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SENSATIONAL STATEMENT OF SITUATION

What The United States Wants In Nicaragua is Another Canal Route

OBJECT OF DISPLAY

Important and Sensational Statement Made by High Government Official in Regard to the Attitude of the United States Towards Nicaragua—This Country Has An Eye on the Nicaraguan Canal Route—Wants to Head Off Germany or Japan From Acquiring Route—Also Panama Canal May Prove to be Failure.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 4—Deeply important and sensational is the statement made by a high government official to the American News Service to day whose identity, for obvious reasons cannot be disclosed. It relates to the present attitude of the United States government toward President Zelaya, of Nicaragua. If the statement is correct, and there is no reason to doubt its accuracy, this government's movement in the Nicaraguan situation will prove to be of world-wide importance and may affect the peace of the world. "Let no one be deluded with the idea that the dispatch of United States naval vessels to Nicaraguan waters, the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Nicaragua by this government and the threat to land United States forces on Nicaraguan soil is due simply to this government's resentment at the shooting of two men in Nicaragua by order of President Zelaya, the fact as to whether those men were at the time bona fide American citizens, and so, entitled to the protection of the United States being still uncertain. "Secretary of State Knox, in his letter to Nicaragua charge d'affaires Rodriguez directly declared that this government has no intention of demanding monetary indemnity from Nicaragua for the execution of those men. Then for what reason are a number of warships together with a large force of marines, colliers laden with coal and ships with other supplies, sent to Nicaragua? Common sense and a moment's reflection will show that such display of force is altogether and entirely out of proportion to the necessities of the occasion. If it were the desire of the United States to prevent the escape of Zelaya from Nicaragua a couple of small warships on the Pacific side would accomplish that without difficulty, for it is impossible for Zelaya to make his way to a port on the Atlantic side, that part of the country being occupied by strong forces of the revolutionists. "No, 'deep down in its heart,' as the saying goes, the United States government cares mightily little for Zelaya, while the shooting of Groce and Cannon is a matter that can easily be adjusted when the new government of Estrada or whoever the successor to Zelaya may be, assumes power, for the fall of the latter is now practically assured. "The fact is the United States has its eye on the Nicaraguan canal route, and for a double reason: the first is, Japan or Germany have a strong desire to acquire possession of that route as an offset to the Panama Canal, now owned by the United States, a Nicaraguan Canal to be built by one or the other of these countries and thus be available in case of war with the United States at some future time. It will be remembered that only this week a cable dispatch from London was published in this country, announcing the belief there that either Japan or Germany was secretly conspiring with President Zelaya for the right to build an isthmian canal in Nicaragua. The same report was published a month ago, on that occasion emanating from Berlin. As was to be expected both reports were diplomatically denied and made light of by the German and Japanese governments. "Now what better opportunity could the United States ask to establish itself in Nicaragua, precisely as it did in Columbia for the purpose of obtaining a strip of territory in which to build a canal thus heading off Japan or Germany and in addition assuring itself a canal route between the Atlantic and the Pacific in case time should prove that, after all, the construction of the Panama Canal could not be completed because the obstacles of nature can not be overcome by man. "The official announcement is to be made next week that the actual cost of the Panama Canal up to July 1 has been \$171,164,918, while it is estimated that a tremendous total of \$375,301,000 will be necessary to complete it, but the damage of tens of thousands of dollars has caused the canal officials to doubt if it is actually

THE GUNBOAT VICKSBURG IS IN EARNEST

Cleared For Action With Her Guns Trained The Palace at Corinto

AMERICANS ARE SAFE

Commander of the Vicksburg Has Served Notice on the Provisional Governor That He Will Hold Him Personally Responsible For Any Harm That Should Befall Americans—Emphasis Given the Notice by Training Guns on Palace—German Sympathize With Zelaya and None of Them Have Been Molested.

Panama, Dec. 4—Cleared for action and with her guns trained on the palace of the provincial governor, the gunboat Vicksburg is in command of the situation at Corinto, Nicaragua, according to advices received here. Following the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Nicaragua, the commander of the Vicksburg took prompt and energetic steps to protect American and American interests at Corinto.

Notice was served on the provincial governor, the local representative of President Zelaya that the Vicksburg would hold him personally responsible for any harm that should befall Americans in Corinto. Added emphasis was given to this notice by the further statement that the Vicksburg would train her guns on the governor's palace and shoot it full of holes the moment the command received news of an attack on an American. The emphatic stand of the Vicksburg's commander had a most salutary effect on the local Nicaraguan authorities. Not the slightest hostile outbreak has occurred. The Americans in Nicaragua are leaving by every available steamer and few of them now remain.

It is currently reported on the isthmus that President Zelaya of Nicaragua has been receiving secret support from Germany in his hostile attitude toward the United States and everything American. This report is believed here to be true. In substantiation of the story it is pointed out that it is a significant fact that not a single German has been annoyed nor have any German interests been molested in Nicaragua since the revolution broke out, while the citizens and subjects of nearly every other nation have been subjected to all sorts of trouble and annoyance. Zelaya, it is said, has given powerful influential German capitalists a concession for the construction of an inter-oceanic canal along the route surveyed by the United States some years ago. Other valuable concessions have already been given to German and German interests in Nicaragua are quite extensive. Additional significance is given to the reports about Zelaya's secret negotiations with Germany by the fact that all of the Germans in Nicaragua sympathize with Zelaya and are aiding him in opposing the revolutionists.

THE EARLY LEPER CASE IN COURT

Washington, Dec. 4—A queer legal tangle has resulted from the arrest of John Early, the alleged leper who was taken into custody Thursday afternoon on a police court warrant charging him with violating the district health regulations in being at large while infected with a contagious disease. Early is still confined in the government quarantine station back of the district jail. This case yesterday was set for trial next Tuesday before Judge Muldowney. The defendant is declared by the district health department to be leprous, but the United States pension office, which discontinued his pension of \$75 a month soon after he was discharged from the Skin & Cancer Hospital in New York, on the ground that he was in perfect health, asserts that he is not suffering from the disease. When the case comes up next Tuesday a big legal battle will probably begin, for Early's attorney, Egbert C. Everset of Pittsburg, N. Y., will be on hand to defend him, and Dr. L. Duncan Buckley of the New York Skin and Cancer hospital, will be present to testify that the former soldier never had leprosy.

Mr. George Watts, Millionaire Philanthropist



Who Donated the Watts Hospital to Durham. This Hospital Cost Over \$500,000, and is One of the Finest in the South. Mr. Watts Has Given Over \$400,000 for the Erection of Hospitals.

A STRANGE MURDER THIRTY-ONE KILLED "ANDY" DEAD BROKE

The Bath Tub Mystery Grows In Interest

Search For the Mother of the Murdered Woman Continues, But She Has Thus Far Eluded Police—Gigantic Insurance Fraud Plot.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Dec. 4—An organized search was begun today throughout New York and on Long Island for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the mother of Mrs. O. W. M. Sneed, the East Orange bath-tub victim, in the hope that this woman, when found, would be able to lift part of the mystery surrounding the murder of her daughter now involving what is believed to be a vast insurance fraud plot. The most promising clue to the woman's whereabouts led detectives to Brookhaven, L. I. They learned that she had been visiting friends there, but had left two hours before they reached the town. In the search for Mrs. Martin the detectives discovered that she had once been a teacher of mathematics in the public school on West 47th street, near Ninth avenue. When she retired she went to Brookhaven, which had become a kind of settlement for retired teachers. Some of these old friends of Mrs. Martin still live in Brookhaven. In some unaccountable way Mrs. Martin learned, the detectives believe, that they were on their way to Brookhaven. They discovered when they arrived in the town that several people knew of their intention to go there. They found that Mrs. Martin had left on a train bound for Long Island City. Details of the insurance scheme in the case today revealed the fact that Mrs. Sneed's death came by strange coincidence at the very time a carefully reared structure of policy loans, aggregating at least \$29,500, hypothecations and lapsed premiums was near collapse. Those who have followed the intricacies of silyly capitalized enterprises have never seen anything more adroitly managed than were the transactions of the woman relatives of the "bath tub victim" with several great insurance companies. With scarcely any money they had maintained numerous policies on the life of Mrs. Sneed ever since she was a girl of 15. There may be other victims of this strange case. No one knows what caused the death of Mrs. Sneed's first child, whose bones are in the Brooklyn morgue, and the whereabouts of

In Battle Between American Soldiers and Filipinos

Natives of Mindano Attack Body of American Troopers and 20 Natives Are Killed—American Lose 10 Men—Reinforcements Rushed to Scene, Although it is Not Thought There Will Be Any More Fighting.

(By Cable to The Times)

Manila, Dec. 4—Thirty-one have been killed in a battle between constabulary and native fanatics near Mount Malindang, Mindano. Six members of the constabulary fell and four porters and a policeman were also killed, 20 of the attacking natives going down in the struggle. The American forces were under the command of Lieutenant Flatts. The Americans were victorious after a terrific battle, the natives Moros, and Sananos being driven back and scattered. The detachment of constabulary was sent to the region, which has been a center of disorder, by Governor Pershing, who feared an outbreak. In the vicinity of the mountain, 400 fanatical natives gathered, ready for any move should a leader develop and incite them. The latest reports from the neighborhood of the battle say that the decisive defeat of the native attackers has resulted in wide-spread dejection, and the gathering of natives is dispersing. Although the expectation is that there will be no further conflict, the danger of renewed hostilities is not past and reinforcements have been rushed to the detachment that engaged in the fight.

Investigates Fires.

Capt. W. A. Scott, of the insurance commissioner's office, is on a trip to Fayetteville and Raeford to investigate several fires that occurred in these places recently. Fletcher W. Sneed, the husband, are unknown. The whereabouts of Mrs. Martha Eliza Wardlaw, mother of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, the prisoner, during the time passed in the "house of mystery" in Flatlands has been learned. At that time she was frequently visited by her daughter, and a conversation overheard between them reveals that a "sick girl", whom Miss Wardlaw claimed to be nursing, was not expected to live and that after her death there would be "plenty of money."

Puts Up Mansion as Security For \$100 Bail

Andrew Carnegie, the Steel King, Hauled Up in Police Court and Is Unable to Give \$100 Bail For His Auto Driver—Is Forced to Give \$5,000,000 Mansion as Security.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Dec. 4—Andrew Carnegie, who has been shoveling out millions for years in the hope that he will not die rich, landed in the Morrisania police court today pretty near dead broke. The famous "laird of Skibo" looked around helplessly when Magistrate Herrman asked that he furnish \$100 bail for his chauffeur who was arrested for driving the millionaire's automobile at 25 miles an hour. "Oh, the Scotchman exclaimed, "is my day on the golf links to be ruined?" - He ran his hands through his pockets and then nervously pawed at his gray beard. "Your honor," he confessed, "I haven't got more than 70 cents on me. What am I to do. What shall I do?" Magistrate Herrman felt sorry for the famous iron master. Moisture appeared in his eyes. "Maybe I can help you out," he whispered, pulling out a roll of bills of aldemanic proportions. But the Scot was as canny as ever and although he fidgeted mightily under temptation to borrow a hundred and hasten away to his engagement on the links, he held down the tendency to yield and thanked the magistrate humbly. Then the laird, in desperation, put up a fight for the chauffeur that was all in vain. He finally scheduled as bail the \$5,000,000 mansion which he gave to his daughter Marguerite for a Christmas present several years ago.

RETAIL MERCHANTS.

Retail Merchants' Association Organized at Moncure. Mr. C. T. Lumsden, state organizer for the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, organized a local at Moncure yesterday with the following officers and members: J. L. Womble, president; C. C. Poe, secretary; Lambeth Bros., Womble Bros., Maddox Bros., Lambeth-Crutchfield Co., Moncure Furniture & Coffin Company, S. W. Womble and C. C. Pool.

COLLECTOR MUST GET THE CITY TAXES

City Tax Collector Can't Give Bond Until He Gets Receipt For All Taxes

CAN SEIZE GOODS

The Tax Collector Must Either Present the Money For the 1908 Taxes or Show That the Party Owing the Tax Has Not as Much as \$25 Worth of Personal Property—If Delinquents Have That Much Property Collector Must Make Affidavit That He Has Seized Enough Property to Satisfy the Tax That is Due—Special Meeting Board Aldermen.

Before he will be allowed to make his bond for the coming year Tax Collector John S. Jones must either present the money for the 1908 taxes or must show that the party owing tax has not as much as \$25 worth of household property, and if they have as much as \$25 worth of household property he must make an affidavit that he has seized enough of the said household property to satisfy the tax that is due. There will be a special meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday to look over the collector's insolvent list, and all on that list who have household property to the value of \$25, the tax will be charged up against Mr. Jones. That is the situation as it now stands. Some time ago when the time came for the renewal of the tax collector's bond the bonding company naturally refused to do so until Mr. Jones had been receipted by the finance committee for all the taxes for the year 1908. The finance committee refused to receipt Mr. Jones until it had passed upon the insolvent list, and the board of aldermen has called a special meeting to be held next Tuesday for the purpose of passing on that list. In the meantime Mr. Jones is working on this list. According to the rule, as stated above, any person having household property valued at \$25 or more is solvent, in the eyes of the city authorities, and Mr. Jones is held responsible for the uncollected tax of all such people. To save himself he must go to those places and seize their furniture, or so much of it as will satisfy the tax, and he will have to do this before the city fathers will release him from the 1908 taxes. This will work a great hardship on both Mr. Jones and many unfortunate people of the city, while having a little household stuff to the value of \$25, have been unable to pay the tax. It resolves itself to one of two things: Mr. Jones must pay those taxes himself or take a wagon and go on a regular furniture-seizing expedition. The collector has been collecting 1909 taxes, but he has no bond to cover it. This bond should have been given a month ago, but under the circumstances he could not, yet he has had to collect taxes just the same.

STRIKER SHOT IN PITCHED BATTLE

Wheeling, Pa., Dec. 4—Windon Davis, a striker, and a guard whose name could not be learned, were shot during a pitched battle between guards and strikers at the Actna Standard Mills of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company at Bridgeport, O., last night, and Sheriff Amrine took charge today. Davis stepped off a street car near the mill and started toward the plant. A party of men from the headquarters of the strikers intercepted him. A deputy sheriff and a Bridgeport officer tried to protect the guards, but they were pushed aside. Revolvers were drawn on both sides and a dozen or more shots were fired. Issued Many Marriage Licenses. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 4.—Morris Salmonson, clerk of the marriage license department in the county clerk's office, calculates that he has assisted in making 1,000,000 hearts beat as 500,000 during the twenty-seven years in which he has been issuing marriage licenses. He is 67 years old, and his official career began December 3, 1832.

THE RAILROAD MEN HOLDING CONFERENCE

Representatives of The Roads Meet to Discuss the Strike Situation

STRIKE MAY SPREAD

Officials Discuss the Situation From All Angles and on Their Decision Largely Rests the Outcome of the Strike—Conference Will Last For Hours and Maybe Days—Strikers Will Hold Meeting Tonight—Deny Statement Made by Railway Officials That They Are Beaten and Say Strike May Become General.

Chicago, Dec. 4—Leading representatives of 23 railroads entering Chicago today met in secret session to take action of vital importance on the threatened railroad trouble. The officials discussed the situation from all angles and on their decision rests largely the outcome of the present demands of switchmen, engineers and trainmen for increased wages and changed working conditions. The meeting marked a crisis in the industrial situation in the west. It is the most important in the history of railroads in Chicago and was held behind locked doors in the headquarters of the general managers' association in Chicago in the Harvester building. Hours, maybe days, it was said as the conference began, would be necessary to canvass the situation that may result in a serious conflict between the railways and organized labor. Tonight a general meeting of Chicago switchmen will be held to canvass the situation and possibly take some action. It is reported that Frank T. Hawley, general president of the switchmen, will be present. He has been in St. Paul for three weeks and is leading the strike there. The object of Hawley coming to Chicago, it was said, was to spread the strike to all switch centers in the United States and force the twin city roads to give in. Officers of the switchmen's union in Chicago have had to exert all their energies to prevent members in the local transfer yards from going out in sympathy and incidentally to enforce their own demands for a raise of six cents an hour. Every day since the strike began the members of the switchmen's union here have demanded to know, with increasing persistence, why they were not included in the negotiation with the railroad general managers committee at St. Paul. Should the switchmen decide at their meeting to spread the strike Buffalo will probably be the first city to feel the effects. The switchmen's union is stronger here than in any other city.

Not Beaten.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 4—In reply to the statements issued by J. M. Grueber, general manager of the Great Northern; Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and George T. Slade of the Northern Pacific, saying that the strikers were beaten and that under no circumstances would the roads consent to arbitrate, President Hawley, of the switchmen's union, gave out the following: "We are not beaten. We have received wires from all the principal cities of the United States west of and including Buffalo, showing the switchmen have been holding enthusiastic meetings. The boys are anxious to strike. I have protested by wire against such action. The prolongation of the strike will no doubt exhaust the patience of the switchmen of these great industrial centers, as they may see fit to strike against my objections. Of course I cannot hold them if they want to strike. "Our switchmen in the east and south are becoming angry because they have to make up the trains that carry the strike-breakers to the twin cities and it's a question in my mind as to how long their patience will stand my restraining order."

Ex-Congressman Died.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Bainbridge, Ga., Dec. 4.—After an illness of three weeks with pneumonia, ex-Congressman B. E. Russell died this morning at 11 o'clock.