

KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM DEAD.

He Passed Away Last Thursday Night From the Effects of Heart Disease.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—A contest over the succession to the throne of Belgium is possible.

The Vatican is reported to have confirmed the marriage a year ago of King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan. Two sons are said to have been born from the union, and both survive. The elder is Lucian, 5 years old. It is reported he will claim the throne. Prince Albert, heir presumptive, is a nephew of Leopold II.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—All Brussels mourns today. Flags on public buildings are at half mast. Private houses are draped. The body of the king, clothed in uniform of a Lieutenant General, remains in the chamber of the Palms, where death entered last night, surrounded only by those who won and retained the King's close friendship. The expression on the dead monarch's face is peacefully as though the end was painless. The body will be placed in a casket tonight when the period of mourning officially begins.

Dr. Thiria said the King was suffering from a malady of the heart, but it was decided to resort to surgery to prevent terrible suffering.

Formation of the Regency Council which nominally hold the reins of government until the heir to the throne, Prince Albert, has taken the oath of ascension, was announced this morning.

The court begins mourning for six months, while the period of mourning for the household continues one year.

Zelaya Tells Why He Came to Resign.

Managua, Dec. 27.—President Zelaya has cabled a conciliatory message to President Taft, saying he showed good faith by resigning in order that Nicaragua might resume friendly relations with the United States.

He added he proposed to leave the country but stood ready to account for his acts as president.

Managua, Dec. 17.—Zelaya, in his message to President Taft, says to avoid harm to his country, and desiring to renew friendly relations with the United States, he sent his resignation to Congress. He declares:

"As my opponents consider my presence a disturbing factor I propose to show good faith by leaving Nicaragua. I stand ready to account for my acts."

United States Collier Saturn arrived at Corinto today. Dr. Julian Irias, minister general, has been created general, supposedly with the view to elevation to command the army when Maderiz assumes the presidency.

Hobo Pulls Man Under Train Wheels.

In trying to pull a "hobo" off of a slowly moving freight train at Newell's station last night about 7 o'clock, A. W. Eatman, an operator for the Southern Railroad, was dragged under the train and his right foot so badly bruised that amputation was necessary.

Mr. Eatman says that he was standing about 80 feet from the station when he heard some one cursing him and looking around discovered the hobo on the rods under the car. The train was moving very slowly and he reached under the car and tried to dislodge the man but was caught by his left arm and slowly dragged under the wheels. The train moved on and the wheels of one car passed over his foot. He was immediately brought to the Presbyterian Hospital in this city and the operation was performed. The young man is resting easily this afternoon. —Charlotte News of Dec. 20th.

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MANAGUA ACCLAIMS MADRIZ

Police Protection is Necessary, However for the Prospective Successor of Zelaya.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 19.—Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Cartago, who has been put forward as candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here today. Long before he reached the capital Madriz was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments, and acclaimed all along the way from Corinto to Managua.

At this place the crowds awaiting the appearance of the candidate were extraordinary. Troops and police were out in force for the protection of Madriz, who proceeded on foot to a hotel through an almost inextricable mass of people, the soldiers and detectives breaking a way for him through the solid ranks, pushing and throwing aside the frantic people.

In front of the park there were hostile cries against the attempt of the soldiers to clear the street and immediately fifty civilians, all of them residents of Leon, the home of Madriz and the stronghold of the Liberals who favor his candidacy, whipped out revolvers, brandishing them in the air. They formed a compact mass around Madriz, acting as his bodyguard and escorting him to his quarters.

For a moment the situation was critical. There were shouts of "Viva Leon; to hell with Managua." No shots were fired, however, and the procession went on its way. The presidential candidate's face was flushed and wore a look of anxiety. He was accompanied to the hotel by the Mexican minister and from this place the crowds were shut out.

Dr. Madriz arrived at 9 o'clock this morning at Corinto aboard the steamer Acapulco from Santa Arenas, Costa Rica. He was received by commissions representing Congress, the Supreme Court and the municipalities of Leon, Managua, Chinandega and Masaya. A salute of 101 guns was fired in his honor. Soldiers lined the piers at attention and enthusiasm marked the greeting of the

crowds along the water front. Dr. Madriz, though seemingly well pleased at his welcome, made no speech. Soon after he landed he said in an interview:

"I shall accept the honor which has been offered me. I am not the candidate of Leon, but of the entire republic. My chief concern will be to appraise the ancient sectionalism which has divided certain localities."

Dr. Madriz said that he was not certain how the revolutionists would receive him. He had sent a delegate to Bluefields to confer with the revolutionary leaders there, but his representative had not been permitted to land. General Estrada sent word that if he had come to entreat for peace it was useless. Madriz was hopeful, however, that he would succeed in making peace with the revolutionists.

He had conferred at Punta Arenas with Adam Cardenas, the former President of Nicaragua and now head of the conservative party, and a mutual promise of co-operation had been exchanged. Cardenas was overthrown from the presidency by Zelaya in 1891. Recently he was reported as having taken the field against his old enemy, heading an expedition which was preparing in Costa Rica for an attack upon Nicaragua. It also was asserted that the former President had bound himself to support the candidacy of General Estrada.

Dr. Madriz declined to comment upon Zelaya's administration, nor would he discuss the question of intervention by the United States, but he expressed the hope that an amicable settlement would be reached, as he had trust in the high sense of justice of the American people.

The candidate was met at Chinandega and Leon by almost as great crowds as had gathered at Corinto, and they shouted "Long live the savior of Nicaragua." There was, however, a remarkable absence of hostile cries of Zelaya. The people of Leon were wildest in the demonstration of friendliness. Flowers were showered upon Madriz, as though he were a hero returning from the wars. Cannon were fired and skyrockets shot into the air, despite the daylight. The band played "The Marseillaise," while many joined in the singing of the hymn. Col-

orps in the breeze were two American flags.

In a speech of welcome a Leonese journalist, perched upon the shoulders of friends at the station platform, said: "This is no time for a policy of conciliation or pardon. It is the time for a policy of punishment for the offenders against the public good."

In Managua the situation is tense. Zelaya has offered the American consul a guard of soldiers for the consulate but this offer has been declined.

H. J. Eddeman, who has been sick for the past week, his many friends will be glad to note, is now able to be at his post of duty. His sufferer a severe case of the gripp.

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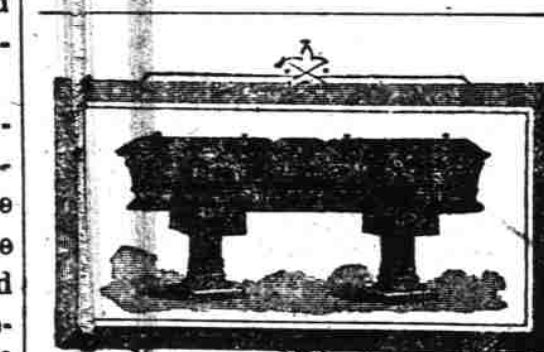
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