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THE MEXICAN SITUATION VERY TENSE

Relation Between United States and Mexico Becoming Strained Over Nicaragua

WILL HELP ZELAYA

Nicaraguan Situation is Becoming the Mexican Situation—Senior Creel, Special Envoy From Mexico to United States Visited the President Yesterday and Made Known That Mexico Wants to Help Zelaya Get Out of the Country Safely—Doesn't Want Him Punished for His Conduct in Nicaragua.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 18—United States and Central American history is being made rapidly these days. What, at this moment is the Nicaraguan situation, is rapidly becoming the "Mexican situation," and if it progresses very much farther will prove to be a very different and more serious affair than our present little misunderstanding with a two-for-a-quarter government.

Within the last twenty-four hours the situation, insofar as it concerns Mexico, has suddenly become tense, as a result of the visit to President Taft yesterday afternoon of Senor Enrique Creel, special envoy to the United States from Mexico. Senor Creel, it is understood, explained to the president and to Secretary of State Knox, who was also present, that through strong friendship for President Zelaya, Mexico is anxious to assist the Nicaraguan president to leave his country safely soon after his successor is elected.

To this the president, in diplomatic language, raised a decided objection, asserting that as Zelaya decided some time ago to ignore the wishes of this government and to, practically flout it, in connection with the execution of Cannon and Groce, the United States was now determined to punish him for his acts. It was further explained to Senor Creel that his request for safe conduct for Zelaya from Nicaragua to a Mexican war vessel at some Nicaraguan port on the west coast must be denied, as it was this government's intention to cause Zelaya's detention until he can be arrested by the revolutionists and severely punished.

The issue, therefore, is not very far from being joined as the lawyers express it, between this country and Mexico. Just to what extent President Diaz will permit things to go, so far as his government is concerned, is of course, unknown here, but it is believed he will go to the extreme lengths in his determination to save his Nicaraguan friend to whom he owes a debt of deep obligation. It is expected that Zelaya will, within a few days, seek to make his way to the coast, if not to Corinto then to some other point less conspicuous agreed upon, where he will be met by a Mexican ship of war and taken to Mexican territory, where he will be safe from the United States vengeance. Should the United States take steps to patrol the coast with some of the numerous warships now at or near Corinto, in order to prevent Zelaya from reaching the deck of a Mexican gunboat, and he should succeed in thus gaining the protection of the Mexican flag before he can be intercepted by an American warship, it is probable a crisis will be reached when the American commander demands the surrender of the fugitive and the demand is refused by the officer in command of the Mexican vessel.

In any event, it is expected that the next week or ten days will see some important developments in the Nicaraguan-Mexican situation. Even now some hotheaded and impulsive Americans here are repeating to each other the slogan of former days, "Remember the Alamo."

Lawyer Nominated Himself.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Boston, Dec. 17—John C. Hadlock, a lawyer who filed papers nominating himself for mayor of Boston, was arrested today on an indictment of 40 counts charging him with violating the election law in filing false papers of nomination.

ZERO COLD CAUSES BAD WRECK TODAY

A Dozen Persons or More Seriously Injured in Chicago Suburbs

THE RAIL SNAPPED

Train Running a Mile a Minute is Ditched by Broken Rail—Intense Cold Said to Have Been the Cause of the Rail Breaking—Passengers Pinned in Wrecked Cars and Had to be Chopped Out With Axes—Half Clad and Injured They Suffer Severely From the Piercing Cold.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, Dec. 18—A dozen persons were severely injured and a score more bruised and lacerated when the Oriental Limited train on the Burlington Route, from Portland, Ore., en route to Chicago, was wrecked at Western Springs, a miles west of LaGrange, and at the very threshold of Chicago, before dawn today.

The zero cold is believed to have caused the wreck, snapping a rail while the train was passing at a speed of a mile a minute. The passengers were pinned in the wrecked cars and had to be chopped out with axes. Half clad and in pain from their injuries, they suffered acutely from the piercing cold till the villagers of Western Springs, roused by a passenger who ran through the snow in pajamas and bare feet and pulled the fire alarm bell, came to their rescue and gave them refuge.

Most of those hurt in the wreck were brought to Chicago in a relief train sent out by the Burlington an hour after the wreck, and placed in Chicago hospitals. The seriously injured were:

- Mrs. R. J. Ball, Finley, N. D., severely cut about the face by glass; right elbow sprained.
- Mrs. W. G. Breck, Red Lodge, Mont., cut about the head.
- Mrs. Emma Andrews, Chicago; ankle sprained and wrist wrenched.
- Benjamin Bates, Fargo, N. D., hip sprained, cut and bruised about face and hands.
- Michael Morawitz, New York City, cut and bruised.
- Miss Lillian Snyder, Everett, Wash., cut and bruised.
- J. R. McDonald, bruised and shaken up.
- Many others were injured less seriously.

SANITARY SUNDAY.

Press and Pulpit Must Do Large Part of Work Necessary to Rid Country of Tuberculosis.

(Special to The Times.)
Asheville, Dec. 18—Newspaper clippings coming to Dr. L. W. Dunn, of this city, show the thought of the people in both the Carolinas and adjoining states to be strongly in favor of the "Sunday Sanitary" plan. This day of preaching and teaching the right care of the human body was suggested by the North Carolina Association for the prevention of tuberculosis, of which Dr. Dunn is president. "The press and the pulpit, supplemented by the teacher in the Sunday school and the week-day school, must do a large part of the missionary and educational work which is necessary to rid this city of tuberculosis or consumption. During the last few weeks many of the leading newspapers of the southern states," according to Dr. Dunn, "have been intelligently appreciative of its real significance. The newspapers in their editorials have shown that the campaign against tuberculosis must largely be fostered by those agencies which influence the judgment and arouse the conscience of the average people. Hence this first step to enlist the active co-operation of the pulpit and the preacher. Because of the wide-spread discussion during this month, we shall count upon a very general observance of the new date to be announced."

Children's Christmas Service.
The public is invited to attend a Christmas entertainment at the Hillsboro street Christian church next Wednesday night. A good program has been prepared. Mrs. L. F. Johnson has charge of the training. The children have been faithful. The entertainment is free. A good time is in store for all who may attend. Children of the city have a special invitation to be present.

United States Marines are Jubilant



United States marines leaving the Brooklyn Navy Yard on a tug on their start to Nicaragua. They went to Philadelphia whenever they sailed for the Central American zone. A rousing send off was given the men as they left the Navy Yard. Several hundred sailors on the Battleship Ohio cheered the departing fighters and during the trip to Jersey City the marines were saluted by the numerous harbor craft.

HOUSE HAS MADE A GOOD RECORD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 18—Business by the house is practically over until after the holiday recess which begins next Tuesday. Since the opening of the session, December 6, the house has done fairly well, all things considered. Of the supply bills the house made a record on the district of Columbia appropriation bill which bill was almost completed yesterday. It will be passed next Monday.

The work done by the house since the opening of the session, not including the introduction of several thousand bills of the public and private character, was the passage of 467 railroad measures—one requiring common carriers to equip their cars with uniform safety devices for the protection of employes and travelers and the other requiring common carriers to report to the interstate commission a list of all accidents that may happen. The committees have been busy, especially those charged with the preparation of supply bills for the executive department. When the house reconvenes January 4, 1910, there will be a large number of important bills on the calendar, which ought to keep the members busy every day of the session.

Every measure which involves a charge on the treasury will have a hard row to hoe, say the leaders, for this is to be known as the "economy" session.

ONE KILLED IN WRECK AT CANTON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Canton, O., Dec. 18—One is dead and two are believed to be dying as the result of the accident at a crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Hurford street. William Haas, 39, drayman, was killed. Rosa Burian, with her skull fractured, may die; Laura Mohr, 18, has concussion of the brain and may die. Catherine Vail, aged 21, was bruised and cut, but will recover. Haas was driving a moving van and as he passed the Canton Stamping Company's plant the girls, who were employed there, climbed into the wagon to ride to the car line. A westbound passenger train crashed into the van at a crossing.

CITY ELECTIONS STIR UP INTEREST

(Special to The Times.)
Durham, Dec. 18—The city is manifesting a forgivable interest in two city elections for January, that of recorder and city attorney. Not until today was it generally known that there would be a joint action of the county commissioners and the city aldermen. The recorder-ship was established by the general assembly with the provision that as it is a county and city count the two should unite in the election of the judges in the future. Judge R. H. Sykes, who was made first recorder, was named in the bill creating the office and he has rounded out his first year with great credit to himself. He has been uniformly fair and deliberate.

Judge Sykes may have opposition, but there is a growing feeling that he should be allowed a term by election without having to scramble for it. He is of the judicial temperament, understands the job and is now prepared to do his best work. His court has been a recognized power in meeting local conditions and the dockets of the superior court are much more easily handled by reason of it.

City Attorney Everett has held the place longer than any other city attorney and the prosecuting officer of the recorder's court is himself. He has not announced his intention to run again and it is not known whether he will be in the race. This place always calls out the candidates.

WANT ESTRADA FOR PRESIDENT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Bluefields, Dec. 18—American residents are signing a petition today addressed to the state department, appealing to Washington to direct the Nicaraguan congress to name Juan Estrada president of the republic in place of the abdicated Zelaya. The petition will be cabled to Washington. Messengers were dispatched by boat up and down the Atlantic coast this morning seeking signatures for the instrument. It is being signed everywhere.

Estrada has indicated that he has no personal desire for the presidency. He says he would rather return to his business. He announced, however, that if he could accomplish more good for Nicaragua as an executive than as an adviser then he would place himself at the disposal of his people. In Bluefields the war is regarded as practically over. There is little chance of a fight at Rama. It is only a matter of time and the question of a satisfactory agreement to the surrender of the Zelayan troops under Vauquez, Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines announced yesterday that the United States will permit no fighting here or at any other Atlantic coast towns. This is taken to mean that Washington would even stop a fight at Rama if there were a chance of one.

SEVEN KILLED IN WRECK TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Cleveland, O., Dec. 18—Seven persons were killed and more than a score injured today when Lakeshore passenger train No. 1, westbound, from New York crashed into a switch engine here. The passenger train was running at high speed and the cars were piled in a mass of wreckage. The fireman of the passenger train was dragged out of the wreck of his engine, dead. The engineer could not be found. It is believed he was buried in the wreckage. Four bodies were taken out of the wreckage. None of the passengers were killed but more than a score were injured. Leroy Field, was crushed and probably fatally injured. The Pullman cars left the track and the first one was wrecked. The intense cold added to the suffering of the injured and made the work of the rescuers particularly hard.

ELLIOTT WAS FOUND GUILTY IN COBLE CASE

Jury Returned Verdict of Manslaughter as to Elliott and Released Coble

GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Daniel Coble and Hiram Elliott were Both Charged With the Murder of Simpson Coble—The Jury Found Old Man Coble Not Guilty and Elliott Guilty of Manslaughter—Returned Verdict at 9 O'clock This Morning After Being Out All Night and Judge Biggs Immediately Passed Sentence of Five Years in the Penitentiary.

(Special to The Times.)
Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 18—At 10 o'clock last night the case against Hiram Elliott, charged with the murder of Simpson Coble, was given to the jury. Daniel Coble, father of the deceased, being discharged from custody following instructions from Judge Biggs in his charge that a verdict of "not guilty" be returned as to him.

The trial came to an unexpected end at 12 o'clock yesterday, the defense, besides a number of character witnesses, offering no testimony besides that of Hiram Elliott. True to his promise when remanded to jail after a preliminary hearing, Elliott went on the stand and told everything in connection with the murder. He related the story of the quarrel and subsequent fight which resulted in Simpson Coble's death, in a calm and unemotional manner, leaving out no details that might tend to show self-defense. Despite a rigid cross-examination the witness never faltered and the foundation of his story was unshaken when he left the stand.

At 9 o'clock today the jury returned a verdict of "manslaughter" as to Hiram Elliott and "not guilty" as to Daniel Coble. Judge Biggs passed sentence of five years in the penitentiary. Both were charged with murder of Simpson Coble, brother-in-law and son of defendants.

WANTS SOUTH POLE.

Captain Bartlett Wants to Try For the South Pole.

Boston, Dec. 18—Captain Bartlett, of the Roosevelt, Commander Peary's ship on his polar expedition, cherishes an ambition to undertake the discovery of the south pole. He discussed it here today. He estimates that it would cost \$1,000,000 and the ship. With respect to Dr. Cook, Captain Bartlett maintained silence until it was suggested that a favorable reply from Copenhagen would end the controversy. "Who are the Danes," he said "that they should be the only arbiters of the affair?"

Postoffice Dynamited.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 17—The postoffice at Short Creek, this county, was entered by dynamites early this morning, the safe blown open and several hundred dollars in money taken. Bloodhounds were sent to the scene.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast Till 8 P. M. Sunday.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Rain or snow tonight or Sunday; colder tonight.

For North Carolina: Rain or snow tonight or Sunday; colder tonight; moderate west to north winds.

The disturbance over the north-east is moving off the coast and the northwestern high pressure area has advanced southeastward causing colder weather south to Texas and east to the Ohio valley. The temperature is at zero in Chicago, ten below zero in St. Paul, twelve below in Denver, and twenty-four below at Lander, Wyo. Rain is reported from eastern Texas to northern Florida in connection with a disturbance central near the middle gulf coast. Light snow is falling in Arkansas and northern Louisiana. The temperature is rising in northern Montana.

Conditions are favorable for colder weather in this vicinity tonight, with rain or snow tonight or Sunday.
L. A. DENSON,
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THE WIFE OF LEOPOLD IS THREATENED

Populace Aroused and The Authorities Fear That Mob Will Destroy Residence

BAR MAID TO QUEEN

There is Much Feeling Against Baroness Vaughan, Wife of the King, Who Was Once a Bar Maid and Indications Are She Will Have to Leave the Country—Leopold's Wife and Daughter Have Arranged Themselves in a Bitter Fight Over the Late Monarch's Fortune—Baroness Announces Her Intention of Remaining Until After Funeral.

(By Cable to The Times)

Brussels, Dec. 18—Measures were taken today to guard the Laeken villa of the Baroness Vaughan, favorite and wife of the late King Leopold II. Feeling against her is running high, not only in official and court circles, but among the people, and in fear of an attack on her residence, within a stone's throw of the Palm Pavilion in which Leopold died, a strong force of militia was detailed there today.

It is the prospect of history repeating itself that has brought about this step. After the death of Leopold I, father of the second Leopold, the home of Baroness Meyer, his favorite, was destroyed by a mob and the baroness was driven from the country.

While the entire nation today is officially in mourning, the two factions—that led by Princess Louise, and that of the Baroness Vaughan and her supporters—arrayed themselves for a bitter struggle over Leopold's immense fortune, and the throne itself.

Baroness Vaughan, whose marriage to Leopold in Italy in 1908 has the sanction of the vatican, is declared to be ready to flaunt her connection with the king and to force, if possible, her elder son to the throne. The pope is reported to have advised his uncle here to afford the Baroness whatever protection she may need. How extensive this aid is, and how far Rome is ready to carry it, were matters of vital interest today to the leaders of the government.

In the face of protests and attempted coercion, the Baroness has announced her determination to remain near the body of her royal husband till after the funeral. Not till then, she declared today, would she unfold her plans.

It is probable that next week she will go to Ballincourt, in France, where she has a chateau. Her two sons are there now. They are Lucian, made the duke of Tuveneran, by his father, now five years old, and a boy now 3 1/2 years whom his father created count.

The greater part of Leopold's fortune is declared to be the Baroness'. This will probably reach \$15,000,000. Only \$3,000,000—the amount left him by his father—was bequeathed by the king to his children.

The Baroness Vaughan is one of the most picturesque women who have ever figured in history as the "dear friends" of kings. This woman, now reputed to have her eyes on a throne, and to be the heir to an enormous fortune, was once a bar maid. The daughter of a concierge—a Roumanian, who settled in Liege—her beauty attracted attention. Her eyes, deep, lustrous and violet-hued, are the chief of her many claims to beauty.

From the bar she attended, she drifted to the Elysee Palace Hotel in Paris, where Leopold met her. She became his guest on a yachting trip; he bought her a villa, and bit by bit she strengthened her hold on the old beau, till finally he made her his second wife.

TWO CHARTERS TODAY.

The Wingate Drug Company, of Wingate, filed a certificate of incorporation yesterday to carry on a general drug business. It has an authorized capital stock of \$10,000 and will commence business with \$1,000 paid in. E. W. Griffin and Edgar Williams are the principal stockholders. Elton Banking and Trust Company, of Elton College, was chartered, to do a general banking and trust business. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000, and will begin business with \$5,000 paid in. O. B. Barnes and others, incorporators.

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