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THE UNITED STATES WILL STOP ZELAYA

Commander of American Vessels Have Been Ordered to Demand His Surrender

HANDS OFF MEXICO

Uncle Sam Determined to Bring Zelaya to Justice for Murder of Two Americans, Groce and Cannon, and Will Brook No Interference From Mexico—Zelaya Said to be Preparing to Escape on Mexican Gunboat, Mexican Government Will Air Zelaya to Escape in Spite of Protests of United States—Estrada's High-Ly Confident.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Dec. 24—Roar Admiral Kimball, in command of the United States naval force in Nicaraguan waters, has been ordered to prevent the escape of ex-President Zelaya from Corinto, according to a semi-official report here today.
The commanders of the American war vessels in the south have been commanded, this report says, to demand the surrender of Zelaya to the United States authorities and to take active steps to prevent the thwarting of this plan either by Nicaraguan guard of Zelaya or of the Mexican government. The United States is prepared to demand the surrender of the former president if he takes refuge as his plan is said to be, under the Mexican flag on the gunboat General Guerrero, detailed to Corinto for the purpose of aiding him.
Zelaya must answer for the death of Cannon and Groce.

Colon, December 24—The Mexican Gunboat General Guerrero at Corinto today was in readiness to receive a board ex-President Zelaya in defiance of the protests expected from the United States, according to advices received here today.
Feeling against Zelaya at Corinto has been running high for some time. The election of Madriz as his successor was accepted there as a move of reform and the subsequent realization that Zelaya was still dominant and Madriz was a mere puppet increased the anger of the "Stormy Petrels" enemies.

It is rumored that extreme precautions to prevent Zelaya, and his lieutenants, Madriz and Irias as well, from attack by mob or by assassin have been taken, but that an outbreak is feared in spite of this step.
On the eastern coast, Estrada is reported to have already started the vanguard of his army on the expedition to Managua. The provisional government is credited with dominating more territory than that controlled by the Zelayans. From the Rio Coco on the north, the border line between Nicaragua and Honduras, to the San Juan river, on the south, near the Costa Rican frontier, Estrada is regarded as the real head of the government and the zone of his authority extends into the interior—to within comparatively short distance of the capital itself. It is said by those familiar with the developments in the interior.

No opposition is looked for in the sweep of the rebel army on the capital. Zelaya and Madriz were stripped almost entirely bare of troops by the Reconquest of Estrada, near Rama, and the capital is unprotected.
Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 24—Echoes of the report that ex-President Zelaya has completed his plans for flight today reached the people, in spite of all the efforts of the government and threw the city in a ferment. Rioting is general. Many of the former president's most enthusiastic followers took part in the demonstrations brought about by this information. A strong guard was thrown about the presidential palace, and President Madriz and Zelaya were surrounded by an armed body guard of tried men. Manifestants today parade the streets, denouncing the flight project, and demanding that Zelaya stay and quell the insurrection. The anti-Zelayans are jubilant. The agents of the provisional government and of General Estrada, working secretly, are reported to be active in laying plans to aid Estrada in his attack on the capital.

The city is at the mercy of the Estradans. The military force here is slight and disorganized, the full strength of the army having been concentrated about Rama in the week preceding the rebel victory which led to the capture of 1,900 men by Estrada. When Estrada ends his march, it is believed generally by those who know of the coming attack that Madriz will be swept from the political field.

Commander Robert Peary



The above photograph shows the smile of Robert E. Peary. While it is not so expansive as that of Dr. Frederick Cook when the latter was garlanded a few weeks ago, nevertheless it has in it now a good deal of irony that recalls his criticism of his rival at the time of the alleged north pole discovery. "He has simply handed the public a gold brick," said the commander then.

WANT MORE MONEY TALKS ABOUT COOK

Railroad Employees of East Make Demands

Will Demand Increase in Wages of From 12 to 53 Percent—Adjustment Committee Will be Appointed—Railroads Will Fight Increase.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, Dec. 24—Announcement was made today that the formal demands of the 125,000 railroad employees, working on all the lines east of the Mississippi would be laid off before the railroad companies on January 3. In these demands, the men including passenger and freight train conductors and switchmen, will demand a wage increase of from 12 to 53 percent according to the position they hold with the companies and length of service. When the demands are laid before the employers an adjustment committee representing each of the roads, will, according to plans that have not yet been completed, meet another committee from the employers, and endeavor to make terms that will be satisfactory to both parties and thus avert what would be the most gigantic railroad strike in the history of the railroads of the east.

Just what the attitude of the roads will be cannot be foretold. It is believed, however, that the demands of the men insofar as the wage increase is concerned will be bitterly fought. Should the demands of the employees be accepted, it would mean the annual expenditure of millions of dollars for extra wages.

Vice President and General Manager J. C. Stuart of the Erie Railroad, today said to the American News Service:

"So far as the Erie is concerned, the application of the maximum increase requested by the trainmen would amount to \$10,000,000 increase annually in the cost of operating our lines.

"However, we can do nothing until the demands of the trainmen have reached us. Just what attitude the directors of the Erie will assume I cannot say at this time."

Satelli Suffering From Blood Poisoning.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Rome, Dec. 24—Cardinal Francis Satelli, formerly papal delegate to the United States, suffered a turn for the worse today. It was learned that blood poisoning had developed, adding greatly to the danger.
"My American friends give me a price in the neighborhood of \$4, the money spent for those and the new gold pieces took about \$500 from the president's private purse.

Minister to Denmark Tells of Honors Paid to Cook

Says That University of Copenhagen Decorated Cook For Former Arctic Explorations and Not For Discovery of the Pole—Contrary to General Opinion the King Did Not Honor Explorer, But Was Waiting For Official Verdict of University.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, Dec. 24—Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, reached Washington last night. Dr. Egan has two months leave of absence from the state department, part of which will be spent in Washington.

In discussing the verdict of the University of Copenhagen, which, in effect, declared that Dr. Cook's claims to having reached the north pole were bogus, Dr. Egan said:

"One thing should not be forgotten in the reception accorded Dr. Cook by the Danes. The great honors paid him were not only for his supposed discovery of the pole, but also because he was an American.

"Contrary to the generally accepted opinion, Dr. Cook was not decorated by the king, who was waiting for the official verdict of the university before bestowing the honor on him.

"The honorary degree conferred on him by the University of Copenhagen and the medal he received from the Royal Geographical Society of Denmark were not given for his supposed discovery of the pole, but for his previous achievements in polar exploration and especially for his services as a member of the Belgica expedition. He will not, therefore, be asked to return these honors."

PRESIDENT MAKES GIFT.

Turkeys and Five Dollar Gold Pieces Given.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, Dec. 24—President Taft played Santa Claus yesterday to the employes of the white house. Each man with a family and a salary less than \$1,200 a year received the customary white house Christmas turkey. Those on the rolls for \$1,200 a year or more got a \$5 gold piece.

With sizeable turkeys quoted at a price in the neighborhood of \$4, the money spent for those and the new gold pieces took about \$500 from the president's private purse.

GREYTOWN EVACUATED BY TROOPS

Last Obstacle to March of the Rebels on the Capital Removed

AID OF AMERICANS

Red Cross Comes to the Aid of Suffering Prisoners and is Received With Pityful Enthusiasm—American Surgeons From Warships Do Much to Alleviate Suffering—Food is Pressing Need—Government Rations Has Consisted of Bananas—Women Fighting in Zelaya's Army—The Prisoners.

(By Cable to The Times)
Bluefields, Dec. 24—The government troops have evacuated Greytown, according to advices received here and the last possible obstacle to the march of the rebels on the capital is removed.

General Estrada today dropped his preparations for an active engagement at Greytown and devoted all his energy to the despatch of the first troops on the route that leads to Managua.

Greytown for weeks was held by a force of 1,500 Zelayans, under General Toledo. The commander is now reported to be at Managua, recalled by Zelaya. General Chamorro, of the rebels, who besieged Greytown for some time, took part, with his troops, in the victory of Rama.

The news of that defeat to the government is believed to have been responsible for the flight of the Zelayan force from Greytown. By this the coup de grace is struck at Zelaya and his aides.

Suffering here among the 1,900 prisoners captured by Estrada at Rama is intense. The aid of the United States is urgently needed.

Word that Secretary of State Knox had advised the American commanders here that \$5,000 of the Red Cross funds was at their disposal, and that an equal amount would be added if necessary, was received with pitiful enthusiasm.

The American surgeons from the war ships have done wonderful work in turning the confusion into the order of a hospital and in the hurried construction of wards and operating rooms. Food is the pressing need, however. Many of the Zelayan soldiers, conscripts and boys for the most part, have been starved for days and their ranks thinned by fever. Bananas have been the staple rations of the government forces, and even those were insufficient in quantity.

As fast as the prisoners are put in fit shape they are enrolled in the insurgent ranks. Few of them have refused to join Estrada's cause.

Women with rifles in their hands, fighting savagely by the side of the men, were captured in the trenches of Zelaya's army when it broke in the final charge of the Estrada troops at the battle of Rama. They said they preferred death by bullet or bayonet to starvation in Zelaya's camp.

Six Americans participated in the battle, operating rapid fire guns. They escaped injury with the exception of one named Bashford, who received three bullets in a leg. The prisoners include General Gonzales and General Castrillo. General Vasquez, who was returning to Rama from Managua when hostilities began, did not reach the scene during the fighting. He was a few miles distant when the government troops were routed, and it is possible that about 500 men escaped with him.

Relief Measures Taken.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Washington, Dec. 24—Relief measures were today taken by the navy department, looking towards the relief of fugitives at Bluefields. The following cablegram from Commander Shipley of the cruiser Des Moines was received this morning:

"Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 24. "To the secretary of the navy, Washington.

"In accordance with my request, on account of the necessity of cleaning the town, 2,000 Zelayan prisoners will be segregated at the bluff between Haulovar and Schooner Point. I am convinced that proper food supplies cannot be provided at once by the authorities. I will establish soup kitchens there to feed the people temporarily under superintendence of Commander Niblack, whose suggestion it was. Request navy department will approve my orders to furnish necessary supplies from ship as well as my order to make necessary expenditures covered.

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Dr. Frederick Cook



Dr. Frederick Cook, who has been weighed in the balance of Arctic exploration by the University of Copenhagen and found sadly wanting by that body in proofs submitted that he had discovered the north pole. At present nobody knows exactly where Cook is. With the exception of his brother all who were his supporters and admirers, when he returned from the north, have deserted him. A few weeks ago he was garlanded as a hero. The portrait shows his gratified smile. Some of his ironical critics say that he is still smiling, thinking of \$100,000 he has made in the lecture field and other ways, as a result of his "discovery."

MRS. MARTIN HELD BROKOW SAYS HIS WIFE IS UNTRUTHFUL

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, Dec. 24—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Mary W. Sneed, mother and mother-in-law, respectively of Mrs. Gray W. M. Sneed, West Orange, N. J. both tub victims, were again called up for arraignment in the Tombs police court to answer the charge of being fugitives from justice.

The women were held for 30 days, pending extradition papers. The continuance of the case for 29 days was given upon a new affidavit made out by detective Hargan of New Jersey, who based it upon the indictments recently returned by the Essex county grand jury against Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Sneed and Miss Wardlaw, now under arrest if New Jersey. The law permits fugitives from justice to be held 30 days under indictments, while extradition papers are being procured.

ANOTHER BLOW FOR DOCTOR F. A. COOK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Dec. 24—The committee of the explorers club which has been investigating the claim of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to the ascent of Mount McKinley, this afternoon handed in its report. It was said before hand that the report was adverse to the discredited Arctic explorer.

According to one of the committee, a close investigation showed that the claim to having reached the top of America's highest mountain was just such a mass of deceit as that which surrounded the polar claim.

"A plain hoax," is the way the claim is regarded.

This latest blow to the man who is still in hiding while his name is assailed by the world, is by no means unexpected. Early in the days of doubt after his return from the far north, Cook's opponents accused him of faking Mount McKinley claim, and produced the affidavits of members of the Mount McKinley party who declared that the pictures alleged to have been taken from the summit were really taken at much lower levels, and that all the other data were false.

Loss From Storms.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24—Great loss of life in Korea and Japan as the result of terrific storms was reported by the liner Empress of India on her arrival today.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Services Tomorrow or Sunday In All Churches In Keeping With the Day

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

Real Christmas Spirit Will be Found in the Beautiful Services to be Held in the Various Churches—Episcopal and Catholic Services Will be Held Tomorrow and Other Churches Sunday—Christ Church Program—Good Shepherd Program—Edenton Street Services Sunday—Other Services.

Christmas is the greatest religious festival of the church, as it commemorates the giving of the Saviour to the world, and the true observance of the day, the real Christmas spirit will be found in the beautiful services held in all the churches of the city, those of the Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches being held on Christmas Day. Special Christmas services will be held in the other churches of the city on Sunday. They will be more or less elaborate, the choirs singing beautiful Christmas anthems.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH.

Program of Beautiful Music Will Make Observance of Day A Glorious One.

The observance of Christmas Day will be a glorious one at the Church of the Good Shepherd, marked by a program of splendid music. The following selections will be rendered at the morning hour:

Processional—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Mendelssohn. Venite—Chant 20. Te Deum in C—Whittier. Jubilate, B Flat—Warren. Introit—O Come All Ye Faithful, Warren.

Kyrie—by Gounod Hymn—Shout the Glad Tidings Anthem—There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields, Touk. Sanctus—Stamir. Eucharist Hymn—Shepherd of Souls.

Gloria in Excelsis—Old Chant. Recessional—O Little Town of Bethlehem.

The choir is composed of: Sopranos: Misses Dumais, Hervey, Perkins, Brogden, Thomas, Ransom, Monk, Habel, Barden, G. Ransom, V. Barden, Mrs. Leigh Skinner, Mrs. E. Wilson. Altos: Misses Holman and Skinner.

Basses: Messrs. Hanff, Wilson, Lees, G. Cheshire, Dibrill. Tenors: Messrs. J. B. Cheshire, Jr., Pittenger, Shaw. Director, Miss Dumaris; violinist, Miss Emily Rose Knox; organist, Mrs. Frank T. Ward.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Glorious Observance Tomorrow of the Birthday of the King—Orchestra and Organ Accompaniment.

No outward secularization of the great day that commemorates the greatest event in the world's history can dim the effulgence or lessen the significance to mankind of the supreme gift of the Only Begotten Son of God, the Saviour of the World.

It is the Birthday of the King, and right fittingly will the glorious message be proclaimed at Christ church tomorrow.

The chancel of the venerable edifice is in festal garb, cedar, holly and pine intertwining in the decorations, and the altar arrayed for the King's coming.

Two celebrations of the Holy Communion will mark the festival, Rev. Julian E. Ingle being the celebrant at the half-past seven o'clock service and the rector, Rev. Milton A. Barber, at the 11 o'clock service.

At the High Celebration, beginning at 11 a. m., the music will be a noteworthy feature. To the accompaniment of orchestra and organ the large choir, under the direction of R. Blinn Owen, will render the elaborate selections. The music is as follows:

Prelude—Orchestra, organ and full chorus, "Manger Throne." Oratio—"Holy Child." Howatto Parker. Processional—"Adeste Fideles." Reading.

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Killed At Box Supper.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
Dubuque, Ga., Dec. 24—At a box supper last night at Henry Parks, Mark Crane shot and killed Homer Parks and fatally wounded Henry Parks, brother of the man killed. The shooting was the outcome of a mountain feud.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 8 p. m., Saturday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness and warmer with rain or snow late Saturday night. For North Carolina: Rain or snow and warmer tonight, Saturday rain; moderate north to northeast winds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The cloud belt in connection with the southwestern disturbance is overspreading the eastern districts and the front of the rain area has advanced to Birmingham. Sleet is falling at Cairo and snow at St. Louis, Kansas City, and Omaha. The weather has moderated slightly over the central-southern districts. It is colder in the extreme west and temperature is a few degrees below zero in North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and over portions of Nevada and Utah.

The indications are that the southwestern disturbance will overspread this section during the next thirty-six hours causing a slight rise in temperature with rain or snow in this vicinity late tonight followed by rain on Saturday.

L. A. DENSON, Section Director.