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THE WEATHER.
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Cloudy, warmer; Sunday—
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ZELAYA FIRES UPON AMERICAN FORCES

BLUEFIELDS SCENE OF FIGHT

Believed That Zelaya Has Captured Bluefields—Details of the Battle Are Very Meager.

RAYNER SCORES ZELAYA IN SPEECH

Addresses Senate in Support of His Resolution Authorizing Taft to Declare War.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 13.—A wireless message from Colon this afternoon states that American marines tried to land at Bluefields today, but were fired upon. It is believed that Zelaya has captured Bluefields.

The city heretofore has been held by the Estrada forces, friendly to America.

The last definite reports from that region indicated that the Zelayan army was near Bluefields with orders to capture and sack the town.

The news during Sunday showed that Estrada was using every means to intercept such a movement. It was reported that the Zelayan forces greatly outnumbered the Estrada men in that vicinity as the result of a mistake made by which Remington cartridges were sent there with Mauser rifles for the revolutionists.

Rayner Scores Zelaya.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Rayner of Maryland today made a notable speech in support of his resolution authorizing President Taft "to take the necessary steps" to apprehend President Zelaya of Nicaragua and bring him to justice for the "murder" of Cannon and Groce, the Americans executed at his order.

"A great crime has been committed against the rights of American citizenship," declared the senator. "It cannot be allowed to slumber. The guilt does not rest upon the Nicaraguan people, and therefore to punish them would not subserve the purpose of my resolution.

"The resolution is directed at the dictator of Nicaragua individually, and I want it entirely separated from any steps we may take in reference to Nicaragua."

He declared that Cannon and Groce were merely prisoners of war. He said that he had watched the Nicaraguan situation for years and was familiar with the "impostors, usurpers and motley leaders" that sprung from the chaotic conditions. He added:

"Zelaya is probably the most respectable figure that has ever arisen in their midst. In the school of corruption, dishonesty, perfidy and crime, Zelaya stands without a peer. I have been informed reliably that the vicissitudes of his private life are more infamous in their indescribable details than the iniquities of his public career."

TWO LARGE FREIGHTERS ASHORE IN LAKE
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 13.—Two large freighters are aground in Lake St. Clair off Grosse Pointe Light. Their names are not known. Immediately upon the receipt of news of their predicament, a tug was dispatched to move the vessels from their perilous positions. The tug is reported to have gone aground at the same point.

LEADERS IN GREAT FIGHT



HERBERT ASQUITH, PREMIER, AND LORD LANSDOWNE, CHAMPIONS FOR AND AGAINST BRITISH BUDGET.

That England faces a great political crisis in the war the house of lords has made upon the budget and the liberalistic provisions it contains is admitted by the most ardent foes of the measure which the government and the house of commons framed for the consideration of the peers. Grave warnings were uttered by Lord Rosebery, Lord Lansdowne, the Earl of Crewe and many other prominent members of the upper branch of parliament in advocating the adoption of the bill. Lord Rosebery viewed the situation with such gravity that he told his colleagues in an eloquent address that Great Britain had not been confronted with so serious a situation since 1832. When the house of lords took a recess after a three days' debate on the budget 5,000 people stood outside the parliament house singing a song entitled "God Save the Land to the People" to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia." The episode is said to have had a marked effect upon even so pronounced a leader of the opposition as Lord Lansdowne.

SPLENDID PRICE ROGUE APPLES

Tronson & Guthrie Receive \$2.75 f. o. b. Eagle Point for Car of Spitzenbergs.

Tronson & Guthrie, the "quality apple kings of America," whose car of Spitzenbergs recently took first prize at the Spokane national apple show, have just received word of the sale of a car of apples at splendid prices through Crutchfield & Woolfolk of New York.

Spitzenbergs, about half and half, firsts and seconds, averaged \$2.75. Delaware Reds, \$1.75 firsts, \$1.50 seconds; Jonathans, \$2.25; Ben Davis, \$1.60, all prices being f. o. b. Eagle Point.

CARPENTER TO BE JUDGE OF CHICAGO FEDERAL COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—President Taft today forwarded to the senate for confirmation the nomination of George A. Carpenter of Chicago to be the judge of the federal court at Chicago. Carpenter now occupies one of the municipal court benches in Chicago.

LABOR COMMISSIONER MEETS WITH TELEGRAPHERS

CHICAGO, Ills., Dec. 13.—Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, arrived here today and went into conference with the committees representing the Order of Railway Telegraphers and the Illinois Central railroad. He is acting as mediator. The railroad has agreed to improve working conditions but has refused a demand for a ten per cent increase in wages.

At the same time, the switchmen's union began negotiations with the general manager's committee of the railroad entering Chicago. It is reported that the switchmen of these roads will strike unless their demands are granted quickly.

E. N. Clark and family and Mrs. R. E. Johnson of Seattle are guests at the Moore.

ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN RAILROADS

Unless Strikers Are Taken On Again, All Switchmen Will Go Out January 1.

President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union of North America, delivered an ultimatum to the railroads today. In the shape of a public announcement that unless the striking members of his organization were back at work before Christmas under conditions satisfactory to them every switchman west of Buggalo would strike before January 1.

Hawley refused to make public what passed between him and President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor at their recent conference. The results of their deliberations, he said, will be given out within three days. Before the proper time arrives, he declared, he would not discuss the matter.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 13.—The situation resulting from the strike of the switchmen on all roads penetrating the Pacific northwest is little changed today.

At a meeting last night the strikers failed to agree upon a tentative proposition advanced that provided for their return to their positions until an amicable settlement of the differences with their employers could be reached. The attitude of other bodies of organized labor here, it was stated, has exerted a dissatisfying influence, and had much to do with their failure to accede to the wishes of their members for advocating a temporary return to work.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Northern Pacific railroad rapidly is filling its yards with non-union men to take the places of the striking switchmen. The officials believe that they will be in a position to run all trains by the last of this week without inconvenience, even if a settlement of the strike is not effected. The officials declare that the strikers never will be given back their old positions.

KING LEO OF BELGIUM DYING

Aged Monarch's Death Is Matter of but Few Hours—King Realizes That the End Is Near.

ALBERT READY TO ASCEND THRONE

Belgian Cabinet in Constant Session—King Drops His Cynicism.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 13.—King Leopold is dying, according to an announcement by one of his physicians, early today. It was stated that the end is approaching rapidly, and that the aged monarch's death is but a matter of a few hours.

Cardinal Mercier shortly before noon administered extreme unction to the dying king. According to the news coming from the palace, the king realizes that the end is near. Prince Albert of Flanders, heir-apparent, is at the palace and has prepared to assume immediately the duties of administration that will fall to him should his royal uncle die.

According to Prince Albert, as the finish approaches, the king's usual cynicism has disappeared completely. His entire thought seems to be centered upon the future welfare of his country. This change in his mental attitude is regarded as significant.

Doctors Thier and Stieson are in constant attendance at the royal bedside. They announce tomorrow, if the king lives until then, they will operate for strangulated hernia. His acute recurrence of the monarch's chronic trouble followed by the paralytic stroke that compelled him to take to his bed, has weakened his condition so that the result of the operation is feared even by the physicians.

The only apparent interest shown by the public in the king's condition lies in the fear its effect will have on the market. There is no personal grief among his subjects.

BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR WILLAMETTE VALLEY

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Marion Irrigation company, capital \$250,000, and Tualatin Irrigation company, capitalized for \$50,000, have been organized in Spokane to develop 40,000 acres of land along the Willamette valley in western Oregon. The projectors are John A. Finch, Charles Hussey, Cyrus Happy and Earl J. Cook of Spokane, and W. L. Benham of Seattle, formerly of Spokane, who began the development of the Spokane valley years ago. Both companies will have the same officers, which are to be elected early in April.

TORPEDO BOATS MAKE RECORD RUN UP COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Nine torpedo boats of the United States navy arrived at the Mare Island navy yards early today, after a record run up the coast from Magdalena Bay where annual target practice was held.

The flotilla comprised the Whipple, Hull, Preble, Lawrence, Perry, Goldsborough, Paul Jones, Truxton and Hopkins, in addition to the collier Iris.

Mrs. M. E. Middlebush of Trail was in this city Saturday doing some Christmas shopping.

CHILDREN'S NAMES WANTED, EACH GOOD FOR SEVEN DOLLARS

The school board is taking the census of school children for Medford and wants at once the names of every one between the age of four years and twenty.

As the apportionment of school money is based upon the number of children, and as each name is worth about \$7 to the district, it is important that every named be turned in.

Names should be turned in to Orris Crawford, clerk of the school board, First National Bank.

TO VOTE CHANGE IN CHARTER TUESDAY

Matter of Amending Charter in Regard to Granting of Franchises Will Be Considered Tomorrow.

The special election called for the purpose of voting on a charter amendment to the charter of the city of Medford, amending subsection 42 of section 25 and section 100 of said charter, fixing the time for which contracts may be entered into and franchises be granted by said city, and extending the time for which street railway franchises may be granted by said city, will be held tomorrow. From all indications the matter will easily be carried.

John R. Allen, who was recently granted a franchise for a trolley line in the city for a period of ten years, has shown that it is impossible to enlist capital in a project which only runs for ten years. In regard to the matter, Mr. Allen states:

"Upon the result of this election depends the construction of the trolley line. If the people of Medford want an interurban electric line, they can have one, for I stand ready to construct it. It is impossible to enlist capital in a road with only a ten-year franchise."

No opposition has developed and the amendment will unanimously be adopted.

HUGE HAUL OF DIAMONDS MADE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Although a large detail of detectives has labored on the case without rest for more than 24 hours, no clew has been found that may lead to the recovery of diamonds valued at \$300,000 stolen from the apartments of Mrs. John W. Jenkins, in the Lorraine Hotel Saturday.

Among the missing jewels was a necklace of eighteen perfectly matched and flawless diamonds. This necklace was the pride of Mrs. Jenkins' collection.

The robbery was committed Saturday afternoon, while Mrs. Jenkins was absent from her apartments. She recently arrived here from Chicago.

UNNATURAL MOTHER HOLDS CHILD'S HAND ON STOVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Found guilty on a technical charge of battery, Mrs. Lillian Hooper, who held her baby son's hand against a red hot stove to punish him for a childish disobedience, was sentenced today to spend 30 days in the county jail. The child was brought into court this morning and the seared little hand exhibited as evidence against the unnatural mother.

BLUE LEDGE ASKS FOR PATENT

Government Engineer Has Been Examining the Several Claims Owned by the Mining Company.

MEANS THAT MINES WILL BE DEVELOPED

Property Consists of Probably the Finest Body of Copper in the West.

To the tangible assets of southern Oregon there will be added within the next year the vast productive powers of the Blue Ledge copper district.

These properties have been one of the big dominant resources of the state of Siskiyou, and have been recognized as one of the great copper deposits of the world.

The Blue Ledge Mining company, of which W. F. Towne of New York, is the head, has been systematically prospecting their holdings ever since the property was purchased by Mr. Towne and his associates, five years ago.

The company has not made any flourish of trumpets but have been working all the time.

Now there is a stir under the surface which indicates big things in the future.

Orders have been received, wired in fact, from the central offices to rush the matter of securing patents to the holdings of the company.

This means but one thing. That the development has shown such a body of ore that the owners feel justified in making the expenditure necessary to secure a full title to the property covered by the twenty-nine claims owned by them. It indicates that in the Blue Ledge district there is a copper mine which will soon commence producing its thousands of tons of copper and will be one of the biggest copper camps in the world.

It means more. A railroad from Medford to the mine and perhaps beyond, the making of this city the outfitting and trading point for this big camp, and the adding of another jewel to the crown which Medford wears as the queen of a region more prolific in varied resources than any other in the world.

TO FIGHT WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC IN SAN FRANCISCO

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 13.—The executive committee of the California Suffragette Society today instituted a campaign against the evils of the "White Slave Traffic," which they believe is reaching unprecedented proportions in San Francisco.

At a meeting of the committee last evening the veil was discussed and resolutions condemning the condition of affairs in San Francisco were passed. A sub-committee was appointed to investigate further the conditions in San Francisco and other California cities and make a report upon which the society will base its further action.

BANKS WILL CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

On Wednesday evening the Jackson county clearing house association will meet in Ashland for their regular meeting. In order that the clerks may get away on the afternoon train the banks will close Wednesday at 2 o'clock.