

Christmas Buyers' Guide

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Official Weather Forecast

FAIR, SLIGHTLY WARMER WEDNESDAY. THURSDAY, LIGHT NORTH TO NORTHEAST.

PRICE, 5 CENTS

REBEL FORCES WIN IN BATTLE AT RAMA

Great Many Killed, Many Hundred Wounded, and 150 Prisoners Taken.

BATTLE, WHICH LASTED FOR SEVERAL HOURS, WILL BE RE-NEWED THIS MORNING AND REVOLUTIONISTS EXPECT TO SECURE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER—JOSE MADRIZ IS INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA AND MAKES SHORT SPEECH.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Zelaya's army was defeated by revolutionists near Rama today, according to advices received by Dr. Castillo, representative of Estrada here. A dispatch signed by Diaz, secretary of state for the provisional government, follows: "We are victorious. Zelaya's troops in retreat."

The battle lasted several hours and will be renewed tomorrow, when the revolutionists expect to secure the unconditional surrender of the government troops. From a revolutionary source it is reported the victory over Zelaya's troops was complete.

The state department received a dispatch from the United States consul at Bluefields saying that Estrada "partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya."

Later the state department gave out the following from Consul Moffat: "The Estrada forces at Tatabia and Recreo, near Rama, commander by Generals Mena, Chamorro, Mattuz and Diaz, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya, after desperate fighting of several hours. Zelaya's forces were commanded by General Gonzalez. A great many were killed, many hundred wounded and one hundred and fifty prisoners taken by the revolutionists."

MADRIZ IS INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA

Managua, Dec. 21.—Jose Madriz was inaugurated today as president of Nicaragua. At the inauguration Zelaya, who wore the order of the legion of honor, made a brief speech, entreating Nicaragua to rally to the support of the new president. No demonstration marked the ceremony, but Madriz was cheered when he made a speech of acceptance.

After returning to the hotel Madriz read a decree from the balcony, which was greeted with tremendous cheering. Minister Irias attempted to speak, but was cried down and forced to desist.

AMERICANS AT GRENADA PLEAD FOR PROTECTION

Managua, Dec. 21.—United States consulates today received a plea for protection from Americans at Grenada. The petition was signed by prominent residents, including several United States citizens, and asked that United States marines be disembarked at Corinto immediately and sent to Grenada. Grenada is one of President Madriz's strongholds.

KENTUCKY WOOL GROWERS TO MEET AND ORGANIZE

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21.—A meeting of the wool growers of Kentucky will be held today with the object of forming the Kentucky Wool Growers' Association.

The growers estimate that the selling of their product direct to the manufacturers will save from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 a year. At present the wool must go through the hands of from two to four middle men and each takes from one to three cents in his profits, and today's meeting will probably form a pool of the holdings.

EXPEDITION AT KAMPALA

Kampala, Uganda, Dec. 21.—The American expedition arrived here today and was received by sub-commissioner F. A. Knowles. Col. Roosevelt came by automobile from Entebbe. The others arrived on the steamer. Before leaving Entebbe, Colonel and Kermit Roosevelt had luncheon at the government house and held a public reception. This afternoon they visited the Mill hill mission here and later received King Daudi Chwa, of Uganda.

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After Preparing For Investigation Congress Adjourns to January 4

Washington, Dec. 21.—Congress adjourned today until January 4. In the senate important initial steps were taken towards a congressional investigation of the long-existing controversy between Secretary Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot. A resolution by Senator Flint calling for all papers bearing on the case was adopted. Senator Jones read a letter from Ballinger practically demanding an inquiry, which he said should be broad enough to cover the "pernicious activity of officials" in the forestry service, as well as the alleged basis for any charges against administration of the interior department.

A resolution by Senator Gore naming an investigating committee of eight members each of the senate and house and including on the committee several "insurgent senators," was side-tracked by Senator Aldrich, who had referred to the committee on public lands. The house was in session but ten minutes. Mann, as chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, reported his bill for the suppression of the white slave traffic and Richardson, of Alabama, filed a minority report against the bill for the reorganization of the government of the Isthmus of Panama.

BOYS ROBBED TO "GET EVEN"

THEIR GUARDIAN AND UNCLE REFUSED TO GIVE THEM UNLIMITED SPENDING MONEY, SO THEY STOLE IT.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—George and Lawrence Thomas, orphan sons of J. Q. Thomas, former freight and passenger agent for the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe road at Pueblo, Cal., today confessed highway robbery and burglary to the police here. Their parents were killed in a wreck in August, 1904. The boys are 19 and 17 years old, respectively. George told the police that they undertook their exploits to "get even" with their uncle and guardian, Nathan R. Waters, head of a manufacturing concern here, because of his refusal to give them unlimited spending money. Mr. Waters asked the police to arrest the boys on the burglary charge.

HUGH L. M'KEE ATLANTA P. M.

NOMINATION IS SENT TO SENATE BY THE PRESIDENT—GEORGE STONE IS NAMED COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft today sent to the senate the nomination of Hugh L. McKee as postmaster at Atlanta, Ga.

The president also nominated George Stone, of California, to be naval officer of customs at San Francisco, Cal., and Howard C. Shober, of South Dakota, to be auditor for the interior department in this city. He sent in the nomination of Chas. H. West, of Greenville, Miss., to be a member of the Mississippi river commission, an appointment which was agreed upon yesterday.

ONLY ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN WRECK OF SEMINOLE TRAIN

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 21.—The only seriously injured one in the wreck of the Seminole limited, southbound, the Illinois Central's through train from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., which jumped the track at Weems, a few miles from Birmingham last night and went into the ditch, were three negroes who were brought to the hospital in this city early this morning. Engineer J. McDougal, one of the oldest engineers in point of service on the road, had a remarkable escape. The engine did not turn over but the tank left the frame and went fifty yards into the woods. The entire train crew had narrow escapes as well as the passengers.

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SLEEPER TRUNK PEOPLE CAUGHT

TWENTY-SEVEN MODISTS ARE INDICTED FOR FRAUDULENT GOVERNMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES AND WILL BE ARRESTED.

New York, Dec. 21.—Twenty-seven modists involved in the "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of the customs frauds which were discovered at this port, have been indicted by the federal grand jury and will be arrested in the next 24 hours. Having obtained evidence, the government today arrested nine women and four men. All were arraigned and held for trial. Caroline Windmuller, alleged to be one of the principal offenders, gave bail for five thousand dollars. The others were released on smaller bonds. It is claimed the government was defrauded out of thousands of dollars by means of trunks containing imported furs which were left on piers and secretly removed later.

HANDLERS AND CLERKS TO STAY

RAILROAD OFFICIALS SAY THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE OF THESE EMPLOYEES—BELIEVE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—Officials of the railway council said today there is no possibility of a strike by the Freight Handlers and Railway Clerks' union until after a conference between officials of the railroads and labor officials regarding the Switchmen's strike Thursday.

It is believed here that a compromise has been reached, which will be submitted to the general managers committee then.

MERGER OF TWO NATIONAL BANKS

FIRST NATIONAL OF CINCINNATI ABSORBS THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL, MAKING FORMER THE LARGEST BANK IN OHIO VALLEY.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—By action of their respective boards of directors today, the Merchants National bank is absorbed by the First National bank. To accomplish the merger, the First National increased its capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and with the merger now has a surplus and undivided profits of \$2,100,000 and deposits of \$25,000,000. The First National is now the largest bank in the Ohio valley.

W. S. Rowe, president of the First National, continues in that position. M. E. Ingalls, president of the Merchants National, retires.

NEW TRIAL FOR MRS. POPE. Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Hattie Pope, convicted slayer of her mother, will be given a new trial, the supreme court holding that there was error on the part of the circuit court in the trial of the indictment found by a regular term.

ALLEGED RECORDS OF EXPLORER COOK FAIL TO PROVE HIS CLAIM

DEVAL'S BLUFF IS QUIET NOW

BETTER FEELING PREVAILS BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS AND NO SERIOUS CLASH BETWEEN RACES WILL OCCUR.

DeVal's Bluff, Ark., Dec. 21.—After a night of apprehension and unrest among both whites and blacks, a better feeling prevails here today and, it is believed, no serious clash between the races will occur. Excitement was occasioned by the killing in the city jail of George Bailey, a negro who shot and dangerously wounded Matt Todd, a white man, Saturday night. The jail was attacked by a mob of fifty men who emptied their revolvers into the negro's body. Yesterday the blacks held a mass meeting and denounced the lynching. Fearful of an outbreak, many white citizens armed themselves and patrolled the town last night. No untoward incident happened, however, and the better class of negroes have returned to their homes and farms.

Sheriff Streeton and several deputies are here.

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NEW JAIL PROPOSITION KILLED BECAUSE THE BIDS WERE HIGH

STATE TROOPS-PATROLLING STREETS OF MAGNOLIA, ALA.

DICKINSON OFF FOR PORTO RICO

SECRETARY OF WAR GOES THERE AT THE PERSONAL REQUEST OF PRESIDENT TO INVESTIGATE POLITICAL CONDITIONS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Dickinson of the war department sailed for Porto Rico this afternoon on the president's yacht, the Mayflower, to make an investigation of political conditions, especially with regard to extending citizenship to the Porto Ricans.

The secretary, it is understood, goes at the personal request of President Taft. Mr. Dickinson was accompanied by General Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, and by Col. J. R. Keane, of the medical corps of the army. Caruthers Ewing, of Memphis, Tenn., is also a member of the party. Secretary Dickinson expects to return to Washington Jan. 10.

HALF OF THE WASHINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT

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GENERAL WOOD, THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FOR CHIEF OF THE ARMY, AND MRS. WOOD

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft's choice for chief of staff of the army to succeed Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, whose detail is soon to expire, has caused no end of talk in army circles. When he assumes his exalted post General Wood will have established an almost unparalleled record for rapid promotion. In twelve years he will have risen from assistant surgeon with the rank of captain to the head of the army. Here is General Wood's record: June, 1884, graduated from Harvard Medical school; in 1886 appointed from civil life to lieutenant and assistant surgeon, U. S. A.; January, 1891, promoted to captain and assistant surgeon; May, 1898, appointed colonel of the First cavalry, United States volunteers; known as the rough rider; July 8, 1898, promoted to brigadier general for services at Las Guasimas and San Juan Hill; Dec. 7, 1898, promoted to major general, United States volunteers; April 12, 1899, honorably discharged from the volunteers organized to meet the emergency of the Spanish-American war and the same day reappointed to the special organization of volunteers necessitated by the Philippine uprising as a brigadier general; Dec. 5, 1899, made major general of volunteers; Feb. 4, 1901, appointed brigadier general, U. S. A.; Aug. 5, 1903, appointed major general, U. S. A.

"HIGH LIFE" COMES HIGH

W. GOULD BROKAW'S COUNSEL SAY IT HAS COST THEIR CLIENT \$50,000 ALREADY TO DEFEND DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

New York, Dec. 21.—"What it costs to defend a separation suit in high life" is the title of a statement given today by counsel for W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing for divorce and sixty thousand dollars a year alimony. The total amount of costs of the suit was given at fifty thousand dollars. Brokaw's counsel claimed his income is now less than thirty thousand a year.

Testimony today was that of servants in the Brokaw household. Sydney Woods, said he raised the curtains daily for Mrs. Brokaw's maid, who disappeared with them in the direction of her mistress's room. Glen Otlander, a maid, swore she served Mrs. Brokaw with port wine in her room. She heard her use mild profanity and one of her tasks was the cleaning of cigarette stumps out of her bath room.

QUIET AT EAST ST. LOUIS. East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 21.—Quiet prevailed today at Belleville, where threats of a lynching were made last night. Deputies say late tonight they have the situation in hand and do not anticipate any further trouble.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The announcement here that Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the department of the East, is President Taft's choice for chief of staff of the army to succeed Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, whose detail is soon to expire, has caused no end of talk in army circles. When he assumes his exalted post General Wood will have established an almost unparalleled record for rapid promotion. In twelve years he will have risen from assistant surgeon with the rank of captain to the head of the army. Here is General Wood's record: June, 1884, graduated from Harvard Medical school; in 1886 appointed from civil life to lieutenant and assistant surgeon, U. S. A.; January, 1891, promoted to captain and assistant surgeon; May, 1898, appointed colonel of the First cavalry, United States volunteers; known as the rough rider; July 8, 1898, promoted to brigadier general for services at Las Guasimas and San Juan Hill; Dec. 7, 1898, promoted to major general, United States volunteers; April 12, 1899, honorably discharged from the volunteers organized to meet the emergency of the Spanish-American war and the same day reappointed to the special organization of volunteers necessitated by the Philippine uprising as a brigadier general; Dec. 5, 1899, made major general of volunteers; Feb. 4, 1901, appointed brigadier general, U. S. A.; Aug. 5, 1903, appointed major general, U. S. A.

Two-Day Consideration Jail Bids Result in All Being Thrown Out.

BIDDERS WERE ASKED TO MAKE OFFERS OF HANDLING COUNTY WARRANTS ON INTEREST BASIS AND THAT RESULTED BADLY FOR BUILDING—COUNTY COMMISSIONER BROWN TO RESIGN.

After a talk-fest lasting over two hours about the question of building a new county jail at Pensacola, the county commission today at 10 o'clock last night to the minute passed a resolution rejecting all bids for the proposed structure, and stopped all further discussion in the way of constructing a jail for the present. The meeting was replete with interesting features, and it all ended up in an executive session with Benz Brothers of Mobile, whose plans were accepted for the structure. Before that, however, Commissioner Jos. Brown announced that if the jail matter was not settled before the meeting concluded, he would tender his resignation. He evidently will make good the threat, for when the executive session was ordered he refused to hold his seat to accompany the other three members and the chairman to another room in the building. When it was seen that he would not take part in the closed-door arrangements for new advertisements, the clerk's room was cleared and at 10:20 o'clock last night the executive session was still being held. It was held for the purpose, it was stated, of "preparing advertisements in right time," as Mr. Benz said. It meant that new bids for the jail building will be advertised for, and that the entire work will all have to be done over again.

The meeting was called to order last night at 7:40 o'clock by Chairman Corning. The other members, consisting of Messrs. Craig, Steward, Brown and McQuarrie, were on hand. Building men from several parts of the county were on hand and were crowded with curiosity to see a number of officials in the narrow confines of the clerk's office.

The first man heard from was F. M. Blount, of the Keaton Construction company of Pensacola. Mr. Blount was asked what conclusion he had come to relative to the proposition made him by the county board of commissioners the day before. This was the question of handling the county's paper which the board had in view of issuing to cover cost of the building the paper to that of a negotiable instrument. Mr. Blount replied that he had submitted the matter to his attorney, who in turn had been in conference with the county attorney and that the latter advised him to accept the question bearing upon the legality of the county issuing paper to finance the cost of the building. Attorney Morgan answered that the county board was not authorized to issue negotiable paper for any purpose whatever over five mills of the construction of a building if the cost of the same could not be met in five years taxable rate. In other words, negotiable paper could not issue unless the cost was possible with a five-mill rate from the regular taxable property. Mr. Morgan further gave the opinion that the county board could not issue bonds for any amount and for any purpose without the vote of the people, but he said that the rate on the special fund to be raised by the special five-mill rate of taxation, but not payable out of any other source, could not be met in five years taxable rate. In other words, negotiable paper could not issue unless the cost was possible with a five-mill rate from the regular taxable property. Mr. Morgan further gave the opinion that the county board could not issue bonds for any amount and for any purpose without the vote of the people, but he said that the rate on the special fund to be raised by the special five-mill rate of taxation, but not payable out of any other source, could not be met in five years taxable rate. 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