

## ZELAYA'S ARMY IS NOW STARVING

### BOTH SIDES HAVE RESTED IN SHERIDAN CASE

Special to the Bonanza  
GOLDFIELD, Dec. 23.—Within the confines of a prison cell, his mind wavering between hope and doubt, Christmas for Jack Sheridan will not be very pleasantly spent. The state submitted its side of the case today, after which both sides agreed on the instructions to the jury. Then adjournment was taken until Monday morning, when the closing addresses will be made by counsel for the respective sides. The adjournment was agreed upon by the attorneys, who wished to escape a night session in court.

The last witness to be examined for the state was Dr. Gardner, a noted insanity expert from San Francisco. Dr. Gardner stated that Sheridan was afflicted with inherited nervous temperament, and that his mind was perfectly clear at the time the tragedy was committed, as was shown by the unusual interest taken by the defendant when he counted his money after being placed under arrest.

The defense asked Gardner but three questions on cross-examination.

"Is it not a fact," said Attorney McCarran, "that you are always paid for your services as an expert witness?"

"It is," replied Dr. Gardner.

"You will then admit that your testimony favors the side which employs you?"

"I do," was the response.

"Who is paying you in this case?" was the third question.

"The state," replied Gardner, and it was then that the defense rested.

### WILL COMPLETE THE PANAMA CANAL IN 1915

By Associated Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Congressman Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, said tonight that the Panama canal will be completed and opened by Jan. 1, 1915, at a total cost of \$375,000,000.

A woman is willing to admit a man's superiority when it comes to translating a time table.

## ZELAYA LEAVES MANAGUA TODAY ABOARD MEXICAN GUNBOAT

### Ex-President Will be Guarded by a Strong Force—News of Defeat of Government Troops Withheld from People.

By Associated Press  
MANAGUA, Dec. 23.—Ex-President Zelaya leaves here tomorrow, probably to go aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero immediately. The gunboat is now lying in the harbor of Corinto. Because of hostile demonstrations here in the last few days against the old administration, it is probable that Zelaya will be escorted by a strong guard to Corinto.

News of the defeat of the Zelayan army at Rama is carefully guarded from the public. Various rumors are current, but alleged official dispatches from General Gon-

### PURE FOOD LAW WILL SOON BECOME EFFECTIVE

The Nevada pure food law goes into effect January 1 and Prof. C. Dinsmore, who is collector of samples under this new state law, will immediately after the law goes into effect, travel throughout the state collecting samples and making investigations to see that the law is being complied with. He will not only have much authority under this new law, but will have additional authority given him by the United States government. He has received a commission from the secretary of agriculture naming him

## Red Cross Society is Taking Care of the Wounded Soldiers.

### MORE THAN 2000 SOLDIERS FROM BOTH ARMIES INCAPACITATED AT BLUEFIELDS.

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GETS \$5,000,000 GIFTS

By Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—During the year 1909, Columbia university has received gifts aggregating nearly \$5,000,000, a sum believed to be a record for educational institutions in the east. The largest single contributions were from the estate of the late George Crocker, the California millionaire, and the bequest of John Stewart Kennedy, the New York banker who died recently. The Crocker gift amounts to approximately \$1,500,000, while the Kennedy gift will total about \$2,500,000.

## PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN WORLD IS INCREASING

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The world's production of gold and silver for the calendar year 1908, as estimated by the bureau of the mint, based upon both official and unofficial information, was: Gold, 21,378,480 fine ounces, valued at \$441,922,290; silver, 202,186,370 fine ounces, of a commercial value of \$168,684,400. As compared to 1907, there was an increase in the gold product of \$31,376,900, and in silver an increase of 18,992,300 fine ounces. Africa showed the greatest increase in gold production, with an increase of \$14,820,900 in 1908 over 1907. The largest increase in the production of silver was in Mexico, and amounted to 12,517,000 fine ounces. A decrease in the silver production by 4,074,000 fine ounces in the United States is noted, as compared to 1907.

## Emergency Hospitals Established on American Gunboats—Appeal is Sent Out for Supplies.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Following a preliminary warning to President Madriz that the United States would hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in western Nicaragua, the state department tonight extended more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists.

Under the orders of Secretary Knox, American Red Cross funds will be expended in caring for the sick and wounded of both armies, more than 2000 of whom are incapacitated at Bluefields. This move on the part of the United States is expected to be more efficacious than a strong invading force.

According to a message sent to the American consul, Thomas Moffat, at Bluefields, the Red Cross tomorrow will telegraph \$5000, and an additional \$5000 if more is required. The navy department has instructed Captain Shipley to land whatever surplus supplies can be spared from the ships now at Bluefields, and orders will be sent to the Prairie, now at Colon, to transport immediately to Bluefields from the stores intended for the marines, and from the Panama canal commissary such supplies as the consul may ask within the limit of \$5000. In the latest dispatch received

from Consul Moffat he says: "Two thousand starved and emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight presented by the sick and weary tottering through the streets is horrible. Half are mere boys. Emergency hospitals established at Des Moines and Tacoma contain 30 wounded. Few of the surrendered had shoes or blankets, and scores are almost naked. General Estrada is furnishing food, clothing and blankets as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed immediately to feed the starving Zelayan soldiers. Disease and death threaten unless they are given the best of care and food, and at once."

Incidentally, the consul reported that more than 9000 were killed on both sides in the recent battle at Rama.

It is intimated that the state department does not view with favor the idea of Zelaya going aboard the Mexican gunboat Guerrero. While there are no official assurances directly upon that particular point, it is generally understood here that the United States will take proper steps to prevent such an act, and that any attempt of Mexico to safeguard Zelaya will be looked upon as unfriendly by the United States.

## Eight are Killed by Gas Explosion in a Coal Mine

By Associated Press  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed and the lives of 400 others imperiled by an explosion of gas main "A" of the Chicago and Carterville Coal company at Herrin, Ill., late today. Open lamps carried by mine engineers and assistants, caused the disaster, according to information at the mine office to the Associated Press. There were three men and a boy in this party, and all were killed. The prompt action of the management resulted in the safe exit of hundreds of men who were working beneath the surface. Within five minutes after the

first reports of the explosion, miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident had started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cage rescuers were lowered.

Among the dead are: W. T. Pierce, mine engineer; Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer; Thomas Williams, assistant manager; Thomas Guinney, superintendent of the mine; Robert Huston, the manager, who headed the first relay of rescuers.

Fire started shortly after the explosion and tonight all efforts are directed towards fighting the flames.

## PEERLESS ONE QUITE ILL WITH SEVERE COLD

By Associated Press  
JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 23.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city several days as the guest of his cousin, William Jennings, was too ill tonight to deliver a scheduled address for the benefit of a local hospital. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold, and pneumonia is threatened.

A message from the bedside of Bryan tonight declared that he is resting easy and that his condition is in no way serious.

### WHAT IT WAS

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### APPEAL FOR SKIN TO SAVE LINEMAN'S LIFE

By Associated Press  
WALLA WALLA, Dec. 23.—To save the life of Reed Crews, the young Iveryman who was horribly burned in falling across two electric power wires, six weeks ago, physicians today appealed to the public for 300 additional volunteers to give up portions of their skin to be used in grafting upon the burned portions of Crews' body.

So great is the interest in the case that 350 persons already have submitted to the skin grafting operation and approximately 900 inches of cuticle have been transferred to Crews' body.

## RECEIVER'S BOND HAS BEEN FILED AND ACCEPTED

The bond for T. G. Lockhart, receiver for the Nye and Ormsby bank, has been filed with the clerk of the court and the official oath administered, and the new receiver has entered upon his duties.

The bond represents the sum of \$250,000 and is signed by the following well known residents of this state and the amounts to which they secure the receiver follow their names:

George Wingfield, \$50,000; Geo. S. Nixon, \$100,000; H. Riter, \$10,000; S. C. Gibson, \$5000; Jacob Hook, \$20,000; C. H. Colburn, \$5000; M. Sheeline, \$10,000; Lulu M. McKlaskie, \$15,000; James May, \$20,000 and J. H. Geese, \$75,000.

The bond has been approved by Judge Langan and is undoubtedly as safe a bond as was ever filed in the state, the sureties all being men of wealth and standing in Nevada.

## PEARY AFRAID TO SUBMIT HIS PROOFS TO DANISH SAVANTS

### Demand of Schley Raises Storm Among the Members of the National Geographical Society.

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley's demand that Peary submit his Polar data to the consistency of the University of Copenhagen for verification, following that body's repudiation of Cook, has raised a storm among the members of the National Geographical society, which gave Peary a clean bill of health. Leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings needed verification. There seems to be no disposition to withhold from Copenhagen the data which Peary submitted, but there is well defined opposition to turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action Prof. Gannett, chairman of the committee that passed upon Peary's reports, said that nothing could be gained by submitting the records to the University of Copenhagen, and that the committee was fully qualified to arrive at an unbiased conclusion, notwithstanding that almost every member was personally acquainted with Peary.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO MAKE BIG IMPROVEMENTS

According to the officials of the Southern Pacific, extensive improvements are being planned, and a number are already under way on the company's overland line in Nevada. The opening of the Western Pacific railroad for transcontinental business has hastened these improvements on account of the shorter distance, easier grade and freedom from snow on the new Gould line between Salt Lake and San Francisco.

Practically the entire track is to be re-ballasted and replaced with the 90-pound rail, which the com-

## STRIKERS AND RAILROAD MEN IN CONFERENCE

By Associated Press  
ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—At a conference in the office of Governor Eberhart, which was attended by representatives of the railway council of the American Federation of Labor, and all the twin city lines affected by the switchmen's strike, propositions were made by both the railroads and switchmen, for a settlement of the strike. No agreement was reached, and it was agreed to meet again in the morning.

The conference was attended by Governor Eberhart, the secretary and members of the state railway commission, and State Labor Commissioner McEwen. The proposition of the railroads is to employ as many of the former employees as they have room for under the present agreement, until a termination of the conference now going on between the switchmen and railroads of the Chicago district, when the twin city roads agree to meet any wage increase or any working conditions granted the switchmen on the Chicago lines.

### MYSTERY IN DEATH OF SEATTLE WOMAN

By Associated Press  
SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—Whether Mrs. Dorothy Woodhead, a young waitress, whose mutilated body was found in Lake Union early yesterday morning, was killed accidentally on the street car trestle which runs over the place where she was found, or whether she was lured to the spot and murdered, still remains the subject of police investigation.

From the fact that little blood was found on the trestle and from the report of physicians who performed an autopsy last night, the coroner gives the opinion that the girl was killed and placed on the track, where a car struck her body and flung it into the lake.

Her husband, who is said to have written threatening letters to her, was last heard of in Minneapolis.

Happiness is the result of being poor and respectable—according to the story books.

### WINGFIELD INVESTS IN LIVESTOCK

The Austin Revell states that George Wingfield has invested \$100,000 in the Lander Livestock company, of which George Watt is the general manager. The company has a capital of \$250,000. It owns over 8000 acres of patented land and most of the best range country in eastern and southern Lander county.