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WARSHIPS SENT TO CURB ZELAYA

Two Americans Shot as Rebels in Nicaragua.

PROMPT ACTION TAKEN

United States Will Probe the Killing to the Bottom—Revolutionists Being Executed Without Trial and Their Women Subjected to Indignities and Outrages.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The navy department ordered the Vicksburg to proceed at once to Corinto, Nicaragua, from the Pacific squadron, and the Des Moines, to Port Limon, Nicaragua, to investigate the killing of the United States consul at Managua.

The United States consul at Managua reports that two American citizens, Leonard Grace and Lee Roy Cannon, of Harrisburg, Pa., have been captured by the revolutionists and shot by order of President Zelaya. The execution took place at El Castillo, near Greytown. The American consul asked President Zelaya to commute the sentences, but a reply was sharply made that the sentences were final.

Secretary of State Knox sent a diplomatic note to Senator Rodriguez, the charge d'affaires of Nicaragua in this city, demanding an explanation. The note was short and polite from a diplomatic viewpoint, but was emphatic in its dictation and significance.

Owing to the seriousness of the situation the state department has informed the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires that the intended reception to Minister Hazera has been indefinitely postponed. This probably means that diplomatic relations with Nicaragua will be severed if the investigation to be made of the shooting shows that the Americans were executed in violation of the rules of war.

The prompt action taken by the navy department has caused a very favorable impression in Washington and proves that the government intends to lose no time in probing the affair to the bottom.

Gospel Meetings.



REV. W. R. LECKLITER.

A series of gospel meetings will be held at the church, Spotsylvania C. H., beginning on the fourth Sunday in November, 11 a. m. Services Sunday night at seven thirty (7:30) and each night thereafter for ten days. Song service begins at 7 o'clock. Preaching at 7:30.

Rev. W. R. Leckliter, of Baltimore, will preach at each service and conduct the meetings. This will be a union meeting and all denominations are cordially invited to join hands with Mr. Leckliter and pray for the success of this meeting.

SUBJECTS:
 "Friends and Foes of American Heroes."
 "Old Time Religion."
 "The Knight of the Crimson Cross."
 "The Lost Jesus."
 "The Christian and His Lost Brother."
 "Christian Heroism."
 "Selling Jesus."
 "The Man Whose Thoughts Troubled Him."
 "Is There a Living God?"
 "Is Jesus the Only Saviour of the World?"
 "Is There a Heaven and Hell?"
 "Will Jesus Come Back Again?"
 "The Unanswerable Question."
 "The Drink That Quenches Thirst."
 "God's Love For a Perishing World."

We assume that no man or set of men in this day and generation, when women have by slow degree attained to practically all the prerogatives that men have enjoyed, and have indeed in many instances superseded them in their accustomed spheres of labor, would dare undertake to prescribe in a general way what the gentler sex should wear or how they should comport themselves. And yet many of the big department stores, where women are employed, are requiring their female employees to abandon the rats and puff and curls with which they are unrestrained, adorn their heads, and to wear apparel of a prescribed color and cost, a sort of uniform; for the reason that such dress is an advertisement for the house, while at the same time the rule prevents extravagance on the part of clerks of small salary in their effort to dress as well as those enjoying better pay. The rule is do doubt beneficial, and may well be extended to advantage, for there are many people of both sexes who, in an effort to keep up with the prevailing styles, spend a large portion of their earnings in adorning their persons. In the early days of the Roman Empire there was on the statute books a law, which declared that no woman should wear a garment of various colors or deck herself in jewels of any sort, or wear a dress which cost more than a certain sum. The object of this law was to prevent jealousies among women and to prevent extravagance among the poor. Cato, the censor, who was a great Roman orator of the time, defended the law before the Roman Senate in an eloquent and powerful speech when an effort was made to repeal it upon a petition of Roman women, but even in that day, 2000 years ago, he suffered defeat. The women triumphed, as they always do, and evinced their exultation by going through the streets and Senate halls bedecked in all the finery they could command. Since that day our women have generally secured whatever rights they understood, and the wonder is they have ever submitted to the dictates of employers. Certain it is that no modern Cato would undertake to propose an Oppian law in this day, and for ourselves, we would not even suggest it.

"I believe it would be a calamity to take out of college life the discipline that springs out of such a game as football, demanding the exercise of splendid manly qualities, but I do believe and deliberately declare that the peril of death and injury inherent in the strategy of this game should be eliminated or the game itself abandoned."

The above is the concluding paragraph of a statement of President Edwin A. Alderman concerning a college game which has brought to an untimely end some of the best of our young men. To this conclusion many of our college officials have come and when a majority of the public reach the same conclusion and demand such changes in the game as will eliminate the inordinate risks or the total abolition of the game as a college sport we will be spared the harrowing details of young lives uselessly sacrificed. There is no doubt that the refusal of parents to allow their sons to play football as it is now played would do much to bring about the desired reform. The regularly scheduled game to be played between the Central High School of Washington and the Central High School of Philadelphia has been cancelled on account of parental objection growing out of the death of young Archer Christian, and while parental objection may not be as effective in the large colleges, there is little doubt but that it would bring about the desired reform or result in the elimination of the game. College faculties would hardly allow young men, though they had attained their majority, to play football in the face of pronounced objection by parents.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Judge Houston has ordered a wet and "dry" election for Buena Vista Dec. 23.

Hon. H. St. Geo. Tucker is suffering from cataracts in both eyes, and will undergo an operation for their removal.

The residence of F. W. Richardson at Fairfax C. H. was burned Thursday. Loss \$5,000, partly insured.

The residence of Mrs. B. F. Gray, near Warrenton, and outbuildings were destroyed by fire Thursday. Partly insured.

The residence of A. J. Wedderburn, Fairfax, county was burned Thursday. The building, it is said, was valued at \$15,000 and contents including library at \$5,000. The total insurance is \$6,000.

REFUSES TO LET PASTOR GO

Lexington presbytery met at Staunton to consider whether to deny Rev. A. M. Frazer to Bethel presbytery in South Carolina, that he may become president of the Columbia Theological Seminary. Large numbers of Dr. Frazer's congregation attended, and the proceedings were dramatic.

Dr. Frazer is beloved by the congregation, which protested against his going.

Dr. Frazer expressed his reluctance to go, but said he felt that he had to obey the call. The matter was debated for hours. A vote was taken, and the presbytery refused to release Dr. Frazer. The matter will probably be appealed to the synod.

FOR LEGALIZED PRIMARIES

Legalization of the primary system in Virginia is provided in a bill being prepared by Speaker R. E. Byrd, of the House of Delegates. The measure is designed to meet the weakness in the present system. An important provision is that the expenses shall be paid by the State.

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Deposits Dec. 31, 1906 \$118,872.47

Deposits Dec. 31, 1907 \$243,402.20

Deposits Dec. 31, 1908 \$270,178.78

Deposits Sept. 1, 1909 \$349,709.36

Last Statement to State Corporation Commission.

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A trainload of people was saved from probable death and injury Wednesday, when the Southern Railway express from New Orleans escaped the scheme of a wrecker in Union Station tunnel. The watchfulness of railroad detectives, who removed from the rail a 50 pound steel shoe, saved the train.

Dominic Falco, night track walker, an Italian, who has been only two years in the United States, was arrested by Detective German, charged with placing the obstruction on the track. He was locked up after a severe "sweating" by the detectives. The Union Station officials say that Falco had been only trying to wire the obstacle to the rail but also to former attempts to wreck incoming express trains.

Three weeks ago a cross-tie and several stones were found lying across the tracks used by the incoming trains from the South and the obstacles were removed just in time to permit a Southern express to rush by.

BRENT APPOINTED A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Frank P. Brent, late Republican candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been appointed principal of Wicomico High School, at Brown's Store, in Gloucester county, at the salary of \$85 per month. The first of the school year is controlled by Republicans.

The school is a large one, there being three assistants to the principal, and was organized last year by Luther C. Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey agreed to teach again this year for \$90 per month. The first month they paid him at this rate, but for last month they paid him only \$85, whereupon Mr. Lindsey resigned. Mr. Brent was appointed.

Gov. Swanson granted a respite to Calvin Johnson, Richard Pines and Eugene Dorsey, of Alexandria, sentenced to death in the electric chair, but for last month they paid him only \$85, whereupon Mr. Lindsey resigned. Mr. Brent was appointed.

FOR RENT

Store stand, with postoffice. Good chance for the right man. P. B. Lewis Margo, Va.

LOCAL MARKETS

(Corrected by Simon Hirsh & Bro.)

Wheat, \$1.05 to \$1.20; corn, 68 to 70; new corn, 60 to 65; meal, \$1.75 to \$1.85; 10 to 13; Irish potatoes, 60 to 75; lamb, \$2.50 to \$4; hides, green, 9 to 11; dry salted, 10 to 12; dry hides, 10 to 14; calf No. 1, \$1.00 to \$1.25; baled hay, \$14 to \$17 per ton; hams, live, 70 to 75; weight, 3 to 4; pork, 8 to 8 1/2; wool, 28 to 30 per lb; veal, 1-2 to 6; sweet potatoes, 60 to 70.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

No hunting or trespassing allowed on my property in Spotsylvania, nov4-1m C. H. Hudgins.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS

All persons are warned under penalty of the law from hunting or trespassing on my farm in Stafford, Marius Shresley, nov16-3t

FARMS WANTED

Applications received daily from the north and west for Virginia farms. If you want to sell or exchange call on or address Virginia Land Agency, Fredericksburg, Virginia. n9 1m A. C. Garrison, Proprietor.

REAL ESTATE WANTED

We have buyers for real estate on Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. List your property with us at once. Piedmont Real Estate Agency, Va. n12t2

FOOTBALL ABOLISHED

Georgetown has abolished football. The faculty notified the Georgetown Athletic Association that the game would be discontinued until such time as the rules may be framed as to exclude all possibility of danger to life or limb.

TUCKER "A CANDIDATE RIGHT NOW"

Hon. H. St. Geo. Tucker, asked whether he would again be a candidate for governor, replied: "I will not only be a candidate for governor of Virginia four years hence, but I am a candidate right now."

Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Railroad.

TIME TABLE NO. 15. In effect at 11 A. M. August 1, 1909.

Daily except Sunday	Mile	Station	Daily except Sunday	Mile	Station
8:00	0	Fredericksburg	8:30	0	Fredericksburg
8:10	5	White	8:40	5	White
8:20	7	Roby	8:50	7	Roby
8:30	9	Shermanville	9:00	9	Shermanville
8:40	13	Arlach	9:10	13	Arlach
8:50	17	Purman	9:20	17	Purman
9:00	18	Parker	9:30	18	Parker
9:10	20	New Hope	9:40	20	New Hope
9:20	22	Taylor	9:50	22	Taylor
9:30	24	Reynolds	10:00	24	Reynolds
9:40	26	Vendoverville	10:10	26	Vendoverville
9:50	28	La Fayette	10:20	28	La Fayette
10:00	30	Unadilla	10:30	30	Unadilla
10:10	32	Nassau	10:40	32	Nassau
10:20	33	Taylor	10:50	33	Taylor
10:30	35	Lev. Orange	11:00	35	Lev. Orange

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