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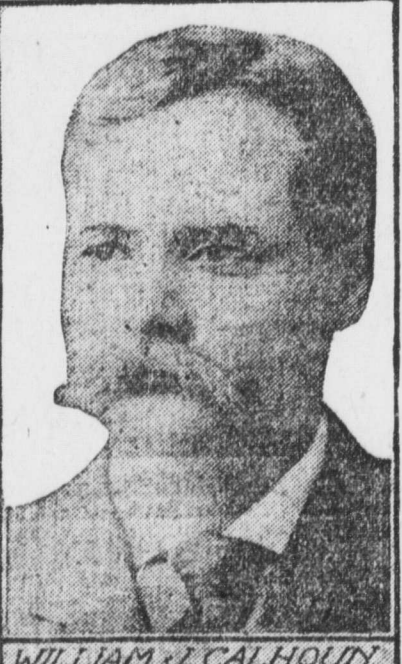
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LISBON, Dec. 11.—The Seculo an-
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the Portuguese delegate to the con-
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on the matter of Portugal's claims in
Macao, has left for Peking to lodge an
official protest against the invasion by
Chinese troops of Portugal's Macao
possessions. The cabinet at a special
meeting today decided to maintain the
integrity of Portuguese territory and
to dispatch military reinforcements to
Macao.

NEW MINISTER TO
CHINA FROM U. S.



WILLIAM J. CALHOUN, the new
minister to China, is a promi-
nent Chicago lawyer and has
rendered excellent diplomatic service to
the country on two former occasions.
He was a schoolmate of William Mc-
Kinley, and when the latter was look-
ing for a man to investigate the Ruiz
affair in Cuba just prior to the war
with Spain he sent for Mr. Calhoun,
who was his close adviser pending the
opening of hostilities. Later Theodore
Roosevelt sent Mr. Calhoun to Ven-
ezuela on an important mission. In
both instances he proved himself an
able diplomat. Cables from China an-
nounce that the selection of Mr. Cal-
houn is very acceptable.

LAND SWINDLERS
BROUGHT TO BOOK
IS POLICE THEORY

WOMAN AND THREE MEN IN
PRISON

Recent Fraudulent Deals in San Diego
Property Are Laid to Door
of Quartet Held on
"Suspicion"

The numerous reports of forged
deeds, land claims and bogus titles to
property are believed to have been ex-
plained by the arrest of an alleged syn-
dicate of land dealers, who are con-
fined in the city jail with charges of
suspicion booked against their names.
Those who are in custody have given
the names of Mrs. Laura T. Bryant,
Louis Chialfino, John H. Hawley and
Harry Hancock, and they will be held
pending further investigation, as it is
believed that more arrests will be made
before the numerous land frauds in
Los Angeles county have been satis-
factorily adjusted.
A hold syndicate of clever
swindlers has been captured, it is the
opinion of the Los Angeles police, and
that more arrests will follow is ex-
pected; also a further list of per-
sons who have been victimized through
the workings of the gang, assisted by
a pretty woman.
That the syndicate operated from
Los Angeles is evident from letters
found in possession of the persons ar-
rested, and it is also believed that
Chialfino is the leader of the gang. It
is said that Chialfino was under suspi-
cion several months ago for bogus real
estate deals in Long Beach, but he de-
nies all accusations and states that his
arrest is an outrage and that he can
prove his innocence.
Detectives of San Diego and Los An-
geles have been working on the case
for two weeks as a result of numer-
ous complaints, and Thursday Mrs.
Bryant and Chialfino were arrested as
they came from the All Night and Day
bank. Their arrests were kept secret in
hopes of catching others of the gang,
and yesterday Hawley and Hancock
were taken into custody.

Large Sum Involved

It is alleged that Chialfino is one of
the shrewdest real estate men that
has operated in Southern California for
years, and his realizations are said to
amount to many thousands of dollars,
according to the police.
The game said to have been worked
by Chialfino is that he looked up a
number of lots adjacent to Los An-
geles, the owners of which are non-
residents and obtained false titles to
the same by means of confederates op-
erating in different localities.
It is said that these lots in the San
Diego case were given to the real es-
tate dealers of San Diego to dispose
of, the firms being the E. J. Swayne
company, Home Investment company,
Button brothers, Martha Ingersoll Rob-
inson company and the Stooke &
Sloane company, all of San Diego.
According to the police theory, Mrs.
Bryant and other confederates of Chial-
fino were given deeds of land owned
by S. P. Swackhamer, formerly of
San Diego, now of Union, Ore.
A dispatch to Union revealed the
fact that Swackhamer has not disposed
of his property and an investigation
followed.
The money for the sales was to be
placed in the Union Title and Trust
company of San Diego, but when two
pieces of the property were sold to
different parties the Stooke & Sloane
company became suspicious and a de-
coy message to the All Night and Day
bank resulted in the arrest of Chial-
fino and Mrs. Bryant as they were
leaving the bank.
The plan of the syndicate was to give
false deeds and sell the property which
they did not own at a sacrifice, making
the proposition that as the land had
been sold at a sacrifice the promoters
could not afford to have the money
placed in escrow and must be wired
to Los Angeles at once.
The syndicate persons were anxious to grab
at the opportunity to get valuable land
at small prices. But in dealing with
confederates it is alleged Chialfino
made arrangements for signed checks
with the date omitted, so that he could
collect the checks at any time.

WARSHIPS SENT
POST HASTE TO
DEFEND HARBOR

BATTLE AT BLUEFIELDS IS
EXPECTED SOON

ESTRADA'S FORCES INFERIOR TO
ZELAYAN ARMY

Decisive Engagement May Be Fought
Within Few Days, with American
Marines Aiding Nicaraguan
Revolutionists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Orders
have been issued to the trans-
port Prairie to take on board
700 marines and proceed at once to
Colon.
The Tacoma, with practically a full
complement of bluejackets on board,
has been directed to proceed forth-
with to Bluefields to join the Des
Moines.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 11.
—A staff correspondent of the Asso-
ciated Press, who recently arrived
here, has canvassed the situation and
finds it less hopeful for the insurgents
than had been believed.

General Estrada is greatly disturbed
and has appealed to United States
Consul Moffat for marines from the
cruiser Des Moines to protect Ameri-
cans.

There has been a sudden and un-
pleasant realization here of govern-
ment strength and insurgent weak-
ness.

President Zelaya has outwitted Gen-
eral Estrada, and the latter's chief
hope is in American intervention.
Monday night General Estrada re-
ceived information that a large force
of government troops was stationed
between Rama and Bluefields.

This caused alarm, which was aug-
mented by the report brought by the
cruiser Des Moines that Zelaya's men
at Greytown are in far from the de-
perate condition which has been re-
ported here. They are said to num-
ber more than 3000 well fed and well
paid soldiers, and are opposed only
by General Chamorro with 400 insur-
gents.

The excellent condition of the army
in Greytown is said to be the main
reason why it does not leave its quar-
ters and attack Chamorro.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Disquiet-
ing news received from Nicaragua at
the state department today that there
is danger of an attack by Zelaya's
forces on Bluefields, where there are 150
Americans, resulted in orders being
sent by wireless telegraph to the cru-
iser Tacoma to proceed under full steam
to Bluefields, there to join the cruiser
Des Moines and await further orders.

The Prairie, now at Philadelphia, has
been ordered to take on board 700 ma-
rines under command of Col. Biddle,
and steam as soon as possible to Colon.
The importance of these orders is
minimized at the state department,
where it is said the Tacoma has been
instructed to look out for American in-
terests at Bluefields.

While the destination of the Prairie is
given as Colon, it is equipped with
wireless apparatus and the vessel's de-
stination could be changed any moment.

Zelaya's Plan

The news that Zelaya probably would
avoid an engagement at Rama, and
making the harbor, which stretches be-
tween the headquarters of the revolu-
tionary army and provisional govern-
ment, was received here with some ap-
prehension and almost immediately a
conference was held at the office of the
secretary of the navy, at which were
present Secretary Meyer, Assistant Sec-
retary Winthrop, Rear Admiral Wain-
wright and Assistant Secretary of State
Wilson.

A prompt decision was reached to
hurry additional fighting material to
the danger point in Bluefields.
Thus far there has been no intima-
tion that a landing is in immediate
contemplation.

It is a fair assumption, however,
that should American lives be put in
jeopardy, or American business inter-
fered with, prompt and decisive action
would be taken.

Navy officials today, while admitting
that the harbor, which stretches be-
tween the headquarters of the revolu-
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Warships Held Ready to Capture
Zelaya; His Agents in Washington



WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Rush
orders have been issued here
for the powerful battleships
Michigan and Idaho, which are now at
Philadelphia, to be prepared to sail at
a moment's notice with full comple-
ments of men and extra stores. The
objective point of these two sea fight-
ers is given as Hampton Roads, where
the remainder of the Atlantic fleet is
stationed, but the fact that the ves-
sels are taking on extra quartermaster
stores leads to the belief that they are
to go to Central America. In semi-
official circles it is believed that Presi-
dent Zelaya of Nicaragua is ready to
flee to Belgium. His wife is already
at Antwerp. Dr. Salvador Castillio,
representative of the provisional gov-
ernment of Nicaragua, declares with-

OFFICERS BAR
LABOR ORGAN

INDUSTRIAL WORKER SEIZED
IN SPOKANE

Two of Editors Are Breaking Rock
on the Chain Gang and More
Trouble Seems to Be
Imminent

SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—Charging that
it was a libelous publication, the city
authorities seized every copy of the
Industrial Worker, the organ of the
Industrial Workers of the World, as it
came off the press this morning.

An order of court will be asked for,
forbidding further issue of the paper
unless the copy is inspected by par-
ties authorized by the court before it
goes to press.

The Industrial Worker has had a
stormy existence for several weeks.
At least two of its successive editors
are now breaking rock, serving out
sentences for criminal conspiracy, in
having urged members of their order
to break the city ordinance regulating
street speaking, and calling for volun-
teers to "fill the jails."

The number seized today contains ar-
ticles signed by "Reserve Editor 999"
and "Reserve Editor 1000," with ap-
peals to remember that "the employ-
ing class and the working class have
nothing in common," and help to de-
stroy the city ordinance regulating
street speaking.

The leading article, which is classed
by the officers as libelous, is by Eliza-
beth Gurley Flynn, a young woman
convicted this week of conspiracy. In
this she relates her alleged experiences
in the county jail.

AFRICANS AMUSED
AT REPORTS ABOUT
ROOSEVELT'S LUCK

Unusual Conquests in Interest of Sci-
ence Scarcely Regarded, but Com-
mon Escapes from Death
Are Doubtful

NAIROBI, British East Africa, Oct.
29.—The reading public here has found
vast amusement in press clippings from
America dealing with the game
killing experiences of Colonel Roose-
velt.

While recognizing the prowess of the
former president, they are somewhat
amazed at the effect of his achieve-
ments on the minds of his countrymen,
particularly at the incredulity exhib-
ited in some instances toward very
ordinary happenings and the trusting
faith in other cases, with which some
really outrageous yarns are accepted.

They receive with skepticism the
fact, for example, that Colonel Roose-
velt had been charged by twelve hip-
popotami in Lake Naivaha, killing a
few and escaping scot free, and yet
take readily to stories of the barging
of strange birds and mammals which
have hitherto triumphantly dodged
zoological classification.

Without detracting from the glory of
the hunter, East African residents do
look with a great deal of interest
upon the mere slaying of lions and such
small fry. They do not even use this
sort of a thing as a topic of conversa-
tion while the weather shows any in-
teresting phases.

Nairobi has been scarcely stirred for
the last week or so by news that men
walking to their homes after dining out
have almost stumbled over a full-
grown lion which has been so frequ-
ently seen about streets that he has prac-
tically assumed the position of a
municipal pet and has killed zebras
within the precincts of the township.

Hears Lion Grunt

Late Sunday night Mr. Cunningham,
while walking in the suburbs, heard
a lion grunting less than 100 yards
away. Being armed only with a stick
he did not stop to investigate. The
principal medical officers here and oth-
ers have had similar experiences.

One enterprising storekeeper has a
year-old lioness in a cage on a ver-
anda in Nairobi's high street. The in-
ventive genius of the pseudo scientists
has risen to dizzy heights in supplying
the Smithsonian institution with crea-
tures never found on land or sea.

They have originated the kirkak-bik,
the exact nature of which is veiled in
some obscurity, the kirumbo bird,
which has a pair of loral plumes and
is glossy green above, with metallic
reflections, and the guystuou, which
is white, spotted plentifully with green.
It is suggested here that a safe plan
previous to the acceptance in the
United States of any rumor of any-
thing novel and unknown in the way
of beast or bird would be a search for
an affidavit attached to the pet.

SAYS HUSBAND
KILLED WOMEN

TRIPLE MURDER IN GEORGIA
MAY BE SOLVED

Police Rearrest Spouse of Woman Who
Narrowly Escaped Death—Angry
Posse Takes Trail of Sup-
posed Assassin

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 11.—The
statement today of Mrs. Maggie Hun-
ter, who was attacked and left for dead
yesterday at the same time that Mrs.
Eliza Gribble and her daughter, Mrs.
Carrie Ohlander, were killed, that it
was her husband, J. C. Hunter, who
attacked her, today led the police to
re-arrest Hunter, and he is being held
under strong guard.

Although hundreds of armed men as-
sisted the police last night in the
search for the negro at first believed
to have been the murderer, no violence
was shown to but one suspect, a white
man.

Throughout the man hunt, which
lasted all night, intense excitement pre-
vailed. So frenzied did the searches
become after learning that Mrs. Oh-
lander had been criminally assaulted
that a white man who by accident had
scratched his face came near being
torn to pieces when the crowd saw the
blood.

Fences were torn down and doors
broken in. Every obstruction in the
path of the crowd that would have
afforded a probable hiding place for
the fugitive was leveled.

The negro wanted is said to be 28
years old and slender of build. Vir-
tually every negro who answers this
description had been sent to jail dur-
ing the night on suspicion.

Several Saw Negro

Several persons have said they saw
such a negro entering and afterward
leaving the Gribble home about the
time the murders are supposed to have
been committed.

All of the victims had been cut or
stabbed with a knife and then their
heads crushed with some blunt in-
strument, presumably an ax.
Mrs. Hunter, despite her frightful in-
juries, is thought to have a chance for
recovery.

Mrs. Hunter, only survivor of the three
women attacked in their homes,
made the statements in her delirium
today that caused the re-arrest of her
husband.

GRIDIRON CLUB
ENJOYS ANNUAL
FEAST AND FUN

NOTABLES MADE BUTT OF
JOKES BY REVELERS

COOK'S AND PEARY'S DIFFER-
ENCES ARBITRATED

Speaker Cannon, as Usual, Forms Tar-
get for Shafts of Wit of News-
paper Men, and Roosevelt
Is Not Neglected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President
Taft and members of his cabi-
net, senators, judges, scientists
and diplomatists and men of high sta-
tion in public and private life passed
several hours tonight as the guests of
the Gridiron club in revelry and song
and nonsense blended with wisdom.

They heard many homely truths told
in strange form and enjoyed many a
joke at their own expense because of
the genial humor in which the shafts
of wit were concealed. Men of strongly
opposed politics, and others who al-
though of the same political party had
found serious reasons for wide diver-
gence, were present at the dinner and
listened, not only with philosophy, but
even with glee, to the comical exploita-
tion of their own foibles.

The distinguished company learned in
an authoritative way the truth about
the discovery of the north pole through
a scientific commission, which re-
ported personally to the Gridiron club, and
undertook to arbitrate the differences
between Peary and Cook, who in this
instance were represented by the two
initiates into the club membership—
Edward L. Keen of the United Press
and Ira E. Bennett of the Washington
Post and San Francisco Call.

Pole Is Recognized

One of the explorers said he had iden-
tified the pole by the presence of the
climatic conditions to inauguration
day in Washington. He had qualified
for his task by climbing Capitol hill to
reach the appropriations committee,
and was equipped with a fountain pen
and megaphone. The pole was found
to be as far distant from land as Presi-
dent Taft found it from the insurgent
wigwag to Stand-pat Igloo.

Strange discoveries were made, Santa
Claus was found laden with heavy
packages marked "My Policies—from
T. R. to W. H. T."

The aurora borealis resembled the halo
that Taft put on Aldrich, while Can-
non's halo resembled the midnight sun
(without the sun). Matt Henson ap-
peared, claiming to have located the
pole in Savannah, and produced it in
the shape of a barber's pole, tuncfully
telling of his exploits. The question of
identity being raised, barbers ruthlessly
removed the snorrows, hirsute append-
ages of the pseudo-explorers and dis-
closed the initiates.

Cannon Portrayed as Iron Duke

Then the electric bulbs were dimmed
and in the brilliancy of a calcium light
Uncle Joe Cannon was portayed in a
series of elastic poses on a pedestal as
"The Iron Duke," with the inevitable
cigar, grown to mammoth proportions
and tilted upward at the familiar sharp
angle, while the quartet chanted a
ditty to the tune of "Pony Boy," the
first verse of which went:

In the chair up in the air sitting there
See the speaker, our own Uncle Joe
Hear him swear, see him tear at his hair
When insurgents defy him:
Every man in the house is as still as a mouse
While Cannon is present
But when he's away for a day they all play
And say they don't fear him.

Scarcely had the guests turned again
to their seats when the dinner was
interrupted by the noisy entry of a
dozen hard-faced old dames, leading
meek and henpecked husbands. These
turned out to be a delegation of ag-
gressive "votes for women" in strident voices.
Several noted men among the diners
were called on to declare their posi-
tions on the great question, to the
great amusement of the company.

Finally the president of the club de-
cided against the women's claims,
whereon they announced their purpose
to participate in the dinner, and were
only driven away through a threat to
feed them after the British fashion
through the medium of a gigantic
stomach pump.

The "Belle Royal" was a mirth-
provoking stunt. Members of the club
clad in regulation ring outfits repre-
sented "Battling Nelson, the Rhode
Island Terror," "Achilles Ballinger,
the invulnerable," "The Fincher,
the Fighting Lumber Jack," "Joe Can-
non, the Danville Bantam," and "Herb
Parsons, the Candy Kid."

Before the banquet, which was very
realistic, the circus referee discov-
ered concealed in the gloves of the
gladiators various articles, such as
lumps of coal, axes, knives, pieces of
steel and the like, culminated in inflict-
ing mortal damage upon some of them.

President Taft's projected visit to
Alaska formed a subject of humorous
comment, and great solicitude was
shown for his comfort, and to make
sure that his dietary would conform
to his simple tastes the proprietor of
the hotel where he is to stop was
called upon to state the viands to be
provided. The list of dishes and men-
ds of preparation afforded opportu-
nity for many good natured jokes at
the expense of the prominent guests.

Wants Cook and Peary on Raft

One man who wanted poached eggs
on toast heard his order translated
into "One Cook and Peary on a raft."
Capt. Archie Dutt, who ordered hash
with red peppers and tabasco sauce
was astounded to hear the chef ac-
knowledge it as "One order of Roose-
velt policies." "One Uncle Joe" was
the response to the suggestion that
the president would like some "possum."

What the general opinion was of the
president's high self was humorously
set out by the Gridiron quartet in a song,
a verse of which ran (the tune being
"I love my wife, but O, you kid"):
Now Roosevelt once was president
Oh, yes, he was;
But Mr. Taft now runs the job.
Oh, yes, he does;
Roosevelt now has gone a-hunting.
Shooting with his might and main;
So the politicians sing
This musical refrain:
CHORUS
We love; we love Roosevelt,
But, oh, you Taft!
He's gone away to Africa,
But, oh, you Taft!
He said he'd come back again,
But, oh, you Taft!
We love, we love, we love Roosevelt,
But, oh, you Taft!

Then the correspondents voiced
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