

MEXICO TURNS DOWN ZELAYA



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PRESIDENT DIAZ AND HIS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senor Creel, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, who is in Washington on a mission connected with the settlement of the Nicaraguan difficulty, today denied the report that Mexico intends to support the Zelaya

sympathizers in the selection of a new president for Nicaragua. Creel was much incensed by the rumor that the Diaz administration will insist on the choice of a man favorable to Zelaya.

The American marines at the Nicaragua ports today relaxed their vig-

ilance, and it was stated their officers will sit back and wait for affairs to adjust themselves. Secretary Knox intimated that he will take no further steps in Nicaragua until peace is declared unless the American interests are again threatened.

MAN CONFESSES BRUTAL MURDER

Shoots Woman and Then Hacks Off Her Head—Children Give Alarm—Man is Unbalanced.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 18.—It is asserted by the police today that John Johnson, a woodsman known as "Crazy Joe," confessed to having murdered Mrs. Peter Shirley at Hannibal on Wednesday. Johnson was suspected of the crime and was arrested and accused yesterday by Sheriff Winter.

The crime was a brutal one, the woman being shot through the head in the presence of her two little children.

When her three older children returned from school later they found the door of the cabin fastened. They went around to the window on the side and saw the body of their mother lying on the floor, her head severed completely from the body. Shrieking with terror, they ran to Hannibal, a distance of two miles, and gave the alarm.

Accompanied by a posse of citizens, the children returned to the Shirley home. The door was broken down. The body of the murdered woman lay in the middle of the floor, while her 9-months-old babe lay at its feet of its 3-year-old sister, who crouched in a dark corner.

The child when questioned regarding the murder, said that a man came into the cabin and attempted to "treat mama mean," and that when she tried to drive him away he shot her, then hacked her head off.

Sheriff Winter got a fairly good description from the child witness and later arrested Johnson in his cabin six miles away.

In his confession, it is said, Johnson denied making an assault, but gave no motive for the crime.



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YOUNG GIRLS MAKE SERIOUS ACCUSATION

Ashland Man in Trouble as Result of Alleged Assault on Two Young Girls.

J. W. B. Morris of Ashland is indicted by the grand jury for an assault alleged to have been committed upon his granddaughter, Gussie Duffield, during the month of November.

Gussie Duffield and her sister Ger-tie, 14 and 12 years of age respectively, had been under the care of Morris, their grandfather. At about the time the assault was alleged to have been committed the girls complained to some of the neighbors in Ashland concerning the treatment they were accorded by Morris. The matter was taken up in the county court and the girls were sent to the Boys and Girls Aid Society. Subsequently the charge was brought against Morris and he was arraigned Friday morning. Having no attorney the court appointed Wm. M. Colvig to defend him, and he was given until Saturday to plead.

SEATTLE FINDS LARGE UNDERGROUND COLONY

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17.—That a Japanese underworld, similar to that that made San Francisco's Chinatown famous before the fire of April 15, 1906, has been operating for some time in this city, was the discovery made by the present grand jury called by the superior court to look into charges of municipal corruption made recently.

The jury invaded the underground world today, traveled into basements and opened heavily barred doors, went through passageways as dark and tortuous as those found in San Francisco and found every evidence of the widespread beneath-the-surface gambling that has long been suspected existed in this city.

Entrance was usually gained through the imposing shop of a supposedly respectable Japanese. From the back of the store a long flight of steps led to a room where the prospective player was scrutinized by a guard stationed on the other side of the barred door. Another inspection of the man later and then the visitor was conducted in darkness through a passageway, up a winding flight of stairs, and finally to the gaming tables, in a way that took him again beneath the surface.

Indications are that the short courses for farmers and teachers which will commence at the Oregon Agricultural College January 4 will be very well attended.

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JORDAN ASKED FOR EXPLANATION

Women Catch Up Standard's President for Recent Speech on Woman Suffrage.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 18.—David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford university, will be called upon to explain the intent of his speech regarding woman's suffrage at the recent inauguration of the new president of Mills college in this city, in order to prove to the members of the Oakland Equal Suffrage league that his statements, believed at that time to have been distinctly favorable to the suffrage cause, were not two-edged.

In his speech Dr. Jordan said: "I believe in equal suffrage for men and women, as a means of education, and I am sure the day of equal suffrage will be nearer when women make plain the use they would make of their votes. If they will vote as men do for their party ticket or for the men who will divide the most with them or their associates, there is no object in adding to the over-loaded ballot."

At yesterday's meeting of the suffrage league Mrs. Alma Kower, one of its leaders, declared the Stanford president's speech a reflection upon the intelligence of woman, and a thrust at the cause which he is said to have espoused.

The matter was referred to the corresponding secretary of the league, who was instructed to write to Dr. Jordan and request that he explain the statements they believed to be open to a misconception. Meanwhile the discussion over the actual intent of the educator's declarations is waxing warm.

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