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# ZELAYA WAS ROBBER KING

### Former President of Nicaragua Reaped Gigantic Profits From All Industries.

#### VARIOUS MONOPOLIES NET HIM \$40,000 A MONTH

#### Tyrannical Dictator Had His Hand in Public Pocket—Has Many Industrial Monopolies—Controls Dock Privileges and Street Cleaning—Appropriates 66 Per Cent of Custom Dues—Makes Soldiers Work His Plantation.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 25.—The magnitude of the personal sacrifice involved in the overthrow of Zelaya from actual power and a possible flight from Nicaragua, is shown in the statement that he derived from various monopolies and financial ventures a revenue of \$40,000 silver (\$40,000 United States money) per month. In the building in the Champ de Mars that houses the ministry of war, Zelaya conducts the monopolies of alcohol, tobacco, cattle, petroleum, hides, gambling, soap, candies, ice and drugs and lumber for railroads, fuel and ties. From these quarters he also has controlled local monopolies extending along the Atlantic coast and covering traffic in Aguardiente, leaf and manufactured tobacco, coconut groves, abatoirs and turtle fisheries.

In addition to those he controls the dock privileges at the piers of Corinto, Granada, San Jorge, Monkey Point, San Miguelito and El Bluff and the lease of the National railroad and of the National steamship lines.

Through some peculiar framing of the customs laws he also benefits from premiums on the exportation of coffee, lumber, gold, hides and rubber and from duties of from 10 to 50 per cent on importations of all sorts of manufactured articles.

#### Even Controls Street Cleaning.

Among his other known interests are the street cleaning of Managua, done by contract; the sugar refinery of San Antonio; the planing mills and the sale of property to or by the government. He also exacts a share in all concessions granted to the Bluefields—James Detrick Guichera, Salazar, Emery—and in a number of mining concessions. The system is so perfect that no land owner can devote his property to raising sugar cane or tobacco without the authority of trusts created and controlled by Zelaya.

On the Atlantic side, Zelaya has operated through the business house of Lopez and Matinez. Lopez is a cousin of Zelaya and is now jailed by the revolutionists. Through this house alone Zelaya has just received profits of \$5000 or \$6000 American money. Railways and steamers of the country are managed for him by his partner, Mr. Julio Wiest, a Swiss. The contract for the construction of the railway from San Miguel to Monkey Point, which he controls through Wiest, is to cost the government \$20,000 United States money per month. The country already has subscribed \$500,000 in the last three years on this line and only four miles have been built. National finances also have been used for his enrichment.

The system has been for Zelaya to underwrite government bonds at a large discount and then to dispose of them to bankers at 50 per cent profit.

It is conservatively estimated that he appropriates 66 per cent of all customs dues by the simple process of compelling payment of customs dues through compulsory purchases of government bonds which he alone is supplied with and which he sells at 50 per cent appreciation over par after having bought them at 40 per cent discount from par.

Then, again, Zelaya operates a plantation in the Champ de Mars, which soldiers of the garrison work for him. Another he owns in partnership with the commander of the penitentiary and they divide the profits, the labor being convict labor, for which they do not pay. Through a dummy he has the contract for the new drainage system of Managua, and in a similar manner he holds the contract for the clothing and equipment of the army.

Zelaya maintains a special office for discounting salaries of state employees, paying them 70 per cent of their claims and retaining 30 per cent commissions. To render this effective, the treasury is maintained in an empty condition.

Each governor of a department—(province)—has the exclusive privilege of trading cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, the local privilege of traffic in Aguardiente and the licensing of games of chance, and is compelled to turn over to Zelaya 50 per cent of the proceeds.

## LIQUOR SEIZURE STOPPED.

### Railroad Wins Suit Against Oklahoma Officers.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 25.—Federal Judge Campbell issued a temporary order yesterday in favor of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad company, adjoining officers at Muskogee, Craig and McIntosh counties from further seizure of liquor shipped into the state while in the hands of the road.

The officers also were ordered to return to the company liquors recently seized, except that on which the freight had been paid and on which the bill of lading had been surrendered without delivery being made. The court reserves decision on this class of shipments to determine whether the surrender of a bill of lading constitutes a delivery.

## BIG STEEL CORPORATION PLANS \$100,000,000 PLANT

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The second great movement of the United States Steel corporation to invade the territory adjacent to Chicago, following the raising of the new town of Gary from a sand waste, begun with the announcement that the corporation intends to spend \$100,000,000 in building new plants and the enlargement of existing shops. Five thousand additional men will be employed with the completion of the plant. It is understood that the Colorado Fuel and Iron company is planning the construction of a twenty million dollar plant in the Gary territory.

## NEWSY NOTES OF ECHO

### SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ENJOYING HOLIDAY VACATION

#### Force of Men and Teams Making Repairs to County Road—Other News Notes.

(Special Correspondence.)

Echo, Ore., Dec. 24.—School closed this evening for the Christmas holidays, after completing the fourth month of school. The first four grades taught by Miss Verna Vannander and the Misses Roberts and Mamie Rippey, gave a short Christmas program yesterday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Winifred, one of our teachers, leaves tonight for Portland to spend the holidays with her father.

Miss Vannander is in Walla Walla visiting with her mother, Mrs. Samuel Gray. She will remain until after New Years.

Mr. O. E. Cannon will leave tomorrow for Athena, to visit with friends. The remainder of the teachers will spend their vacation in Echo.

A force of men and teams under Road Supervisor John Saling are making extensive repairs on the county road, one mile below Echo. For the past few years the river has been gradually cutting away land adjacent to the road, and it is now necessary to make permanent repairs. Rock from the quarry west of town is being used.

Wm. Watenburger has purchased a tract of land comprising seven acres of rich alfalfa land of J. E. and M. L. Taylor. The tract is just across the river west of Echo. Mr. Watenburger intends to build a \$2500 residence on it besides making other permanent improvements.

Miss Lottie Boreland is here from Pendleton to spend the holidays. At present she is visiting at the home of F. W. Andrews.

Mr. R. H. Scott and family of Woodburn, Oregon, are here visiting with Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bonney. Mr. Scott is the present mayor of Woodburn, this being his second term.

Today Carl Weinke sold to his brother, August Wienke, the N. E. quarter of section 24, township 2 north, range 29, E. The consideration was \$1500.

Mr. Jay Pulmutter and family are visiting with friends and relatives in Milton.

Judge Bean was here today looking after business interests.

Miss Ina Watenburger came up from Iona this evening to spend the holidays with her parents.

### SAD ENDING TO CHRISTMAS CHEER

Washington, Dec. 25.—Preparations for the appearance of Santa Claus came to a sad end in the home of Trooper Frank Morton, of the Fifth United States cavalry at Fort Meyer last night.

His little girl, Dorothy, 3 years old, lies in a hospital, so badly burned that she may die and his wife, seriously burned, lies upon a cot next to her.

Morton had wound a cloth around the chimney of a lamp to darken the room for the appearance of Santa Claus. The lamp leaked oil, saturating the cloth. An explosion followed.

# COOK IS VOTED COLOSSAL LIAR

### Governors of Explorers' Club Silently Strike Him From Rolls for Fraud.

#### DOCTOR NEVER REACHED TOP OF MT. M'KINLEY

#### Committee, After Searching Investigation Finds Cook Practiced Fraud Upon Club and Upon Public—Action Independent From Arctic Controversy—Cook Lied Repeatedly—Barrill's Testimony Disregarded—Printz's Likewise.

New York, Dec. 25.—The board of governors of the Explorers' club met yesterday in executive session, and standing in silence voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club, for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Coming hard upon the heels of the crushing verdict lately rendered by the University of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers' club is the result of independent investigations which in no way touched upon the polar controversy, and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumulative.

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion the board met to pass upon the report of its committee which has been investigating the validity of Dr. Cook's report that he reached the top of Mount McKinley. This committee, concluding an exhaustive report, says "Dr. Cook's claims that he ascended to the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906, be rejected by the Explorers' club as not worthy of credence."

The committee's recommendations were based on its finding that "Dr. Cook had repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with facts and that he had entered into agreements which he has failed to keep, and that the misstatements, and broken engagements deal not only with matters appertaining to discovery, but to ordinary transactions, so that no credence can be given to statements made by him."

Among the seven signatures appended to this arraignment, are those of Caspar Whitney and Anthony Flaherty, both personal friends of Dr. Cook. The committee is further explicit in its statement that it undertook its investigation only after first apprising Dr. Cook of its purposes, which he approved in person, and that it has disregarded entirely the testimony of Edward Barrill, Dr. Cook's guide and of Frederick Printz, his packer—although such testimony was before them—because it wished no cloud of partisan contention, or question of financial interest to dim the integrity of its verdict.

### GOMPERS ROASTS TAIT.

#### Dislikes His Decisions Regarding Injunctions, Writs, Etc.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, published a vigorous editorial in this month's issue of the labor body, against both the action of the supreme court of the district of Columbia and the recommendation in President Tait's message to congress with reference to the necessity for notice and hearing before injunction writs are granted.

Both the action and the recommendation of the president are criticized. The former on the ground that it was without sanction of law, and the latter on the ground that the president did not advocate anything that could be attached to any existing law or that could modify it.

Referring to President Tait's recommendation, Mr. Gompers declares it proposes no improvement on any existing law, because no such law exists.

### DESOLATE CHRISTMAS IN BLUEFIELD'S CAMP

Bluefield, Dec. 25.—Today is Christmas at Bluefield in name only. At Bana where 2,000 of the captured government soldiers are quartered there is a scene of desolation. The men are sick, hungry and suffering from wounds done by American aid. Facilities are inadequate for food and medical supply is short. Scores of wounded soldiers are in danger of death, owing to the absence of anti-septics, and competent surgeons. Captain Shipley is practically at the head of the relief work. General Estrada's march against Managua is not to be gotten under way until next week. Estrada is now engaged in freshening up his army, burying the dead and recruiting.

#### Medical Building Burns.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—The medical building at the State university was destroyed by fire last night, causing a loss of \$75,000.

# ONE WEEK OF WEDDED BLISS

### Brokaw Testifies That Such Was Extent of His Happiness Since Marriage.

#### WILLING TO TAKE WIFE TO HIS ARMS AGAIN

#### She Must Promise Not to Accuse Him of Meeting Other Women and Not to Call Him Names—Mrs. Brokaw's Counsel Thinks This Move is a Sympathy Bluff—One Week of Marital Felicity Was During His Illness.

New York, Dec. 25.—One week of happiness in two years of married life was the best W. Gould Brokaw could get out of his bargain, he testified in court yesterday. And yet he is willing to take his wife back. She, however, seems to prefer separation and \$60,000 a year alimony.

"I bear absolutely no rancor towards my wife," he volunteered in his testimony, and if she will promise to be good, I will take her back in my arms. All I want her to promise is that she will not accuse me of going with other women and that she will stop calling me names. If she makes that promise I will wish her a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Mrs. Brokaw was not present to hear her husband's offer of reconciliation. A severe cold kept her away yesterday. But her counsel was disinclined to credit Brokaw's sincerity. "If Brokaw means what he said," commented Mr. Baldwin to the court, "there is no reason why they should not be reconciled, but I believe it is nothing more than a well-planned scheme to create favor for the defendant."

#### Wife Kind When He Was Ill.

At the resumption of hearing Brokaw was asked to describe the single week of wedded bliss he would allow. He was sick at the time, and quarrel and worry were not good for him, he said. His physicians advised him not to see Mrs. Brokaw, but he insisted and won.

"I could not seem to get Mrs. Brokaw off my mind," he said, "and finally the doctor said she could visit me. I drove half way to meet her and for a week she was loving and affectionate."

Brokaw's lawyers did not press him for the quarrel that terminated his one bright week. Instead, Mr. McIntyre brought out details that Brokaw never set his servants to spying on his wife, or that he was jealous of her physician. He never suspected he said, that Mrs. Brokaw would elope with one of the doctors, whose name has figured in the suit, because, said Brokaw, the doctor was too effeminate.

He never heard his wife mention the name of "Bunnie" Wells, whose presence in a house party at Great Neck, L. I., precipitated the final estrangement. He only knew that a man had slept in his private room—what man he could not find out. "I was deeply grieved," testified Brokaw, "to learn that a man occupied my room when there were bachelor quarters upstairs. Nobody except myself had ever slept in my bed before. I had given orders that nobody should sleep in my private room and Mrs. Brokaw knew of it."

#### Door Was Always Locked.

Brokaw described how close his room was to his wife's, and how he demanded the name of the man who occupied it. Brokaw then explained why he twice broke down the door of his wife's private room. Every time he tried to talk confidentially with her, he said, either he found the door locked or there was a maid in the room. Once, he admitted, these tactics drove him to exasperation and the other time he feared his wife had attempted suicide.

He denied that he ever spent \$30,000 in one year on his wife. A better estimate, he said, would be \$8,000. During their separation he directed his lawyers to pay her \$150 a week.

He denied that he ever spent \$25,000 on jewels for her. "The most I ever paid," he testified, "was \$1,000 for her engagement ring."

"Did you ever buy her any other jewelry?" "Yes, a necklace of pearls and emeralds to replace one of my mother's that she had been wearing. When I gave it to her, she said it was paste and threw it in my face."

As proof that Mrs. Brokaw was mistaken about the gems being paste, her husband said, Mrs. "Jimmy" Martin afterwards offered to buy the necklace.

"Mrs. Martin," he commented, with an air of finality, "does not wear paste."

Court adjourned until Monday.

## PRANK MAY END IN I

### Oregon Boys Yell "Burglars!" Man Shoots One of Youths.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 25.—A telephone message received here late last night states that Mason Seufert was shot and probably fatally injured at St. Louis, a settlement in this county, as the result of a boyish prank.

Seufert, in company with Arthur Goffins, ran into the store of Seufert & Miller, crying out, "Burglars, burglars," with the supposed intent of frightening some men who were lounging around the store.

One of the occupants began shooting at the two boys, the Seufert boy receiving wounds in the shoulder and hips from which he probably will die. He is now at the Willamette Sanitarium.

## ARMENIAN GIRL ASKS ALMS OF 'HOLY JOHN'; IS NABBED

New York, Dec. 25.—A 12 year old Armenian girl rang the door bell and sought alms at John D. Rockefeller's town house last night. She was detained by the butler and turned over to the children's society, where she will be held pending arraignment on Monday. The little mendicant said she was Lillian Rayagian of Worcester, Mass., a daughter of a street sweeper who had approved her plan to come to New York to obtain money from Mr. Rockefeller to buy presents for the family. A five dollar gold piece and a quarter were found in her pockets. She will spend Christmas in detention.

## MUST TAKE ALL BACK

#### SWITCHMEN ARE FIRM IN THEIR DEMANDS

#### Big Strike About Settled—Railroads Agree to Take Men Back As They Find Room for Them—Switchmen Demand Simultaneously Re-employment of Whole Body.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 25.—Only one obstacle remains in the way of a settlement of the switchmen's strike in the northwest as the result of the conference between railroad officials and the representatives of the railway council of the American Federation of Labor in Governor Eberhart's office. Both sides are agreed on all questions except the time when all striking switchmen shall be taken back to work.

The railroads offered to take back as many of the strikers immediately as they have places for and then re-employ the others just as soon as places can be made vacant. It was suggested that it may take thirty days before all of the men could be put back to work, but President Hawley of the switchmen's union said he would agree to nothing short of simultaneous re-employment of all the men.

Governor Eberhart is trying to obtain a concession from the railroads on this point, and he announced this evening that the officials have already taken steps to reach some agreement. The striking switchmen agreed to submit the controversy to arbitration and abide by the decision of the board now being organized in Chicago to settle the dispute between the Chicago lines and their switchmen. The concessions demanded by the Twin City and Chicago switchmen are identical. The rate of pay pending the outcome of the Chicago proceedings will be that in effect November 1. If the Chicago conference results in an increase in wages, the lines here will pay it into effect.

President Hawley, of the switchmen's union last night, said: "There will be no agreement to terminate the strike unless the companies agree that every man that went out on strike will be reinstated to positions occupied before the strike began, and that without prejudice."

#### Some Christmas Hilarity.

Though last night was Christmas eve and naturally a time for some festivity, there was little disorder about the city. The only arrests were for drunkenness and the only fellow who created anything like disorder was one who imagined he was the United States marshal for Oregon and sought to show his authority at a local livery stable.

#### Donald McRae Is Dead.

Donald McRae, well known pioneer of Umatilla county and former county commissioner, is dead. He passed away at Walla Walla Wednesday and his funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. The deceased was for many years a resident of Cottonwood precinct, near Milton. He was a prominent democrat of this county and served as commissioner during the '07 when Judge Yeakum was county judge. Alex McRae of Athena, is a son.

#### A Mercantile Change.

From this time on the store of Livingston & Co. will confine itself to the dry goods line and to ladies' furnishing goods, etc. The gents' furnishing goods stock is being closed out and the room formerly used by that department will be given up. This room will be occupied after January 1 by the Ingram grocery.

# CITY OBSERVES CHRISTMAS DAY

### Stores All Closed For Day Following Customary Xmas Rush—Business Good

#### TREE SERVICES AT VARIOUS CHURCHES

#### Weather Man's "White" Christmas Did Not Materialize, Yet Fact Does Not Mar Christmas Spirit—Knights Templar Commandery Held Usual Christmas Service—The Postoffice and Express Offices Busy Places.

With Christmas tree services in the various churches and in many homes and with the cheerful Christmas spirit in evidence everywhere, Pendleton has been observing the holiday in regulation manner today.

Last evening the Christmas shopping came to an end and it was a busy close of a spirited season. Almost without exception merchants report that they enjoyed a satisfactory business and it is noticeable that those who anticipated a good business by purchasing the larger stocks enjoyed the heaviest trade. Today all the local stores are enjoying a full holiday and the banks, public offices, etc., are likewise closed. The busiest place during the forenoon was the postoffice which was open only between 9:30 and 10:30. At the time for opening the windows this morning the lobby of the office was completely filled with a long line of waiting patrons. The express office has likewise been a much sought place today. In order to accommodate his patrons Manager Steels of the Pacific Express company is keeping his office open during the entire day.

As usual most of the activity last night and today is confined to the churches. Several of the churches have held tree services for the Sunday school children. At the Church of the Redeemer the exercises were held at 4 o'clock yesterday and a special program was rendered. At St. Mary's Catholic church a program was also held last evening and midnight mass was held. The customary masses are also being held today.

This morning the Pendleton commandery Knights Templars held their regular Christmas service at the Masonic hall.

Although the forecast yesterday was for snow today the morning broke upon the city minus a storm and Pendleton has not had a "White Christmas" save that there is snow upon the hills adjoining town.

## BIG PORTUGAL FLOOD CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

Lisbon, Dec. 24.—Ten persons have been reported drowned and three hundred others made homeless by the collapse of 60 houses as the result of a flood at Guadalupe, near the Spanish frontier today. Extraordinary heavy rains throughout that section have caused much property damage. The Duero, and Thormes rivers are overflowing their banks, and fields are inundated.

## Bowman Was on Wild Train.

William Bowman of this city, was one of the fortunate passengers on the runaway freight train at Kameja early this week. However, he was all unconscious of the fact that he was upon a wild train. Mr. Bowman was with the painting crew and was in the paint car at the time the train started. He supposed that the train was under control but along with others cursed the engineer for recklessness. It was not until the car in which the men were riding careened and left the track that the truth dawned upon the crew. The car just in front of them was smashed to splinters.

## A Technical Work.

In his "History of architecture," A. D. F. Hamlin, professor of the History of Architecture, in Columbia University, School of Architecture, has given in about four hundred pages, a sketch of the various periods and styles of architecture, and mentioned the "most important works of each period or style."

The book is brief, concise, defines all technical terms, and is just what the general reader desires.

It is among the books on fine arts in the public library.

## To Reopen French Restaurant.

T. H. Swearingen is now preparing to reopen the French restaurant and rooming house. The well known hostelry will be ready for business Monday morning after having been well renovated by Mr. Swearingen. It is the intention of the proprietor to conduct the place along the same lines he followed when he formerly had charge of the French and did a very successful business.