

## ZELAYA LOADED DOWN WITH GOLD IN DIAZ CAPITAL

Former President in Favor of a Central American Federation

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Jose Santos Zelaya, the self-styled "Titular President" of Nicaragua, arrived here today. No Mexican officials met him, but he was greeted by 200 Central Americans and Mexicans who welcomed him with shouts of "Long Live Zelaya," "Long Live Mexico," and "Down with Yankees."

Zelaya's baggage included two valises, filled to their capacity with American gold and a third fairly bursting with paper money. In the course of an interview he said:

"The only way to discontinue disturbances throughout Central America will be found in the consolidation of all the republics. Now is as good a time as any for the United States and Mexico to engage friendly intervention to that end. I believe it will be possible to obtain, as a head for this proposed consolidation, a good man and one acceptable to all."

The Hogue River Valley railroad at last contemplates a bond issue, after being for years the only road in the United States without a bonded indebtedness. Steps have been taken to float an issue of bonds, which have been secured by a mortgage of \$125,000.



EDDIE GRANEY, WHO MAY REFEREE THE JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT.

Tex Rickard, who is promoting the fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson, has expressed his willingness to have Eddie Graney of San Francisco referee the contest. Rickard says the former San Francisco blacksmith is the only Californian he will agree to as referee. Graney has presided at some of the most notable battles held on the coast. He put in a bid for the fight himself. Rickard talks of holding the battle in Salt Lake City.

The total assessed valuation of assessments for 1908. The assessment property in the city of Salem for 1908 was \$8,599,204, while the total assessed valuation of assessments for 1909 was \$9,378,732, an increase of \$779,528 over the 1908 tax will be levied on \$9,378,732.

## ELEVEN VESSELS LOST IN STORM

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 29.—Eleven New Foundland schooners and their crews of fifty men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard, while great destruction throughout the island resulted. The storm raged six days.

## RAILROADS WITHDRAW COMPROMISE OFFER

St. Paul, Dec. 29.—The offer of the Northwestern railroads to abide by the decision of the Chicago wage conference and to re-employ striking switchmen as fast as places could be found for them, has been withdrawn. The strikers are now awaiting the result of the conference in Washington Friday between President Perham, of the railway telegraphers' union, and members of the Interstate commerce commission.

## HOMER DAVENPORT IS SERIOUSLY ILL

San Diego, Dec. 28.—Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, is seriously ill at the home of a friend in this city, suffering a collapse of nervous system and the physicians regard his condition as serious.

## New Trial Denied.

New York, Dec. 29.—Judge Hough of the United States Circuit court, today denied the motion for a new trial for Charles W. Morse, now under sentence for having violated national banking laws.

Bert Ruth returned from Salem.

## STORY OF EXECUTION OF TWO AMERICANS AT HANDS OF PRES. ZELAYA'S SOLDIERS

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—Recent reports that Groce and Cannon, the American recruits in the insurgent army, who were executed at the command of President Zelaya, were tortured to death before being shot is untrue. The facts were in possession of the state department at Washington a month ago, and it was generally supposed that the details of the tragedy had been given publicity through official channels. As it is, advantage has been taken of the opportunity in some instances to paint a picture more interesting than truthful.

Groce and Cannon were notified of the death sentence at 10:30 o'clock on the night of November 15, and executed at 10 o'clock the following morning. As they were marched out of the fortress a drizzle of rain began to fall. On the way to the scene of their execution they passed the open graves that had been prepared for them, and at one time Groce stepped out of the line and pleaded with General Medina.

"Do not shoot me; I am a brother Mason," he said.

Cannon quickly seized his companion, and pulling him back in line said:

"Brace up, old man; we have no chance under Zelaya's orders."

Standing in the centre of a square formed by one hundred soldiers, the two men heard the sentence read, together with the usual warning in such cases.

Any one displaying evidence of sympathy will be shot in a similar fashion.

The hands of the condemned were bound and their eyes blindfolded. Cannon held his head, attempting to prevent the bullets from striking his face, and the firing squad, made up of twelve men, advanced in three rows to within six feet of the victims. Two rifles on each side were instructed to fire, and all four bullets went straight through the heart and death was instantaneous, but the bullets intended for Cannon tore his breast and he survived the wounds for a few seconds. When the body of Groce was buried a blanket hid his features, but the body of Cannon was buried without any protecting cover.

## TAFT WILL SEND SPECIAL MESSAGE WITHOUT DELAY

Will Not Await Developments of Inquiry by Congress

Washington, Dec. 29.—Unless President Taft abandons his pretty firmly fixed intention, he will not wait for the conclusion or even beginning of the congressional inquiry into the Bellinger-Pinchot controversy before sending his special message on the conservation of natural resources; furthermore it can be stated that Taft is confident that conservation legislation will be enacted into a law before the end of the present session of congress.

## More Resolutions.

Senator Jones and Representative Humphrey of Washington, who will introduce in the senate and house respectively resolutions calling for a joint congressional committee to investigate matters involved in the Bellinger-Pinchot controversy, conferred with Taft today.

The resolutions will be put in next Wednesday, and it is believed they will be immediately passed.

## PROFESSOR WILEY FORCED TO QUIT

Government Expert Chemist, Turned Down Decisions, Quits

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The "what is whiskey" discussion is said to have resolved Dr. Harvey W. Wiley that he will not feel any more with a government that does not appreciate his earnest pure-food efforts and it is said that he has decided to offer his resignation as chief of the bureau of chemistry.

The ruling of President Taft in the whiskey question was in a sense the culmination of a series of upsets for Dr. Wiley, a review of the record showing that he has been overruled on every important proposition since the enactment of the pure food laws. Opportunities in private employment by food manufacturers are abundant for the doctor and the government need not think it can trifle with him in the belief that he has to hang on to his job.

## DEFENDERS OF "YANKEE DOODLE" ARE NUMEROUS

Washington, Dec. 29.—His statement that "Dixie" was more popular than "Yankee Doodle" has brought a storm about the ears of Otto G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the Library of Congress, and has even resulted in his life being threatened. His office in the congressional library is swamped with letters from various parts of the country, from writers who take exception to his statement about "Dixie."

## FIVE WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Reading, Pa., Dec. 29.—Five men Kaiser's Only Daughter, Princess Victoria Louise, Who Has Made Her Debut.



Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter among Emperor William's seven children, recently made her debut in society. The princess was born in 1892.

were instantly killed early today by an explosion in the boiler plant of the Metropolitan Electric Co., at West Reading.

It is to be hoped that 10,000 or so Oregon farmers will resolve on New Year's to raise more hogs in 1910.

## The Greatest January Clearing Sale Ever Known

FIRE, WATER, SMOKE AND SO-CALLED GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALES sink into insignificance when compared to this bargain-giving, price-slashing, money-saving opportunity of the year. There is no store in Lane County where so large and varied assortment of dry goods is gathered under one roof. We are leaders in quantity, quality, and our CASH SYSTEM enables us to name the very lowest price possible in dependable merchandise. Come to this sale—bring the big wagon; let your neighbors ride with you. Show them what a genuine bargain sale is like. We won't mention every price, but here are a few samples of what to expect. HAMPTON'S is the place. The time—just as quick as you can get there.



**Children's and Misses Dresses at the Price of the Goods**  
About 40 Worsted Dresses, medium and dark colors; well made; in sizes up to 14 years; price from 25c to \$6.50. Sale price one half, 13c to \$3.25  
50c Heavy Fleece Union Suits for Misses and Children; sale price, Each, 25c



**\$1.50 Kimonos 79c**  
\$1.50 and \$1.25 Fleece Kimonos, medium dark colors and sizes; sale price, Each, 79c

**\$1.50 Lace Curtains \$1.10**  
Here is a curtain opportunity. 100 pairs Ecru Lace Curtains, very attractive designs; great values at regular price; pair... \$1.10

**50c Dress Goods 25c**  
About 500 yards Dress Goods; must be sold to make room for Spring Goods, which are to arrive in a few days; the yard... 25c

**\$12.50 Jackets \$2.00**  
25 Short Jackets, past season's models; Skinner Satin lined; dark colors and tan; sale price, each... \$2.00

**A Waist for You at 79c**  
125 Waists, worth regular price, each... 79c  
50c and 75c Waists, dark colors, for winter wear; sale price, each... 40c  
**\$2.00 Furs \$1.25**  
Closing out the Fur Neck Pieces—always \$2.00; during this great January Clearing sale... \$1.25



## Women's Suits and Coats Go at Slashed Prices

If you need a suit or coat, come now. Every Suit or Coat reduced to the smallest price ever. We never carry a Suit over, so we are selling the balance of stock at small prices. They must go and go quickly. You can buy now almost two Suits for the price of one. Come at once to get the best selection. No reserve—all are sold at or much below cost. You need one—now is your time.



## Clothing Department Feels the Knife

Boys' and Young Men's three-piece Suits, always sold at \$6.50 or up to \$15.00; we are closing this line out at just half price... \$3.25 to \$7.50  
Boys' Heavy Fleece Underwear, "Crackerjacks." The suit... 50c  
Men's Extra Heavy Underwear; great garments for the money; best ever sold; while they last, suit... \$1.00



## Wrapper Bargains

Here's your money's worth—\$1.25 and \$1.50 Wrappers or House Dresses; dark colors; good ones; sale price, each... 90c

## Calicoes

You can buy at this sale the very best Prints, made to sell at 6 1/2 or 7c, for the low price of, the yard... 5c

15c Towels, large size, sale price 10c

## HAMPTON'S

Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove. "Where cash beats credit"

10c and 15c Wool Yarn, skein... 5c

## LABOR LEADER TALKS WITH TAFT ON LEGISLATION

Northwestern Railroads Withdraw Offer to Striking Switchmen

Washington, Dec. 29.—A. A. Roe, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, had a talk with President Taft today concerning legislation for railroad employees. Mr. Taft expressed his great interest in

Colonel H. O. Heistand. Ordered to Important Post in the Philippines.



The important post of adjutant general of the American forces in the Philippines has been assigned to Colonel H. O. Heistand, who filled a similar position in the department of the east.

the employees and his sympathy with legislation looking to their protection.

Albany Herald: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce of Minnesota, who have been wintering with their son, C. S. Bruce, left to visit friends in Eugene.

## BELIEVES GIRL WAS POISONED BY YOUNG MAN

Dined With Rival of Betrothed and Was Soon Taken Ill

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—In the belief that her eighteen year daughter, Bessie May Priest, was poisoned, Mrs. Jennie Priest has asked the district attorney to investigate the death of the young woman at Glendale, near here on Christmas evening, after an illness of 20 days. Mrs. Priest said her daughter was engaged to Harry Sayre, son of a Newark, New Jersey, millionaire, and that she had a rival in the person of a young man whose identity is being concealed. Miss Priest died immediately after the physicians agreeing that her death was due to poisoning, and in her delirium she accused the rival, and during lucid intervals she exhibited letters from Sayre, warning her against his rival.

## TOMORROW'S WEATHER IN THE NORTHWEST

Oregon, fair tonight and Thursday, east, rain or snow tonight or Thursday; warmer, southeasterly.  
Washington—Rain or snow tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday, southeasterly.  
Idaho—Fair south, snow north tonight and Thursday.

## CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS AT SALEM

The first definite move of track construction taken by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern in this city was made yesterday morning when several plows, a gang of men and a huge steam roller appeared on Center street near Commercial and excavation work was started by the Warren Construction company, which will build the track in Salem for the Welch lines.

The work was distributed along Center street from Commercial to Liberty and indications point to some fast moves on the part of the contracting company.—Salem Statesman.