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## REBELS WIN BATTLE IN HONDURAS

Revolutionists, Moving On the Capital Have Won the First Conflict

## HORNET LANDS TROOPS

There Are 3,000 Men in the Ranks of the Rebel Army and It is Believed They Will Take the Capital in Less Than a Week—Have Machine Guns and Plenty of Ammunition—Force of Marines Will be Landed if Americans are Molested—Hornet Lands Troops at Cape Gracias—State Department Closely Watching Events.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The Honduras regular troops have been defeated in a sharp battle with the revolutionary army headed by Lea Christmas, the American soldier of fortune, and General Bonilla, ex-president of Honduras, and the rebels are now moving rapidly towards Tegucigalpa, the capital city, according to a private cablegram received here today from Puerto Cortez.

No official advices have yet been received confirming the report of the battle or giving details.

There are more than 3,000 men in the ranks of the rebel army and it is believed that the capital will fall before a week has elapsed. President Davilla has taken precautions to guard the capital against assault by throwing up breastworks and planting cannon, but these guns are old and of the smoothbore type, while the revolutionists are equipped with machine guns and plenty of ammunition.

The Guatemalan government fears it will be drawn into the conflict in Honduras and is now massing troops at Las Quebradas on the frontier. The Honduran gunboat Tumbilla, which has been out seeking for the filibuster Hornet, returned to port today without getting any trace of the mysterious ship.

The Tumbilla was anchored off the harbor front today with her guns pointing to sea. This gave the people such a feeling of security that many refugees who feared that the Hornet would attack Puerto Cortez from the harbor, returned to their homes.

Claude I. Dawson, United States consul at Puerto Cortez, was in constant communication with Commander A. P. Davis, of the United States cruiser Tacoma. A force of marines will be landed if Americans are molested.

Mr. Dawson is keeping Commander Davis fully informed of the treatment of Americans by Honduras, not only in Puerto Cortez, but in such other parts of the country.

### Hornet Lands Troops.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 30.—Scouts sent out by the Honduras government reported to President Davilla today that the steamer Hornet had landed a large number of troops at Cape Gracias, near the Nicaraguan frontier as a reserve force for an assault on the capital. The revolutionists are now believed to be receiving recruits who fought for General Estrada against Zelaya.

State Department Keeping Tab. Washington, Dec. 30.—The state department is closely watching events in Honduras and underneath the keen scrutiny of affairs, in the turbulent Latin American republic is the hope that the present revolution may result in peace throughout the Central American states.

Officials of the state department will not discuss what action, if any, is contemplated towards the Honduran republic in the event of success or failure of the present revolution, nor is there anything to indicate that the United States will intervene, but it would be glad to see the Davilla administration overturned. There were several reasons for this.

The attitude of the state department indicated no sorrow over the deposition of Zelaya and Madriz in Nicaragua and, as Davilla was put into power and placed in the presi-

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## TRAIN SAVED BY ACTION OF BRAKEMAN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—The quick action of a brakeman saved 300 passengers on the Florida Limited of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railroad from death early today when the train struck a split switch while approaching the high bridge over the Kentucky river. Six persons were injured but all will recover.

The brakeman threw on the airbrakes as soon as he felt the train bumping over the ties and the train stopped just in time to escape going over Tigh Bridge into the Kentucky river, 200 feet below.

The injured, who were all in the observation car, which was shaken from the train by the shock, are A. L. Davidson, New York; J. L. Fouston, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Miss Gertrude Vickery, Monticello, Ky.; United States District Attorney James Sharp, Williamsburg, Ky.; Cecil Williams, Somerset, Ky.; Herbert Stafford, Chattanooga, Tenn.

### ON TO CHARLESTON.

Editors Will Visit Historic City, After Meeting in Winston-Salem.

(Special to The Times)

Greensboro, Dec. 30.—There was a meeting at Hotel Huffine in this city yesterday afternoon to determine upon final arrangements for an interesting side-trip in connection with the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, to be held in Winston-Salem January 24-25. It was decided that the arrangements proceed for a trip over the Southbound Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line from Winston-Salem to Charleston, and the details of the trip were left to be worked out by Secretary John B. Sherrill and the Southbound officials.

The recent completion of the Southbound between Winston-Salem and Wadesboro seems to make a trip over the road by the newspaper men especially desirable and attractive just now. The editors will be carried on a special train, and there will be short stops at Lexington, Southmont, Whitney, Albemarle (for lunch), Wadesboro, Cheraw and Florence. At the latter place the party is to stop upon special invitation of the chamber of commerce and spend an evening, proceeding to Charleston, where they will arrive in time for breakfast. An invitation was also received from Charleston.

Secretary Sherrill, to whom the executive committee recently left the completion of details for the coming meeting, and for the trip, came here yesterday afternoon for a conference with Mr. Collier, of the Southbound; Editor Gunter, of the Winston-Salem Journal, and Messrs. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, and R. M. Phillips, of this city, the latter two members of the executive committee. The decision to accept the invitations from Florence and Charleston to visit those cities was the result of this conference. It is going to be one of the most delightful side-trips the association has had in recent years.

### Hazardous Flight.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—An airplane flight over land and water, more hazardous than that of crossing the English Channel, is being arranged today by officials of the aviation meet. It is a flight between the aviation field and Catalina Island, the distance being several miles longer than that across the English Channel.

James Radley, the English aviator, and Hubert Latham, the French flyer, probably will be contestants.

### War Between Ecuador and Peru.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 30.—War is imminent between Ecuador and Peru. It is believed here today that the former country will reject the advice of the United States, Brazil, and Argentina to submit the boundary dispute between the two countries to the Hague tribunal. The government is preparing for hostilities and the Ecuadorian authorities are acting similarly.

### Bank Robbed.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—The Bank of New Palestine, Ind., a private institution, was robbed of \$8,400, all of its deposits some time before closing hour yesterday and 7 o'clock this morning. There was nothing to indicate how entrance to the bank and vault was accomplished.

Cashier Henry Fralich and his daughter, the only persons knowing the combination, are positive that the safe was securely locked.

Detectives have been engaged.



## THE OPENING ARGUMENT IN TRUST CASE

Court Hears Argument in the Case of State Against Standard Oil

## J. N. HOLDING OPENS

Attorneys Are Arguing the Case in Which the Standard Oil Company is Being Tried for Violating the North Carolina Anti-trust Law. First Speech Was by Mr. J. N. Holding For the Defendant, Who Spoke One Hour and Fifty Minutes.—This Was Followed by a Speech of About an Hour and a Half by Mr. Walter Clark, Jr., the Defense Contends That the Cut in Price of Oil Was Due to the Increased Supply and Not for the Purpose of Driving Out Competition.

The argument in the case against the Standard Oil Company began before Police Justice Simpson this morning shortly after 11 o'clock. The defense has the opening and closing, and Mr. J. N. Holding made a most able opening speech of one hour and fifty minutes, dealing with the evidence almost entirely. He contended that the state had absolutely failed to make out a case upon any of the counts in the warrants. He admitted that prices of oil had been considerably reduced by the Standard, but argued that this reduction was merely the result of the increased supply of oil and not for the purpose of killing competition.

Mr. Walter Clark, Jr., for the state, took up about one hour and a half in presenting the state's side, and his argument was a most logical one, driving home the strong points with telling effect. He showed that the evidence was complete and that the state had made out a case beyond all doubt. He took up the three counts separately, subdividing them into statements, contending that each had been proven by an abundance of testimony.

Mr. W. B. Snow, Jr., for the defense, followed Mr. Clark, and is making a strong speech as we go to press.

### Opening Argument.

The argument was opened by Mr. J. N. Holding, for the defendant, who stated in the outset that the counsel for the defense were strongly of the opinion that the state had totally failed to make out any case against the Standard Oil. After a brief reference to certain cases that will be cited later, Mr. Holding took up the second of the three counts in the warrant, stating that he would not argue the legality of the counts, and would leave that to his associates, but would confine himself to the evidence offered by the state. He cautioned the state to point out a single bit of evidence which showed that the Standard Oil was selling its products at a price which did not yield a reasonable or adequate profit. He denied the right of the state to attempt to use the standard of prices set up by the Indian Refining Company, but must relate solely to the defendant. The evidence of what the defendant did thirteen years ago is not sufficient for even a committing magistrate to hold as probable cause. He then took up the evidence relating to the cost of delivery by the Indian Refining Company, and stated that the state's own testimony clearly showed the reason for the variance of price. Referring to the first count, Mr. Holding said that it was fatally defective because it did not set out the means whereby competition would be killed, and that the state was, no doubt, relying upon the second and third counts.

The speaker then stated that there was no evidence of criminality on the part of the defendant, and that all the evidence simply bore out the universal and almost unchangeable laws of trade, to-wit: panics, decrease values and production, supply and demand control trade. He contended that the testimony was purely circumstantial, and that the act of thirteen years ago and the one of 1910

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Wade H. Ellis, former trust buster for the government, who has been retained to conduct the government's suit against the electrical trust.

## AIRSHIP TUMBLED CRUSHING AVIATOR

(By Cable to The Times.)

Paris, Dec. 30.—Lieutenant De Caumont of the army aviation corps was frightfully crushed and fatally hurt today when a monoplane in which he was making an experimental flight at St. Cyr tumbled while about 200 feet in the air and crashed to the earth on top of him. A hip was crushed, both legs were broken and he was terribly injured internally.

Just before Lieutenant De Caumont started upon his flight he bade a laughing good-bye to his fiancée, a beautiful young woman to whom he was to have been married tomorrow. When his monoplane gave the violent lurch that preceded his crushing, her hysterical screams attracted the attention of all the other spectators to the young officer desperately holding for life in mid-air and she was the first to reach and throw herself on the wreckage under which her mangled lover was pinned. She was taken from the scene unconscious.

The attending surgeons stated that De Caumont could hardly survive the day and it is believed his fiancée will go insane.

### MAY CLOSE SHOP.

Portugal Legation in Washington in a Bad Way.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—While the new republic of Portugal is tottering, according to cable dispatches, the legation of that harassed nation in Washington is on the verge of drawing the blinds and "closing up shop."

The Portuguese minister, Viscount De Alte, is disheartened by the ten months of affairs, by the non-arrival of his salary, months in arrears, and because the revolutionary government has stripped him of his title.

His status in Washington is uncertain, being called "provisional" in diplomatic usage. He has secluded himself in the legation and has forsaken society.

He stated today he had received no advices from his government recently, except a brief cablegram today to the effect that a monarchist plot had been suppressed in Lisbon, and the ring-leaders put to death.

### Census Figures.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—The census bureau today announced the population of the following cities for the 1910 enumeration:

Pennsylvania—Bradford, 14,544; Franklin, 9,767; Meadville, 12,789; Sharon borough, 15,279; Titusville, 8,532; Warren borough, 11,080; Carbondale, 17,019; Lebanon, 19,243; Mahanoy City borough, 15,926; Oil City, 15,657; Pittsboro, 16,267.

## FERRY BOAT EMPLOYEES WALK OUT ON STRIKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Because of a reduction in their wages all the municipal ferry employees went on strike today, tying up the ferry to St. George, S. I., and also the ferry to Thirty Ninth Street, Brooklyn. Dock hands, pilots and other members of the crews waited ashore at the sight of the rash. This prevented other arriving ferry boats from entering the Whitehall street slips and finally the old battery pier had to be used to land passengers. Thousands were delayed and great confusion resulted.

The boats were completely tied up when the strikers joined the others. They disregarded the signals from the ferry boat captains, left the engine rooms and let the fires go out and the steam in the boiler stopped.

The five slips at the Battery each hold a ferry boat, thus blocking those on their way to Manhattan from Staten Island and Brooklyn.

The ferry boat Brooklyn from Staten Island finally found a landing place in Brooklyn.

But there was no slip for her and when a gang plank was run to the wharf it was found that this would make dangerous crossing for the impatient and belated commuters.

The reserves of the second police division called out and some of the harbor patrol boats pulled up to effect aid.

The harbor police, all good seamen, filled the landing of the commuters but they were unable to do anything to help the storming crack drivers who were aboard with beams and heavy loads of freightage. They were still aboard at noon, while this new method in marine strikes was being worked out.

The strikers were quiet and orderly and stood about the ferry houses and the military prepared to use would-be strike-breakers not to work against them in their purpose.

Deputy Commissioner Cresson called on the dock department for a hundred policemen to take the place of the strikers.

Supreme Court Justice Lester W. Clark who lives in New Brighton, S. I., was marooned with thousands of others when the strike was called. He was to hold court in Brooklyn and was anxious that the day's work be not delayed. After an hour he managed to board a tug from the Battery & Olive Railroad. Aboard this craft he reached Brooklyn but was two and a half hours late in starting the court's work.

The dock department arranged to take care of the United States mails with the city tax collector. Deputy Commissioner Cresson said that in cases of life or death passengers would be transported on the mail tug.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon 14 employees were on strike and nine boats were tied up according to the roster prepared by their leaders. Staten Island was absolutely cut off from direct ferry communication with New York and it was estimated that fully 100,000 persons had to use the ferry between Tottenville, S. I., and Perth Amboy, N. J., the commuters coming into the city by the way of New Jersey trains.

### Strike Off.

New York, Dec. 30.—A strike of the municipal ferry employees that dismissed thousands of residents of Staten Island and Brooklyn today will be declared off this afternoon after being in effect for six hours. An agreement was made by which the demands of employees for improving working conditions and higher wages will be arbitrated after the first of the year.

### Affairs in Philippines.

No Unauthorized Wireless Stations Have Been Erected.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—A cablegram received today by the war department from United States army headquarters in the Philippines stated that no wireless station had been set up in the Philippines without authority and that arms, ammunition, or explosives have not been imported unlawfully.

As a result of today's cabinet session it is expected that the state, war and navy departments will clamp down the lid on information touching upon the Japanese war scare. War department officials, acting under orders from President Taft, it is said, refuse to give out information concerning the arrest of Japanese spies in Manila. Secretary of War Dickinson said today that he has no authentic information concerning spies being arrested in the Philippines.

### Bucket Shop Raid.

Planned for Next Tuesday in the Middle West.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Another bucket shop raid, involving a big syndicate in the middle west, designed to crush another get-rich-quick millionaire, is booked for next Tuesday by Special Assistant Attorney Belaski, of the department of justice. No further details of the proposed raid could be obtained today.

Mr. Belaski will leave Washington Tuesday, and join other investigators of the department of justice at either Chicago or Pittsburg.

President Lewis Defeated.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 30.—John P. White, of Iowa, claims to have defeated Tom L. Lewis for the presidency of the United Mine-workers of America. He says in a letter received here today that unofficial returns show he will have a large majority.

## SAIORS SAY GOODBYE TO THEIR HOSTS

Turn Their Ships Towards Home After Visits to Foreign Ports

## OFF FOR PRACTICE

French Cannon Sounded Friendly Goodbyes as First Division Sailed From Cherbourg—Americans Responded and Looked Like Battle Was in Progress—British Ships Also Give Friendly Salute—Four Divisions Will Meet Off Scilly Islands—War Game Will Terminate Off Cuba at the End of Next Month.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Cherbourg, France, Dec. 30.—French cannon belched forth a friendly goodbye today to the American sailors of the first division of the Atlantic battleship fleet, which weighed anchor for Scilly Islands, the rendezvous for the four divisions of the fleet. In return the American guns boomed forth an answering salute and for a time the harbor looked as though a battle were raging.

Prouder than ever of Uncle Sam's navy as compared with the foreign maritime forces seen during their long cruise, the American jacksies turned their faces homeward. Almost at the same time the fire division under Rear Admiral Schroeder, the third division under Rear Admiral Mulock departed from Brest. The second and fourth divisions will be joined off Scilly Islands tomorrow.

From Scilly Islands the men-o-war will head toward the drill grounds in Cuban waters, where maneuvers will be had.

The second and fourth divisions, which have been in English waters, are enroute for the Scilly Islands.

The "war game," which will terminate with the end of the maneuvers off Cuba next month, really began today with the moving of the ships towards the rendezvous. The fleet will race across the Atlantic without giving information to the navy department at Washington as to its whereabouts.

Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the fleet, will enact the role of an invader and it will be up to the United States navy authorities to ascertain the position of the fleet and the speed it is making through their own resources.

Rear Admiral Schroeder, before sailing, expressed his deep gratification at the hospitalities extended to his officers and men during the foreign cruise.

### Sail From Portland.

Portland, Eng., Dec. 30.—With the roar of British farewell salutes ringing in their ears, the sailors of the second division of the United States battleship fleet sailed from here today for Scilly Islands. The ships passed through lines formed by the British battleships in the harbor. The American bands played the national anthem and the English bands played "Auld Lang Syne."

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