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REIGN OF TERROR IN NICARAGUA

Managua Jails Contain at Least Five Hundred Citizens Who are Being Treated Most Shamefully.

ZELAYA IS A TYRANT

Has Placed a Detachment of Soldiers at a Bridge to Prevent American Marines From Crossing.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 13.—It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is being maintained in Managua, and that not less than 500 persons identified with political affairs are in chains in the prisons.

A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending food to the prisoners, and these are in a fair way to starve to death, as they were allowed only two cents a day for food.

Zelaya, in order to create an impression that the sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile towards America and Americans, recently ordered Emillo Estrada, a prominent Liberal and brother of the revolutionist chief, to organize a demonstration against that country and people, but this he refused to do and Zelaya had him arraigned on a fictitious charge.

It is understood that Dr. Julian Irias, the minister general, who has many adherents at Leon and Chinandega, has been making attempts to start an uprising in his favor as Zelaya's successor, but whether with Zelaya's consent is not known. It is reported also that Irias' home had been surrounded by soldiers.

Further authoritative dispatches received here state that 500 of Zelaya's forces have been entrenched for the purpose of preventing the American marines from passing over the bridge into Corinto.

Since Thursday, last, when General Estrada became practically certain that General Vasquez, in command of a portion of Zelaya's troops, was attempting to make a detour of Rama, for the purpose of seizing an unguarded river point and descending on Bluefields, the forces of the provisional government have been acting with great energy. Rama has been occupied and other less important river landings have been strongly guarded.

All boats have been held in reserve to rush re-enforcements to any point that may be threatened.

General Chamorro and 250 men have arrived here to assist in guarding the entire sixty miles of the Escondido River from Rama to Bluefields.

General Chamorro left 300 men guarding the land passage between Bluefields and Greytown.

In an interview the provisional secretary of state, Adolph Diaz, declared that the Zelaya troops would not be able to march overland from Greytown, because of the swamps and jungles, and they would not be able either to get the use of river boats. For these reasons General Chamorro could afford to weaken the Greytown force without fear of the results. While the provisional government would welcome additions to the marines which the United States cruiser Des Moines has aboard, Secretary Diaz declared that Estrada's forces were capable of defeating any probable attack on Bluefields.

Scouting parties are out in every direction to determine the objective point of General Vasquez, who has asked for two days' extension of the truce to enable him to communicate with Zelaya.

As General Vasquez is in possession of a telephone system over which probably ten minutes would suffice to transact his business with Zelaya, this request is regarded with suspicion, and it has been refused.

Not a Good Plan.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—A cablegram received here by members of the Latin-American colony from Estrada, urges them to protest against the plan he declares Mexico has formed for a Central American confederation.

"This plan" he says, "would be acceptable to Zelaya and if adopted, would be playing into his hands. It is to accomplish this that Special Ambassador Creel of Mexico is now in Washington."

Twenty-Six Moslems.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 13.—Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana yesterday and today in connection with the April massacres. Great crowds witnessed the executions, and the relatives of the condemned men, together with thousands of others, joined in the manifestations of grief.

COUPLE OF JUDGES HAVE BEEN NAMED

Horace H. Lurton of Nashville, Tenn., a Democrat is Named by Taft For the Supreme Court.

CARPENTER FOR CHICAGO

Both of the Nominations Were Sent to the Senate Today and Both Are Protested by Labor.

WASHGTON, Dec. 13.—The nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton, circuit judge of the sixth judicial district at Nashville, Tenn., to be assistant justice of the Supreme court of the United States, vice Judge Peckham, deceased, has been decided upon by President Taft. It is expected Judge Lurkin's name will be sent to the senate today.

Labor Protested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The nomination of Judge Lurton of Tennessee, was sent to the senate today by president Taft.

The nomination was made over the protest of organized labor, which charges him with being unfair. It was Judge Lurton who declared the employers liability act unconstitutional. He was born in Kentucky in 1844 and is a Democrat. He served on the federal bench in Cinnatti, with Judge, now president, Taft.

Another Judge.

WASHINGTON, Dec., 13.—The nomination of Judge Carpenter to be federal judge of Chicago was sent to the senate today from the white house. The labor union expresses dissatisfaction wih some of his decisions and has sent a protest to President Taft.

TWO IMMIGRANTS WERE KILLED

Peculiar Accident in Chicago Sunday Which Cost Lives of Two of the Passengers.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—Two immigrants were killed and three men and one woman injured in a peculiar accident to a north bound Chicago and Northwestern passenger train in the northern part of the city Sunday. The tracks had been elevated recently and as the train passed a rail was torn loose. It ripped through the floor of the baggage car and through the smoker.

In the smoker the torn up rail decapitated one of the immigrants and killed another who was sitting near by.

The engineer and fireman were injured. An immigrant woman and another man were also injured. The train was bound for Green Bay county.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY BANQUET

Three Cabinet Members Were Present and Delivered Speeches at the Table.

NEW YORK, Dec.13.—With three cabinet members on the toast list and a large per cent of the thousand banqueters made up of governors, ex-governors, senators, representatives and commanding figures in the political financial and social world the Pennslyvania society was very much in evidence at its eleventh annual banquet at the Wald. Asotria.

The cabinetters who graced the occasion were Secretary Knox, who spoke on "International Unity," in which he made no reference to the paddle he recently applied to Nicaragua; Secretary MacVeagh, whose toast was "Have Customs Duties any Moral Sanction?" and Attorney General Wickersham, whose subject was "The Department of Justice."

Andrew Carnegie who lives on Fifth avenue but who has some rather extensive business interests in Pennsylvania, presided and beamed in characteristic manner. The festivities were begun by drinking a toast to the "President of the United States," while the orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Cousin Killed.

SAN BERNADINO, Cal., Dec. 13.—L. A. DeArmond, a cousin of Congressman DeArmond who was burned to death at Butler, Mo., recently was killed by electricity here. He had gone into the storeroom of his place of business, to turn on an incardescent light. Wayland, his son, with his sister, had been waiting in their father's new store, in the Odd Fellows' building, for him.

NINE FROZEN BODIES FOUND

Part of the Crew of the Ill Fated Car Ferry Which Was Wrecked on Lake Erie During the Storm.

WAS FOUND IN A SKIFF

Only One of the Men Had an Overcoat and all of Them Were Frozen Stiff and Dead When Found.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 13.—With her flag at half mast, the state fisheries boat, Commodore Perry, Capt. Gerry Driscoll commanding, brought to this port late Sunday the frozen bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Conneaut, Ohio, Tuesday morning carrying thirty-two men and which has probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

For forty-eight hours the Commodore Perry had been searching the waters of Eastern Lake Erie for traces of the car ferry, but until a tiny ten-man yawl was sighted fifteen miles off this port at 11 o'clock, the men on the little state fisheries craft had almost given up hope of being able to ever tell even a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry.

As the lookout on the Perry sighted a tiny half-sunken yawl at about noon orders were given to steam down upon the object. The use of glasses discovered the boat to be loaded with nine men.

As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water-logged yawl, the men gathered at the side of the fish boat saw that they arrived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 2," were frozen stiff. Taking the yawl in tow, the Perry made all steam for this port arriving here late Sunday.

News of the finding of the bodies had reached the city and thousands of persons swarmed to the wharves. As soon as the fish boat made fast, a force of men with tackle set to work raising the bodies of the men to the dock, where wagons were in waiting. The procession of dead passed through the principal streets of the city, with hundreds of people following.

Conneaut, Ohio, where most of the men lived, was notified by telephone of the grewsome find, and a hundred residents of that city arrived here within two hours. They were taken directly to the coroner's morgue, where the following identifications were made:

H. THOMAS, second cook, Port Stanley.
WILLIAM RAY, Conneaut.
J. W. SOURAS, waiter Conneaut.
G. R. SMITH, steward, Conneaut.
F. STEELE, fireman, Conneaut.
J. SHENK, fireman, Conneaut.
J. HART, oiler, Conneaut.
O'HAGAN, Conneaut.
CHARLES ALLEN, Conneaut.

The cook of the car ferry was the only man to wear an overcoat. The eight other men were dressed in overalls and jumpers, indicating that the departure from the car ferry had been hurried. In the bow end of the boat was found complete clothing for one man, and it is the belief that the yawl originally contained ten men, and that one, becoming crazed, discarded his clothing and jumped into the icy waters of Lake Erie.

Driscoll, commanding the Commodore Perry, said:

"There was a heavy sea running at the time we sighted the yawl, and we had some difficulty in reaching it. As we made her out with our glasses, eight of the men were sitting up in the boat, their life preservers strapped about their shoulders. The ninth man lay at the bottom of the boat, frozen to the slat flooring. Their clothing was heavy with frozen water. We did not attempt to take the nine dead men on board, as we feared the yawl would capsize if my men attempted to board it."

The car ferry was a steel vessel with a capacity of thirty-four loaded cars. Last Tuesday the ferry, with thirty-two cars of coal aboard and carrying thirty-two persons, including passengers and crew, left Conneaut at 10:24 a. m. In the terrific storm that followed, during which at least fifty-two lives were lost on the lakes, the ferry foundered. It is supposed that the tossing of the ferry in the sea troughs displaced the coal cars and they pitched through the sides, admitting water to the hold.

It is supposed she went down about Tuesday noon, sinking midway between Conneaut and Port Stanley.

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CORPORATION TO BE FORCED

Open Shop of the United States Steel Company to be a Thing of the Past if Gompers Can Do it.

A CONFERENCE IS HELD

Many Delegates Will Attend the Meeting Which Also May Take Action in the Switchmens Strike.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 13.—Aside from declaring that he was confident that some kind of an understanding would be reached between the American Federation of Labor and the U. S. steel corporation, as a result of the labor council which opened here today, President Gompers, head of the Federation, would give no intimation of what action might be expected.

At least 150 delegates are expected to be present before the conference adjourns. Some action may be taken in the switchmen's strike in the northwest. The main issue will be to bring about the unionizing of the employes of the corporation, forcing it to abandon its open shop policy.

At the meeting, everything points to a vigorous attack on the corporation, with the strike ridden, tin plate plant in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia as the first points of attack.

BILLIKEN MAKER TO GET MONEY

An Assessment of Nine Cents on Each Clay Idol to be Levied For Her Benefit.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Pretty Florence Pretz, creator of Billiken, "God-of-things-as-they-ought-to-be," little dreams that the idol she banished from her modest home at Kansas City because he proved an ungrateful wretch to his maker, meanwhile bringing luck to scores of thousands of worshipers at his shrine, has a pleasant surpise in store for her. The ridiculous, grinning fetish will bring recognitiion of a substantial kind for her, if the movement to be launched in Spokane is as successful as its promoters expect it to be.

Athur W. Jones, secretary of the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand club of Spokane, which will disband to be reorganized as the Quarter Million club on the evening of January 13, is planning a small assessment on the 3,000 members of the organization, also 1,000 canidates to be initiated that night, as a nucleus of a Billiken fund. A committee of 250 will make a canvass of the homes and offices of lumbermen, mine operators, railroad builders, bonanza wheat ranchers, apple growers, land owners and others to levy an assessment of not more than nine cents for every clay idol found on the premises.

"We expect to raise not less than $1,000 before the close of the campaign," said Mr. Jones in outlining the plan, "and every penny of it will be forwarded to Miss Pretz, in the event she desires to resume her art studies. The brave girl belongs to us as much as if she were a native daughter of "the City Beautiful," and we hope to be able to change her keen disappointment over losing control of her creation to a joyful realization of things as they should be, and prove that after all Billiken, now repudiated, is indeed her God of good fortune."

MAIL ORDER HOUSE IN HARD STRAITS

Lyon Brothers Forced Into Hands of Receiver and Said to Owe $600,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—Lyon Brothers, one of the best known mail order houses in the country, was forced into the hands of a receiver by three creditors whose claims aggregated less than $4,000. The assets are said to be $400,000 and liabilities $600,000. The Central Trust Company of Chicago was appointed receiver with bond of $50,000. The petitioning creditors were the Central Rubber Company, American Cutlery Company and Chicago Rubber Company.

For Commission Plan.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 13.—Representative Thomas N. Gorman of this city has accepted the invitation of the commission plan of government committee to introduce that measure into the house Tuesday and Senator Barr has agreed to simultaneously put the same bill into the senate of the Illinois legislature. Gorman is a democrat and Barr a republican.

ALMOST PERFECT FLYING MACHINE

Eastern Man Gives Out Some Information About Secret Flights Which he Has Been Making.

BOSTON TO NEW YORK

Claims to Have Made the Trip Last September During the Night Without and Trouble Whatever.

WORCHESTER, Mass., Dec. 13.—Wallace E. Tillinghast, vice-president of a manufacturing concern here, a man of wealth and repute, has astonished acquaintances in business and aeronautic circles by announcing the construction and successful operation of a most remarkable aeroplane. He has invented, built and tested what he says is an aeroplane capable of carrying three passengers with a weight limit of 200 pounds each, a distance of at least 300 miles without a stop to replenish the supply of petrol, and if necessary, at a rate of 120 miles an hour.

Mr. Tillinghast states that he has gone in his aeroplane to the Statue of of Liberty in New York Bay, then to the starting point without alighting.

He makes the further sensational statement that during this trip, and when near Fire Island, one of the cylinders of the flyer ran irregularly, so the motor was stopped while the machine was at an altitude of 4000 feet. The aeroplane was then allowed to "scale" for forty-six minutes, he says, while two mechanics repaired it in midair, the engine being started again when the aeroplane was near enough to land to be seen by a number of the life-saying crew patrolling the beach.

This trip Mr. Tillinghast says he made on the night of September 8 last. The two mechanics he took from the shop where his machine was stored, the location of which he has kept secret. He says that when the machine was stopped over Fire Island the headlight and general outline of the aeroplane attracted the attention of the members of the life-saving crew patrolling the beach, and notice of his discovery by the life-saver appeared in a brief dispatch to a Boston paper a day or two after the trip.

The machine is to be brought to Worcester in February for demonstration, and Mr. Tillinghast expects to enter it in the international races being arranged for the vicinity of Boston next summer.

Where the machine was built, tested and will be kept until brought to Worcester Mr. Tillinghast refuses to say. He says that it is within sixty miles of Worcester, in a sparsely inhabited territory, fourteen miles from a railroad station. He reports that it is the fourth machine he has built, all successful, and the second at this work. The other two were built in sparsely inhabited places in the west.

Mr. Tillinghast says that he has made over 100 successful trips, of which 18 have been in his perfected machine. In describing the aeroplane, Mr. Tillinghast said:

"It is of the monoplane type, with a speed of 72 feet, a weight of 1550 pounds and furnished with a 120 horsepower gasoline engine, made under my own direction and specifications. It differs from others in the spread of the canvass, the spread lane and is staility features. Special features are that it cannot be capized, is easily controlled and the accupants ride on the body of the machine insteady of with the body of the machine behind them. The headlight is made by the use of acetylene gas generated on the machine.

Regarding the speed of the machine if driven at its best, and the highest altitude reached, Mr. Tillinghast does not desire to give out exact information, saying he wishes to enter the international races in a fair trial and without rivals knowing what his machine can do.

With Mr. Tillinghast air navigation has been a hobby, and during the past seven years he has been working out his idea. All the tests have been made under cover of darkness. His present building and testing ground has been occupied for two years and its real nature not discovered. It was last visited by Mr. Tillinghast the first part of November.

Boats Reported Aground.

DETROIT, Dec. 13.—Two freighters are reported aground in Lake St. Claire at the Grose Point light house. Their names cannot be made out. A tug, sent to their assistance, is also reported aground.

ELOQUENT SPEECH AGAINST ZELAYA

Senator Rayner Took the Floor Today in the Senate and Insists on Uncle Sam Punishing the Man.

CALLED HIM CORRUPT

Does Not Blame the People of the Central American Country but Does Censure the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In a notable address in the Senate today, Senator Rayner of Maryland, supported his resolution introduced a few days ago authorizing the president to take all necessary steps for the capture of President Zelaya of Nicaragua and his trial on the charge of murder. Under te spell of the senator's eloquence, the gallery filled rapidly and senators listened intently as Rayner argued that it was both the duty and right of this government to seize Zelaya and try him.

"A great crime has been committed" he said, "against American citizenship,' which should not be allowed to slumber. The guilt does not rest upon the people of Nicaragua and therefor to punish them would not subserve the purpose of my resolution. This resolution is directed against the dictator of that country individually and I want it entirely separated from any proposed step we may take in reference to our interference in Nicaragua."

Rayner said that Cannon and Gross, fought with the revolutionists. They were simply when captured, prisoners of war, he declares and the universal law of civilized nations now forbids the killing or wounding of prisoners of war. He asserted that the question whether the insurgents had belligerant rights, had nothing to do with the case.

"At the time of the Hungarian revolt, the Austrian envoy claimed as a spy an agent sent by the United states to Hungary. Webster, secretary of state, notified the Austrian imperial council that if the American agent was treated as a spy, that act would be a declaration of war. What I am concerned in, is the speedy apprehension and punishment of Zelaya. I have watched for years the revolutionary history of Central America and am familiar with the career of a great many of the imposters and usurpers and leaders who have sprung from their chaotic institution. But Zelaya is probably the most despicable one that has ever arisen in their midst. In the school of corruption, dishonor and crime, he stands without a peer and exhibits in one glow of associated harmony, the tribe of every model and the perfection of every master. I have been informed on good authority that the vices of his private life are more infamous in their indescribable details than the inicquities of his public career. This last act was not only the act of a fiend but was an insight to the honor of this republic and cannot remain unavenged.

ANOTHER BOMB AT HIS ENEMIES

Ban Johnson Threatens to Tell Something if Ward is Insisted for President.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—President Ban Johnson, of the American league today threw another bomb at his enemies in the National league, who want to elect John M. Ward president of that organization. Johnson left for New York Sunday. He stated that he might open up a sensation on his arrival there.

"Dr. Kramer was made the scape goat of the 'bribery' umpire case of 1908," said Johnson, "but there are others who can throw some light on it. They should be exposed and will be exposed if it becomes necessary. Last summer I came into possession of considerable evidence in that case and if it becomes necessary I certainly shall reveal it." Umpires Klem and Johnstone, arbitors in a crucial game between the Chicago Cubs and New York Giants were men who it is alleged offered bribes.

Packing House Busy.

FT. MADISON, Dec. 13.—The Wissmath Packing company have commenced operations on a larger scale at their plant in the west limits of the city. Extensive improvements have been completed and several men have been added to their working force. During last week 150 head of cattle were killed. Five cars of cattle were received Saturday for the next week's work. Several shipments of hogs have also arrived.

KING LEOPOLD IS TO DIE SOON

Monarch of Belgium Will Undergo an Operation Tomorrow, But is Not Expected to Recover From the Same.

SUBJECTS ARE NOT SAD

He is Not a Beloved Ruler and the People are Not Worrying About Whether He Lives or Dies.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13.—It was announced at noon today that King Leopold of Belgium was dying. The end is expected within 24 hours. Cardinal Mercier, today administered extreme unction. The king realizes that his end is near. The king's whole thought is now centered on the future of his country.

Dr. Thiriar and Dr. Steinon are in constant attendance. They have announced that they are preparing to operate on Leopold tomorrow for strangulated hernia if his strength will allow it.

The only interest the public shows in the king's condition, results from the fear that his death may seriously affect the market. There is not the personal note of grief in the people's solicitude as the king has never been a loved ruler. Preparations are being made for the immediate assumption of Prince Albert. The cabinet is in practically continuous session.

King Leopold, who has been seriously ill for the past fortnight, but who was believed to be convalescent, suffered a sudden relapse Sunday and his condition is considered very grave. An official bulletin says:

"The rheumatic pains have disappeared but the king is suffering from a disquieting affection of the abdomen."

Supplementary information indicates that the affection is obstruction of the intestines. There is present also dropsy of the legs. Two specialists who were called in to consult with the palace physicians did not disguise from their aged patient the gravity of the situation, although they do not regard it as desperate.

The king, who is in possession of all his faculties, conferred with Baron Goffinet, his private secretary, to whom he gave a few final instructions. The baron, Prince Albert Leopold, the heir presumptive, and Princess Alberta and M. Schollaert, the premier, did not leave the bidside of his majesty last night, and Princess Clementine, his third daughter, is expected to arrive at the palace momentarily.

The cabinet met in the afternoon to prepare for any eventualities. At a late hour the physicians held another consultation, after which Baron Goffinet announced that the king was somewhat better than in the morning. He suffered less pain, his pulse was satisfactory and there was no fever. The physicians and Archbishop Mechelin remained in the bad chamber all night.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Snow flurries tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder.

For Illinois: Threatening tonight with rain or snow north portion. Tuesday partly cloudy. Colder extreme north portion tonight and Tuesday.

For Iowa: Snow flurries tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Weather Conditions.

The storm center has moved slowly from Oklahoma to the Ohio valley since Saturday, and has been accompanied by rising temperature and rain or snow from the eastern slope of the Rockies to the Atlantic coast.

The temperature is falling in its rear on the eastern slope of the Rockies, and freezing temperature is reported at New Orleans.

A field of high pressure is entering on the Pacific coast, and the weather is fair, and moderately cool.

Conditions indicate light snow flurries continuing in this section tonight, and partly cloudy, somewhat colder weather during Tuesday.

Local Observations.

Dec.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
12 7 p.m.	29.85	30	SW	Cldy
13 7 a.m.	29.66	28	W	Cldy

Rainfall for past 24 hours 5 hundredths.

River above low water of 1864 5 feet 2 tenths.

Change in 24 hours fall 8 tenths.
Mean temperature, 30.
Maximum temperature, 31.
Minimum teperature, 29.

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