

ARE PREPARING TO MARCH ON MANAGUA

Stubborn Resistance is Expected as Zelaya Has Assumed Charge.

HE IS NOW DIRECTING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PART OF NICARAGUA—ESTRADA'S MOVEMENT ON MANAGUA WILL BE BY WAY OF GREYTOWN—WITH HOSPITALS FILLED WITH WOUNDED AND DEAD IN MANY HOMES, BLUEFIELDS REALIZES WHAT REAL WAR MEANS.

By Associated Press. Managua, Dec. 23.—Ex-President Zelaya will leave here tomorrow and probably board the Mexican steamer Guerrero, now lying in Corinto harbor. Owing to hostile demonstrations of the past few days against the old administration Zelaya will be escorted to Corinto by a strong guard. News of the defeat of the Zelayan army at Rama is carefully guarded from the public. Official dispatches claim a victory, but the truth has at last begun to filter through. The present government is in no condition to oppose the advance of Estrada's army. President Madriz has but few fighting men and no preparations are being made to repel an attack.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—Gen. Estrada, it is said today, will immediately assume the offensive against the government of President Madriz. The insurgent leader holds that the Zelayan element was removed from consideration by the sweeping battle of Rama. Madriz and his assistants now represent the enemy. The march on Managua is believed to be imminent.

The prisoners captured at Rama have been freed and are to be espoused the cause of Estrada will be armed and enrolled in the ranks of the insurgents.

The details of Estrada's further campaign are not made known, but it is known that his movement on Managua will be by way of Greytown, which he expects to fall with little show of resistance. The various groups of the enemy in the vicinity of San Juan river will be wiped out and the path to the Nicaraguan capital made along Lake Nicaragua.

The exact number of dead, injured and missing in the two days' fighting near Rama either is not determined or the facts are purposely withheld.

REALIZES WHAT WAR MEANS. Today Bluefields realizes what real war means. The wounded fill the hospitals and dead in many homes. Funerals are being held in great numbers. Insurgent elation over the triumph that has placed Estrada in unquestioned possession of Rama, Recreo and the strategic point of Tatum Blue Hill, as well as the adjacent territory here, before disputed, is tempered by the sorrow of grief-stricken homes. There is less of noisy rejoicing at the capital of the provisional government, but the grim determination to overthrow the government of Managua has been strengthened by the sacrifices of the past few days.

Generals Mena, Charro, Diaz and Mattuy are popular heroes today.

The American surgeons from the cruiser Des Moines are giving splendid aid in caring for the wounded.

ZELAYA NOW DIRECTING THE MILITARY OPERATIONS

Washington, Dec. 23.—Messages at the state department today indicated excitement throughout the western portion of Nicaragua. Zelaya seems to have assumed direction of the military operations in that part of the country, and in consequence a stubborn resistance to the expected advance.

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BROKAW ON STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

Millionaire Defendant in Divorce Case Swears He Was Never Drunk.

HE HAD NEVER STRUCK HIS WIFE, BUT ADMITTED HE HAD CALLED HER A LIAR, BUT NOT UNTIL SHE HAD CALLED HIM A LIAR—BROKAW MADE A GOOD WITNESS, BUT HIS WIFE WAS ASHY PALE.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing for separation and alimony of sixty thousand a year, took the stand today and swore his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, had threatened to kill him because he loved Mrs. Brokaw too much. When he told Mrs. Brokaw this she laughed and said: "Don't mind father, Billie; he's crazy."

Brokaw made a good witness. Mrs. Brokaw was ashy pale and tossed her head scornfully when her husband's testimony contradicted hers. Brokaw swore he had never been drunk. He never struck his wife, but admitted he had called her a liar.

"Yes," he said, "I called her a liar, but not until she called me a liar. I had been out, and when I came back, bringing her flowers, she accused me of meeting some woman, and I denied it. She said I lied and I had to tell her the same."

He swore his wife smoked cigarettes before they were married, but promised to stop. He never saw her drink cocktails, but servants had told him cocktails were taken to her room on the sly.

He told of the night when he had Marquis Herms and others to dinner. Mrs. Brokaw didn't come down. Later he went to her room and she didn't answer. Finally he pushed the door open. She was curious. "I told her I only wanted to kiss her good-night, and left." Later Mrs. Brokaw tried to take poison. He said he did nothing to make her wish to commit suicide.

AN ARDUOUS SESSION. Principals and attorneys in the suit entered the court room with knowledge that an arduous session was ahead of them. Justice Putnam thinks that the case has dragged altogether too much and announced his intention of keeping things moving from now on. A Christmas session will be held if necessary to finish the case.

W. Gould Brokaw was early on hand and ready to begin his testimony. He was obviously nervous over the ordeal he has been dreading. His wife, Mary Blair Brokaw, who

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72,000 Men Necessary to Man Battleships in Time of War

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—To man the entire American fleet in time of war would require 3,890 officers and 72,281 men and in time of peace 3,552 officers and 69,992 men, according to Captain N. R. Usher, assistant to the bureau of navigation, in a statement made public today. These figures do not include officers and men at shore stations.

Four new battleships are to be commissioned, as well as fifteen new large torpedo boat destroyers and seven submarines. It is anticipated that the Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri will go temporarily out of commission and that the Denver and three others

of her class will be placed by the New Orleans, Cincinnati and Lehigh, which are practically the same class. Replying to a suggestion that the navy will put into commission vessels that will require 5,000 bluejackets and do away with those that require only 3,800 men, Captain Usher says: "The number required is to keep up the fleet in its present strength of 16 battleships and not to diminish immediately. The force employed on the Pacific coast, which consists of eight armored cruisers with crews practically the same or a little larger than the battleships. The vessels put in reserve are required to have one-fourth of the regular crews."

COTTON SELLS FOR 16 CENTS

FOR FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS IT REACHES THIS POINT—FOUR MEN WHO LEAD BULL CAMPAIGN MAKE PROFITS OF \$13,000,000.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—The bullish enthusiasm which has attended the cotton market in its recent advances, today realized for the first time in five years sixteen cents per pound for the staple on the New York exchange. May option reached 16.01 and the entire list advanced slightly, and still holds higher than since the Sully boom.

The bull campaign now on is said to be headed by Col. W. P. Brown and Frank B. Hayle, of New Orleans, who were associated with Sully five years ago, and by E. G. Scales and James A. Patton, the Chicago grain operator. The aggregate profits of this "big four," it is rumored, will amount to the sum of \$13,000,000. The bulls predict seventeen cents before the end of January. The record during the Sully boom was 17.54.

COOK DID NOT REACH SUMMIT

COMMITTEE THAT EXAMINED HIS MT. M'KINLEY RECORDS WILL MAKE REPORT DISCREDITING HIS CLAIMS.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—The report of the special committee which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's record of having reached the summit of Mt. McKinley will be delivered to the board of governors of the Explorers' club tomorrow. While the investigators will not divulge the text of the report, they do not deny that it discredits Dr. Cook's claims and such a verdict has been generally anticipated.

BOSTON PEOPLE SEE A MYSTERIOUS LIGHT IN HEAVENS

By Associated Press. Boston, Dec. 23.—People in the towns of Marlboro, South Framingham, Ashland, Grafton, North Grafton, Upton, Hopdale, Northboro and other villages east of Worcester, turned out in throngs tonight and viewed a mysterious light in the heavens, which many believed to be the searchlight of an airship.

While no framework was discernible behind the light, the people are positive the light could not be that of a balloon because it moved as if under control and apparently against the wind.

Heroic Work of Negro Janitor Saves Lives of Score of Persons

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Heroic rescue work on the part of Washington Johnson, a negro janitor, saved the lives of a score of persons in the Rialto building, a five-story office structure at Ninth street and Grand avenue, which was destroyed early today by a fire caused by a gas explosion. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Johnson discovered the fire and, realizing that a number of physicians and medical students were sleeping on the upper floors, he rushed through the halls shouting an alarm. When he believed everyone had escaped he made his way to the street. There he learned that Charles Manley, a medical student who slept on the fifth floor, was still missing.

Without hesitation, Johnson rushed upstairs to the top of the building. As he started through the hall on the fifth floor, he met Manley, dazed and half choked, groping about. Taking the stifled man by the arm, the negro guided him through the smoke and flames as the pair reached the street just as a second explosion shook the building.

The second explosion occurred just as twenty firemen entered the building. Six of the firemen were thrown a distance of several feet from the explosion, but none suffered more than minor injuries.

After three hours' work the fire was placed under control, having been confined to the Rialto building. The loss falls principally upon Albert Marty, owner of the building, and is two-thirds covered by insurance.

DIXIE IS FIRST IN POPULARITY

IT LEADS ALL AMERICAN SONGS, ACCORDING TO REPORT OF CHIEF OF DIVISION OF MUSIC OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity." It is the verdict of O. C. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of the library of congress, who has just issued an exhaustive report on the four famous American musical compositions. "Yankee Doodle" is second in popularity.

BROOKLYN FRATERNAL ORDER IS TAKEN OVER BY STATE

By Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The National Provident union, a Brooklyn fraternal order, with three million outstanding insurance, was taken over by the state insurance department for liquidation. Inadequate rates are assigned as the cause of failure.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS. St. Paul, Dec. 23.—The conference at the governor's office for the purpose of settling the switchmen's strike adjourned tonight without action.

HOW TWO PHILANTHROPIC YOUNG WOMEN BRING JOY TO THE POOR AT CHRISTMAS



Sociologists from all parts of the world have asserted from time to time that nowhere do the poor and friendless fare better at Christmas time than in New York. The American metropolis is famous the world over for its humanitarianism and its extensive organized charities, and it can also boast of more individual philanthropy than any other city. Much of this latter charity, it may be truly said, is misdirected, but Christmas is a time when it never can be too lavish for the joy it brings to the hearts of the little ones pays for all its mistakes many thousands of times. Two

daughter of the late Banker Morosini, and Miss Evangeline Booth. Every Christmas day for several years Miss Morosini has taken several automobile loads of toys to various points in the city and distributed them to the children. This is the way she spends the holiday, and throughout the year her purse is open to the poor of all classes. Miss Booth visits several orphanages and also gives away many hundreds of dollars' worth of toys. Nearly all the poor children of the city know these young women, and many thousands of the little ones would be disappointed but for their Christmas charities.

WHILE LYING IN BED OFFICER KILLS HIS MAN

Stock Dealer Who Had Been Arrested the Night Before, Sought Redress.

FOUND THE OFFICER IN BED AND WITH A PISTOL IN HAND TOLD HIM TO GET READY TO DIE—POLICEMAN FLASHED TWO REVOLVERS FROM UNDER THE COVER AND PUT NINE BULLETS INTO THE STOCK DEALER, CAUSING INSTANT DEATH.

By Associated Press. Cordele, Ga., Dec. 23.—W. H. Tripp, a stock dealer, was shot and killed this morning by Policeman Kendal in the latter's bedroom, where Tripp went seeking redress for what he considered the unnecessary arrest of himself by Kendal last night.

Admitted by Mrs. Kendal, Tripp found the officer in bed. With a pistol, Tripp said, "You had the advantage of me then, but I have got it now. You might as well get ready to die."

Instantly from his position in bed Kendal flashed two revolvers and fired nine times, each bullet making a vital wound. Tripp died instantly. A coroner's jury decided it was justifiable homicide.

WATSON REITERATES THAT HIS BROTHER, THE POET, IS INSANE

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—Robinson Watson, in a statement telegraphed from Montreal, reiterates that his brother, William Watson, the English poet, now in Havana, is insane, although the poet's wife is unaware of her husband's mental condition. Mrs. Watson cabled from Havana yesterday that Robinson Watson's statement is a "wicked attempt to ruin my husband."

NO OFFICIAL CEREMONY FOR SENATOR M'LAURIN

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—No congressional committee will be appointed to attend the funeral of Senator McLaughlin, which occurs tomorrow at his home at Braslow, Miss. The sergeant-at-arms of the senate received a telegram this afternoon stating the family did not desire an official ceremony.

MERCHANTS DO LARGEST BUSINESS OF MANY YEARS

WM. J. BRYAN SERIOUSLY ILL

IS THREATENED WITH PNEUMONIA IN JACKSONVILLE—HAS CANCELLED ALL LECTURE DATES.

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Dec. 23.—William J. Bryan is ill with a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia at the home of his cousin, ex-Governor William S. Jennings, in this city, where he has been a guest the past several days. Bryan has cancelled all future lecture dates and will remain here several days.

EIGHT KILLED IN EXPLOSION

ANOTHER MINE DISASTER IN ILLINOIS, CAUSED BY OPEN LAMPS OF ENGINEER—MANY THOUGHT TO BE ENTOMBED.

By Associated Press. Marion, Ill., Dec. 23.—Eight are known to have been killed and a score or more are thought to be entombed as the result of an explosion in Squirrel Ridge Mine, No. 4, near Herbin, this county, this afternoon. The dead: Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer; Thomas Williams, assistant engineer; Geo. Snyder, miner; Salvatore Greco, miner; Pietro Romeo, laborer; Thomas Harbor, miner; unidentified boy; W. T. Pierce, engineer.

Open lamps carried by a mine engineer caused the cause of the disaster, it is said. Prompt action by the management resulted in the safe exit of the hundreds of miners at work below the ground.

Despite black damp, the rescuers worked hard to recover the dead and save the living. Several overcome were rushed to the surface and are expected to recover. Black damp finally forced the rescuers to retreat and leave the bodies of some of the dead. Fire also began to gain headway and it is thought the bodies can be recovered before tomorrow.

News of the disaster spread through Marion and there was a wild rush to the shaft house of hysterical women and crying children.

FOUL PLAY IS NOW CHARGED

WILLIAM L. COOK, BROTHER OF THE EXPLORER, SAYS HE FEARS THE LATTER'S ENEMIES HAVE OVERTAKEN HIM, AS HE HAD BEEN THREATENED.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—William L. Cook declared today that he believed his brother, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, had met with foul play abroad.

"I had a letter from Dr. Cook early this week," said the brother, "in which he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen with his proofs of having found the North Pole. He should have reached Copenhagen before this and as he had been threatened with violence, I fear his enemies have overtaken him."

OHIO RIVER FROZEN. Evansville, Ind., Dec. 23.—The Ohio river at Cannelton, Ind., and Hawesville, Ky., is frozen over and people are crossing on the ice.

Another Young Monarch Added to Reigning Sovereigns of Europe

By Associated Press. Brussels, Dec. 23.—Another young monarch was added to the reigning sovereigns of Europe today when Albert I ascended the throne of Belgium. The official ceremony was brilliant and the popular acclaim genuine.

Yesterday all Belgium mourned. Today the sombre symbols of mourning had been replaced with the tri-colored oriflamme and everywhere there was merrymaking.

In the house of parliament the new monarch made an address, destined by its democratic tone and unequivocal expressions on the great questions of the Belgian Congo, to attract the attention of the world. "Colonization should mean civiliza-

Stores Crowded With Holiday Shoppers Who Have Plenty of Money.

VOLUME OF TRADE INCREASING STEADILY FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS REACHED HUGE PROPORTIONS YESTERDAY, WHEN STREETS WERE CROWDED WITH THE BUSY SHOPPERS.

While the merchants of Pensacola have been doing an immense business during the past two weeks, the volume of trade reached its greatest height yesterday, when stores and streets were crowded to their utmost with shoppers. And the shoppers had money, and apparently plenty of it, for during the late hours of the afternoon and early portion of the night they could be seen homeward bound with their arms filled with packages of every description.

Not a line of business suffered during yesterday through lack of patronage, and it is expected that trade today will be even greater, notwithstanding that many greeted the appeal to shop early.

SMILES WERE NUMEROUS. And while the shoppers were busy looking for articles which they desired to purchase smiles covered their faces, for they anticipated the pleasure of giving. There were shoppers of all classes out, from the rich to the poor, the laborer, clerk, stenographer and merchant himself. Everybody was buying and everyone was pleased with the fact that money was in the purse with which to buy.

Merchants who were seen last night stated that their business for the holidays had exceeded all expectations and had been better than ever before known. Dry goods men, clothiers, jewelers, confectioners, druggists, and in fact, every line of business has prospered. Work has been plentiful in Pensacola for weeks preceding the holidays, and there is hardly a family in Pensacola today but that will have plenty for tomorrow.

The business houses are prepared for a record-breaking trade today! All have employed extra help to handle their trade, and when the stores close tonight it will be until Monday morning, for nearly all propose closing all of tomorrow.

THE BATTLESHIP UTAH LAUNCHED

SEVERAL THOUSAND SEE THE GREATEST WARSHIP EVER BUILT IN THE UNITED STATES GLIDE FROM THE WAYS.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Declared to have no equal afloat as a first-class fighting machine, the battleship Utah, the greatest warship ever built in the United States, was launched from the yard of the New York Shipbuilding company at Camden, N. J., today in the presence of several thousand persons, who crowded the docks and every advantage point in the vicinity of the yard. And when the scores close to leave the thickly crowded ways, Miss Mary Alice Spry, of Salt Lake City, daughter of the governor of Utah, raised her arm and with a swift, hard swing, broke a gaily-ribboned bottle of champagne against the keel of the great ship and spoke the words that gave the vessel a name.

The Utah is the fifth of the all-big gun type of the battleship for the United States navy to be launched. When completed she will be more powerful than the Delaware and North Dakota of the Dreadnought class. The Utah has a length on the load water line of 510 feet, or 521 1-2 feet over all, and a beam of 88 feet 2 inches. Her trial draft will be 28 1-2 feet; displacement 21,825 tons or 2,000 tons greater than the Delaware and North Dakota, and her speed is expected to develop 20 3-4 knots.

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