

WILL OF PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA OF LITTLE MOMENT

Good Constitution, but Politics Are Manipulated With Great Foresight—People Are Ignorant.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, Jan. 7.—With the greatest canal on the globe almost ready to become a reality, Nicaragua thought it was destined to be one of the favored spots of the world. It thought itself the "Western Bosphorus," and considered that it was only a question of time until the commerce of the oceans would pass through its borders via the Nicaraguan canal. The United States had decided upon an interoceanic canal, all parties were pledged to it, and indeed both houses of congress had at one time or another voted for it. Nicaragua was to high hopes, and handbills selling the public places in Rome while yet without its walls found a counterpart in the spirit of speculation that possessed the Nicaraguans. But in a moment all was changed. Senator Hanna took up the canal for Panama, the senate turned to that route, the house followed and Nicaragua became the land of blasted hopes. Down there they still believe that the monumental mistake of history was made when Panama was chosen.

Soldiers Can't Vote.

Nominally Nicaragua is a republic, where the will of the people should be supreme. Its constitution reads as smooth as our own, but only the letter and not the spirit prevails. Every man is supposed to have the right of suffrage, yet there is another provision which sets forth that no soldier in the army shall vote. And the president has the right to enlist whom he will. Result: When there is a close election thousands of the opposition are temporarily enlisted in the army. It is said that in one election more than 7000 opponents of Zelaya were enlisted, while all his friends were omitted from the recruits. This is the way the laws and constitutions of Central America are interpreted, and it is such abuses that are largely responsible for the constant turmoil there.

Nicaragua has a most unique plan of presidential succession in times of peace. The name of five senators are written upon slips of paper, placed in as many envelopes, shuffled, and three of the envelopes are drawn out and filed away in the state archives. The other two are destroyed without their contents being known. When there is a vacancy in the presidency the duly constituted authorities open the first envelope and the senator whose name is written thereon becomes president. Here we see how the people distrust their own associates. The name of the heir apparent must be kept a profound secret lest he or his friends seek to hasten the succession.

Much Ignorance Prevails.

Nicaragua is not noted for a high

average of intelligence among its people. Those at the head of affairs are usually well educated, and there is also culture among the well-to-do classes of the country, but the rank and file are merely ignorant, unlettered tropical people. They are "dumb driven cattle" who lend themselves readily to the purposes of the oligarchy. They are nearly always against the government because they so often feel the law's restraining hand. Some idea of the prevalence of ignorance may be had from a report made by the head of the department of education who states that in Granada and Leon, the most highly civilized cities of the country, only 30 per cent of the children are enrolled in the schools. He concludes that only one seventh of the children of Nicaragua learn to read and write.

The majority of the people live in adobe houses covered with tiles or with thatched roofs. Usually there is no floor in the rural home, and if there is a ceiling it is only a sheet of white cloth tacked up to hide the ugliness of the under roof. Beds without mattresses, rooms without windows, cooking without stoves and grinding with old fashioned millstones are still the rule rather than the exception.

Little Clothing Worn.

The clothing of the average Nicaraguan is extremely simple. Among the poorer classes the boys run in the Adam's garb worn before Eve invented her palm leaf apron. The girls wear little slips made from a single piece of muslin. The ordinary clothing of the men consists of a palm leaf hat, a shirt and a pair of trousers. All go barefooted except the Indians, who wear sandals. The women wear a chemise, a cotton skirt and a kind of light shawl. Those of high caste imitate European dress, but short in quality. It is said that the average laborer wants to be treated as a nabob or hidalgo. Among the poorer classes baptism is considered a more sacred rite than marriage.

As a rule the Nicaraguans are polite, honest and fun loving. Their speech abounds in compliments and their hospitality is such that the stranger is always received with courtesy. The best the house affords, though it may be nothing more than a cup of coffee and a small cake, is placed at his disposal. The Indians, though for centuries treated with cruelty by the Spaniards, have not been soured by mis use and still go their way with much song and laughter. They are quick to coin words and characterize people according to their occupation. When the first engineering party of the Nicaraguan canal established itself at Rivas, the wife of the engineer in charge accompanied it. Later she received a letter which had no address other than "La Casatera"—literally the woman of the canal.

Honesty a Characteristic.

Honesty is a marked characteristic of the average low caste Nicaraguan. In the little stores the customers often wait upon themselves. Sometimes the storekeepers have their cigars and cigarettes where the passerby may get them and drop the price in a cup by the side of the box. Even the beggar will not touch this unguarded cup. Cock fighting is the principal pastime of the people. Some of the Nicaraguans wear their hair trimmed close except for a little circle on top of the head. The barber, cuts a cocoon in half, fits it on the head like a cap, then trims away all the hair not covered by the shell.

The Nicaraguan Ant.

The ant life of Nicaragua is most interesting. There is one species that are agriculturists of a high order. One sees them carrying little green leaves toward their homes and then going back for more. It was long presumed that

SALVATION ARMY LEADER COMING

General Booth's Personal Representative Speaks Here Tomorrow Night.

One of the most unique characters in the Salvation Army, Commissioner Elijah Cadman of London, will arrive in Portland the last of this week and will speak at Salvation Army hall, 366 Davis street, Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 11, 3 and 8 o'clock.

Commissioner Cadman is one of the oldest officers in the Salvation Army, having entered the work in the Christian mission days over a half century ago. He was the first one to assume a military title, that of captain. In his third appointment he announced a visit from the general superintendent of the "General" mission, calling him "General" and also announced a visit of the general's eldest daughter, calling her "Blanche." From this advertisement came the idea of an army, military uniforms and methods which were adopted in 1878.

Commissioner Cadman is a hero as well as a veteran, for he has suffered all of the deprivations and persecutions endured by the pioneers in the army work. He has been beaten, had his clothing torn from his body and been left on the streets for dead, but never for a moment did he hesitate to do the work he had undertaken. His life presents a thrilling story of adventure from the days of his childhood, when he was drunk at the age of five, and a half, to his teens and from then to the time of his conversion and work in the army.

Commissioner Cadman is General William Booth's personal representative. Saturday night he will tell the wonderful story of his life.

the ants used these leaves for food. Investigation showed that the young ones chew them finely and then, in combination with another substance, use them as a compact in which to grow a kind of tiny mushroom which constitutes food for the ants when they are shut indoors by the rain. The evidence is so positive as to admit of no charge of nature fakery.

Mixture of Inhabitants.

Nicaragua has practically the same area as the state of New York, and its population is about equal to that of the city of Baltimore. Five-sixths of the inhabitants live on the western or Pacific coast. The principal port on the Pacific side is Corinto, which has about 2000 inhabitants. The principal town on the east side is Bluefields which is 118 miles from New Orleans. Nicaragua has one railroad which runs from Corinto to Managua, and from there to Granada on Lake Nicaragua, the largest inland body of water in that part of the world. Last year Nicaragua bought from the United States textiles, clothing machinery, etc. to the amount of \$1,300,000, and sold to this country bananas, coffee, rubber, mahogany, cattle, hides, etc. to the amount of \$1,950,000.

On the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua there are 17 recognized race types, the product of the mixture of Chinese, negroes, Indians and whites. In the interior there are almost as many varieties of political parties, divided by distinctions hardly less exquisite than those which separate the various races on the coast. The issue on which these parties differ is, at bottom, the matter of the church. In Nicaragua there exists a religious question almost exactly parallel to that which still troubles the peace of France. This situation is probably due to a considerable extent to that close sympathy and quick response which Central America manifests towards all things French. In spite of the geographical proximity of the United States, its influence in Latin America is far less definite than that of France. It is to Paris that Central America looks for new ideas. It is French politics that Central America studies and admires. Much of the American publicist finds difficult to understand in Central American affairs may be explained by referring to contemporary movements in France.

Tomorrow—III Rivalry of Leon and Granada.

BIG STOCK SHOW AT DENVER TOMORROW

Denver, Colo., Jan. 7.—Many stock raisers, commission men, representatives of the big packing houses and other persons interested in the livestock industry are in the city in anticipation of the opening tomorrow of the fifth annual National Stock show. During the week many carloads of exhibits have arrived to bear out the prediction of the management that the show this year is to be the most notable affair of its kind ever held west of Chicago. In conjunction with the exhibition there will be held meetings of the various beef breeding associations, which will be attended by stockmen from every section of the United States and Canada.

The Colorado Poultry Growers' association will hold its annual exhibition at the same time, and another strong feature will be the display of feed and forage used in the production of livestock in the west. Still another attraction will be the horse show, which will be given every evening during the coming week. A number of the prominent western exhibitors will be represented in this part of the exhibition.

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AGED WOMAN MANAGES FARM

Cousin of Senator La Follette, in Spite of 79 Years, is Very Active.

Portland has a visitor this week, Mrs. Sophie La Follette, 79 years old and first cousin of United States Senator Robert La Follette of Wisconsin. While her cousin is famous in his way, Mrs. La Follette is equally well known in her way. She is the proprietor of a big ranch near Prineville and manages it herself. She is a guest at the Lenox hotel.

Mrs. La Follette has been in Oregon since 1882, when, with her husband, she came across the plains in an ox train. She has been a resident of Crook county for 25 years and has one of the most valuable ranches in that section, besides owning a large tract on which Prineville is built.

Active in Spite of Age.

Mrs. La Follette is known all over central Oregon. She personally manages her ranch, making the rounds of the various fields by horse and buggy. While she does not get around to visit her neighbors as of former days, Mrs. La Follette manages to cover much of the central Oregon country during the summer, and is a close student of the progress of the irrigated section.

"Thirty-five years ago, when I first went to the Deschutes valley, the country a short distance back from the river was nothing but a mass of sage brush and juniper," said Mrs. La Follette.

"Now you can see hundreds of farms on this land producing big crops of alfalfa. It is wonderful what a magic touch water has. We never dreamed that this vast country could ever be made to produce anything, but look at it now."

"Couldn't you see more of the country if you had an automobile?" Mrs. La Follette was asked.

"Yes, I could," she replied, "but I haven't been able to muster up the courage to buy one. There are lots of them in the country."

"The forest service is doing much work in our country, especially in governing the ranges, but as yet I have seen but little good come from it. It is true they have stopped the range"

war, but the range seems to be as near worn out as ever."

Familiar with Public Affairs.

Mrs. La Follette discussed every kind of topic of public interest freely and has really a wonderful knowledge of public affairs. She spends about half of her time in Portland and the other half on the ranch. Most of the members of her large family live in Prineville. Her eldest son, John La Follette, has been the county assessor of Crook county for the past six years, and is very well known throughout the country.

With the completing of the railroad into the Deschutes country, Mrs. La Follette expects to be able to spend much more time in Portland. It is a long, hard trip now for a woman of her years.

Congratulations for Dr. Angell.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 7.—The 51st birthday of Dr. James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, was celebrated today.

dent emeritus of the University of Michigan, was remembered today with many messages of congratulation from the faculty members, alumni, students and other friends of the university. With the exception of former President Timothy Dwight of Yale, who is his senior by a few months, Dr. Angell is the oldest of the noted educators in the United States. Born in Rhode Island in 1829, he began his educational career as a professor at Brown university when but 24 years of age. After serving five years as president of the University of Vermont, he became president of the University of Michigan in 1871. With the exception of one year spent as minister to Turkey, Dr. Angell served continuously as head of the Michigan university until he resigned last year.

O'Neil Denies Reported Transfer.

La Grande, Or., Jan. 7.—Jack O'Neil, traveling passenger agent for the P. R.

& N. denies that he is to be transferred to eastern Oregon, with headquarters in La Grande, to act as freight and passenger agent for the O. R. & N. between Pendleton and Huntington and on the Joseph extension.

Portland Fireman Weds.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Jan. 7.—Wilfred H. MacHugh of Portland, and Miss Florence McLeod of this city were united in marriage here Wednesday by Rev. Geisel, the groom is in the fire department service in the city of Portland, and is a son of L. MacHugh of this city.

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- \$49.00 Dressing Table of finest mahogany, with large oval mirror, for... **\$39.75**
- \$47.50 Dresser in matched mahogany, for... **\$34.50**
- \$35.00 Toilet Table to match, for... **\$19.50**
- \$63.00 Large Colonial Toilet Table in finest dull mahogany, for... **\$38.50**
- \$43.00 Dresser in mahogany, for... **\$31.50**
- \$52.00 Colonial Chiffonier in finest mahogany, for... **\$29.50**
- \$35.00 Mahogany Chiffonier, for... **\$17.75**
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- Towel Bars in oxidized copper and nickel-plated finishes, 25c values for... **15¢**
- Hat and Coat Racks, all metal, in oxidized copper finish, three sizes—3, 4 and 5 hooks: \$1.90 size for... **\$1.35** \$2.00 size for... **\$1.55** \$2.50 size for... **\$1.85**
- "Eureka" Folding Clothes-Dryer, 8 bars, regular \$1.00 value, for... **85¢**
- Mrs. Potts' Sad Irons, set of 3, with detachable handle and stand—regular \$1.25 value, for... **95¢**
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