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ZELAYA HAS QUIT OFFICE

HIS SUCCESSOR AS PRESIDENT NOW ONE OF WORLD-WIDE QUESTIONS

ESTRADA'S SUCCESSION WOULD MEAN MORE WAR

No More Fighting in or Around Bluefields Say Agreement. Zelaya Bitter Against Uncle Sam.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—Following the resignation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua it is reported in Managua today that General Vasquez, the leader of the Zelayan troops near Rama, will surrender. It is also rumored that Zelaya and the revolutionary armies are to combine to support Estrada for the presidency. In the event that Estrada is made president it is rumored today that Nicaragua will become the pioneer equal suffrage nation of the entire world.

Managua, via. Bluefields, Dec. 17.—It is stated semi-officially today that Provisional President Estrada and Chief Lieutenant General Chamorro have agreed with General Vasquez and General Toledo, Zelaya's leaders, that there shall be no fighting at Bluefields. It is reported that the American government has been notified of their intention to keep this city outside of the fighting zone. The situation at Rama is practically unchanged.

There is much speculation today as to the successor of President Zelaya. Dr. Madrid's supporters have developed unexpected strength, but conservative elements are trying by every means to persuade him to withdraw as it is generally believed that his appointment by congress would result in a continuance of the revolution. If the revolutionists are successful in the naming of the new president, an effort will be made to confiscate a portion of Zelaya's enormous holdings.

Zelaya refuses to discuss his resignation beyond declaring that "it is the best thing for the country." He bitterly condemns the United States for interfering with affairs here.

Wants Zelaya Punished.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Sulzer of New York, today introduced in the house a resolution directing the administrator to recognize Estrada as the president of Nicaragua and notify him that the United States demands the punishment of former President Zelaya.

AMERICAN EJECTED FROM PANAMA BY PRESIDENT.

Accused of Enticing Laborers to Brazil From Canal—Complications May Result.

Colon, Dec. 17.—It looks now as if somewhat serious questions and possibly complications of an awkward nature may arise from the W. G. Spiller case, an American resident here, the proprietor of the Astor hotel and the alleged owner of the Cuban steamer Otori, who was expelled from Panama territory last Monday.

Spiller was forcibly put aboard the royal mail steamer Magdalena, bound for Jamaica and New York, by a decree of President Obaldia.

The Otori has taken from here many of the canal employes who have gone from here to Brazil. Spiller claims that he has had nothing to do with the migrations of the canal men and that they purchased their tickets and went on his steamer of their own free will and that he had a perfect right to carry them the same as he would any other passenger.

Spiller was arrested recently and tried but nothing was proven against him and the supreme court decided that the president had no right to expel him from the country and accordingly he was released.

President Obaldia disregarded the

supreme court decision and the man was kept in custody until last Monday and was then placed aboard ship. Today two of the best attorneys both of whom are Americans and are well known at Washington, left for that place for the purpose of interesting the Washington government in the case. They claim that if Spiller can be forcibly ejected from that country without law or reason and have his property confiscated, then any other American is liable to the same process, all of which is contrary to the existing agreement between the two countries.

ECCENTRIC DAYTON PIONEER GIVES AWAY HIS PROPERTY.

It has been learned, says the Walla Walla Union, that Milo McKellips, an eccentric pioneer of considerable wealth, has practically given away all of his property to keep it from falling into the hands of his relatives. Several years ago his property was valued at \$40,000, but out of this sum his present relatives will receive only a very small proportion. The aged pioneer is said to have given away his wealth with a lavish hand during the last few years, so that all that remains of his wealth at this time is about \$1,200. Foreseeing death a year before it occurred he bought his own coffin and burial robes so as he said, "that none would be bothered about him when he died. The remaining wealth consists almost entirely of moneys in the bank."

LEE CHARGE DISMISSED

ATTORNEY OF SOME NOTE IS NO LONGER UNDER ARREST.

Dismissal of the Suit Takes Place. The Dalles Last Night.

August A. Lee is again at liberty, after having been in custody at Shaniko yesterday charged with passing worthless checks in La Grande. Lee is an attorney who has made his headquarters in and around La Grande for a time and was arrested at Shaniko yesterday and taken to The Dalles where the case against him was dismissed. It was stated that several alleged worthless checks were passed off in this city, which led to a warrant being issued from the local district attorney's office for his arrest.

Lee is an exceptionally keen and brilliant individual. During the Tucker trial at Walla Walla he assisted District Attorney Ivanhoe and his work was of the brilliant sort. He spent midnight oil on the subject and appeared in the court room next morning primed for the battle, invariably. He opened up an office in Joseph for practice and enjoyed a good business. Married in Walla Walla County.

Last Thanksgiving Judge J. W. Knowles united Lee and a Joseph girl of good social standing in marriage. From there they came to La Grande and then went west. Local attorneys who have seen his work, and heard him in court, all agree that Lee has an exceptional gift along legal lines.

MAY RENEW THE STRIKE

Spokane, Dec. 17.—The assertion was made today that every union man in the employ of the railroads involved in the switchman's strike would be pulled off of their jobs next Saturday afternoon unless the demand and the grievances of the strikers were not arbitrated before that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sommer and Mrs. Julius Sommer and Children of Elgin are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin.

INVESTIGATE BALLINGER

BECOME EVIDENT THAT CONGRESS MUST TAKE THOROUGH ACTION AFTER HOLIDAYS

SECRETARY BITTERLY ATTACKED ON HOUSE FLOOR TODAY.

Resolution Demanding Investigation Now in Hands of Committee—Sentiment Says Clean House.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A sensational attack upon Secretary of the Interior Ballinger was made upon the floor of the House yesterday by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska which now will make it almost certain that the house committee organization cannot stave off an investigation of the affairs of the general land office longer than after Christmas. The general sentiment in the house today is that there should be a full investigation of the charges that have been brought against the Secretary by L. R. Glavis, the former chief of field division of the land office in connection with the Alaskan Coal Field investigations.

A resolution demanding such investigation is now in the hands of the committee on rules, having been referred to that body by Speaker Joe Cannon.

Secretary Ballinger has been spending much time at the White House recently. When asked today if he was aiding President Taft in the preparation of the forthcoming message on conservation, Ballinger said: "We've not got that far, yet." When asked about the attacks made on him by Representative Hitchcock, Ballinger replied: "The charges are all fabrications from beginning to end. Besides, he's a democrat."

STYLISH CAB HAS COME

VAST IMPROVEMENTS OVER OLD SERVICE MADE BY BUSSEY.

Ambulance Coach now in Service Under Direction of E. L. Bussey.

E. L. Bussey has received his new Berlin ambulance coach, which in the twinkling of an eye can be converted into a modern ambulance, but is intended primarily for cab purposes. It is larger than the ordinary cab, but has style to perfection. It cost a fat sum but has given La Grande as fashionable a bus as can be found anywhere in the northwest. The interior upholstery is of the best. As it affords abundance purposes it fills a much needed want.

The first couple to be married in this city gets free cab service says Mr. Bussey.

CLUB VISITS NEW MACHINE

A committee of the Commercial club visited the plant of the Automatic Threshing plant today and investigated the working of the model carefully. They found many features of extreme value and will make a detailed report of the inspection at a subsequent meeting of the board.

BELGIAN'S KING DEAD

KING LEOPOLD DIES EARLY THIS MORNING—POPE LEGALIZES KINGLY MARRIAGE

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO CONSTITUTE NEW REGENCY.

Death Came in Unusually Brief Span After Midnight—Operation Not a Painful One.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—The National Monitor announced today that pending the succession of Prince Albert of Belgium to the throne of Belgium will be administered by a regency which is to be composed of a council of ministers.

The aged king died at 2:35 this morning. The immediate cause of death according to the chief physician was heart embolism. "We were most apprehensive when we performed the last operation," said Dr. Thirar, "because we were afraid of the heart trouble, but the operation was absolutely necessary in order to prevent the king from terrible suffering." He said further that the operation itself was practically painless and that at least it allowed the old monarch to pass to the great beyond without the terrible suffering that he would otherwise had.

King Leopold's death occurred on the fortieth anniversary of his accession to the throne of Belgium. It is true that his kingship dated from December 10, 1835, but his actual ascension to the throne did not occur until later.

Marriage Declared Legal.

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from the Brussels papal representatives that King Leopold was regularly married to the Baroness Vaughn San Remo, of Italy, in 1868. This information is said to have been given in order to protect the rights of her infant son and also her own rights as the lawful widow of the dead monarch.

The funeral of the late king will be held next Wednesday and Prince Albert will take the oath of office the following day. The announcement that King Leopold was actually married to Baroness Vaughn is received here with marked disfavor. A hooting, jarring mob has surrounded the home of the Baroness and violence has been prevented only the interference of the police.

RESTRAINT IS ISSUED

OLIVER WANTS INJUNCTION DURING APPEAL OF CASE.

Knowles Issues Staying Orders While Bean Can Hear Case.

Pendleton, Dec. 17.—Bulletin—Judge Bean late this afternoon reinstated the injunction in the Oliver vs La Grande case, to stand 20 days from this date so that the whole record can be submitted to the supreme court.

Restraining orders and motions for injunctions occupy considerable attention in this city and Pendleton today in connection with the city of La Grande-Turner Oliver embargo, before Judge Bean in Pendleton today a motion for an injunction enjoining the city of La Grande from building the sidewalk in front of the Oliver property, torn up a few days ago by the city, is being argued, with city attorney Baer appearing for La Grande. Turner Oliver wants an injunction

preventing the construction of the sidewalk by himself or the city either, until the Supreme Courts acts on the appeal now affected.

This morning Street Superintendent Mattott was temporarily enjoined from constructing the sidewalk. Work with that end in view had been started, but J. W. Knowles, the local circuit judge granted a restraining order until Judge Bean renders a decision in the motion being heard at Pendleton today. It is likely that a decision will be rendered at Pendleton immediately and in that event the local restraint will be void. The legal proceedings here today followed promptly action when the city attempted to rebuild the sidewalk on the line claimed by Judge Bean in a recent decision to be the corrections, and which is inside of the walk as it stood before being torn out by the city.

"We were enjoined this morning," said Street Superintendent Mattott today, "from repairing the sidewalk. We had the work about half finished and had not injured the lawn or the shrubbery in the attempt."

AGED MAN INSANE.

E. M. Clark of Elgin Brought to La Grande in Demented State.

Elihu M. Clark was brought up from Elgin this afternoon and will be given a mental examination. In view of the fact that he is manifestly insane, there is no doubt about his being sent to the asylum.

Clark was declared insane late today.

NEW DANGER FACES COOK

IF FIGURES ARE ACCURATE THE DR. IS IN ERROR

Must Be Inaccuracies Say Experts who Investigating Explorer's Data.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Danger from another quarter is now threatening the reputation of Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, according to a member of the committee now investigating the data sent from New York, here, by the explorer.

The scientists call attention to the fact that frosts and storms in the polar regions renders it impossible to get absolute accuracy in securing data and says that Cook's figures would arouse more suspicion in the minds of the experts now investigating his records if they should be found to be absolutely correct than if a certain amount of inaccuracies exist. The committee began work today. They expect to reach a decision within a fortnight.

Game Postponed.

The basketball game between the high school and a pick up team and the try outs by the girls teams, has been postponed. It was slated for tonight.

LOMBARD ON HEARING

The hearing in the juvenile court relative to the alleged mistreatment of step children in the care of Mr. Lombard of Elgin, before Judge Hanry is in progress this afternoon at 2 o'clock in progress late this evening. It commenced soon after the arrival of the Elgin train when Lombard and the children were brought in by Deputy Sheriff Lindgren. The charge in the affidavits filed in conjunction with the petition, indicates extreme cruelty and the hearing this afternoon is to establish or deny the allegations.

LATER—The case is continued until tomorrow pending the arrival of witnesses from Elgin.

HYPNOTISM COST LIFE

MOTHER AND AUNT OF MURDERED GIRL DO NOT FEAR INVESTIGATION

AUTHORITIES CLAIM DEATH CAUSED BY HYPNOTISM ALONE

Bathub Mystery Said to Be partially Cleared up But Mother Shows No Fear at Being Accused.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Caroline Martin and Mrs. Mary Sneed, the mother and aunt, respectively of Mrs. Okey Sneed, the young woman who was found dead in a bath tub at East Orange, N. J., today announced that they were not opposed to extradition to New Jersey and add that they both have nothing to fear.

The authorities detailed to unravel the tangled skein of mystery surrounding the death of the unfortunate young woman declare Mrs. Okey Sneed was "hypnotized to death." The police allege that the mother, an aunt and Mrs. Virginia Wardlaw, another aunt, used mesmeric powers, suggesting self destruction to the girl, whose life is said to have been insured in their favor.

O. A. C. NEWS.

Indications are Winter Course Will Be Well attended.

Corvallis, Dec. 17.—Dean J. A. Bexell, of the school of commerce of the Oregon Agricultural College, has published a bulletin on "Business Methods for the Farm" which is attracting widespread attention and very favorable comment among the practical farmers and authorities on farm life. The bulletin presents in a clear and simple manner systems of bookkeeping and accounting which will enable the farmer to keep a definite and helpful record of his business. The pamphlets will be sent to any resident in the state upon request.

Over 80 students have taken part in the preliminary debating and oratorical contests at the Oregon Agricultural College and many more will enter before the work is completed.

The new armory at the Oregon Agricultural College is nearing completion. It is the largest building of its kind in the west. It is 130 yards long and 60 yards wide. A regulation size football field can be laid out under its roof. It will be a great boon to all kinds of athletics.

Indications are that the short course for farmers and teachers which will commence at the Oregon Agricultural College on January 4, will be very well attended.

TAKE COIN AND ESCAPE

Geronimo, Oklahoma, Dec. 17.—While three bandits held crowd of citizens at bay two others looted the Citizens bank this morning at an early hour, securing \$1,650. The bandits after looting the bank made good their escape, riding southward into the broken country. In a short time a posse had been formed and started in pursuit of the robbers. One of the posse returned this afternoon reporting that the posse and bandits had exchanged shots about three o'clock and that a running fight was being maintained, when he was turned back to wire the sheriff of the adjoining county to the south to head them off. It is believed that their capture will be only a question of a few hours at the most.