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SAN FRANCISCO'S EXPOSITION IN 1915 INDORSED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

Special Dispatch to The Call

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Taft said today that he was well pleased with the progress of the movement to give a world's exposition at San Francisco celebrating the opening of the Panama canal.

He said the magnificent recovery of San Francisco was not only an inspiration to the whole world, but an assurance that an exposition held there would be splendidly successful.

Mr. Taft remarked that San Francisco was the only proper place for an exposition of such character and dignity as would justify participation by the world at large and fitly represent the United States.

The president added that he hoped to be able to give substantial aid to the aspirations of San Francisco in preparing and executing a world's fair on a scale worthy of the nation.



PRESIDENT WM. H. TAFT.

ACTUAL WORK ON EXPOSITION TO COMMENCE

Preliminary Plans Completed; Today's Meeting Positive Step Toward Fair

Rotary Club All Boosters; Editor Washington Post Heartily Indorses Project

WORKING together enthusiastically to perfect the organization of the big committees that will have in their charge the making of the Panama-Pacific exposition, San Francisco's committee of 200 businessmen, delegated the duty of launching the preliminary work, will meet this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the assembly hall of the chamber of commerce. The gathering will mean that the exposition plans are in full swing, and that the whole city is behind the fair.

The half dozen men named as the nominating committee met in the green room of the St. Francis hotel yesterday and discussed the many suggestions that are coming in for the further publicity of the exposition, and plans for its enlargement. James McNab, James Rolph Jr., Andrew M. Davis, Charles C. Moore, R. B. Hale and Homer S. King were the men who met yesterday. Their reports proved that aid for the fair will come from the whole state.

To Launch Actual Work

Today's meeting will be the first positive step toward actually bringing about the great world's exposition. The appointment of initiatory and nominating committees must be classed as preliminary work. From the meeting today will come the completed plan for action, and immediately after the gathering the work of dividing the committee of 200 into subcommittees, of adding to the list and delegating various duties to each division, will begin.

All the duty imposed upon the committee of 200, as a whole, will be that of launching the plan for active work. After that has been done today, the committee will lose its identity. Some of its members will be made a committee for the gaining of state participation; others will be enrolled in a committee to secure national aid; others yet will form the body that will work to obtain foreign interests, or a dozen other things. The membership of the many committees, of course, will not be limited to the 200 now acting, but as many more as are necessary will be taken in with equal power to act.

Suggestions Received Daily

That the committees will find plenty of plans to consider is evident from the suggestions arriving every day. Frank Miller of Sausalito sent a thoughtful letter to the offices of the exposition in the Merchants' Exchange building yesterday that will be considered carefully at great length, when organization has been perfected.

Miller proposes that the bureau of American republics at Washington be invited to send a representative to San Francisco and that the agent maintain permanent offices here. The special committee perhaps would not be required to pay more than the man's office rent.

This would result in gaining the interest and co-operation of all Central American countries that will be directly affected by the opening of the Panama canal.

Rotary Club Will Boost

Among the many organizations, both in San Francisco and from districts in the northern and central part of the state, to indorse the Panama-Pacific exposition and offer their aid, the Rotary club of this city yesterday sent in a

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ZELAYA POSES AS REAL HEAD OF NICARAGUA

Former President Declares He Left for Country's Good Until Peace Prevails

Denies Having Grown Rich Upon Public Concessions and Belittles Wealth

CORDOBA, Mex., Dec. 28.—Jose Santos Zelaya declared tonight that he was still president of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted, was only a provisional president and he (Zelaya) had not relinquished the office.

Leaves for Country's Good
Zelaya said that he was leaving his country for an indefinite period in the hope that conditions would quiet again. In support of his declaration he exhibited papers attached to which were government seals and ribbons. These papers, he said, contained the proof of the truth of his statement.

In further support of his claim, it was pointed out by members of his party that the Guerrero floated the Nicaraguan flag at her masthead in addition to the Mexican flag. The reports concerning his wealth, Zelaya said, were grossly exaggerated. His fortune is not more than \$2,000,000 gold and is invested mostly in Nicaraguan government bonds. He said he advanced the \$50,000 paid on the Emery claim as a personal loan out of his own funds, there having been no money in the government treasury.

Thanked for Services
This amount, he said, had never been refunded. He strongly denied that he had wrongly obtained any part of his fortune through concessions of which he had the disposal. He declared that a vote of thanks had been tendered him officially before he left home for services rendered to his country.

Zelaya declared that he favored friendly intervention on the part of the Mexican and United States government to the end that a consolidation of all the Central American republics might be brought about. He said he believed Secretary Knox was now realizing the injustice of his attitude toward him and declared he never understood why the secretary should have molested him. He might go to Belgium to live, he said. In any event he would not return to Nicaragua until peace was restored. It was his opinion that the war would end within two months, but he would not venture an opinion as to which side would be successful.

Estrada Opposes Madriz
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—General Estrada, the revolutionary leader in Nicaragua, will not accept the extraordinary terms proposed by the new president, Madriz, as a basis for peace. Estrada has expressed his willingness to meet the Madriz commissioners, but said the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative assembly in placing power in the hands of Madriz.

TWO HUNTERS FROZEN TO DEATH IN NEW JERSEY
WILDWOOD, N. J., Dec. 28.—Two hunters found frozen to death near here yesterday were identified by members of their families today as Lewis C. Krautter, an instructor in botany in the University of Pennsylvania, and Ernest J. W. McFarlane, a son of Prof. John M. McFarlane of the University of Pennsylvania.

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CITIZENS ARE SOLID FOR GEARY STREET RAILWAY

Judge C. W. Eastin (on the left) and John A. Sweeney, as they appeared last night while addressing the Geary street bond mass meeting at Clement hall.



GOULD'S PROMISE TO MARRY IS REVEALED

Dancer Suing for \$250,000 Balm for Wounded Affections Makes Public Letter

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—More love letters, alleged to have been written by Frank Jay Gould to Bessie Devole, the stage dancer, were made public today as an offset of Gould's denial of charges made in her \$250,000 suit for damages for alleged fraud and misrepresentation in connection with a promise she says Gould made to marry her.

That there actually was a bona fide promise to marry is proved, Miss Devole's lawyers say, in the following letter said to have been written by the millionaire to the little dancer:

334 Fifth Avenue, Jan. 13, 1909.
My Own Bessie: Spent an hour with Mr. Nicoll this afternoon. He has made fairly good progress. Plans are almost made, so that 'some one' will go to Nevada, and then the decree would be granted by October next. Of course, nothing definite has been agreed to, but everything looks as though at last the beginning of the end were approaching. I feel quite happy this evening, notwithstanding a very bad cold and he pain in my back. Does this agreement or some such plan please you? If you only knew how I look forward to that time when I am free and later on more so when we are married! Yours, my dearest, with my love and kisses. YOUR FRANK.

In the following letter Miss Devole is asked to guess the date of the alleged, promised wedding, which, she says, she knew and which was to have been September 14, but Gould sailed for Europe that day:

My Own Dear Bessie: Am going to figure out the number of days that will intervene between today and— Can you guess? There is something for a prize if you are correct, and close your eyes. With all my love to my own dearest Bessie, and lots of kisses until tomorrow. HER FRANK.

While in Philadelphia Miss Devole heard that Gould was paying attention to Miss Kelly, a dancer in the "Havan" company, then playing at the Casino. She wrote to him, and says she received the following reply:

My Own Dear Bessie: Oh, why do you want to make me unhappy by talking the way you do? Can't you understand that, no matter if I do things that you think are wrong, that all the time I love you and have loved you? My one desire has been to protect you and to make you happy. With all my love and kisses (that you want), and I hope you want them all. YOUR FRANK.

TURKISH CABINET MINISTERS RESIGN

Withdrawal of Hilmi Pasha, Grand Vizier, Leads to Crisis in Government

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—The whole Turkish cabinet resigned tonight, following the resignation of Hilmi Pasha, grand vizier, who withdrew from the ministry early in the day.

It is reported that serious conflicts have occurred at Bagdad, but this is not confirmed officially.

It is believed that the committee of union and progress decided upon a change in the ministry because they regard the accusations against the former grand vizier, Kiamli Pasha, unjust.

It is understood the committee favors the appointment of Tewfik Pasha, present ambassador at London, as grand vizier, but it is not likely that Kiamli Pasha will return to power.

The grand vizier's resignation, it is understood, was due to intrigues against him in the chamber and to threats by the committee of union and progress to engineer a parliamentary vote of want of confidence in the cabinet.

Reports hint at a military appointment, possibly with General Scheffer Pasha as Hilmi Pasha's successor.

VIRGIL BOGUE TO RETIRE ON FIRST OF THE YEAR

T. J. W. Wyche of Salt Lake Division Stated as Successor

OROVILLE, Dec. 28.—It is understood here that on the first of the year T. J. Wyche, who has been division engineer of the Western Pacific on the Salt Lake end of the road, will succeed Virgil G. Bogue as chief engineer of the line. While no official announcement of Wyche's appointment has been made, he and Bogue have recently been over the line very carefully together.

HORSE RUNS AWAY ON STAGE AND ROUSES DEAD
Several hundred people gathered last night at Clement hall, at Sixth avenue and Clement street, to indorse the bond issue. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Richmond central improvement club. Daniel V. Drew, president of the club, presided. The speakers included Judge C. W. Eastin, John W. Sweeney, John O. Walsh and Andrew J. Gallagher.

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BONDS FOR CITY LINE INDORSED

Meetings Held Throughout San Francisco in Favor of Big Project

Friends of Geary Street Scheme Are Confident That Issue Will Pass

Unions Put Seal of Approval on Plan for Municipal Street Railway

LONG CONFIDENT ON LEGAL ISSUE

In my opinion there are no insurmountable legal objections to the construction of the Geary street railway from the ferry to the beach. It is safe to assume that objections will be interposed to the attempt of the city to construct and operate a street railway in Market street. Such objections will not be urged until the city makes the attempt. In order that the city may assert and establish its rights to use Market street for street railway purposes it will be necessary to declare its purpose and to institute proceedings for its construction and operation.—From legal opinion of CITY ATTORNEY PERCY V. LONG.

At labor union meetings last night the Geary street bond proposition was unanimously indorsed by the granite cutters, journeymen horse shoers, marble cutters and finishers and the San Francisco lumber clerks. In each of these unions the members pledged themselves to go to the polls tomorrow and vote for the bonds.

With two big meetings last night the advocates of the Geary street bond issue believe they have clinched the election. A final meeting will be held tonight at Oceanside hall, Forty-ninth avenue and I street. The women will devote the day to plans for Thursday. Arrangements were made yesterday for watchers at the polls in every precinct of the city. In addition a flying squadron will be created, which will travel from polling place to polling place, ready at a moment's notice to go to any point where their presence may be required.

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