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AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IS MISTREATED

Suffers at Hands of Nicaraguans According to Dispatches Received Today

NAME NOT GIVEN

Granting of An Asylum to the Former President of Nicaragua by Mexico Does Not in Anyway Change the Plan of the United States in the Cannon-Groce Matter—His Extradition Will Be Demanded if He is Found to Be Responsible for Their Execution—Request for Recognition to be Made by Dr. Castrillo.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 27.—The startling news that the son of a prominent American citizen at Granada, Managua, has been beaten and arrested at Managua, Nicaragua, was received at the state department this morning in a cablegram from United States Vice Consul Caldera. The son was not registered at the consulate at Managua, but this fact does not deprive him of the protection of the American government if an inquiry proves that he has been unjustly treated. The name of the youth beaten is not given in the dispatch.

The cablegram adds that troops from Leon are being sent eastward, and that men from the same city are being placed in power at Granada. Leon is the home city of President Madriz. An official of the state department today gave out an unofficial statement concerning the question of the asylum afforded former President Zelaya by Mexico. The statement sets forth that the granting of an asylum to the former president of Nicaragua has not in any way changed the plan of the United States in regard to placing the responsibility for the execution of Cannon and Groce upon him. An inquiry is to be conducted, it is asserted, to ascertain the facts in the Cannon-Groce matter. Secretary of State Knox made it clear in his note to Senor Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation, some time ago, that reparation would be exacted from those directly responsible for the execution of the Americans.

If the investigation indicates him he will be extradited, if possible, and brought before a competent tribunal for trial. The department is reported to be relieved that Zelaya has left Nicaragua but feels that Mexico has incurred a heavy responsibility in allowing him to enter its territory, which is taken to mean that Mexico has by no means heard the last of the Zelaya incident, which it is thought, may lead to serious consequences.

Trapped in Trolley Car. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Seythor, Conn., Dec. 27.—Wrecking gangs today raised the trolley car in which Motorman Frederick Beard and Conductor Marcus Donovan were trapped when the car plunged into the Naugatuck River during the blizzard. Five passengers escaped from the car as it plunged down a 40 foot embankment.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Tuesday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Tuesday.

For North Carolina: Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Tuesday; light west winds.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The barometric pressure continues below normal over the greater part of the east, and light snow is reported in the New England States and Lake region. The pressure is above normal over the Rocky Mountain region, and the Pacific coast States, where the weather is generally cloudy. The temperatures are below the seasonal average in nearly all parts of the country. Heavy frost is reported from northern and central Florida and along the east Gulf coast.

From the present indications we may expect generally fair and continued cold weather in this vicinity tonight and Tuesday. C. H. RICHARDSON, Acting Section Director.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY.



Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, who has come out boldly as a champion of Dr. Cook, and a challenger of Commander Peary to prove that he got any nearer the pole than his rival, Admiral Schley is retired, so that his aspersions on Commander Peary cannot be checked by governmental restriction. As it is, however, he has set Washington talking about his boldness.

YOUNG AERONAUT ACHIEVES TRIUMPH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27.—Experts say that Reginald Weathersby, 22 years old, who lives at Spanaway Lake, has achieved a triumph in aviation after three years' constant experimentation that gives him high rank as an aeronaut and will undoubtedly make him world famous. He has completed and successfully tried out his aluminum aeroplane, circling, with two other machinists aboard, the summit of Mount Tacoma last Wednesday. The machine promises to revolutionize the entire system of air navigation, as it is an aeroplane with wings. The new feature of his aeroplane is a substitution of a system of undulating planes for the ordinary revolving propeller, by which he has demonstrated a speed of 120 miles an hour without vibration or jar as in case of the revolving propeller types. The machine is made of thin sheets of aluminum, reinforced with steel frame, long and neck-like, acting as a steering point, making resistance light. Aviators sit in the body of the machine, tandem style, and along the underside of the long body undulating planes, which, working back and forth, shoot the machine forward like a rocket. The planes working in four separate sets, so there is never a period of rest but a continual rush ahead. In case of accident or stopping machinery, the aeroplane sails an hour or more, gradually lowering the altitude. The inventor says the balanced, pulsating motion of the sea gulls on Puget Sound gave him the first idea. Weathersby will offer the invention to the United States government and will also challenge the Wrights and other aviators to a trial of speed on their own terms.

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(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 27.—The work of repairing the damage wrought by the storm of the last two days was taken up today in half a dozen states. Millions of dollars damage has been done by the blizzard and tidal wave that have buffeted the east and the Atlantic coast. Seventeen persons today are known to be dead in New York alone as the result of this, the worst storm of two decades. Thousands of miles of railroads have been tied up and wire communications throughout the affected region crippled.

Gigantic efforts are being put forth by every railroad and telegraph company to bring order out of chaos. Conditions are being slowly remedied. It is feared that the death list will mount considerably higher, as the details of the storm's effects arrive.

Fresh reports of the havoc today show that the storm is the worst that has been experienced since the New York blizzard of 1888.

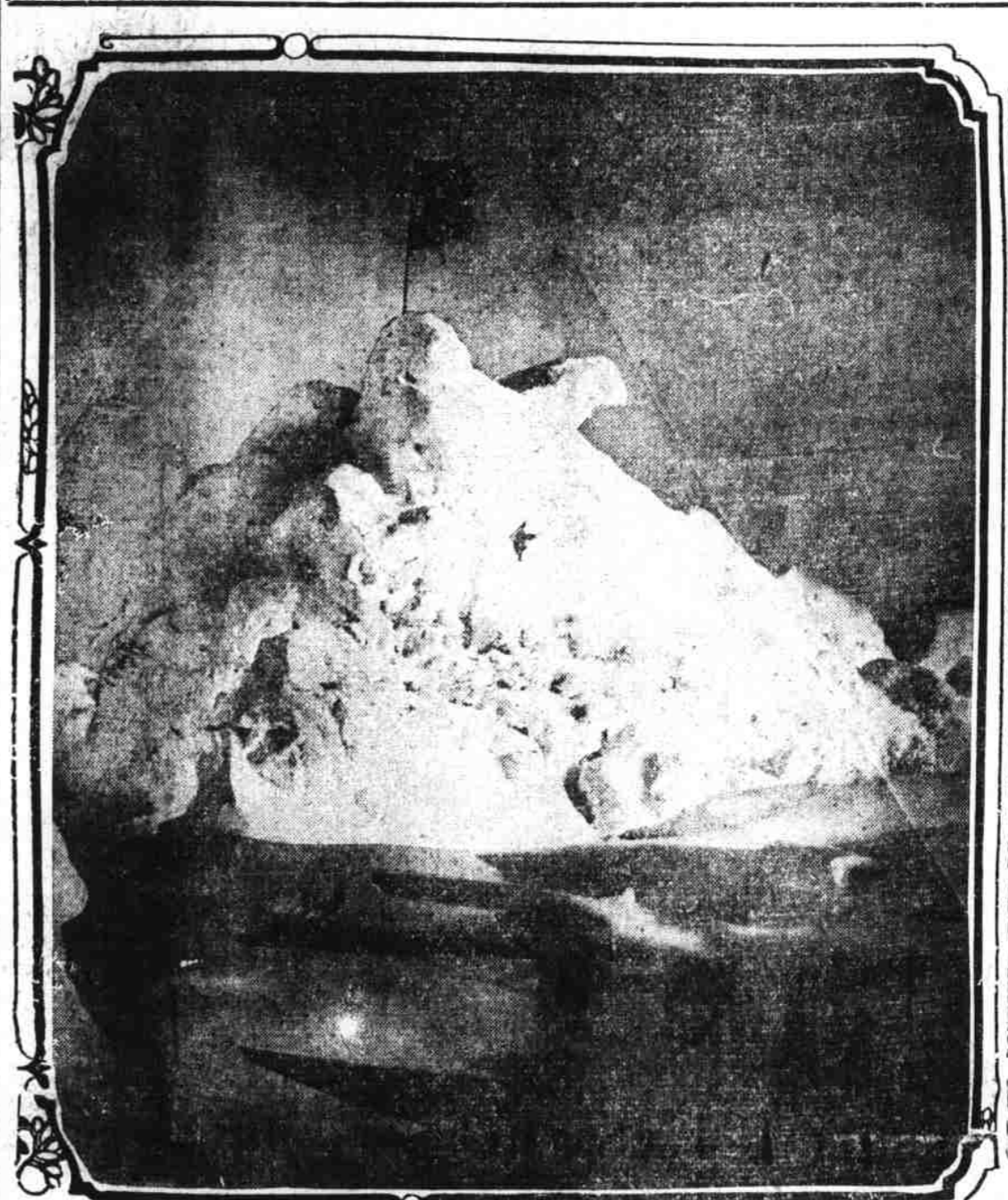
In New York City alone today 7,000 men are working with might and main to clear the streets of the banked snow. Many of these have been laboring constantly for 26 hours. Trains, delayed from two to 12 hours, began arriving early today on the various lines entering New York. The Pennsylvania lines, as far as Washington; the New York Central, and the New York, New Haven and Hartford roads were the principal sufferers, and at places traffic on these lines was practically abandoned during the storm, while all energy was devoted to clearing the right-of-way. As a result the trains were moving slowly.

Reports received today from New England paint the storm as the worst of many years. Lives are reported lost in the 14-foot tidal wave which did immense damage. Many Massachusetts cities were in darkness last night.

In Philadelphia the situation was almost as serious, all surface traffic being blocked and the steam road services demoralized. Five thousand persons spent Saturday night in the Broad street station, and last night the situation was almost as bad.

In Greater New York today dozens

The North Pole as Peary Says He Found It



The north pole, as Commander Peary says he found it. At the summit of a great mountain of ice the American flag was planted. Commander Peary will shortly make public every little detail connected with his discovery, and the recent discrediting of Dr. Cook will compel him to be doubly explicit. He claims to have the fullest verification.

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TRAINS RUNNING OUT OF WASHINGTON

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Washington, Dec. 27.—At 9 o'clock this morning the union station it was said that trains for New York had left at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock. The 9 o'clock train was to have had the passenger cars attached to it, but a strike was reported. Trains will be sent out from New York and Baltimore during the day. The Pennsylvania train, one year old, which was abandoned at Wilmington, Del., is expected to arrive this morning.

Washington and the south, from a railroad standpoint, have been practically cut off from New York and the northeast for more than 26 hours. The Arizona-born blizzard, the fall of which struck Washington Saturday, pushed on the Atlantic coast states with much snow and railroad traffic was suspended. The Pennsylvania Railroad sent a train from New York Saturday afternoon which reached Washington last midnight. That was the last train from the northeast and in spite of the work of the railroad officials and hundreds of employees, tracks between New York and Baltimore could not be cleared yesterday. This morning, however, it is expected that a partial schedule will be put into effect.

At union station last night a dozen or more northbound trains from the south were quartered in the railroad yards, and will not start until Baltimore telegraphs the information that the right of way has been opened. It was useless to run the trains to Baltimore, union station officials explained, as that city could offer no relief.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT MAKE TRIP

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 27.—At the white house early this morning it was said that President Taft has abandoned his projected trip to New York today, owing to the lack of train service due to the storm. The president had planned to attend the Merchants & Manufacturers dinner there and to address the American Historical Society as the guest of Andrew Carnegie. At the white house later it was said that the reason for the president's decision not to start for New York notwithstanding that trains are leaving Washington this morning was that the

PINCHOT ON POLICY OF THE PRESIDENT

Gives the Administration Conservation Policy Some Heavy Jolts

A BITTER ATTACK

Speech is Believed to Mark the Beginning of the End of Mr. Pinchot's Connection with the Taft Administration—Chief Forester Does Not Mention Names, But It is Easy to See to Whom He Was Hitting—Significant That the Defense of the Conservation Policy and the Assault on the "Land Grabbers" Should be Made Just at This Time.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 27.—In the opinion of official Washington the speech of Chief Forester Pinchot, defending the conservation policy of the Roosevelt administration, which was to have been delivered at New Rochelle, N. Y., but was not because of the storm, but still was published, is the beginning of the end of Mr. Pinchot's connection with the Taft administration and the end it is thought, is now not far off.

While the chief forester does not mention names it is easy enough to read between the lines of his bitter speech just who he was hitting at, and the hints have a decided "big stick" swirl. There is every reason to believe that the "ultimatum," as some term the "few plain words" of the chief forester, will be taken up and echoed and re-echoed by the congressmen who are known to belong to the "back from Elba club."

It is regarded as significant that the defense of the conservation policy and the assault on the "land grabbers" should be made just at the time that Congress has virtually declared for an investigation of Secretary Ballinger and the Glavis-Cunningham Alaskan coal scandal.

By many who have read the published report of the Pinchot Phillipic it is said that it is most difficult to construe it other than an open attack upon President Taft, who from the first has stood by his secretary of the interior. The Pinchot attack, as it is termed is considered as a most audacious piece of work, in that it mentions no names, and if Secretary Ballinger takes exception to it, say Pinchot's friends the Secretary will virtually admit that the truth has struck home.

The speech is also regarded as an answer to Ballinger's statement made in reply to the published Glavis charges. All efforts to ascertain what President Taft thinks of the attack have proved futile, but it is safe to assume that he is not at all pleased at the situation as he can not but regard it as a severe arraignment of his administration.

The preliminary fight between the partisans of Secretary Ballinger by Chief Forester Pinchot in Congress and particularly in the Senate will be over the question as to the character of the committee which shall conduct the investigation. Although the question of an investigation so far as the friends of Secretary Ballinger are concerned started in the Senate, the house is anxious to have a hand in the matter, and will request the appointment of a joint committee of both houses. The Pinchot men desire to have the inquiry carried on by one of the standing committees, either the committee on public lands of which Senator Nelson of Minnesota is Chairman, or the committee on forest reservation headed by Senator Brandegee, of Connecticut, preferably the former, as its field is broader. The Ballinger advocates insist upon the appointment of a select committee which plan is bitterly opposed by friends of Pinchot by reason of the fear that such a committee would be "packed" to whitewash Ballinger. The appointment of a select committee will be regarded as first blood for Ballinger.

Iron Magnate Dead.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—James W. Friend, one of the premier iron and steel masters of the city, is dead. He was vice president of the Pressed Steel Car Company.

white house has been informed that neither the Pennsylvania or Baltimore & Ohio roads would guarantee service north of Baltimore. It is understood that the president has definitely abandoned the intention of attempting to make the trip today.