

## VICKSBURG CLEARS DECKS FOR ACTION

Guns Are Trained on Provincial Palace of Nicaraguan Government at Corinto.

### AMERICAN CITIZENS MUST BE PROTECTED

Germany or Japan Believed to be Intriguing With Zelaya.

Panama, Dec. 4.—The Gunboat Vicksburg is cleared for action off Corinto and the guns are trained on the provincial palace. The commander of the Vicksburg has served notice on the governor that Americans must not be molested. The first movement made toward interfering with the rights of American citizens will mean a bombardment of the palace.

It is reported here that Germany is backing Nicaragua because she is interested in the digging of the Nicaragua canal, and has business interests in Nicaragua.

**On Germany's Account.**  
Washington, Dec. 4.—A report given out today states that the reason so many ships and such large forces were sent to Nicaragua by government was not on account of Zelaya or the revolution but on account of the reports that either Germany or Japan is intriguing to get control of the Nicaragua canal.

**Battle Raging.**  
Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 4.—A battle is reported to be raging near Rama between Estrada's forces and Zelaya's troops. Estrada has personal command of his army, and it is believed that the war will end in a short time.

**International Trouble Maker.**  
Washington, Dec. 4.—The internal and international quarrels in which the Zelayan government of Nicaragua is now involved have brought forcibly to the attention of the world other governments the arrogant ruler of that turbulent Central American republic—Jose Santos Zelaya who more nearly a score of years has been one of the most troublesome gures in international affairs.

That the latest difficulty in which he has become involved, through the execution of Grace and Cannon, citizens of the United States, will result in his final elimination from the field of politics, is now generally believed by diplomats here in Washington.

The long list of insults to which various nations have been subjected by this troublesome executive, and which culminated in the killing of Leonard Grace and Leroy Cannon, American residents of Nicaragua, will undoubtedly be avenged by Uncle Sam. While a substantial indemnity undoubtedly will be demanded for their deaths, the intervention of this nation is expected to result in the success of the present revolutionary movement, under General Juan Estada. This would mean Zelaya's deposition as president and undoubtedly his exile from Nicaragua.

For nearly a score of years this autocrat has ruled Nicaragua with an iron hand substituting military force where moral suasion proved ineffective, and sowing the seed of discord among the other Central American states which would ultimately be harvested to his advantage.

All industries whether native or foreign have been compelled to pay toll to this avaricious ruler, who supports his various military movements with the proceeds. The most profitable of these, such as sugar, tobacco and coffee, are controlled by himself or his representatives, and the vast returns have made him immensely wealthy.

One source of revenue, however, has been unable to get, namely the vast mineral wealth on the eastern coast. Yankee ingenuity

## RUSSELL IS GREAT COUNTY

Coal and Timber and Sheep and Blue Grass on a Thousand Hills.

Judge W. A. Ayres and his law partner Cyrus H. Smithdale of Lebanon, Va., were in the city last night on business, and they are full of enthusiasm regarding the material resources of Russell county. According to the report of the State Commission of Agriculture Russell is the banner sheep county of the Old Dominion, and in point of coal, blue grass and timber it is there with the goods.

One peculiar thing is the fact that on one side of the river there are the finest coal veins to be found anywhere, and on the other the country stretches away into blue grass areas. As a usual thing coal and blue grass do not mix, and it's hardly a mixture in this instance, but the line of separation is better defined than in most instances.

Judge Ayres says he understands that there is some show for Howard Little to get a new trial. This firm was asked to take Little's case originally but declined. While the Judge is not expressing an opinion for publication, the general inference from his conversation is that Little is entitled to a new trial. In fact this appears to be the general opinion of lawyers.

**Cruiser Still Stuck.**  
New York, Dec. 4.—The transport Prairie with marines aboard for Nicaragua is still stuck in the mud on the bar of the Delaware river. The cruiser Dixie has been sent to transport them to Panama.

**NEW FIXTURES AT WHITE'S PHARMACY**  
New fixtures have been installed at White's Pharmacy and the average person would hardly know the place. It is spick and span in all kinds of new things, and it is to be doubted of a more up-to-date drug store can be found in the state.

The opening days will be Monday and Tuesday, and these days the ladies calling at the store will be served soda water free.

## J. HOGE TYLER WILL SPEAK

Ex-Governor J. Hoge Tyler and daughter Miss Lilly arrived in the city today coming from Norton, where Hon. Champ Clark was to make an address last night. The train coming from Bristol to Norton was late, and Mr. Clark did not arrive until nine o'clock. A large crowd had gathered at the Opera house to hear the distinguished Democratic leader, but he was unable to speak on account of a serious throat trouble.

Mr. Tyler will make an address at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. He is here in the interest of the orphanage that will be built at Lynchburg to replace the one that was burned down several weeks ago.

has developed this section and despite the heart-breaking tariffs and various other Zelayan schemes, the Americans have managed to retain their hold.

Zelaya has blamed the Americans for the many revolutions stirred up against him, and when the recent and most serious uprising broke out in the Bluefields district, it did not serve to increase his affection. This has been the basis for the report, that the execution of Grace and Cannon was purely a matter of personal revenge on the part of the Nicaraguan executive.

Zelaya is a man with a purpose, and for many years, even before his advent to the presidency, has had in mind the union of the Central American states with himself at their head.

Born of wealthy parents, very little is known of his early life except that he was of "unmixed" blood. The date of his birth is fixed between 1845 and 1850.

According to the best information obtainable, his early days were spent in the dirty little city of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, where, with the

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## NATIVES ON WARPATH IN PHILLIPINES

**Six Members of Constabulary and Seventy Filipinos Are Slain in Battle.**  
Manila, Dec. 4.—Six members of the constabulary and twenty natives were killed in a battle near Mount Malinding, Mindano, today. The constabulary was commanded by Lieutenant Flatts, and the enemy consisted of Moros and Samanons.

The uprising was due to the fanatical natives who can usually be counted upon to do everything in their power against the government. The natives are speedily collecting their forces and it is feared that the rebellion may become general among the various tribes.

Reinforcements have been sent to aid the constabulary in putting down the insurrection.

## DOUBLE TRACK TO WILLIAMSON

According to a report received here today the N. & W. will start double tracking from Wyoming City to Devon, a distance of sixteen miles the first of the year.

When finished this will give the company a double track from this city to Williamson and will relieve the congestion of freight trains and tend to get the passenger trains in on time.

## STREET CARS TO PEARISBURG

A civil engineering corps making a preliminary survey for a proposed street car line from Pearisburg to the N. & W. station, a distance of one and a half miles, and it is reported that the line will be extended later on to Narrows and Ripplemeade.

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## THREE SAILORS ARE DROWNED

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 4.—Three men were washed overboard and drowned today from the British steamer Mispah which is ashore here. Four other members of the crew were also washed overboard, but they were rescued.

## W. M. KEESSE BREAKS LEG

W. M. Keesee, a teamster employed by the Superior Supply Company, broke his leg yesterday while unloading sheet iron at the freight depot, a sheet weighing about a thousand pounds falling on his left leg. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital.

## TROOPS CALLED IN OHIO STRIKE

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 4.—State troops were sent to Bridgeport today because of a strike on the tin plate workers. All the men connected with the industry have quit and violence is feared.

## STORM SWEEPS EUROPE'S COAST

London, Dec. 4.—A violent storm is sweeping over the coast of Europe and the English channel reaching as far south as Gibraltar.

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## BACK ON RUN.

After an absence of six months from the N. & W. system "Bob" Daugherty the well known Pullman conductor went through on No. 15 this morning. He has been on the Virginian for several months and is glad to get back among his old friends on this road.

## GETTING ALONG NICELY.

Miss Mary Weaver of Tip Top who was taken suddenly ill at a local hotel a few days ago was operated on for appendicitis at the Bluefield Hospital yesterday and is getting along nicely.

## AUXILIARY CRUISER ON DELAWARE BAR

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 4.—Seven tugs are trying to pull the Auxiliary Cruiser Prairie off the bar of the Delaware river today. Part of the cargo may have to be taken out.

## ANDREW SHORT ON READY CASH

New York, Dec. 4.—Andrew Carnegie was in police court this morning to test out his chauffeur, and when he dug into his pockets to get the money he found that he had only seventy cents.

## BLOWN TO ATOMS BY EXPLOSION

Sistersville, Dec. 4.—A boat load of nitro-glycerine being conveyed to this city on the Ohio river today exploded and blew Frank Harris to atoms. The explosion shook the city and demolished many windows.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The flat he had of five rooms in New York, cost just as much as his flat in Berlin, although his Berlin dining room was larger than all the rooms put together.

## TO INVESTIGATE SUGAR FRAUDS

Campbell Will Introduce Resolution When Congress Meets.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Minnesota delegation will urge the appointment of Judge W. H. Sanborn for the place on the supreme bench made vacant by the late Justice Peckham.

Representative Campbell of Kansas announces after a call at the White House, that when congress assembles he will introduce a concurrent resolution to investigate the sugar trust frauds and also the entire customs service.

Representative Mann will reintroduce the bill abolishing the Isthmian canal commission providing for one chief engineer and civil governor.

## PASTORS CALL ON THE BOARD

A delegation of preachers called on the Board of Affairs at its weekly meeting yesterday in City Hall, and urged that the city officials make an effort to get rid of the houses of ill fame. Chief Newkirk says that the morning paper misrepresented his report of the number of bawdy houses in this city, when it said there were thirty two. It was learned there are but four houses in the city that have been condemned, while there are twenty seven lewd women located here, according to list of names secured by Chief Newkirk.

The preachers stated they would furnish transportation for any fallen woman that wanted to enter a refuge home, one being located in Cincinnati and one in Pittsburgh.

The board allowed for all of the bills approved by the commissioner of finance. An application was made for the erection of a building at the corner of Union and Bland streets to cost \$10,000. It was referred to the safety commissioner.

W. F. Palmer applied for permission to build a one-story building on Jones street. This was referred. A license was granted the Eagles Lodge to conduct a social club on Bland street.

The samples of brick furnished by S. N. Worley to rough the steep streets were found unsatisfactory.

The reports of the police judge and commissioner were accepted by the board.

The bond of D. A. Fudge for a retail liquor license was accepted.

## CHICAGO WILL BEAT NEW YORK

German Professor Believes that the City Will Surpass Gotham.  
Berlin, Dec. 4.—"Chicago will surpass New York in size and importance one day" is the opinion of Professor Albrecht Penck, the German-Roosevelt professor, who has just returned from New York, in a lecture delivered at the Institute of Nautical Science by the distinguished geographer.

After commenting on the geographical and geological conditions of the capital, Professor Penck based the above statement on the fact that although New York had a brilliant future for the next few decades yet when it came to the question of the never ceasing immigration into the interior of America, her own requirements will cause efforts to be made to desert. Then the time will come when Chicago will lead the way.

Although Professor Penck expressed his admiration of the technical difficulties that had been overcome in building modern skyscrapers, he disapproved of the houses in which New Yorkers live. "Despite various large parks, people live huddled together in their private dwellings, and are deprived from enjoying the beneficial influence of the sea breezes by numerous large buildings on the wharves which scarcely permit a glimpse of water.

The flat he had of five rooms in New York, cost just as much as his flat in Berlin, although his Berlin dining room was larger than all the rooms put together.

## SUGGESTS SALVATION FOR CHAMBER

President W. H. Thomas Says Secretary Should Devote nire Time to Work.

W. H. Thomas, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is of the decided opinion that salvation of the body had its future usefulness in the community depends upon the employment of a live up-to-date secretary who can devote his entire time to the business. President Thomas says that personally and on behalf of the firms in which he is interested he will guarantee \$100 a year toward the payment of such a man's salary. No reflection is cast on the present secretary, but he has other business, and therefore is in a position to devote but a small amount of his time to the work.

Mr. Thomas says: "It has been demonstrated beyond any question of doubt that the chamber as it is being run, amounts to but little. A few of us attend, but the average number has come to think that there probably won't be a quorum, and therefore it is useless for him to go. The result is that meetings are rare, and those that have been held are more or less profitless.

"I agree that one of the principal duties of a chamber of commerce is to advertise the city, to induce the investment of outside capital, and to attract new enterprises. This cannot be done unless we have a secretary who can devote his entire time to the work, and he must be a man familiar with this line of business. He must be a man who is able to get out attractive advertising matter calling attention to the advantages of Bluefield and the surrounding country. Moreover, he must be on the job all the time looking for firms that contemplate making or establishing branches and get in touch with them.

"I am familiar with the workings of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, and I know that it has been the source of incalculable commercial good to the city. These are precisely the lines along which it has worked, and they are the lines along which all up-to-date bodies of this character operate. I am in favor of getting a secretary who can give us his entire time and pay him a salary of, say \$150 a month. The members will never miss this, and they can afford to do it. It's to their interest."

**WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END**  
Thinks This Is Line Along Which Body Can be Useful.

Richmond, Dec. 4.—The aftermath of the discovery of two underground vaults beneath the old St. Luke's hospital recently used as a hotel and during war times as a mint, was made public today that human skeletons were found, one of a man and the other of a woman. A sealed vault leading into the rooms of the hotel disclosed the ghastly remains.

Not the slightest clue can be obtained as to how the skeletons came to be in the tomb. Several whips of red hair and fragment of cloth was all besides, the bones left to tell the story of two unknown lives. The tomb is of solid brick with paved floor.

**WEATHER**  
Washington, Dec. 4.—Fair tonight slightly warmer in southwest portion; Sunday partly cloudy variable winds.

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