

SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE ANTICIPATED BY MONDAY

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MEETING IS CALLED FOR FURTHER ACTION IN CASE

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St. Paul, Dec. 25.—Both the railroads and the men were sanguine today of an early settlement of the strike difficulties. Governor Eberhart, through whose efforts the strikers and the railroads were enabled to reopen negotiations and who was the first to suggest a reference of the questions involved to the Chicago conference, said that the outlook for an immediate settlement is bright.

THE SPELLBINDERS NOT NEEDED THERE

Spokane, Dec. 25.—"Society spellbinders from the east and Vassar girls are not needed in this state to assist in the battle for the ballot," said Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton of Spokane.

WIFE FOUND DEAD ON KITCHEN FLOOR

Peru, Ind., Dec. 25.—Policemen, who answered a call today from Ore Galloway, found his wife dead on the kitchen floor of their home and Galloway with an empty revolver in his hand.

DEATH AND SORROW FOR TWO FAMILIES

Camden, N. J., Dec. 25.—Christmas brought death and sorrow to two families at Malaga, near Vineland, N. J.

VANCOUVER BEATS CALIFORNIA.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 25.—Vancouver today won the first of the series of three rugby games to be played here, defeating the University of California team 3 to 0.

A RUNAWAY FREIGHT CRASHES INTO DEPOT

St. Paul, Dec. 25.—A runaway Great Northern freight train going down grade fully 60 miles an hour, circled through a maze of switches until it crashed into the union depot, today.

VERY SLIM CHANCE FOR FIGHT IN UTAH

New York, Dec. 25.—Governor Spry, of Utah, arrived today from Philadelphia. In discussing the Jeffries-Johnson fight the governor expressed his firm belief that there was one chance in a thousand of the big fight being held in Utah.

SEVERAL MISSING EMPLOYES INSIST

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 25.—Employees at the Rock Island railroad shops insist that several men are still missing as a result of the engine explosion yesterday but they have given no names, presumably because they are awaiting an official checking up on the 600 men employed in and around the shops.

BLANK FORMS MAILED TO THE CORPORATIONS

Denver, Dec. 25.—Blank forms are being prepared by local agents of the federal internal revenue department to be mailed on January 1 to corporations in Colorado, Wyoming and Arizona, which come under the new corporation tax law.

CHRISTMAS IS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE NATION

Gladdest Day of the Year Brings Joy to the Hearts of Young and Old Through All the United States—President and His Family Spend the Day Much as Many Thousands of Other Families—Thoughtful and Generous Persons Make Hearts of Poor and Needy Glad.



THE REALIZATION OF CHRISTMAS.

Washington, Dec. 25.—From the president of the nation to the humblest citizen, the citizens of Washington enjoyed one feature of the holiday in common—a glorious White Christmas.

With dawn today came the falling of snow and by the time thousands of the people of the city were out the ground was covered to a depth of half an inch with snow.

The president and his family spent Christmas in much the same manner as the other thousands. Charles, Robert and Miss Helen were at home and the president spent the greater part of the day surrounded by his family. There was no formality.

Later in the day President Taft went to the executive offices and put in some time with official duties.

Vice President and Mrs. Sherman spent the day at their home in Utica, New York. A family gathering was a feature of the day at the home of Secretary Knox, on K street. With Mr. and Mrs. Knox were their sons, Hugh S. and Philander Chase Knox, Jr., and their daughter Mrs. J. R. Tyndale.

Secretary Dickinson, took his Christmas dinner on board the Mayflower en route to Porto Rico.

Secretary Meyer, who has been absent on a hunting trip, hurried home to spend the day with his family. Secretary and Mrs. MacVeagh, Secretary and Mrs. Ballinger and Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham celebrated Christmas at their residences in Washington.

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ZELAYA IS NOW ABOARD THE MEXICAN GUNBOAT

Former President of Nicaragua Seeking Refuge in Salina Cruz, It Is Reported

HE IS MET BY A GUARD FROM A FRIENDLY VESSEL

Warship Points Her Nose Out to Sea and Former Executive Is Waved a Farewell From the Shore by Hundreds of Soldiers and Citizens—Settlement of Trouble Is Expected.

Managua, Dec. 25.—Jose Santos Zelaya, ex-president of Nicaragua, has taken himself out of the country and is now aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero, bound for Salina Cruz. Under cover of darkness Thursday morning, Zelaya, accompanied by a heavily armed guard, proceeded to Corinto in which port the Mexican warship had been lying for several days close to the United States protected cruiser Albany. Other American warships swung at anchor in the harbor with marines aboard, awaiting instructions.

Zelaya coming was unheralded but a guard from the Guerrero received the former president at the Mexican flag. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the warship weighed anchor and pointed out to sea. A salute of 13 guns was fired from shore and hundreds of soldiers and citizens waved the former dictator a farewell from the beach. Zelaya stood alone and waved back in answer. He uncovered when abreast of the Albany, but the American cruiser made no response. Then he turned again toward the shore, gazing until out of sight.

Shortly before the arrival of Zelaya at Corinto, the United States gunboat Princeton got up steam and proceeded for San Juan del Sur.

Princeton Sails. Rumor spread that the Princeton intended to watch the movement of the Mexican gunboat but she proceeded directly down the coast and her arrival at her destination was later reported, greatly relieving the anxiety of Zelaya's adherents.

The people were relieved when they learned that Zelaya had gone and President Madriz has already begun his promised work of reform. All reports that Madriz intends to resign the presidency are untrue. He himself states that he accented the office only after mature consideration of the opportunity the position gave him to bring about harmony and peace in Nicaragua and also of the dangers which attended his acceptance. He is willing to face the dangers, he says, in order to save the country.

News of the overwhelming victory won by General Estrada at Rama has now reached the ears of all in Managua as well as the report that the revolutionary forces will soon be marching in this direction. But Estrada is as yet a long distance off and hope is held that before his men reach the capital settlement satisfactory to all sides might be arranged.

Francisco Baca, chief of the home of President Madriz, has been appointed minister general in place of Dr. Julian Irias, who resigned. Irias, who at one time was spoken of for the presidency, deemed it advisable to withdraw from public notice as he

became very unpopular when the demonstrations against Zelaya were at their height.

A dispatch from Rivas says a man who shouted "Vivi Madriz" was stabbed to death by three soldiers.

Battle Discussed. Zelaya was entertained at luncheon at Corinto by the late Commandant of the port, whose guest list included the Mexican minister and the officers of General Guerrero. There were no toasts, but the battle of Rama was discussed informally. Zelaya expressed the fear that President Madriz would not be able to cope with the situation, as he was not a military man. He said the government army had been reduced to skeletons by privations, due to the failure of the new administration to forward rations, and he was glad the army had surrendered, as a great loss of life was thus averted.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the former president was taken on a launch and put aboard the Mexican warship, without the slightest opposition from any American ships and no protest of any kind. Until the Guerrero steamed away there was great apprehension on the part of the Zelayans that the United States would oppose his departure. There was only a feeble demonstration and the leave-taking of Zelaya was unimpressive. No speeches were made, but a military band played a few airs in a hall near by. The American officers snapped most of the time making snapshots of what appeared to be a very peaceful scene.

Numerous caricatures of Zelaya, one of them representing him as being flogged, have been circulated in the city.

President Madriz admits he found no funds in the treasury. There is a general unwillingness to accept as legal Zelaya's last issue of paper money by the new administration of the possibility that a new war tax is inevitable.

An army of 2,000 men is being prepared with the purpose of making an advance to Acopyapa, which is on the railroad from Rama to Lake Managua, and about equidistant from Managua and Rama. General Toledo, who has been appointed acting war minister by Madriz, protests that he is eager to make terms with the revolutionists, but is not willing to surrender unconditionally. He says the revolutionists are on record as having promised to lay down their arms immediately Zelaya was unseated, and he argues that unless they keep their promise they will lose the sympathy not only of Nicaraguans but of the entire world.

The people of Leon are actually supporting President Madriz, but Granada and Managua are unsettled, as it is claimed that they are to be taxed without representation.

WORKING TO SECURE RETURN OF MONEY WORKS ON PROBLEM OF WHAT IS WHISKY

Washington, Dec. 25.—Claiming there is no need of further effort to prove the right of Syrians to naturalization as American citizens, Dr. Justin S. Kirroh has now taken up with the proper government and state authorities the question of the return of money which they have contributed during the last few months to prove their right to become American citizens.

Dr. Kirroh claims the United Syrian society, an organization in New York, has received more than \$10,000, the money having been solicited through several New York publications printed in Arabic for the alleged purpose of aiding Syrians in this country in their rights to citizenship. Dr. Kirroh has taken steps to have this money returned.

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Taft remained indoors all day working on the problem "What is whiskey?" This mooted question raised by distillers under the pure food act has been pending for some time and the president has determined to settle it as soon as possible. He dictated to a stenographer for some time during the afternoon and has another one engaged for the evening.

The decision which probably will be 5,000 words in length, will be announced tomorrow.

BANKER DIES. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Slough J. Fletcher, millionaire owner of the Fletcher National bank of Indianapolis, Ind., died today. One of his daughters is Mrs. Booth Tarkington, wife of the author and playwright.

DAMAGE VERY GREAT. San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 25.—Repters from regions devastated by yesterday's storm state that the damage is incalculable. Railroad communication with Portugal has been cut off except by the Medina del Campos route, which was recently inaugurated. Several bridges have been swept away and the town of Bejar, at the foot of the Gredos mountains, is isolated by floods. Twenty villages in Leon have been inundated.

CONFIRMS MARRIAGE. Brussels, Dec. 5.—The Twentieth Century, a government organ, quotes an "authoritative person" confirming the religious marriage of King Leopold on his death bed. It also says that a few days prior to this, Baroness Vaughan received holy communion.

STABS SELF IN NECK. Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—After drinking a pint of high-proof alcohol, in a futile attempt to commit suicide, Joseph Bowden, a wealthy merchant of Salmon City, Idaho, succeeded in accomplishing his purpose today by stabbing himself in the neck with a pair of scissors. Despondency over ill health is given as the cause of his act.

ALL ARE WELL. Washington, Dec. 25.—The Mayflower, bearing Secretary of War Dickinson and party on board for Porto Rico, was reported by wireless to the navy department last night about 400 miles from San Juan, where it is expected, he will arrive Monday morning. All on board were well.

HEART TROUBLE. Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 25.—Samuel W. Williams, candidate for vice president on the populist ticket in 1908, was stricken with heart failure today. He was unconscious for two hours and his condition tonight is serious.

STALLED IN RIVER. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 25.—Six coaches of Christmas travelers on the Canadian Pacific's Chicago-Toronto train are stalled in the Detroit river aboard the company's car ferry Michigan, which has been fast in the ice since 2:30 o'clock this morning. Tugs are at work trying to cut the ferry clear.

OBSERVE CHRISTMAS ON TOP OF MOUNTAIN

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 25.—The tallest Christmas tree in the world was a feature of today's celebration among the clouds by visitors on Mount Wilson. It was a grand old pine standing in a mantle of snow on the mountain top, and dressed in tinsel and gorgeous trimmings. Around the tree were stacked gifts of every variety. Mountaineers had ascended the pine and decorated its branches to the very top. With the tree as a stage setting dancing and music were the program features.