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ZEZAYA CHAINS 500 PRISONERS IN HIS DUNGEONS

Refuses to Allow a Catholic Society to Take Food to the Starving Suspects
Nicaragua's President Reported to Have Inaugurated Reign of Terror
Marines on Dixie Arrive at Colon and More Are to Be Rushed There

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 12.—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 politics are in chains in the prisons.

A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending food to the prisoners, and these may starve to death, as they are allowed only 2 cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders. Further authoritative dispatches state that 500 of Zezaya's forces have been entrenched to prevent American marines from passing over the bridge into Corinto.

Since last Thursday when General Estrada became certain that General Vasquez, in command of a portion of Zezaya's troops, was attempting to make a detour of Rama to seize an unguarded river point and descend upon Bluefields, 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 available boats have been held in reserve to rush reinforcements to any point that may be threatened.

General Chamorro and 250 men arrived today to assist in guarding the entire 50 miles of the Escondido river from Rama to Bluefields. General Chamorro left 300 men guarding the land passage between Bluefields and Greytown.

The provisional secretary of state, Adolfo Diaz, today declared that the Zelayan troops would not be able to march overland from Greytown because of the swamps and jungles, and that they would not be able to get the use of river boats.

While the provisional government would welcome the aid of the marines which the United States cruiser Des Moines has aboard, Secretary Diaz declared that Estrada's forces were capable of defeating any attempt to attack 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 Zezaya. As General Vasquez is in possession of a telephone system, over which probably 10 minutes would suffice to transmit his business with Zezaya, this request is regarded with suspicion and it has been refused.

Picking Zelaya's Successor
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 12.—The revolutionists in Leon, Granada and Managua are warring among themselves. Those in Managua declare openly that they have been assured of the assistance of the United States and insist upon being permitted to choose Zelaya's successor.

Zelaya declared recently that he was in negotiation with revolutionists to obtain their indorsement to a successor to the presidency and that he had submitted the name of Doctor Jose Madrid, judge of the Cartago court.

It is believed, however, that Doctor Madrid is objectionable to the revolutionists. Dr. Julian Irias, minister general, would be powerful enough to crush an uprising, but it is understood that he is not favored by the United States.

Causes of Revolution
PANAMA, Dec. 12.—Panamanians believe that President Zelaya of Nicaragua is working to bring about intervention by the United States, having chosen this form of humiliation in preference to the greater one of suffering defeat at the hands of the revolutionists.

For the last 16 years in which Zelaya has been in power Nicaragua has been ruled by a group of eight men, who have grown enormously rich by a systematic pillage of the revenues of the state and of individuals. Zelaya is worth about \$20,000,000, most of which he has invested in Brussels and London.

It is said that the chief cause of the present revolution was the failure of Zelaya to distribute among his seven associates a loan of \$5,000,000 obtained recently in Europe.

When they protested Zelaya threatened that he would turn against them the system which they had jointly organized for despoiling the people. All but one surrendered. This one turned revolutionist, with the result that an army was sent into the field, and Bluefields and the entire eastern coast of Nicaragua were conquered.

Estrada Confident
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senor Castriello, representative of the Nicaraguan insurrectionists in this city, today re-

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Leopold, Advised by Physicians That Condition Is Serious, Instructs Secretary
Archbishop Remains at Bedside to Administer Final Consolation This Morning

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—King Leopold, who has been seriously ill for a fortnight, but who was believed to be convalescent, suffered a relapse today and his condition is considered 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 an obstruction of the intestines. There is present also dropsy of the legs.

Two specialists called into consultation did not disguise from the king 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, heir presumptive, and Prince Albert and M. Schollaert, the premier, did not leave the king's bedside tonight, and Princess Clementine, his third daughter, is expected soon.

Dropsy Is Discovered
The cabinet met this afternoon to prepare for 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 sufficient and there was no fever.

Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Mechlin, remained at the king's bedside all night. He will administer the last sacraments tomorrow morning.

The king's condition was unchanged at midnight.

The king had a light sleep in the early part of the night. His physicians will hold a consultation at 7 o'clock in the morning to decide upon the advisability of an operation.

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Deaths Due to Skating ON THIN ICE IN EAST
Father 'Drowns After Rescuing His Four Boys

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Five deaths have resulted from the inauguration of the ice skating season today in this state and New Jersey. Four were of boys, who had ventured on thin ice and the fifth, a father, was drowned after rescuing his 12 year old son.

Two Teachers Perish
OAK HARBOR, O., Dec. 12.—Nelson David and Mary Mylander, both school teachers, were drowned today while skating on the Portage river.

COPENHAGEN SAVANTS TO PASS ON CHARGES
Cook's Accusers to Send Affidavits of "Confessed Fakir"

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Affidavits of August W. Looze and George H. Dunkle, who say they prepared for Dr. Frederick A. Cook fictitious arctic data, will be sent this week to the University of Copenhagen. No verdict from that body is expected until after these proofs arrive. Doctor Cook's whereabouts are still a mystery.

MENLO PARK CONVENT'S SUPERIOR GOES EAST
Mme. J. Fox Succeeded by Mme. Disbarots

Mme. J. Fox, founder of the Sacred Heart convent at Menlo park and superior there for the last 11 years, left yesterday morning for Chicago to take up her duties of vicar general of the order of the Religious of the Sacred Heart for all the districts west of Chicago, to which post she was appointed recently. Her place in Menlo Park is to be taken by Mme. Disbarots of New Orleans. Mme. Fox was bidden farewell by a number of her friends, who gathered at the station when she left.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S NIECE TO MAKE ADDRESS
Will Be Chief Speaker at Equal Suffrage League Meeting

Dr. Mabel Anthony, niece of the late woman's rights advocate, Susan B. Anthony, will speak today at the regular meeting of the Equal Suffrage League, which will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at 2419 California street. The subject of Doctor Anthony's address will be "University Towns." A large gathering of the suffragettes is expected to meet and listen to the kinswoman of the gifted leader.

MOSLEMS EXECUTED FOR CHRISTIANS' MASSACRE
Twenty-six Meet Death for the Adana Outrages

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 12.—Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana yesterday and today in connection with the April massacre. Great crowds witnessed the executions and relatives of the condemned men and thousands of others joined in manifestations of grief.

Sweeping Back the Flood



\$650,000 FIRE DESTROYS PLANT

Big Manufacturing Establishment at Racine, Wis., Is Wiped Out by Blaze

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 12.—The big plant of the Racine manufacturing company, manufacturers of automobile tops and piano stools, and the Daniel Brotherhood hall, the Mitchell wagon works and several houses were destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss estimated at \$650,000, of which all except \$50,000 is borne by the Racine manufacturing company. The latter concern carried \$250,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

The fire started in the millroom of the Racine manufacturing plant, which comprises six buildings. The flames spread quickly throughout the entire plant.

A saloon, a boarding house and several other houses were destroyed and damage was done to a dozen other homes.

The firemen were hampered by frozen hydrants.

About 1,200 men will be thrown out of employment.

LITTLE CHANGE SHOWN IN STRIKE SITUATION
Switchmen Dispute the Claims Made by Railroads

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 12.—There was little change today in the switchmen's strike situation. Railroads claim they are moving freight satisfactorily and are steadily improving the service, while strikers dispute this claim.

The executive council of the Minnesota state federation of labor adopted resolutions today favoring arbitration of the strike and asking Governor Eberhard's assistance to this end. The council received reports from every congressional district in Minnesota to the effect that freight was not moving with the usual celerity.

President Hawley of the switchmen's union returned from Cincinnati, where he had a conference with President Gompers of the American federation of labor.

ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Arbitration proceedings between the railway general managers' conference committee and the grievance committee of the Switchmen's union are scheduled to begin here tomorrow.

It is understood that the general managers will offer mediation under terms of the Erdman act. Whether this will be accepted by the switchmen is doubtful.

S. E. Heberling, vice president of the Switchmen's union, will represent the strikers, and F. O. Melchior, second vice president of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, will head the general managers' committee.

RAILROADMAN DECLINES POSITION
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—Vice President George F. Nicholson of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad today announced that James R. Kootz, general freight agent at Topeka, had declined to accept the appointment as assistant general traffic manager of the system at Chicago, recently offered him.

MAD DOG CAUSES A PANIC IN PASADENA

Animal Bites Four Year Old Son of City Engineer and Attacks Two Others

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
PASADENA, Dec. 12.—The alarm caused by the epidemic of rabies which broke out recently was intensified this morning when a sheep dog becoming mad bit the 4 year old son of City Engineer S. J. Van Ornum and attacked a boy and motorcyclist. Two other dogs were also bitten by the animal, which was killed after a two mile chase.

The dog was first noticed by Ralph Chapin and Hugh Mason, two cyclists.

The dog followed them, until near the Van Ornum home in Terrace drive, when it turned and sprang upon the Van Ornum child, who was playing on the lawn. The boy was bitten on the arm.

In the chase that followed Humane Officer Stillwell, who was riding a motorcycle, was attacked. The dog sprang at his leg, but its teeth caught in the leather legging and no harm resulted. In the melee Stillwell ran his motorcycle into a telegraph pole, wrecking it completely.

The dog continued its mad course. In passing the home of Policeman Nicol, where the latter's baby boy was playing with a pet dog, it stopped, but by good fortune left the child alone to attack the pet.

After pausing a moment to shoot his own dog, Nicol joined in the chase. Before he could catch up with the mad beast it had bitten a valuable bull dog belonging to Fred Biedebach. It was shot after the chase had continued for another half mile. The dog's body was removed to the office of the city veterinarian and its head will be sent to Berkeley for examination. A sweeping muzzling ordinance will go into effect Tuesday.

THIEF RIFLES POCKETS OF ASPHYXIATED MAN
Husband, Wife and Son Accidentally Lose Lives

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 12.—John Richards, his wife and his son, Thomas Richards, were asphyxiated by fumes from a gas heating stove in their home tonight.

The three bodies were found by two younger Richards.

Indications are that some other person had entered the house, discovered the bodies and rifled the pockets of the older Richards.

NINE WORKMEN UNDER WATER ARE SUFFOCATED
Die in Compressed Air Compartment in Naples Harbor

NAPLES, Dec. 12.—Nine workmen were suffocated to death while working in a compressed air compartment in the harbor today. Three others were rescued.

TRY TO BALK DEATH FOR KRUTTSCHNITT

Physicians Send Son of Railroad Director to Arizona as Last Resort

Herman Theodore Kruttschnitt, son of Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president of the Harriman system of railroads, whose serious illness brought his father to this city last week, was removed from the St. Francis hospital to a special train and hurried to Arizona yesterday in a last desperate effort to save his life. The move was only decided upon yesterday morning after a consultation of several physicians.

The immediate removal of young Kruttschnitt to the desert county was the only possible way of saving his life, according to the physicians who have been attending him.

Julius Kruttschnitt, father of the young man, recently visited this city in company with Judge R. S. Lovett and other officials of the Harriman system. When he left for the east his son gave signs of returning vitality, and the elder Kruttschnitt was in a happy frame of mind until he reached Chicago, when he received word to come to his son immediately. Accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Rebecca Kruttschnitt, he hurried back to San Francisco. On arriving in this city Kruttschnitt was informed that Arizona was the only climate in which a recovery might be expected.

The trip to the southern country was put off several days in the hope that young Kruttschnitt would gain sufficient strength to travel. Yesterday the physicians gave orders that the trip be made immediately and the patient was placed on a special train in less than two hours. The sick man was accompanied by his mother and sister, three professional nurses and two physicians. It is understood that Tucson is his destination.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE CAUSES PETALUMA \$15,000 LOSS
Row of Buildings Destroyed and Fireman Injured

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
PETALUMA, Dec. 12.—Fire caused a \$15,000 loss in this city this morning when the M. Prince row of buildings in Western avenue were destroyed by fire.

J. L. Strode's candy store, Edward Schulze, gunsmith, Henshaw & Cornwall and Edward Washington, barber shop, lost everything, and had little insurance. W. H. Van Marter's restaurant and Moss & Violett's saloon were slightly damaged.

First Assistant Fire Chief Robert Adams fell through a skylight into the Courier office and was badly injured. He alighted on a linotype machine, which was badly broken. This was the only loss sustained by the paper.

DRAG NET FAILS TO LAND THUG

Police and Victims Scour Town in Vain Hunt for "Saturday Night Fiend"

Desperado Believed to Be Man Who Slew Young Civil Engineer in Ross

Detectives Find Similarity in Schneider's Murder and the Killing of Black

Chief Thinks Highwayman Is Daredevil Who Glories in His Record of Crime

POLICE FORCE TOO SMALL, SAYS CHIEF

By JESSE B. COOK
Chief of Police

We are handicapped in detecting or preventing crime because our police force is not nearly as large as it should be, but we are going to get this fellow in the end. Every man on the force is not only putting in his prescribed time, but is working extra hours in an effort to apprehend this murderer, and though I am afraid we shall hear of the man again before he is captured, yet I feel also that it will not be long before he is behind the bars. With so many vacant lots about the police are up against it, but that will not prevent us from capturing the robber. I do not think the man is crazy. I had that idea at first, but now I believe him one of these daredevil fellows, thirsting for the record of his deeds in print, who is striving for the spectacular. The fellow's exploits remind me of the Siemsen and Dabner style of action.

DEPUTY SHERIFF GEORGE AGNEW of Marin county, believing that the murderer of William H. Schneider is the fiend that killed Robert C. Black at Ross November 22, comes to San Francisco to aid Chief of Police Cook in the search.

Six suspects are arrested, held for observation by the victims of the bandit, and released when not identified. Dr. E. H. Gleason, H. J. Courteen and Dr. Thomas Hildison spend the whole night with police detectives searching every dive in the Barbary coast. Carl Ostrom, drug demonstrator, is taken with Detectives Taylor and Macphee for search of entire city. Detectives guarding the scenes of the robber-murderer's crimes spend whole day and night in vain vigil.

Chief of Police Jesse B. Cook is out all Saturday night making a personal search for the fiend, with several of the higher police officials. Many criminals, a majority of them former convicts, are gathered up in the dragnet being spread over the city.

Detectives Budd, Macphee and Taylor gather in two crackmen, with a complete set of tools and most stolen jewelry, in a Barbary coast lodging house.

THE man who killed William H. Schneider in the Burns hammam baths December 4, after robbing two pharmacies, and repeated the first of his series of crimes Saturday night by again looting the Gleason-Courteen drug store at 1282 Market street, is believed by the police to be the mysterious robber and murderer who shot and killed Robert C. Black, a young engineer, at Ross November 22.

Futile Night Search
Chief Cook came to this conclusion yesterday morning after he and his force had spent a night of search throughout the city, and early in the afternoon Deputy Sheriff George Agnew of San Rafael; Frank Farrell, brother of Black's fiancée; James Reynolds and W. J. Nolan, who obtained a close view of the Ross murderer, were summoned to San Francisco. They were hurried into the city prison and the suspects collected by the police during the night were lined up before them. None of them