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PRESIDENT ZELAYA WILL LEAD TROOPS

As a Last Desperate Act He Will Take Personal Command in Field

WILL DIE FIGHTING

Secretary Knox Sends the Nicaraguan Minister Forcible Note and His Passports—Makes Some Stinging Criticisms of Zelaya and Intimates That His Relinquishment of Office Would be Looked Upon in This Country With Extreme Favor—Dr. Castillo, Representing the Revolutionists, Pleased With the Attitude of This Government.

(By Cable to The Times) Colon, Dec. 2.—President Zelaya of Nicaragua, as a last desperate act, today took active command of his troops in the field, according to advices received here. He intends to lead his "absolute nonsense and a good illustration of the exaggerated and unreliable news which is being published by some newspapers at present about the Nicaraguan situation."

No Marines Landed. Washington, Dec. 2.—The statement published today that "there are over 2,000 marines on Nicaraguan soil, and more will follow" was characterized as "absolute nonsense and a good illustration of the exaggerated and unreliable news which is being published by some newspapers at present about the Nicaraguan situation."

Washington, Dec. 2.—If any doubt existed heretofore as to the positive intention of this government to insist upon the actual restoration of President Zelaya from the exercise of all authority in Nicaragua at the earliest possible moment, it disappeared with the direct and forcible attitude of the United States government as shown in the action taken by Secretary of State Knox, whose note to charge d'affaires Rodriguez, of the Nicaraguan legation was made public last night.

Not only was he told that his passports are awaiting him and that President Zelaya is expected to relinquish his office, but what practically amounts to recognition of the Estrada revolutionists was indicated in the note to Senator Rodriguez. It is now only a matter of a short time, it is thought, before official recognition will be given the de facto government, as Secretary of State Knox described it in his note to the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires.

PRAIRIE WILL SAIL FOR NICARAGUA

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 2.—Following the receipt of sealed orders by Captain Kellogg, of the auxiliary cruiser Prairie this morning, it is not expected the boat will leave League Island on its way to Nicaragua until tomorrow. This was the day's original set for sailing, but a week ago orders came from Washington for the ship to prepare for immediate sailing. Fifty marines were ordered from Pensacola, Fla., last night to proceed posthaste to the Philadelphia navy yard for sailing on the Prairie. Two three-inch field guns were placed aboard the boat last evening, and much secrecy was observed in loading the pieces.

It is believed here that Secretary Knox's action may have been hastened by a dispatch received from Bluefield yesterday saying that President Zelaya was willing to abdicate in favor of his tool, Minister General Irias, which would have had the effect of keeping

Zelaya in power and have retarded to the complete control of the country by the revolutionists. The Nicaraguan congress met yesterday, and it is expected to take action in the direction of proclaiming Irias president upon the possible resignation of Zelaya.

Another Incident Recalled. Washington, Dec. 2.—In comparison with the letter sent to Charge d'affaires Rodriguez by Secretary Knox last night is recalled today the letter of Secretary of State Bayard to Lord Sackville-West, who was sent home by President Cleveland in 1888. Mr. Bayard said: "My lord, the president of the United States has instructed me to inform you that for good and sufficient causes, which are known to yourself and have been duly brought to the knowledge of your government, he has with great regret become convinced that it would be incompatible with the best interests and detrimental to the good relations of both governments that you should any longer hold your present official position in the United States, and that accordingly the government of Her Britannic Majesty will without delay be informed of this determination, in order that another channel may be established for the transmission of such communications as may be found desirable for the two governments in the transaction of their business. "Whenever it is your pleasure to depart from the United States I am instructed to furnish you with the usual facilities, and with that view I now beg leave to inclose a passport in the customary form."

BOTH SIDES CLAIM VICTORY AT RAMA

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New Orleans, La., Dec. 2.—Both sides claim the victory of the bloody battle at Rama, according to word received by the local sources well posted on Nicaraguan affairs and both consulates continues to be the center of reports highly contradictory. Consul General Altschul has received a cablegram from President Zelaya which apparently places victory with the Zelaya forces. American engineers and others in a position to know also assert that if the battle was fought at Rama as reported it must mean that the insurgents are being swept back.

Consul General Sussman, for the insurgents, makes the claim that the battle shows the insurgents to be gradually striking at the interior. General Altschul's statement follows: "A few days ago the revolutionists claimed they occupied Chiliqueu, but their own reports of the last battle come from Rama, which shows plainly that they have been driven back fifty miles and now occupy only a small space east of the Atlantic ocean since the government first put up its troops in the field General Estrada's forces have been driven steadily backward and if going backward is winning then I am glad we are losing by going forward."

"President Zelaya sent his message from Managua and everything was going well. The president is making no attempt to flee the country as some foolish reports would indicate. "The revolution is done for as we have 25,000 soldiers under arms and General Estrada cannot advance another foot into the interior. What the United States will do is the thing we need worry about and President Zelaya feels the same way."

One report says that over four hundred were killed in the fight which was fought in thick underbrush, for the most part, the troops in many instances being in a stone's throw of one another.

STRIKING SWITCHMEN CONFIDENT

Entire Northwest Threatened With Food and Coal Famine on Account of Strike

FLOUR MILLS CLOSE

On Account of Strike of Switchmen on Thirteen Big Railroads Freight Trains at a Standstill and a Famine Threatens the Whole Section of Country—Flour Mills Are Forced to Shut Down and Coal Supply is Giving Out—Non-union Men Cannot be Used or Other Railroad Men Will Strike—Thousands Out of Employment.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 2.—The entire northwest is today threatened with famine as the result of the strike of switchmen on thirteen big railroads. The mills of Minneapolis are at a standstill, four thousand hands being thrown out of work. No flour is being made in the twenty-three mills; no flour can leave Minneapolis while the railroads are crippled. It was said today that the entire country would feel the pinch before the trouble is settled.

There is besides this, a coal famine in the west; the grain situation is critical and a dozen other industries are hit hard by the strike. The entire net work of steel from St. Paul to Seattle is tied up and not a freight train is running, according to reports received today. Today the carrying of perishable freight on passenger trains, heretofore allowed by the switchmen, ceases. An attempt to replace the strikers with non-union men will bring about a strike that will affect all branches of railroading, and cripple the entire nation.

Of the switchmen 2,287 are out. Twelve thousand other workmen are idle as the result of the strike. Ten thousand more will be thrown out of employment when the ore docks at Duluth and Superior close down. Five thousand are idle at Great Falls, Mont., where the copper smelters are shut. Today there was no indication of a prospect of peace. Martin A. Knapp, interstate commerce commissioner, and United States Commissioner of Labor Nell, who hoped to bring about a settlement, were forced to give up in despair and return to Washington.

CHICAGO FEELS EFFECT OF STRIKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 2.—The committee of general managers of the western railroads which conducted the preliminary negotiations with the representatives of the 2,300 striking switchmen on the thirteen northwestern lines, came to Chicago today to assume direction of the fight for the roads affected.

The switchmen's union controls but 3 of 4 railroads entering Chicago; the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen controls the balance. The latter organization is not involved in the present trouble and is not likely to be, but on Friday the chairman of the grievance committees of twenty-one railroads running to Chicago will meet with the wage scale committee to formulate a plan of action in the event their demand for an increase in pay is denied by the railroads, as it in all probability will be.

Chicago is already feeling the effects of the strike in the northwest and will feel it much more keenly if the trouble is not settled within a few days. The railroads still charge bad faith on the part of the switchmen in bringing on the strike and up to the present time the men have not made any defense to the charges laid at their door. The general managers committee before leaving St. Paul, issued another statement in which these charges were reiterated.

THE PREMIER PUTS ISSUE UP TO HOUSE

Action of the House of Lords Characterized as Breach of Constitution

HISTORY MAKING

Premier Asquith Presented His Resolution, Which is Regarded as History Making to the House—Action of the Lords Characterized as a Breach of the Constitution and a Usurpation of the Privilege of the House of Commons—Accompanied the Resolution With an Eloquent Speech—House of Commons Cannotbrook Grave Indignity.

(By Cable to The Times) London, Dec. 2.—Premier Asquith this afternoon put the issue before the lords and the nation squarely up to the house of commons, when he presented this resolution, which is regarded as history making, to the house: "Resolved, That the action of the house of lords in refusing to enact into law the financial provisions made by this house for the year is a breach of the constitution and a usurpation of the privileges of the house of commons."

Asquith accompanied the offer of the resolution with an eloquent speech, in which he said: "We are met under circumstances unexampled in the history of parliament. The house of commons would be unworthy of its traditions if it failed to make clear that it did not mean to brook the gravest indignity and the most arrogant usurpation of its rights attempted in more than two centuries. "The necessities of state can now be supplied only by borrowing. On the shoulders of the lords lies the sole responsibility for the present embarrassment to the country, the administrative and political confusion and the increased indebtedness. "The government has advised the king to dissolve parliament, and the king has accepted the suggestion. If the liberals are returned to power their first act will be to re-enact all the taxes that have been rejected by the lords in this budget."

The members of the lower house displayed great enthusiasm when the resolution was moved and during the speech of the premier.

MORE SUBSTANTIAL FACTS

It is an easy matter for The Evening Times to prove any statement we make in regard to our advertising columns. The local merchants know what an advertisement in The Times will do, that is why many of them use this paper exclusively.

Here is what "North Carolina's Leading Tailor", who uses The Times exclusively, has to say about the results brought from his advertising in this paper:

A. C. HINTON, Fine Tailored Garments for Men, Rooms 209, 210, 211, 212 (Second Floor) Carolina Trust Building, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1, 1909.

Dear Sir: Not from any solicitation on your part, but I truly want to thank you for the interest in my newspaper advertising.

I have used The Times exclusively for the past few years, and the results have always been satisfactory. Not only locally does my ads in The Times bring results, but I often receive inquiries throughout the state from it. I consider The Evening Times the best advertising medium in the state, and I cannot speak too highly for it.

Yours very truly, A. C. HINTON.

MAN FOUND WITH SKULL CRUSHED IN

Old Man Jim Kimble Discovered Dead in His Cabin by Two Negroes

OFFICERS TO SCENE

Coroner and Sheriff Go to Scene of Murder in Effort to Find Clues—Kimble Had No Enemies, Unless Moonshiners—Blockaders Had at One Time Threatened His Life—Section Where He Was Killed a Hot-bed of Liquor Making and Violators of Prohibition Laws—Baptist Baracas Give Enjoyable Banquet.

(Special to The Times) Durham, Dec. 2.—County Coroner A. C. Jordan and Sheriff Harward spent the day 12 miles in the country yesterday working on a clue which would tend to clarify the murder of old man Jim Kimble, of that section.

He was found Tuesday night, but no word was sent here until yesterday near noon. Kimble had not been seen since Saturday, when he had called at a Mrs. Cates and bargained for some buttermilk. He complained that he was not well and asked her to bring the milk to him if he didn't return. When she went to his house and saw through a crack that he was lying on the floor, apparently drunk, she left him. Later two negroes found him dead, his skull and face crushed in and part of it eaten by the dogs. He had been dead more than a day, it appears.

Knowing that Kimble himself had believed moonshiners thought he was in the habit of giving information against them, and that he had been from time to time frightened by somebody about him, it appeared that he had been murdered by them. He used to keep a bonfire burning at night to warn the blockaders from his hut of one room and much dirt. Once they painted a coffin on his door and rocked his house. He kept a pistol, but it could not be found. His purse was near him, all the money gone and fire had been applied to his filthy clothes, but they would not burn. There were no tracks traceable.

There have been many stills smashed in Lebanon, the hot-bed of the whiskey rebellion. There the anti-prohibitionists were most refractory and gave the greatest majorities against the bill that made the state dry. The revenue officers have taken more than half a dozen booze manufactories there and caught a dozen defendants. It was here that they raided two stills of some size Tuesday and took six defendants, none of whom had been seen actually engaged in the work. These young white men were released and allowed to go home Tuesday night, but they did not start from here until after the old man was found dead.

Sheriff Harward says old man Kimble never gave him any information concerning the distilleries and they could have had no real grudge against the old man. He was harmless and seemed to have made no enemies. His way of living was unique. It was the life of a hog. "Though there is nothing to work upon, the officers will try it again. Such excess of violation of whiskey laws would naturally cause crime, though none had been reported from that section until yesterday. The good conduct of Lebanon, in connection with its number of violators could never be explained here, but such it has been until this gruesome find of Tuesday night.

The Baraca class of the first Baptist church, under the instruction of Attorney W. J. Broden, banqueted last night in the Pythian Hall and had a delightful post-prandial program. This class is said to be the second largest in the state. The entire organization was there and after serving oysters and crackers with coffee and other refreshments, Toastmaster P. W. Vaughn rapped for order and announced the speakers and their subjects. Dr. Carl P. Norris gave "Class Opportunities" in a short speech and Mr. A. J. Fauette rehearsed the things expected of a Baraca in "Class Duties." Mr. R. T. Howerton toasted "The Baraca Class" and...

JNO. A. CARTER & CO. GETS THE AUDITORIUM CONTRACT

Committee Awards Contract to Jno. A. Carter & Company of Philadelphia For \$96,100. Which Does Not Include the Steel Work—Work to Begin at Once and Pushed to Completion Which Will be in Six or Eight Months—Everything Complete Will Cost Around \$100,000

The committee consisting of Col. Chas. E. Johnson, chairman; Secretary Albert L. Cox, Joseph Daniels, and Joseph G. Brown spent all the forenoon carefully going over the various bids for the erection of Raleigh's new auditorium and municipal building, and it is understood that the contract has been awarded to Jno. A. Carter & Co., of Philadelphia, for the sum of \$96,100. This does not include the steel cell work which has not yet been awarded. Work is to begin at once and pushed to completion, and it is thought that the building will be a finished product in from six to eight months from now.

There was quite a deal of rivalry between the various concerns for the contract of erecting this handsome building, which will be a source of pride, not only to the city, but the entire state. The auditorium committee will sell the old law building at once in order that the beginning of the work on the new and handsome building may begin immediately.

The plans for the auditorium and municipal building were drawn by Architect P. Thornton Marye, of Atlanta, who will have supervision of its erection. The local architects are Barrett & Thompson, who will be on the scene constantly to see that the designs are faithfully carried out. The contracting firm, Jno. A. Carter & Company, is said to be one of the best known and most reliable in the country, and that the proper construction of the building is assured. The bid of this firm was the lowest out of the twelve, or rather eleven, for only eleven made bids for construction, submitted. This bid does not include the steel cell work, which will make an additional cost of from three to five thousand dollars, making the total cost of the building, complete, about \$100,000.

CAPTAIN OF YALE TEAM

Daly of Cambridge Chosen Over Kilpatrick of New York. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 2.—Frederick Joseph Daly, of Cambridge, Mass., was last night elected captain of the Yale football team for next year, defeating John Reed Kilpatrick, of New York City, by a close vote.

The choice is a popular one, for Kilpatrick will be captain of the track team. Daly is prominent in no other branch of athletics. Daly was half back last year and this year, although both times he was out of the game part of the season on account of injuries. He is twenty-two years old, five feet ten inches tall and weighs 175 pounds.

Mine Shut Down on Account of Strike. Boston, Dec. 2.—President Gross, of the East Butte Copper Mining Company today announced that on account of the switchmen's strike the company's mine had been shut down and that they would remain closed until a settlement of the strike had been effected. Of the 450 men employed about 100 will be retained to keep the mines in order.

WILL MOVE HERE

Mr. C. R. Hudson Will Move His Headquarters to Raleigh

Mr. C. R. Hudson, in Charge of the Farmers' Co-operative Work in This State, Will Move Headquarters From Statesville to Raleigh—Expects to Make the Change as Soon as Possible.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, who has charge of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work of North Carolina, has announced that he will move his headquarters from Statesville to Raleigh, the change to be made just as early as possible. Mr. Hudson has been in charge of this work in the state ever since the United States department of agriculture began it in North Carolina, and great results have been accomplished. This demonstration work is being carried on in 30 counties of the state, there being about 3,000 farms and 5,000 co-operative farmers in these counties. This work is in charge of county superintendents under Mr. Hudson's supervision. Besides these farms, co-operative work is being carried on at A. & M. College by the national government under Mr. Hudson's supervision. The change of headquarters is being made in order to be more near the centre of the territory in which this work is being carried on.

Submitted to King Edward. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 2.—United States Charge d'Affaires Pierpont cabled the state department from San Antonio this morning that the Chilean government has signed the protocol submitting the Alsop claim to King Edward of England for arbitration.

National Bureau of Mines. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 2.—Among the callers at the white house today were Frank A. Vanderlip, of New York, and Representative Douglass, of Ohio, who discussed with the president the establishment of a national bureau of mines.

CHRISTMAS POEM.

Following our usual custom The Evening Times will give a year's subscription to the person writing the best poem suitable for use as a "Carrier's Christmas Card." All poems must be submitted by December 15th, to The Evening Times, Raleigh, N. C.