

ZELAYA'S FORCES WERE ROUTED SAY DISPATCHES

A Victory Claimed

General Estrada's Secretary of State Wires that Zelaya's Army Was Partially Routed and Defeated.

NEWS NOT UNWELCOME

Washington, Dec. 23.—Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaraguan revolutionists yesterday in a fierce battle at Rama lasting several hours, according to advices received here this morning.

There is some doubt as to the exact extent of Estrada's success. From revolutionary sources the word is sent that the victory over the Zelayan troops is complete.

News Received Meager. The first announcement of the success of the Estrada arms came in a cablegram to Dr. Castillo, the representative of the provisional government.

"Complete victory is ours. Zelaya's troops are in retreat."

Later this evening the State Department gave out the following from Consul Moffatt, from Colon:

"Estrada forces at Tumbala and here, new Rama, commanded by General Mena at the former place, and Generals Chamorro, Mattuti and Ramos Diaz at the latter place, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya."

The clash between the two armies was not unexpected here. For days on end they have been living practically idle in their trenches around Rama, skirmishing only marring the peace that brooded over that section.

When Zelaya abdicated and practically dictated the elevation of Dr. Madriz as his successor, Estrada, according to his diplomatic friends here, determined to strike.

None of the officials of the State Department tonight would discuss the reported victory of Estrada. It is known, however, that the news was not unwelcome.

MARRIAGE AT PANTEGO.

Mr. George L. Wilkinson and Mrs. Eureka Swindell were married at the residence of the bride Wednesday afternoon at Pantego.

PREMIER'S BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Premier's Baptist church will hold services Sunday morning and evening at the Masonic hall, corner of Third and Bonner streets.

COM'DR PEARY SAYS HE KNEW IT LONG AGO

Warned the World

The United States Naval Officer States That from Battle Harbor He Said Cook Was Tendering a Gold Brick.

IS SURE OF THE OUTCOME

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—"Three months ago from the Labrador coast I sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon a complete and accurate information in regard to the Cook claims.

With these words Commander Robert E. Peary pointedly expressed his sentiments regarding the failure of the University of Copenhagen to find any proof of the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Cook.

Seated in a comfortably heated room in his apartments, on Columbia road, Commander Peary received an Associated Press representative, who apprised him of the decision by the Denmark scientists against Dr. Cook.

Sure of Outcome.

"I have known the outcome of this since weeks before I reached this country on my return from the Pole. It was not a matter of belief with me, but of absolute knowledge.

"However, I shall not discuss this matter in detail for publication. It is not necessary.

"The warning which I sent to the country before I landed is still sufficient. You remember my cablegram from Battle Harbor. This is the exact wording of it:

"Cook has not been to the Pole April 21, 1908, or any other date. He has simply handed the public a gold brick."

With this Commander Peary declined further to discuss Dr. Cook or his affairs, and it was evident that he regarded the whole controversy as ended.

He declined to say whether he considered it possible for Dr. Cook to proceed further in presenting additional evidence in submitting his data to other courts of authority.

"My friends may consider this decision a complete vindication of their attitude on this whole subject but as for me I do not care to comment," said Mr. Peary, in conclusion.

MRS. CHERRY WINS.

Held the Winning Coupon at the Gem Last Evening.

Mrs. M. Cherry was the winner at the Gem theater last night, drawing a handsome china, hand-painted plate. There will be another drawing this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS MATINEE AT GEM.

On Christmas day the Gem theater will offer a special program, in both afternoon and evening, giving a matinee at 4:30 o'clock, at which time the children will be delightfully entertained with something interesting which is in store for them.

HOME WEDDING.

Marriage at the Residence of Mr. Charles Rue.

There was a quiet home wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rue, West Third street, last night at 7:30 o'clock.

NO RECEPTION TODAY.

There was no reception at the Country Club this afternoon on account of the busy rush of the season, but on Thursday afternoon next the usual reception will be held, with Miss Lida Rodman as the hostess.

BRINGING THE GOOD THINGS OF THE SEASON



Thomas Eborn, Colored, Dies at Belhaven Under Suspicious Circumstances

Thomas Eborn, colored, died at Belhaven, this county, last night, as a result of a difficulty with some party unknown in Washington county, near the town of Creswell.

A BOX PARTY LAST EVENING

A box party was given at the public school, District No. 12, Bath township, last evening.

COMMENT ON THE VERDICT

He has fooled us all, from the King of Denmark down. He fooled me with the rest. I don't want to hear anything more of the north pole or any of its attributes.

MRS. BOGART ILL.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Bogart will regret to learn of her illness. She has been confined to her bed for over a week.

BLAUNT'S CREEK FROZEN.

As a result of the extreme cold weather Blount's creek is frozen over, and boats are unable to get through the ice.

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There will be only one preaching service in the Methodist Church next Sunday.

A NICE SUM RAISED FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT.

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There will be three good pictures at the Gaity tonight and a turkey given away to the lucky coupon holder.

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There were present the cardinal of Belgium, the pope's nuncio, and a score of princes, including the duke of Aosta, for King Victor Emmanuel; Prince Henry of Prussia; Prince Alexander of Coenburg; Prince Ferdinand of Romania; the Archduke Francis Joseph, and Prince Charles of Bourbon, for King Alfonso.

The funeral procession was one of the most magnificent spectacles ever seen in the ancient capital. Mile after mile it crept through the close packed streets, while vast crowds, drawn from all Europe, peered down from every window, every roof, and every cranny to which a man could hold.

The procession was headed by military bands. As the sombre music heralded the approach of the funeral car, not a head in the vast throngs remained covered.

Then came detachments from every regiment of the Belgian army, members of both houses of parliament and the clergy.

The hearse itself was surrounded by a guard. After it came the royal family, Prince Albert and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Louise and Princesses Clementine riding in a state coach. Behind them were the foreign royalties.

In spite of the express wishes of the late king there was no note of simplicity about the ceremonies. He had desired a quiet funeral with no one present but the members of his family.

SUCCESSFUL HOG RAISER.

Mr. R. L. Bonner, of Aurora, is not only a farmer up-to-date, but this year has proven himself to be a successful raiser of hogs.

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Premier Yi was formerly minister of education in the Korean cabinet. He became prime minister in May, 1907, when a reconstruction of the cabinet followed a five-hour audience with Marquis Ito, the Japanese resident, had with the emperor.

It was generally believed here today that the attempt on the life of the premier was an outgrowth of the recent plot which culminated in the assassination of Prince Ito, the Japanese statesman, and resident-general of Korea.

The attack occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning. The assailant was a young Christian who was for many years a resident of the United States. The premier was riding in his limousine when the assassin came up with a long bladed knife in his hand.

The assassin then turned on the premier's flinching man, whom he stabbed and instantly killed.

Yi was always credited with fostering anti-Japanese sentiment in Korea. He bitterly opposed the faction among the Koreans which favored annexation to Japan and refused to present a petition for annexation to the Korean emperor.

Notwithstanding Yi's known sentiments in regard to the relations between Japan and Korea, Marquis Ito regarded Yi as an honest and conscientious patriot and refused to listen to the premier's repeated requests that he be allowed to resign his office.

It is believed that the assassination is the result of political intrigue.

THE GEM.

Last night's pictures at the Gem were unusually stirring and the Western scenery and the cowboy riding were hard to beat.

The program tonight shows four extra fine films, and the orchestra will give some of its best selections.

The drawing will take place promptly at 8:30 and you may be the lucky coupon holder you can't afford to miss the chance to get the beautiful Yoimi china jewel box which is to be the prize tonight.

The prize will be carefully selected and will be, as usual, something well worth having. These prizes come from A. G. Smither's store, and are of best material. Don't fail to come tonight and see these pictures.

FINE SPECIMEN.

Mrs. J. F. Latham, of Pantego, presented to Sheriff George E. Ricks this morning a sample of celery she raised on her farm.

in Today's News

- Jan. E. Clark Co.—Xmas Buy- ing.
W. J. Rhodes—Fruits and Con- fections.
Wm. Bragan & Co.—Insurance.