

# Colombian Minister Mistook Purpose Of Sec'y. Knox's Visit

### Foresaw, at First, Possible Recognition of Colombia's Demands For Arbitration Of Panama Matter--Hailed Visit With Enthusiasm.

### Profound Disappointment when He Learned That no Such Concession was Contemplated by United States Led to His Insulting Note.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 16.—Profound disappointment on receiving intimations that Secretary Knox did not contemplate giving Colombia any assurance of the ultimate arbitration of her claims against the United States was generally ascribed today as the reason for the expression from Senor Pedro Ospina, Colombian minister, last night that a visit by Mr. Knox to his country at the present time would be "opportune."

It developed today that when Senor Ospina first read the White House announcement a week ago stating that President Taft directed the secretary of state to visit the countries bordering on the Caribbean sea, he hailed it with unconcealed enthusiasm. Mistook Object of Visit.

In a statement of comment on the Knox trip prepared at that time but made public until today, the Colombian minister foresaw a possible recognition by the United States of the differences growing out of the partition of Panama and the acquisition by this government of the canal zone strip.

"If Knox, as I sincerely hope," wrote Senor Ospina at the time, "is now fully cognizant of all the facts on which the claims of Colombia rest, I have no doubt that his visit to my country will be fruitful for he will find that the popular feeling which at present prevails there as in most all South American countries with regard to the United States, was maintained in the manner in which that additional ally of the United States, Colombia, was treated in 1903 and 1904 in connection with the severance of Panama, and by there having been so far no equitable settlement of Colombia's claims growing out of that connection."

Never Too Late to Do Right. "All good Colombians are heartily desirous that such a feeling there as elsewhere in South America be expressed. The sooner the better; it is never too late to do right. Colombia does not ask that her contentions be dropped as a solution. She has simply demanded for the last eight years that her claims be arbitrated so that whatever the result of that arbitration may be, confidence and sincere friendship with the consequent development of increasing commercial relations with the United States be restored. And I can not but hope that Mr. Knox, who with President Taft is one of the foremost champions of general international arbitration, will take advantage of his visit to Colombia to show the world his sincerity either there or here, by facilitating the opening of the door to a satisfactory settlement of these claims by an arbitration honorable to both governments and profitable to both countries."

Senor Ospina smiled when he was reminded of that comment today. "The situation has changed," he said; "it is different now."

# Business Men's Court Of Honor Revived

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 19.—The business men's court of honor, a court without judge, lawyer or jury yet recognized by the law of the state, has been revived in New York after a lapse of 17 years. The court is conducted by the chamber of commerce for the purpose of settling disputes between merchants and is far, as is known here, there is no other court like it in the world.

The business men's court was established in 1795 and for more than a century the merchants adjusted their disputes there. In 1874 the legislature passed a salary of \$10,000 a year to the special arbitrator of the court and when this salary was discontinued in 1895 the court passed out of existence. Several months ago a movement was begun, looking to the re-establishment of the court with the result that several cases have just been heard before it. To try the average case before this court requires an expenditure of only \$50 or \$60 as compared with the heavy expenses of trials in the regularly constituted courts of the state.

The court is in charge of the chamber of commerce's committee on arbitration. The committee selects from the membership of the chamber a list of men qualified to serve as arbitrators of disputes, who are sworn in by a justice of the supreme court. When any matter is referred to the committee for settlement the disputants are permitted to select the arbitrator. If they are unable to agree upon a single person, each is permitted to choose an arbitrator, the two thus chosen to select a third.

There are no appeals from the court. The court has no means of enforcing its decrees, relying upon the fact that merchants will not injure their reputation by repudiating their written agreement to accept the rulings.

# Hines' Suicide May Be a Hoax

Special to The News. Salisbury, Feb. 19.—Clothing found on the toll bridge joining Rowan and Davidson counties across the Yadkin river yesterday afternoon led to the report that a man had suicided by drowning. With the clothing was a note signed by L. Davvaul Hines and reading: "I have decided to end it all. Wish to thank my friends for their kindness." Hines recently secured money under false pretenses from parties in Reidsville and High Point and Saturday attempted to secure an amount from a bank at Spencer but was unsuccessful. The river will be dredged to find the body. It is possible that the man is working a hoax.

# Provisions Of The Fetzter Will

Special to The News. Concord, Feb. 19.—The will of the late Mr. P. B. Fetzter has been probated here. The instrument was made in Philadelphia Jan. 25th and was witnessed by Mr. J. A. Hartsell and Dr. E. M. King. Mrs. Fetzter was named as executrix. In the application for letters testamentary the value of the estate was given as about \$75,000.

By the will Mrs. Fetzter was bequeathed forty-five shares of stock in the Young-Hartsell Mill and five shares in the Brown Mill and all the household and kitchen furniture. The other provision of the will directs that the residue of the estate, after all just debts have been paid, shall be shared equally by Mrs. Fetzter, Messrs. Morrison, Bernard, William, Robert and Nevin Fetzter, sons of the deceased, with the exception of Mr. Morrison Fetzter, who was paid \$2,500 after he attained his majority.

# Hiram Johnson For Roosevelt

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 19.—Hiram Johnson, governor of California, heretofore an ardent supporter of Senator La Follette, issued a formal statement here today saying that in his opinion Theodore Roosevelt should be the next republican nominee for president of the United States. The statement was issued, he said, with Mr. Roosevelt's knowledge but not necessarily with his sanction.

Governor Johnson declared three years ago Mr. Roosevelt turned over to his successor a republican party at the high tide of success and entrenched in public confidence. Today, he said, the republican party is at ebb and confidence in it sadly shaken. He says that to continue with the leader whose three years have wrought such disaster, can mean only political suicide.

# ENDOWMENT NEEDED FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Bishop Reese of the Episcopal Church of Georgia and Trustee of The University at Sewanee, Tenn., Speaks Here.

By Associated Press. The University of the South, called by the University of the South, came to Charlotte Saturday to talk to the Episcopalians. He spoke in St. Peter's Episcopal church at the morning services—spoke so earnestly, so clearly, so forcibly that even those who had no church interest in the university were compelled to give both eye and ear to the speech.

Bishop Reese is exceptionally able. A man of mind, clear vision, gifted to a high degree in speech, original in thought, a man of exquisite diction, eloquent at times, eminently practical and tactful, he is eminently a man of power. His appeal for an endowment for Sewanee—for that was what he came to ask—was comprised in an address from many points. As an appeal, it was clever; as a literary effort it was engaging as a stimulus to the church, it was inspiring.

A subject is made or marred by the one presenting it. The speech of yesterday described Sewanee in language picturesquely beautiful. The history, the traditions, the work accomplished, the scope of idea and purpose, the reasons why the Episcopalians should send their boys to Sewanee were all made fascinatingly interesting.

"The maintaining, the responsibility of the university," said the speaker addressing his fellow church men, "is upon you. The university must be crippled and possibly destroyed without money. Our people are ignorant and ignore the importance of the university. It must be perpetuated."

# Triple Murderer Hanged Today

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 19.—Retupping the officers of a minister, who labored with him all night, his own son, Catholic priest, and members of the Salvation Army, J. Lawrence Odom, a triple murderer, went to his death here on the gallows early today. On the gallows the condemned man, when asked to say his last prayer, answered by requesting that his five-year-old daughter, Hazel, be brought to him to remove the black cap from his face. He mounted the gallows stoically and laughingly asked to see his wife.

# INDIANA CORPORATION CAN NOT RECOVER TAX

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 19.—Without passing on the constitutionality of the Texas franchise tax on foreign corporations, the Federal supreme court today held that Gaar, Scott & Co., an Indiana corporation, could not recover a tax paid under the law because it was doing only interstate business and paid the tax voluntarily.

# Three Fires Occur At Gastonia

Special to The News. Gastonia, N. C., Feb. 19.—Three fires within the space of two days in a residence in the heart of the city is Gastonia's record for Saturday and Sunday and the residence is not destroyed yet. Saturday fire was discovered in the J. A. Glenn residence just adjoining the Falls House, and a quick run of the fire department and effective work prevented the destruction of the residence and most probably the adjacent property. The fire was apparently extinguished.

# Mardi Gras Opens At New Orleans

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Feb. 19.—The 1912 Mardi Gras was formally opened at noon today with the arrival aboard the royal yacht of Rex, King of the Carnival, and his large and gaily uniformed court. Until midnight tomorrow the spirit of revelry will rule the Crescent City.

After a naval parade in which the gunboat Prairie and scores of vessels decorated in the carnival colors participated, Rex and his suite landed at the foot of Canal street and took their places at the head of an imposing military parade.

# GRAND STAND IS FINISHED—BALL VERY SOON

"In the spring time, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love"—partially, the most of his thoughts turn to baseball, as has been proven today by the groups of enthusiasts gathered here and there. Every one was talking of the team the Hornets are to have for this season. The grounds are getting in good condition and the grandstand is finished. This is the best ground and grandstand anywhere in this section of the South. Messrs. Tom Pegrum and Jim Walker, a special committee of the board of directors, have already signed 20 promising young players for Manager Champ Osteen to mould into a pennant-winning team.

# Pitney To Succeed Late Justice Harlan

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 19.—The nomination of Mahlon Pitney, chancellor of the state of New Jersey, to be an associate justice of the United States supreme court, will be sent to the senate this afternoon by President Taft. The nomination is in succession to the late Justice Harlan.

Mr. Taft does not anticipate any opposition to the nomination in the senate. Chancellor Pitney long has been a prominent figure in New Jersey. In casting about for a successor to Justice Harlan, Mr. Taft first looked beyond the Mississippi river. At one time it seemed certain that he would name Judge William C. Hook, of the United States circuit court, and again it seemed that Secretary Charles Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor would be the president's choice. There was a protest against Judge Hook because of his decisions in two Oklahoma cases, one involving the 2-cent fare law and the other the "jim crow" car law. The latter case, in which Judge Hook decided in favor of the railroads and against the contention of the negroes affected, is said to have been the final cause of the presidents tiring from the Kansas jurist.

# TRIPLE MURDERER HANGED

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 19.—J. Lawrence Odom, the triple murderer, was hanged here at 6:10 this morning.

# News' Contest Leading Topic of Interest In Carolinas

Each day throws a new and more attractive light on the big \$6,500 Prize Contest THE NEWS has inaugurated. The spirit of the offer is infectious; it is overwhelming. It is not necessary to herald it from the house tops, the eye can not help noticing the animated expression nor the ear fail to hear the words "contest," "The News," "candidate," "subscription," etc., as the subject is talked of in the residences, public meeting places and on the streets. From a number of places the story of the vote getters is heard; it is evident that the enthusiasm of the people is intense, and an unremitting energy on the part of the contestants will carry them forward. The interest is alike in all localities. From the north, south, east and west nominations continue to pour in and there is evidence that every district will be well represented when the first list is published. Will your name be among them? If not, why not?

# Mr. Brokaw Will Let Contract Tomorrow

The contract will be let tomorrow for the construction of the bottling plant which Mr. W. Gould Brokaw will erect at the Mida Mineral Springs on his Mecklenburg estate, in Low Creek township.

# One Man Killed In Wreck Of Building

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 19.—One man was killed and four were hurt in the collapse of a three and a half story concrete and steel office building of an Elma steel plant this morning. The building which was nearing completion, was a thousand feet long and without warning about 500 feet of it crumpled up like an egg shell and crashed into the cellar, a mass of debris and twisted steel work.

# YOUNG LADY FOUND MURDERED

Dothan, Ala., Feb. 19.—The body of Miss Estelle Brown with two bullet holes in her head and a rifle resting across her chest, was found in her home near here last night. It is thought she had been murdered and a lynching is probable if a negro seen in the neighborhood is captured.

# TRIPLE LYNCHING PROBABLE

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 19.—A despatch to the Banner from Shelbyville, Tenn., says: A mob taken the three negroes charged with the murder of Special Officer Everson. They probably will be lynched.

# HEAVY BALLOTING

The linotype man made The News misquote the gentleman from Gaston county in yesterday's paper. In referring to Mr. Bryan, he said, "But, as he seems not to be 'AVAILABLE,' and not 'SUITABLE,'" as was stated. There is a world of difference in the meaning of the two words. We gladly make the correction.

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# Officer Shoots Near Mad-dog On The Street

Quite a little excitement prevailed on West Trade yesterday about noon when a many-looking dog was discovered near the alleyway running between York Bros. & Rogers and Ivey cutting dices of various kinds. Mr. Odice Springs, at Blair Bros. drug store, observed the dog's behavior and signaled to Officer Neal Elliott at the Square to moze down that way, which he did.

# People Realizing Great Opportunity at Hand to Win Handsome Premiums Easily

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# My Choice For President

If I Could Select the Man I Would Name

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# THE WEATHER

Forecast For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness with probably rain late tonight or Tuesday in west and central portions; warmer tonight. Moderate variable winds.