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## BALLINGER HAS GIVEN NO ULTIMATUM

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President Taft is as Much Annoyed as the Secretary and Matters Has Reached a Crisis That Demands Congressional Action in Order to Settle It Definitely—Democrats Are Not Pressing the Investigation Because It is a Republican Sore and They Think it the Duty of the Republicans to Take the Initiative. Favoritism Has Prevailed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 21—Secretary Ballinger has served no "ultimatum" on the president, that the price of his staying in the cabinet is a congressional investigation of the land office and of the other bureaus of the government that are related to the land office. Such action on the part of Mr. Ballinger is unnecessary. President Taft is as much annoyed as is his secretary of the interior over the continued publication of the stories concerning the Cunningham Alaskan coal scandal and the so-called "Pinchot-Ballinger controversy." The matter has now reached a crisis that demands congressional action in order to settle it definitely.

The democrats in congress say they have not pressed for an investigation of the Glavis charges because "it is a republican sore," and as this is a republican administration, they feel it the duty of the republicans to take the initiative. The initiative therefore is now to be taken by the republicans, it was said today because the president and Secretary Ballinger have passed the word to the leaders in the house that the public will not be satisfied until the records are made public. In this entire controversy between Chief Forester Pinchot and Secretary Ballinger the shadow of former President Roosevelt looms up on the horizon. His extreme conservation policy of withdrawing from settlement large sections of the public domain in the west, as exemplified by Pinchot, created much friction and at the time many hard things were said about Roosevelt. Now it seems the opportunity is at hand for the anti-Roosevelt members of the house and the opponents of Pinchot to get in their work, and it will come to the surface soon after the investigation is started.

Western members say that a most interesting condition will be brought to light by the investigation, and while nothing criminal may be revealed, it will be shown that favoritism has prevailed to the extent of being scandalous. A reorganization of the methods in executing the land laws, it is asserted, is bound to result from the investigation.

The retirement of Chief Forester Pinchot would occasion no surprise.

## EXCITEMENT AT WHITE HOUSE.

### Automatic Fire Alarm Gets Out of Order and Registers Alarm.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 21—Surprise and excitement followed the arrival of more than a dozen fire engines and hook and ladder trucks with dashing horses and loud clanging of fire gongs at the white house soon after 1 o'clock this afternoon as the result of a fire alarm sent out by one of the automatic stations in the executive mansion. A crowd of policemen also came on the run, but the excitement and surprise soon subsided when it was found that it was due to one of the automatic alarms being out of order.

### Nomination of Bacon Confirmed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 21—The senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon as ambassador to France and 26 other diplomatic nominations sent to the senate yesterday by the president.

### Nephew of John D. Has Appendicitis.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 21—Percy A. Rockefeller, the son of William Rockefeller and a nephew of John D. Rockefeller, is ill with appendicitis at his home here, it was learned today. His condition is said to be serious.



FLETCHER SNEAD.

Fletcher Snead, husband of Ocey Snead, and his son by his first wife, who was Miss McLaurin. He believed his second wife died in June until he learned of her mysterious death a few days ago.

## SNEAD WILL FLEE FROM CANADA

New York, Dec. 21—A dispatch from St. Katherine's, Can., today stated that Fletcher Snead, husband of Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead, the East Orange bath tub mystery victim, was preparing to flee from that country. The dispatch stated that Snead was packing up his belongings and preparing for a hasty flight. It was said that he intended leaving Canada and hiding either in the United States or some European country, because the Canadian authorities are ready to deport him as an "undesirable alien."

The Essex county, N. J., grand jury today considered evidence against Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Ocey Snead, and Mrs. Martin's sisters, Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia Wardlaw who are now charged with having killed Ocey in the unfurnished house in East Orange. Indictments before nightfall were predicted today. Mrs. Snead and Mrs. Martin, who occupy adjoining cells in the Tombs prison, have had a violent quarrel over their line of defense and they have not spoken since last Saturday. Mrs. Martin wanted Mrs. Snead to fight extradition. Mrs. Snead replied that she was in the hands of her lawyer, Franklin Fort, Jr., who is anxious to have the women extradited. "Then you must drop Mr. Fort, as I have done," replied Mrs. Martin. "They ought never take us to New Jersey until we have found out what evidence they have against us. We can't find out what that evidence is unless we fight extradition."

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Wednesday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, continued cold tonight and Wednesday. For North Carolina: Fair, continued cold tonight and Wednesday; light west to northwest winds.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The rain area over the southeastern states has moved to southern Florida, followed by clearing weather from Alabama to Virginia. The northeastern and western disturbances have remained nearly stationary during the past twenty-four hours. The position of the high pressure area, extending from Montana to the southeastern states, remains practically unchanged. The temperature continues below normal in all sections, except southern Florida. Freezing conditions prevail along the middle gulf coast. The temperature is still below zero in the northern Rocky Mountain region. The weather will continue fair in this vicinity tonight and Wednesday with very little change in temperature.

## Switchman Commits Suicide.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 21—After carefully setting the danger signal against in-coming trains, Robert L. Judge, the switchman in the main tower at the entrance of the Lackawanna Railroad yards, in Hoboken, committed suicide in the tower early today and delayed traffic for more than 20 minutes. Judge's body was discovered by the crew of an in-bound freight train. He was responsible for a small wreck a few days ago. He was 19 years old.

## DR. COOK'S PROOF IS NOT SUFFICIENT

Copenhagen Scientists are Not Satisfied With the Data Submitted to Them

## REPORT MADE TODAY

Commission Declares That the Documents Do Not Carry Conviction and That the Records and Observations Are Entirely Insufficient to Warrant the Verdict That He Discovered the Pole—Report Created Little Surprise in Official Circles, Washington Scientists Rapping Cook—Prof. Willis Moore Says the Verdict Was to Have Been Expected.

(By Cable to The Times) Copenhagen, Dec. 21—The data submitted by Dr. Frederick A. Cook to the University of Copenhagen are not sufficient to prove his claim to the discovery of the north pole, according to the report of the commission made today to the consistory.

The commission's report declares that the documents do not carry conviction, and that the records and observations are entirely insufficient to warrant the verdict that he discovered the pole.

The report created little surprise in official circles. A sensational feature of the findings is that Dr. Cook had no original observations or documents, not even his famous diary, on which he based many of his claims.

Among the people there was something of a sensation in the report, for the adherents of the first claimant to the discovery of the pole were still strong, though their ranks had been considerably thinned since Dr. Cook first came down out of the Great White North.

The tenor of the report had been foreshadowed, however, and for several days there were rumors, in spite of the strict orders to all the members of the commission against talking, that Dr. Cook would not be acclaimed as the man who did the feat which baffled the race for centuries.

The charges made against Dr. Cook in America, as well as those of the foreigners, had done much in the last few months to discredit him.

The final blow was the publication of the allegations of Captain A. W. Loose and George H. Dunkle, of New York, to the effect that they had supplied to order, and for a price which was not paid, the very data which the Copenhagen University authorities have passed on.

The doubt thrown on Dr. Cook's alleged ascent to the summit of Mount McKinley in Alaska and the many attacks on him by American scientific and naval men had almost completely alienated from him the support of Europe, except for the little stronghold of the faithful at Copenhagen.

It was reported that only the insistence of Professor Stromgren led to the continuation of the examination to the end, some of the members of the commission desiring to drop the entire matter after they had pushed the examination but half way through the documents.

Today's action of the University of Copenhagen in effect destroys Dr. Cook's last vestige of standing in the scientific world as the discoverer of the North Pole. He was never officially recognized as having reached

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## Baroness Vaughan, Widow of Late King Leopold

the "big mall" anywhere but in the Danish capital and in New York city, where he was presented with the freedom of the city after his return from the west in the fall of this year. It will be remembered that shortly after Dr. Cook's famous message from the frozen north that the work of heroic explorers of centuries past had finally borne fruit in the triumph of the Brooklyn doctor, it was followed in a few days by a bitter telegram from Commander Peary denouncing Cook as an impostor. Many Americans and a few Europeans took the position that Peary

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Baroness Vaughan, widow of King Leopold II of Belgium, whose inheritance of his great fortune will plunge the Belgian royal family into a scandalous fight. The baroness said she would make no scandal if she were left alone, and asserted she was the king's lawful widow, having been married to him in Rome, Italy in June last, a statement which was later confirmed by the Vatican. But the absence of a civil marriage leaves her son without valid claim to the throne under Belgian laws. Indignation against the baroness became intense after the contents of Leopold's will became known. It is said the baroness will be expelled from the country, and the fact that such treatment was accorded to Baroness Mayer after the death of Leopold II has been brought to her attention.

## WILL CONTEST ELECTION OF MADRIZ

Bluefields, Nicaragua, via Colon by wireless, Dec. 21—The election of Dr. Jose Madriz as president of Nicaragua is to be hotly contested not only on the battlefield but on the ground that the action of congress was unconstitutional, the rebel leaders today declared here. They contend that the Atlantic coast towns and settlements were not represented in the congress that accepted Zelaya's resignation and that therefore the entire program was without validity. The provisional government's representatives at Managua have been ordered to take the case up. At the same time, reports received here say that the long expected battle between the Estrada troops and government forces under General Venquez near Rama has begun. Enthusiasm is running high not only among the soldiers, but among the people generally.

"Down with Madriz" is the cry on every hand is the demand that the insurrectionary army march on Managua. The public believes that Estrada's victory would mean the triumph of honesty and good government and the end of the corruption and barbarism that has marked Zelaya's reigns and which, according to the provisionists, will continue under Madriz, whom characterize as the former president's tool.

## Valuable Horses Burned.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Bangor, Me., Dec. 21—Forty-two horses, many of them valuable trotters, were burned with the Bangor House livery and boarding stables early today. The loss is between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

## NO MORE POST SEASON GAMES

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 21—The world of baseball fans is fast to face with a calamity. Will there be a post-season world's championship series hereafter? That is the question, and a good many of the experts answer in the negative, declaring that the action of the National league in making the season one of 168 games precludes the possibility of the championship matches.

The National league will open about April 11, they point out, and with 168 games will close about October 15. The American League's season of 154 games opens about April 15 and closes about October 6 or 7. The champion ship series, therefore, will be used by the National clubs for the wind-up of the games within the league. Charles E. Elbert of Brooklyn and Charles W. Murphy of Chicago brought about the lengthened season which is causing a good deal of comment.

T. J. Lynch, the new president of the Nationals is familiarizing himself with the details of his work. He and ex-President Heydler, now secretary-treasurer, have been reviewing the work at the St. James building offices.

## DEATH OF MRS. TAYLOR.

Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, Died Last Night at 12:30 O'clock. Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, wife of the late George C. Taylor, died last night at 12:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Parish, 605 Polk street. She was in her 78th year and leaves four children: E. E. Taylor, Mrs. Ida Gill, Richard Taylor and Mrs. Minnie Parish.

## CONGRESS FAILS TO ACT ON NICARAGUA

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 21—The adjournment of congress today for the holiday recess will leave the Nicaraguan matter still in the hands of the state department without congressional action for at least two weeks.

In the meantime Secretary Knox who has maintained an optimistic attitude hopes that conditions will so improve as to make unnecessary any drastic course by congress. The secretary of state for some time has been looking for a favorable turn of affairs, but in the opinion of many senators his expectations are not warranted. They fear that while the rival claims of Estrada and Madriz are occupying attention, the fact that two Americans were murdered by President Zelaya will be lost sight of and that the only Nicaraguan dictator will escape punishment for his offenses. The Baynes resolution is still pending before the committee on foreign affairs, and after a further lapse of two weeks it may fail to accomplish its purpose even if passed then.

The fact that congress has taken no action is due entirely to the request of Secretary Knox who hopes to accomplish more by diplomacy than by forcible measures.

## Tramp Steamer Ashore.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 21—The North Brigantine life saving station reported to the life saving station at Atlantic City today that a tramp steamer was ashore off North Brigantine Beach. The life savers have gone out to the vessel.

## MADRIZ PUT IN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Zelaya's Successor took Charge of Nicaragua Presidency Despite Much Opposition

## DISORDER IN TOWN

Streets of Managua Thronged With Inauguration Crowds and Disorder Life in Many Quarters of the City. Strong Military Force Detailed to Prevent an Outbreak—Plans for Inauguration Include Much Pomp. Government Tried to Make the Day a Gala One But There Were Many Clashes With the Opposition.

(By Cable to The Times) Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 21—With the streets thronged by inauguration crowds today, disorder was rife in many quarters of the city. A strong force of military was detailed to prevent an outbreak on the day when Dr. Jose Madriz, elected by congress as the successor to ex-President Zelaya assumes office.

The plans for the inauguration included much pomp. The day is a holiday and the government did all in its power to make a semblance of a festa, in spite of the activities of the opposition. Clashes occurred in many instances, and at times, before the hour set for the inauguration, it seemed as if the situation would get away from the authorities.

The plans called for the administering of the oath of office at 10 o'clock this morning before the members of congress and the assembled officials.

The appearance of Dr. Madriz on the balcony of his hotel before starting for the congressional chambers produced wild excitement. He was cheered madly and there was a liberal sprinkling of jeers, although the general tone seemed to be more favorable than it had been in the past.

A strong detail of troops was ordered to escort President Madriz from his hotel and the affair was designed to be a triumphal parade.

It was learned today that General Estrada, leader of the provisional government, has ordered his agents here to take steps to contest the election of Madriz, on the grounds that it was illegal because the entire nation was not represented in congress.

## MAJOR BOLLES DEAD.

One of Wilmington's Most Prominent and Honored Citizens Passes Away.

(Special to The Times) Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21—Major Chas. P. Bolles, one of Wilmington's most prominent and honored citizens, passed away last night at his home in this city. The deceased was in his 87th year. He is survived by his wife and a number of children who reside here. Major Bolles was a gallant Confederate soldier and served throughout the Civil War. He was a remarkably well preserved man. Until a few months ago was actively engaged in work at one of the government offices at Washington, D. C., where he had been employed for a number of years. The funeral will be held here tomorrow.

## Schooner Aground at Tuckernuck.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Boston, Mass., Dec. 21—The six masted schooner Mertie B. Crowley was today reported aground on the Tuckernuck shoals, and two tugs were rushed to her aid from here. The revenue cutter Acushnet was ordered to proceed from Woods Hole to the Crowley's aid and to stand by her in case of danger. The ship is in a bad position and a storm, it is believed, would result in her total destruction. She was bound from Baltimore to Boston with a \$150,000 cargo of coal. It was said the cargo may have to be lightered.

## ONE CHARTER.

John T. Biggs Company of Lumberton Chartered. The John T. Biggs Company, of Lumberton, filed a certificate of incorporation today for the purpose of carrying on a general mercantile business. The authorized capital stock is \$25,000, and will begin business with \$10,000 paid in. John T. Biggs, Dennis W. Biggs and Mollie B. Biggs, are the incorporators.