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Resignation of Zelaya Has Lessened the Tension For the Present

A GOOD BEGINNING

Since Zelaya Has Resigned the United States Will Follow a Policy of Waiting and See What the Outcome Will Be—Will Give Support to Estrada, However, as the Next President—Dr. Jose Madriz Wants the Place—United States Will Not Intervene to Keep Zelaya from Leaving the Country if He Wants to Go.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 17.—With the resignation of President Zelaya the tension in Nicaragua affairs is decidedly lessened, and while much remains to be done, under the requirements of this government, before conditions there will have reached a plane satisfactory to this administration, it is felt here that a good beginning has been made in the matter of Nicaraguan house cleaning.

It is regarded as certain that Dr. Madriz, Zelaya's choice as his successor will not be permitted by the United States to assume office, he being looked upon as being entirely willing to act as puppet in the hands of Zelaya in the improbable event that he succeeds in being elected president. The United States government feels it honor bound, to back up Estrada's candidacy for the presidency, and it is thought will be willing to go to the extreme to bring this about.

As a result of Zelaya's resignation it is thought the navy department will issue orders that the detachment of marines which sailed last week on the Dixie, ostensibly for Colon, but actually for some point in Nicaragua, will remain for the present at Panama and that similar action will be taken in the case of the force of marines who sailed from League Island navy yard for Colon on the Prairie yesterday. The light draught battleship Missouri which it has been intended should sail for Bluefields to reinforce the United States warships now there, it is understood, will not be directed to leave Hampton Roads for the present, but a policy of "wait a while" will be adopted for a few days, until the result of Zelaya's resignation is ascertained.

While something is being said here about the intention of this government not to permit Zelaya to leave Nicaragua until he has been punished for his action in the Groce-Cannon case, naval officers and lawyers versed in international law declare that there is no legal power which can be invoked by the United States to prevent him leaving Nicaragua whenever he chooses. Privately, it is thought the state department would not object to having him leave Nicaragua as soon as possible for while his departure would lessen the existing tension to even a greater degree than this present resignation, it would at the same time, do away with the opportunity for the ex-president to pose as a martyr before other Central American republics, whose love for the United States government to punish in some decided manner through the new Estrada government.

It is believed that with the debt of gratitude which President Diaz feels for Zelaya, who offered him the use of 10,000 Nicaraguan troops when Mexico was threatened with war by Guatemala some time ago, Mexico might assume a very unfriendly attitude towards the United States government if steps were taken to have the ex-president severely punished. To avoid such a contingency it is thought no serious steps would be taken by the United States to prevent Zelaya reaching the deck of the Mexican gunboat which has been lying at Corinto for some days with the probable intention of affording an asylum to Zelaya should seek to leave his country by that port, although American ships of war are also at the same port.

In other words, as proof of his appreciation of Zelaya's proven friendship in the past, President Diaz intends to "see him through" his present predicament with the United States, as far as may be possible, even to the point of serious disagreement with the United States government. At the private meeting which Senator Enrique Creel, the special ambassador sent here by Mexico a few days ago for the purpose of taking part in the Nicaraguan situation, is to have with President Taft today it is thought he will convey this intention of the Mexican president to the American president, but naturally in the most diplomatic manner possible.

MISS JULIET HERO.



Miss Elizabeth Juliet Hero, a beautiful Greek girl living in New York, who has brought an action for \$100,000 damages for breach of promise against Dr. Anabel Zelaya, second son of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua. Dr. Zelaya is an interne in one of the New York hospitals. He attended the Columbia Medical College and when a student there Miss Hero says, made desperate love to her. She says she has 200 letters as proof. She accuses President Zelaya of breaking up the match on the ground that it would be a mesalliance.

ABDICATION CAUSE FOR REJOICING

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Bluefields, via Colon, Dec. 17.—News of the abdication of Zelaya reached here last night and was immediately telephoned to Estrada at Rama. The report was given out among the troops who received it with wild acclaim. The news had already reached the Zelaya army line up against the Estrada troops at Rama. There was almost as much rejoicing in the Zelaya camp as among the Estrada troops. Plans for a new conference between Estrada and General Vanquez, Zelaya's commander, were immediately arranged and it was reported in Bluefields this morning that Vanquez will surrender. There is rejoicing the length of the Atlantic coast over the news of Zelaya's abdication. In Bluefields there were public celebrations in churches this morning. The streets are thronged with men and women, many of whom are discharging fireworks and arms in celebration.

ZELAYA CABLES PRESIDENT TAFT

Managua, Dec. 17.—"I stand ready to account for my acts." That is the message ex-President Zelaya has cabled to President Taft, it was learned today. Zelaya's dispatch reads: "On December 4, I cabled to Washington this message: "Secretary Knox: I believe that the request that the United States send a commission of investigation. If its findings show my administration to be detrimental to Central America, I will resign."

"I have received no reply. To avoid harm to my country and desiring that it shall renew friendly relations with the United States, I have today sent my resignation to congress. As my opponents consider my presence a disturbing factor, I propose to show my good faith by leaving Nicaragua. I stand ready to account for my acts."

SIX LIVES LOST.

Five Girls and Firemen Lost Lives in Fire.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—Five girls and firemen Joseph Toner are known to have lost their lives when the six story building occupied by Shrack & Scherwood, manufacturers of undertaking supplies, was destroyed by fire. Twenty girls were working in the building when the fire broke out last night, most of whom escaped with the assistance of police and firemen. Investigation showed that half a dozen were missing immediately after the rescues and later it was reported that five had failed to return to their homes. Toner was killed while engaged in rescue work.

SEABOARD FAST TRAIN DERAILED

This Morning at One O'clock Near Pamlico Junction But Little Damage

NO ONE INJURED

Caused by Tire on Wheel of Tender Breaking—Baggage and Express Cars Derailed—Wreck Cleared This Morning at 9:45—Track Badly Torn Up for Several Hundred Yards—Slow Speed Probably Prevented Loss of Life—Traffic Delayed Nearly Nine Hours.

This morning two coaches and the tender of the northbound Seaboard Air Line fast train No. 92 were derailed at Pamlico Junction, just outside of the city limits, the track badly torn up and traffic delayed for nearly nine hours. The derailment was caused by a tire on a wheel of the tender breaking, this causing the baggage and express cars to leave the rails and run along on the ties for several hundred yards.

The train, which is known as No. 92, the fast train between Jacksonville and New York, is due to leave Johnson street at 12:55 a. m. and was running about on time this morning. The train was in charge of Engineer Walter Moore and Conductor S. P. Kirk.

Just as it crossed the Norfolk & Southern track, the tire on a wheel of the tender broke, causing the wheels to leave the rail, and threw the baggage and express cars off. The train, while it had not gone far enough from the yards to have up to carry it several hundreds yards, tearing up the cross-ties and doing other damage to the roadbed. The derailed cars remained in an upright position, which doubtless accounts for the fact that no one was injured.

The wrecking crew was called out and the track was cleared so that the train, except the baggage and express cars, which were damaged, continued its journey north at 9:45 this morning and traffic was resumed.

This wreck occurred just a short distance from where the Florida Flyer was wrecked and burned a couple of years ago.

TO AMEND SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Martin of Colorado, is preparing to introduce two vital amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law. One provides for the appointment of receivers and in case like that of the Standard Oil Company and the other for the exemption of labor and agricultural organizations, fraternal societies, building and loan associations, etc. In short, his amendment in this regard, is an exact copy of the exemption clause of the tariff act passed at the special session of this congress.

When the Sherman act was passed, said Representative Martin, it was sought to incorporate a similar exemption, but it was claimed by the senate leaders that the act could not be construed to include labor organizations, hence the exemption to the contrary, it is clear that the Sherman act applies with full force to labor organizations. This, Mr. Martin asserts, was never intended by congress.

SEARCHING FOR BODY.

Police Now Believe That the Louisville Girl Was Kidnapped.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—Fearing that eight-year-old Alma Kellner, thought to be kidnapped, has been murdered, the authorities today turned their attention to a search for her body. Particular attention was paid to sewers. Four crews of city employees, under the direction of Street Superintendent Shumate and the police, went through every street and alley and explored the sewers for six blocks about the Kellner home. Hours of work revealed nothing. The \$500 reward offered by Governor Wilson and others has brought no response, it was announced today.

SENSATIONAL TURN IN THE BROKAW CASE

Defense Taken by Suprise Today When Attorney For Mrs. Brokaw Rested Case

HAD WIFE FOLLOWED

Defense Taken Very Much by Surprise Today When Attorney Baldwin for Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw Announced That He Would Rest His Case—Court Refused to Entertain Motion Made by Attorney McIntyre for Defense to Dismiss Case—J. Bullard Blair, Brother of Plaintiff, on Stand Stated That Brokaw Mistreated Wife in Paris.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The defense was taken by surprise today in the separation suit of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw against W. Gould Brokaw, millionaire and yachtsman, when Arthur J. Baldwin, attorney for Mrs. Brokaw, suddenly rested his case at Mineola, L. I.

J. Bullard Blair, brother of the plaintiff, was the first witness called, and when he left the stand Baldwin announced that he rested.

The court refused to entertain a motion made by Attorney McIntyre to dismiss the case.

Young Blair, on the stand, went over the Brokaw dispute in France, in which the husband threatened to divorce his wife for abandonment under the French law according to the plaintiff.

"Mr. Brokaw told the hotel manager to intercept all my sister's mail and to have her followed," Blair said. When I taxed Mr. Brokaw with this he denied it. The manager, however, admitted it, and told me he had told Brokaw to go somewhere else to get some one to follow my sister.

When the plaintiff's case was rested, Attorney McIntyre sought to have Attorney Baldwin say whether the separation was asked on the ground of cruelty or for abandonment. He sought to have many passages of Mrs. Brokaw's testimony stricken from the record. Justice Putnam decided against him time after time.

Harry Knox, an engineer who promised to take care of Brokaw at High Point, N. C., on New Year's eve, 1908, was the first witness for the defense.

"I was invited in October, 1907, to go there to meet Mrs. Brokaw," he said. "They were living in a log cabin while the main house was being renovated. Their conduct was charming—they acted as a bride and groom should."

He painted a glowing picture of turtle doves, and said the situation was the same when he returned in December.

"Everything was rose colored and sky blue," he said. About the time Mrs. Brokaw's attempt on her life, Knox said, he found Brokaw walking in the hall outside of her room, wringing his hands and crying. "Mr. Brokaw acted as if he were mentally unbalanced. For three or four days he remained in a frenzied condition—frenzied with grief. Dr. Battle recommended that they separate and forget their childish quarrels," continued Knox.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Saturday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday, warmer tonight. For North Carolina: Fair in east, rain tonight or Saturday in west portion, possibly snow in the mountains, warmer tonight in east portion; variable winds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Minnesota depression moved rapidly northward, resulting in light snow in the Lake region and followed by a vigorous high pressure area, and temperatures below zero. The temperatures in the Atlantic coast states have changed only slightly but there has been a decided rise in the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys, and eastern Texas. Heavy frost at Jacksonville and Mobile. The indications are for fair weather in this vicinity tonight and Saturday, with rising temperatures tonight. C. H. RICHARDSON, Acting Section Director.

Distinguished Authoress



Selma Lagerlof, the Swedish authoress, who has been awarded the Nobel prize this year for literature. She is the first woman who has achieved that honor. Her book, "The Wonderful Adventure of Nilo," and other delightful volumes for children have won by the hundred of thousands in Sweden. The value of the prize amounts to \$38,672.

GETTING AT BOTTOM OF BATH TUB CASE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 17.—That the East Orange bath tub mystery, involving the death of Mrs. Okey W. M. Sneed, will be cleared within a few days was the declaration of the police of the city today. Four relatives of Mrs. Sneed are now under arrest and the authorities are rapidly gathering up the ends of the tangled skein of mystery that has surrounded the case. Fletcher W. Sneed, the husband of the dead woman, who disappeared several months ago, has been found at St. Catherine's, Ont., and is under arrest there, will the police say, on a warrant issued in Nashville, Tenn., where he is wanted as a witness in a bankruptcy case. He has not been sought directly in connection with the bath tub mystery, but the police believe that with his help several points still in doubt will be cleared up.

The other prisoners are the victim's aunt, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, who studied the disease with Lombroso in Italy, said that the disease is almost epidemic in certain parts of the United States, and that its prevalence in twenty-two states of the union, among them New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Illinois, is an admitted fact. In South Carolina, where it appears to be raging most at this time, there are more than 100 cases, among the sufferers being representatives of all classes of society.

After Dr. Watson finished, a Georgia mountaineer, a man 51 year old, who has wanted to about 100 pounds in weight and who exhibited the symptoms of pellagra, was shown by Dr. Fox. The mountaineer had to be helped to the platform, and did not appear to understand what was going on.

PRESIDENT TAFT EXPRESSES REGRET

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Taft, accompanied by Captain Archibald W. Butt, and two secret service men, this morning paid a formal call at the Belgian legation for the purpose of expressing his regrets at the death of King Leopold. He turned to the white house at once. The president is to leave Washington at 5 o'clock this afternoon for Watertown, Conn., for the purpose of attending the funeral of Mrs. Horace D. Taft, his sister-in-law, who died at Baltimore yesterday. Mrs. Laughlin and Captain A. W. Butt will accompany him. Mrs. Taft will join her husband in New York and proceed with him to Watertown. It is expected that the president will return to Washington late Sunday night or Monday morning.

DOCTORS DISCUSS DREAD PELLAGRA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, Dec. 17.—Pellagra, the dread scourge of Southern Europe, the presence of which in twenty-two states of the American union has been established, was discussed before the New York Academy of Medicine by Drs. J. W. Watson of Columbia, S. C., two of the leading authorities on pellagra in this country, last night. A poor Georgia mountaineer, who is suffering from the disease, and who is being treated at the New York Skin & Cancer Hospital by Dr. Howard Fox of this city, was exhibited to the physicians at the close of lectures by the southern doctors.

The New York physicians present had little reason to doubt after what they heard and what they saw that pellagra is exactly what Drs. Babcock and Watson pointed it to be, one of the most horrible, pitiful afflictions mankind has ever suffered from.

And over all was the quiet that accompanies death. Gentle footfalls and whispers echoed and re-echoed through the halls and rooms of the pavilion, emphasizing the sense of solemnity by contrast.

The arrangements for the funeral were speedily made. It was decided that the service would be celebrated at St. Gudular's Cathedral in Brussels. There a mass for the repose of the monarch's soul was said yesterday.

Princess Stephanie, who for days has been attempting to gain access to the sick room, was greatly affected by the king's death. When, finally, she was admitted, after death, she broke down as she viewed the body of her father. Weeping bitterly, she was led away, after she had uttered a prayer while she knelt.

Princess Albert and his wife and Princess Clementine were also greatly affected.

The condition of King Leopold during the early evening was such that Prince Albert and the other relatives left the pavilion, worn out by their long vigil. Among the first to reach the castle today were Count Doullouton, grand marshal of the court, and Carton de Wiart, one of Leopold's secretaries. It is reported that Princess Louise (Continued on Page Two.)

KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM DIED TODAY

End Came Early This Morning and When it Was Thought He Was Improving

THE NEW KING

Brussels is Officially in Mourning. But There is But Little Grief Among the People—Escapades of the King Had Turned His People Against Him—Was Obdurate to the Last Towards the Two Daughters Who Have Been Estranged From Him—Arrangements for the Funeral—The New King.

(By Cable to The Times)

Brussels, Dec. 17.—Brussels is officially in mourning for King Leopold II, who died at 2:35 o'clock this morning. In reality, however, there is little grief, the king's escapades and the many scandals of the latter years of his regime thoroughly divorced the love and sympathy of his subjects for him. The new king, formerly Prince Albert, of Flanders, is possible. The cabinet was in session today, having been summoned by Premier Schollaert.

The cabinet prepared to carry out the steps arranged before hand against the king's death. Leopold himself helped to complete these plans, before he submitted to the operation which was the last hope of saving his life.

Leopold was obdurate to the last toward the two daughters from whom he had been estranged—Princess Louise and Princess Stephanie.

The end came when hopes for the royal patient were more optimistic than they had been in days. Leopold, handicapped by his extreme age and his weakened constitution, made a magnificent fight for life, and for a time appeared to be improving.

Princess Albert, his wife, and Princess Clementine, Leopold's favorite daughter, were not present at the end, arriving some minutes afterward. It was said today that Baroness Vaughan, reputed to be the widow of the king, was admitted to the sick room in the king's last minutes.

The body of what was King Leopold, dressed in the uniform of a general, lay in the death chamber this morning. About the Palms pavilion by Laeken castle, where he spent the days of his last illness, there was an impressive hush. The court members, officials, and the royal family betrayed signs of genuine mourning.

A guard of honor was drawn up about the castle and pavilion and at the entrance to the death chamber itself stalwart troopers from the late ruler's favorite regiment, as from the royal guard, were stationed, with arms reversed. In the death chamber itself, pomp and simplicity were strangely mingled. The room itself was plain, almost bare. The coffin lay in state and about it were the lighted candles. One of the nuns who aided in nursing the king told her beads in the sombre room.

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