

TO BLOCKADE ALL SEAPORTS OF NICARAGUA

Reported that United States is Preparing to Bottle up Coast Towns

ZELAYA DEFEATED IN BATTLE OF RAMA

Orders Execution of General Vazquez on Account of Defeat

Bluefield, Nicaragua, Dec. 8.—The American News service's special correspondent today filed a report here stating that the United States is preparing to blockade all Nicaraguan ports.

Zelaya's army is believed to be marching on Bluefields, and it is thought that he is trying to avoid a decisive action at Rama.

Desultory fighting is being continued at Rama today. A part of Zelaya's forces remain behind, but they are practically routed.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Zelaya's efforts to stir up an anti-American feeling in Nicaragua according to reports received here have failed signally.

WILL SELECT ANOTHER SITE OPEN WORKS IN THE SPRING

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Gettysburg monument commission, organized by the last Virginia legislature to erect a memorial to the Virginia soldiers who fell in that bloody battle, will meet today in the Deever hotel in Washington, for the purpose of selecting a site for the monument.

Gov. Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, a member of the commission, arrived here last night for the meeting. Senator John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg also arrived in Washington last night for the meeting and to attend the session of Congress.

The commission selected a site some time ago for the Virginia monument. This site was on the "Bloody Angle" of the Gettysburg battlefield.

The War Department refused to grant a permit for a monument on that spot, saying that a roller had been made that no memorial shall be erected upon the "Bloody Angle," and Secretary of War Dickerson declared he did not care to revoke the ruling.

BACK IN THE WET COLUMN

Boston, Dec. 8.—The elections in Massachusetts yesterday resulted in four cities voting back in the wet column.

MISS GOLDMAN ON MRS. BELMONT

Boston, Dec. 8.—Emma Goldman, the anarchist, declares she will devote much of her tonight's address to exhorting Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, the society leader of New York suffragists.

TIN PLATE MEN ARE BLOWN UP

HOUSE OCCUPIED BY WORKERS DYNAMITED AND MANY ARE REPORTED INJURED

Struthers, Ohio, Dec. 8.—A house occupied by the striking tin workers was blown up today with dynamite and many were injured.

The strike of Aetna Standard and the American Sheet and Tinplate employees continues. The results of the Pittsburgh conference held yesterday have not been made public.

COMING TO WASHINGTON

Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Enrique C. Creel, formerly Mexican ambassador to the United States and now Governor of Chihuahua, will leave Mexico City tomorrow night for Washington, where he goes on a special mission for the Mexican government in regard to Central American affairs.

It is known in Mexico City that the Mexican Government has received a reply to the letter sent by Foreign Minister Mariscal to the United States Government in which he outlined a plan for the peaceful settlement of the Nicaraguan problem.

It is believed here that Governor Creel is going to the capital of the United States to state clearly and concisely the attitude of the Mexican Government in this matter.

RAILROAD RATES ARE EXCESSIVE

Washington, Dec. 8.—The interstate commerce commission today decided that the railroads east of the Mississippi river are charging excessive freight rates on brick damaging to the building interests of the country.

BANKS COOK'S ARCTIC RECORD

Copenhagen, Dec. 8.—Dr. Frederic A. Cook's records of his Arctic expedition and his discovery of the North pole were brought here today and deposited in a bank until such time as the university is ready to review them.

MIXED BRANDS

A lady called up a well known grocery man yesterday and asked him if he had any hams, and what kind.

BUSINESS BOOMING

W. C. Hall president of the Board of Education at Welch was in the city for a short while this afternoon and stated that business was on the boom at Welch.

HOTEL MAN SHOT THROUGH THE HEART

Edwin Mosby is Instantly Killed at Laeger Last Night by Frank Welch

DISPUTE OVER GAME OF CARDS

Murdered Man Stood High in Community—Well Known in Bluefield

A report reached the city this morning of a shooting at Laeger last night in which Edwin Mosby proprietor of the hotel at that place was shot to death by Frank Welch.

It was learned that the trouble started during a card game in one of the rooms at the hotel Monday night over the division of a winning made. Both men were separated without any serious result, but it was thought at the time that Welch was bent on doing Mosby an injury.

They met last night in front of the hotel and after a few words were spoken between the men Welch whipped out a revolver and shot Mosby through the heart, killing him instantly.

He leaves a wife and family who are grief stricken over the tragedy.

Officers are in search of Welch and it is thought he will be captured by night.

Mosby was well known in Bluefield and was held in high esteem by all.

COTTON REPORT

Washington, Dec. 8.—The census bureau report submitted this morning shows that \$8,875,277 bales of cotton have been ginned this year to December 1.

COL. MOSBY IS NOW SEVENTY-SIX

Washington, Dec. 8.—Looking hale, feeling hearty, and still active, Col. John Singleton Mosby, the noted Confederate chieftain, lawyer, public speaker, and football reformer passed the seventy-sixth milestone of his eventful career yesterday.

Col. Mosby resides in Washington. He is now an attorney in the United States Department of Justice. He can often be seen moving up Fifteenth street toward his N street home in the afternoons of these days walking with an active stride that does justice to a young man.

Although living a quiet life in Washington, Col. Mosby again burst into the limelight recently. He wrote a letter to a member of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia, his alma mater.

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Lonsdale says that Dr. Cook is not sick but just worn out and tired. He refused to reveal his resting place.

A lady called up a well known grocery man yesterday and asked him if he had any hams, and what kind. The grocery man whose mind was evidently on something else, probably by paper or legal affairs, said "We have the latest brands of hams including the tanglefoot and argument brands." It was not learned what brand the lady ordered.

21 BILLION IN U. S. BANKS

REPORT SHOWS THAT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HAVE VAST AMOUNT OF CASH.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The monetary commission is preparing an exhaustive report regarding its investigation of the financial resources of the country. The report shows that the banks of the United States have total resources amounting to twenty-one billion dollars.

PUMPS OUT OF ORDER

On account of their being no water on the Bluefield yard the road and yard engines have to go to Flat Top for water.

TO BUILD SMELTER

O. P. DeFord connected with the Ontario Mining Company of Twin Lakes Cal. in which several local people are interested stated today a smelter at Twin Lakes would be completed by the first of August.

WAS IN WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 8.—Cleo Evans, a strikingly handsome young Atlanta woman, confessed to the police today that she was an agent in the white slave traffic and asked the officers to detain two young women who were to leave for Columbus, Ohio, this evening.

The Evans woman was formerly a bookkeeper in this city, but said she had been in Columbus and was here to recruit young women. The girls she had selected were but fifteen years of age.

Police Judge Broyles believes that the woman thought she was under suspicion and took this means of escaping punishment, but he was forced to denounce her.

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It is thought he has hidden the money as \$2.50 was all he had on him when searched at the jail this afternoon.

KING LEOPOLD REPORTED DYING

Brussels, Dec. 8.—King Leopold of Belgium is reported dying of paralysis. The king was stricken a few days ago, and his condition has become rapidly worse until it is now believed that he can live but a few hours.

KILLED BY CANNIBALS

Arizona Explorers Return Not from Island of Tiburon.

El Paso, Dec. 8.—Missing for a month in the cannibal island of Tiburon, in the Gulf of California, eight Arizonians and fifty Mexican soldiers are believed to have met the same fate as Prof. Tom Grinnell, who was killed on the island several years ago while heading an exploring party.

The island is several leagues to the south of the Mexican Pacific coast at Guaymas, and is inhabited by the cannibal, Seri Indians, a remnant of remnants driven from the mainland.

Every attempt to explore or possess the island meets with rebuff, and many sturdy men have been killed by the Indians.

HOUSE BLOWN OVER

A house belonging to E. T. Oliver on Ellis street in South Bluefield was blown over by the wind early yesterday morning. The house was unoccupied.

ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO DEFRAUD

Norman Cox Gets Money from Traction Company on Compromise for Death of Son

ALLEGED HE WAS PREPARING TO SKIP

Serious Offense and Stated Other Warrants Will be Sworn Out

Norman Cox of South Bluefield was arrested today and placed in jail on a warrant sworn out by Attorney Hale and Pendleton of Princeton, charging him with absconding with money paid to him by the Bluestone Traction Company on a compromise for the death of his son.

Cox is the father of the boy that was electrocuted in South Bluefield several months ago, caused by a touching a chain used to lower the lamps on electric light poles. It will be remembered that the charged chain was near the ground when the boy who was playing with several other boys came in contact with it.

A few days after the affair the traction company's representative tried to compromise the matter but Cox refused to consider the offer and the matter entirely in the hands of his attorneys, who went to a great expense in taking depositions containing several trips to Richmond and other points.

It is alleged that two men approached Cox and urged him to compromise with the traction company and leave the city. It was learned that he compromised with the traction company for \$2,800 a few days ago, and was preparing to leave the city when arrested by Constable W. E. Palmer this afternoon at his home.

Other warrants will be sworn out by Sanders and Crockett and Riley Ross and Kagle, charging him with absconding and the larceny of \$1400 which he agreed to pay his attorneys if they won the suit or secured an agreeable compromise.

CASE CONTINUED

The case of Dr. St. Clair against Dr. Williams came up for hearing at Princeton yesterday, and was continued until the next term of the circuit court.

The plaintiff is suing to recover \$25,000 damage for alleged slander to his professional reputation.

FIELD NEVER BETTER. John D. Hobbage, Jr., of Huntington, West Va., representing the American Tuna Foundry Company, arrived in the city today.

Speaking of the general business activity at Huntington he said: "All of our industries are working full time and part of them are making extra money for night work."

GETS FIVE YEARS

Charleston, Dec. 8.—Colonel Alex. S. Hutton convicted of embezzling \$24,250 with assistant adjutant accounts in 1905, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Clark of the Kanawha intermediate court today.

Counsel for Hutton will appeal to the circuit court in an effort to get a new trial.

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WILLIAMS IS NOT ASPIRANT

NO REQUISITION HAS YET BEEN MADE IN THE WILLIAMS-SANDERS CASE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—Judge Martin Williams, who has been spoken of as prospective chairman of the joint Democratic caucus of the next General Assembly, took occasion today to deny that he was an aspirant for the honor.

"Since coming to Richmond, I find that my name has been mentioned in this connection. I appreciate this, of course, and would deem it a high honor to preside over this body, but I've never thought of being an aspirant for it."

"Besides I heard that my friend, Edward P. Cox, is being mentioned for the position, and regarding Mr. Cox as eminently fitted for the place, I think he should have it by his long experience in the House. I will support him heartily."

NO REQUISITION MADE

Because of the illness of Governor Glascock, of West Virginia, who is at the Virginia Hot Springs recuperating from an attack of pneumonia, no requisition has yet been made upon the Governor of Virginia for Judge Samuel W. Williams, attorney general-elect of this state, who is under indictment for felonious assault upon Judge Joseph M. Sanders, formerly a Supreme Court Justice of West Virginia, who was the opposing counsel in a will case in which Judge Williams was interested at a recent term of court at Welch.

Nothing will be given out at the office of the Governor until such time as a formal requisition is received. There appears to be some doubt, however, as to whether the Governor will return to Welch without extradition.

Prosecuting Attorney R. W. Smith, of McDowell county, W. Va., has accordingly made application to Governor Glascock for requisition papers.

Governor Glascock has given no intimation as to whether or not he will honor the application, and he will not decide until he has resumed his official duties at Charleston.

ALLEGED \$11,000 DISCREPANCIES

Charleston, Dec. 8.—Alleging discrepancies of more than \$11,000 in the public accounts of Mingo county, a second report of the accountants who have been engaged in the work of auditing the books of that county was made public today by Tax Commissioner Townsend, supervisor of public accounts.

The financial transactions of nearly all the county officials from 1905 to 1909 are called to question in the report, and they are ordered to reimburse the county for money received improperly.

Large sums were paid the county officials by the county contrary to law, and legal steps will be taken to have the money paid back.

UNIVERSITY CITY IS DRY

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 8.—The local option election in Charlottesville yesterday resulted in an overwhelming victory for the drys. Their majority being 180.

Charlottesville entered upon her dry regime with considerable reluctance two years ago, when propositions of dry districts in municipal and business places, were freely made. The present election resulted in a casting up of all accounts, all of which appear to indicate a distinct balance in favor of a continuation of the dry rule.

Two years ago out of 832 votes cast, there was a dry majority of only 40. This year out of a total of 762 votes, the drys secured a majority of 180, all wards going dry by good majorities.

WATERWAYS CONVENTION IN SESSION

Sixth Annual Convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress convenes Today.

PRESIDENT TAFT DELIVERS ADDRESS

Distinguished Visitors from this Country and Abroad Attend Meeting

Washington, Dec. 8.—With about 5000 delegates present, including governors of states, high public officials, foreign diplomats and men distinguished in various occupations in all sections of the country, the sixth annual National Rivers and Harbors Congress assembled here this morning.

President Taft delivered the principal address in the convention hall of the New Willard Hotel.

Joseph E. Ransdell, of Lake Providence, La., president of the Congress, occupied the chair. On the platform with President Taft were more than 100 senators, governors, and other prominent public men.

Sessions of the Congress will be held Thursday and Friday. It is the general opinion of those who are attending, that this Congress is the largest and most successful that has ever been held.

Among those who will deliver addresses are Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Secretary Dickinson of the War Department; Earl Gray, Governor General of Canada; Senator Burton, of Ohio, Chairman of the National Waterways Commission; Governors Chamberlain of Oregon; Harmon of Ohio; Everhart of Minnesota; Burke of North Dakota; Hadley of Missouri and Patterson of Tennessee.

Other addresses are to be made by ex-Gov. Drexler McMillan, of Tennessee; Frank Gates Allen, of Ill.; W. C. Flinn, of Alabama; Danforth E. Alenworth, of New York; and Albert Bellmar, of Ohio.

Prof. Henry J. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania, who was with the National Waterways Commission on its recent European trip as representative of the waterways in European countries, G. P. Austin, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, will also speak.

This afternoon is the culmination of the longest year ever had in the case of extending the rivers, harbors and canals of the country. The Congress meets for this year, the end of waterways conventions that have had for their purpose the advocacy of a particular waterway project.

These international meetings on the Pacific coast in September, have been held annually in every important section of the United States. The Congress approves, not improvement of any particular waterway, but for a definite Federal policy toward the improvement of all waterways in the United States.

President Taft, who addressed three different waterways conventions, within the last three months, has shown a keen interest in the subject of waterway improvement, and a depth of understanding of the subject possessed by few men in public life. He is heartily

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