

# NICARAGUAN CONGRESS SESSION

## Minister General Asks for Power to Exact War Contributions in His Own Way

### INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE APPOINTED

#### To Examine the Accounts of the Zelaya Administration —Zelaya Permitted to Retain Title of President so that He Might Enjoy Immunity that the Office Provides —Military Activity at Managua Continues.

Managua, Dec. 29.—The Nicaraguan congress met in extraordinary session today and appointed a commission to consider the message of Minister General Baca, who has asked the government to grant him power to exact war contributions for the manner and in the amount dictated by his discretion.

**President Madriz Issues Decree.** President Madriz today issued a decree appointing an investigation committee of five which is charged with the responsibility of examining the accounts of the Zelaya administration. The finance minister is made the chairman of the committee, whose duties include the working out of a new system of finance, the revision of the various concessions of the government and the determination of the legality of the recent act of the president involving the grants of alcohol, tobacco and other monopolies.

### U. S. MARINES INVITED TO LAND

On an Island in Corinto Harbor for Purpose of Exercise.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—Minister General Baca has invited the United States marines on an island in Corinto harbor, where the men will have an opportunity to exercise and where the sanitary arrangements will meet requirements.

The father of Joaquin Passos, Zelaya's son-in-law, who was arrested and is now in prison on a charge of misappropriation of public funds, has made inquiries as to the terms on which the marines would be invited. The authorities have replied that it would be necessary to furnish cash bail to the amount of \$1,000,000 gold.

### ZELAYA IN MEXICO CITY.

Greeted by Central Americans and Mexicans—"Down with the Yankees!"

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Jose Santos Zelaya, self-styled "titular president of Nicaragua," arrived in this city today. No Mexican officials met him. He was, however, greeted by 500 Central Americans and Mexicans, who welcomed the deposed ex-president with cries of "Long live Zelaya!" "Long live Mexico!" and "Down with the Yankees!"

### AMERICAN MARINES KILLED

IN BATTLE IN NICARAGUA.

Desposed President Zelaya Made This Assertion in Mexico City.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—"Mr. Knox is not my judge. I am answerable only to my government for my actions," said Jose Santos Zelaya, titular president of Nicaragua, after his arrival today from Salina Cruz. Asked tonight what he thought of the report that Secretary Knox had said he was in Mexico, Zelaya refused to discuss the probability of such a situation, but intimated that Secretary Knox would not have the right to request his presence in the United States.

### Notorious Zelayist Hooted in Congress.

There was a lively debate in congress before the commission to consider the message of Minister General Baca was appointed. Deputy Luciano Gomez, a notorious Zelayist, was hooted during the course of a speech in which he opposed the granting of further war taxes. Deputy Mateus, replying, declared that on the occasion of the two previous forced loans certain intimates of Zelaya had not been assessed and he suggested that they should now be made to pay their proper share of the expenses of the war. This comment drew a rebuff from the earlier speaker who met with shouts of approval and encouraged one of the members to cry "Down with the Yankees!"

### Army Promotions.

Congress today promoted Generals Toledo, Castillo and Carlos Alliergia to the rank of generals of division.

### ZELAYA BEFORE HE LEFT

DISTRIBUTED 10,000 RIFLES

Among His Followers—American Vice Consul's Telegrams Unsatisfactory.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Owing to the fact that the state department has had much difficulty in obtaining from Vice Consul Caldera in Managua, details of recent happenings in and about the Nicaraguan capital, it has been decided by the department to send the American vice consul in Managua, immediately to Managua, to take charge of the consulate there.

### SIGNED NO ORDER FOR EXECUTION OF AMERICANS

No Torture Inflicted on Cannon and Groce, Declares Zelaya.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua said tonight that he never signed an order for the execution of Cannon and Groce, but that it was true he refused to interfere with the sentence of the court martial. He said:

"I have in my possession statements from both men in which they not only admitted their guilt completely, but asked for pardons and pardons were granted them by the government forces."

**Study of Foreign Language?**

Rhaca, N. Y., Dec. 29.—"What is the use of retaining the study of German and French and other modern foreign languages? Why are the grounds for college and university teachers, probably not one in five hundred who have received a general education, are made at the war department, and a careful examination of the records of the published story that a reward of \$10,000 was offered for the capture of Col. James Gordon, appointed by the governor of Mississippi to succeed the late Senator McLaurin, for alleged participation in the conspiracy to kill President Lincoln.

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### Cabled Paragraphs.

Santiago, Cuba, Dec. 29.—William J. Bryan sailed from here today for Jamaica.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The chamber of deputies today adopted the new tariff bill as a whole, the vote was 261 to 142.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—The body of Walter Shirraw, the artist, who died of pneumonia on Sunday, was buried in the English cemetery here today.

Rotterdam, Dec. 29.—Beginning on January 8, Boston will be a port of call for the Holland-America line of steamships, sailing fortnightly in connection with the present Philadelphia service.

ABSCONDS WITH FUNDS

OF LEGATION AT PEKIN.

Frederick Faulkner of Kentucky Reported to Have Embezzled Legation Money.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Frederick Faulkner of Kentucky, who until recently was connected in a clerical capacity with the American legation in Peking, China, is reported to have absconded with legation funds. The amount of money taken is not stated.

TO THE NORTH POLE IN AIRSHIP

German Professor Hopes Some Day to Make the Trip from Berlin.

New York, Dec. 29.—Prof. Heinrich Hergesell, who hopes some day to sail from Berlin to the North pole in an airship, is reported to be making today by the steamship Prinz Joachim, from Jamaica and the West Indies.

WIFE OF MAYOR-ELECT GAYNOR

FAVORS WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Believes Every Self-Supporting Woman Should Have a Vote.

New York, Dec. 29.—The wife of the next mayor of New York came out today in favor of woman suffrage. "I believe," said Mrs. Gaynor, as she clasped hands with Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, "that every woman who pays taxes should have the franchise, and every self-supporting woman and every woman who has no man to represent her."

OHIO RIVER SITUATION SERIOUS

No Such Severe Weather Conditions in December Since 1875.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—With zero weather scheduled before morning, the ice pack at the inception of the Ohio river at the point above river assumed a serious aspect tonight. Since 1875 rivermen say there has never been such severe weather conditions at this time of the year, and before the ice pack and shipping interests along the Ohio will total close to half a million dollars before a thaw sets in, according to the men in a position to speak authoritatively.

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### Condensed Telegrams

The New England Marine Company shows liabilities of nearly \$1,400,000 and assets of \$3,350.

Census Officials are finding difficulty in getting census enumerators in southern and western cities.

It Has Been Decided to Investigate the Ballinger-Finckel scandal by a joint congressional committee in open session.

A Farewell Banquet Was Given in Nashville to Judge Lorton, who leaves on Friday to take the oath of office as justice of the supreme court.

Seven Children Were Burned to death in a fire at the home of Steve Beckwith, Dec. 29. The fire was caused by an overheated stove.

Dr. Charles W. Stiles Delivered an address before the New York academy of medicine before the American Society for the Advancement of Science, in Boston.

The French Chamber of Deputies voted authority to the Paris municipality to contract a loan of \$150,000,000 for an elaborate scheme of improvements.

Fire Was Discovered Among Cotton in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic when the ship was four days out from New York, and was still burning when she arrived at Liverpool Monday.

The Venezuelan Government has terminated the diplomatic mission of Dr. Grimaldi to France because France insists upon the arbitration of claims of the French citizens expelled from Campame by Castro.

General Woodford, president of the Hudson-Fulton celebration committee, presented to Queen Wilhelmina of Holland an official expression of appreciation of the co-operation of the Netherlands government in the celebration.

That Adjacent Property Owners have rights which should be considered in the question of the location of a tuberculosis sanitarium is presented in a report in an opinion yesterday by Attorney General O'Malley of New York.

Public Service Commissioner Martin S. Decker of New York, president of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, has appointed W. C. Seymour, N. Y., as the new state railway commissioner of Connecticut, a delegate from that association to attend the national conference on uniform state legislation which was called by the National Civic Federation to meet in Washington on January 17, 18 and 19.

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Counsel Littleton's Motion Denied by Judge Hough in United States Circuit Court

Only 20 Bottles of Liquor.

And that the affidavits submitted by Moose counsel showed merely that during the entire trial only twenty bottles of liquor and some individual drinks were consumed by the jury. "And it is not pretended that anyone was at all intoxicated," adds the court. All parties agreed, the memorandum continues, that no witness was served to the jury after the case had been given to them.

The same juror who has deposed for the defendant as to the drinking habits of the jury," says the court, "is by the defendant alleged to have been himself so sodden with drink as to be incapable of clear, cool and undisturbed judgment."

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