

COMPLETE VICTORY IS WON BY ESTRADA

Six Hundred Men Killed or Wounded and 1900 of Zelaya's Troops Have Surrendered.

BLUE FIELDS, Dec. 22.—General Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. Six hundred men of both armies were killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men surrendered, including General Gonzales.

Two Americans are reported killed. The fighting occurred outside the city limits. The wounded are being brought here. Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

THE TIDINGS CONFIRMED. Washington, Dec. 22.—Confirmation of the Associated Press dispatches from Nicaragua is received today at the navy department from Captain Shipley of the Des Moines, at Bluefields this morning. Shipley wires that General Castillo, four pieces of field artillery, 1500 rifles and one million rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender. Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, the captain reports, is 2500. Shipley says the revolutionary forces gained a decisive victory over the government forces. The outposts of Zelaya's forces under Gonzales were defeated and routed. General Vasquez of the government forces is said to be a prisoner at Managua. The surrender of the entire government force is expected. Estrada is confident of complete success. The gunboat Eagle, within the harbor, is prepared to land blue-jackets.

Prisoners Released. Washington, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Managua to the State Department states that Madrid "took possession" of the presidency and has released all political prisoners. He has promised the protection of American interests.

Later last evening the state department gave out the following message from onal Moffatt from Colon: "Estrada's forces at Talambia and Recreo, near Rama, commanded by General Mena at the former place and General Chamorro, Mattuti and Borron Diaz at the latter place, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya after desperate fighting of several hours. The Zelayan forces were commanded by General Gonzales. A great many were killed, the number being unknown, one hundred were wounded and one hundred and fifty prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. The Zelayan troops at Recreo have occupied a strategic position considered a strong position. Estrada is confident of defeating the enemy when he renews the attack today and of forcing their surrender."

The Clash Was Expected. The clash between the two armies was not unexpected here. For days on end they have been lying practically idle in their trenches around Rama, skirmishes only marring the peace that brooded over that section. Estrada played a waiting game. He had the hope that the Zelayan commander would take the initiative and attempt the capture of his position, which was reported to be very strong. Furthermore, with the waning of Zelaya's star he expected a large number of accessions from the Zelayan army.

When Zelaya admitted and practically dictated the election of Dr. Madrid as his successor, Estrada, according to his diplomatic friends here, determined to strike. Accordingly he moved his army forward early yesterday and took the field actively against his enemy. Dr. Castillo and his friends look forward confidently to the receipt today of word of a complete victory and the beginning of the march of the victorious army on the capital.

None of the officials of the state department would discuss the reported victory of Estrada. It is known, however, that the news was not unwelcome. Had the Zelayan army won over Estrada, the government would have been in a somewhat embarrassing position, having espoused openly the cause of the provisional government.

In Central American diplomatic circles the word brought joy, and there was a general celebration last night. The diplomats join in the prediction that this victory is the "beginning of the end" of Zelayaniam, and that the next step will be to force the retirement of President Madrid, on the ground that he is a tool of Zelaya and not the real choice of the country.

Going Home for Christmas. Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Today witnessed a considerable exodus of senators and representatives from the capital, following the adjournment of congress for the Christmas recess. The greater number of those who will spend the holidays at home reside in the near-by states. Those who hail from the distant west and south do not flit back and forth from their homes to the capital so frequently nowadays as they did in the "good old times" when railroad passes were to be had for the asking.

MRS. MARY BROKAW SHOWING WORRY

Brokaw Will Not Deny He Called His Wife Names as "The Occasion Demanded."

New York, Dec. 22.—W. Gould Brokaw was prepared today for a trying ordeal on the witness stand. His cross-examination is not prolonged the last witnesses for the defense are expected to testify before the conclusion of today's session. In Mrs. Mary Gould Brokaw's suit for separation from her husband, the severe illness of Mrs. Brokaw's mother has given her worry. This, together with the continued fates of cigarette smoking and cocktail drinking has served to break the splendid poise she so long maintained.

Brokaw's Provocation for Loss of His Temper. Attorney McIntyre declared today that Brokaw in his testimony would not deny he called his wife "a little fool," "a stupid idiot," and other names which the occasion demanded, but it would be shown there was provocation for this loss of temper. The attorney declared he would show that James A. Blair, Mrs. Brokaw's father, interfered in the Brokaw family and threatened to hold Brokaw to account if the latter's conduct made Mrs. Brokaw unhappy.

Mr. Brokaw paced up and down the corridor of the court house today, his lips moving rapidly as if he were rehearsing the testimony he would be called upon to give. Much of the court's time today was consumed with the testimony of North Carolinians called to show how Brokaw's wealth has diminished of recent years, making the demands for such alimony as his wife has asked unreasonable.

KING LEOPOLD'S BODY COMMITTED TO EARTH

Tempestuous Weather, but Vast Crowds Watch Imposing Funeral Train.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—Tempestuous weather ushered in the funeral day of King Leopold. An imposing military party proceeded from the palace to the cathedral, and the route was thronged by tremendous crowds. The scene was impressive as the cortege passed through the streets where the crowd, massed on sidewalks, in windows and balconies, paid homage. The monarch's body was placed in the burial vault where rest the remains of his queen, Marie Henriette, Princess Josephine and the young Duke Brabant.

FOUR HOURS IN WATER ON WRECKED SLEEPER

Terrible Experience of W. T. Carter in the Disaster at Reedy Fork Bridge.

Walter Carter, chief train dispatcher of the Transylvania division of the Southern railway, passed through here this morning from Reedy on his way to Greensboro to be at the bedside of his father, W. T. Carter, traveling auditor of the Southern railway, who was seriously injured in the wreck at Reedy Fork twelve days ago. Mr. Carter was in the Norfolk sleeper of the ill-fated train No. 11, and at the time of the wreck was caught in upper berth No. 19, and his shoulder blade broken and left arm crushed.

He was in the sleeper car four hours, in water up to his neck, before he could be removed. As yet the extent of his injuries has not been learned. It is said, as the nervous shock was very severe. Mrs. Carter, his wife, Mrs. Richard Carter, and Walter Carter are with him at St. Leo's hospital, at Greensboro.

DENMARK'S PRESS ON COOK AFFAIR

Dr. Egan Believes Cook Is an Honest Man, and Is Victim of His Own Mistake.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Newspapers here find comfort for the Cook affair in the thought that the Danes accepted the explorer's word as that of a gentleman. The Koeben Haven says: "Cook's boasting our university is his greatest shame. Fortunately the university tells the world of his mistake."

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No longer can anyone remark on the beauty of the Pigeon; it is only the blackness of it they speak of now. The water at Newport is inky black, and although a tannery empties its waste here, the character of the water is thereby changed but little—it is black already. No fish can live in the chemical compounds that are emptied into the water at Canton. Even the swells of Newport, it is said, have been polluted by the water from the river. It is said that there is a federal statute against polluting the waters of navigable streams, and while the Pigeon is not navigable, it is a tributary of the Tennessee river which is, and it is upon this basis that the congressmen expect to interest themselves.

HENDERSONVILLE LADY DIES SUDDENLY HERE

Mrs. Livingston, Wife of Ticket Agent Burned, in Florida.

The Gazette-News Bureau. Hotel Gates, Hendersonville, Dec. 22.—A message received here from Daytona, Fla., to the effect that Charles Hefner, the 20 years old son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hefner of Hendersonville, had been seriously burned. No details of the accident are learned. Mr. Hefner, who spent the summer at his home here, is employed as a drug clerk in Daytona.

ESSON GRANITE BUSINESS IS NOW IN GOOD SHAPE

C. J. Harris Said to Be Interested in Plans for Re-organization of Concern.

Information received here today was to the effect that an early termination of the receivership of the Eason Granite companies near Salisbury is looked for. The companies, under the management of Receiver George R. Collins, are making money, it is said. The Salisbury Post of yesterday prints a story to the effect that C. J. Harris is interested in the re-organization. Following is the Post's story: "A re-organization of the Eason company, which controls the splendid group of granite quarries in and around Granite Quarry, is expected about the first of the year. While nothing official is given out it is learned from an entirely reliable source that Charles J. Harris, one of the most prominent and wealthiest business men in western North Carolina, is so much impressed with the property and its ability to earn money that he is considering a plan of re-organization in which he will figure prominently."

"The operation of the quarries continues under the direction of George R. Collins, receiver, and a big lot of work is turned out every week."

"PIGEON RIVER" NOT WELL NAMED

Tennessee People Complain That Champion Fibre Company Has Made It a Poison Stream.

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Even at Knoxville the water is said to be impure, so much so that the city, it is said, is having to take steps to purify its supply. What steps congress may take in the matter is, of course, problematical; but the probable course of regarding the waste is to empty it into sink pits and the chemicals precipitated out, before the waste is allowed to empty into the river, it is the talk here. The nuisance from tannery waste, it is said, is abated, but the sulphite and soda liquors from the Fibre company fall in precipitates, continuing to contaminate the stream.

COCKE COUNTY, TENN., BUILDING GOOD ROADS

One, a Link in the Charlotte-Knoxville Highway—Expending \$200,000—Newport's Industry.

Special to The Gazette-News. Newport, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The citizens of Cocke county have recently placed themselves upon record as favoring the good roads movement and already results are being realized. It is by having voted \$200,000 in bonds that the movement is being furthered in this county. The work has been begun, the board of county commissioners employing competent engineers and labor, and supervising it, rather than let the work by contract. Beginning at Newport, the principal roads leading to all parts of the county will be Macadamized. Among the roads upon which improvement is contemplated is the one leading from Newport to the state line, towards Asheville, and will become a part of the proposed highway from Charlotte to Knoxville by way of Asheville.

TRAGEDY OF CHRISTMAS THAT WRINGS THE HEART

Rather Than Face Her Children Without Presents, Mother Takes Her Own Life.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Rather than face her six little ones on the morning of Christmas, since she had no presents for them, nor any means of procuring them, Mrs. Sarah Emble of this city this morning destroyed herself.

The poor mother, driven to the utmost of desperation by her situation, committed suicide by asphyxiation.

ARMED DEPUTIES PATROL STREETS

It Is Believed the Threatened Race War in Magnolia Has Been Averted—Negroes Corralled.

Montgomery, Dec. 22.—Col. Carter, with 38 men and Sheriff Grant, heading a posse, left Magnolia this morning, escorting three negroes to be jailed at Linden. The negroes are charged with a breach of the peace. They were arrested and guarded last night by soldiers, as a result of the trouble that arose out of the burning of Clint Montgomery, one of the negro slayers of Algonon Lewis Saturday. There will probably be no more danger of a race riot. Will Montgomery, the last of the accused murderers, is still at large. Poses and dogs are hunting him.

Excitement Not All Allayed. Magnolia, Ala., Dec. 22.—With state troops and armed deputies patrolling the streets and the public roads, leading into the town and with thirty-three of the negro ring leaders corralled in an improvised stockade, the threatened race war is believed to have been averted. Excitement, however, has not been altogether allayed and last night every white man's home in Magnolia and for several miles around was guarded against threatened revengeful acts on the part of negroes who resent the burning of Clint Montgomery, one of the four negro desperadoes, brothers, charged with the killing Saturday night of Algonon Lewis.

Cooler Heads Prevailed. The section for miles around was stirred yesterday by reports that the negroes were planning to attack the town, burn the residences and murder every white person they could find. The reports were apparently well founded and by 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Magnolia was filled with armed white men and a serious clash with the negroes was imminent. Doubtless the arrival of the seventy-five soldiers here at 5 o'clock prevented the outbreak. Several of the negroes connected with the alleged plot to burn the town had already been apprehended and only the cooler heads among the citizens, and Sheriff Grant and seventy-five armed deputies prevented a summary vengeance being meted out to them before the Selma troops reached here. The officers assert that they have matters well in hand.

Last night Sam Shields, a relative of Tom Shields, one of the four white men shot by Clint Montgomery, reported that he overheard a number of negroes plotting a systematic attack upon the whites. There was a large gathering of the negroes at a house near town and Mr. Shields says they planned to go from house to house in Magnolia applying the torch and killing the occupants as they made effort to escape from the fires. Runners were sent out after midnight conveying this information to the whites.

It was learned that for several weeks past the negroes have been purchasing fire arms, and this added color to the reports that they were planning a combined attack upon the whites. A visit was made yesterday to the home of Dick Montgomery, father of the four brothers whose acts led up to the present strained conditions, but he was not found. He is prominent in negro secret societies, and the report spread that he was rounding up members of his lodges in the outlying country for the purpose of making a determined attack upon the whites.

Reports Circulated. Last night a report reached here that a white man had been shot and fatally wounded by negroes, but it could not be verified. The thirty-three negroes who are held in a guarded store building here will be taken to the county jail at Linden. Other arrests of negroes are expected to be made.

The soldiers from Selma reached here after nightfall and at 5 o'clock soldiers were placed around the vacant storehouses where the negroes are confined. These negroes were arrested because of reported threats that they had made against whites or because they were suspected of having been implicated in the murder of young Algonon Lewis by the four Montgomery negroes.

Ernest Slade, the white man who was desperately wounded when Clint Montgomery fired on a posse, has been taken to his home at Lamson. He is terribly wounded but surgeons give hope of his recovery.

Warrior Sentenced. Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Charles L. Warriner, the deposed local treasurer of the Big Four railroad, pleaded guilty of embezzlement, and was sentenced to serve six years in the Ohio penitentiary.

Small Children Burned to Death. Delaware, O., Dec. 22.—The small children of Jasper Williamson were burned to death in a fire in the home, while the parents were absent from the house.

Strained Relations And Causes of Strain

ASSASSINATION IN HIGH PLACES

Korean Premier, Russian Police Chief, Roumanian Premier Are the Victims.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Ki, head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded yesterday by a Korean, Yie Chain Yong. The assailant is a young Christian, formerly a resident of the United States. The premier was riding in a jirikshaw when the assassin approached with a knife which he thrust twice into the premier's abdomen, and once into a lung. The assassin then killed the premier's jirikshaw man.

The assassin, a youth 20 years old, has been arrested. Whatever was the motive for the assassination of Chief Magistrate Jackson, the outrage increases the ever present fear of an uprising against British rule in India. Attempts have been made in India against the lives of Lord Minto, Lord Kitchener, Sir Andrew Fraser and many other English officials.

Seriously Wounded by an Anarchist. Washington, Dec. 22.—Official dispatches were received by the state department this morning from Bucharest, stating that the prime minister of Roumania had been shot and seriously wounded by an anarchist.

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

The Baptists at Meeting Held in Raleigh Yesterday Divided \$40,000 Among Home Missions.

The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, 22. Everything has been completed in the way of preliminary arrangements for the greatest series of farmers' institutes ever held in the state. These are found to be of immense value and they have very firmly established themselves in the favor of the farmers and also the families of farmers, since so much attention is paid the women in this work. It is a plan to cover every county in the state next year. The workers who have just returned from the line of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railway, where the first institutes in that section were held, made so fine an impression that the officials of the road desired them to cover that part of the line in Tennessee, but they thought best not to do this.

Money for Missions. In the city yesterday were many prominent Baptists, members of the board of missions of that church and these met last evening in the Baptist tabernacle and divided some \$40,000 among the various mission fields. The Baptist have done their best year's work, in every respect. One branch of their work is the increase of the fund for Wake Forest college, and when this is made up the denomination will take up the matter of raising money for Meredith college here. It is the plan to purchase more property and to build a large and handsome conservatory of music, with a spacious auditorium. The present auditorium is too small for use on great occasions.

The will of the late Dr. Hal H. Harris of Wake Forest has been probated, the value of the estate being estimated at \$75,000. Dr. Harris was a surgeon in the Confederate service, and Continued on page three.

How It Happens That Mr. Grant Is no Longer in Harmony With Erstwhile Friends.

NAMES OF THE M'KEES FIGURE IN SITUATION

Mr. Grant's Refusal to See Things Through Pennsylvania Eyes Has Brought About Coolness. Special to The Gazette-News. Washington, Dec. 22.—There has been considerable speculation of late relative to the probable causes that have led to the strained relations that now obtain between Congressman Grant and certain gentlemen who, until recently, have been numbered among his active friends by those who thought they knew the alignment. For example, the course of true friendship is obviously not running smooth between the congressman and Mr. Settle, and allied interests. The whyfore your correspondent thinks he is in position to relate. There came a certain Pennsylvania. Once upon a time, as any approved novelist would say, there came to Congressman Grant a member of the Pennsylvania delegation in congress, Mr. Olmstead. The Pennsylvania member admitted an interest in North Carolina patronage matters, just as all Pennsylvania members have an interest in the subject. A consular position had just been secured for a gentleman from the Keystone state, and charged to North Carolina, so why should not Pennsylvanians be chosen to fill the several vacancies in this state? Well, Mr. Olmstead made it known to Mr. Grant that he had friends in Asheville, Mr. and Mrs. McKee, and he asked that the latter be made postmaster at the expiration of the term of Major Rollins. Mr. Olmstead seemed to take it for granted that this program would meet with no objection, or, if there should arise a protest here and there, no North Carolinian would have the hardihood to run counter to the known wishes of any Pennsylvanian. Besides, was not Mr. Grant a new member, and therefore impressionable, and very desirous of making friends in high places?

But Mr. Grant feared he would be unable to make this recommendation, even at the risk of appearing to be unwilling to oblige. He pointed out that his next friend, Mr. Logan, his capable chairman, was in line for recognition, and he rather thought he would have to recommend his chairman for that position.

He Comes Again. Mr. Olmstead was, of course, surprised, a sensation made manifest by ever so slightly elevated eyebrows, but the next day he appeared mollified. He had been struck very forcibly over night with an idea, and the next morning he again encountered Mr. Grant in the republican cloakroom, and informed the astonished "Tar Heel" that "they" would not ask for the postoffice for the lady, but had "decided to take" the position of marshal.

Grant gasped; he did not think he could make even that recommendation, however much he would like to please, and, besides, who was Mr. McKee? At the risk of giving offense Mr. Grant felt constrained to tell the Pennsylvania member that he had never been favored with an introduction to Mr. Olmstead's friend, and that he had worried through the campaign in ignorance of the fact that there resided in his district such a power in the world of politics.

That Mr. Olmstead was indignant—that his righteous indignation was aroused, in point of fact, is to put the mildest possible construction on his emotions. There was no longer any attempt to conceal the abysmal contempt which all northern republicans feel for their brethren in the south. Now when Mr. Olmstead passes the North Carolina member in the corridors, or in the cloakrooms, he passes on without speaking. Mr. Grant says the gentleman from Pennsylvania is mad.

What Is Worrying Mr. Grant. It is not, however, the displeasure of the member from Pennsylvania that is of immediate concern to Congressman Grant. Only half the story has been told, because the other half is in North Carolina. Working in harmony with Mr. Olmstead, was former Congressman Settle, at the Asheville end of the line. It was Mr. Settle's mission—performed with a finesse that of course challenged the admiration of those on the inside—to direct the attention of Congressman Grant, and his next friend, Mr. Logan, to a manifold advantage that would accrue to the North Carolina member if he would become a party to the working agreement with Mr. Olmstead. Mr. Logan was told by Mr. Settle what a fine thing it would be for Mr. Grant to have friends at court, and how Mr. Grant would become so powerful that he, Logan, would find the way cleared for him in the matter of the postoffice. The Big Four would be Olmstead, McKee, Settle and Logan. Mr. Logan is said to have listened attentively; it would of course be nice to have the kindly intervention of the Continued on Page Four.