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BLUEFIELDS ATTACKED BY ZELAYA ARMY

AMERICANS RUSHED TO BATTLE-
SHIPS TO ESCAPE DEATH
WHEN BATTLE STARTS

ZELAYA IS SHREWD

HIS TACTICS HAVE COMPLETELY
THROWN ESTRADA FORCES
OFF THE SCENT—DOWN-
FALL IMMINENT.

Invading Army Now Within Rifle
Range of Chief City and Bom-
bardment Will Surely Follow
Tonight—Attack Entirely
Unsuspected.

New Orleans, Dec. 11.—Zelaya's army, numbering four thousand men, are expected within rifle range of Bluefields by nightfall and a night attack is expected. Hundreds of women and children, including many Americans have rushed aboard the American battleships in the harbor for protection. Runners from the interior first brought the news of the general advance of Zelaya's army upon the threatened city.

For more than two weeks Zelaya's army had been lying in the vicinity of Rama. Estrada's forces, expecting an attack had erected fortifications, dug trenches about the town, which interspersed with tangles of barbed wire. Several minor engagements about Rama, in which revolutionists were signally victorious, led the defenders to believe the dictator was planning a mass attack in the near future. That Zelaya was covering his actual intent to move on to Bluefields is now apparent.

Defendants of the city said they have been woefully weakened by the removal of most of their forces to Rama, where it was believed Zelaya would center his attack.

The cunning of the former president is illustrated by strategic move on the city of Bluefields. Couriers have been dispatched bearing the news of the impending attack. It is deemed doubtful that they will be able to break through the line. Zelaya is reported to have thrown heavy lines in the van of his main forces.

Zelaya's army has been strengthened by several hundred recruits from the interior and will march in upon Rama today, according to dispatches from Bluefields.

Estrada has thrown out outposts to meet the attacking army but it is rumored that the attacking army is for superior in point of numbers, to the army of Estrada.

Estrada sympathizers are apparently impressed with the belief that the city will fall into the hands of Zelaya and claim that all that can save the city is the landing of the American marines and they are now beseeching the commanders of the American war vessels for protection.

Roosevelt Outdone.
Nairobi, Dec. 11.—Colonel Roosevelt has been outdone by his son Kermit. The Colonel arrived today at his headquarters but without a specimen of the bongo. When he learned that his son Kermit had killed three beautiful specimens of this rare animal he was considerably chagrined. Roosevelt is in splendid health and will spend some days here.

Birth Record.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Kalp at Island City, December 11 a ten pound daughter.

WILL TEST PIPE LINE. Official Inspection Preparatory to Ac- cepting Plant to be Made.

Engineer Pickler leaves tomorrow over the pipe line to inspect the line before making his report to the city administration. He will test the pipe in every detail. He hopes to be back by Monday or Tuesday and will make his report immediately afterwards. Today the city mains are being flushed and the Beaver Creek water is rapidly being put to use throughout the city.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—The steamer Erna of the Jesben Ostrander line from Seattle to Mexico and Central American ports is believed to be ashore in the straits.

The Colonel Drake, a steamer belonging to the Standard Oil Company reported by wireless this morning that they saw a big steamer ashore off Slip Point, on the British side.

NEW PHASES IN CENSUS

WILL DETERMINE IF YANKEE
FARMER IS HOLDING OWN.

Three New Phases of Census Taking
To Be Brought Out in Spring.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 11.—United States Census Director Durand states that the new inquiries in the general agricultural schedule for the census of 1910 are expected to develop important data on the questions as to whether or not the native American farmer is holding his own against the foreign born home maker in this country; the age period when the "hired farm hand" becomes an independent farmer himself; the age when the tenant farmer ceases to be a "renter," and becomes an owner, and also other vital facts concerning the social and industrial tendencies among the millions of the tillers of the soil in the first decade of the 20th century.

The new questions were added to the farm schedule by an act of congress providing for the 13th and subsequent censuses, but United States Director Durand was instructed to determine the form and subdivisions of the inquiries—in other words to frame up the main questions and the subinquiries concerning the fifty-eight groups of topics embraced in the schedule.

The new inquiries fall into three classes: First, those seeking information not obtained by former censuses; second, those calling for more extended data on subjects of previous census topics; and finally, those concerning conditions or industries which have arisen since the last census.

In the first class are those inquiries concerning the age of the farmer and the country of his birth; mortgage indebtedness, acreage to be put to crops in the year 1910; breed of pure bred animals; and acreage of mixed timothy and clover hay.

In the second class are inquiries in regard to the amount of feed purchased for live stock and the amount and value of the live stock purchased; the value of eggs sold; value of wax sold, separate from honey and the amount of pasture lands under irrigation.

In the third class the new questions provide for the separation of wheat into its various varieties—common spring, common winter, Durum or macaroni, Emmer, and Spelt; for the increase of the number of various vegetables from seven to twelve; for addition of guinea fowls and pigeons to the poultry list; for the statement of the amount received for standing timber; for the amount of woodland on the farm; and for the amount received for the pasturing of domestic animals.

BLOOD LUST CALLS FIEND

SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED BY INSANE
WINE MERCHANT DURING
BRIEF PERIOD

SUICIDES AS FINAL ACT
OF CARNIVAL OF BLOOD.

With Razor and Revolver Wealthy
Wine Merchant Rans Amuck and
Butchers His Family.

Marseilles, France, Dec. 11.—Suddenly possessed by insane blood lust Pierre Bouvier, a wealthy wine merchant, today shot and killed his wife, mother and horribly butchered two of his small daughters; killed his son with a razor and shot and killed his oldest daughter and his chief clerk who were just entering the house, and then ended his bloody carnival by sending a death dealing bullet into his own brain.

Bouvier was one of the wealthiest and most prominent residents of the city and was well known and liked throughout the surrounding vineyard country. He arose as usual this morning, but while preparing to go to his place of business a mania seized him to kill and the horrible massacre began.

He first drew his revolver and shot his wife through the heart. When the aged mother alarmed by the sound of the shot rushed into the room, she was met by a fusillade of bullets and fell dying besides her daughter-in-law. Running to his apartments the wine merchant seized a razor and rushed to the part of the house occupied by his two little daughters and son. Grasping the youngest child by the hair he drew the razor across the throat almost severing the head from the body. Frantic from terror the other children fled from the room followed by Bouvier, whose face was spattered with blood and with the dripping razor clutched in his hand. Cornering the children in another part of the house the crazed father cut their throats and left them dying on the floor.

Grasping the gory razor in one hand and the revolver in the other he rushed from his home to the office. In the counting room stood the chief clerk and his eldest daughter. When he leveled the revolver at the defenseless girl the clerk sprang toward him and received the bullet in his chest. Leaping over the prostrate body of the clerk Bouvier shot his daughter twice through the head, killing her instantly. He then placed the gun against his right temple and blew out his brains.

MINERS BACK OF I. W. W.

WILL DEFEND MISS FLYNN TO
HIGHEST COURT KNOWN.

Money Already Coming In to Aid I. W.
W. W. In Fighting Case.

Spokane, Dec. 11.—The Western Federation of Miners has notified the council for the I. W. W. this morning that they will stand behind the defense of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, with its personal funds to carry the case to the highest tribunal in the land. The Miner's Union Local No. 1 in Butte, Montana has already forwarded her a check for the sum of \$500 to apply on her defense fund. Every copy of the Industrial Worker is being seized

BLIZZARD HITS VALLEY

WORST STORM IN DECADE IS DE-
SCRIPTION GIVEN BY
OLD PIONEERS

UNION PARES THE WORST AND
COVE ESCAPES FURY.

Blizzardlike Snowstorm in La Grande
Not Severe as that Which Visits
Other Sections of Valley.

Grande Ronde valley with the possible exception of Cove, is today gripped in the fiercest storm that has struck this valley in the month of December in a decade, according to pioneers. While the blizzardlike snow storm which has prevailed in La Grande, has been unusually severe, the storm here seems to have lacked the viciousness which characterized it in Union. Union's streets have been deserted most of the day, but few caring to brave the elements. At Imbler, Elgin, Summerville and Alice the same story of a severe blizzard is being told. Cove seems to have escaped with nothing more than a heavy snowstorm.

At no locality in the valley is the storm accompanied by any degree of severity in the way of temperature, though the Union section seems to be visited by an unusually severe cold wave with the blizzard.

Press dispatches and telephone messages say the storm is general over the entire eastern portion of the state.

Mrs Teal Exonerated.

New York, Dec. 11.—Judge Fisher today dismissed the indictments that has been standing against Mrs. Teal, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Gould divorce case. Mrs. Teal, who is the wife of a theatrical manager spent nearly a year in jail before being granted a new trial. It is reported that she will now sue for damages for false imprisonment and arrest.

ed as fast as it comes from the press. Prosecutor Fred C. Pugh and Chief of Police Sullivan say they are backed up in this by the criminal libel law. This paper has been edited in the jail. It is the intention of the authorities to ask the court for an injunction compelling the I. W. W. to stop all attempts toward printing the paper.

POSSE COMBS WIDE SECTION

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL
KEPT UP DILIGENTLY.

Police Can Get No Trace of the Miss-
ing Brewer's Daughter.

Louisville, Dec. 11.—Although little Alma Kellner disappeared last Wednesday the police have secured no trace of the kidnappers who stole the child while enroute to church.

A detail of thirty officers have been engaged in searching the countryside within a radius of twenty miles of the city. Every nook where the child could possibly be concealed has been investigated. Five thousand circulars offering large rewards for information concerning the whereabouts of the little girl have been sent broadcast over the country and a great many civilians are now taking part in the search for the missing one.

Aviator Hurt.
Berlin, Dec. 11.—Captain Engenart a pupil of the Wright Brothers is seriously injured as the result of driving the Wright aeroplane at Johannistal. The machine completely collapsed in mid air and was completely wrecked. The Captain was in some way caught under the wreckage and badly crushed.

Race Grows Interesting.
New York, Dec. 11.—By a series of laps that were made early today, Rutt of the Rutt-Clar team succeeded in gaining a lap on the other contestants in the six days bicycle race in Madison Square garden. Rutt and Clark former a partnership after each had lost their team mate. The former entered the race with Stole and the latter with Floyd McFarland of California. As a result of this forced change they lost one lap which has been made up since Thursday in addition to the one gained. The score this morning stood 2,410 miles and three laps.

SEEKING FOR FUGITIVES

NEGROES SUSPECTED OF
HAVING GUNNED WOMEN.

Intense Feeling Prevails in Savannah
And Prospects are Good For
Race War.

Savanna, Ga. Dec. 11.—Following the horrible triple crime in which two women were slain and one probably fatally injured, bloodhounds are today trailing the negroes who are suspected of having committed the awful deed, and there is grave danger of violence if they are run down.

The dead are: Mrs. Eliza Gribble and daughter, Mrs. Carrie Chandler. The fatally injured, Mrs. Maggie Hunter.

The three women were alone in the Gribble house when they were attacked. The bodies were literally hacked to pieces with an axe. It is hoped that Mrs. Hunter will regain consciousness long enough to give a description of the negroes and if it proves that the men now being trailed prove the criminals there is grave trouble of a race war again in this state.

Warning.

All persons are hereby notified not to go upon O street in front of the Oliver property to replace the fence or sidewalk which was removed on Thursday or place any obstruction on said street.

J. A. MATOTT,
Street Superintendent.

WANTS 1100 ACRE RIGHTS

PROSPECTIVE WATER USERS MEET
DESPITE STORMS—DISCUSS
THE CONTRACTS

STRONG INFLUENCE WIELDED
BY BARNETT'S TELEGRAM.

After Two Weeks of Study His At-
torneys Agree Contract is
Water Proof.

A veritable bombshell was exploded at this opera house this afternoon when Secretary Reynolds read a telegram from W. M. Barnett of Esce county, saying he had allowed his contract to be examined by all the leading attorneys of Wasco county and had found it water proof and equitable. On the strength of this decision by the Wasco attorneys, he wired for water rights to cover eleven hundred acres of land near La Grande. The contract has been in the hands of the attorneys for the past two weeks and the decision was well studied. The effect was noticeable among those having an aversion to the contract in its present form.

Undaunted by the terrific storm, fifty prospective water users met at the Steward opera house this afternoon to hear points of questions discussed and expounded by members of and attorneys for the Grande Ronde Reservoir Company. The meeting was late in getting down to business, but once the men reached the place of meeting, goodnatured and earnest discussion of the merits of the contract for water which the users are asked to sign, were discussed at length.

President Holmes presided and spoke at some length on the contracts legal points, explaining what the company aims to do and what is expected of the water users. Attorney Crawford was present and gave additional light to the matter. The farmers who were in attendance, were free to ask questions and some which were of doubt, were made clear with but little discussion and others required detailed explanation. There is every reason to believe that a great majority of those present who were objecting to the present contract, were fully convinced of their needless alarm as to legal flaws. The meeting is proving of vastly great benefit to all concerned.

County Clerk Ed. Wright today issued a marriage license to Frank E. Shumard, formerly of Kamela, to Jennie E. Kennon of this city.

HAND BAGS

New Leather, New Shapes, New Prices

We Have the largest, the best, the most up-to-date line of Ladies Hand Bags and Purses ever shown in La Grande. We have the Alligator, Patent Leather, Real Seal, Walrus and a line of imported leathers that we know are good, and of the latest styles. We are offering these goods at the most reasonable price for this class of goods. Our goods are right and we know the prices are. Let us show you while our line is complete.

HILL'S DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON