

RELATIONS WITH NICARAGUA ENDED

Knox in Scathing Letter Gives Passports to Country's Charge d'Affaires.

ZELAYA IS CALLED TYRANT

Held Personally Responsible for Death of Americans—Asserted Trouble-Maker and Violator of Washington Convention.

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have ceased in Nicaragua to exist except in name, that public opinion and the press have been throttled, and prison has been the reward of any tendency toward real patriotism. My consideration for you personally impels me to abstain from unnecessary discussion of the painful details of a regime which unfortunately has been a blot on the history of Nicaragua and a discouragement to a group of republicans whose aspirations mean only the opportunity of free and honest government.

"In view of interests of the United States and of relations to the Washington convention, appeal against this situation has long since been made to this Government by a majority of the Central American republics. There in addition the appeal, through the resolution, of a great body of the Nicaraguan people.

Two Americans Killed.

"Two Americans, who, this Government is now convinced, were officers connected with the revolutionary forces and therefore entitled to be dealt with according to the enlightened practice of civilized nations, have been killed by direct order of President Zelaya. Their execution is said to have been preceded by barbarous cruelties.

"The Consulate at Managua is now officially reported to have been menaced. There is thus a sinister culmination of an administration characterized by a cruelty to its own citizens, which has, until the recent outrage, found vent in the case of this country, in a succession of petty annoyances and indignities which many months ago made it impossible to ask an American Minister longer to reside at Managua.

"From every point of view it has evidently become difficult for the United States further to extend its benevolent response to the appeals so long made to its duty to its citizens, to its dignity, to Central America, and to civilization. The Government of the United States is convinced that the revolution represents the ideals and the will of a majority of the Nicaraguan people, and that it is the duty of the government of the United States to support it as extensively as that hitherto so sternly attempted by the government at Managua.

Anarchy Grows Apparent.

"There is now added the fact, as officially reported from more than one quarter, that there are already indications of a rising in the western provinces in favor of a presidential candidate intimately associated with the old regime. In this it is easy to see new elements tending toward a condition of anarchy which leaves at a given time, no responsible source to which the Government of the United States could look for protection for the killing of Messrs. Cannon and Groce, and for the protection which must be assured to American citizens and American interests in Nicaragua.

"In these circumstances, the President no longer feels for the government of President Zelaya that respect, that confidence, which would make it appropriate hereafter to maintain with it regular diplomatic relations, implying the will and the ability to respect and assure what is due from one state to another.

"The government of the United States, which you have hitherto represented, is hereby notified, as will be also the leaders of the revolution, that the government of the United States will hold strictly responsible the persons and the factions de facto in control of the western portions of the Republic of Nicaragua.

Reparation Must Wait.

"As for the reparation found due, after careful consideration for the killing of Messrs. Groce and Cannon, the Government of the United States would be loath to impose upon the innocent people of Nicaragua a too heavy burden of expense, or to exact from a succeeding government, if it have quite differing policies, the imposition of such a burden.

"Into the question of ultimate reparation there must enter the question of the existence at Managua of a government capable of responding to demands. The question how far it is possible to reach those actually responsible and those who perpetrated the tortures reported to have preceded the execution, if these be verified, must enter, as well as the question whether the government be one entirely dissociated from the present intolerable conditions and worthy to be trusted to make impossible reparation, or one reasonably due the relative of the deceased and punitive only in so far as the punishment might fall where really due.

Future Must Be Safeguarded.

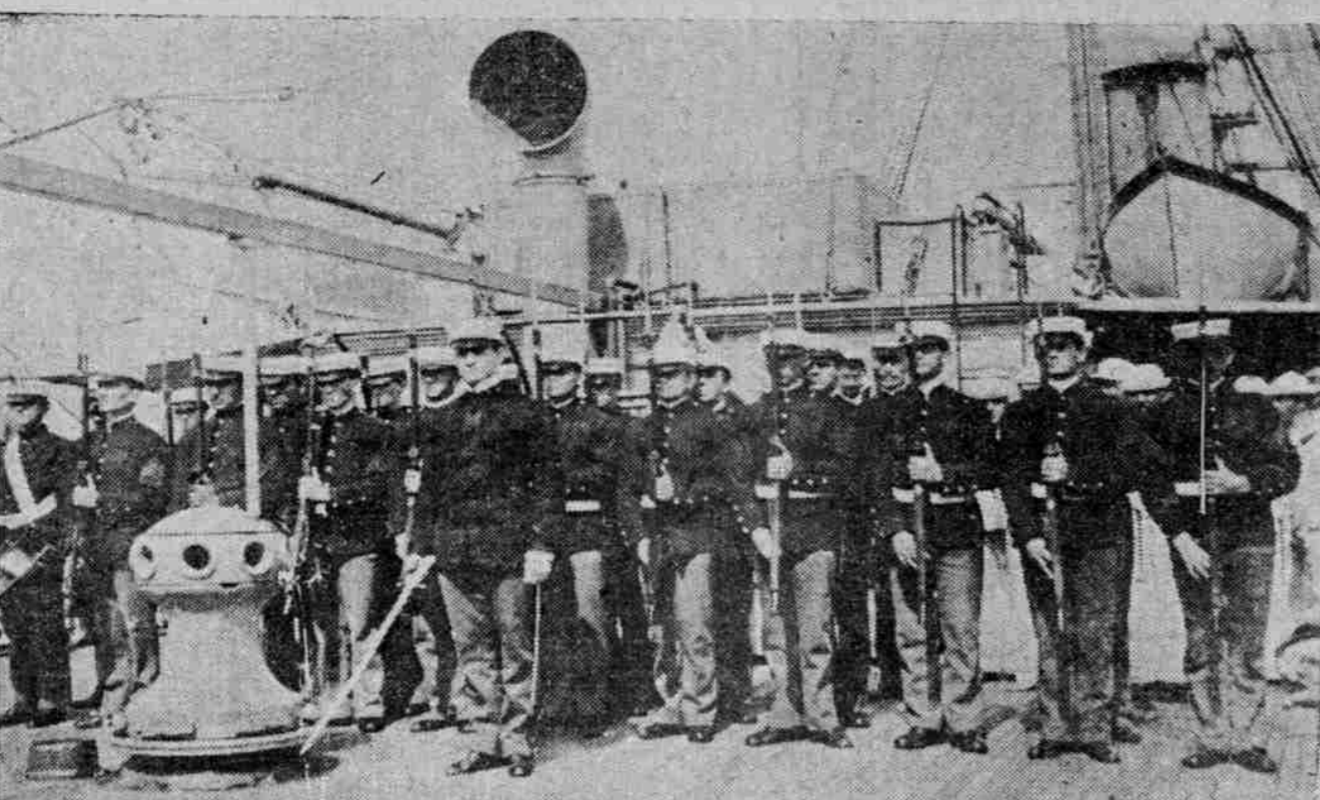
"To insure the future protection of legitimate American interests in consideration of the interests of the majority of the Central American Republics, and in the hope of making more effective the friendly offices exerted under the Washington convention, the Government of the United States reserves for further consideration at the proper time the question of stipulating also that the constitutional government of Nicaragua obligate itself by convention, for the benefit of all the governments concerned, as a guarantee for its future loyal support of the Washington convention and its peaceful and progressive aims.

"From the foregoing it will be apparent to you that your office of Charge d'Affaires is at the present time unable to enclose your passports, for use in case you desire to leave this country. I would add at the same time that although your diplomatic quality is terminated, I shall be happy to receive you, as I shall be happy to receive the representative of the revolution, each as the official channel of communication between the Government of the United States and the de facto authorities to whom I look for the protection of American interests pending the establishment in Nicaragua of a government with which the United States can maintain diplomatic relations.

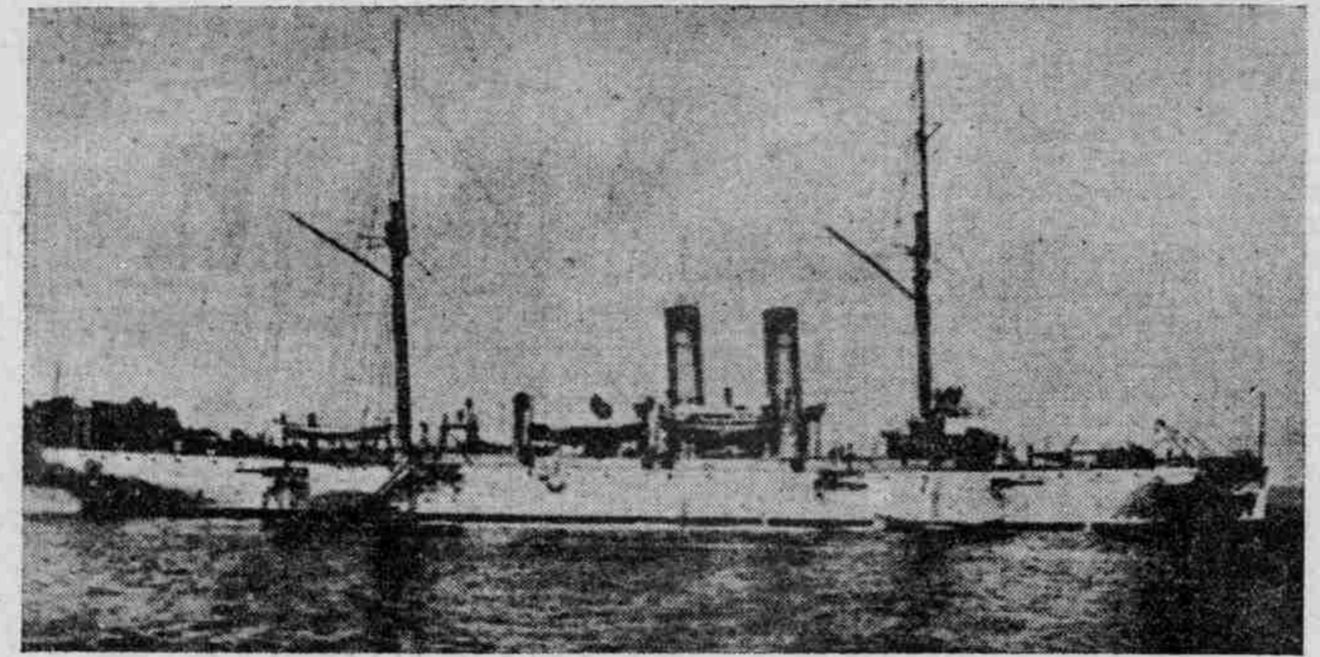
"Accept, sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration. (Signed) P. C. Knox.

"To Felipe Rodriguez, Esquire."

AMERICAN SEA SOLDIERS OF TYPE NOW AT NICARAGUA, ONE OF AMERICAN WARSHIPS THERE, AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, WHO IS SENT HOME.



COMPANY OF MARINES.



CRUIER DES MOINES.

ZELAYA IS DESPOT

Dictator Violates All Pledges Made at Washington.

UNITED STATES SPONSOR

Present Step Taken Only After All Efforts at Moral Suasion Fail. "Paralyzed," Says Rodriguez, but Other Attaches Rejoice.

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revealed by these reports have never been made public because the moral turpitude involved is almost beyond belief. While these reports are still withheld from publication, officials of the Department of State have disclosed enough to show that a condition of absolute despotism has existed in Nicaragua with accompanying such as rapine, murder, extortion and barbarous treatment of political prisoners, unknown since medieval times.

As Secretary Knox said in his letter, other Central American republics have protested in vain against conditions in Nicaragua, but the State Department has felt loath to violate its old traditions of noninterference in the internal affairs of other nations, and probably would have refrained had not Zelaya gone to the length of torturing and killing two Americans engaged in honorable warfare.

Zelaya Only Brigand.

In answer to the department's demand for an explanation, Zelaya's agents simply stated that the executions were in accordance with the law of Nicaragua, but the State Department finds that that law is Zelaya, and that the action was in violation of all rules of civilized warfare.

Realizing that no actual government exists in Nicaragua, the department necessarily arrived at the conclusion that Zelaya is only an international brigand, and must be treated as such. He must be held responsible for the killing of these two Americans as if he were a private individual, and it is probable that he will be captured in Nicaragua or reclaimed from any country to which he attempts to escape, if an extradition treaty can be invoked, and tried as a common malefactor.

Diaz Deciding Force.

It is believed that President Diaz of Mexico was the deciding force in this matter and that it was because of energetic declarations by him of the guilt of Zelaya and the necessity for intervention, received in Washington within the last 24 hours, that the State Department reversed its decision.

In the ordinary course this Government would content itself with the exaction of a heavy monetary indemnity to the families of the victims of Zelaya's edict. But as Secretary Knox clearly indicates in his letter, it is not the purpose of the American Government thus to tax the great majority of the Nicaraguan people who do not sympathize with Zelaya's action.

Paralyzed, Says Rodriguez.

The status may be summed up as follows: Diplomatic relations between the United States and Nicaragua have been terminated. Dr. Haxner, Minister Designate from Nicaragua, will not be received at the State Department. Senor Rodriguez, the Charge d'Affaires of the Nicaraguan legation, has been given his passports and so has no official standing here.

On the receipt of the letter of Mr. Knox through a State Department messenger, Senor Rodriguez notified his gov-



Felipe Rodriguez.

SUGAR COIN SEEN

Money Went to Man in Customs' Uniform, Is Testified.

TRUST EMPLOYE GAVE IT

Weighers' Pay Envelopes Marked With Sum Less Than Contents, Says A. J. Mallen on Stand. Custom Since 1900.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The fruitfull opportunity for fraud in the bustle of the Williamsburg docks of the American Sugar Refining Company was what the Government sought to bring out today in the trial of the six former employees of the company charged with defrauding the Government by underweights.

David Fragner, a customs inspector, and once an assistant Government weigher, said that at a busy time two trucks a minute passed over a single set of scales or eight to 10 on the four sets used. Each truck weighed half a ton and each half ton, the Government will contend, was weighed 13 pounds short by the secret manipulations of Government employes, who, it is charged, were paid cash by the sugar company for the evasion of customs duties.

If the game ran properly the Government stood to lose its duties on 558 pounds of sugar every hour.

As this steady flood of trucking rolled across the scales, the checker who stood next to the weigher was too busy, said Fragner, to watch him. John J. Longhen, a checker, was asked if all of the entries to which he certified represented weights he had seen the weigher find.

SUGAR WEIGHERS SUSPENDED

Inspector and Ten Assistants Out of New York Custom-House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Another shake-up in the New York Custom-House was announced at the Treasury Department today.

FORTS FOR CANAL URGED

Representative Shirley Estimates Cost at \$500,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Estimating the total cost of the Isthmian Canal when finally opened for traffic at \$500,000,000, Representative Shirley, of Kentucky, chairman of the subcommittee on fortifications of the House committee on appropriations, today declared he would urge upon Congress the necessity for building fortifications on both ends of the waterway while other work was progressing on the canal.

FRISCO BOUGHT BY WINGHELL-YOAKUM

System of 6500 Miles Is Severed From Rock Island Control by Big Deal.

HAND OF HAWLEY IS SEEN

New Factor in Railroad Affairs Is Believed to Have Played Strong Card by Forming Alliance With Yoakum Interests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Six thousand, five hundred miles of railroad, forming the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, changed hands in New York today, by its severance from the Rock Island Company, with which it was merged in 1903.

The purchasers are B. F. Yoakum, former chairman of the Frisco-Rock Island executive committee, and B. L. Winchell, former president of the Rock Island, who now becomes president of the Frisco.

It is understood that Messrs. Winchell and Yoakum have as their associates in the deal some of the leading capitalists of the Middle West, including Adolphus Bush and Fatas J. Wade, of St. Louis, as well as the Union Trust Company of that city.

Despite denials, the current belief is that the Frisco will form some alliance with the lines of Edwin Hawley, the newcomer in the railroad world, who recently acquired, with B. F. Yoakum, control of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas. At the same time the relations of the Frisco and the Rock Island are to be friendly and for the benefit of both.

Operation to Be Independent.

According to official statements, interests now in control of the St. Louis & San Francisco will operate that road as an independent property.

The St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company was organized in 1896 as the successor of the railroad company of that name which had been sold in foreclosure. When taken over by the Rock Island Company, control of the property rested with B. F. Yoakum and his friends, and Mr. Yoakum was made chairman of the Rock Island executive committee.

Yoakum-Hawley Alliance Apparent.

Credence is given the rumors of a Yoakum-Hawley alliance in more ways than one. Besides the "Katy," recently purchased, they have other interests in common. Mr. Hawley is credited with control of the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Chicago & Alton, the Minneapolis & St. Louis, the Iowa Central and the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, and is interested in Hooking Valley, Toledo & Ohio, Central, the Western Pacific, the Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville.

INTERVENTION NOT PLANNED

Interstate Commerce Commission Takes No Cognizance of Merger.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—If Federal intervention has been planned to accomplish the disassociation of the Rock Island and San Francisco lines, such a movement did not have its inception in the Interstate Commerce Commission. Commissioners tonight said that the combination of the Rock Island and the San Francisco lines had not been discussed by the body for three years.

Members of the commission are of the opinion that B. F. Yoakum and B. L. Winchell have acquired the San Francisco, not with the idea of a positive combination with the rapidly forming Hawley system, but to round out a southwestern system of their own.

ORAL BETTING UNDER FIRE

Grand Jury Summons Served on Emeryville Track Goers.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 1.—With the service of subpoenas on F. J. Treat, secretary of the New California Jockey Club, George H. Smith, who came to Emeryville to inaugurate the oral betting system, and on William F. Forsee, a detective, and Robert McKibben, today at the Emeryville racetrack, District Attorney W. H. Donahue, of Alameda County, announced that the grand jury would take up the subject of betting there.

The men who were served with subpoenas will be asked to appear before the grand jury tomorrow.

Amoy Quarantine Raised.

AMOI, China, Dec. 1.—Officials of the Marine Hospital announced the raising of the Philippine quarantine against Amoy today.

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Caruso's Triumphs in Europe

Caruso, the greatest tenor who has ever lived, has just returned to America, after having taken the European musical capitals by storm. The English tour was notable because of the remarkable enthusiasm which his singing evoked from the usually unromantic British public. At Dublin, Plymouth, Blackpool, Edinburgh and Glasgow thousands were turned away, and the wonderful tenor received ovations everywhere.

In Berlin, opera-goers are not, as a rule, given to tumultuous enthusiasm, but they threw tradition aside and went wild over Caruso's singing in "Carmen," "Boheme" and "Pagliacci"; and it was the Kaiser himself, who, from the royal box, applauded loudest and longest.

For the first time in the history of opera in Berlin the prices were raised to forty marks (\$10) for the best seats, and these were in turn resold by speculators for \$15 to \$40 each.

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