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PRESIDENT TAFT SENDS AN ULTIMAUM TO THE MEXICANS

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) WASHINGTON, April 15.—An ultimatum has been sent Madero and Orozco by President Taft declaring "The United States expects and demands that American life and property in Mexico will be justly and adequately protected, that this government must hold Mexico and the Mexican people responsible for all wanton, illegal acts sacrificing or endangering American life or damaging American property." This attitude includes both federalists and rebels, declaring that any

interference with Americans will be "deeply resented by the American government and people and must be fully answered for to the American people." Acting Secretary of State Wilson authorized the statement that intervention is not contemplated.

To Defy U. S.
MEXICO CITY, April 15.—Intense excitement prevails here following the publication of news of the American ultimatum. American residents are rejoicing and at the same time strengthening defenses for fear drastic action may result in a show of violence by the Mexicans. Mexican sentiment apparently is unanimous that they will defy the Americans. Editorial comment in the Mexican papers is divided.

Claim a Victory
MEXICO CITY, April 15.—Government officials report that General Villa has defeated the combined forces of Generals Campa and Salazar at Parral and 400 rebels were killed. It is (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

"TITANIC" LINER SUFFERS WHEN IT HITS AN ICEBERG

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) NEW YORK, April 15.—With her 1300 passengers speeding to Halifax on other liners, to which they had been transferred, the liner Titanic, the largest ship in the world, is being towed to port by the liner Virginia, with her bows crushed by collision with a gigantic submerged iceberg. According to a brief wireless message received through the Cape Race, St. Johns and Siasconsett stations, the disaster and transfer of passengers was accomplished without loss of life or injury.

Captain Smith and crew of the Titanic refused to leave their posts and are coming ashore in the wounded ship. Watertight compartments apparently fulfilled the Titanic builder's claim that the ship is unsinkable. Although a great hole was made in the sides and bow the compartment doors closed automatically, doubtless preventing one of the greatest sea disasters in history. Aboard the ship were many American millionaires and prominent men of America and Europe, with \$5,000,000 in cash, bonds and jewels. The wireless failures, due to weather conditions, make it impossible to learn the details of the disaster. The company's offices were besieged throughout the day by fearful relatives and friends of the passengers. It is believed the passengers will reach Halifax tomorrow night or Wednesday morning.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Captain Packard of the liner Olympic has sent a wireless message that five boatloads of the Titanic's passengers have been taken aboard the liner Parisian of the Allen line and twenty boatloads aboard the Campania of the Cunard line. The Parisian and Campania are standing by and the liner Baltic is approaching. White Star offices received this information direct.

Wireless messages say all the women and children not already removed have been placed in lifeboats, which are ready to lower at a moment's notice if the vessel shows signs of sinking. "The weather is clear and the sea is calm. The pumps are working well. The forward hold is filled with water, but the watertight compartments are holding and it is believed there is no chance of sinking. The ship's prow was crumpled on an iceberg, but as the water rushed in it closed the compartment doors automatically."

Vice-President Franklin of the White Star line has issued a statement through the United Press that all passengers of the Titanic undoubtedly will be saved. Eight hundred at

ready have been transferred to other lines, according to the last message from Captain Packard.

CAPE RACE, N. F., April 15.—Nine of the fleet of ocean liners are rushing to the aid of the Titanic. Aside from those already reported, the Virginian, Olympic, Cincinnati, Mauretania, Prince Adelbert, Amerika and Frederick Wilhelm are expected to reach her before night. Sea experts declare if the weather is as clear as reported all the passengers will be saved, even if the ship sinks.

CANSO, N. S., April 15.—The Titanic, with all passengers transferred, is being towed to Halifax by the Virginian. Apparently there is no doubt she will reach port.

NEW YORK, April 15.—An order has been issued to rush special New York, Hartford and New Haven trains to Halifax to meet the liners and bring the Titanic's passengers to New York.

MASONS IN SESSION

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) SAN DIEGO, April 15.—The state Masons assembled today in a week's convention. The welcoming address was made by Mayor Wadham. The streets and buildings are decorated.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

MONTREY, Mex. April 15.—Eight thousand federals are concentrating at Torreón for an attack on the rebels. Seven thousand rebels are reported in Torreón and surrounding camps.

HUNDRED THOUSAND HOMELESS

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) WASHINGTON, April 15.—Telegrams to the war department show that the Mississippi flood crest has reached lower Arkansas and upper Louisiana. One hundred thousand persons are homeless and 25,000 destitute. Secretary Stimson and President Taft conferred today and decided to ask congress to appropriate \$300,000 for a special relief fund.

DROPPING INDICTMENTS

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) LOS ANGELES, April 15.—Anton Johansson, Olaf Tveitmo and A. E. Clancy, laborites, charged in the federal indictment with illegally transporting dynamite, appeared in the federal court today. Attorney Bert Schaeffer moved the reduction of aggregate bonds from \$7000 to \$1000, which was granted. This is the first step toward dropping the indictments returned here, according to arrangement with the federal prosecutors.

ENTHUSIASM TO MARK CAMPAIGN AGAINST BOOZE

There will be enthusiasm tomorrow evening at the meeting called to start the new county-wide campaign against the encroachments of the liquor force on the no-booze principle on which Imperial valley thus far has been built up.

While the movement will begin in El Centro, there is evidence at hand that in practically every school district in the valley there will be found those who will take up the work with spirit and enable the county to present a solid front against the crowd which is now seeking to debauch the valley.

It is hoped the meeting at the Christian Church tomorrow evening will be attended by men, women and young people, all ready to do their part in forcing the issue to a final and a quick settlement.

Not Local Issue
It is one of the gratifying facts in connection with this new movement that a large portion of the people of Imperial will be as active in the work as the people of other sections of the valley. During all the time in which the booze contingent has been gaining the mastery in Imperial, there have been those who fought the encroachments determinedly and consistently, and while many of them have left the town as they saw it gradually drifting into the hands of the booze crowd, there remain others who are still fighting and propose to continue to fight for decency. These people will co-operate with the people of the other towns in the work in hand.

Dog Developed Rabies
A dog belonging to Mr. Cervantes, the barber, developed rabies today and was ordered killed by the city trustees. The dog was bitten several days ago by a shepherd dog passing through town.

WILL BREAK GROUND FOR CENTRAL UNION'S PERMANENT HOME

Messrs. Olson and Graf of Phoenix, contractors for the Central Union high school buildings, to be erected on the 18-acre campus in the southwestern part of this city, have arrived from Phoenix, accompanied by their foreman, Mr. McCready. The families of Messrs. Olson and Graf will arrive here later.

It is probable that ground will be broken for the new school buildings next Wednesday morning. The contractors propose to push the work continuously. There will be no interruption of work during the summer, and if possible a portion of the new structure will be ready for the use of the school soon after the opening of the next year's work.

A million and a half of brick have been ordered from the Simons Brick Company, so that El Centro-made material will be used in the construction. Other building material is now on the way to El Centro.

Professor House has a corps of men at work today planting on the school grounds an assortment of fruit trees for experiment and demonstration purposes.

For the convenience of the contractors and as a needed means of access for the public to the school grounds, the city trustees will be asked to place a bridge across the Date canal at Brighton avenue, the street on which the school buildings will front. It is probable that this matter will be presented at tonight's session of the city trustees.

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WITNESS FALLS DEAD

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) LOS ANGELES, April 15.—Stepping from the witness stand of Justice Forbe's court, Mrs. Mona Smith dropped dead, apparently from heart failure as a result of excitement. She had testified in the case of her son-in-law, Robert Duarte, charged with non-support.

TWO YEARS OF PEACE

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) INDIANAPOLIS, April 15.—With 275,000 non-unionists and 300,000 unionists affected, a compromise between the bituminous miners and operators, recently submitted to referendum vote, is believed to have been accepted. No final figures are available, but it is reported that 200,000 miners favored the compromise providing for two years of peace and 50,000 opposed it.

HUNT A SUSPECT

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) LYNN, Mass., April 15.—Judge Lunn has issued a warrant for the arrest of William A. Dorr of Stockton, Cal., charging him with the murder of George March, millionaire soap manufacturer, who was found dead Friday. Police at all ports are asked to watch outgoing steamers for him.

STOCKTON, April 15.—Chief of Police Briare is endeavoring to locate Dorr, who is a prominent motorcycle dealer. Dorr on March 14 rode a motorcycle to a steamer landing and boarded a boat for San Francisco and has not been heard from since. Officers are en route here from Lynn.

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OREGON BECOMES THE CENTER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT

(BY UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS) PORTLAND, Or., April 15.—With La Follette beginning his Oregon campaign tour and Taft and Roosevelt adherents launching their campaigns today, Oregon is in the throes of political excitement. La Follette is scheduled to speak at Albany, Corvallis and Eugene today and at Salem tonight. John Wesley Hill, president of the international peace forum, will speak here tonight for Taft. Roosevelt men are flooding the state with literature. The primaries will be held Friday.

Coming Friday
PORTLAND, April 15.—Walter Houser, La Follette's campaign manager, has announced that La Follette has abandoned his proposed tour to Washington to have more time for the California campaign. He will start for California Friday morning.

Declaring that Taft had carried his high office to a bed of ease, that Roosevelt is a man of many words and few deeds, La Follette addressed a large audience at Eugene at noon. He said, "Within a dozen years a mighty power" (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

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