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# ZELAYA SENDS SPECIAL AGENTS

## To Washington in Attempt to Turn Aside the Government's Programme Regarding Nicaragua

## KNOX'S ULTIMATUM UNHEEDED

### Emissaries to First Appeal to State Department and Then to Directly Appeal to Members of Congress—The Department Watching Every Move of Zelaya's Agents of Whom there are Two at a Leading Hotel.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Zelaya has not only refused to take official cognizance of Secretary Knox's note, which was practically an ultimatum, but he is declared to have despatched special agents to Washington to endeavor to have the state department's ultimatum set aside, first by appeals to that department and secondly by direct appeals to members of congress. The state department is entirely aware of the presence and identity of these emissaries. While they are being watched in a general way, the United States is maintaining over them nothing that could be construed as espionage.

**Warships to Prevent Zelaya's Escape.**

In addition to this it was reported today that any attempt that Zelaya may make to escape from the country will receive the direct and vigorous attention of the American warships now lying off the coasts of Nicaragua. Secretary Knox's note intimated in the plainest language that the state department looks upon Zelaya as the man responsible for the torture and death of the two Americans, Groce and Cannon.

**Arrival of Nicaraguan Emisaries.**

The plan to defiect the United States government programme with reference to Nicaragua came to light this evening. Senor Fernando Sanches and Dr. V. M. Roman, the former accompanied by his family, arrived here and registered in a leading hotel. Neither Senor Sanchez nor Dr. Roman would tlk. They gave their address as New York.

Members of the Central American diplomatic corps, however, were in a flutter when they discovered the new arrivals. Senor Sanches, they declared, as a partner of Zelaya in many of the latter's business ventures in Nicaragua, and he has managed to amass a fortune of betwen four and five million dollars in gold. Dr. Roman, the report continued, has long been Senor Sanchez's business adviser, and he, also, is a close friend and adherent of Zelaya.

**Telegraph Wires Kept Hot.**

During the afternoon and early evening more than a score of telegrams were despatched from Senor Sanchez's rooms. Almost an equally large number were received. This telegraphic activity, the Central Americans insist, is aimed at members of congress, with a view of winning over enough of them to render the administration's present programme inoperative, in event it is presented to congress.

**Formal Request from Castrillo.**

Dr. Salvador Castrillo, the diplomatic agent of the provisional government of Nicaragua, and representative of the revolutionists here, today made a formal request to Secretary Knox that he be received on equal terms with the agents of the Zelaya government. This, naturally, will be informally, as neither the Nicaraguan representatives nor Dr. Castrillo have official standing here. While the state department has not rendered any decision in the matter, it is generally believed that Dr. Castrillo's request will be granted.

**State Department "Marking Time."**

Although it is making preparations for action, this government has resumed the calm that preceded the issue of Secretary Knox's note. There were no developments in the state department today, and Secretary Knox appeared bored when the subject of Nicaragua was mentioned. To all appearances the departfent "is now marking time" until occasion arrives for further action.

It was said today that in all probability the Nicaraguan consuls in this country would not be disturbed for the present at least, nor was it thought that the American consuls in Nicaragua would be required to leave that country.

## BODIES OF EXECUTED AMERICANS BURNED

### To Conceal Means of Identification—This by Order of Zelaya.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 3.—The bodies of Leroy Cannon and Leonard Groce, the two Americans executed by order of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, were burned, according to passengers who arrived here today from Nicaraguan ports on the steamer Dictator. It was reported that incineration was resorted to to conceal the means of identification. Afterwards, it was said, Zelaya found it was impossible to conceal the fact that the Americans had been killed, and he was forced to make a report to this effect to the state department at Washington.

The passengers said that all was quiet in the vicinity of Bluefields and there was no indication at the time of the dictator's departure six days ago, or of any advance being made on the Bluefields region by the forces of Zelaya.

## DON'T SELL THE NAVY YARDS, SAYS SECRETARY MEYER

### In His Annual Report—Recommendations—Senior Naval Officers Are Too Old.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Warning the government that it may be compelled to buy them back at an increased cost, Secretary Meyer of the navy department in his annual report to the president today recommends the retention, for the present, of all the navy yards owned by the government. He would have the government wait until the completion of the Panama canal before closing any of the yards on the southern coast.

Two big battleship of the all big gun class are recommended by the secretary, as well as a repair ship. He makes it plain in his report that he is opposed, except occasionally as a check on cost, to the construction of battleships at government navy yards, and to the limitation of the construction of only one battleship by any one shipbuilding concern.

Estimates for the coming fiscal year were included in the report. They are more than ten million less than the total amount appropriated for the present fiscal year.

The secretary says that the senior officers of the navy are too old. He wants some new legislation on the subject. He says that he is preparing recommendations on the matter and will submit them to the president shortly.

Recommendations for the legal establishment of a naval reserve of officers and men will also be submitted to President Taft soon. Recommendations in regard to the development of a naval militia are also promised.

Secretary Meyers reviews and explains in detail his proposed plan for the reorganization of the navy department and navy yards and asks for such legislation as may be needed to carry it into effect.

## MEETING OF STATE GOVERNORS

### To Be Held in Washington January 18, 19 and 20.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Taft will make the opening address at the convention of the National Civic federation to begin its important work in this city Jan. 17 next.

He accepted an invitation to be present and make the address which was extended by Seth Low, president of the federation, who conferred with the chief executive for fifteen minutes. A meeting of the governors of the states is to be held in Washington Jan. 18, 19 and 20, and Mr. Low said that an effort is making to have the two conventions work in harmony in the discussion of the same subjects. The federation will take up uniform state laws specially dealing with divorce.

## KING EDWARD ACCEPTS.

### Will Arbitrate the Alsop Claim Dispute Between Us and Chili.

London, Dec. 3.—King Edward, through the foreign office, accepted the invitation to act as arbitrator of the Alsop claim dispute between the United States and Chili.

**Little Hope for Speedy Settlement of Granite Workers' Strike.**

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 3.—Hopes for a speedy settlement of the strike of five thousand granite workers here, in Barre and in Northfield vanished today when the dispute committee of the Northfield branch, the first to strike, refused to accept the Barre granite manufacturers' association's proposition that the use of the bushing hammer, over which the strike started, be made optional between Dec. 11 and March 15.

## ARMY BALLOON WITHSTOOD SHOWER OF SHRAPNEL

### Fired at It from Proving Grounds Near Sandy Hook.

New York, Dec. 3.—A big army balloon which was sent up at the United States army proving grounds near Fort Hancock at Sandy Hook, today, withstood for several hours a shower of shrapnel which was fired at it at intervals from the fort.

Officers at Fort Hancock declined to discuss the test, but spectators with glasses on the shore were able to see that the gas bag was not damaged. This was confirmed when the balloon was lowered to the proving grounds at dusk.

Several days ago a balloon was hit by cannon shots from Fort Hancock and was seen to collapse and fall. The tests are being conducted as secretly as possible with a view to perfecting the army in the rudiments of aerial warfare.

## SON OF INVENTOR COLT

### To Be Tried on Charge of Fraudulent Use of Mails.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3.—Olcott C. Colt of New York, a son of the inventor, will be tried at the next term of the United States district court in this city on a charge of using the mails to defraud. He was indicted in May, 1908, but was in Paris until recently. He appeared today before Judge Phillips, who fixed his bond at $1,500, which was provided by George G. Gaugh, Colt's father-in-law, proprietor of a printing shop.

The indictment charges that in 1907 Olcott Colt was operating a brokerage and loan business, with offices in Kansas City and New York. It is alleged that after he received his fee for obtaining loans he or his "experts" invariably procured no loan.

## TEN PER CENT. INCREASE

### To Be Demanded by Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

New York, Dec. 3.—Officers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who announced yesterday that they will demand a general increase of ten per cent. in pay from thirty-two railroads east of the Mississippi, said tonight that the men positively will not go out in sympathy with the western switchmen.

"We expect," said Vice President Murdock, "to present our demands on the 11th of this month, and that the wage conference will begin on the 15th. Although every effort will be made to avert a general strike, it is impossible to predict what the outcome of the conference will be."

**Parliament Prorogued.**

London, Dec. 3.—King Edward's second parliament, which appears destined to become a memorable one in the country's history, was prorogued today with the customary foramlities. It will soon be dissolved and writs will be issued for new elections to the house of commons. The pollings will begin Jan. 13 and last until Jan. 24, and the new parliament will assamble about the middle of February. The proceedings today were brief and the attendance slight.

**Skiff Load of Nitro-Glycerine Exploded**

Sistersville, Va., Dec. 3.—An employe of the Marietta Torpedo company was blown to atoms, a steamboat was rocked until it took water over its gunwales, and the entire town was shaken so that windows were shattered today when a skiff load of nitro-glycerine being transported down the river exploded. A panic occurred in a schoolhouse when windows were broken and splintered.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Venice, Dec. 3.—The Duke of the Abruzzi has been appointed director general of the arsenal here and shortly will take up his abode in the royal palace in Venice.

Rome, Dec. 3.—Angelo Sarto, a brother of Pope Pius, arrived in Rome today and will spend the Christmas holidays at the vatican. He is a well-preserved old man, over 71 years of age.

Christiania, Dec. 3.—The university of Christiania has appointed a committee to co-operate with similar committees from Denmark, Sweden and the United States with the object of facilitating the plan for the interchange of professors and scholarships between Scandinavian and American universities.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Dec. 3.—Professor Hergosell, the German commissioner on airships, arrived here today from Germany, bringing with him several ballons with which to make experiments in high altitude air currents and temperatures. He will begin his operations Monday on board the German cruiser Victoria Luise, about 150 miles from St. Thomas.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Direct telegraphic communication between Germany and England and France was entirely cut off throughout the day by a storm that swept the British Isles and France, and it was necessary to send all messages to those countries by way of the United States. The trouble lasted until midnight, when the direct cable again was opened. The storm itself scarcely was felt here.

## MOTHER AND BABY BURNED TO DEATH

### In New York Lower East Side Tenement Fire.

New York, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Frank Braun, her little daughter Lizzie, three years of age, and an unidentified man were burned to death early this morning in a tenement fire on the lower East Side waterfront.

The fire lasted only twenty minutes, but it spread so swiftly to the room where Mrs. Braun was asleep with her baby that they were burned to death in their beds. Frank Braun, the father, a factory porter, was rescued by firemen from a fourth story window with an infant son in his arms.

## THE WARRINER BLACKMAIL.

### Men of High Position May Be Implicated in the Embezzlement.

Cincinnati, Dec. 3.—Charles L. Warriner, according to developments today, was compelled to make a cash settlement of $25,000 in lump to escape being held in the clutches of blackmailers for 17 years to come.

Prosecutor Hunt has in his possession 250 demand notes for $100 each, and they are alleged to have been presented by a woman to Warriner for immediate signature on September 26, 1905. These notes bear dates from September 26, 1905, up to August 21, 1908. The notes are said to be part of the scheme of blackmail.

But Warriner balked on discounting the future, it is said, and paid the entire $25,000 at once instead of paying that amount in $100 installments during 17 years. Warriner, it is said, told the prosecutor that he sent the unsigned notes to a man in Chicago, with a written explanation of why he did not attach his signature.

Warriner's refusal to sign the notes did not free him from the grip of the blackmailers, because later he was compelled to pay various sums ranging from $250 hotel bills to $1,000 for expenses for the benefit of a woman.

Attorneys for Mrs. Ford insist that when the whole truth of the defalcation is known men of higher position in the railroad than those already under suspicion will be implicated and that the real shortage will be found to be many times in excess of the sum which has been given in Warriner's confession.

## EXPRESS MESSENGERS HURT.

### St. Louis and New York Flyer Wrecked by Broken Rail.

Lewisville, Ind., Dec. 3.—The St. Louis and New York flyer on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked tonight by a broken rail. The express car plunged down an embankment and three messengers were seriously injured. The baggage car was thrown at right angles across the rails. The rest of the train remained on the track.

**Strike Riot at Plant of American Tin Plate Company.**

Wheeling W. Va., Dec. 3.—In a riot tonight between strike sympathizers and deputy sheriffs guarding the Aetna plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company, a guard was shot and seriously wounded. Fifty deputies are guarding the plant against further attack. Strike breakers are being imported from Cincinnati and Pittsburg. Serious trouble is feared.

**To Talk Over More Pay and Shorter Hours.**

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 3.—Officials of the national brotherhoods of railroad trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen will meet the officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here in January and take up the requests of the employes of the road for an increase in wages and a shortening of hours. The meeting will be held Jan. 4th.

**British Bark Foundered at Sea.**

Portland, Ore., Dec. 3.—Advices received by the United States weather bureau from Tatoosh island, Wash., say that the British mour-masted bark Matterhorn foundered at sea November 27, seventy miles off Umanilla reef. The first mate, steward, and four sailors were drowned. Twenty-seven of the crew were saved.

**$5,000 Fire at Thompsonville.**

Thompsonville, Conn., Dec. 3.—Fire tonight destroyed a frame building owned by Lawrence Rogers and damaged an adjoining building owned by Addison H. Brainard and Hiram Oldroid. The loss will be $5,000. The cause of the fire is not known.

**The Railroad Commissioner.**

Governor Weeks, after giving the subject serious consideration for a week and more, decided yesterday afternoon to appoint as railroad commissioner Edgar J. Doolittle of Meriden. The selection will meet general approval. Mr. Doolittle is one of the leading citizens of one of the most progressive cities of the state—a place that without natural advantages has grown to its important position through the custom its people have of standing together; there is no doubt that, with a director of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road and a railroad commissioner both recently chosen from there, its local pride will grow, and perhaps its dreadful grade crossings will diminish.—Hartford Courant.

Taft emphasizes the fact that the dear old Constitution is again in the White House library.—Washington Post.

# Troopship Still On Mud Flats

## COAL AND OTHER HEAVY SUPPLIES LIGHTERED.

## SIX BIG TUGS AT WORK

### Trying to Pull the Prairie Into Deep Water—Rear Admiral Kimball and His Men Remain on Board.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Despite the large amount of coal and other heavy supplies which were removed today from the transport Prairie by lighters, the ship late tonight is still aground on the mud flats of Pea Patch Island, in the Delaware river, thirty-five miles below this city.

The Prairie went aground last night while proceeding to Panama or possibly Nicaragua with about 700 marines on board. The marines are still on the vessel.

Six powerful tugs tried to pull the Prairie into deep water today, but were unsuccessful. Another attempt will be made at high tide about 4 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Commandant Harris of the Philadelphia navy yard is in close communication with Rear Admiral Kimball, who is on the transport. The commandant said tonight that he felt confident the vessel would be floated at the next high tide and would continue the trip south tomorrow.

## FOUR GLOUCESTER FISHING VESSELS WRECKED

### On West Coast of Newfoundland—Loss of Life Unknown.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 3.—Meagre reports from Birchy Cove, Bay of Islands, on the west coast, indicate that four Gloucester, Mass., fishing schooners have been wrecked. As regards the loss of life, the reports are conflicting. The schooners Clintonia, Henry M. Stanley and Mabel R. Hines are on the rocks at Bay of Islands, and another schooner, which may be the John R. Bradley, is a total wreck. The mail steamer Portia was wrecked while crossing from Sydney, C. B., to Bonne bay and the entire west coast is strewn with the wreckage of Newfoundland craft.

The crew of the vessel which is believed to be the John R. Bradley had a narrow escape when their craft was driven on the rocks at the north arm of the Bay of Islands. They were rescued by the cruiser Fiona and taken to Birchy cove. As the coast is bleak and but sparsely inhabited, the crews of the other schooners may be safe in some locality remote from communication.

The northeast gale has tied up the mail service and eight steamers from transatlantic ports, New York and Montreal, are several days overdue.

## PRESIDENT TAFT ASSAILED.

### "Unqualified to Speak on Negro Problem in the South."

New York, Dec. 3.—President Taft was bitterly assailed as "unqualified to speak on the negro problem in the south" by Francis D. Winston, former governor of North Carolina, who addressed the annual meeting of the North Carolina society of New York at its banquet at the Hotel Astor tonight. The president, he said, had written "with some heat" on the subject of the negro and the franchise, a matter upon which as a northern man Mr. Taft had no special right to debate.

## OBITUARY.

**Mrs. Robert C. Ogden.**

New York, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Robert C. Ogden, wife of the retired merchant and philanthropist, died at her home here tonight of pneumonia and attendant complications, after an illness of several weeks. She was born Ellen Elizabeth Lewis of Brooklyn and married Mr. Ogden in 1860. Her husband is best known as a president of the Southern Educational board and a trustee of the Tuskegee and Hampton institutes for the education of negroes. He was formerly a partner of John Wanamaker.

**105-Year-Old Schooner Polly Sold.**

Rockland, Me., Dec. 3.—The 105-year-old schooner Polly, the oldest coaster in active commission in the United States, for the purchase of which Commander Robert E. Peary has been negotating, on account of her historical associations, was sold today to J. H. Weldon of Dighton, Mass. As a privateer in the war of 1812, the Polly captured a number of merchantmen. The purpose of her new owner in regard to the vessel is unknown.

**Syrian Declared a White Man.**

Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 3.—By the decision of Judge W. T. Newman of the United States district court today, Costa George Najour, a Syrian, is declared a white man and eligible to the privileges of citizenship in the United States. On the ground that he is a Mongolian, it is probable that the case will be appealed by the immigration bureau.

**Death of Former Italian Premier.**

Rome, Dec. 3.—Signor Allossandro Fortis, former premier and minister of the interior, who had been ill for several months at Rimini, died today.

## FIRE AT NEW LONDON.

### Dairy Lunch Room Wiped Out by Blaze for Which General Alarm Was Sounded.

The Dairy Lunch, Golden street, New London, owned by Peter Jerome, Jr., was cleaned out by fire Friday morning. One side of the entire upper floors of the building were burned out. The lower floor, that occupied by the lunch room, was seriously damaged by water, as was the kitchen on the same floor. The ladies' dining room was but slightly damaged, this being by smoke and water, while the sleeping apartments on the floors above escaped damage. The tailoring establishment of Frank Sauerzopf was slightly damaged, including wearing apparel, by smoke and water.

The fire started shortly after 4.30 o'clock and was discovered in the pastry kitchen on the second floor, over the lunch room, by one of the cooks.

Proprietor Jerome estimates his loss at close to $5,000 and is covered by insurance. The cause of the blaze is supposed to have been a defective chimney. A general alarm was sent in.

At the annual national exhibition, held August 29, 30 and 31, 1909, under the auspices of the Asociacion Rural del Uruguay, bull, 17 months old, son of animals imported two years ago from the United States, was awarded the championship over all comers, with a gold medal and certificate of excellency.

# Fifteen Hundred Strikebreakers

## TO TAKE PLACES OF DISSATISFIED SWITCHMEN.

## TROUBLE IS ABOUT OVER

### The Railroad Managers Assert, But the Strike Leaders Say the Difficulty is Only Just Begun.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 3.—With 1,500 imported men to replace the striking switchmen who are members of the Switchmen's union of North America and those strikers who are members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen returning to work, managers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads asserted tonight that the strike is about over.

But notwithstanding the desertion of the trainmen and the gradual resumption of traffic, the strike leaders asserted tonight that the strike had only begun. Freight congestion is not appreciably relieved.

**Movement to Effect a Settlement.**

After a conference this afternoon with President Hawley of the Switchmen's union and E. W. Decker of the clearing house, Governor Eberhardt announced that a well defined movement had begun to effect a settlement of the strike.

President L. W. Hill of the Great Northern said there could be no truth in any talk of settlement even with individual railroads, because the general managers had decided that they would all stand together. Mr. Hill said that the railroads could get men enough in the east to take the strikers' places, but that they did not want to bring them all in now, preferring to give the old men a chance to return as individuals.

## REFUSED TO HAVE THEIR FURNITURE TAGGED

### Would-be Movers of Household Goods Fired Upon.

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 3.—Violence today played a part in the strike of 1,800 operatives of the Ludlow Manufacturing associates' plant, when after a gang of town employes trying to tag the furniture of evicted strikers for further identification, had been repulsed by the homeless Polish women guarding the property, the foreman in charge of the would-be movers was fired upon from a shed near which he was standing. The bullet narrowly missed one of his legs, which was slightly cut by wood splinters from the shed wall.

The trouble took place just over the Ludlow line in Wilbraham, where are some of the mill tenements. The selectmen had ordered town employes to store the furniture of the several families evicted in Wilbraham, but after the Polish women had vigorously resisted all attempts of the movers to reach it, the authorities abandoned the attempt.

Tonight the selectmen announced again that the evicted tenants' property must be stored or otherwise taken care of by 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The state board of arbitration and conciliation today conferred with the strikers' committee and a committee from the Springfield Central Labor union. No official announcement of the result of the conference was made. The members of the state board returned to Boston early in the evening.

Agent Sidney Stevens for the mill owners said tonight that no more evictions would be made before next Wednesday.

## TWO HOTEL GUESTS EJECTED, COST PROPRIETOR $1,250.

### Had Occupied a Room Tendered by a Friend.

New York, Dec. 3.—A hotel guest may give up his room to a friend or to a friend and the friend's wife without entitling the hotel to subject them to the humiliation of ejectment.

This is the decision handed down today by the appellate division of the supreme court in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Smith of Stamford, Conn., who were put out of one of New York's large hotels late at night because they occupied a room that had been placed at their disposal by a friend.

The court affirmed the decision of the lower court in awarding the Smiths $1,250 damages.

## CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

### Follows Consolidation of Shore Line and New York Divisions.

New Haven, Dec. 3.—Following the announcement of the consolidating of the Shore line and New York divisions of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, the following changes in the personnel were announced late today, to go into effect on the 15th of the month: C. H. Motsett is appointed trainmaster with jurisdiction over the freight service between New Rochelle and Harlem river, including the Harlem river freight stations, piers 45 and 56, and the floating equipment. The master of lighterage will be under Mr. Motsett, whose headquarters will be at Harlem River.

P. W. J. Smith, as passenger trainmaster, will be in charge of passenger train service west of New Haven, with offices in the Grand Central station. J. J. Snavley as trainmaster will be in charge of the service between New Haven and Woodlawn, and on the Danbury, Ridgefield and New Canaan branches. E. E. Regan will act as assistant trainmaster. Headquarters will be in New Haven.

**Thieves Attempt to Carry Away Bronze Elk from a Cemetery.**

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 3.—Enterprising thieves entered Laurel Grove cemetery on the outskirts of this city last night and attempted to carry away a bronze elk weighing nearly a ton, which ornamented Elks' rest, the plot of Paterson lodge, No. 60, B. P. O. E. The statue was overturned and one leg was sawed off. Vandals who hoped to sell the metal are suspected.

**Drank Two Ounces Carbolic Acid.**

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 3.—Peter Bergen, 38 years of age, of Stratford, attempted to end his life in that town tonight by drinking two ounces of carbolic acid. His mother discovered Bergen soon after he drank the acid. Bergen pleaded with the ambulance doctor not to attempt to save his life, as he wanted to die. It is thought that he is demented. At the hospital late tonight he was resting comfortably.

**Steamship Arrivals.**

At Rotterdam: Dec. 2, Rotterdam, from New York.

At Libau: Dec. 3, Russia, from New York.

## Condensed Telegrams

**Former Commissioner of Pensions** W. W. Dudley is dangerously ill.

**Representative Tawney** has again taken up his fight against the bonding companies.

**Russia is About to Place Contracts** for two submarines with a guaranteed speed of 17 1-2 knots.

**The Canadian Pacific Railroad** has placed a contract in England for two new steamers to cost $1,500,000.

**The Dukes, Millionaire Tobacco Men,** have endowed Trinity college, Durham, N. C., with half a million dollars.

**Marines at the Brooklyn** navy yard had an hour's battle putting out a fire in the chemical laboratory building.

**John Ellsworth Was Sentenced** to five years in the state prison at Mount Holly, N. J., for robbing Schuyler Ranier.

**Lottie Meninger,** 7 years old, missing since last Monday, was found dead, apparently murdered, on a roof top in New York.

**The Trial Was Begun** of John W. Collier, who claims that he shot and killed his superior, Captain Matthews, in self defense.

**The New Tariff Commission** arrived in Chicago to obtain information concerning cattle, livestock and meat packing conditions.

**Mrs. Dora E. Doxey** of Columbus, Neb., was arrested and charged with murdering her husband of three months by placing arsentic in his food.

**Albert T. Patrick** appeared in court in New York in an effort to gain his freedom, but the judge refused habeas corpus and sent him back to Sing Sing.

**Professor Giddings of Columbia** university in an address in New York said he sees danger lurking in the big corporations, and that they are defying the law.

**Captain W. A. Johnson,** mining expert, after being evicted from a hotel in Salt Lake City because he couldn't pay his bill, committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium.

## SHORT SUGAR WEIGHT FRAUD INVESTIGATION

### Witness Parr Again Tells Story of the Crooked Scales.

New York, Dec. 3.—The sugar trial today continued to focus upon Richard Parr, the special agent of the treasury department, who was foremost in discovering and exposing short weight frauds on the Williamsburg docks of the American Sugar Refining company. Parr rehearsed once more his story of how he caught Kehoe, a tally clerk, manipulating the crooked scales; how Oliver Spitzer, one of the six company employes now charged with conspiracy, offered to let him name his own price for hushing the thing up; and how Breginski, Spitzer's partner, hooked him by the elbow and asked anxiously:

"Dick, this fellow says you're all right. Does that go?"

"Nothing goes with me," Parr replied.

Told with heat and great detail, the narrative made a visible effect, and counsel for the defense was quick to retort with an attack on Parr's credibility.

"You started to investigate without orders from any superior officer?" he was asked.

"If you call President Roosevelt and his secretary (now Collector Loeb) superior officers, I was working under orders," replied Parr, "but if you mean the secretary of the treasury, then I was working without orders."

Further inquiry along this line was dropped.

Questions designed to show that Parr once wrote sheets for pool and policy room keepers were barred by the court, but Parr insisted on an angry denial.

The wire with which, it was shown at a former trial, the scales were manipulated, was produced in court again today and was identified. A working model of the scales was exhibited for the benefit of the jury. Parr told how he first came upon Kehoe crouching behind the scales. Adjournment was taken until Monday.

## MARCHING STRIKERS INVADE NEW YORK CITY HALL.

### 2,500 Girls and Women Present Petition to Mayor McClellan.

New York, Dec. 3.—Twenty-five hundred girls and women, the more spirited of the striking shirt waist operators now demanding higher wages and better working conditions in New York, marched through the East Side today to the city hall, where they presented a petition to Mayor McClellan, demanding among other things that "you put an immediate stop to the insults and intimidations and to the abuses to which the police have subjected us while we have been picketing, which is our lawful right."

Three or four thousand of the generally sympathetic, the curious and a sprinkling of suffragettes augmented the strikers' delegation, which jammed City Hall park. The mayor told the committee that he would confer with the police commissioner about the matter.

## SUCCEEDS DEAD CADET.

### Younger Byrne Appointed in Place of One Killed in Football.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Representative D. S. Alexander announced today that he would appoint Louis Thomas Byrne of this city to fill the vacancy at the United States military academy caused by the death of Eugene C. Byrne, his brother, as the result of injuries received in the Harvard-West Point football game.

## FRENCH FIGHT WITH ARABS.

### Former Lose Five Men and Latter Fifteen in Clash in West Africa.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Advices received today by the minister of the colonies state that a detachment of French troops attacked and routed an Arabian band near Bilma, French West Africa. The Arabs lost fifteen killed and the French five killed and eight wounded.

**Traveling Distributor of Typhoid Fever Germs.**

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 3.—A German driver of a milk wagon is held responsible for the epidemic of typhoid fever in the fashionable Ghent section.

Health Commissioner Dupuy declares the man in question is a veritable culture for the germs, contaminating everything he touches. Accordingly tomorrow Mr. Dupuy will submit to the board of control a report on the case with recommendations that the driver be quarantined until he is cured. The German was stricken several years ago with the fever, but he apparently recovered his usual health.

# WAS IT THE DEATH OF MRS. SNEAD?

## Insurance Companies Doubt Identity of Woman Found Dead in Bath Tub

## UPWARDS OF $30,000 INVOLVED

### Aged Woman who Now Sits Obstinately Mute in a Police Cell, is Believed to Know Something of the East Orange, N. J., Mystery which is Fuzzling the Authorities—Hypnotism Apparently Played Its Part.

New York, Dec. 9.—The three great companies in which Mrs. Ocey Wardlaw Martin Snead held life insurance for upwards of $30,000 announced today that they will refuse to honor their policies until it has been proved that the body of the half starved young woman found in the bathtub of an unfurnished house in East Orange N. J., last Monday, is that of Mrs. Snead. The policy for $24,000 on the life of her husband, Fletcher Snead, who is missing, is also unpaid, and no claim has been put in for the insurance.

**Views of Insurance Company Agent.**

A company agent detailed upon the case said today: "We do not believe Snead is dead. We do not know that Mrs. Snead is dead. It seems incredible that any woman not hypnotized or drugged could be persuaded to endure such ingenuities of mental suffering and bodily privations as this poor girl now in the morgue underwent, if she had any claim on the ties of blood and family devotion.

"We do know that three separate sets of policies in duplicate on the life of young Mrs. Snead were issued in favor of her aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, now under arrest at East Orange, on the plea, in each instance, that the previous set had been lost. Was money borrowed on these duplicates? We do not know."

**Police Busy With Papers.**

The police today were busy with a bundle of papers and scattered memoranda left by Miss Wardlaw in a drugstore and recently discovered. They contained thousands of words of a compilation on insurance policies and what could be borrowed on them, mingled irrelevantly with letters of recommendation from some of the foremost educators of the country, and all testifying to the refinement of sensibility and intellectuality of the grim old woman who now sits obstinately mute in a cell. Such names are signed to them as those of Alice S. Freeman, president of Wellesley college; Alexander T. Ormand, professor of medical science at Princeton university; Charles Young, professor of astronomy at Princeton; Thomas R. Price, professor of English literature at Columbia university, and others.

**Fortune of $100,000 Disappeared.**

In addition the papers indicate that young Mrs. Snead was the daughter of Colonel Robert M. Martin, who once lived handsomely in New York and left her a fortune of $100,000, which has completely disappared. His widow, Mrs. Snead's mother, has also disappeared, as utterly as her son-in-law, Fletcher Snead. The mother and sister of Miss Wardlaw, who are living in lodgings in New York, still refuse to go to East Orange to identify the body supposed to be Mrs. Snead's, and will not discuss their family affairs. The insurance companies, insist, however, that all these details must be thoroughly ventilated before the policies are paid.

**What Dr. Wachsman Told the Officers.**

New York, Dec. 3.—Dr. Jacob Wachsman told the Brooklyn police tonight that on September 7th last he called on Mrs. Snead at the instance of Julian Carabba, the attorney who drew her third will. The young woman, he said, was apparently under hypnotic influence. When he was able to shield her eyes from the glance of the others in the room she brightened perceptibly. He found her suffering from neurasthenia, produced by hypnosis and sarvation. There were stitches in her side, remaining from an operation of some weeks previous. He was astonished that they had been allowed to remain in the wound and suggested that they be taken out. "Miss Virginia Wardlaw then suggested," continued the physician, "that I take the stitches out, and, to save the young woman from any pain, that I use chloroform. I told Miss Wardlaw that chloroform was unnecessary and that in Mrs. Snead's weakened condition might cause death. "Miss Wardlaw insisted that I use chloroform, but I refused. I left after she said she would notify me the next day if my services were further required. I never heard from her again."

## CONNECTICUT INDIAN ASSOCIATION MEETING

### Held at New Haven—Officers Elected at Business Meeting.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 3.—The annual meeting of the Connecticut Indian association held here today was addressed by Henry Cloud of Yale, a Winnebaug Indian. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Sarah T. Kinney, Hartford; vice presidents, Mrs. Jacob Knous, Mrs. Henry Rogers and Mrs. Kate Foote-Coe, New Haven; Mrs. F. E. Castle, Waterbury; Mrs. E. Sterling, Bridgeport; Mrs. J. N. Harris and Mrs. S. H. Miner, New London; Mrs. J. H. Whittemore, Naugatuck; Mrs. C. J. Camp, Winsted, and Mrs. F. E. Dowe, Norwich; secretary, Mrs. Lillian Kelsey, New Haven; treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Thompson, Hartford; auditor, E. H. Tucker, Hartford. The following were appointed an advisory committee: Right Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, Middletown; Rev. J. H. Twichell, Rev. R. H. Potter, Col. C. M. Joslyn, James Andrews and Prof. Robert Riggs, of Hartford; Rev. J. Anderson, Waterbury; Rev. W. Phillips, E. H. Jenkins and A. McMathewson, New Haven; Rev. J. Hutchins, Litchfield; and S. H. Miner, New London. Mrs. Sarah T. Kinney, Mrs. Jacob Knous, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mrs. David Thompson were appointed delegates to the meeting of the national association in New York on Dec. 7th.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

### Charged With Being Responsible for Escape of a Murderer.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 3.—Lieut.-Governor Villarino of Lower California, Mexico, was removed from office today by Governor Vega. The removal grows out of the escape from San Diego and later from Lower California of Earl Lynell, son of a prominent merchant of San Diego. Lynell was charged with killing Earl Davis in a quarrel over a girl.

Lynell fled to Lower California, when he disappeared. Prosecuting Attorney Utley of San Diego preferred charges against Lieut.-Governor Villarino, holding him responsible for the escape.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF SHOT

### For Pulling Down a Black Flag Hoisted by Foreign Strikers.

Pittsburg, Dec. 3.—For pulling down a black flag in defiance of the orders of an infuriated mob of striking foreign workmen near the plant of the Colonial Steel company of Monaca, near here, Deputy Sheriff Conway Crowley was shot today and probably fatally wounded.

Striking workmen at the steel plant, after taking down the American flag, placed a black flag on a pole and gathered about it, daring the police officers to take it down. Fearing further violence, the sheriff has placed deputies on duty at the steel plant.

## FRIDAY'S CABINET MEETING.

### President Taft's Message Comes in for More Pruning.

Washington, Dec. 3. — President Taft's first message to congress came in for pruning again today when the cabinet met. Not content with tearing it to pieces in special session yesterday, the nine members of the president's official family went at the mutilated production once more. As a result, patches were put on here and there in the shape of inserts between certain paragraphs and some other matter was added.

Aside from discussion of the message, the meeting considered only routine business.

**Highway Commissioner Macdonald is Much Improved.**

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 3.—Highway Commissioner James H. Macdonald, who has been confined to his home with a cold, is much improved tonight and will be able to resume his duties the first part of the coming week.

## WASHINGTON BANKER MET DEATH WHILE DUCKING.

### It Is Believed That His Gun Was Accidentally Discharged.

Baltimore, Dec. 3.—It was learned here today that R. Henry Lynn of the American National bank of Washington, D. C., met death while ducking on the Susquehanna flats, ten miles from Havre de Grace, today. Mr. Lynn reached the ducking grounds yesterday and expected to return to Washington tonight. He was occupying a sink box and complained to those in charge of the tender that it was leaking. He was given directions what to do and appeared to have carried them out. Some time afterwards, however, men in a rowboat belonging to the tender discovered that Mr. Lynn was not in the sink box. Investigation showed that the box had a hole in the end, apparently made by a gunshot. It is believed that Mr. Lynn's gun was acoidentally discharged, but owing to the hole in the sink box and that the recoil, received perhaps in his abdomen, made it impossible for him to call for help, which was within easy reach. There are no wounds upon his body and it is evident that, probably insensible from the effects of the recoil, he drowned, as the weight of his body dragged the sinkbox down and filled it with water. The body was recovered in five feet of water, about fifty feet from the sinkbox he occupied and was taken to Elkton.

## $5,500 AWARDED TO NEW LONDON WOMAN

### By U. S. Circuit Court for Death of Her Husband.

Boston, Dec. 3.—For the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the federal employers' liability act of October, 1908, counsel for the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad announced their intention of bringing to the United States supreme court the case in which the widow of Daniel J. Walsh of New London, Conn., was awarded $5,500 by the United States circuit court today. Walsh was killed while acting as inspector for the railroad.

As a ground for their attack on its constitutionality counsel assert that the act assumes to control relations between employer and employe, while under the constitution congress has the power merely to regulate traffic between states. They allege also that the act discriminates against railroads in favor of steamship companies and other common carriers and that it assumes to regulate traffic within states.

## FRENCH TARIFF-MAKING.

### Maximum Rates of Cotton and Wool Schedules Increased.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The cotton and wool schedules, as passed by the chamber of deputies yesterday, generally leave the minimum rates where they are, while the maximum rates on various grades are increased from 5 to 2½ per cent.

**Eight-Year-Old Guggenheim Divorce Is Valid.**

New York Dec. 3.—So far as the New York state courts have determined, the divorce which Grace B. Guggenheim obtained from William Guggenheim eight years ago