

ZELAYA READY TO STEP DOWN

Has Offered to Resign and Wants Madriz to Take His Place as President of Nicaragua.

NOT POPULAR PERSON

Madriz is Thought to be in League With Zelaya and People do not Want Him Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Following the rioting in Managua, President Zelaya has made a public statement, promising to resign in favor of Jose Madriz, the Nicaraguan representative to the Central American peace court, according to a dispatch received today by the state department.

The dispatch also contains the assertion that Madriz is not the choice of the people.

President Zelaya's attempt to escape the gathering storm by the proposition of naming Madriz as his successor, has met the opposition of the revolutionary party and will not meet with the favor of the United States. Although Madriz has been opposed to Zelaya, his recent activities show that he is in league with Zelaya and is not likely to gain the presidency.

The gunboat Princeton, en route from San Francisco, has arrived at Acapulco and will likely join the Vicksburg and Yorktown at Corinto. The Tacoma, ordered to Bluefields, has arrived there and is anchored near the Des Moines. There are no indications received at Washington that a battle has been fought at Rama.

Zelaya is Rich.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Six million dollars is the sum which President Zelaya has succeeded in saving up out of the profits of the illegal monopolies which he controls in Nicaragua, according to semi-official reports received here today.

Zelaya controls the stock in 17 monopolies on the Pacific coast, covering practically the entire field of manufacturing and the exploitation of national resources. Some of these have paid as high as 200 per cent per annum and all have paid a big dividend. In addition, he has a half interest in a concern exercising similar control on the Atlantic coast. He owns a half interest in the Bluffs wharf concession, which collects toll amounting to \$1 at least from every passenger arriving or departing at the Bluffs. He has a half interest in a fake gold mine. This stock, the president unloads on any unsuspecting foreigner who seeks the presidential approval for commercial undertaking. It is necessary to buy stock to secure a hearing. Not satisfied with the abnormal profits from these monopolies, Zelaya was also granted numerous exclusive concessions to individuals with a view to their capitalization in foreign countries. Most of these have failed to receive financial support from foreigners.

MEN ON SHIP

LIVE ON CAKE

Nothing for the Crew to Eat Excepting a Big Christmas Cake Several Days Old.

PORT BURWELL, Ont., Dec. 15.—The thirty men manning the car ferry Ashtabula, which is stranded on a sand bar off here, continue to stand by the ship today in a desperate effort to save her. They have nothing to eat excepting the remains of a huge Christmas cake which was baked in the form of the model of the ship by the cook several days ago. Everything aboard the ship is water-soaked and this, with the intense cold, makes their suffering severe.

The Port Stanley life saving crew brought here on a special train yesterday, stand ready on the shore to launch into the breakers if the ferry gives further evidence of breaking up. The life savers are not attempting to carry food or send a life line to the ship, until the sea subsides somewhat.

Life Imprisonment.

MOUNT VERNON, Mo., Dec. 15.—The case of Charles Hecht charged with killing Clarence Mosier, a school teacher, February 22, 1907, at Saratoga, McDonald County, Mo., and brought to Lawrence County on a change of venue, closed last night. The jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment. Mosier in disciplining Hecht's daughter in the schoolroom, slapped her before her classmates. Returning home she told her father of the incident and he sought out Mosier and killed him.

LYNCHING WOULD BE TOO MERCIFUL

Six Negroes in Jail Charged With Hanging Burned a Woman After Wrapping her in a Feather Bed.

HAD TORTURED SEVERAL

Mob Formed and Starting Toward Arkansas Town to Get the Accused Men and String Them to Trees

OSCEOLA, Ark., Dec. 15.—The sheriff and a large force of deputies are today guarding the jail here in an effort to repel the attack of a mob coming from Shawnee with the avowed intention of hanging six negroes, held on the charge of robbing and torturing Mrs. Cummings and others in the community.

The mob is said to have been organized by a relative of the dead woman, who purchased 100 feet of rope in Memphis, Tenn., then crossed the Mississippi where he was joined by others now marching toward Osceola.

It is expected the mob will reach here some time today. The negroes are accused of brutal crimes. Mrs. Cummings it is declared, was wrapped in a feather bed after being tortured, and the bed then set on fire. One man, a victim of the gang, was dipped in the Mississippi when the water was icy cold and then thrown into boiling water.

The sheriff and his deputies are reported that the negroes shall not be lynched.

VOTED FOR THE OPEN SALOON

Largest Dry Town in the World Declines to Have Saloons Instead of Dives.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 15.—That no license has proved a failure in Worcester, the largest no-license city in the world, was proven when the license party won by a sweeping majority of 3740, as compared with the no-license majority of 209 last year. The landslide for the open saloon was great enough to cause even the most rabid liquor men of the country to wonder how it happened, and during the day all kinds of predictions were made, but no one even seemed to dream that license would win by any such majority as it did.

It is evident that spellbinders for and against license and the open saloon had nothing to do with the majority that was piled up, and it seems apparent that the people of Worcester have solved the problem for themselves and regarded the dive as something that was much worse than the open saloon. Mayor James Logan, Republican candidate for re-election, and one of the strongest no-license advocates, won over his opponent by a majority of 3882, and in a statement given out last night said:

"I indeed regret to see this city go for license and the open saloon, but I promise you the license law will be lived up to and enforced to the letter, and when a man gets a license to do a wholesale business he will have to do it and not a retail one, as they have in the past. I will grant all the licenses allowed by law, but the holders will keep the law or lose them."

BADLY BURNED BY HOT METAL

Foundry Employee Was Spattered From Waist Up But Escaped Death.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 15.—Henry Mohr, aged twenty-two, an apprentice at the Comstock-Castle upper foundry, was frightfully burned from his waist to the top of his head about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after he had slipped and spilled a ladle of molten metal on the wet floor as the molders were pouring off a heat. The hot iron spattered in every direction and the unfortunate young man was enveloped in the shower of metal, the temperature of which was at white heat.

Last night young Mohr was resting easy, although it was admitted he was in a serious condition. It was not thought, however, that his injuries would result fatally.

Will Hang Friday.

NASHVILLE, Ark., Dec. 15.—All arrangements have been completed for the hanging of Butler Ferguson, the negro who killed P. C. Henderson, white, at Center Point last May. The hanging will take place Friday. Ferguson will be brought to Nashville Thursday from Arkadelphia, where he has been for safe keeping.

MARINES LANDED FROM WAR SHIPS

Fragments of Wireless Messages Picked Up Show that United States is Getting Into the Fray.

BATTLE ON AT RAMA

The Long Expected Battle Between Zelaya and Estrada is Said to be Taking Place Now.

PANAMA, Dec. 15.—That the American warships at Corinto have either landed marines or will do so today, is learned from fragments of wireless messages picked up here. Owing to adverse weather conditions, the full text of the message could not be picked up, but enough was caught to indicate that the navy had already plunged into the war in Nicaragua in earnest.

One of the warships at Corinto was heard to inquire of another vessel, when the 700 marines landed by the Dixie on the Isthmus could be expected at Corinto. Parts of the messages show that anarchy reigns at Managua and that the city is in the hands of a mob, crying for the overthrow of Zelaya.

Battle at Rama.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Advices from Corinto, not yet confirmed, declared the long expected battle at Rama is now taking place between the forces of Estrada and government troops under General Vasquez. These dispatches say that for the first time in more than a week, the revolutionists have taken the aggressive and reached a point where they could open fire on the Zelayan army early today.

Machine guns, a thousand new rifles and a million rounds of ammunition were conveyed to Estrada's men before daybreak.

The main body of Chomoro's troops are said to be pushing to the front with all possible speed, commanded by him in person. They are expected to arrive at the scene of action early this afternoon, coming from Greytown, according to the Colon dispatches.

An apparently unfounded rumor says an attempt was made last night to assassinate Zelaya in his palace at Managua, where he is declared to be virtually a prisoner. He has strengthened the guard about the palace. Another rumor is that Dr. Jose Madriz, picked as Zelaya's successor, is under guard and forced to remain indoors. He is said to have arrived in Managua on board a Mexican warship.

HOW FARMER WAS BUNCOED

Sharper Got \$2,000 Out of Him in Chicago During Two Separate Occasions.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—Thomas Foulkes, a stock raiser of Danberry Iowa, recovered judgment of \$2,000 against Dr. Francis M. Steward. Foulkes testified that in 1901 he was met by men here who deceived him into believing he was going blind and took him to Steward. Steward charged \$1,500 for treatment. Upon charging Steward with fraud, Foulkes was told that if he brought certain letters back here the money would be returned. Foulkes said he came and, while with Steward, he was seized by a man representing himself as a health officer, who told Foulkes he had smallpox and kept him a prisoner for five days, releasing him only on the payment of \$500.

TWO WEEKS OF THE STRIKE

Railroads Claim to be Making Progress and there is no Coal Shortage.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The general managers' association gave out the following last night:

"At the close of the fourteenth day of the switchmen's strike, the railroads have made greater progress at moving traffic than any previous day since the strike began."

The general manager of the Great Northern telegraphed a statement showing the increasing extent of the coal traffic, and added: "There is absolutely no coal shortage."

Fell Into Mine.

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 15.—James Otto Chubb, aged 32, formerly a grocer, fell 135 feet into the Lounetta Zinc and Lead Mine and was killed. He had worked at the mine less than a week.

AN IOWA WRECK THIS MORNING

Milwaukee Train Goes off the Track and Rolls Down the Bank, Injuring Several of the Passengers.

ENGINEER IS MISSING

It is Thought That Possibly Engineer Soccor May be Buried Beneath the Wreck of His Engine.

DES MOINES, Dec. 15.—Milwaukee train No. 7, which left Perry at 2:00 o'clock this morning was wrecked at Bagley at 5 o'clock and several people severely injured.

The sleeper and chair car turned completely over and rolled down the bank 200 feet.

Engineer Soccor may be buried under his engine as he is missing. A train with doctors and nurses, left Perry for the scene of the wreck at 8 o'clock. The train was running at 60 miles an hour. The cause is unknown.

One in the East.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Ten passengers were injured, four of them seriously, in a wreck of train No. 4, just north of Brown's Summit at 6 o'clock this morning, according to an official report given out by the Southern railroad. The accident was caused by a broken rail. Two sleepers and two day coaches over turned and rolled down an embankment. It is reported here that the train went through a trestle, in contradiction to the railroad official report. Relief trains and physicians have been rushed to the scene.

WANTS TO RACE ON TYPEWRITER

Marathon Operator is Ready to Back Himself Against All Comers.

[Gate City Special Service.]

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 15.—Modestly laying claims to the premier honors as a marathoner on typewriter machine, H. B. Press, who is transcribing the evidence in the Cunningham case at the Alaska coal land inquiry in Spokane, has issued a challenge to operators to a contest of speed, accuracy and endurance for anywhere from \$50 to \$5,000 a side, open to the world. He stipulates, however, that at no time for any one minute during the trial shall the speed be less than 50 words a minute and this must continue until one of the competitors is exhausted. Since coming to Spokane, 10 days ago, Press has worked full eight hours daily, transcribing from graphophone, stopping only long enough to change cylinders and place fresh paper in the writing machine. He writes at a speed ranging from 65 to 80 words a minute and frequently makes bursts of 100 words, which he maintains for pages of matter. He believes he can outdistance any operator in the world in a marathon and will go anywhere to back up his claims.

CELEBRATION OF THE EMANCIPATION

Semi-Centennial of the Big Event is Proposed for the Year 1913.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—By a joint resolution introduced in congress a commission of seven persons to investigate the prospects for a semi-centennial celebration of the emancipation proclamation in 1913 is provided.

Congressmen E. L. Taylor, Jr. of Ohio, and William A. Rodenberg of Illinois, chairman of the committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions, are the authors of the resolution.

Five thousand dollars is appropriated for the expense of the commission, which will serve without pay.

Murderer Caught.

TOLEDO, Dec. 15.—Antonio Mangino, who has been missing since the murder of his wife and two stepchildren at Cleveland, Dec. 11, was arrested here. According to the police he confessed to killing the woman and children and expressed surprise that he had not killed his infant step-son, who survived, though found with a knife wound in the abdomen.

Taft is Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Delayed by a broken brake bar on one of the cars, the train bringing President Taft back from New Haven, arrived one hour late this morning.

AEROPLANING OVER THE SNOW

With Weather Conditions Most Unfavorable a new Aeronaut Makes Three Flights Which Were Successful.

THE WIND WAS BLOWING

Rather Than Disappoint the Three Thousand Spectators, the Aviator Made the Flights Without Accident.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 15.—In the face of a gale blowing intermittently and in gusts at the rate of thirty miles an hour, Charles K. Hamilton made three flights in a Curtiss aeroplane at Lake Contrary. The first ascent was made within a quarter stretch at the driving park and the others on the frozen surface of the lake. The flights on the lake lasted about one and a half minutes each, during which the aviator was not more than 10 feet from the ground, except during short spurts, when the machine arose to a height of about 20 feet.

The weather conditions were most unfavorable. A wind blowing at the rate of sixteen miles an hour is considered extremely dangerous for aeroplane work, but rather than disappoint the crowd of 3,000 persons who had stood for three hours in the cold, Hamilton ordered the machine taken from the shed and the flights began.

On account of the high wind the machine was maneuvered at the 20 foot height only in a straight line. A turn was effected during the second and third flights, with the machine less than 2 feet from the ground. Hamilton was afraid to attempt a turn with the machine high in the air, as there was great danger of being upset by a gust of the gale.

The first flight was made in the driving park, in which the machine was driven in a straight line across the fields. When directly in front of the grand stand the birdlike structure arose from the ground to a height of about 7 feet and floated a distance of 250 yards. The machine settled at the edge of the field and was immediately turned around by hand. A return trip was made over the same course, but, as the machine was going with the wind, the aviator did not attempt to rise more than a few inches from the ground. The machine skimmed over the snow, touching the ground every few feet. Hamilton did not consider this a flight.

The flights on the surface of the lake were more spectacular. The first flight began near the Casino and extended in a northwest direction in the face of the wind, turning opposite the Lotus club and then flying back to the south end of the lake. The distance covered was something more than a mile. The second flight on the lake extended from the south end to the Lotus club and back, covering the distance of a mile and a half in a minute and a half.

STARTED FIRE TO HAVE FUN

Youth Confessed That He Deliberately Started Blaze Which Cost \$100,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—"To have a little fun and see it burn," is the explanation given in a confession made by George Heberle last night to the police of East St. Louis as to why he set fire to the Corno Mills warehouse Monday and caused a loss of over \$100,000.

Heberle is 20 years old. He is the son of William Heberle of 2606 Baugh avenue, East St. Louis. Besides the fire of Monday he confesses to setting fire three times last May to the Nelson Morris packing house on the East side. None of these fires amounted to much. The first was started in the hair room of the fertilizing plant, where the boy was employed.

ELEVEN MINES ORDERED CLOSED

Mule Stables Under the Ground are Not Allowed in the Oklahoma Shafter.

McALESTER, Ok., Dec. 15.—Eleven mines owned and operated by four different companies are closed at Coal Gate, and about 5000 miners are temporarily out of employment.

Pete Hanratty, chief mine inspector, had notified the companies that they must not maintain mule stables in the mines. Continuing this, the inspector ordered all operations at the mines to cease until his order has been complied with.

CAIRO SHERIFF WILL RESIST

Davis Has Employed an Attorney and Will Try and Keep His Office After Being Removed by Governor.

HE WILL TEST THE LAW

Two New Situations Have Presented Themselves in the Case Arising From the Recent Lynching.

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 15.—Two new situations presented themselves in the shrievalty matter here. One was that Frank E. Davis had employed counsel to start suit to test the constitutionality of the law which deposes a sheriff when a prisoner is taken from him and lynched. The other was that Gov. Charles S. Deneen sent to the County Board official notice of his action in declining to reinstate Mr. Davis to the office of sheriff.

In the case of the suit to recover the office, it is probable that quo warranto proceedings will be begun in the Alexander Circuit Court with the hope of getting the matter to the Illinois Supreme Court at its February term. Attorneys are now looking into the law, but have not fully decided upon this action.

With a suit pending to test the law, it is regarded as improbable that any one will want to take the appointment for the balance of Mr. Davis' term, which expires on the first Monday of December, 1910.

The grand jury examined the editors of the two daily newspapers of Cairo with a view of securing information of graft in the Police Department, which has been charged with gambling, jury fixing and other offenses.

Another witness before the grand jury was a little sister of Arthur Alexander, the negro, held as an accomplice in the assault and murder of Miss Pelley.

MANY LIVES LOST AT SEA

Recent Storms in Oriental Waters Were Disastrous to Life and Shipping.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 15.—News of several steamship disasters involving much loss of life was brought by the Monteaige, which arrived from the Orient.

Bodies of nineteen men and three women were washed ashore from the Kisakata Maru, which foundered off Ainoshima with all hands.

The steamer Jinsen Maru went down off Ryuganpo, near Dalny, and all on board were lost.

Twenty vessels are wrecked or missing. Tidal waves caused loss of life near Shimonoseki.

News was also brought by the Monteaige of the capsizing of a large Chinese passenger boat on the Yangtze, near Kulu, on November 24, forty persons being drowned. The steamers Yat Shih and Loacan saved forty-seven passengers.

Washington's Tomb.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—On the 110th anniversary of the death of Gen. Washington, the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, in accordance with its annual custom, placed a memorial wreath on the tomb at Mount Vernon, Va. The members of Washington's old lodge were joined by representatives of the Fredericksburg (Va.) lodge, which also placed a wreath on the tomb.

Wood Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Dickinson announced today the selection of Major General Leonard Wood, now commanding the department on the East, as chief of staff of the army, succeeding General Bell whose term expires next April.

2000 in Strike.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Nearly 2000 garment workers, representing three of the largest houses in the city, went on strike today. The strike was brought about by the installation of new methods of pressing, the introduction of machines.

Leopold is Worse.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold took a marked change for the worse this afternoon. The doctors are in consultation.

Go. Haskell Sick.

GUTHIE, Okla., Dec. 15.—Gov. Haskell last night was seized with an attack of indigestion, causing intense suffering. His condition causes alarm.

CRIME UNEARTHED WEEKS AFTER

Confession of Farm Hand Leads to the Discovery of the Body Which had Been Buried on the Farm.

KILLED WITH AN AXE

Self Confessed Murderer Tells of the Crime as Though he Was Telling an Ordinary Everyday Story.

LARNED, Kan., Dec. 15.—A murderer, committed here September 14, has been brought to light by the confession of Clyde Charles of Dalhart, Texas, who says he killed George B. Neptune and buried the body on the farm. Guided by Charles, officers found the body. Neptune, a widely known farmer, had decided to sell his farm and property and leave the country, his wife having applied for a divorce early in August. Charles says he is not yet 18 years old.

September 14, Neptune came to Larned and arranged with a local newspaper to advertise a public sale of his farm implements and stock for September 28. Neptune was accompanied by Charles, who had worked for him as a hired hand since harvest time last summer. This was the last time Neptune was seen alive.

The first evidence that Neptune had been killed was the finding of traces of blood on boards and on the floor of the loft of the barn. Further search revealed an old quilt with traces of blood and the charred remains of a coat were found. Word was sent to the sheriff at Dalhart, Texas, who questioned Charles at the home of his mother. At first Charles denied ever having known Neptune, but when confronted with the bill of sale which he had presented when he sold Neptune's horses he contradicted his first story and declared Neptune had sold the horses to him.

On the strength of his conflicting stories and the other evidence he was arrested. Charles agreed to return without requisition papers. After long questioning he confessed to the killing.

As calmly as though he were relating an every day occurrence, he told how he had tried for some time to get Neptune to let him take the horses to Dalhart under the plea that he could sell them there better than at the sale here, and how, after a quarrel over wages, he finally determined to kill him. After returning from Larned September 14 the two men went to sleep in the barn. Charles says he lay awake and waited until about 2 o'clock and then arose and secured an ax and returned to Neptune's side as he lay in the loft on a pile of quilts and struck him twice on the head.

Bundling the body up in the quilts, he says he rolled and carried it to the loft door and tumbled it to the ground. He then secured a wheelbarrow, he says, and loaded the body and the bloody bedclothes into it and trundled the load to a point in the sand hills about half a mile south of the house, where he buried it.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Not much colder in temperature.

For Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

For Iowa and Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions.

A field of high pressure over the Mountain Region has caused somewhat lower temperature from the Rockies to the Central Valleys, with light snow, which is followed by clearing weather west of the Mississippi. There has been snow in the Lake Region and the temperature is higher on the Atlantic Coast, with the area of low temperature covering the Lower Lake Region and Northeastern States, and there have been rains on the Western Gulf.

Conditions indicate generally fair weather, and moderately cold, for this section tonight and Thursday, with the advance of the western field of high pressure.

Local Observations.

Date Bar. Ther. Wind With'r

14 7 p. m. ... 30.09 27 W Cl'dy

15 7 a. m. ... 30.09 22 W Cl'dy

River above low water of 1864 4 feet 1 tenth, fall of 4 tenths.

Mean temperature, 14th, 27; maximum temperature, 30; minimum temperature, 24.