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## JUDGE LURTON IS CONFIRMED; OTHERS NAMED

SENATE AFTER PASSING ON ONE NOMINATION OF THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS.

## BACON'S NAME MAY MEET OPPOSITION

NO OBJECTIONS FROM SENATE EXPECTED ON ANY BUT PARISIAN APPOINTMENT; OLD SNUBS HELD TO BE CAUSE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Judge Horace H. Lurton was today confirmed as associate justice of the supreme court.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—President Taft today sent to the senate several nominations of diplomats. The ambassadors include Robert Bacon of New York to be ambassador to France.

Richard E. Kerens of Missouri to be ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Henry Lane Wilson of Washington as ambassador to Mexico.

Ministers include: Charles Page Bryan of Illinois to Belgium.

William James Calhoun of Illinois to China.

R. S. Reynolds Hitt of Illinois to Panama.

Fenton R. McCreery of Michigan to Honduras.

L. S. Swenson of Minnesota to Switzerland.

Nominations for district attorneys include: William E. Trautman, eastern district of Illinois.

William A. Northcott, southern district of Illinois.

Arbas H. Falkenburgh, northwestern district of Missouri.

For marshal: Charles P. Hitch, eastern district of Iowa.

Four to Retire in Two Years.

St. John announced that for the present part of the year the four members of the cabinet retained as the ambassador to Great Britain, David Jayne Hill of New York, will continue as the ambassador to Germany and Thomas J. O'Brien of Michigan as the ambassador to Japan. Under this administration Oscar S. Straus of New York will be appointed ambassador to Turkey, John G. A. Leishman ambassador to Italy, and William W. Rockhill, ambassador to Russia. It is understood that within two years at the latest, Hill, Straus and Rockhill will retire, making four more ambassadorial appointments at the disposal of the president.

Senate Hostile to Bacon.

Secretary of State Knox has asked Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate to secure immediate confirmation of the nominations. This action is desired because of the necessity of conducting negotiations in reference to the tariff questions with all of the countries to receive new agents of the United States.

There is every reason to believe that the secretary's wishes will be observed in all except one case, that of Mr. Bacon. The latter, while serving as assistant secretary and subsequently as secretary of state, caused a great deal of irritation in congress by his manner of receiving members of the senate and house. For several reasons they were willing to confirm last winter his nomination as secretary of state, but these reasons now fall to operate, and they propose, if what they intimate to their friends be true, to hold up for a time at least, his nomination.

Senator Root, who was associated with Mr. Bacon in the state department, has been energetically endeavoring to dissipate the opposition, but he seems up to this time to have been unsuccessful.

The state department is concerned about this matter because of its desire to press at once the tariff negotiations with France. The objection against Mr. Bacon is heightened by the fact that his appointment will give four ambassadors to New York, and the senators think these positions should be more generally distributed around the country.

With respect to Mr. Calhoun a poll of the senate shows that his appointment to China is regarded as peculiarly appropriate, and he will be confirmed without delay. The same action will be taken with respect to the nomination of Mr. Bryan.

Roosevelt Man Turned Down.

The nomination of Charles P. Hitch of Paris, Ill., to succeed himself as United States marshal in the eastern district of Illinois caused a surprise, as it was understood Roosevelt before retiring had decided on James Sloan of Danville, Ill., the well known secret service man, for the place. Speaker Cannon and Senator Cullom favored Hitch.

## Gil Hits Thug With a Pair of New Shoes

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jennie Benson, a stenographer, was attacked by a thug on the streets last night on her way home. He grabbed her purse, but she hit him over the head with a new pair of shoes she was carrying and he fled, dropping the purse.

## TWO DIE SUDDENLY

Well Known Fairfield Men in Good Health Sunday Morning, Dead at Night.

Fairfield, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—David Barrow, aged 65, died suddenly Sunday night while engaged in conversation with his family. He had been in poor health.

David McCarty, a farmer living east of town, died suddenly yesterday evening. He had not been ill, and attended church as usual Sunday morning.

## BOY HURT; KEEPS QUIET

Davenport Lad Breaks Arm Coasting and Then Goes to School; May Lose Member.

Davenport, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Fearing to tell his parents of an accident sustained while coasting Saturday, Arnold Sindt, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sindt, went back to school and suffered four hours with a broken arm. The teacher saw he was suffering, made the examination and sent him to a doctor. The doctor says he may lose his arm.

## Woman Hurt in Collision

Dubuque, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Michael O'Connell had several ribs broken and was seriously injured yesterday in the caboose of a freight train in which she was riding, when a switch engine bumped into it. The accident happened ten miles west of here. She is the mother of Timothy O'Connell, a well known Waterloo lumber man.

## Iowa Railroad Man Elevated

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—S. A. Garway, formerly assistant treasurer of the B. C. R. & N., has been made paymaster of the Rock Island system with offices in Chicago. He has been in the paymaster's office in Chicago since the Rock Island bought the B. C. R. & N.

## New Secretary Moves

Waterloo, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. J. H. Sumner, the newly elected secretary of the state board of health, in a few days for Des Moines to take up his work and will take with him an entirely new office force. His wife will be registrar of vital statistics.

## Endicott Starts New Paper

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—I. Endicott, for years with the Cedar Rapids Gazette, and later with the Saturday Record, will start a weekly paper in West Cedar Rapids, to be known as the Cedar Rapids Enterprise. He is one of the best known newspaper men in Iowa.

## Oskaloosa Has Bad Fire

Oskaloosa, Dec. 20.—Saturday night the Koss bakery was burned with a loss of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The oven was damaged and will have to be rebuilt. Much material and a car load of flour brought in for the holiday trade was destroyed. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

## Alleged Thief is Captured

Cedar Rapids, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—S. H. King, wanted at Vinton for robbery, has been captured at Decatur, Ill. King, who was an Illinois parole convict, was employed at Vinton on the bridge work and is accused of stealing from the hotel where he boarded.

## Short Course at Oskaloosa

Oskaloosa, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A successful short course closed here Saturday. Fifty years of premium corn by Ed Anderson sold for \$55. A domestic science department was held in connection. Both will be held again next year.

## Nodaway Church Burned

Nodaway, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Presbyterian church was burned to the ground this morning with a loss of \$10,000. The fire started in the furnace room. The parsonage was saved by the firemen after a hard battle.

## Aged Iowan Buried

Iowa City, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Frank Limpsty, aged 70, was buried here today. He had two sons, F. R. Limpsty, cashier of the Wellman bank.

## Cedar Falls Engineer Dead

Waterloo, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Michael Hammond, for eleven years superintendent of the water works of Cedar Falls, died suddenly today, aged 65.

## Britt Burglar Sentenced

Britt, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Clark today sentenced Gus Rbelms to twenty years in the penitentiary for a burglary committed near here.

## ESTRADA WILL NOT RECOGNIZE NEW PRESIDENT

NICARAGUAN INSURGENT DECLARES THAT FIGHTING WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ZELAYA AND FOLLOWERS ARE EXCLUDED.

## MADRIZ WELCOMED AT THE CAPITAL

MAN SELECTED TO SUCCEED ZELAYA IS GREETED IN MANAGUA WITH ROCKETS AND CHEERS; HAILED AS SAVIOR.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—"Peace in this country can only be assured by the complete exclusion of Zelaya and his followers. We will continue fighting until this is secured. In the name of liberty and justice on our side, we ask you to recognize my government." This is the determination of General Estrada, at the head of the revolutionary army in Nicaragua, as expressed in a telegram received from him by the secretary of state. The telegram is dated at Bluefields and was sent by wireless from Colon. In the same telegram Estrada says no change in the person of Zelaya, by the chief executive selected by him or by the congress he controls, will be accepted by the majority of the Nicaraguan people allied to the revolutionist cause in the struggle for justice.

This is the first authoritative statement received by the state department that the revolutionists will not accept Zelaya's selection as a successor to himself. The decision means the continuance of the revolution.

## Madriz Hailed as Savior

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 20.—Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American Court of Justice at Cartago, who has been put forward as candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here Sunday. Long before he reached the capital Madriz was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments and cheered all along the way from Corinto to Managua.

At this place the crowds awaiting the appearance of the candidate were extraordinary. Troops and police were out in force for the protection of Madriz, who proceeded on foot to a hotel through an almost impenetrable mass of people, the soldiers and detectives breaking a way through the solid ranks, pushing and throwing aside the frantic people.

In front of the park there were hostile cries against the attempt of the soldiers to clear the street and immediately fifty civilians, all of them residents of Leon, which is the home of Madriz and the stronghold of the revolutionists, whipped out revolvers, brandishing them in the air. They formed a compact mass around Madriz, acting as his bodyguard and escorting him to his quarters.

For the moment the situation was critical. There were shouts of "Viva Leon!" to hell with Managua. No shots were fired, however, and the procession went on its way. The presidential candidate's face was flushed and wore a look of anxiety. He was accompanied to the hotel by the Mexican minister, and from this place the crowds were shut out.

Wants to Appose Sectionalism.

Dr. Madriz arrived at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at Corinto aboard the steamship Acapulco from Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. He was received by commissions representing congress, the supreme court and the municipalities of Leon, Managua, Chirandega and Masaya. A salute of 101 guns was fired in his honor. Soldiers lined the streets to greet him, and the crowd along the water front. Dr. Madriz, though seemingly well pleased at his welcome, made no speech. Soon after he landed he said in an interview: "I shall accept the honor which has been offered me. I am not the candidate of Leon, but of the entire republic. My chief concern will be to appose the ancient sectionalism which has divided certain localities."

Dr. Madriz said he was not certain how the revolutionists would receive him. He had sent a delegate to Bluefields to confer with the revolutionary leaders there, but his representative had not been permitted to land.

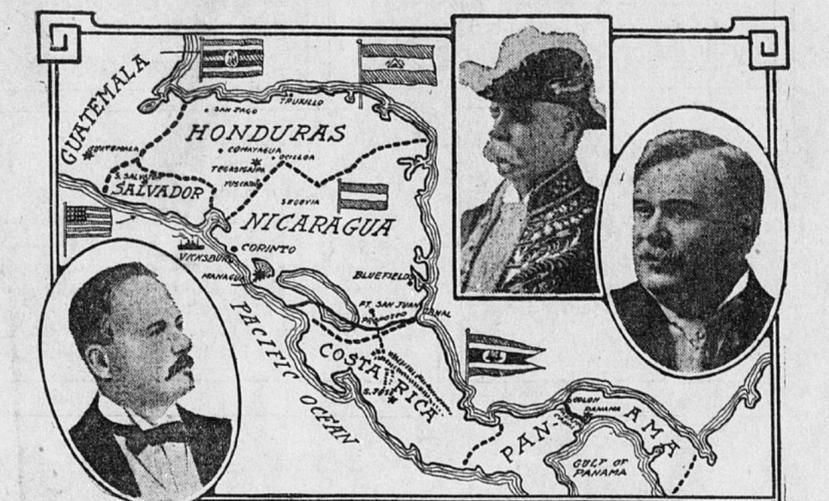
General Estrada sent word that if he had come to treat for peace it was useless. Madriz was hopeful, however, that he would succeed in making peace with the revolutionists.

He had conferred at Punta Arenas with Adam Cardeas, the former president of Nicaragua, and now head of the Conservative party and a mutual promise of co-operation had been exchanged. Cardeas was overthrown from the presidency by Zelaya in 1891, and recently he was reported as having taken the field against his old enemy, heading an expedition which was preparing in Costa Rica for an attack upon Nicaragua. It also was asserted that the former president had bound himself to support the candidacy of General Estrada.

Strew Flowers in Pathway.

Dr. Madriz declined to comment upon Zelaya's administration, nor would he discuss the question of intervention by the United States, but he expressed

## New United States of Central America is Proposed as One Solution of Trouble There



Map of probable United States of Central America. On the left near Corinto is the United States warship Vicksburg, whose guns command the city. On the right is Bluefields, where other American warships are stationed. Route of proposed Panama canal is shown running from south of Managua to the Atlantic. Capitals of the probable new United States of Central America are starred. At lower left is President Davila of Honduras; at left above is Enrique Creel, a Mexican diplomat, and at the right former Governor Magoon, who has been appointed a commissioner to confer with Creel on the Central American situation. At the left below is President Davila of Honduras.

## Ear is Bitten Off; Man Sticks it on; Will Grow

Garner, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Officer Gifford had his ear bitten off by a horse yesterday. He took the ear in his hand and walked to a doctor's office. The surgeon fastened the ear on his head and says it will grow on.

## SCOFIELD CASE UP

Charles Thomas, in Penitentiary for Murder, Turned Down by the Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—For the second time the supreme court of the United States today decided against Charles Thomas, who is under sentence of life imprisonment in the Iowa penitentiary on the charge of murdering a young woman named Mabel Scofield in 1899, when it was charged that Thomas drugged the girl and threw the body into the Des Moines river. The case came up this time on a writ of error, which the court denied on the ground of a lack of jurisdiction.

## SATOLLI IS DYING

Cardinal is Suffering from Nephritis and His Condition is Held Grave.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The condition of Cardinal Satolli, who is suffering from nephritis, is improved today, although his condition is still grave.

In the morning he insisted upon a chaplain celebrating mass in the sick room. He also took communion.

In the afternoon his condition was much worse. Alarming symptoms developed and there was some delirium.

Grave fears were entertained for the cardinal's recovery.

Many telegraphic inquiries have been received from America.

## RABBI'S FATHER IS DEAD

Rev. Sigmund Mannheimer of Cincinnati, Whose Son Lives in Des Moines, Dies.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—Rev. Sigmund Mannheimer, professor and librarian of the Hebrew college here and one of the best known figures in Jewish educational circles throughout the country, is dead, aged 74. One of his sons is Rabbi Eugene Mannheimer of Des Moines, Iowa.

## WILL STOP FIGHT

Mayor of Gary, Ind., Says He Will Use Entire Police Force to Stop Battlers.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 20.—Mayor Knott here today declared the entire police force of the city would be used if necessary to prevent the prize fight between Coulton and Denning, announced for tonight at a local playhouse.

## THREE BURNED TO DEATH

Chicago Babies Lose Lives When Home Burns to Ground During Absence of Parents.

## ONE FLAG FOR SIX STATES PLAN

TOTAL AREA OF SUCH A REPUBLIC WOULD BE ONLY TWO-THIRDS THAT OF TEXAS.

Country	Area	Population
Costa Rica	23,000 sq. miles	248,000
Guatemala	63,297 sq. miles	1,471,025
Nicaragua	49,500 sq. miles	420,000
Salvador	7,255 sq. miles	800,500
Honduras	47,000 sq. miles	431,917
Panama	31,570 sq. miles	521,714
Total	198,812 sq. miles	3,893,156

A United States of Central America six separate and distinct states under one flag, one president elected by the people, two law making bodies—an upper and lower house—well defined judicial—embodied in a constitution acceptable to the separate states—this in brief is the plan proposed for the settlement of the Central American question.

The total area of this republic would be about two-thirds that of the state of Texas, or practically the combined area of Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. Guatemala alone is larger than West Virginia and North Carolina, respectively. Salvador the smallest republic in about twice as large as Delaware. The density of the population is slightly less than that of the United States of America.

Down in Panama the United States owns a strip of territory along the Panama canal comprising a total area of more than 600 square miles. At the extreme south end of these warring republics is a constant object lesson of good government. This strip of territory under the rule of Uncle Sam has set the people of these countries thinking as they never have thought before. They are studying the question of government, and Panama as a result, is willing to enter into such a coalition. The new republic would not be unlike the United States of Brazil. The peoples are of practically the same temperament and the leaders point to Brazil as an excellent example of what could be accomplished in Central America. Under the new form of government each republic would enjoy all the privileges of a united republic.

Ex-Ambassador Creel of Mexico has been in Washington to confer with former Governor Magoon of Cuba with a view to agreeing upon some policy to be pursued by the United States and Mexico toward the Central American republics. Magoon has been named commissioner by Uncle Sam to carry on these negotiations. Mexico and the United States are willing to work hand in hand in bringing about perpetual peace in these countries and some definite plan may be agreed upon before the present conference ends.

Way back in 1523 Pedro de Alvarado one of the lieutenants of Cortes, conquered Guatemala and Salvador. The Spaniards had taken Costa Rica and Honduras in 1519 and 1522 respectively. Guatemala was occupied about the same time. In 1821 five of them declared their independence and early in the following year became part of the Mexican empire of Iturbide. On the fall of this empire they formed a union as the United Provinces of Central America in 1823. In 1824 Panama revolted and joined forces with Colombia. In 1839 the Central American union was dissolved and the parts became separate republics. Attempts to restore the union since this time have been in vain.

## PARR WILL BE GIVEN BIG SUM

INVESTIGATOR WHO UNCOVERED SUGAR FRAUDS IS TO BE REWARDED.

New York, Dec. 20.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, has approved the claim to moiety by Richard Parr, the deputy collector and original informer in the sugar frauds on the \$2,135,486 paid into the United States treasury by the American Sugar Refining company as restitution for duties evaded by under weighing.

According to the statutes regulating such awards, Parr will receive "not exceeding in amount one-half of the net proceeds," which will mean in this case, if the claim is approved by the treasury department, approximately \$1,000,000.

Mr. Loeb approved the claim only after a thorough investigation by Harrison Osborne, solicitor of the customs. He held that the claim was valid in that Parr on Nov. 20, 1907, discovered a steel spring which was used by the company's checkers to influence the weight of draughts of sugar adversely. He laid bare the scheme to defraud and it was to the evidence obtained as the consequence of Nov. 20, that the jury in the civil suit against the company last spring gave a verdict of guilty, which was followed by the paying of the penalty \$135,486.32 and the restitution of \$2,000,000 following.

## TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Rock Island Flyer Accident in Arizona is Fatal; Fast Train Hits Derailed Car.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20.—The Rock Island flyer on the Southern Pacific, which left Los Angeles Saturday morning, went into the ditch near Benson, Ariz., at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, killing two and injuring thirty.

The dead are: W. W. WALKER, engineer, Tucson, Arizona; and J. W. WALKER, fireman, Tucson.

Among those slightly injured are: A. W. Marshall, Chicago; Miles Frock, Olney, Ill.; Miss Annie Remy, a Chicago newspaper woman; William Sharp, Milwaukee and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Tonsdale, Plainfield, Ill.

## Fast Train in Collision

Canton, O., Dec. 20.—One man was fatally injured and passengers on the Pennsylvania special, the eighteen-hour train between New York and Chicago, were buried from their berths and cut and bruised when the flyer hit a derailed freight car just west of Massillon, O., about 3 o'clock Sunday.

The injured man is William Alexander of East Palestine, O., fireman on one of the two engines that were pulling the special on its way to Chicago. Both his arms were broken and he was internally hurt.

## GREAT UNCLE OF CZAR DEAD

Grand Duke Michael, Oldest Member of Imperial Family, Was Great Soldier.

Cannes, France, Dec. 20.—Grand Duke Michael Nicholasievitch, grand uncle of Emperor Nicholas, died here Saturday.

Grand Duke Michael was the oldest representative of the Russian imperial house. He was born in 1822, the fourth son of Emperor Nicholas I. He repeatedly distinguished himself during a long military career.

## FEAR FOR LIFE OF NEGRO WHO KILLED CREW

EAST ST. LOUIS SHERIFF ORDERS RIOT GUNS TO SAVE MAN WHO KILLED MOTORMAN AND CONDUCTOR WHILE CAR RAN WILD

## GOVERNOR ORDERS TROOPS TO BE READY

EIGHT COMPANIES TOLD TO PREPARE TO GO TO BELLEVILLE AT SHORT NOTICE IN EVENT OF MOB LAW.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Sheriff Caspell of St. Clair county, Illinois, today ordered additional riot guns for the protection of the Belleville jail in case of a demonstration against Will Clark, the negro identified as the robber who shot and killed Motorman Goudey and seriously wounded Conductor O'Brien with robbery as a motive in East St. Louis Saturday night. Besides these guns the sheriff's force is supplied with small arms.

East St. Louis, Dec. 20.—An uncontrolled street car, bearing a dead motorman and a dying conductor, ran wild four miles through the city Saturday night. The men were shot by a negro highwayman, who escaped with a small sum taken from the conductor.

According to a few words spoken by N. P. O'Brien, the conductor, who was desperately wounded, a negro boarded the car near Fiveforks station in the southeastern part of the city. The conductor refused the highwayman's order, "Hands up!" and a struggle ensued.

E. O. Goudey, the motorman, is supposed to have been shot down in the car when he started to O'Brien's assistance.

No passengers were on the car which ran wild with the conductor helpless and the conductor helpless. Rounding corners without warning, vehicles narrowly missed being struck terminal, where it was boarded and stopped.

Two suspects have been taken into custody. The bloodhounds used recently at Cairo were put on the trail. The conductor's clothes were used as a scent.

Negro Makes Confession.

The East St. Louis police announced today that Will Clark, one of the suspects, confessed to them last night it was he who had killed Goudey and wounded O'Brien. Night Chief of Detectives Doyle and Acting Chief of Police Yowell are the officials said to have heard the admissions by Clark.

Ready to Send Troops.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—Gov. Deen has issued orders to eight companies of the Fourth Infantry to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to East St. Louis or Belleville to protect the negro prisoners arrested on suspicion of murdering the conductor of the street car at East St. Louis. The sheriff of St. Clair county told the governor over the telephone this morning that while everything is quiet at present, there is a deep undercurrent of feeling both in Belleville and East St. Louis and it would be better to have troops in readiness to send there.

Negro and Police in Duel.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—In a pistol battle in which County Marshal Mayes, Policeman Logan and an unknown negro were the participants, the negro was killed and the marshal was severely wounded in a pawnshop here today. The officers attempted to arrest the negro as a suspect.

Must Rent to Families.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Judge Himes in the municipal court held that it is unlawful and opposed the policy to refuse to rent an apartment to a family with children. The court added that barring children from an apartment house is an incentive toward "race suicide."

Thaw Loses Again.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Justice McKenna of the supreme court of the United States today denied the petition of Harry K. Thaw for a writ of error to the court of appeals of New York in the case in which Thaw made an effort to obtain his release from the Matteawan asylum.

Report Bill in February.

Washington, Dec. 20.—"We will report the general rivers and harbors bill about the first of February," said Chairman Alexander of the house committee on rivers and harbors today, and he admitted it would exceed upward of \$20,000,000.

British Tug Sinks.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—The British wrecking tug Bull Dog was sunk at sea this morning. The crew is safe aboard the United States cruiser Birmingham.

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