AMERICANS FIGHT WITH INSURGENTS

Nicaragua Now Tempting Field for Adventurous Youth Against Vasquez.

U. S. 'SCOUTS' SHOW METAL

In Recent Battle at St. Vincents at One Is Wounded After Hand-to-Hand Encounter in Attempt to Capture Guns

BLUEFIELDS, Nic., Feb. 20 .- Americans took an active part in the battle between the insurgents and the Madriz forces at St. Vincent and at least one vas badly wounded.

They were under Captain Victor Gor-don, with General Mena, the contingent being known as "The American Scouts." The wounded man is William Wikins, who joined the provisionals from Panama. A steel bullet struck the cartridge clip, swung across his shoulder, near the heart, and deflected, penertating the arm and

Another scout, G. T. Bushby, was bruised when a stone from behind which he was firing was shattered by a cannon ball. Bushby was thrown 20 feet, but he went back to the fight. Many Attacks Made.

In a dispatch that he has sent here, Captain Gordon says that the battle be-gan on the 15th. The insurgents reached Chinao on the 18th, when, after ten hours of desperate attacks and counter-attacks, the enemy, under General Vas-ques, retired to a secondary position from which this morning they opened a desultory artillery fire that ceased at 10 o'clock. According to Captain Gordon, Vasques was beaten, although his 600 outnumbered the provisional forces

Vasques can receive no reinforcements and when Matuty's men, who are ex-pected hourly, arrive, General Mena will assume the aggressive and will attemp in the morning of the 18th the enemy's guns were trained on Mena's left, drawing out his forces, including the Americans. Mena reformed and recaptured the

The enemy then opened fire in front of a hill but Mena executed a flanking movement, causing the government troops to retire in great confusion. They

abandoned many rifles and narrowly saved a Maxim. Some of Vasques' personal effects were taken and the General himself got away only by a close margin.

The flerceness of the battle is indicated by the fact that two of Mena's guns were disabled. Another was twice guns were disabled. Another was twice dismounted. Mena's loss was 12 wounded. Gordon thinks that the enemy's loss was heavy, as their assaults were delivered ss open spaces in the face of artii-

How Wilkins Was Wounded.

When the enemy withdrew, Frank Rey-nolds, at the head of five other Ameri-cans, hotly pursued them, coming within 50 yards of capturing a Maxim, when his men were compelled to desist. At times the bullets, shells and shrapnel came so thick that it was difficult to see because of the dust. One of the enemy's Maxims was captured by assault, this being the operation in which Wilkins was wounded. He was carried to the rear by comrades in the midst of a hall of bullets.

Once the Americans ran out of ammu nition and before a new supply came they were compelled to defend themselves in a hand-to-hand fight. Five additional Americans under General Zeleden were placed in command of 40 Nicaraguans with whom they turned the enemy's left in a movement that shortly afterwards erminated in the enemy's complete re-

These Americans were Don M. Turner pf El Paso; J. H. Herman, of Mascoutah, Ill.; F. E. Thomas, recently of Johannes-burg. South Africa; Lewis Ross, of Milwaukee, and T. D. Moore, of Dover,

Inon the enemy's retirement. Mena's rayalry were unable to come up before Vasques had taken shelter on a high hill. Vasques had taken shelter on a high min.

It was from this position that Vasques hombarded today. Apparently, further fighting is inevitable, although prisoners fighting is inevitable, although prisoners the provisional forces report to the provisional forces repo

Ex - President Bitter Toward United States and Nicaragua.

MADRID, Feb. 20.—Ex-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has arrived here. Zelaya accused Guatemala and the Zelaya accused Guatemala and the United States of being responsible for the revolution in Nicaragua. These two countries, he said, had violated all treaties, in disregard of law and reported so as to have it printed and give justice, and the United States had dared to dispatch warships laden with troops on the false pretext of defend-

ing American citizens.
He had resigned from the presidency and left the country so as not to hinder efforts of his successors to obtain that ly peace and liberty that had been the sole aim of his policies. He declared that he intended to follow events from Europe.

BURGLAR'S LOOT IS HEAVY

Store Robbed of @2 Pairs of Shoes, All Its Cutlery.

CLIFFS, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)— Burglars entered the store of Milan Robison at Columbus last night and robbed the place of 22 pairs of shoes, all the razors and pocket cutlery in the store, men's clothing, and various small arties. The postoffice, in the same build-ig, was not disturbed. This morning a hobo was seen passing

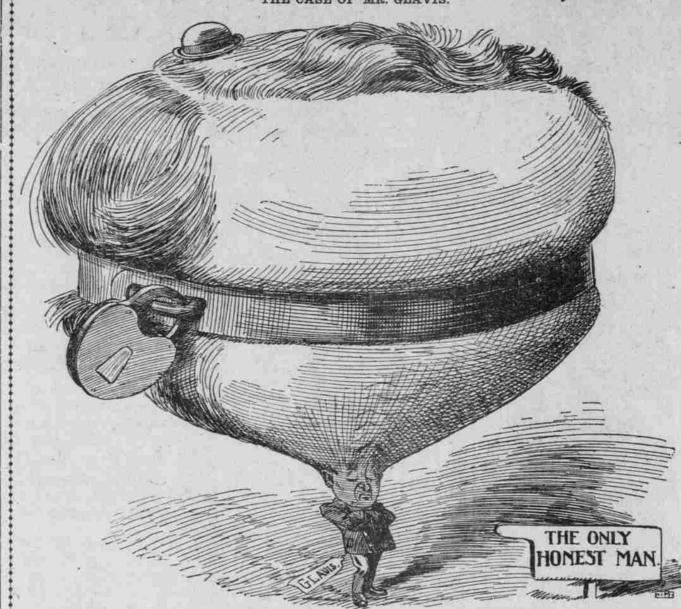
through Cliffe with a large pack on his back, coming from Columbus, the sta-tion five miles west of Cliffs. The post-office is called Columbus, but the railway station is known as Maryhill. This is the second time Robison's store

has been robbed within two years. first burglar was caught and sent to the penitentiary within a few days after the

EAST AND WEST TO DEBATE

Cornell Team Leaves to Meet University of California.

ITHACA. N. Y., Feb. 20.—The Cornell University debating team will leave for the Pacific coast the latter part of March to meet the University



Pinchot Diminishes as Figure in Inquiry.

HIS STORY UNIMPORTANT

Cross-Examination May Be Omitted. Statement by Judge Ballinger Relied Upon to Make Issues Clear to the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Persons who have been following carefully the investigation of the Bellinger-Pinchot controversy, think that the end is in sight.

Proceedings do not seem to indicate that Ex-Forester Pinchot will play an important part in the investigation. He has outlined the story he wants to tell on the stand, end the impression is that it will not hear heavily on the question. whether Secretary Ballinger has been gullty of irregularities or improprieties.

The Government attorneys, as Mr. Ballinger's counsel has been termed, may not examine Mr. Pinchot at all, because his tariff will receive careful scrutiny. connection with the Government has been severed.

They depend chiefly on statements that will be made to the committee by Mr. Ballinger and his present associates in the Interior Department,

Horace Jones Reaches Washington. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 20.—Horace Tillards Jones, who assisted Francis J. Heney in the trial of Binger Hermann, arrived here yesterday to appear before the Congressional investigating committee and tell what he knows of the Cunningham cases in Alaska. Jones was referred to by

ZELAYA ARRIVES IN MADRID TAFT'S NEW PLAN PLEASES

(Continued From First Page.) fort will be made to report the bill. There me prospect that this will be done

Railroad Bill to Follow.

Senators a few days to study its provi-As soon as the Postal Savings Bank bill *is out of the way, the railroad bill will be made the order of business and prob-ably will be before the Senate constant-

ly until passed.

No decision has been reached in the
House Committee on Interstate Commerce
on the proposition to eliminate from the administration measure the plan for the creation of a court of commerce. Even if this be not done, it is practically certain that the court feature will be retained by the Senate and the question of establishing the new tribunal thus

would be thrown into conference.

Other Conservation Bills Wanted. The one conservation bill that President Taft is determined shall be passed is that which gives to the President un-restricted power to withdraw public lands from settlement and place them in reserves. In the meantime an effort will be made by a special committee of Western Senators to perfect other conservation measures so that they will be ready for consideration at the next session. Hearings are in progress on the State-hood bill, but it is unlikely the measure will be brought out of the Senate committee on territories until the Postal Savings Bank and Railroad bills are out

of the way.

The fourth measure to be pressed for passage is that relating to the issuance of injunctions. Several bills on this subject have been prepared, but they have not been considered in committee. That introduced in the House by Representa-tive Moon of Pennsylvania has been en-dorsed by the President, and three others which it is thought would prove satisfactory to him. The Senate committee on judiciary will consider the question to-

Subsidy Is Unpopular.

Ship subsidy legislation is unpopular in so many sections of the country that some members are distinctly relieved at the prospect that the Humphrey bill, reported from the House committee on taken by a similar society of Cornell. | merchant marine, may not be taken up

at this session. There is a feeling in the Senate committee on commerce that the rivers and harbors bill as passed by the House carries about as heavy appropriations now as can be hoped for at this session. It is freely charged that the House "gobbles up about all" available for the present for distribution, and as a consequence much dissatisfaction is expressed. Some members of the commerce committee went so far as to argue that the whole bill should be killed in committee, but they were overruled.

Senate to Shift Appropriations. The policy of the Senate committee will be to scale down the House ap-propriations wherever possible and make room for pet projects favored by Senators without greatly swelling the aggregate sum to be carried by the bill. Inevitably this will lead to bitter con-Inevitably this will lead to bitter con-troversy in conference, and the rivers and harbors bill probably will be one of the last measures to be adjusted. Democrats and insurgent Republic-ans appear not to be satisfied with the complexion of the special committee of the Senate to inquire into the high cost of the necessities of life. The Repub-lican members are regarded as stand-patters, except Senator Crawford, Sen-ators Simmons and Clark, of Arkansas.

It has been announced that the food-price committee will now hold open sessions, and some members of Congress charge that this assures a report giving causes other than the tariff for

Appropriation bills in the House have progressed satisfactorily, according to progressed satisfactorily, according to the opinion of the leaders. Of 15 bills, face ten have been reported from committee, seven have been passed by the House, and five by both the House and the Senate, and these have been sent to conference. The Indian bill and the postoffice bill probably will be passed by the House this week.

There is to be much general debate on the postoffice bill, with many political speeches by members of both partain

cal speeches by members of both par-ties. Partisan fireworks, held in reserve for several weeks, are ready to

VIRGINIA BEATS RECORD

BATTLESHIP SHOWS BETTER THAN WHEN LAUNCHED.

Cuba Scene of 19.54-Knot Point, Reached in Trials by Atlantic Fleet Commander.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- A better ship than she was in her infant days, the battleship Virginia maintained an average speed of 19.54 knots an hour in a four-hour trial that Rear-Admiral in a lour-hour trial that Resr-Admiral Schroeder, in command of the Atlantic fleet, put her through off Guantanamo, Cuba, according to a cablegram received today at the Navy department. This speed is better than that made in the contractor's trials, when the ship was put into service, and were conducted with a displacement of 1000 onducted with a displacement of 1000

tons more than was the case when the contractors took the ship out. Last week Admiral Schroeder reported that the fleet had been at sea, part of the time holding navigation and battle exercises.

Landing forces from the Minnesota, the New Hampshire, the Mississippi and the Idaho camped all week on Deer Point, holding rifle and pistol target practice and engaging in con battalion and regimental drills. dition boat crews laid mines, scaled walls and 147 men qualified as

CHINA WARNED BY POWERS Great Britain and France Join in

Recommendation on Road Deal.

PEKIN, Feb. 20.—Great Britain and France have made joint formal and friendly recommendations to China that that government should not proceed with the Chin Choo & Algun Rallway scheme without taking into consideration the wishes of Russia and Japan.

Many person; find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of luenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be should be allowed to run on until it becomes to be should be sh

Today is positively the last day for disunt on East Side gas bills. Read "Gas

Recovers Speech; Recognizes Physician.

PASSED RESTFUL NIGHT

No Indications Pointing to Probability of Unfavorable Developments Are Noted, Official Bulletin Declares.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Favorable adications showed themselves today the condition of Senator Tillman. The initial symptons which aroused his partial paralysis and loss of speech has abated, and improvement has begun, according to a bulletin issued late this afternoon by the three attending physicians. Today he recognized and called by

whom he had seen only once before. Patient Speaks to Doctor.

Uniti tonight the Senator had spoken only two words since he was stricken last Thursday; but today, when the family physician entered, his face began to brighten as he recognized him, and said: "Hello, doctor."
A little later the physician whom A little later the pay ator: "I don't suppose you remember

"Yes, I do," replied Mr. Tillman. "You are Dr. White."
The doctors consider this return of speech most favorable and they entertain no doubt now as to the patient's full recovery of his speech.

Condition Is Favorable.

The Senator passed a comfortable alght and awakened this morning soon after the physicians arrived. Followafter the physicians arrived. Follow-ing is the bulletin issued by the at-

ing is the bulletin issued by the attending physicians:
"The Senator's condition is as favorable as could be expected. The initial symptoms have abated and improve-ment has commenced. The disturbance of speech is less marked. Pulse 72. temperature normal. He is resting comfortably. There are no indications pointing to the probability of unfavorable developments at this time."

O. A. C. ARMORY ACCEPTED

Largest Building of Kind in West Costs \$35,000.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE orvaills, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The sudding committee of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College has accepted the new Armory from Contractor Erixon. This magnificent structure was built at a cost of \$35,000 according to plans drawn up Architects Benson and Hendricks Portland.

The structure is the largest of its kind in the West, being 126 feet by 300 feet, the main drill hall is 126 by 300 feet, the stack rooms and officers quarters taking up the remainder of the ground space.

At either end of the main hall are galleries with a combined seating capacity

of about 1000.

The cadet corps has used the Armory a few times this winter and find that it s adequate in every way for the needs of the regiments. The floor is soon to be overed with tanbark, which will greatly increase the underfoot comfort of drilling. The riding club now uses this excellent place for instruction and practice under the direction of Captain McAlexander.

\$250,000 BUYS MINE GROUP Vancouver, B. C., Syndicate to Develop Jap Claims.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—A local syndicate has just completed the purchase from the Japanese owners of the famous Ewada Ikeda group of mines and claims on Queen Charlotte Island for \$250,000.

The new owners plan to launch exten-tive development work at once on both copper, gold and silver claims and will nstall several diamond drilling plants It is also probable that a copper smelt-er will be established in the near future. Among the men interested in the new andicate are S. J. Castleman, R. P. McLennan, W. H. Armstrong and F. H

BALLINGER VETOES ENDURANCE TESTS

Line Forms in Los Angeles Far in Advance of Allotment of Yuma Farms.

HARDSHIP TO BE AVOIDED

Secretary Directs That Hall or Park Be Engaged and That Homeseekers Be Registered in a More Orderly Way.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Unwilling that a record-breaking endurance test should be held with the approval of the Government, Secretary Ballinger has adopted a novel plan for the allotment of, 40-acre farms at Yuma, Cal., in

The necessity for the plan arose from the anxiety of claimants to be the first on the spot when the allotments were made. The Secretary was informed yesterday by telegraph that more than 200 men and women had formed in line before the Land Office in Los Angeles to be the first on hand on March I, when the allotments were scheduled to

Plan Changed by Telegraph.

Hardships that would result from such an endurance test did not appeal to the Secretary, so he telegraphed the Land Office that a different plan had

been adopted.
In accordance with the new arrangement, the Secretary has ordered that a hall or a baseball park, large enough to accommodate all who desire to parthe the allotment, be engaged in Los Angeles for March 1. To those assembled in the hall or park by 9 o'clock on that day cards will be distributed. On these, the names, age, height, and postoffice address of each homesseker must be written. reseeker must be written.

Lot to Decide Conflicts.

At any time between March I and March 19 the applicant may appear at the land office in Los Angeles and. upon being identified by the card, may make application for any of the 172 farms that the Government is to give away. An opportunity will be given to those who file on the same farm to decide among themselves which shall have the land. If this is not done, Government officials will choose the lucky person by lot.

LINE WILL FIGHT FOR RIGHTS

Intimated Troops Will Be Needed to

Keep Order.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 29.—(Special.)—As the result of a blunder, made either by Secretary Ballinger, of the Department of the Interior, or by the local branch of the United States Land office, it may be necessary to call out the militia to prevent rioting on the morning of March I, when allotments are made of land to be opened in the Yuma district.

The men and women who for two days and nights held places in the line on Broadway have organized to fight for what they claim are their rights and they say that unless they get them there will be such ructions that it will be imperative to call out the troops.

C. C. Bunker, secretary of the associa

'We will defend our rights. The polive department recognized us and the lo-cal Land Office did so until Ballinger sent his telegram and dispossessed us It will take the United States regulars to keep back the mob if Ballinger's idea

Michigan's Senator Recovering. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan continued to improve today and his friends are confident that it will be only a short time until he recovers from his operation for appendicitis.

Representative Perkins Dying. WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 .- The condi tion of Representative James B. Per kins, of New York, showed no improve-ment today and is regarded as extremely critical.

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15c Powdered Chalk

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