

LINING UP FOR GREAT BATTLE

Decisive Fight Expected Tomorrow in Nicaragua Between the Rival Forces.

FORMER PRESIDENT IN FIELD

Reported That Cardenas, Who Was Overthrown by Zelaya, is Heading Expedition Against the Present Executive.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senor Castillo, representative of the revolutionists here, received a cablegram under today's date from Bluefields, and signed Estrada, stating all indications were that a decisive battle between Zelaya's forces and the revolutionists will be fought tomorrow at Rama.

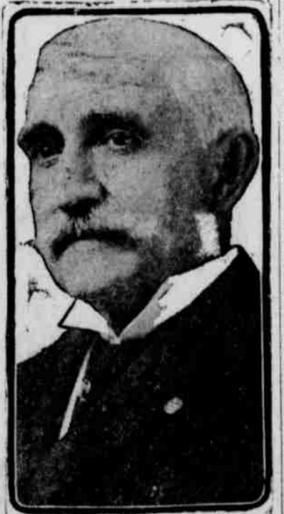
Zelaya has recently been making every possible effort to incite people to an anti-American demonstration. This information was received at the state department from official sources, together with statements that Zelaya's efforts in that direction were utterly futile and that nothing but fear of him prevents a pro-American demonstration.

Takes Field Against Zelaya. New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Former President Cardenas of Nicaragua, who was overthrown by Zelaya in 1891, has taken the field against his old enemy and is heading an expedition of five hundred men from Costa Rica into Nicaragua to support Estrada according to advices received here.

Censorship is Strict. Panama, Dec. 8.—The censorship in Nicaragua is so strict the people know little of what has happened and not yet learned of the severance of diplomatic relations with the U. S. General Toledo is besieged by insurgents at Greytown, which is surrounded on land and sea.

Marital Law in Honduras. Porto Cortez, Honduras, Dec. 8.—Marital law in Honduras was proclaimed yesterday. The proclamation of marital law in Honduras is the result probably of suspicion that General Bonilla will take advantage of the situation in Nicaragua to invade Honduras with a rebel band and regain the presidency from which he was deposed in 1907 by President Davila with the aid of Zelaya.

A LIVE WIRE.



James L. Davenport, New Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The new commissioner of pensions, James L. Davenport, is not going to "Oserize" the department. He said so today. He is going to give every man in the employ of the department a chance to "make good" and then choose his staff from the most capable men and women. There is one man in the department over 80 years of age and Mr. Davenport says he is one of the most valuable men in the government service.

The new commissioner has seen the heads of the department come and go for years. He has grown up in the pension service and now that he has reached his life goal he is setting about the work of reorganizing the department according to his own ideas. At the present time there are about 1,300 clerks in the bureau, 400 of whom are women. When they filed past the new commissioner the other morning to congratulate him he was able to call almost all of them by name. Mr. Davenport was born in Hinsdale, N. H., in 1845. He received his early education in the district school and later attended the famous old Battleboro academy. When the war between the states began he made several ineffectual attempts to

"STRIKE IS BROKEN" AND "RAILROADS ARE TIED UP"

This Represents Status of Switchmen's Strike Today According to Statements of Both Sides—Railroads Busy.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—"The strike is broken" and "the railroads are tied up tighter than ever," represents the status of the switchmen's strike today according to the statements of both sides. The railroads are moving freight.

Strike Breakers' House Dynamited. Struthers, O., Dec. 8.—A large house occupied by imported tin workers, brought here to break the strike at the plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., was dynamited early today. The house was wrecked and a number of persons slightly injured.

OFFERS ADDITIONAL PRIZE.

Five Hundred Votes Will be Given to Fortunate Candidate.

Miss Jennie Bandoni increased her lead in the Pythian popular lady, diamond ring contest today, to more than 500 votes ahead of her nearest rival. Considerable interest is manifested in the contest, this week, and several of the candidates made good gains today. The latest feature in the contest is the announcement that B. Barnham of the Calumet Dye Works will donate 500 votes to the contestant who receives the largest number of votes up to the hour of counting the ballots on Monday, December 13. It is evident that the contest is to have an exciting finish as several of the contestants are running close together, and it is rumored that some are saving their ballots for later in the race. The contest will close on January 1.

The standing of the candidates today is:

- Miss Jennie Bandoni .....1,650
Miss Elsie Erickson .....1,128
Miss Rebecca Clark ..... 485
Miss Daisy Geiger ..... 461
Miss Flossie Cook ..... 255
Miss Cetrata Barrett ..... 203
Miss Lauretta Marshall ..... 202
Miss Irene Kelly ..... 201
Miss Kate Sterbenz ..... 201
Miss Fannie Mollanen ..... 201

HARVARD'S DENTAL SCHOOL.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—The magnificent new building of the dental school of Harvard University was dedicated today with interesting exercises. The principal speakers were Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University and Dr. G. V. I. Brown of Milwaukee.

HONOR PECKHAM'S MEMORY.

New York State Bar Association Will Pay Its Respect.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Arrangements have been concluded for the special meeting of the New York State Bar Association to be held in the Assembly Chamber tomorrow evening for the purpose of commemorating the life and public services of the late Justice Rufus W. Peckham, of the United States Supreme Court. The programme for the memorial meeting provides for addresses by United States Senator Root, Governor Hughes and others.

MARK GOLDEN JUBILEE.

American College in Rome Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary.

Rome, Dec. 8.—Many eminent prelates and priests attended a special mass of thanksgiving today in celebration of the golden jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of the formal opening of the American College in Rome. The college was founded in 1859 mainly through the efforts of Archbishops Hughes of New York and Kendrick of Baltimore. The formal opening took place Dec. 8, 1859, with thirteen students registered.

During the half-century of its existence the college has conspicuously fulfilled the mission implied in its foundation—namely, to afford young priests who wish to pursue higher theological studies a suitable home, and secondarily, to preserve Roman traditions and maintain unity between the see of Peter and the Roman Catholic church in the United States.

LIVING PICTURE SOCIAL.

Arrangements have been made for a living picture social to be given in the parlors of the Calumet Congregational church next Friday evening. Some of the best soloists in Calumet have consented to assist in the program, and the picture illustrations will be exceptionally fine. The entertainment will commence at 7:30 o'clock and continue throughout the evening. Refreshments will be served.

The death occurred yesterday of the two-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Houtanen, of Centennial Heights. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon.

John E. Brennan of L'Anse, manager of the National Pole company of Chicago, is in town today on his way to Copper Harbor to inspect a number of poles and ties at the Bushnell camp.

enlist in the Union army. He went to Wisconsin in 1864 and enlisted in Co. 5 Fortieth Wisconsin Volunteers. Later he was discharged on account of illness. In 1881 he came to the pension bureau and served in many grades until 1897, when he was made first deputy commissioner. He lives with his family on Wayne avenue.

INDICT MINERAL POINT BANKER

President Spensley of the Defunct Bank is Taken to Madison For His Hearing.

BIG CONSPIRACY IS ALLEGED

Said Accused Man Cashed Worthless Checks in Institution and Had Transactions Covered by Allen and Hanscom.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 8.—Calvoit Spensley, president of the defunct First National bank of Mineral Point, indicted by a LaCrosse grand jury, was arrested and brought here this morning by Deputy Marshall Appleby. They left for Madison where it is expected Spensley will be admitted to bail today.

Thomas Tomkin, a retired farmer of Mineral Point, accompanied Spensley and stated he will give a bond up to \$100,000 for Spensley.

Conspiracy is Alleged.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 8.—That a conspiracy existed between Philip Allen and Frank E. Hanscom, cashier, who afterwards committed suicide, and Spensley, officers of the First National bank of Mineral Point, by means of which Spensley was able to cash worthless checks in the institution and have the transactions covered up by the other two officials, is the substance of the majority of charges made in 22 indictments against Banker Spensley of Mineral Point.

Deposed Insurance Head Indicted.

New York, Dec. 8.—George P. Sheldon, deposed president of the Phoenix Insurance company, of Brooklyn, was indicted by the grand jury today for larceny in connection with the alleged looting of the company's treasury to the extent of \$1,000,000 or more.

MORE RECORDS BROKEN.

New York, Dec. 8.—Still ahead of all records the leaders in the six day bicycle race today set a pace which lowered the existing marks still further. Since noon yesterday, with three exceptions, each hour has seen new figures hung up and at six o'clock this morning, the score for 54 hours was 1,091 3/5 miles, a new world's record. Fourteen teams still remain in the race, nine of them being tied for first place.

COLD CONTINUES.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Intensely cold weather prevailed throughout the north west today. The coldest place was Lander, Wyo., where twenty degrees below zero was recorded. At Deadwood, S. D., it was seventeen degrees below; Omaha four below; Norfolk, Neb., twelve below; Des Moines, Ia., three below; Concordia, Kas., six below; Chicago showed two above zero.

COOK'S RECORDS DELIVERED.

Copenhagen, Dec. 8.—Cook's polar records, and the iron box containing them, were transferred from ship to automobile today, and under guard of Cook's secretary and two detectives taken to the University of Copenhagen where the papers were formally turned over to the university authorities, who placed them in a strong room. The examination probably will be made at the Copenhagen observatory, but the time is not yet announced.

ITALIAN GLOBE TROTTERS.

Will Make Circuit in Unique Manner Taking Twelve Years.

London, Dec. 8.—One of the most unique pair of globe trotters that have yet come under public notice will soon be seen in America, having engaged passage on a ship sailing for New York next week. They are two Italians and they are travelling around the world in a barrel.

Their names are Vicinello Eugene and Zanadi Attilius, and for a wager of \$7,000 they are endeavoring to circle the globe in a barrel three yards long and about four feet in diameter. They take turns, one man rolling the barrel while the other sits inside. The conditions are that they must get their food and clothing by selling postcards in the towns through which they pass. The men say they began their journey at Vienna last June. The time to be occupied in the attempt is twelve years.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL.

Noted Norwegian Poet is Nearly Today But End is Near.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Hjornstjerne Bjornson, the famous Norwegian poet, playwright and publicist, entered upon his eightieth year today, having been born in Osterdal, Norway, Dec. 8, 1832. The poet is now in Paris, whither he was brought from his home in Norway in the hope that an operation might afford relief from the complication of ailments from which he has suffered for several years. His present condition is regarded as critical in the extreme. The physicians, in fact, hold out no hope that he will ever be able to leave his bed, and in view of his age it is not believed that he can long survive.



Once upon a Time there was a very beautiful girl in our town. She had so many suitors that she disputed the theory that the Law of Supply and Demand governed the Matrimonial Market. She told them all the same yarn about taking time to consider and her correspondence always became voluminous just before Christmas. She had an idea that More Man is legitimate prey at Christmas and she worked her eyes overtime. Baby Stares, coquettish Winks, the Jolly Look, the Glad Eye—All these and more served her purpose and she always booked a Half Dozen Live Ones for Things and Things. Long before Yuletide she tried out her Looks on the Mirror and on the Dog. Then she would Parade down to Sike's Drug Store and wait until they Came by. It was so Easy for Happy Nellie that she did not consider it Work. Now Miss Good Looks was treading the Sky a little too rapidly and it was perfectly natural that it should befall that one Sir Knight should win her Heart. When she found She was really all to Pickles on a young Thoroughbred about Town, Christmas lost all its Charm. For once in her Young Life she decided to Buy. Like most Women she saved her Allowance and spent it two or Three Times and then decided to buy her Present on the Installment Plan and allow Him to Pay some Day. But alas, Poor Girl, she neglected Shopping until the Day before Christmas. When she came out of the Trance and pulled her Hair Pins and Hatpins out of her Eyes and Face it was the Day after and her dear, kind Lothario had flown to the Arms of the wise Sister who never Procrastinates. Today she is just an ugly, mean, sour, old Maid and she looks it. People do not look at Her Eyes any more. They Stopped that when she Lost her roses. Maybe some Day she may lasso a Man but not if her Photograph printed above tells the Truth.

MORAL: If You would be Beautiful and happily married, Shop Early!

STATE INSTITUTION REPORTS.

News of Interest Concerning Michigan Homes, Asylums and Prisons.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 8.—The Industrial Home for Girls, located at Adrian, in the monthly report for October, shows an increase in the attendance of 12 over the previous month's report, making the total attendance 412 at the end of October. Four girls were discharged during the month and 12 put on probation, while seven new admissions were recorded and five probationers returned, as well as six others dismissed. The attendance at the Michigan Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids jumped from 936 at the end of September to 1,387 at the end of October. During October 44 new persons were admitted. 24 people readmitted and 352 probationers returned, while this increase was partially offset by 24 dismissals, 274 absent on probation and 11 deaths during the month. Of the total number at the home, 1,223 are males and 164 females. The attendance for October at the Michigan Reformatory, located at Ionia, over the previous month, increased from 535 to 554. A total of 29 new admissions were recorded and four others were returned to the institution during the month, while but three were discharged, 10 paroled and one pardoned for the period. The State Asylum, located at Ionia, increased by three patients during October, the total number at the end of the month being 409—248 males and 59 females. A small increase at the State Sanitarium at Howell is shown by the October report over the previous month, the total number at the end of the month being 51—25 males and 26 females. Thirteen new admissions took place during the month, while seven people were dismissed from the sanitarium during the same period. The Northern Michigan Asylum, located at Traverse City, had at the end of October 1,460 patients, an increase of three over the previous month. Twenty new admissions were recorded and a few were dismissed. Ten deaths occurred at this institution during the month. The October report of the State Prison at Jackson shows an increase of 12 persons over the previous month, there being 13 dismissals, as compared to 29 new prisoners and two probationers returned.

STEEL MEN ACQUITTED.

Boston, Dec. 8.—Thirty-three American steel firms and individual agents for the steel companies were acquitted of the charge of collusive bidding for city steel contracts today, after an eleven weeks trial. The city finance commission after an investigation, reported that a combination existed. The report created a sensation and was quoted by President Roosevelt in his message to Congress in April, 1908.

SEEK WAGE INCREASE.

New York, Dec. 8.—Demands for increases of wages, formulated for presentation to the railroads, will call for raises from 10 to as high, in some cases, as 100 per cent. Vice President Marlock of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen declared today. The demands will not be presented until after January 1 and only then if ratified by a vote of the employes.

ARCHBISHOP'S BIRTHDAY.

Youngest Member of Roman Catholic Hierarchy in States.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—Archbishop William H. O'Connell received congratulations from the clergy and laity of the Boston archdiocese today on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday. With the exception of Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis, who is his junior by three years, Archbishop O'Connell is the youngest member of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States. Archbishop O'Connell was born in Lowell, Dec. 8, 1859, and was educated in the schools there. Later he was graduated from Boston College, and entered the North American College at Rome in 1881. Four years later he was ordained a priest and remained in Italy. In 1895 he was made rector of the North American College. Two years afterward he was named domestic prelate. He held this office until 1901, when he returned to America to become bishop of Portland, Me. In 1908 he was made coadjutor to Archbishop Williams of Boston and succeeded that prelate when the latter died in 1907.

WEATHER FORECAST

Snow tonight; Thursday occasional snow flurries; continued cold. Moderate to brisk northwest winds.

TO DEVELOP WATERWAYS

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress Opens Sixth Convention Today.

MANY DELEGATES ARE PRESENT

Taft Delivers the Opening Address and is Followed by Other Speakers of National Prominence—Broad Scope.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—With President Taft as the central figure and with upwards of 2,500 delegates in attendance, the sixth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress was opened here today. The congress is national in its purpose, representing all sections and all waterways, and is endeavoring to impress Congress with the necessity of a comprehensive policy for improving rivers, harbors and canals of the nation.

In point of attendance and enthusiasm the present gathering promises to be the greatest demonstration of the supporters of the deep waterways movement that has ever been held in America. Senators, representatives, diplomats, captains of finance, governors of States and other high in official life filled the large assembly room of the New Willard Hotel and applauded President Taft at the conclusion of his opening address, in which he expressed his warm interest in the movement for the development of the nation's waterways and defined his views in regard to the best policy to be pursued by the government in carrying out the projects now under way. The President was introduced by Representative Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, who is president of the congress. President Taft was followed by Governor Harmon of Ohio, who spoke upon "The Duty of the Government Toward its Waterways," dwelling at considerable length upon the advisability of completing the improvement of the Ohio River channel before undertaking the various Mississippi river projects. The business sessions of the congress are to continue three days and addresses and papers will be presented covering practically every phase of the waterways movement by men thoroughly familiar with the subject. Secretary of War Dickinson, whose recent travels through the West and South greatly impressed him with the necessity of deepening the rivers and harbors, has promised to address the congress. Other speakers will include representatives of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf association, the Ohio Valley Improvement association, the Atlantic Deep Waterways association, the Tennessee River Improvement association, the Missouri River Improvement association, the Upper Mississippi association, the Connecticut River Improvement association, and various other organizations of similar purpose that exist in different parts of the United States.

MARCONI WILL GET NEXT NOBEL PRIZE FOR PHYSICS

Achievements in Wireless Telegraphy Will Be Officially Recognized

PRIZES GIVEN AWAY YEARLY

Stockholm, Dec. 8.—It is learned from a reliable source that the next Nobel prize for physics will be divided between Signor Marconi and Prof. Ferdinand Karl Braun, of Strassburg University. Official announcement of the awards for the year will be made by the Norwegian Storting day after tomorrow. The honor will come to Signor Marconi, who is equally well known on both sides of the Atlantic in recognition of his achievements with wireless telegraphy. Prof. Braun is to share the honor, it is said, because of his invention of various improvements in the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy. No authoritative intimation has been given as to who is to receive the peace prize or the annual awards for literature, medicine or chemistry.

The Nobel prizes, numbering five, of the average value of \$40,000 each, are given annually to those who have done the most useful work during the year in literature, physical science, chemistry, physiology or medicine and for the propagation of peace.

The Nobel Foundation, which has the awards in charge, was established by the inventor of dynamite, the Swedish scientist, Alfred Bernhard Nobel, in a will which he made in 1895. The inventor's fortune of \$9,600,000 was devoted to capitalizing the prizes, and the administration of the foundation and awards of prizes are in the hands of the Swedish learned academies and, for the peace prize, a committee of the Norwegian Storting. The prizes were first awarded in 1901, the distribution taking place annually on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death.

The prizes may be divided and may be given to women, Mme. Curie being a former winner of the chemistry prize. In 1906 President Roosevelt was awarded the prize for the propaganda of peace in recognition of his efforts in bringing to a close the war between Russia and Japan.

UPPER PENINSULA NOTES.

Dudley Thompson, formerly of Munising, now of Rudyard, Chippewa county, writes from that place as follows: "Here is something I think might be of interest to some of the hunters. Ed. Loomis, of the Hayward and Loomis Lumber company, shot a doe with horns. She weighed 175 pounds and had a fine set of antlers."

How Coffins Are Filled—

We read a fable about Deputy Game Warden Harrington's dog "pointing" a coffin filled with five hundred partridges at Floodwood, this peninsula, comments the Ichepmink from Ore. If it were true it would be well to put the dog on the job, but it isn't. The coffins being sent out of the woods of this peninsula this hunting season have been filled with men shot by fools with guns.

Deer Slaughter Light—

The records of the express and freight offices at that village show that upwards of three hundred deer were shipped from Newberry this season. This is away below the number killed by hunters last year, when over five hundred were shipped from that point. The absence of snow is largely accountable for the lack of success upon the part of the hunters, many of whom went home without a single trophy of the chase.

Railroads Going at Auction—

Next Thursday in Menominee the state authorities will conduct the sale of the Wisconsin and Michigan road to the highest bidders. The sale will be made to recover back taxes which it is claimed are due the state. A rumor is current that mining interests will make a strong bid for it. The Manistique and Northern will be sold at the same time, at Manistique. This is one of the first times in the history of the upper peninsula that railroads have been sold for taxes.

Is a Big Vessel—

Built entirely of steel and carrying one and one-half million feet of timber, there is a wide difference between the steamer Charles F. Neff, now lying at Wells, Delta county, and the old wooden schooners which carried lumber only a few years ago. The big craft is Wells to take on a full cargo of birch lumber. The Neff is of the latest construction and the most modern ideas are embodied in her throughout. She is the forerunner of the new fleet of lumber carriers which will replace the old.

One of the saddest accidents that has ever happened at West Metropolitan, Dickinson county, took place last week at the home of Matt Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was preparing to retire, and was about to extinguish a hanging lamp in the dining room. As she was in the act of pulling the lamp down, it exploded above her head, setting her clothing on fire. She screamed for help and her oldest daughter, Esther, who was upstairs in bed, ran to her mother's assistance, wrapped her in a carpet and extinguished the flames. Mrs. Johnson, however, was badly burned about the chest, face and head and she is in a precarious condition.

CONDITION OF BANKS OF U. S.

National Monetary Commission Makes Public Results of Its Investigation.

GOOD CONDITION OF AFFAIRS

Total Resources Are Over Twenty-one Billions; Deposits Over Fourteen Billions; Big Increases Since 1900 Noted.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The national monetary commission has just completed, and made public today, the tabulated result of the investigation of the condition of various classes of incorporated banks throughout the country, the reports being made invariably upon a uniform blank and all at the close of business April 25, 1909.

Investigations reporting to the commission include 6,893 national, 11,819 state, 1,703 mutual and stock savings, and 1,497 private banks, and 1,979 loan and trust companies.

The total resources of all \$21,166,000,000. Their loans are \$11,372,000,000; investments, \$4,610,000,000; due from banks, \$2,562,000,000; cash on hand (including \$809,000,000 in gold coin and certificates), \$1,422,000,000; other resources \$1,691,000,000; capital \$1,890,000,000; surplus and profits, \$1,855,000,000; due banks, \$2,484,000,000; deposits (including government), \$14,164,000,000; other liabilities, \$870,000,000.

Of the deposits \$6,356,000,000 are subject to check; \$4,926,000,000, savings; \$1,212,000,000 time and \$825,000,000 demand certificates.

Special reports made show 25,000,000 depositors had in the banks reporting on this point \$15,395,000,000, ranging from one dollar upwards.

The average rate of interest on savings is 3.55, and on other accounts, 3.10. The bank resources of the entire country average 237.24 per capita.

The number of banks have more than doubled since 1900.

Increases since 1900, resources, 95 per cent; loans, 106; investments, 52; capital stock, 75; individual accounts, 93; and total deposits, 91.

KING LEOPOLD VERY ILL.

Brussels, Dec. 8.—Information from private sources today is to the effect that King Leopold's condition is causing the utmost anxiety. He is unable to rise from his chair on account of rheumatism and paralysis.

COTTON MARKET LIVELY.

New York, Dec. 8.—The report of the census bureau, showing only 8,878,277 bales of cotton ginned to December 1, compared with 11,008,661 on the same date last season, was followed by considerable excitement in the cotton market this morning, with May contracts selling up to 15.25, or seventeen points above the closing figures of last night, now a high record for the season.

NICARAGUA'S MOST ABLE LAWYER, IN NEW YORK.



DR. M. GONZALES.

New York, Dec. 8.—Much speculation is rife as to the visit at this time to America of Dr. M. Gonzales, Nicaragua's most able lawyer and close friend of Zelaya. He arrived this week from Europe, and is stopping at Hotel Victoria. It is well known that Dr. Gonzales is close to the government. His brother is captain of a company in the government forces. When seen today at the hotel, he said:

"What caused the revolution? Well, it was a surprise to me. I suppose some of my countrymen became dissatisfied with political conditions. Feeling toward Americans has been of a very friendly nature. We have never had any trouble of this kind before. Americans have always been fairly treated. I cannot think that Greco and Cannon were executed before they were given a fair trial. I know Zelaya and he is not a murderer."