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## IMPROVING

### CONSTITUTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT INDICATES APPRECIATION OF RIGHTS OF MEN.

The People a Greater Degree of Liberty Than They Have Ever Before Enjoyed and Lessens Possibility of Dictatorship.

A copy of the constitution of Nicaragua has just arrived in New York. A transcript of the instrument shows that it in several important respects is a step in the direction of the constitution in effect during the years of the Zelaya rule. It gives to the people a greater degree of liberty than they ever before enjoyed and lessens the possibility of the dictatorship under which the republic suffered during the years of the Zelaya rule.

The constitution is divided into sixteen parts, which gives to the Nicaraguans certain rights which heretofore they have not enjoyed. The first paragraph of the instrument guarantees to all liberty, individual security, equality. The right to exercise the writ of habeas corpus is also guaranteed. The new constitution establishes the right of defense and jury trial. It guarantees the privacy of letter and telegraphic communication. There is no death penalty or punishment by the lash or other torture. The constitution aims to do away with the practice of arbitrarily exiling persons from the territory for offenses and for indefinite periods.

### REPUBLICANS PLAN UPRISING.

May Fellow Lead of Portugal Try Republican Form of Government.

Premier Canelhas' warning that the agitation of the anti-clericals among the people is liable to plunge Spain into a civil war, has not served to calm the mind of the public, which is debating the possibility that some of the revolution will overtake the republic and engulf their own country.

Reported message of Alejandro Goyena, chief of the republicans in Portugal: "Start your revolution. We will take care of ours," is printed in the radical press and is a republican plan for an uprising.

### HUGHES TAKES OATH.

Governor of New York Now on Supreme Bench.

The 1910-1911 session of the Supreme court of the United States opened on Monday with the addition of oath of office as associate justice to Charles E. Hughes of New York.

The court then adjourned until after the out of respect to the memory of the late Chief Justice Melville. The court was in session for thirty minutes.

### Democrats Win in Arizona.

Ariz.—The convention of the delegates which is to draft the constitution of Arizona, the last to be admitted to the union, was held at Phoenix, former chief of the supreme court of the state under President Cleveland, has chosen temporary president. Democrats have an overwhelming majority of the delegates, their number being 41 to 11 for the Republicans.

### Brush Publisher Dead.

Wyo.—N. C. ("Bill") Barlow, publisher of "Sagebrush Philosophy" in the town of Laramie, died here Sunday night following a sudden attack of heart disease. He was 59 years old, was married and had one child, the daughter of the Laramie (Wyo.) newspaper when that sheet was founded by Bill Nye. When Nye left the state, Barlow succeeded him.

### Population of Vermont.

The population of the state of Vermont, as enumerated for the twentieth census and made public by the census bureau on Monday, shows an increase of 12,315 or 3.6 per cent over the total number of inhabitants in 1906, as compared with 1,290,000 in the previous census. The population in 1890 was 1,129,000, or 3.4 per cent less than in 1906.

## LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



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REALIZATION

## FOREIGNERS FORCED TO FLEE HOPE HAS BEEN ABANDONED

### English and American Residents of Honduras City Subjected to Outrages at Hand of Commandant.

Guatemala City, Guatemala.—Foreign residents of Amapala, Honduras, have fled from that city to escape outrage at the hands of the commandant, who has given orders that all Americans and English in the place are to be jailed and their property confiscated. The order of imprisonment was equivalent to execution. The greater part of the American property has been seized by the commandant. The British consul at Amapala has escaped to San Salvador. Immediately upon his arrival he called his government for a cruiser to protect British property. When the Amapala commandant heard of this he declared he would burn the town the moment a British vessel armed with guns appeared on the horizon.

Before their flight, several of the English and American families were subjected to cruelty at the hands of petty officials. The escape of the English consul was effected under a storm of bullets fired by a squad of soldiers, who went to arrest him on a charge of fomenting revolution.

### None of the Men in Starkville Mine at Time of Explosion Escaped Death—Bodies Being Recovered.

Starkville, Colo.—Eleven bodies of victims of an explosion Saturday night in the great Colorado Fuel and Iron company's mine here are lying in the Starkville morgue. Nine have been identified. All the men were picked men working in entry J, and it is believed all were killed by force of the explosion and not suffocated later.

Forty more men are missing and there are no hopes of the men being recovered alive. Work is being continued, as rapidly as possible, in bringing the bodies to the surface, but the mine is badly wrecked and the work of rescue is difficult.

While practically all the miners working in the Starkville mine are of foreign birth, many have been in this country for twenty to twenty-five years, and a large portion of them have been working in the Starkville mine ever since it began operations in 1892.

The mine is the property of the Santa Fe railroad, but is operated by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company.

## STANDARD CUTS OIL PRICES.

### Reductions Made in Europe and Far East in Campaign to Increase Use of Kerosene.

New York.—J. I. C. Clarke, through whom the Standard Oil company makes its official announcements to the public, has issued a statement to the effect that the company has entered on a thoroughly mapped out campaign to increase the consumption of kerosene in European countries and the lands of the Orient. The first move in this campaign is the reduction of the prices of oil in those countries. Mr. Clarke's announcement says in part:

"The Standard Oil company has inaugurated a campaign to increase the world's consumption of refined oil. The level of prices for refined oil today in the United States is lower than at any time during recent years, and as a direct result of these prices the consumption of refined oil in this country is increasing. The same policy is now being actively pursued abroad."

As indicated by this statement, the Standard company began trying out the policy of lower prices in the United States, though without announcing that it had in view a campaign that would cover the world. In August the price of refined oil in tanks was reduced from 6 1/4 to 5 1/2 cents a gallon, and the price of refined oil in barrels at the refinery was cut 1 cent, from 9 1/4 to 8 1/4 cents a gallon.

## WILL AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS

### United States Has Not Replied to Formal Note Announcing New Republic in Portugal.

Washington.—A circular note sent to all the powers by Provisional President Braga announcing that he has been proclaimed president of Portugal, that the revolution has been successful and that he has appointed a cabinet, was received by the state department on Friday. The United States has not replied to the note.

The state department will not commit itself by any form of communication until proof of the stability of the new government is forthcoming.

There are evidences of censorship in the news given out from Portugal, according to officials here, who suggest that it is too early to judge accurately the status of affairs from the partisan pronouncements of the Braga regime.

The protected cruiser Des Moines has been sent to Lisbon. It is believed the warship will not have to land men to protect American interests, but the vessel will report on conditions there.

## Moral Effect of Woman Suffrage.

New York.—Announcement of the result of a canvass among clergymen, Sunday school superintendents and editors to determine the moral effect of woman suffrage in Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming is made by Ida Husted Harper, chairman of the National Woman Suffrage press committee. The canvass shows that Episcopal clergymen favor votes for women in the ratio of more than two to one. Among the Baptists the proportion is seven to one. Congregationalists, eight to one. Methodists ten to one, and Presbyterians eleven to one.

## Attempted to Burn Mayor's Home.

Pueblo, Colo.—An attempt to burn the home of Mayor A. L. Fugard was made here Tuesday. An unknown man lighted a pile of wood and chips under the back porch of the house. The man was frightened away by neighbors and the flames were extinguished. The damage was slight.

## Big Force on Panama Canal.

Washington.—The isthmian canal commission reports that on August 12 there were 35,867 employes actually at work on the canal and the Panama railroad, and of this number 29,950 were canal employes.

## HUNDREDS PERISH IN FOREST FIRES

### FLAMES RAGE UNCHECKED IN RICH LUMBER REGION OF MINNESOTA.

### Three Towns Destroyed, While Fleeing Settlers Are Caught in Literal Furnace of Fire—Thousands of Settlers Made Homeless.

Washington.—Forester Graves on Tuesday received the following telegraphic report from Supervisor Marshall of the forest service at Cass Lake, concerning the forest fire situation in Minnesota:

"Reports today give 1,000 burned and missing. The area burned is estimated to be 2,500 square miles. Fire still burning."

Warroad, Minn.—The greatest catastrophe that Minnesota has experienced in fifteen years took place Friday night and Saturday when the whole Minnesota-Manitoba boundary country was swept by fire. The death list is a long one, and constantly growing, while thousands are homeless, and the monetary loss is heavy.

The towns of Pitt, Spooner (Wis.) and Beaudette were burned Friday night. The fire was heralded by a shower of sparks and burning brands which swept across the Beaudette river, and the inhabitants had barely time to reach the special train that was waiting before both towns were on fire at all places.

The property loss in Rainy River, Beaudette and Spooner alone, including the Rat Portage Lumber company's plant and yard at Rainy River and the yard of the Shevlin Mathieu Lumber company at Spooner, will total about one and a half million dollars. It will be some time before the loss of life is known even approximately.

It is reported that many settlers, crazed with grief at the loss of families and property, are roaming the woods and searching parties are looking for the injured, the dead and the demented. One family of nine, one of seven and one of five perished on Friday night.

Several Rapid River homesteaders got into root cellars and saved their lives. The Sorenson family of nine remained in the center of their big clearing and escaped. Swan Olson, wife and three children escaped in a outhouse, as did the family of Theodore Staback.

The burned area is at least thirty-six miles wide and many of the settlers are new to the country. Much of this land was thrown open to homestead entry this summer and many of the settlers have gone in far beyond the roads where they had only a path to reach their place. It may be months before they are discovered and some of them may never be found.

## Relief for Fire Sufferers.

Rainy River, Ont.—Relief is arriving for the stricken people of Beaudette, Spooner and the Rainy, River district. First to come to the assistance of the people was Fort Frances, Ont., with \$200 cash. Six barrels of supplies have arrived from Virginia, Minn. Two carloads of supplies came from Duluth.

Five nurses, a doctor, fifty bread and thousands of loaves of bread and thousands of pounds of meat have reached here from Winnipeg.

## Robbers Loot Railroad Safe.

Ogden.—Looting the safe of the uptown ticket office of the Oregon Short Line, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad companies, burglars early Sunday morning got away with cash and negotiable paper the value of which is variously estimated at from \$900 to \$1,400. Apparently the robbery was planned by some one familiar with the interior of the building.

## Land Sharks Must Pay.

Washington.—The appeal of Frederick A. Hyde of San Francisco and Joost Schneider of Tucson, Ariz., from conviction and sentence in western land fraud cases was on Tuesday dismissed by the court of appeals of the District of Columbia. Hyde was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000, and to serve two years in a federal penitentiary, while Schneider was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to serve fourteen months.

## Arrest in the Times Case.

Sacramento.—George Wallace was arrested at the Sacramento postoffice Tuesday while receiving letters which it is declared connect him with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting. He is supposed to be a minor and familiar with explosives.

## PLOT TO PLUNGE PAINTERS FROM A HIGH BUILDING

### COWARDLY ATTEMPT TO WRECK A SCAFFOLD BY THE USE OF ACID.

Pittsburg.—What at first was thought to have been an accident, which almost resulted disastrously to many pedestrians in Fifth avenue, has turned out to have been a dastardly attempt at murder, presumably the work of a fiend or insane man. But for the twisting of a guy rope on a scaffold and the presence of mind of the three men working on the Hotel Antler, they, and possibly some of the passerby four stories below them, would have been crushed to death.

A reward of \$250 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who put acid on the scaffold.



Painters in Peril.

ropes, which it is claimed parted one rope as neatly as if it had been cut with a knife when the weight of three men was placed upon it.

The contractor found evidences of acid having been applied to the part of the rope which broke. This, he thinks, was done by some person trying to kill all the men at work when the scaffold would fall. He does not suspect who could have placed the acid on the rope, which for several nights has been put into a barrel and allowed to remain standing on the sidewalk in front of the Hotel Antler. Whoever applied the acid to the rope did so in one spot only, so that it would require some little weight to pull it apart after it had destroyed the Manila tissue of the rope.

The accident happened shortly after noon, when the three employes, John Thompson, Herbert Clems and William Blackburn, were preparing to raise the scaffold upon which they were working cleaning the granite front of the hotel, from the fourth story to the fifth. The rope on the right hand side of the scaffold parted near the scaffold without warning and Thompson, who had been pulling on the guy rope on that side, just tightened his hold and hung suspended in the air as the scaffold fell from him.

Clems and Blackburn, with rare presence of mind, on the opposite end of the swinging ladder each grabbed as the other end dropped, one catching the scaffold and the other the ropes on the other side. The guy rope twisted and held the scaffold from falling clear and each of the men clung desperately, while the crowd below scattered and gathered on the other side of the street, expecting any minute to see the men drop to certain death.

Contractor Smith was eating in the hotel when he heard a cry that the scaffold had broken. He raced up the stairs until he reached the fifth floor and, swinging out of the window, he grabbed the suspended buy rope and slid down to where he could release this rope and allow the swinging ladder to descend to the pavement.

## The Independent Cat.

The domestic cat is above all things an anarchist. It submits to no rule. The dog may lick the hand that beats it, but the cat says: "You have brought me into your civilization; I did not ask to come, and I do not ask to stay." Proudhon rightly placed a cat at the feet of his figure of liberty.

## He Deserved to Win.

A farmer, finding a dozen idlers stretched out on the ground, offered a shilling to the laziest one of the lot. Eleven jumped up and claimed the reward, each asserting himself to be the laziest. The shilling, however, was given to the twelfth, who had slothfully kept his position.

## ROOSEVELT UP IN A BIPLANE

### Former President Startles Throng at St. Louis by Making Trip With Aviator.

St. Louis.—Theodore Roosevelt made an aeroplane flight on Tuesday and said it was the finest experience of his lifetime. He traveled twice around the aviation field at Kinloch, eighteen miles west of St. Louis, in three minutes and 20 seconds. He waved his hand at the crowd of thousands on the field below, most of whom were too dumfounded and frightened to move. When the machine alighted easily, a few feet from the starting place, a mighty shout of applause and relief went up.

Arch Hoxsey, a Wright aviator, with whom Colonel Roosevelt made his flight, said that his passenger made a good fellow voyager for such a trip, except that, instead of being afraid, he was having such a good time that Hoxsey was afraid he would fall out or interfere with the engine, which was roaring at his side.

The colonel waved his hands at the crowd below so vigorously that Hoxsey called out to him:

"Keep your hands on the rail, colonel!"

Colonel Roosevelt, who had forgotten to hold himself in, waved his hands once more and then obeyed orders.

The colonel's flight was a complete surprise to everybody. Although he had been invited to go, no one had the least idea that he would do so, and he himself did not decide until the moment before he stepped into the machine.

## ALLEGED LUMBER TRUST.

### Department of Justice Investigating Operations Throughout the Country.

Washington.—To determine if there is any foundation for numerous complaints received at the department of justice, alleging the existence of a lumber "trust," special agents of the department are investigating the operations of many trade associations and other organizations in all parts of the country.

Agents in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and smaller cities in the east have turned in their reports. Complaints have been reaching the department from dealers and builders, as well as individual consumers, alleging the price of dressed lumber is fixed by agreement and unduly raised by powerful interests which control the lumber industry.

Charges of blacklisting, elimination and competition and divisions of territory also are made.

## IMPORTANT CASES GO OVER.

### Calendar of Supreme Court Readjusted Because of Failure to Have Full Bench.

Washington.—Because of failure to have a full bench in the supreme court of the United States a general readjustment of important cases set last spring for consideration this autumn was made Tuesday by the court.

The Standard Oil and the tobacco suits, under the Sherman anti-trust law, were postponed for rehearing from November 14 to January 3. So were the cases involving the question of the correct penalty to be imposed on violators of the twenty-eight hour law, regulating the shipment of livestock, and interpretation of the national pure food and drug act. It is expected that successors to Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Moody will have taken their places by that time.

## Used Boy as a Shield.

New York.—Charles Fischer, aged 12, was swung writhing and screaming from the sidewalk by a man who used the boy's body to check a bullet fired by Harry Greenwald, an ex-pugilist. The missile pierced the child's brain and he died within an hour. Greenwald, terror-stricken and pursued by citizens and police, dashed into a hallway and committed suicide. The man who used the boy as a shield screen escaped. His name is not known to the police. Greenwald was about 25 years old and was known as "Biz" Clark.

## Treated Candidate Too Rough.

Seattle, Wash.—L. A. Peterson, a cable splicer, aged 23 years, brought suit on Tuesday against Seattle camp 69, Woodmen of the World, and its initiation committee, for \$47,500 damages, alleging that he was crippled for life by injuries received on the night of April 21 last while being initiated into the order. Peterson alleges that he suffered a broken left leg and ankle, his right hip was severely bruised, the back of his head and neck lacerated and injured and his back and spine wrenched.