stand for. It is a question of whether the Democracy shall pursue an ultra-conservative and reactionary course, or whether it shall be progressive.

#### Delaware Legislature For Taft In 1912

Of the total of thirty-one Republican members of the Delaware legislature, nineteen are in favor of the re-nomination of President Taft in 1912, while the remainder are opposed or do not give an opinion.

Ten votes are recorded against the president, while two will not discuss the question.

The greater opposition to the president being nominated to succeed himself next year comes in the lower house, which has twenty-two members. Eleven are for Taft, nine admittedly are against him, and two are silent.

In the senate Taft is in favor, for eight of the nine members of this house favor his re-nomination.

#### Brown Defeats Wolgast.

Knock-Out Brown, of New York, defeated Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion, in a six-round fight in Philadelphia.

Brown carried the battle to Wolgast in every round. He was wonderfully strong and aggressive and Wolgast took many hard knocks. It was Wolgast's stamina and ring generalship that prevented Brown from knocking him out, but at that on several occasions the champion was hard pressed.

#### West Virginia Must Pay.

The sum of \$7,182,507 was held by the supreme court of the United States to be the proportion of \$33,000,000 old Virginia state debt which West Virginia is under obligations to bear. The court left the final determination of the matter, including the question of interest, to the states, to be decided by conference.

### SENATOR BAILEY.

Resigned Seat in Huff and Then Withdraws Ultimatum.



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#### Lorimer Wins Fight For Seat.

The senate, by a vote of 46 to 40, refused to unseat William Lorimer, of Illinois. This action brings to a close, at least so far as the present session of congress is concerned, a fight that has been waged for almost a year against the Illinois senator upon the charge that his election to the senate was accomplished by bribery.

Senator Lorimer was saved by the votes of men who will retire from the senate on March 4. Nearly every one of the "lame ducks" voted for him. Here is the list of the retiring senators whose votes insured Lorimer's hold on his seat: Bulkeley, of Connecticut; Burrows, of Michigan; Carter, of Montana; Depew, of New York; Dick, of Ohio; Hale, of Maine; Kean, of New Jersey; Piles, of Washington, and Scott, of West Virginia.

Lorimer's opponents apparently do not intend to end their fight against him with this action by the senate. Some of them have been hinting that new testimony will be produced in the next session of congress and an attempt will be made to reopen the case upon this.

#### Ninety Perish in Fire.

Ninety persons, many of them children, were burned to death, and forty others injured in a fire that destroyed a moving picture theater at Bologoie, Russia, a small place in the southern part of Novgorod province, on the Nikolai railroad.

The flames started while the exhibition was in progress and quickly spread through the building, cutting off every avenue of escape.

Futile attempts at rescue were made by those who happened to be close to the exist when the fire started, and by those from the outside, but the fury of the flames drove them back before they could reach the shrieking victims, who in their efforts to get out of the building fought desperately among themselves.

#### Forger Appealed to Carnegie.

Jesse Seaver, aged twenty years, a former theological student, who was placed under arrest at Lima, O., and brought to Richmond, Ind., to answer to a charge of passing a forged check on Earlham college, was sentenced to the state reformatory for from two to fourteen years. He pleaded guilty.

Seaver said he was prompted to use fraudulent methods to obtain the funds in order to pursue religious studies. He told the court he had obtained about \$600 from various colleges during the last few months, and he had with him a complete record of his transactions.

Seaver also said he had appealed recently to Andrew Carnegie to assist him in order that he might pay back moneys he had obtained unlawfully.

## \$200,000 CROWN FOR MRS. BUSCH

Elaborate Celebration of Golden Wedding.

What is said to be the most elaborate golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in Pasadena, Cal., with Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Busch as the central figures.

The most beautiful and costly of the presents was the diadem presented to Mrs. Busch by her husband. It is a crown of gold, studded with diamonds and pearls, and valued at \$200,000. It was made in Frankfurt, Germany. At the wedding feast at the Busch mansion Mrs. Busch was crowned and given a seat beside her husband on a miniature throne.

The presents received by the couple are valued at half a million dollars. The children presented their parents with a dozen full sized dinner plates made of solid gold and valued at \$25,000. A solid gold flower basket valued at \$15,000 was received from the grandchildren.

President Taft sent a \$20 gold coin of the new St. Gaudens design in an ivory case. Theodore Roosevelt sent a solid gold loving cup and there was a gold loving cup from Emperor William.

A magnificent loving cup was received from citizens of Pasadena.

The wedding feast took place at "The Blossoms," the Busch winter home. The floral decorations are valued at \$50,000.

### BRYAN AT SWARTHMORE

Nebraska Democrat to Lecture to Students Saturday Evening.

William J. Bryan is scheduled to deliver an address at Swarthmore college on Saturday night.

The distinguished Democrat is to speak upon the invitation and under the auspices of the three literary societies of the college, the Delphic, Eumonian and Somerville.

The subject of Mr. Bryan's address has not been announced, but he is expected to speak on some phase of modern politics.

### SUICIDE OVER HAREM SKIRT

Father Kills Himself Because Daughters Wear New Concept.

The harem skirt is directly responsible for the death of one of the most prominent men in Rome.

The victim was Major Rossi, a high municipal functionary, who committed suicide. His friends announce that he ended his life because he was filled with shame and disgust because his two daughters, aged twenty-three and nineteen respectively, adopted the trousers skirt as a part of their everyday costumes.

### DECLINES \$50,000 OFFER

Cannon Wires "Too Busy" to Propose to Lecture.

"Five hundred dollars a night for 100 nights," was an offer telegraphed from a western lyceum bureau to Representative Cannon, of Illinois, the retiring speaker of the house, in Washington.

"Too busy," was in substance the reply telegraphed back by Mr. Cannon. The offer prescribed that Mr. Cannon could name his own speaking dates on the circuit.

### Largest Sunday School in the World.

The enrollment of the First Methodist church Sunday school in Brazil has reached 3969, which is said to make it the largest Sunday school in the world. The next largest, according to local statistics, is in Brooklyn, with an enrollment of 3500.

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