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PRINCE ALBERT WILL BECOME BELGIAN KING NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Council of Ministers Will Conduct Government During Interim.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The official monitor announces today that pending Prince Albert's assumption of the throne succeeding King Leopold, who died this morning, the Council of Ministers will conduct the government.

Prince Albert, of Flanders, is a young and capable statesman and is generally popular. His accession is hailed delightedly throughout the country. He is the son of the late Philippe, Count of Flanders.

Universal opinion inclines to the belief that Prince Albert will make a far better king than King Leopold, since, in the first place, he is devoid of his uncle's craze for speculation and foolhardy adventures, such as the disastrous Congo enterprise, while on the other hand, he has as yet shown no trace of having inherited any of those moral shortcomings which have cast so heavy a shadow upon the reigns of his uncle and of his grandfather.

Prince Albert has long since outgrown his delicacy of health which at the time of the tragic and mysterious death of his elder brother, Prince Baldwin, some years ago, gave rise to universal fear that he would not live to grow up to manhood. He is now a tall, soldierly looking man of thirty-five, fond of outdoor sports, though at the same time of a very studious temperament. He is an extensive traveler; has visited not only every court in Europe, but most of the great centers of industry throughout the world.

The marriage of Prince Albert to the Duchess Elizabeth in Bavaria in October, 1900 caused great rejoicing and enthusiasm in Belgium. When a son and heir presumptive to the throne was born in 1901, the manifestation of pleasure in Brussels showed that the royal couple possess a strong hold on the affections of the Belgians.

The future queen possesses an engaging disposition. She is a great sports-woman—excellent rider, good cyclist and automobilist. No dynastic reason entered into the marriage, as the ducal branch of the Bavarian royal line to which the Princess Elizabeth belongs is of no particular eminence. Her father was the Duke Carl Theodore, the famous oculist, who died a few weeks ago.

POPE PIUS ANNOUNCES

LEOPOLD'S MARRIAGE.

SECRET WEDDING OCCURRED AT SAN REMO, ITALY, LAST YEAR.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The General News Association's Rome correspondent says Pope Pius X has notified the Papal representatives at Brussels that Leopold was regularly married to Baroness Vaughan at San Remo, Italy, last year. This complicates the dead monarch's family affairs, giving two children by the Baroness equal rights with the others.

Leopold's infatuation with the Baroness was the European court scandal for the past five years.

LEOPOLD'S FUNERAL

NEXT WEDNESDAY.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The funeral of King Leopold will be held next Wednesday. The hatred against Leopold was intensified by the disclosure of his marriage to Baroness Vaughan last year. A mob congregated outside the palace today and jeered the Baroness until it had to be dispersed by the police.

Prince Albert will take the King's oath the day after the funeral.

The position advertised for in yesterday's Daily News has been filled.

Harmon D. Swits, of Schenectady, N.Y., who with his family, spent last winter at the Saratoga Inn, will not be down until after the holidays. Mr. Swits, who has many friends in this city, ask that the Daily News be forwarded to him, a the next best thing to being in Daytona is to keep in touch with the happenings here.

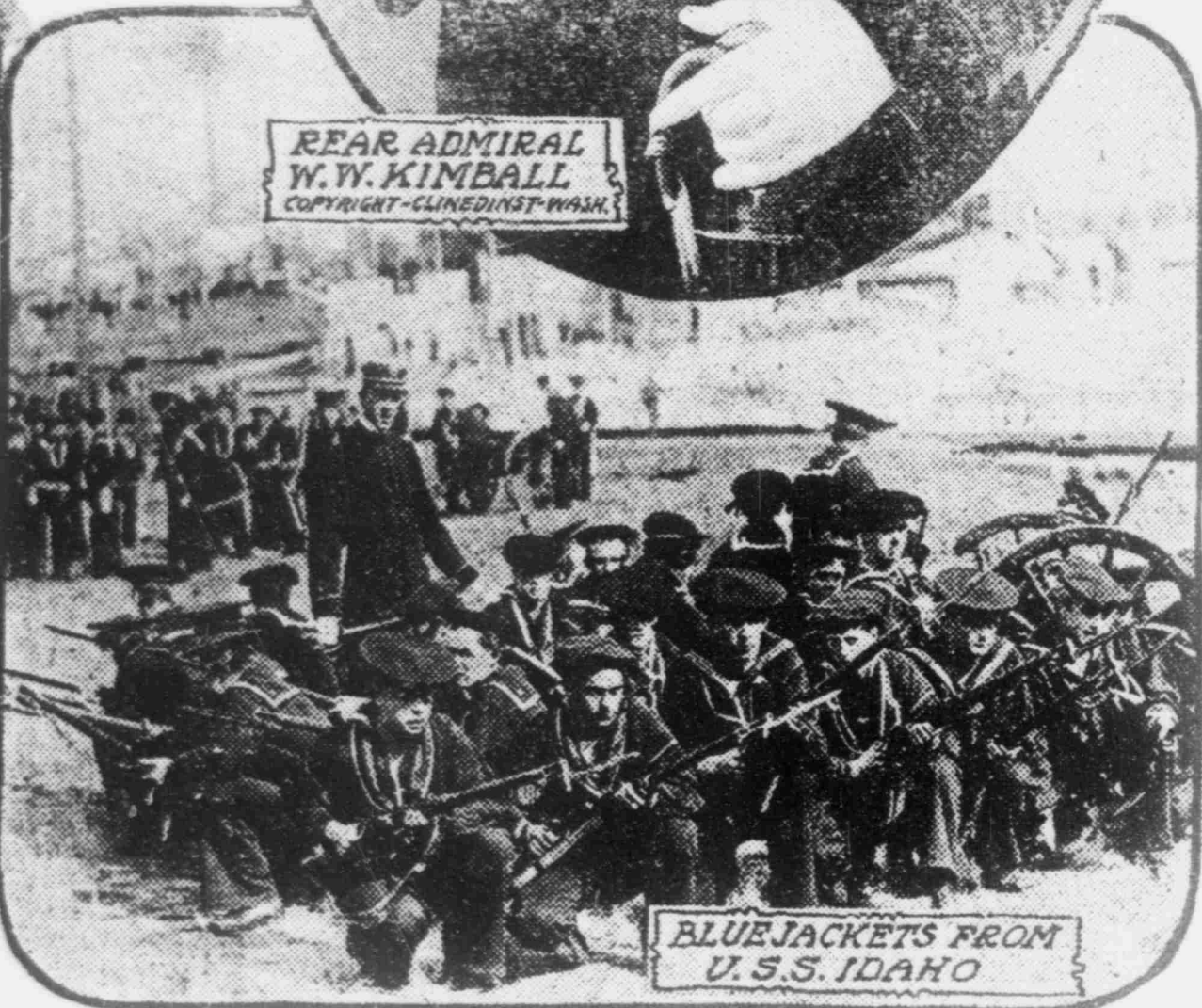
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BLUEJACKETS FROM
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In selecting the officers to conduct the naval and land operations against Nicaragua the war department detailed for this duty some of the best men in the service. Rear Admiral W. W. Kimball, who was designated to command the naval operations and to direct the marines, is one of the best posted men on Central American affairs in the navy. On numerous occasions he has been sent to the Caribbean when there was a clash between two of the little republics or one of them found itself so concerned over a farce comedy revolution that it forgot to be civil to Americans, and he always has done creditable work. An excellent marine officer who will have important duties to perform in a clash comes between the American forces and Zelaya's army is Major Smedley Butler. Rear Admiral Kimball will have some 5,000 to 6,000 bluejackets and marines in his command, and the war department has made preparations to send a much larger force if such is found to be necessary. Nearly all the staff and line officers and many of the men constituting the force sent against Zelaya have had experience in Panama or some other part of Central America. The bluejackets attached to the battleships Idaho and Michigan were jubilant when they received orders to prepare for an immediate cruise. This illustration shows a crack company from the Idaho drilling.

ACCURACY WOULD EXCITE SUSPICION OF POLAR DATA

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COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY EXPECTS INACCURACIES IN COOK'S POLAR DATA—INVESTIGATION COMMENCED TODAY.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Should Cook's polar data be absolutely accurate it will arouse more suspicion with the examining committee than if slightly inaccurate. This was made plain today by a member of the committee, explaining that storms in the Arctic regions render absolute accuracy in observations impossible.

No anxiety over Cook's whereabouts is felt here. He has communicated with the University so that communications can be made with him regarding data.

The committee began its investigation today and expects to make a decision within two weeks.

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LITIGATION OF 23 YEARS ABOUT TO BE CONCLUDED.

EMINENT LAWYERS HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE CASE ARISING OVER CONTESTED WILL OF MERCHANT PRINCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A sale in partition to take place in White Plains tomorrow morning revives memories of the old litigation over the will of the late Alexander T. Stewart, the first of America's "Merchant Princes." Mr. Stewart died in 1876 owning the property which is to be sold and which consists of about one hundred and fifty acres of land situated in the towns of Rye and Harrison.

By his will Mr. Stewart left all of his property to his widow, Cornelia M. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart died in 1886, leaving a will appointing Judge Henry Hilton executor and trustee, and giving practically absolute power to him to dispose of her enormous estate as he should see fit. A niece of Mrs. Stewart contested the will on the ground of undue influence exerted over Mrs. Stewart by Judge Hilton. The contest began on the day of the great blizzard of 1888, and Roscoe Conkling, who was counsel in the case for Judge Hilton, lost his life as a result of his going to court on that day and attempting to walk home through the snow. Elihu Root was associated with Mr. Conkling in the case, while the contestant was represented by eminent counsel headed by Joseph H. Choate.

The property to be sold tomorrow was part of the real estate included in this action. The will contest was afterward settled between the heirs and Judge Hilton, but the partition action was continued as a friendly one ever since the settlement. The final steps in it are now about to be taken, one of which is the sale of the property in question. The sale derives additional interest on account of the Revolutionary period memories connected with the ground. A part of the site belonged to Major General Thomas Thomas, a very distinguished Revolutionary partisan and the remains of his mansion are still to be seen. The estate overlooks the scene of the historic battle of White Plains, while not far away is also the house in which General Putnam was surprised by the British while shaving, and escaped by riding his horse down a stone stairway.

OFFICIALS ON LOOKOUT FOR BLACK HANDERS.

FROM SWITZERLAND AND ITALY THEY ARE MAKING THEIR WAY TO THE UNITED STATES.

ROME, Dec. 17.—Italian officials at the various ports have been warned to keep a close watch on outgoing steamers during the next few weeks, looking for the expected exodus to America of a large number of black hand members who have been driven from Switzerland.

It has been reported that the exodus has hope to find a new field of operations in America. It developed also that no fewer than sixty of these characters, many of whom have been expelled from Switzerland, are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States. These men were formerly a part of the gang of 2,000 Italians employed in the construction of the Loetschberg tunnel through the Berner Alps. This scheme of industry became a failure and the black handers, forty of whom are now in custody, their awaiting trial on charges of blackmail, snuff and murder.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAYS.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Dominion Parliament adjourns today for the customary Christmas recess. January 10th has been fixed as the date for re-assembling.

UNITED STATES WILL HAVE ZELAYA DETAINED.

ZELAYA'S RESIGNATION DOES NOT CHANGE THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There is little change in the State department's attitude toward the Nicaraguan situation today, despite Zelaya's resignation. The United States will insist that he be detained in Nicaragua until a final settlement has been made. The government will not demand a trial for the murder of Grace and Cannon until the Nicaraguan courts are properly constituted.

SENTIMENT DIVIDED AS TO ZELAYA'S SUCCESSOR.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—While there is a strong movement favoring Jose Madriz, Zelaya's choice to succeed himself, those who are anxious for an end to the present revolution are urging the Nicaraguan congress not to appoint him president. The Estrada forces are known to be hostile, and are expected to continue the revolution if Madriz is appointed. Mexico favors Madriz.

ESTRADA WILL NOT FIGHT AT BLUEFIELDS.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—According to a semi-official statement today, Estrada has agreed with the government generals at Rama not to fight in Bluefields, and he is expected to hold off until Congress acts on Zelaya's successor.

PEARY FOR FIRST TIME WILL SHOW PICTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Commander Robert E. Peary will show for the first time several photographs of the North Pole at the dinner to be given to him by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in the new ballroom of the Hotel Astor tomorrow night. This dinner of his brother "Deke" to the famous explorer is in recognition of his life-long loyalty to his fraternity and for his planting at the North Pole the D. K. E. flag given to him at the dinner of the association held at the St. Regis Hotel in this city in 1907.

NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—In pursuance of an annual custom, special exercises were held in the public schools throughout the State today in celebration of "North Carolina Day." One day each year is set apart for these exercises, the purpose of which is to give the pupils and the public in general a more intimate acquaintance with the history of North Carolina. The Western part of the State, its history and famous men, was selected as the special subject for today.

FOUR HUNDRED LITTLE GIRLS FORM HUMAN FLAG.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Four hundred little girls will pose as a human flag at the Alhambra this evening, as a part of the entertainment arranged by the United Commercial Travelers.

LOOSE DUNKLE AFFIDAVITS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—The loose and Dunkle affidavits concerning the taking of polar observations for Dr. Cook will not be considered by the committee examining Cook's data. This was decided today. The committee declares the affidavits are not direct bearing on the records submitted by Cook, which stand or fall by themselves.

"For Rent," "Furnished Rooms," "For Hire" and "Table Board" placards at the Daily News office. tf