

GETS MILLION FOR INFORMING ON THE SUGAR GRAFTERS

Customs Employee Who Found Crooked Scales Will be Well Paid

COLLECTOR LOEB ENDORSES CLAIM

Other Claimants For Reward Offered by Law For Smuggling in Formers

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, has approved the claim to a moiety by Richard Parr, the deputy collector and original informer in the sugar frauds of the \$2,135,486 paid into the United States treasury by the American Sugar Refining company as derelicting. The announcement will be made by The Tribune in the morning.

According to the statutes regulating such awards, Parr will receive "not exceeding in amount one-half of the net proceeds," which will mean in this case if the claim is approved by the treasury department, approximately \$1,000,000.

Mr. Loeb approved the claim only after a thorough investigation by Harrison Osborne, solicitor of the customs. He held that the claim was valid in that Parr, on November 29, 1907, discovered a steel spring which was used by the company's checkers to influence the weight of draughts of sugar adversely. This had been the scheme to defraud, and it was due to the evidence obtained as the consequence of the events of November 29 that a jury in the civil suit against the company last spring gave a verdict of guilty, which was followed by the paying of the penalty, \$125,000, and the restitution of \$2,000,000 following.

Others Claim Reward. Parr is not the only claimant for the award. He has had a serious rival in Edwin L. Anderson, another customs employe, but the inference is that Parr will win out for the treasury department has ratified practically every move of Mr. Loeb in the vast sugar scandals.

There is some conflict of statutes concerning payments of this character, but it is said that in any event

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BODY OF LEOPOLD LIES IN STATE IN THE ROYAL PALACE

Is Viewed by Thousands of His Loyal Subjects Amid Splendor of Death Chamber

CATHOLIC EPISCOPATE EULOGIZES HIS REIGN

Socialists Become Restive And Will Not Swear Allegiance to Prince Albert

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19.—The body of King Leopold lay in state in the royal palace today while thousands who had patiently waited their turn to be admitted, lined silently before the catafalque and paid homage to their late sovereign.

In the presence of Prince Albert and the officers and dignitaries of the court and government, the coffin had been borne to the mortuary chamber, while priests chanted the misere and a procession of nuns told the rosary for the dead.

Passing through the garden and courtyard up the broad marble staircase, embanked with magnificent floral pieces and across the vast reception hall, those who had come to the palace found themselves in a room of state, the draperies of which were black with silver fringe. It was lit up with the glare of electric globes and the softer glow of hundreds of candles.

Catholics Laud Him. The mahogany casket in which the king lay was half draped with the colors of the old grenadier regiment and surrounded by his daughters, floral wreaths. It was guarded on either side by three officers, in uniforms glittering with gold and swords brought up to the royal salute.

Against the walls and between the tall palms other officers held the standards of the kingdom. In front of the coffin were kneeling nuns and priest. For three hours the stream of people passed through the palace, witnesses of the impressive scene. The Belgian episcopate today issued a pastoral letter eulogizing King Leopold as the apostle of peace and justice, the glorifier of the catholic faith and the promoter of Christian civilization.

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MADRIZ HAILED BY NICARAGUANS AS NEXT PRESIDENT

Makes Triumphant Entry Into Capital as if He Were Already Chosen

INSURGENTS REFUSE TO RECEIVE MESSAGE

Although Hailed as Deliverer by People Situation is Still Very Tense

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 19.—Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Caraque, 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 sent out in force for the protection of Madriz who proceeded on foot to a hotel through an almost impenetrable mass of people, the soldiers and detectives breaking a way for him through the solid ranks, pushing and throwing aside the frantic people.

Civilians Make Way. 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 complete compact 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 moved. 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.

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ASHEVILLE-FLORIDA TRAIN SERVICE TO BE IMPROVED MARCH 6

Southern Railway Makes Announcement To Effect That Two New Trains Will be Operated Between Asheville and Columbia. Means Much to The Future of City.

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, '09. "J. H. Wood, Asheville, N. C. "Referring to your recent visit to Washington and interview with Mr. Cary and me, and also your letter to Mr. Cary, recommending the Asheville-Florida train service.

"We are glad to inform you that as our management is desirous of doing all that they consistently can in behalf of Asheville, it has been decided to operate this service beginning first Sunday in March, the sixth. This will mean a new train between Asheville and Columbia in each direction connecting immediately at Columbia with our Florida trains Nos. 29 and 30 and the Cincinnati-Jacksonville car via Asheville will be handled on these trains, making the lay-over a few hours at Asheville and no lay-over at Columbia for this service.

"Please give this information to the citizens of Asheville who may be interested including the mayor, board of trade, hotels and newspapers.

"If this service is to be sufficiently remunerative to be maintained the fullest co-operation on part of the people of Asheville will, of course, be necessary as you are aware.

"Detailed schedule figures will be furnished you in a few days. "S. H. HARDWICK."

The foregoing telegram from Mr. S. H. Hardwick, passenger traffic manager of the Southern railway, speaks for itself. It means that the much needed through service between this city and Jacksonville, Florida, is to be a reality on March 6th, the time for the returning Florida resorters to visit Asheville.

The addition of these two trains each day between this city and the South will enable the hotels and board of trade of Asheville to make proper effort to secure their share of this high class patronage to which this city is entitled. There will be a greatly improved chance of bringing the Northern tourists around this way with a good train service, and the number of our visitors in the early spring should be greatly increased.

A portion of the advertising fund has been withheld for the special purpose of attracting the resorters from Florida in the event of this expected improvement in the train service, and the winter advertising campaign will now be extended to include the Florida and the Southern resorts.

The action of the Southern railway while not entirely a surprise, comes as an unexpected piece of good news.

It might be termed a Christmas present from the railroad in the city of Asheville, for it has not generally been supposed that the desired action would be taken until after the officials of the road had visited the city to confer with the committee recently appointed to discuss the matter with them.

The movement for a better train service to and from the South was begun by The Citizen several weeks ago when it was discovered that the plans for advertising this city in Southern resorts would be badly handicapped by lack of railroad facilities to handle the people who might want to come to Asheville. Private correspondence with the railroad officials was supported by published interviews from many prominent citizens. As a result of the discussion Mr. J. H. Wood was called to Washington for a conference with the passenger officials, and he endorsed and urged the addition of the desired trains to the present service. The outcome is told in the telegram printed above.

Mr. J. L. Alexander, proprietor of the Battery Park hotel, upon receipt of a copy of the announcement of the improved service, sent the following

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GIRL OF MYSTERY WHO ATTEMPTED SUICIDE CONCEALS IDENTITY

Asked that Man's Handkerchief and Withered Violets be Buried with Her

WILL PROBABLY LIVE

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 19.—Having thus far successfully resisted every effort to ascertain her identity, the strange young woman who at Wrightsville Beach last week signed herself "Ruth Lorton, Chicago," prior to attempting suicide, both by land and sea, and shooting, will live, according to the program mapped out by the county authorities. Immediately thereafter application for the extradition of Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin now held in the Tombs here, will be made. It is believed that the two sisters in New York on the advice of counsel will consent to go to New Jersey for trial without a legal fee.

Miss Wardlaw maintained the family's utmost morbid desire for seclusion today when she requested that the bars of her cell be plastered with newspapers in order that the other prisoners might not look at her. But because of precedent that the granting of such a request would create, her plea was refused. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, in separate cells, spent a quiet day at the Tombs. They are to be arraigned in a police court tomorrow for a continuation of the preliminary hearing which was begun on Saturday.

Prosecutor Mott of Essex county, N. J., says that he has positive evidence that both Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin were instrumental in engaging the house in which Ocey Snead died. Charles Kirk, an eleven year old messenger boy, will testify that he carried Mrs. Martin's suit case in East Orange on November 17, while the prosecutor says he has additional evidence that Mrs. Martin was in the house after Ocey Snead met death and before Miss Wardlaw so tardily notified the police.

THREE SILENT SISTERS MAINTAIN RETICENCE AS TO BATH TUB MURDER

Will Be Indicted Tuesday for Murder of Ocey Snead and Will Not Talk

EVIDENCE FOUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The three eccentric sisters—Miss Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Mary Snead and Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, all charged with the murder of Ocey Snead, whose emaciated body was found in a bath tub at East Orange, N. J., will be indicted by the Essex county, New Jersey, grand jury on Tuesday next, according to the program mapped out by the county authorities. Immediately thereafter application for the extradition of Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin now held in the Tombs here, will be made. It is believed that the two sisters in New York on the advice of counsel will consent to go to New Jersey for trial without a legal fee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Taft, accompanied by his son Charles returned today from Westport, Conn., where on yesterday he attended the funeral of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Horace D. Taft.

ZELAYA'S RESIGNATION MERELY A PRETENSE TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

Whom he can Manage and thus Control Government

MEXICO INVOLVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Nicaraguan insurgents are growing tired of awaiting attack, according to advice received here tonight and a decisive battle between the government troops and the army under Gen. Juan J. Estrada may be expected within the next two or three days. It is a cablogram to Dr. Castillo, the representative here of the provisional government of Nicaragua, Gen. Estrada says: "The enemy has been out in front for eight days. We are strongly entrenched before Rama and are awaiting the first opportunity to take the offensive in accordance with certain plans."

What the military plans are is not made clear, nor do the agents of the Estrada party know positively. They declare, however, that Estrada undoubtedly has been extending and perfecting his system of trenches. Private advices from Bluefields, likewise received by members of the Estrada party here declared that the resignation of President Zelaya is the veriest pretense. The informant here also says that the entire procedure is a plot, in which are involved Dr. Madriz, General Irujo, both of whom are mentioned as Zelaya's successor, and a representative of Mexico at the Nicaraguan capital.

MRS. BELMONT PRACTICAL IN HELPING HER SEX

Remains in Police Station Nearly All Night to Bail Out Girl Strikers

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Mrs. O. P. H. Belmont demonstrated by the small hours of today that she has the interest of her sex of the working class at heart.

Three o'clock this morning found her in the night court awaiting the disposition of the cases of four women shirtwaist workers charged with disorderly conduct in connection with the strike. Several lawyers have been retained by Mrs. Belmont to defend the strikers but with the approach of morning they had disappeared, and when the girls were called to the bar no one was present to appear for them.

Mrs. Belmont here stepped into the gap and offered bail for the girls, tendering her home in Madison avenue as security.

"Is your house worth \$500?" inquired Magistrate Butts, in routine manner and tone.

"I think it is," replied Mrs. Belmont. "It is valued at \$400,000, but I think there may be a mortgage upon it for \$100,000 which I raised to help the shirtwaist strikers and the women's suffrage movement."

The security was accepted.

REPUBLICAN AT FUNERAL THOUGH BARRED BY WILL

Man Who Carried Political Prejudices to Grave Unable to Protest

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Henry Brauman of Samsonville tried to carry his political beliefs and prejudices beyond the grave, and although he directed that no republican should be allowed to have anything to do with his funeral yesterday, by mistake one pall bearer turned out to be a member of the party he hated.

"No republican shall have anything to do with my funeral," he said frequently during his lifetime, and in his last sickness he impressed upon his family and friends that they were to be particular to select a democratic undertaker, democratic dominion and democratic pall bearers.

In selecting the pall bearers the bereaved family chose men they thought were true blue democrats. When the mourners assembled for the funeral they recognized among the bearers one man who was as strong a republican as the deceased had been a democrat.

The situation was explained to the republican, who quietly withdrew. Another friend was selected to fill his place. After the burial it was learned that the substitute was a strong republican, too, but his republicanism was unknown because he never discussed politics.

RICHMOND CAN DRINK. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 19.—Richmond's long delayed water settlement basin system is pronounced complete at last and water from the basins will be turned into the city reservoirs through a new flume just constructed tomorrow or Tuesday, clear water for the city being definitely promised by Christmas day.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE. NAPLES, Dec. 19.—A manufactory of explosives near Caserta exploded today five persons being killed and five injured.

CANNOT FIND PLACE TO BUILD NEGRO HOSPITAL

After Trying Two Locations it is Found That Funds Cannot be Used at All

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 19.—The mayor and members of the city council will breathe a sigh of relief when Nichols and Nichols, city attorneys, announce tomorrow that they are of the opinion that the city cannot use the proceeds of the sale of the colored cemetery, now held in trust for the colored people of the city by council, for the erection of a hospital. The report will be made at the regular meeting of council tomorrow afternoon and action will be taken.

With every section of the city that has been spoken of as a suitable location for a colored hospital up in arms against the project, and Rev. J. S. Watkins, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, threatening the city with a suit for not building the hospital, the council is in a dilemma. The money in question, amounting to \$5,000, was realized from the sale of the colored cemetery near the C. & W. C. depot about two years ago. Some time ago the negroes of the city decided that they wanted the money applied toward building and maintaining a hospital for their race.

An option was taken on a lot on Hampton avenue and council was about to locate it there when a warlike petition protesting against a negro hospital in that section of town came in from the residents of nearby streets. An attempt to locate in another part of town met the same fate. Finally a site in the midst of a negro section on South Liberty street was selected and had practically been agreed on when council, at its meeting Monday afternoon, received a petition from the people of that section refusing to stand for such an institution in their midst. Notice of the threatened suit by Dr. J. S. Watkins was received at the same meeting, and the matter went over.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL ANSWER CRIMINAL CHARGE. Swanson Asks That Requisition for Officer be withdrawn.

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LURTON'S RECORD ON THE BENCH WILL BE INVESTIGATED

His Pro-Corporation Tendencies Not Liked by Some Senators

NOMINATION WILL BE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER

Senators May Vote Against Him to Put Themselves on Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—With probably fewer than a quorum of members of either house in the city, all legislation in congress during the next few days will be by common consent. The house will undertake nothing more than the passage of some bills of minor importance, and the completion of its work on the bill, which already has been under consideration for two or three days.

It had been hoped that the army supply bill might be taken up and disposed of before adjournment, but that program has been abandoned in the face of the departure of so many members. It is expected that very little time will be necessary for the disposal of the District of Columbia bill, and with it out of the way the house, in the main, will simply "read water" until the time for adjournment for the holidays.

Will Confirm Lorton. The senate will undertake very little except the confirmation of Hon. Horace K. Lorton to be an associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States. The nomination will be reported favorably to the senate on Monday and an effort will be made to have it acted upon. The present indications are that there will be no objection to such a course and that Mr. Lorton's confirmation will take place before the beginning of the holidays thus enabling him to take his seat on the Supreme court bench upon the reconvening of that body after the holidays.

It is not expected that a nomination will be presented either Monday or Tuesday, and if such should prove to be the case a call for an adjournment would have the effect of postponing action until January. No one seems willing to accept this responsibility, and Senator Bacon of the judiciary committee who has charge of the nomination is hopeful that the expediency of such a call will not be resorted to.

Interesting Record. Undoubtedly there are a number of senators who consider Mr. Lorton's age to be against him but the objection does not go to the extent of pronounced opposition.

Some investigation is being made of Judge Lorton's decisions as a circuit judge with a view to determining the foundation of the charges that they are in the interest of corporations and a statement covering this phase of the question probably will be presented to the senate when the subject is taken up for consideration.

In the main the disposition is to allow the president to have his way in the selection of a successor to Justice Peckham, but many of the senators are disposed to make a record regarding Mr. Lorton's shortcomings, as he has any. If it were a question of success or defeat, Mr. Lorton would have many champions and there is no doubt would be confirmed on a vote. The only question involved at this time is the advisability of delay. He would be confirmed soon after the holidays, even though the question should be deferred so long. Both houses will adjourn Tuesday for two weeks, the day for reconvening being fixed for Tuesday, January 4.

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The requisition reached Governor Swanson yesterday and almost at the same time with it there came a telegram from Judge Williams, counsel at Roanoke, Va., as follows: "We assure you that Judge Williams will appear at the January term of the criminal court of McDowell county, and that no requisition is, or ever has been necessary."

It appears from the affidavits accompanying the requisition for the person of Judge Williams that the indictment charges malicious and fel-



WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Forecast for North Carolina: Local rains or snow Monday, Tuesday generally fair, moderate to northeast winds.