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FAIR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY; LIGHT NORTH TO NORTHEAST WINDS.

GEN. ESTRADA WINS COMPLETE VICTORY OVER ZELAYA'S MEN

Gen. Gonzales and His Command of Nineteen Hundred Surrender.

RAMA BATTLE RESULTS DISASTROUSLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS—TOTAL OF 600 MEN OF BOTH ARMIES KILLED OR WOUNDED—CAPTAIN SHIPLEY OF THE DES MOINES ESTABLISHES A HOSPITAL AT BLUEFIELDS TO CARE FOR THE WOUNDED.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—Gen. Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. A total of 600 men of both armies were killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered, including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed.

COMMANDER SHIPLEY CONFIRMS DEFEAT GOVERNMENT TROOPS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Confirmation of Associated Press dispatches from Nicaragua telling of the crushing defeat of Zelaya's forces was received today at the navy department in a cablegram from Captain Shipley of the Des Moines, now at Bluefields, dated at 3 o'clock this morning. The additional information is given in the navy department's advices that Gen. Estrada's four pieces of field artillery, fifteen machine guns and one million rounds of ammunition, were included in the surrender. The wounded have been carried to Bluefields, where the hospital facilities were inadequate to the demands made by the results of the engagement. Captain Shipley says he has established a hospital on shore, employing surgeons, assistants and hospital supplies from the Des Moines and the Tacoma.

No force has been landed from the American warships. Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, the captain reports, is about 2,600.

An earlier telegram from Captain Shipley dated the 21st says that the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua had gained a decisive victory at Rama over the government forces. The telegram states that Estrada's army on the 20th began an organized attack on the government position. The outposts of the Zelayan forces under Gonzales were defeated and routed. The fighting continued Tuesday. General Males, of the government forces, is said to be a prisoner at Managua, but the cause of his arrest is not known at the state department.

Captain Shipley's telegram adds that the surrender of the entire government force was expected yesterday and that Estrada is confident of complete success. The United States gun boat Eagle is within harbor and is prepared at any moment to land its bluejackets, but in all probability such a course will be unnecessary.

ZELAYA SCORES THE UNITED STATES FOR INTERFERENCE

Managua, Dec. 22.—Zelaya issued a manifesto today declaring his surrender of the presidency was caused by a desire to save Nicaragua the humiliation of the outrages threatened by a powerful foreign nation. He said when the defeat of the revolutionists appeared certain, the United States severed relations with Nicaragua. He protests before the world against the meddling of the United States and its threat to land marines. He declares the Americans, Cannon and Grace, were executed according to law.

NAVIGATION SUSPENDED.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 22.—Heavy running ice in the Ohio compelled 100 boats to desert the Evansville wharf for the Green River harbor today, and navigation is suspended.

Torrential Rain Ushered in Funeral Day of King Leopold

Brussels, Dec. 22.—A torrential rain, accompanied by a driving wind, ushered in the funeral day of King Leopold II, but as the imposing military cortege left the royal palace and slowly moved to the Cathedral the downpour ceased, the gale died away and there remained such a dull, gray morning as signalled the sovereign's death.

The occasion was marked by a general suspension of business and undisturbed by tempestuous weather, vast crowds were early in possession of every point of vantage along the route that the cortege would take, while

Ten Thousand Good Men Are Wanted For the Naval Militia

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—"I want to get 10,000 men for the naval militia, as well trained as possible and in good physical condition, so that we can call upon them and put them in the service of the navy immediately in case war breaks out, not as organizations, but as individuals." Secretary of the Navy Winthrop made this statement at a

PITIFUL PLIGHT OF POOR MOTHER

RATHER THAN FACE HER SIX CHILDREN CHRISTMAS MORNING WITHOUT PRESENTS OR MONEY TO BUY THEM SHE SUICIDES.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Rather than face her six children Christmas morning without presents or the money to buy them, Mrs. Sarah Ennis, of this city, last night went to her kitchen and turned on the gas. She was found several hours later but too late to save her life.

THREE TOTS BURN TO DEATH

LEFT ALONE THEY MEET HORRIBLE DEATH WHEN HOUSE CATCHES FIRE—MOTHER WAS DRIVING IN THE COWS.

Delaware, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Williamson, Verner aged two, Grover aged four, and Mabel five years, were burned to death in a fire at the home of their parents in the eastern part of the county last evening.

23 CONVICTS GET PARDONS

FORMER PROBATE JUDGE OF CLAY COUNTY, ALABAMA, AND C. B. MANN, OF MOBILE, ARE AMONG THE NUMBER.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 22.—Twenty-three paroles were today granted by Governor B. B. Comer as a contribution to Christmas. The most prominent is W. M. Whately, former probate judge of Clay county, who has served only a short term of two years for forgery; John Andrews, who was convicted in Wilcox county in 1905 for killing his father and stepmother, and C. B. Mann, serving fifteen years since 1901 for killing his brother-in-law in Mobile.

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near the palace and the cathedral the throngs were so great that they all but overcame the strong restraining force of soldiers and police. The scene was impressive as the cortege passed through the streets whose crowds, massed on the sidewalks, at the windows and upon balconies and roofs, paid respectful homage.

ASSASSINATIONS OF PERSONAGES HIGH IN POLITICAL LIFE

Prime Minister of the Korean Cabinet is Stabbed to Death.

CHIEF OF POLICE OF ST. PETERSBURG IS BLOWN TO PIECES BY THE EXPLOSION OF A BOMB, WHILE AT BOMBAY, BRITISH INDIA, THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF NASIK IS ASSASSINATED BY A NATIVE FOR REVENGE AND PRESUMABLY AS PART OF MOVEMENT AGAINST BRITISH AUTHORITY.

Remarkable political assassinations of personages high in office were reported yesterday from widely separated points throughout the world. In Seoul, Korea, the prime minister of the Korean cabinet was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against Japanese influence.

In St. Petersburg the chief of the secret police, Colonel Karpoff, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb, supposedly thrown by an anarchist.

At Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate, Major Arthur M. T. Jackson, was assassinated by a native for revenge and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against British official authority.

In each of the countries the governing authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

CHIEF OF SECRET POLICE OF ST. PETERSBURG KILLED

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in a remote street of the Viborg district and there was blown to pieces by a bomb, exploded supposedly by his host, one Michael Voskresensky, who had leased the rooms a few days before.

The murderer rushed into the street following the explosion and was captured. An assistant of Karpoff who had accompanied him was severely injured.

Karpoff was appointed from Baku, where he had been chief of the secret police. There have been several convictions of bomb makers recently.

PRIME MINISTER OF ROUMANIA IS STABBED BY AN ANARCHIST

Washington, Dec. 22.—An official dispatch was received by the state department this morning from Bucharest to the effect that the prime minister of Roumania had been stabbed by a Roumanian anarchist.

CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF NASIK ASSASSINATED AT THEATRE

Bombay, British India, Dec. 22.—Major Arthur M. T. Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasik, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance last night.

The motive of the murder is supposed to have been a wish for revenge upon the magistrate, who had already sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment.

Nasik is a hotbed of sedition. Jackson had been in the British Indian service since 1888.

Whatever may have been the immediate motive for the assassination of Chief Magistrate Jackson, the outrage cannot fail to increase the ever present fear of an uprising against British rule in India. Attempts have been made in the past to assassinate Lord Minto, Lord Kitchener, Sir Andrew Frazer, the lieutenant-governor of Bengal, and many other British officials.

SEN. M LAURIN DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME

U. S. Senator From Mississippi Succumbs to Heart Troubles.

WASHINGTON, Miss., Dec. 22.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly at his home at Brandon tonight at 7 o'clock. He was seated in a rocking chair in the library of his home when he suddenly fell forward, dying before the members of his family could reach him.

Physicians, who were summoned at once, pronounced death to be due to heart trouble.

Senator McLaurin had been in ill health for several months, though his condition was not considered serious. When congress convened, however, he decided not to go to Washington until his health improved.

He had showed improvement for several days and it was his intention to go to Washington when congress reconvened in January.

"Anse" McLaurin, as he was familiarly known, was the most prominent of the seven McLaurin brothers, who two years ago practically dominated the politics of Mississippi, many of them holding prominent political offices of that state.

The deceased defeated Jas. K. Fardman fourteen years ago for governor of Mississippi in one of the bitterest political fights in the history of the state. A few years afterwards he was elected to the United States senate and has been one of Mississippi's representatives in the higher branch of Congress since.

FATHER KILLS WIFE AND CHILD

TEXAS MAN BECOMING SUDDENLY INSANE SPLITS WIFE'S SKULL OPEN WITH HATCHET AND THEN ATTACKS FOUR CHILDREN.

Fresno, Calif., Dec. 22.—Si Chen suddenly insane, G. C. Cheuvrout, a rancher, killed his wife and one child, wounded three others and ended his life under the wheels of a train.

Mrs. Cheuvrout was preparing breakfast when the husband entered and split her skull open with a hatchet. Next he entered a bedroom where his children were asleep. In rapid succession he struck George, aged 14; Claude, 12; Gladys ten, and the infant daughter, Nellie. Claude is dead and Gladys is dying.

The negro had been employed in the local yards for about two weeks, and then secured a position on the road. He came here from Georgia about a month ago, it was stated, while making some yard switches there. The negro's name was in doubt. Some of the railroad men stated that he had been known to them as Sam Stanley, others that his name was Sam Alexander. At any rate, his body, which was brought here, was cared for by colored people who knew him, and who will attend to the funeral today.

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EXPLOSION HURTS MANY.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred in Samples No. 2 coal mine, three miles from here, at noon today, in which, it is said, many miners were hurt.

TREASURER APPOINTEE OF MAYOR REILLY REJECTED

JUDGE B. S. LIDDON DIES SUDDENLY IN NEW ORLEANS

SCHLEY IS AFTER LIEUT. PEARY

REAFFIRMING HIS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN COOK, THE ADMIRAL WANTS PEARY TO SUBMIT HIS DATA TO COPENHAGEN ALSO.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Reaffirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral Schley, retired, today called upon Commander Peary to submit his proofs that he reached the pole to some scientific body other than the National Geographic society.

This, the admiral declares, should be done at once in the interest of justice. Schley believes the data should be submitted to the University of Copenhagen, which, although having exhibited its friendliness to Cook, repudiated the latter's data.

KILLED THREE, THEN SUICIDED

JEALOUS HUSBAND SHOOTS MAN WHO PAID ATTENTION TO HIS WIFE, THEN WENT HOME AND KILLED WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW AND SUICIDED.

Pittsburg Ky., Dec. 22.—Objecting to the alleged attentions of Elbert Cole to Mrs. Murray, William Murray, a miser, shot and killed Cole at the latter's store. He went home and killed his mother-in-law and wife and then killed himself.

He shot Mrs. Murray just outside their home and dragged the body into the house and put another bullet into her heart.

THREE SISTERS ARE INDICTED

THEY ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF MRS. OCEY SNEAD, EITHER BY MURDER OR CAUSING HER TO COMMIT SELF-MURDER.

Newark, Dec. 22.—The grand jury this afternoon found two indictments against the three Wardlaw sisters, charging them with having caused the death of Mrs. Ocey Snead, who was found dead in a bath tub in the unfurnished East Orange house. One indictment charges the sisters with collectively causing Mrs. Snead to "commit self-murder."

The three sisters are Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of the victim; Mrs. Wardlaw Snead, an aunt, and also mother-in-law, and Miss Virginia Wardlaw, an aunt.

ONE DEAD AND FIVE ARE INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 22.—Aubrey Conroy, aged ten, is dead, his mother is fatally injured, and four others seriously injured, as the result of a natural gas explosion. Plumbers, in making gas connections in the Conroy home, left the open pipe. When the gas was lighted the explosion followed.

KING MENELIK LIVES.

Addis Ababa, Abyssinia, Dec. 22.—The Ethiopian government today gave official assurance that King Menelik still lives, though his condition is grave.

Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court Passes Away On Operating Table.

WENT THERE A FEW DAYS AGO TO BE OPERATED UPON, BUT HIS CONDITION WAS NOT THEN CONSIDERED SERIOUS— WAS AT ONE TIME A RESIDENT OF PENSACOLA AND WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Special to The Journal.

Marianna, Dec. 22.—Judge Benj. S. Liddon, one of the most prominent citizens of this city, died suddenly last night in New Orleans, while undergoing an operation. He went to that city a few days ago, and inasmuch as it was not realized that his condition was serious, his death came as a shock to his numerous friends here.

The deceased is survived by a wife and a large number of children, as well as a host of friends in this section, as well as all over Florida. The remains will be brought here for burial in the family burying grounds.

JUDGE LIDDON WAS FORMER RESIDENT OF PENSACOLA

Friends in Pensacola of Judge Liddon will learn with regret of his death in New Orleans. The deceased was a former resident of Pensacola, practicing law under the firm name of Liddon & Egan, the latter being Hon. John Egan, who died several years ago, and has a large circle of friends in this city. Being one of the most prominent attorneys in this section of the state, he paid frequent visits to Pensacola, and always expressed gratification upon the city's growth, manifesting an interest in its welfare and future.

Judge Liddon returned to Marianna about six years ago, where he resumed the practice of law.

SKETCH OF DECEASED.

Benjamin Sullivan Liddon, of Marianna, one of the most distinguished attorneys of Florida, was born in Jackson county, Fla., September 7, 1853, son of Benjamin G. and Susan (Sullivan) Liddon. His father, a native of Florida, was a newspaper writer and litigator of prominence, who served as a sergeant of Company D, Third Georgia Infantry and met his death while in the discharge of duty at the explosion of the crater before Petersburg, Va. The Liddons came of celebrated colonial stock and one of the uncles, Thomas Byrnes, was an officer of the war of 1812.

Judge Liddon received his law degree at Madison, Ga., studied law under the preceptorship of Judge Allen H. Bush, a celebrated attorney of Marianna, compiler of Bush's Digest of Laws of Florida; was admitted to the bar in Jackson county in 1875 and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession. He began independently, later was associated for about two years with Judge Barnes, afterward comptroller of the state, and judge of the first judicial circuit of Florida. In 1882 he formed a partnership with Judge Francis Carter, then of the Florida supreme court, and this pleasant association continued until 1883. Thus Judge Liddon, before entering upon the practice of an attorney until he was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Justice Raney of the supreme court. In November of the same year he was elected to that tribunal for a term of six years. He served as chief justice for a little less than a year and in 1897 resigned from the bench and retired to private life, when he had nearly four years of his term yet to serve. Removing to Pensacola, he formed a partnership with John Egan, the then United States attorney for the Northern district of Florida, and this firm continued for four years. On January 1, 1901, he returned to Marianna and at once entered upon a notably successful practice. When but twenty-four years of age Judge Liddon became county superintendent of public schools of Jackson county, an office he held for several terms.

After M. R. Hatton.

The council is evidently going to get after Mr. Hatton, the consulting engineer, in business-like shape, and is going to demand some explanation of the acceptance of the DeVilliers street sewer when it was in such shape as to be practically inoperative, according to the report of the city engineer, which was also read last night. That report was published in The Journal some days ago. The council, however, made inquiry as to the liability of Mr. Storrie, the sewer contractor, and was informed that he was under a bond of \$75,000 for one year from the acceptance of the DeVilliers of the entire system. That bond dates from last July, when Mr. Hatton was said to have passed upon the sewer and the bond trustees paid over to Mr. Storrie a large amount. There is still unpaid, however, the sum of \$3,500, which the bond trustees agree is a good claim, but the chairman of the board of bond trustees stated that the sewer contractor is claiming more and that the council will then take action on the engineer's report. The council, however, seems to blame Mr. Hatton for accepting the system when such conditions as shown up in the report of Engineer Thornton existed, and the matter is put squarely up to the mayor and the city attorney, and the finance committee for report, this information to be in hand when Mr. Hatton appears for the purpose of explaining the defects in the DeVilliers outlet. The blame for the condition will be first located, according to the council's action, then the city's position as assumed in the present status of the case. These points in hand, the council will then take action on the engineer's report. At the meantime, however, the document was received and no recommendations made.

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Ladies of Denmark Will Never Believe Dr. Cook Was Wrong

New York, Dec. 22.—The ladies of Denmark will never believe that Dr. Cook was wrong, and my daughter, who is with me, will weep when she hears the report," said Dr. Maurice P. Egan, American minister to Denmark, when the ladies now partly blame for his strong partisanship of Dr. Cook, which led them to recognize the American explorer as the discoverer of the north pole.

Dr. Egan, who reached here today on the steamship Oscar II and will remain during the holidays, talked freely regarding his own part in the enthusiastic reception of Dr. Cook at Copenhagen which led to the acclaim of Dr. Cook as a hero all over the civilized world.

Council Did Not Confirm Selection of Julius Menko As Sent in Last Night.

ALDE' MEN VOTED NOT TO CONFIRM, WHICH MAKES NEW NOMINATION OR APPOINTMENT NECESSARY—COUNCIL AFTER RESPONSIBLE PARTIES FOR DE-VILLIERS SEWER—STREET RAILWAY ORDINANCE HELD UP.

For the first time in recent history, at least, the city council last night turned down an appointee of the mayor to an office in the city government. This was in the case of the treasurer, Mayor Reilly nominated Julius Menko, a well-known book-keeper in the city, after the resignation of the former treasurer, H. T. Howland, had been accepted and passed upon. The mayor's letter of nomination of Mr. Menko was then read and the question of confirming the same was put to the council. The appointment was not confirmed. On the contrary, it was turned down by a vote of six to five, which leaves the city without a treasurer and leaves it to the mayor to see that a second name or to send in the same one. Friends of two candidates last night were of the opinion that their respective candidate would next be nominated, but, on the other hand, Mr. Menko's friends stated that the mayor would again tender his name for the position. The mayor was not at the council meeting last night, which was a regular session of the body. His absence, of course, were not obtained. The letter naming Mr. Menko was dated Dec. 22, so that the appointment was only made finally yesterday. The question as to Mr. Howland's successor will remain unsettled until the next meeting of the council, unless there be a special meeting called for the especially stated purpose of acting on another appointment by the mayor. Alderman Kent, who voted favoring the confirmation of Mr. Menko, tried to have the question settled last night. One time he got so far as to say that "the city was without a treasurer" when his attention was called to the fact that a motion was before the house. Then again he said: "Mr. Chairman, a treasurer," but was stopped again. When a motion to adjourn was made and voted on, he again sought to get recognition on the treasurer, but adjournment had been declared.

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