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NICARAGUA MAKES VIGOROUS PROTEST

Quibbler Undignified, Consul Says.

UNFRIENDLY ACTS ARE DENIED

Representative of Dr. Madriz Sends Formal Statement.

CHINA, TOO, COMPLAINS

Murder of Oriental Merchant in Southern Republic Calls for Reply — Rebels Losing Ground, Word From Scene of War.

WASHINGTON, July 23. — Protest against the action of the State Department of the United States in refusing to recognize as binding under international law the order of Dr. Madriz, provisional President of Nicaragua, declaring Bluefields a closed port, and in refusing further to take seriously Norway's recognition of this order, was made today by Corry M. Stadden, Counsel here for the titular government in Nicaragua.

Report was received by Mr. Stadden from Madriz of the routing at Cotalpa, after nine hours of fighting, of 500 insurgents and of the capture of many prisoners. Mr. Stadden's statement concludes with the observation that "If the State Department will diligently observe international obligations due to a friendly state, the insurrection will soon be suppressed, with due care for the preservation of American lives and property."

Unfriendly Acts Denied.

The statement in part says:

"King Haakon, having recognized President Madriz as the de jure, as well as de facto government of Nicaragua, as all other powers with the exception of the United States having diplomatic relations with Nicaragua have done, it was eminently proper for him to recognize the decree closing the port of Bluefields. This action was based upon a formal protest that vessels flying the Norwegian flag had committed hostile acts toward a friendly government, thereby incurring liability to seizure.

"It should be beneath the dignity of the State Department to quibble over the character of the gunboat Venus, which was publicly purchased in the United States for the titular government of Nicaragua. If she is operating unlawfully, she may be seized as a pirate. It she has not been seized, it must be presumed that she is operating entirely within the law, and she should not have been driven away from Bluefields by the American commander.

Quibble Undignified, Is Retort.

"All of the official acts of President Madriz since he assumed office have stamped the lie upon the evil reports issuing from insurgent sources that he is not sympathetic toward the United States and American interests in Nicaragua.

"President Madriz has neither sympathy for, nor affiliation with ex-President Zelaya."

Protest against the murder by the revolutionists of Chichow, a Chinese merchant at San Pedro Del Norte, has been made by Chinese residents of Nicaragua to the representative here of their government.

NORWAY'S ACT IS MISTAKE

Information Relied on Transmitted by Legation at Havana.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, July 23.—It was stated at the Foreign Office today that the action of the Norwegian government in regard to the right of the steamers of the Bluefields Steamship Company and other vessels flying the Norwegian flag, to enter the port of Bluefields, declared under blockade by President Madriz, of Nicaragua, followed the receipt of a communication

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ANNOYER SLAIN BY WOMAN'S BULLET

MATRON KILLS MAN WHO TRIES TO MAKE HER RUN AWAY.

After Tragedy in Tacoma Home Before Three Small Children, Mother Telephones Sheriff.

TACOMA, Wash., July 23.—(Special.)—In front of her three small children, Mrs. Fletcher Johnson today shot and instantly killed Frank Hall, and then telephoned to the Sheriff's office that she was waiting for officers to come and arrest her for murder.

When Prosecuting Attorney McMurray and Sheriff Morris reached her home at Rigney Hill, near South Tacoma, they found Hall lying on the floor where he had fallen, and Mrs. Johnson almost hysterical.

The woman told the Sheriff that Hall, who had been forcing his attentions on her, came to her house today and insisted that she leave her husband and children to go with him. When she refused to do it, he flew into a great rage and finally drew a revolver, threatening to kill her and then himself.

Believing in her fright that Hall would fulfill his threat, Mrs. Johnson took a weapon out of a drawer and suddenly turning, shot the man dead.

Mrs. Johnson, who is about 40 years of age, is the wife of a clerk in the office of Master Mechanic Crosby, of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Hall was an electrician for the same railroad.

GRAIN OUTPUT THE CRUX

Patton, Done With Gambling, Says Good Times Depend on Crops.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Reiterating his declaration that he never would again re-enter the speculative arena and declaring that in his opinion the crux of the financial situation lay with the grain crops, particularly corn, James A. Patten, the erstwhile "cotton king," sailed today for Europe on the steamer Kroonland. He was accompanied by his partner, William H. Bartlett, of Chicago, and William S. Clough, of Boston.

"It seems the crux of the financial situation this Fall depends on good crops," said Mr. Patten. "The oat crop is short, wheat is short and hay is short. Now, if corn fails, the country might have a period of dull times. A great deal depends on the drought. The entire corn belt has had a serious deficiency of moisture since March 22.

TRAIN ROBBER CONFESSES

Inequitable Division of Loot Angers One of Band of Four.

IDAHO CITY, Idaho, July 23.—A sequel to the train robbery near Ogden, Utah, on June 27, when the passengers of an Oregon Short Line train were relieved of their valuables by a gang of masked men, is a confession made yesterday by a man named Budd Rogers to Deputy Sheriff E. B. True. Rogers came to town in company with a Chinese named Jim Amhoy. After he had asked a good many questions about the train robbers, Rogers said that he was one of them. He said that there were four robbers, although it had been supposed that there were only three. He explained that the division of the swag was not an equitable one, and that he received only $25 and three watches as his share of the loot. The others told him that if he betrayed them they would kill him. Rogers at one time was practically blind and is now hardly able to see his way. He will be taken to Boise by Sheriff H. H. Hamilton tomorrow.

BOMB PRECIPITATES PANIC

Explosion Tears Big Hole in Sidewalk in New York.

NEW YORK, July 23.—A panic unexampled in the record of somewhat numerous similar occurrences on the East Side followed the explosion of a dynamite bomb thrown on the sidewalk in front of a five-story tenement on Second avenue today.

The bomb dug a hole a foot and a half in diameter in the sidewalk, blew out the glass in show windows all around and upset things generally in stores in the neighborhood.

Hundreds of tenement dwellers rushed to the streets in terror. The police believe the explosion to have been an attempt to blackmail store proprietors in the vicinity.

RAWN IS SUICIDE, NOW SAY POLICE

Negro Murder Suspect Is Released.

"BLOODSTAINS" ONLY PAINT

Detectives, Baffled, Revert to First Theory.

MAID HEARD BUT ONE SHOT

Relatives of Dead Railroad President Still Say He Was Slain by Burglar — Chief of Police Washes Hands of Case.

CHICAGO, July 23.—(Special.)—With the release this afternoon of Ernest Stevens, negro chauffeur, formerly employed by Ira G. Rawn, and held on suspicion of having slain him for revenge, the mystery surrounding the death of the Monon Railway president practically stands where it did when the tragedy was discovered.

Stevens was released on orders from Assistant Chief Schuettler. The police have returned to the theory of suicide as the only explanation of the shooting.

It was also established today that Mr. Rawn carried no insurance taken out later than several years ago. All his accident insurance, according to the one who handled all these policies for Rawn, had been in force so long that various accumulated dividends will net the estate something more than $25,000 additional to the face of the policies, if they finally are paid. Other developments of the day were:

"Bullet" Is Pewter.

Second "bullet," supposed to have been fired at the intruder by Mr. Rawn, was not a bullet, but a bit of pewter, knocked from a pipe-joint in the grate.

"Blood stains" on the cement walk outside the Rawn residence, indicating that the marauder was wounded, prove to be paint under chemical analysis.

Members of the Rawn family deny that Ernest Stevens, former chauffeur, was dismissed for joy riding. They give him a clear record.

Chief of police announces his department is through with the case, unless asked to make arrests.

Servant Hears Only One Shot.

Insurance detectives interrogate servants of Rawn household. Only one of the four remembers hearing any commotion the night of the tragedy and he heard but one shot.

Illinois Central officials reject offer of million dollars cash to abandon car fraud claims and cease prosecution, on grounds that they would be compounding a felony.

Neighbors who were awake the night of the tragedy say they heard but one shot.

Chief interest in the sensational case is now centered in what will be brought to light at the Coroner's inquest next Tuesday. It was said tonight that among the witnesses would be a maid in the Rawn home and that she will testify she was lying awake shortly after 1 o'clock the morning of the tragedy and heard the sound of the shot which killed Rawn.

Maid Heard No Struggle.

She will testify, it is declared, that she heard only a single shot and then a noise like a body falling downstairs. She heard nothing more, no second shot and no sound of a struggle before the single shot was fired, or of a person leaving the house or running away, during the deathly stillness that succeeded the report of the pistol and the fall of the victim.

A man-of-all-work, who slept that night in a garage only a few feet from the Rawn house, is also expected to testify that he heard the shooting, that only one shot appeared to have been fired and that no noise or confusion or sound of a man running away was

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HOP SING CHINESE ARE MADE PARIAHS

CHINESE TONGS IN SAN FRANCISCO UNITE AGAINST THEM.

Strongest of Clubs Is Ishmaelite Because It Did Not Divide Gambling Profits Fairly.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—(Special.)—The Chinese tong war, which it was predicted would result from efforts of the police to close the gambling houses in the Chinese quarter, broke out early this morning when Jew Sing, a Hop Sing highbinder, was fired upon by some unknown Chinese.

Jew Sing was not armed when arrested, but he is noted as a highbinder, and his society, which ran the Siberia Club, is greatly wrought up over the closing of this gambling headquarters and attributes it to the influence of rival tongs.

It seems the Hop Sings refused to keep to the terms of a contract by which the profits of the various gambling houses were to be evenly divided among various tongs. They retained the lion's share of the profits and it was this perfidy which caused some of the other tongs to betray the Siberia Club to the police.

The Hop Sing, the strongest tong in Chinatown, is now an Ishmaelite, with every other highbinder society against it, and bloodshed is sure to follow.

The gunmen of the Hop Sing Tong, employed by the On Tick Tong during its recent war with the Yee family, did most of the killing. The news of the shooting traveled like wildfire through Chinatown and the streets this morning were deserted.

JOHN D. KINSHIP COSTLY

Tradesman Boycotted Pleads Relationship Is Far Removed.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Charles Miller, a Brooklyn tradesman who keeps a stationery store in the basement of an old brown-stone house, is much incensed because the newspapers discovered that his father, William E. Miller, who died of heart disease this week, was related to John D. Rockefeller.

"If you must publish that fact," he exclaimed to a reporter, "at least explain that it is but a very distant relationship. That kinship cost my father thousands of dollars and it will probably cost me thousands more.

"When the newspapers published stories of how Rockefeller made his money, many people in this neighborhood became very indignant. Some of them learned that my father was distantly related to the oil king and forthwith boycotted us. In vain we insisted that the kinship was so far removed that even my father did not know just how it started. People would not believe us, and whenever they passed our store they pointed to it and said: 'There's Rockefeller's cousin.' My father grew so enraged that he forbade us ever to speak of the relationship."

MINER DRINKS; NOW LOST

Missing Man Had Mania for Taking Long Cross-Country Walks.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., July 23.—(Special.)—Robert A. Harrison, a well-known miner of Roslyn and well-known in lodge circles in the upper end of the county, is missing. He had been drinking and was arrested at the summit of Cascades, while endeavoring to make his way to Coos Bay, Oregon, Wednesday and seemed to have recovered his senses.

Thursday he was released and was left at the Courthouse while the officers went to dinner. He was gone when they returned, and it was believed he had set out for Roslyn on foot. Today it was found he had not arrived at his home, and a search will be instituted for him. His wife lives in Marshfield, Or.

STATES LOSE NUMBERS

Of 93,000 Arrivals in Canada, 46,500 Are Americans.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 23.—According to figures given out today by the Commissioner of Immigration, the arrivals since March 31 this year in Western Canada were 93,000, of which 46,500 came from the United States.

St. Louis Prepares for Roosevelt.

ST. LOUIS, July 23.—Governor Hadley notified St. Louis officials today to rent the Coliseum for October 11 for a reception to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who has promised to be here that day.

PINCHOT'S ALLIES GROW DESPERATE

Threats Made to Get Favorable Verdict.

WRITING ON WALL IS SEEN

Ex-Forester Fears Even Democrats May Desert Him.

PRESS AGENTS TO RESCUE

Notice Served on Ballinger Investigating Committee to Favor Pinchot Crowd or Have Case Revived in Fall Campaign.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 23.—The Pinchot-Garfield press agents, who are also press agents of the insurgent leaders of the Republican party, have served notice on the Pinchot-Ballinger investigating committee that they must return a verdict unfavorable to the Secretary of the Interior, and favorable to Messrs Pinchot, Garfield, Glavis, Newell, et al., or there will be a renewal of hostilities and a revival of last Summer's scandal.

In other words, nothing short of a vindication of Pinchot and his partisans can prevent the active injection of the Pinchot-Ballinger case into the Fall campaign.

Ever since the investigation closed, it has been well understood that a majority of the investigating committee was convinced no case had been made out against the Secertary of the Interior, and the general belief has been that the report of the majority would sustain the Secretary and probably condemn the men who instigated and promoted the attack upon him, and over his head attacked the President. Senator Nelson, chairman of the committee, has made no concealment of his disgust with the tactics of the Pinchot-Glavis crowd, and Senators Root, Flint and Sutherland are as readily counted with the majority, as are Representatives McCall, Denby and Olmted.

Democrats Need Thunder.

It has been the general belief, moreover, that the Democratic members of the committee, as was presupposed when the investigation started, would file a report, more or less critical of the Secretary, and possibly laudatory in some degree of the "patriots" who made the onslaughter upon Mr. Ballinger. The Democrats have always professed to see political capital in this case, and now that they find the Republican congress has an exceptional record of achievement on which to rely in the campaign this year, they are more than ever desirous of side issues which may prove helpful in getting votes.

The one remaining member of the committee, Representative Madson of Kansas, a Republican insurgent, has always been regarded as a doubtful factor. As the investigation progressed he showed hostility to Secretary Ballinger, but on other occasions his attitude seemed the reverse. Both sides feel that he will be with them when the report is brought up for adoption, and Mr. Madison may join the majority or may join with the Democrats, or may file an independent report of his own. Of the three, the latter plan seems the more probable.

But if the committee is properly sized up, and the seven Senators and Representatives named are convinced there is nothing to the Pinchot-Glavis charges, the vote of Mr. Madison will not sway the result, no matter how he may stand.

Unanimous Report Prophesied.

In this connection, Representative James of Kentucky, one of the most active Democrats on the committee, is quoted as saying that the committee will, in his judgment, file a unanimous report. Mr. James has steadfastly re-

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FOREIGN HOOK IN FISH MYSTIFIES

SALMON BELIEVED TO WANDER FROM MEXICAN COAST.

Barb in Cheek, of Peculiar Manufacture, Gives Evidence of Long Travel in Water.

ASTORIA, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—A few days ago Charles McPherson, who is buying fish for the Warren Packing Company at its Tongue Point station, received a 23-pound Chinook salmon which had in its mouth a large steel hook, that is not only a curiosity in itself, but indicates the long distances which the salmon travel during their migrations at sea.

The hook was fastened in the cheek of the fish and as the wound around it had entirely healed, it had probably been there for six months or more. It was very large, of a peculiar pattern and exceptionally well made.

A. G. Spexarth, who is considered the best local authority on all fishing tackle, was shown the hook and says it is not of American make, as none of the manufacturers in this country turn out anything like it. He believes it is a handmade affair, probably the work of a Mexican or an Indian, although there is an English company which manufacturers a hook similar to it. The line, a small piece of which was attached, is also peculiar in its make.

The line itself is of fiber while it is reinforced with twine pleated in a style that clearly indicates it was Mexican handwork. He believes the salmon got the hook, which was apparently used for trolling, while in the waters off some port along the South Coast and probably in the vicinity of the Catalina Islands.

MINNESOTA SURPLUS BIG

With $4,000,000 in Treasury, Citizens May Escape Taxes.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 23.—Citizens of Minnesota may not be called upon to pay taxes next year. At present the treasury of the state is groaning under the burden of a surplus which has never been duplicated. On October 1 there will be nearly $4,000,000 in the state treasury. October 1, 1909, there was approximately $2,000,000 in the treasury.

The unusual amount of money in the state's cash box has come about through the successful settlement of cases which have netted the commonwealth large sums of money. The largest of these items came from the settlement of the lumber cases, the gross earning tax cases, the Kennedy inheritance tax cases, and others. Not only have large sums of money come into the treasury, but they will result in constantly augmenting streams of gold in the direction of the state's coffers, so that Minnesota bids fair to become a state unique in the history of taxation—a state that may find it not necessary to tax its people one cent for the general maintenance of state government.

SINGING CHARMS RATTLER

Women Hypnotize Snake, Then Kill It With Clubs.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 23.—Singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," three women charmed a rattlesnake which had just crawled from beneath a cushion upon which one of them was seated out on the Vale ranch. Mrs. F. P. Dunlap, Mrs. Harry Allison and Mrs. W. A. Vale were seated on a lounge under the trees when Mrs. Dunlap perceived the snake. Instantly she thought of music charming reptiles and she whispered, "Let's sing." She commenced to hum the sacred air and the others, not knowing why, took it up.

The snake, with head poised, paused, and Mrs. Dunlap slowly arose and beckoned the others to follow, which they quietly did. After having gained a safe distance the others discovered what their danger had been. Armed with clubs the women then killed the snake.

MOB STONES 50 WORKMEN

Strikers Who Return to Sugar Refinery Attacked on Emerging.

NEW YORK, July 23.—There was a riotous demonstration this afternoon at the plant of the New York Sugar Refining Company in Long Island City when 50 men, who with about 450 others had gone on strike yesterday but returned to work this morning, came out of the refinery to go to luncheon.

When the men appeared outside the plant a volley of stones and bricks was thrown and then a rush was made for them by a mob. The rioters were dispersed by policemen.

ROPKE SHORTAGE OVER A MILLION

Fidelity Trust Surplus Is Wiped Out.

BANKKEEPER TAKES $1,140,000

Search of Books Shows Stupenduous Peculations.

STOCK WILL BE ISSUED

Speculations of Employe in Big Trust Company at Louisville Lead to Thefts Which Wipe Out the Entire Surplus.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 23.—August Ropke, assistant secretary and bookkeeper of the Fidelity Trust Company, is believed to have made away with $1,140,000, the entire surplus of the concern, according to a statement made late today by John W. Barr, president of the company.

Ropke has been in jail for ten days unable to furnish bail in the sum of $25,000. He was a heavy speculator and lost large sums, it is said, in Wall street and on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Mr. Barr's announcement was made after a special meeting of the stockholders. Mr. Barr said the stockholders had been told that the entire capital stock of the concern was intact, but that the surplus was gone.

Stock Issue to Meet Loss.

The loss through this defalcation will be met by an issue of stock, aggregating $1,000,000, which will be issued to stockholders at par. The stockholders have already agreed, it is understood, to subscribe the full amount of the issue.

AugustRopke is a German about 45 years old. He is a man of family and has always enjoyed the unbounded confidence of his business associates. He lived unostentatiously and indulged in only one luxury, as far as his friends know, and that was an outomobile.

Ropke Was Trusted Employe.

The craze for speculation reached him, however, and he tried to recoup. One year he is reported to have made $200,000, only to have lost it a month or so later.

Ropke had been in the employ of the bank for 18 years. One day, about two weeks ago, a shortage of $6000 was accidentally discovered by one of Ropke's assistants and the matter was reported to his superiors. This resulted in Ropke's arrest.

He was sent to jail in default of bail, and accountants were put to work on his books. The stortage grew daily until it reached the stupendous amount reported today at the special meeting of the stockholders. Some of Ropke's property has been recovered and turned over to the bank.

GIRL SAVES EX-PREMIER

Cousin Leaps Upon Would-Be Assassain, Spoiling His Aim.

BARCELONA, July 23.—Antonio Maura, leader of the Conservative party, who, as Premier, put down the Barcelona riots and brought about the execution of Dr. Francisco Ferrer a year ago, owes his escape from probable death last night to the courage of his youthful girl cousin, who threw herself upon the assailant.

Shortly before midnight the ex-Prime Minister stepped from a train at the Francis station, where he arrived from Madrid en route to Palma. At his side was his cousin. Suddenly from the crowd the man, Mauel Posa, fired three shots. The first bullet pierced Senor Maura's arm and the second found lodgment in his leg. As Posa fired again the woman sprang upon him, spoiling his aim, and the bullet went wide.

The wounds inflicted are not regarded as serious.

HARRY MURPHY MAKES SOME PICTORIAL OBSERVATIONS IN POLITICS AND OTHER CURRENT AFFAIRS OF THE DAY.

"Feeling Pretty Fair, Thank Y' Kindly."

A Critical Situation.

Those Unknown, Self-Nominated Candidates.

—But Sometimes They Are Known.

The Assembly Would Stop This.

Is the Fool Killer Around?

A Bad Actor.