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NICARAGUA IN FOR A LICKING

UNITED STATES DELIVERS ULTIMATUM TO PRESIDENT ZELAYA

MINISTER GETS PASSPORTS

SEÑOR FELIPE RODRIGUEZ, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, SENT HOME

WARSHIPS ON THE WAY

VESSELS START FOR SOUTH; ALSO TROOP SHIPS CARRYING MARINES

Washington, Dec. 2.—The first step of the United States toward backing up the declaration of Secretary of State Knox regarding the Nicaraguan situation, was taken today when the secretary of the navy sent urgent orders to the commanders of the cruiser Albany, and the gunboat Yorktown, now at Magdalena Bay, Lower California, to proceed forthwith to Corinto the Pacific coast port of Nicaragua. The troop ship Prairie, with about seven hundred marines aboard for Panama and possibly for service in Nicaragua, received orders to sail from Philadelphia this afternoon.

The ultimatum given last night by the United States to the Zelaya government, in a note which was accompanied by the passports of delivery for Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation here, has caused great rejoicing among the sympathizers of the Nicaraguan insurrectionists. The strength of the note and its personal tone are subjects of comment in diplomatic circles. It is generally recognized that the United States has decided the time has come to put an end to further attacks on American life and interests in Central America. The fact that President Zelaya is apparently to be held personally responsible for the shooting of Groce and Cannon, adds a sting to the ultimatum. Concealed in the vigorous note to Zelaya, another is sent as a warning to Central American republics that they must behave and that the United States intends to see that the family of western republics live harmoniously. The Knox document is one of the most scathing issued from the state department in many years.

The newspapermen who visited the Nicaraguan legation last night were not permitted to doubt that Secretary Knox's ultimatum had fallen upon the complacency of Senor Rodriguez with profound effect. Senor Rodriguez, in person, met the visitors at the door and his protestations of amazement at the action of the state department were delivered in mingled English and Spanish.

Rear-Admiral William W. Kimball left Washington today for Philadelphia to take passage on the Prairie. It is believed he will accompany the

officers of the naval department operating against Nicaragua. He will probably proceed to Corinto.

NEW MEXICO BAPTIST CONVENTION IN SESSION

After the closing of the pastors' conference yesterday the organization of the New Mexico Baptists convention was effected. Today's program follows:

Morning Session.
Promptly at 9 o'clock the New Mexico Baptist convention was called to order by President B. T. Luik. The first part of the morning was given over to a devotional service, appointment of committees, the introduction of visitors and enrollment of messengers. Then came the convention sermon which was preached by Pastor E. P. Alldredge, of Fortales, who is also editor of the New Mexico Baptist. Pastor Alldredge had for his theme, "The Wilderness Preacher," or "Some Lessons From the Life of John the Baptist." Luke 3:1-11; 7:24-25.

The convention re-elected B. T. Luik of Silver City, president, but in the absence of the former clerk, Marcellus Watkins, Pastor E. S. Atwood was elected secretary.

Afternoon Session.
The afternoon session began by hearing reports on the Bible schools, the publication society and religious literature. Following these reports there were two addresses on the prayer meeting problems, the first by E. P. Alldredge, of Portales, whose topic was "Is the Prayer Meeting Worth While?" The second address was "How to Make the Prayer Meeting Worth While," by Rev. Geo. B. Varney, for some time secretary of territorial missions, but at present pastor of the Baptist church at Raton.

The convention is one of the most successful in point of attendance ever held and great interest is manifested by the attending clergymen. The convention will continue in session until Sunday.

BRIDESMAID'S SUDDEN DEATH DELAYS WEDDING

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 2.—Miss Margaret Bacon, who was to have been bridesmaid for Miss Carolyn Fall, at the latter's marriage here yesterday to Marion Thatcher Everhart, of Pueblo, was found dead in a bath tub at the Fall home last night and the wedding has been postponed. Miss Bacon was from Evansville, Ind., and was a schoolmate of Miss Fall, who is a daughter of Judge A. B. Fall, former attorney general of New Mexico. A rehearsal for the wedding had been held only an hour before Miss Bacon's body was found.

INTERESTING MEETING OF ROSENWALD LODGE

There was a nice attendance at the meeting of the J. E. Rosenwald lodge last night and the initiating of Louis Stern passed off without a hitch. There was also an election of officers, the following being the brethren upon whom the honors were unanimously conferred:

President, Simon Bacharach; vice-president, David Winternitz; treasurer, Simon Hoffman; warden, Walter Bierman; guardian, Louis Stern.

Chas. Ifield was elected trustee for three years and Rabbi J. S. Raisin secretary for the ensuing year.

BEACH HARGIS MUST SERVE LIFE SENTENCE

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 2.—The court of appeals has affirmed the life sentence given Beach Hargis, for the murder of his father, the noted feudist of Jackson, Ky.

NEGRO PREACHER BURNED TO DEATH AT THE STAKE

Cochran, Ga., Dec. 2.—John Harvard, a negro preacher, who shot and fatally wounded W. B. Booth near here yesterday afternoon, was captured last night five miles from here and burned at the stake.

Booth is a well known business man of Hawkinsville, Ga., and was en route to Cochran in an automobile when the shooting occurred. He drove up behind Harvard, who was in front of him in a wagon. Harvard charged that Booth's machine frightened his mules. After a few words he drew a pistol and fired upon Booth three shots taking effect. Booth returned the fire and it was learned after the negro was captured that he was slightly wounded in two places. He was found in a barn three miles from the place where the shooting

occurred.

Booth was brought here after the shooting. Physicians today said there was little hope for his recovery. He has a wife and several children. Officers from Hawkinsville in automobiles went immediately to the scene of the shooting, but a party of citizens was quickly formed and tracked the negro on horseback to his hiding place. He showed fight but was suffering so severely from his wounds that he could offer little resistance. He freely admitted the shooting and it is said justified himself by the fact that Booth's automobile frightened his mules.

Harvard was given an opportunity to pray, after which he was bound with chains to a stake. The fuel was piled high above his head and the torch applied.

THOUSANDS ASQUITH IS OUT OF WORK EXTENDED OVATION

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE IN NORTH-WEST SHUTS DOWN MILLS

RAILROADS UNRELENTING

STRIKEBREAKERS IMPORTED TO TAKE PLACE OF UNION MEN

CONDITIONS ARE SERIOUS

FOOD AND COAL FAMINE THREATENED—FREIGHT TRAFFIC AT STANDSTILL

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 2.—The railroads affected by the switchmen's strike were working hard today to restore normal traffic conditions between the Great Lakes and the Pacific coast. The local warehouses were opened today and the roads accepted limited freight shipments. There was, however, no noticeable improvement in conditions in the Twin Cities this morning. In Minneapolis all the big flour mills were shut down, throwing five thousand men out of employment. At the head of the lakes, at Duluth and Superior, unless conditions improve immediately, all the range cities will be in danger of a food and coal famine. The jobbing houses of Duluth have already begun laying off men.

In Montana, conditions are even worse. The big Boston and Montana smelter at Great Falls is practically closed, and as this smelter takes the ore of the Amalgamated properties at Butte, those mines will also be affected, throwing thousands out of employment.

Pickets of the striking switchmen reported today that about one hundred strike-breakers had been brought into St. Paul and distributed about the various Twin City yards. The railroads would not admit that any strike-breakers had been brought in.

All freight shipments were practically tied up although an attempt is being made to move through trains on the Northern Pacific. These trains were made up by assistant trainmasters and superintendents. The Great Northern steamer Minnesota arrived at Tacoma, Wash., last night with 34,000 tons of freight, much of it destined for quick transportation, but it cannot be taken care of.

The Situation at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 2.—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads are employing non-union switchmen today. Officials say freight train service will be restored within a week.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ADOPTS RESOLUTION REBUKING LORDS

USURPATION OF RIGHTS

BRITISH PREMIER DECLARES REJECTION OF BUDGET IS TYRANNY

KING EDWARD TAKES HAND

AT MEETING OF PRIVY COUNCIL HE SIGNS ORDER PROLONGING PARLIAMENT

London, Dec. 2.—The House of Commons by a vote of 349 to 134 today accepted the resolution of Premier Asquith, to the effect that in rejecting the government's budget bill the House of Lords had committed a breach of the constitution and usurped the rights of the House of Commons.

Premier Asquith, who was given a wild demonstration when he arose to speak, said the budget represented the deliberate work of an overwhelming majority of the representatives of the people.

"The whole fabric had been overthrown by a body which admittedly had no power to increase or decrease a single tax." With much emphasis the Premier declared "the House of Commons would prove unworthy of its tradition if it allowed a single day to pass without making it clear that it did not mean to brook this grave indignity and arrogant usurpation of its rights. Parliament, in closing without passing the financial act, and until fresh provision could be made, necessitates what could be supplied only by borrowing. It was obvious that the action of the House of Lords was to create the largest deficit yet faced."

The Premier then announced that King Edward had accepted the advice of parliament.

All preliminaries incident to the big political battle were being cleared away this afternoon at Sandringham, where King Edward held a meeting with the privy council, during which he signed an order prolonging parliament until January 10, 1910. This is a mere formality as the present house will have been dissolved before that time. The center of interest today was in the House of Commons.

Premier Asquith on behalf of parliament, replied to the House of Lords in withdrawal of assent to the government budget.

Premier Asquith announced that the government had advised King Ed-

ward to dissolve parliament and his majesty had accepted the invitation. The Premier added that if the Liberals were returned to power the first act of the government would be the re-enactment of all taxes for which provision was made in the budget rejected by the house of lords.

Arthur Henderson, leader of the labor party in the house of commons today announced the government would have the whole-hearted support of the laborites. It is understood parliament will be dissolved so as to permit the holding of the election between January 10 and 20.

INDEPENDENTS WILL FIGHT PHONE TRUST

New York, Dec. 2.—Independent telephone interests have an available fighting fund of \$100,000 subscribed to do battle against the Bell-telephone interests, wherever the latter attempts to wipe out competition.

This was the gist of testimony by D. A. Wilson, of New York, prominently identified with the independent interests, at the state investigation of telephone and telegraph companies, now being held here.

"The disposition on the part of the Bell company is to annihilate the independent companies all over the country," said Mr. Wilson.

"The National Association of Independent Telephone companies has created a fund of \$100,000 to fight the Bell people wherever they try to wipe out competition. This was formed three months ago. The way the Bell company deteriorates the independent companies is to buy a company here and there, thus breaking up the chain. There are some 3,000,000 telephones in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that cannot enter New York City because there is no independent company here."

FORMER LAS VEGAS GIRL TO WED CALIFORNIAN

Attorney and Mrs. W. B. Bunker of this city are in receipt of a wedding invitation from Mrs. Edward Lincoln Hamblin, of Berkeley, Calif., announcing the approaching nuptials of her eldest daughter, Miss Irene Lincoln Hamblin, to Royal Miller, of Berkeley. The ceremony is to take place at the Unitarian church, Berkeley, at 8 o'clock on the evening of Tuesday, December 7th, 1909.

Miss Hamblin will be remembered by many Las Vegas in her girlhood days, having made Las Vegas her home for several years when her father E. L. Hamblin, now deceased, was in the brokerage business in this city. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Miss Hamblin has grown to be a very pretty and accomplished young lady.

Mr. Miller is the proprietor of the Phoenix Tool company of San Francisco, and is one of the most prominent of northern California's business men.

Mr. Miller and bride will make their home in Berkeley in a handsome cottage, a gift to the young couple by the groom's father.

AGED INDIANA MAN REFUSED TO BE KILLED

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 2.—While in a somnambulist sleep on a fast Lake Shore train yesterday, J. M. Ashcroft, aged seventy, of Red Key, Ind., walked off the train while it was running sixty miles an hour, near Chestern, and was practically uninjured. He fell on a parallel track and while getting up was struck by another train. He suffered only a slight scalp wound and was able to continue his journey.

FRISCO LANDS THE BIG FIGHT

JOINT BID OF TEX RICKARD AND JACK GLEASON IS ACCEPTED

BATTLE ON JULY 4, 1910

PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR HEAVY WEIGHTS TO MEET IN COLMA ARENA

\$101,000 PURSE OFFERED

FIGHTERS ALSO TO RECEIVE 68 PER CENT OF MOVING PICTURE RECEIPTS

New York, Dec. 2.—The bid of Tex Rickard, of Ely, Nev., for the world's heavyweight championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Mike Johnson, was accepted today. The fight will take place in San Francisco on July 4, 1910, before a club organized by Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason of San Francisco. The joint bid made by Rickard and Gleason was for \$101,000 and 68 2/3 per cent of the moving picture receipts. In view of the fact that James Coffroth, manager of the Sunshine Athletic club at Colma, controls certain patents on the moving pictures, it is believed that Rickard and Gleason will enter into some arrangement with him whereby the fight will take place in Colma.

UNCLE SAM'S ESTABLISHMENT COMPRISE LARGE

Washington, Dec. 2.—The personnel of Uncle Sam's establishment is increasing by leaps and bounds. The grand total of all federal employees being approximately 370,000, as against 306,141 in 1907, an increase in two years of about 84,000, or 29 per cent.

These and other interesting facts are brought out in the official register, or government "blue book," for 1909, soon to be issued by the census bureau.

The District of Columbia leads all the states and territories in the number of persons working for the government in this city. Arizona is credited with the smallest number, nineteen, whose aggregate salaries amount to \$25,226.

CAPTAIN WAS DRUNK WHEN SHIP SUNK

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Conflicting accounts of the burning of the steamer St. Croix off the coast of southern California marked the investigation into the disaster today. P. J. Corrigan, an able seaman of the crew, stated that he saw Captain Warner standing on the deck of the burning vessel with a bottle in one hand and a revolver in the other, acting "like a crazy man," cursing everyone between drunks, and that he threatened to shoot the third mate if he went ashore first.

JUDGE J. R. M'FIE ARRIVES TO PRESIDE OVER COURT

Judge John R. McFie, associate justice of the New Mexico supreme court, and presiding judge of the first judicial district with headquarters at Santa Fe, arrived in Las Vegas this afternoon to preside over the local district court in the absence of Chief Justice W. J. Mills, who has gone east on urgent business. Judge Frank W. Walker of Las Cruces, arrived here last night to preside over the court, but this morning received a telegram calling him to Alamogordo to preside over the federal court there in place of Judge Albert W. Conroy, who was taken suddenly ill yesterday. The necessitated the calling of Judge McFie to Las Vegas.

The case appearing before the district court this afternoon was that of the Territory vs. Julio Montana charged with having stolen property in their possession, having a saddle belonging to Alfred Krenke. The jury was empaneled and the trial proceeded with.

The case of Vender & Vender vs. Indio Tafuya will be tried tomorrow. The charge against Tafuya is that he signed a note as security for Cruz Aragon. The note was in the sum of one hundred dollars. Tafuya claims he signed the note with the understanding that he was signing as a witness only and not as surety. Tafuya says he signed the note in the wrong place.

W. B. Bunker will make a plea before the court tomorrow to quash the indictment against Lou Gleason, who has been indicted for embezzling funds belonging to the East side fire department.