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MEXICO IS CHARGED

WITH KIDNAPPING TWO U.S. CITIZENS.

A Formal Demand Made For Their Surrender—Mexico Declares Men Taken on Mexican Soil.

Washington, D.C., March 16.—A serious diplomatic question has arisen between the United States and Mexico over the arrest by Mexican federal troops of Edwin M. Blatt, of Pittsburg, and Lawrence F. Converse, of California. These young men have been imprisoned at Juarez since February 23rd, and yesterday the United States government made a formal request upon the Mexican government to surrender them. The United States charges that the two Americans were taken on American soil, and that the seizure was a violation of the sovereignty of this government.

A direct issue of fact exists between the two governments in this question. Mexican officials have declared categorically that the two men were taken on Mexican soil, while the state department in its note to the Mexican embassy to-day does not qualify its contention that the Americans were kidnapped from this side of the Rio Grande River.

The state department's present note does not, of course, constitute a demand upon the Mexican government, but with the issue squarely joined upon facts it presents a situation from which one government or the other will have to recede from views already expressed.

AN ODE TO PORTSMOUTH.

Here's to the fair maidens from Portsmouth, the minstrel, and Esther Primrose, his wife, have settled their matrimonial dispute without the aid of the supreme court. Mrs. Primrose's action against her husband for a separation is discontinued. She alleged in her complaint that her husband had abandoned her, but he answered that she insisted upon living in New York, while he declared that she must take her home with him in Oregon:

The score at half time stood a tie. But the Grantes came back strong And into the nets they notched three more. And the Portsmouths they got sore. Then altogether they rushed the ice, And they finally made a score, But try as they might they could not make another.

Another score that night. Big Bill he left all his rings at home. And poor "Scotty" he failed to show. For little "Bouncer" he got them all. And he was always looking for more.

I will tell you something more. If you wish to "tan a Granite's hide" You will have to practice more.

Odessa Tidings.

A special correspondent from Odessa writes: The beautiful sunshine is taking the snow very rapidly, the roads are getting bad. Two loads went through here going to Violet revival services being held by the Holiness Movement. Frank McCormac and brother, William, started for the west, Monday, also Alfred Babcock, taking a number of horses with other stock and implements. They are taking up land in Alberta, S. Bond is working the McCormac farms, giving his undertaking business in charge of Eugene Smith. He will also assist as he is only a mile from the village. The funeral of the late Miss Randolph was on Friday last. The Free Methodists have purchased new lights for the church. The Salvation Army people are having regular services again in the barracks.

Ogdensburg Harbor Clear. Ogdensburg, March 15.—The ice has cleared the harbor of ice yesterday and the passenger boat resumed landing at the old wharf. The big vessel also forced an entrance through the north channel below the city. A brisk wind from the southwest drove the loose ice out of the harbor in a short time and soon open water greeted the eye where for weeks there had been an unbroken field of thick ice.

Taft's Medal Was Real Goods. Worcester, Mass., March 15.—The gold medal presented to President Taft by an organization of railway men is not solid brass; neither was it engraved by a prisoner in the county jail here, as alleged.

Mr. Taft sent the medal back at the request of the railway men. They submitted it to jewelers here, who pronounced it to be twenty-four karat gold. The convict alleged to have engraved it denied having done so.

Clayton Youth Appointed. Watertown, N.Y., March 15.—De Witt Peck of Clayton has been appointed to the Military Academy at Annapolis. The young man is the son of Captain Peck, a graduate of West Point and a well-known lawyer in this city before his death some years ago. The boy's uncle was also in the army, having been killed at the proving grounds near Sandy Hook some time ago when a coast defence gun burst.

Women and Falsehoods. Albany, March 15.—That more women consistently tell falsehoods, the more rational they are was the opinion given by Police Chief Quigley during the evidence in the case of Mrs. Meier, on trial for murdering her boy. The chief said Mrs. Meier was rational. The prosecution is trying to prove she was a moral degenerate but not an imbecile.

New Brunswick Budget. Fredericton, N.B., March 15.—Provincial Secretary Fleming delivered the budget in the legislature yesterday. The surplus for the past fiscal year was \$6,563. He estimated the income for the coming year at \$1,337,515, and expenditures at \$1,313,632.

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Speaking to the Osgoode Law Society, at Toronto, Clifford Sifton said blind partisanship is fast disappearing.

Not for years has there been such a tangle of ice in the Canoe Strait. See College Book Store advt., on page three.

THERE IS NO DESIRE
TO GRANT ANNEXATION TO BAHAMAS.
OVERTURES UNOFFICIAL.

Ottawa, March 15.—No confirmation has reached the government of the report that the legislative assembly of Bahamas has voted in favor of union with Canada. It has been known for some time that certain Montreal gentlemen have been actively engaged, while wintering at Nassau, inspiring an agitation in favor of union with Canada, but so far the overtures have been completely unofficial. There is no considerable desire upon the part of the government to favor an expansion policy, and especially when it involves the addition of a colored population of over 50,000 descendants of former slaves.

BRAVE PRIEST AVERTS PANIC.

Completes Mass While Basement of Church Burns.

Hartford City, Ind., March 15.—With the basement of the church in flames and conscious that an alarm would throw the congregation, largely composed of women and children, into a panic, Father John F. Keller completed the funeral services over the body of Stephen Dwyer, yesterday, at the Catholic church and dismissed the attendants as the fire department arrived at the church. None of the attendants knew of the fire situation nor realized how cool-headed the priest was in emptying the church.

Primrose Settles With His Wife.

New York, March 15.—George H. Primrose, the minister, and Esther Primrose, his wife, have settled their matrimonial dispute without the aid of the supreme court. Mrs. Primrose's action against her husband for a separation is discontinued. She alleged in her complaint that her husband had abandoned her, but he answered that she insisted upon living in New York, while he declared that she must take her home with him in Oregon:

Pulpwood Exports.

Ottawa, March 15.—The exports of pulp wood from Canada to the United States during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1909, amounted to \$4,356,391, and during the fiscal year 1910 to \$6,076,629. The exports of wood pulp for the same periods were \$3,064,819 and \$4,175,369. The exports of paper in the same years were \$958,870 and \$1,297,052.

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Albany, N.Y., March 16.—After a long debate the assembly defeated the bill to legalize Sunday baseball by amateurs.

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