

WARSHIPS MOVE AS ZELAYA MENACES

Bluejackets Are Landed to Protect Americans at Bluefields.

PRAIRIE FLOATED AGAIN

Transport to Take 700 Men South at Once—Rebel General Not So Strong as Reported—Landing Is Not Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Disquieting news received from Nicaragua at the State Department that there is danger of attack by Zelaya's forces on Bluefields, and that the government's position really is much stronger than has been represented, resulted today in great activity in naval circles.

The transport Prairie, which went around in the Delaware River on December 2 with 700 marines on board, was floated at 10:15 A. M. today, and hurried to the Navy-yard. The work of preparing her for sea will be completed by Tuesday, and she has been ordered to take on board 700 marines under command of Colonel Biddle and steam at once to Colon.

Zelaya Making Detour. The news that Zelaya probably would avoid an engagement at Rama, and, making a detour, would strike Bluefields, the headquarters of the revolutionary army and provincial government, was received here with some apprehension and almost immediately a conference was held in the office of the Secretary of Navy, which were present Secretary Meyer, Assistant Secretary Winthrop, Admiral Wainwright and Assistant Secretary of State Wilson.

Marines to Cross Isthmus. Navy officials today, while admitting that the marines, which were expected to land from the Dixie at Colon today, would be hurried across the isthmus and put on board the Buffalo, stated the vessel had received no orders to sail to Corinto.

Zelaya's Note Not Received. Another supposed false statement was that Zelaya had sent a communication to the United States Government expressing his willingness to allow the United States to name a Commission to investigate all of the matters in connection with the recent disturbances to which this Government took exception and he would abide by the results of their investigations.

ZELAYA BITTER TOWARD KNOX. Assertions False and Offensive, Says Nicaraguan Ruler.

PANAMA, Dec. 11.—President Zelaya, of Nicaragua has forwarded the following statement in reply to a request that he set forth his side of the controversy with the United States: "The manner of proceeding on the part of the Secretary of State of the United States is extraordinary. He has refused to hear the well-founded justification of Nicaragua's government, and, in a communication to the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires, makes assertions which are false and offensive to this government and to my person, undoubtedly because of the Nicaraguan information received from my bitter enemies."

TRANSPORT FLOATS, UNHURT. Prairie to Receive Stores and Proceed South at Once.

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EDNA NELSON IN COURT. Local Color Seeker Creates Sensation by Her Brilliant Attire.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Edna May Nelson, the seeker after local color for magazine stories who

was arrested by the police for defrauding several department stores in this city, was arraigned before Judge Mitchell Gilliam in the Superior Court this morning and given a week in which to make a plea.

Only one information was filed against her, and she charged the theft of goods valued at \$127.95 from the Stone & Fisher Company. She appeared in court stylishly dressed and created a sensation as she swept gracefully into the courtroom in tow of Deputy Sheriff Sam Kilne. She wore a \$50 purple beaver hat and a rather dashing suit.

The crowd of women in the courtroom at this time seeking divorces immediately began a buzz of conversation, remarking her appearance, and the bailiff was compelled to rap loudly several times for order.

STOCKING HIDES COIN

WOMAN FOOLS THUG WHO DEMANDS MONEY.

East Morrison and Fourteenth Is the Scene of a Holdup, When Man and Wife Are Stopped.

The little thread bank proved a safe depository for funds when an uncouth highwayman jumped from the shadows and confronted Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Nelson with an ugly-looking pistol, at East Fourteenth and East Morrison streets, at 9:30 o'clock last night.

"Throw up your hands, and give me your money," demanded their interceptor, whose face was hidden behind a red bandana handkerchief. "Don't scream, lady, just stick up your dukes too," he cautioned Mrs. Nelson, who was about to utter an ear-dissecting scream.

"Got any money, lady?" he said as he dived his hands into the pockets of her cloak and secured only a tiny embroidered kerchief. "The ain't no good," he said, as he returned her the linen square.

TWO THUGS GET BUT 45 CENTS. F. Strump Is Victim of Highwayman on East 45th Street.

At the muzzle of drawn guns two youthful highwaymen held up and robbed F. Strump at East Forty-fifth street and the Base Line Road a few minutes before 7 o'clock last night. They secured 45 cents in booty and returned his watch and pocketbook, but the tickler was unrecognizable. The police were notified and a squad of detectives was detailed to the case.

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APPEAL WILL BE HASTENED. Government and Standard Agree on Hearing in January.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Following conferences today between Attorney-General Wickersham and Frank B. Kellogg on the part of the Government and John C. Muburn, of counsel for the Standard Oil Company, an understanding was reached as to the date for hearing the appeal of the corporation from the decision of the United States District Court in St. Paul.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement and let them know how much we appreciate the beautiful floral offerings.

HABIT'S CHAIN. Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

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FEAST WORTHY KING

Annual Supper of Arlington Club a Wonder.

CHEF EXCELS HIMSELF

Feast Makes New Mark for Bachelor Banquet Triumphs—Decorations Add to Spread—Officers Are Elected.

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It was a veritable triumph. There were those present who had sat at Claridge's or the Carlton in London, at Maxims or Ritz in Paris, and at tables in fancy cities under the sun, noted for things dainty, things that are rare and things that are choice, in the partaking of which men take delight.

Carnations Fill Nooks. The long dining-room was a blaze of light when Steward Lehner threw open the doors at 11 o'clock.

At every place there were a dozen plates, and these members assisted themselves. Preparations had been made for 500, and the room will seat 50 at the most.

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BLACK HAND HALTED

Conspiracy to Extort Money Is Sought to Be Shown.

ITALIANS ARE VICTIMIZED

Federal Grand Jury Returns Joint Indictment of 15 Counts Against Gang Apprehended in Ohio Last June.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 11.—That the Government will endeavor to prove a widespread conspiracy to extort money from Italians is shown by the indictment returned today by the Federal grand jury here against 16 Sicilians, alleged members of a Black Hand organization, apprehended last June.

RICH SCORED BY MACVEAGH. Wealthy "Duty-Dodgers" Blamed for Customs-House Troubles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Evasion of lawful duties by the rich, and their frequent willingness to bribe customs inspectors, were characterized by Secretary MacVeagh tonight as one of the leading obstacles in the way of straightening out the customs-house frauds in New York.

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