

THE TIMES

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Taft now Admits the Plain Truth.

Troops Ordered to Border Because of Mexican Situation.

Hopes it will have Sobering Effect on Mexico.

SOLDIERS WILL NOT INVADE MEXICO UNLESS OFFENSE OCCURS.

The so-called Mexican situation cleared considerably.

The attitude of the U. States Government has become plain, and there need no longer be any doubt, it was said, by administration officials, regarding the president's policy.

Mr. Taft has announced that he will do everything possible to maintain the friendly relations existing between this country and Mexico. Any rupture must come as the result of some overt act on Mexican soil.

The United States has no desire to interfere in the internal affairs of Mexico, and President Taft will not recommend any such interference to Congress unless circumstances permit of no other possible course.

The American troops were sent to Texas and prepared for any emergency on the strength of reports which indicated that conditions in Mexico were approaching such a crisis that at any time American lives and property might be threatened.

These reports were of such nature that President Taft felt he could not fail to heed them. He acted quickly and hoped the threat of danger would be stayed. He believes this has been accomplished and that the presence of the army in Texas, within striking distance of the Mexican border, has had a sobering influence, and that Americans and American property will be respected.

There will be no move toward the Mexican border unless outrages so flagrant as to call for the presence of a protecting force occur. Even in the event of an outbreak, President Taft would not think of acting without the consent of Congress.

The limitations upon the power of the president to commit an act that might be interpreted as an act of war are so well defined that Mr. Taft has been assured at many of the reports as to what he proposed to do with the army after it was mobilized.

The president feels that it was his duty as commander-in-chief of the army and navy to prepare for an emergency so that if Congress should be called upon to act, its orders could be carried out with the greatest possible speed.

How long will the troops remain in Texas will depend entirely upon developments in Mexico. The United States Government has determined to give President Diaz every chance to restore order in his republic. President Taft has determined that this government shall fulfill its international obligations in stopping the smuggling of arms and ammunition across the border. The enforcement of the neutrality laws called for the presence of many additional troops, and was one of the causes of the recent army movements.

Mexico has made no protest against the presence of the troops in Texas. Such a protest would be regarded as undiplomatic inas-

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such as the troops are on American soil and must remain on American soil until Congress shall otherwise direct.

President Taft repeatedly has assured the Mexican Ambassador, Mr. de la Barra, that the Mexican Government need feel no alarm over the movement of the troops. He has sent the same assurances to the City of Mexico. These assurances are in line with the policy of the administration to maintain the friendliest of relations so long as such relations are possible.

There is every reason to believe that the troops will remain in Texas for at least four months. Meantime they will not be idle. The mobilization of the army will be taken advantage of to impart invaluable training to the officers and men of the regular establishment and to many officers of the state militia organizations, who will be sent to Texas from time to time.

In a way the sending of the troops to Texas will give to the army the same valuable instructions and experience that came to the navy as a result of the cruise of the battleship fleet around the world. It was recalled in administration circles, that the sailing of the fleet was regarded in some quarters as a threat of war, but it proved to be a mission of peace.

President Taft hopes that the sending of the army to Texas will prove to have been a peace move. He said to several callers at the White House, that he ought to be the last person in the world to be suspected of jingoism—that nothing was further from his mind. Political consideration, the President said, had not entered into the operations from any possible angle. Mr. Taft is fully aware that an attack is to be made upon him in Congress by some Republican insurgents, and possibly by some of the Democrats, but he is said to be prepared to defend his course from every point of view.

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Jeweller Taken In

New Swindling Trick Invented In French Capital

A new swindling trick has been invented. A perfectly dressed man, naturally displaying the particular sort of "swank" that takes tradesmen in, called on a well known Paris jeweller. He wanted a unique pearl. The jeweller had one but it was expensive—\$12,000. The customer asked to see it, and the jeweller suspiciously produced it. "The pearl will do," said the swindling stranger, "will you take \$10,000? If so send it to my address." The jeweller, more suspicious than ever, took the pearl round the next morning, on the chance of the buyer being genuine. He was quite determined not to be done, and not to give the pearl up except for cash.

The stranger kept the appointment, paid 10,000 dollars, cash down, and took the pearl. The jeweller felt sorry he had been suspicious.

of him. A fortnight later the gentleman called again at the shop. "Could you find me another similar pearl? The one I bought from you I like so well that I want a pair. Of course, I know I shall have to pay more for the second, and I am prepared to give you just double what I gave for the first." The jeweller went pearl hunting, and was lucky enough to find the exact counterpart of the one he had already sold. He wrote to his customer who called, examined the pearl minutely and gave it back. "I am awfully sorry to have troubled you, but I can't take it. It won't do; it will not match the one I have well enough."

The jeweler laid the pearl, for which he had paid 16,000 dol. on his hands, was annoyed and surprised, because, as far as he could see, the second pearl was the exact counterpart of the one he had sold before. He was still more surprised and annoyed on finding out later that it was the same pearl. The man he had bought it for \$16,000 dol., hoping to sell it for 20,000 dol., was the confederate of the original purchaser, and between them the two swindlers had netted 6,000 dol., with an outlay of 10,000 dol., which works out at 60 per cent profit in two weeks.

Harem Skirts

Two young New York women made their appearance upon the streets of this place this afternoon attired in "harem" skirts of the most extreme pattern. It was apparently a pious experience on their part and was not a success. Soon a hoisting mob was behind them, and then came a shower of mud. Thinking them two soldiers who had deserted in preference to going to Mexico, a policeman attempted to arrest the women. He desisted, much embarrassed, upon ascertaining the truth. After a vain attempt to reach around in back to find something they could not lift, the women made commendable time to the Mabackemo Hotel, and when they emerged they had long coats that hid their neither garments. They took a cab to the railroad station and returned to the city.

In The Cause Of Peace All Disputes Between U. S. and Britain

Will be Referred to the Hague Tribunal

LONDON.—Mr. Asquith replying to a question in the House yesterday, said that Mr. Bryce has reported that the United States contemplates proposing a treaty, under which all disputes of the two nations may be referred to arbitration. He added that such a proposal would meet the most sympathetic consideration.

Forcing Himself

Mr. Garvey is seeking prominence but he will not get it through the "Times." He must be first humble before he can be exalted. Humility will cause him to learn and appreciate what is pure.

How can this man digest what he cannot masticate. How can he feel comfortable when he cannot grasp or enjoy what he is not accustomed to. Put a *son* into the King's palace and the result will be *lack of appreciation*, she would prefer her mire instead of the former which is too good and clean for her.

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As a sequel to their Paris success Mme Paderewski has now been nominated a Chevaliere in du Merite Agricole by the Ministry of Agriculture. Her poultry is valued at over 20,000 dollars. It is reported that she sold a couple of white Orpingtons to an American purchaser recently for \$7,600.

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To the Editor of The Times

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