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The Insurgents Are Confident Of Success

General Estrada to Assume the Aggressive—Steamer Brings Arms and Ammunition for Insurgent Forces.

President Zelaya's Troops Making no Effort to Evacuate the City—Rumor Has it Zelaya Will Resign.

By Associated Press. Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 1.—The Norwegian steamer, Stravangeren, arrived from New York with arms and ammunition for the insurgents.

The latter have been handicapped by lack of ammunition. They are now well equipped and also supplied with machine guns and small arms.

The insurgent camp announces that the plan of action will be changed, Gen. Estrada immediately assuming the aggressive.

Gen. Chamorro arrived and reports the situation at Greytown unchanged. President Zelaya's troops are making no effort to evacuate the city, nor any preparation for march upon Bluefields. The insurgents are confident of unlimited success. They state that recruits are arriving from many sources and daily strengthening Estrada's cause.

The impression is general that the situation now existing will soon end, despite Zelaya's claims to the contrary.

It is reported that the Nicaraguan president has less than 5,000 troops at all points with which to attack the insurgents and regain the eastern coast, which has been lost to him.

Prominent Liberals, now fugitives from Managua, are joining the forces of Gen. Chamorro.

Reinforcements have been sent to Gen. Matuty, who reported a decisive victory over the government troops near Rama Monday.

He announces that he expects another engagement today.

Matuty is a Peruvian and relieved Gen. Fornes Diaz at the head of the insurgent force. Diaz is incapacitated by illness.

Will Zelaya Resign?

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Dispatches continue to be received at the state department indicating that President Zelaya is contemplating retiring from the presidency of Nicaragua.

The latest one from Bluefields states Zelaya, in all probability, would turn over the presidency to Irujo, his present minister-general. Whether this is Zelaya's real intention or whether it is a play for time is not known.

France May Act. Paris, Dec. 1.—The foreign office called today to French consuls in Nicaragua, instructing them to furnish information regarding the published reports that citizens of France have been ill treated in Nicaragua. Upon the nature of the replies will depend the subsequent action of this government.

President Issues A "Gag Order"

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 1.—President Taft issues a "gag order" prohibiting bureau chiefs, officers of the army and navy, marine corps stationed here, from giving information to committees of the House or Senate, unless authorized by head of the department.

At the White House it was declared the president's order has for its object centralization of authority in department heads.

SUGAR WEIGHING FRAUD CASES BEING TRIED

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 1.—With the resumption today of the trial of Jan. E. Bendernagel, Oliver Spitzer and four other former employees of the American Sugar Refining Company, charged with conspiracy to defraud, there were indications that the government counsel intended in the present action to probe deep into recurrences of a series of years on Williamsburg sugar docks. Further evidence to support the prosecution's charges that men in the sugar company's employ had been systematically defrauding the government out of duties on sugar was presented today.

FINE GROWTH OF BAPTIST CHURCH WORK

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Baptist board of missions, in rounding up the year's work of the denomination in the state, preparatory for the state convention, finds the biggest year's work in the history of the denomination.

Increase in funds raised for all purposes is upwards of \$10,000. The increase in foreign missions is \$3,000; home missions, \$2,600; state missions, \$3,200, and ministerial aid, \$1,000, and ministerial education, \$500.

Gains this year are fully 25 per cent. He reports accessions to the churches greater than in any past year, and the erection of more houses of worship. For the first time in the history the Sunday school department itself is sustaining.

New System For the Navy

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 1.—Secretary Meyer's plan for reorganization of the navy became effective today when the new navy regulations were put into operation. The old bureaucracy gives way to a new system through which line officers will be prominent.

Would Fortify Panama Canal

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 1.—Estimating the total cost of the Panama canal, when finally opened for traffic, at five hundred million dollars, Representative Shively of Kentucky declared today his purpose to urge upon Congress the necessity for building fortifications on both ends of the waterway. Proposed fortifications are estimated to cost five million.

Shively, who is chairman of the subcommittee on fortifications of the house appropriations committee, had a conference with President Taft this morning.

A Life of Sisterly Devotion Unequaled

By Associated Press. Muskego, Mich., Dec. 1.—A life of sisterly devotion having few equals in history was brought to a close in the death of Mrs. Harriet C. Mott, sister of the notorious Bidwell brothers, who made themselves the most famous forgers of the nineteenth century for their million dollar swindle of the Bank of England. Mrs. Mott outlived her brothers and died practically penniless. She devoted her wealth to the cause of freedom for her brothers after the latter were sentenced to life imprisonment and finally triumphed.

Steamer Neuces Ashore

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 1.—The steamer, Neuces, of the Mallory Line, is ashore off French Reef, on the coast of Florida. News was received here by wireless from Key West that the Neuces has sent out a call for assistance and the government tug, Osceola, had been sent to her aid.

Mitchell Succeeds Laffan

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 1.—Edward P. Mitchell, of the editorial staff of the New York Sun, was elected to succeed the late William M. Laffan, as president of the Sun Printing and Publishing Association today.

No Deal With Burley Company

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 1.—The American Tobacco Company announced officially that there is no truth in the reports that the company is negotiating with the Burley Tobacco Company for the purchase of the pool crop of Kentucky tobacco for 1909.

Blood-Stained Bills Found

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 1.—Blood-stained bills were found today in the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, who were arrested charged with the murder of Sol Oysterman. The latter was found dead yesterday with his head crushed, a large amount of money was missing.

Carlike Home Attacked

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The fashionable residence of John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, was attacked today by United States marshals to satisfy New York jewelry firms that claim about \$20,000, the claim being for diamonds and other jewelry bought by Carlisle.



Ten Thousand Men May Be Thrown Out Of Employment

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1.—Ten thousand men will be thrown out of work, if there is a continuation of the switchmen's strike on Northwest railroads in the cities between here and the Pacific coast. The switchmen are determined to hold out for increased wages. Freight trains in many cities are at a standstill. Passenger traffic is crippled.

Many Industries Affected

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 1.—Only two switch engines are working today at head of the lakes and the tie-up of traffic as a result of the switchmen's strike is practically complete. If the situation is not remedied within 48 hours, thousands of employes of railroads, mines, docks, elevators and other industries, will join ranks of the unemployed. The grain trade is greatly affected by the strike.

Kisses To Be Sold At Twenty-five Cents "Per Each"

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 1.—Twenty-five hundred dollars worth of kisses—real lip to lip kisses—will be sold to all comers by twenty charming young women at Turner Hall Sunday, at rates of twenty-five cents and upward per kiss, to raise money to liquidate the debt on the Temple Emanuel.

EXPLOSION OF NITROGLYCERINE MAGAZINE

By Associated Press. Cameron, W. Va., Dec. 1.—With a roar heard 25 miles away, the nitroglycerine magazine of the Marietta Torpedo Company, exploded today. The oil shooter was blown to pieces. Window glass in 500 houses were shattered, chimneys toppled over, and walls cracked. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Chatanooga Buys Little Rock Club

By Associated Press. Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 1.—A deal transferring Little Rock's Southern League baseball franchise to Chattanooga, was closed today. The price paid by Chattanooga was \$12,500.

Endowment of a Million

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—An endowment of \$1,000,000 for Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., was assured last night at a largely attended meeting of Atlanta business men, when announcement was made of the completion of a fund of \$250,000, which brings the total endowment of this well known Presbyterian institution to the million dollar mark.

SUFFERED STROKE WHILE PRAYING

By Associated Press. Paulding, Ohio, Dec. 1.—Stricken with heart failure, while leading in prayer, Mrs. Louisa Timbers, aged 56, died suddenly at a revival meeting.

A Political Crisis at Hand

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 1.—A political crisis, caused by unprecedented action of the House of Lords in refusing its consent to the government's budget, is developing rapidly. The cabinet, which had determined upon its policy in the event of Lord Lansdown's amendment being carried, had an early meeting today to consider the wording of the motion which Premier Asquith will ask the House of Commons to adopt. This motion constitutes a remonstrance against the invasion by peers of the rights of the lower house.

EMISSARY OF ZELAYA ARRIVES

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 1.—In order to place before Secretary of State Knox the explanation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, concerning the trial and execution of Cannon and Grace, two Americans recently put to death in Nicaragua, Pedro Gonzalez has arrived here as Zelaya's private emissary. He bears no official credentials but will make an effort to arrange an interview with Secretary Knox.

Progress of Farming During Past Year

Washington, Dec. 1.—In glowing terms Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture in his annual report pictures the results of the farmers' work for the year ended June 30 last.

"Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture," is the way the Secretary puts it. The value of farm products was \$8,760,000,000, a gain of \$869,000,000 over the preceding year.

In the upward movement of the results of a unique investigation conducted by the department which shows that in fifty cities the total retail cost charged to consumers for beef about the wholesale case paid by the retailers averaged 33 per cent. The lower the grade of beef, the greater was the percentage of gross profit.

In the upward movement of beef prices the farmer, the report says, has not shared equally with the packer, retailer and wholesaler, but as to hogs, the case is different, the farmer receiving nearly his fair share of the higher prices of pork in the increased price of his unfed hogs.

Secretary Wilson notes a great forward movement in enforcing the food and drug acts, the willingness of manufacturers to comply with the department, making the work largely educational.

Working Hard on Rankin Jury

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 1.—After a recess of two days another attempt was made yesterday to complete the jury to try Garrett Johnson and Arthur Clear, alleged leaders of the Reelfoot lake night riders, for the murder of Captain Quenton Rankin. The day was marked by bitter wrangles between attorneys for the state and defense.

Two jurors were secured making nine on the jury. The state announced, however, that it would prefer charges against one of the nine tomorrow. Judge J. E. Jones furnished the sheriff with a list of 200 veniremen to be summoned tomorrow.

Admiral Togo Retires

By Associated Press. Tokyo, Dec. 1.—Admiral Togo, chief general of the staff of the navy, retires today from naval command and becomes a member of the military council.

YOUNG BOY MEETS A TRAGIC END

Special to The News. Salisbury, Dec. 1.—Mills, the 11 year old son of Mr. William Watson, of Woodleaf, was almost instantly killed by being thrown from a wagon while returning home from this city with his father. Mr. Watson was driving two mules and en route home passed an automobile when about five miles out on the Wilkesboro road. The mules became frightened at the auto and started to run, getting beyond control of Mr. Watson and overturning the wagon, throwing the occupants to the ground. They were taken to a farm house near and medical aid summoned but the young boy died shortly afterward. The remains were at once taken on to his home, the family having been notified in the meantime by telephone of his tragic death. Mr. Watson also received painful injuries. The news of the accident was brought to Salisbury by parties on their way to the city and a physician hurried to the scene from this place. Mr. Watson had brought his little boy along to town with him this morning only after the child had repeatedly pleaded to come along.

Nothing Definite Decided by Commission

Arguments in Battle Trial

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 1.—In the Battle trial Mr. Hobbgood, for the defense, and Mr. Coble, for the prosecution, had completed the first arguments to the jury by the noon adjournment. They are to be followed this afternoon by Messrs. Adams and Cooke for the defense.

The position of the defense is that Battle acted by authority of the directors, with full knowledge and approval of the bank examiner in every transaction according to evidence showing this and books showing every dollar of over drafts, notes and so forth of Battle to the Pomona and Mt. Airy mills had been paid.

Row Among Ga. Methodists Ends

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 1.—Following protests against previous assignments given Rev. R. J. Bigham, the third and probably final chapter in an internal rupture in Georgia Methodism which threatened serious proportions, was recorded last night when Bishop Hendrix of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, who presided over the recent annual state conference of the church, held in Atlanta, wired from Searcy, Ark., that Rev. Mr. Bigham would be sent back to Newnan, Ga., where he has served as pastor for the past two years.

St. John's church in Augusta, which protested against the appointment of Rev. Mr. Bigham as pastor of that church, will be served by Rev. Ford McRee.

Rev. Dr. Joel T. Davies whom Rev. Mr. Bigham was subsequently named to succeed, calling forth a second vigorous protest from the ministers of the Atlanta district, will remain here as presiding elder.

Recent Conference Was Very Satisfactory

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Mr. Joseph G. Brown, one of the most prominent of the lay members of the North Carolina Methodist conference just closed here, says it is generally conceded that there was never so successful a session in all the seventy-three years of the history of the conference. The reports of work in every part of the territory embraced in the Conference were, he says, of the most gratifying character, in work accomplished and in the zeal manifested for all the departments of church effort.

Mississippi Farmers' Union in Convention

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 1.—The Mississippi branch of the Farmers' Union, which operates a warehouse system and is in control of virtually the entire cotton crop of this state, opened its annual convention in representatives' hall of the state capital today.

The roll call showed a large attendance of delegates from all parts of Mississippi.

Much routine business is to be transacted during the three days the convention will be in session.

Present indications point to the re-election of President G. R. Hightower and Secretary George W. Russell.

New Steamship Line Inaugurated

Boston, Mass., Dec. 1.—The Clyde Steamship Company today inaugurated its new steamship service between this port and Galveston, with Charleston as a regular port of call. The new line will give regular and direct service between New England and the extensive southern and western territory reached through Galveston. It will also permit the direct interchange of freight between the Southwest and Southeast, through Galveston, Jacksonville and Charleston. Through rates have been established, through bills of lading will be issued and every facility arranged for the prompt and satisfactory movement of freight in both directions.

Monument to Confederates

By Associated Press. Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 1.—Mrs. E. L. Williams, of Cincinnati, representing the Patton chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, today selected a site on Johnson's Island, Lake Erie, for the erection of a monument to the memory of 226 Confederate prisoners who died and was buried there.

Decision in Beach Hargis Case

By Associated Press. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—The court of appeals affirmed the life sentence given Beach Hargis for the murder of his father, former Judge Hargis noted feudist.

Taft Busy On Message

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—President Taft is devoting the entire day working on his first annual message to congress.

Matter of Re-locating Lutheran Seminary Still Open—Another Meeting to Be Held To-night at Church

At the Lutheran church in this city this morning there was called to order the meeting of the directors of the Lutheran seminary of the South which is meeting here in the St. Mark's Lutheran church for the purpose of considering relocation of the Lutheran Seminary which is now located at Mount Pleasant and which location has proved to be unsatisfactory as it was not centrally located and did not offer enough inducements to the theological student to keep him in the South.

Owing to Misunderstanding Charlotte People Were Unprepared to Compete With Other Cities

It seems that when a boy wanted to study for the ministry of the Lutheran church, that instead of going to the Seminary in Mount Pleasant he has been going to the Northern seminaries.

As the Mount Pleasant Seminary did not offer the proper inducements, at a meeting of the United Synod of the South in Savannah, Ga., last August, it was decided to appoint a committee to consider the relocation of the school and the meeting in this city this morning is the one, at the time decided upon, for the commission to decide this momentous question.

After the formal opening of the meeting, the sub-committee of three, the Rev. Geo. H. Cox, D. D., of Glass, N. C.; C. M. Eldred, Esq., of Lexington, S. C., and Dr. O. B. Mayer, of Newberry, S. C., appointed by the Seminary commission and the eight delegates from the eight different territories in the Southern Synod to get a "straw vote" from the ministers and laymen of the Southern Synod for the purpose of finding what point was most favored for the location of the Seminary, began making their report.

This report of the findings of this committee took up the greater part of the morning session and continued until the afternoon. So far nothing has been given out about the meeting and it will probably be to-morrow before anything definite can be said about the location of the school.

It is generally talked that the Virginian and East Tennessee districts are in favor of Charlotte and it is thought that the general sentiment, with a few exceptions also favor this city, but there are other cities in the contest that are offering strong inducements to get the college and after the decision is finally made there will be no chance for any of the cities to say that it was an easy victory.

The commission adjourned at 1:30 this afternoon for lunch, after which the Charlotte sites will be inspected. The above is the status of the case as it now stands. The Charlotte people took the commission in a body, in automobiles, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, starting from the Selwyn hotel, and showed them the sights that they had to offer.

After the ride the commission will reassemble at the church and will probably hold a night session. At this meeting just the preliminary work and the general work of the organization will be gone over.

The Lutheran seminary is at present located at Mount Pleasant, near Charleston. Mount Pleasant was formerly the county seat of Berkeley county, and the building used by the seminary is the old court house.

The members of the board of seminary directors and the auxiliary committee consists of the following: Rev. C. H. Hightower, president; J. W. Hightower, secretary; J. W. Hightower, treasurer; J. W. Hightower, secretary; J. W. Hightower, secretary.

IMPRISONED MEN BROUGHT OUT ALIVE

By Associated Press. Ducktown, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The eight men who were imprisoned in the London mine yesterday, as the result of a shaft fire, were brought to the surface today.

No one was physically disabled, following entombment. The men were lodged on the sixth level, and were safely housed, 140 feet from the main shaft, protected from smoke and gasses by the partition they built.

New Ambassador at Rome

By Associated Press. Rome, Dec. 1.—John G. A. Leishman, newly-appointed American ambassador to Italy, arrived today.