

FIERCE BATTLE ON IN NICARAGUA

Government Troops Have Been Steadily Retreating for Past Two Days—Both Armies Now in Open Country.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Feb. 5.—(Wireless to Colon.)—The belief is growing here that the decisive battle of the Nicaraguan revolution is impending.

Following the fighting of the last two days, the government troops which have been retreating slowly and fighting desperately since the Estradans began their advance from Acoyapa, have reached Tipitapa, on the shores of Lake Managua. Tipitapa is but 20 miles from Managua.

Both the government troops and the pursuing rebel army now are in open country, where guerrilla fighting is impossible. Should the crucial battle be fought in that section, actual force and superiority of numbers and equipment will be the main factors in the result.

The uneasiness that has pervaded the capital during the relentless advance of the rebels, according to reports from there early today, has increased almost to a panic as the result of the insurgent victory at Boaca. Reports of the casualties in this engagement vary, but it is believed that between 100 and 300 men were killed.

It is believed here that the government leaders in accepting a battle at Boaca were trying to harass the rebels' advance and to learn as nearly as possible their actual strength. If an actual attempt was made to stop the insurgent advance, it is apparent that it failed absolutely.

Probate Court.

Estate and guardianship of Charles L. and Ivan H. Hoekersmith—Order for sale of real estate.

Guardianship Robert J. Williams—Citation 1 orders to show why real estate should not be sold.

Estate of John Peninger, insane—Citation to show cause why real estate should not be sold.

Estate of Margaret A. Walker—Kitty Benson appointed administratrix and guardian minor heirs.

RED MEN GREET THEIR BIG CHIEFS

Over Two Hundred Indians Enjoy the "Close Wa-Wa" and the "Hyas Close Muck-a-Muck."

The Odd Fellows' hall, which had been rented for the occasion, was filled nearly to overflowing Friday evening by members from the hunting grounds of Ashland, Grants Pass, Jacksonville and Medford, when the sachem's gavel fell and the council fire was kindled.

Being a special meeting, the regular order was omitted and the "hijee skookum wa-wa" commenced at once. Great Incohonee Farrar, the guest of the evening, gave a comprehensive history of the order of Red Men and was followed by Walter Little, great sachem of Oregon.

Brother J. R. U. Bell "happened in" and made one of those brilliant and witty short talks for which this ancient past chief and pioneer preacher is noted. B. F. Mulkey passed back a few compliments handed him by Mr. Bell and told how he became a Red Man and what he thought of the order.

M. F. Eggleston followed with a short talk on his experiences with redmen while in the United States cavalry. About that time it was announced that the "corn and venison" was ready in the "medicine tent," and the chiefs and braves lost no time in adjoining thither.

The spread was one of the finest ever set out on such an occasion in Medford. During the banquet addresses were made by different speakers.

Mr. Farrar will long remember Medford and Wentonka Tribe, as he said that for enthusiasm and interest in the work he had found few that would equal it and none to excel.

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GLEASON AND TEX SOON TO MEET

Will Then Decide Definitely as to Location of Big Fistic Event in July of This Year—Will Meet on Tuesday.

MISSOULA, Mont., Feb. 5.—Jack Gleason and Tex Rickard will meet in Salt Lake City next Tuesday to discuss the battle-ground upon which Jeffries and Johnson will settle their grudge, and incidentally the heavy-weight championship of the world.

Gleason, according to reports sent out from this city yesterday, had held a wire conference with Rickard and arranged that the fight would go to San Francisco. Gleason today denied that there was any truth in the report.

"Some reporter must have misunderstood me," he said. "I wish the report were true, but so far it is not. What really has happened is this: I tried to arrange a meeting with Rickard in Butte this week. Rickard wired me he would be unable to get there and suggested that we get together at Salt Lake next week. The conference was fixed for Tuesday. I can't predict what the result of our meeting will be. Berger and Jeffries are insisting that the matter be settled at once, and I will make every effort to bring the discussion to an end. I hope the fight will go to San Francisco. That's all I can say."

PLAIN CLOTHES MEN ARE AFTER WILY SMUGGLER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 5.—Agents of the treasury department, aided by the San Francisco police and dozens of plain clothes men, are searching Chinatown today in an effort to locate "Chick" Wallace, alleged backer of an opium smuggling ring that has been successful in importing illegally thousands of dollars' worth of the contraband poppy product within the last few months.

Since the recent passage of stringent laws against the importation of opium, smuggling operations have grown at an alarming rate. The government authorities are certain that a well-organized gang is working to escape the embargo.

FIENDISH CRIME SHOCKS SEATTLE

Robbers Force Carbolic Acid Down Man's Throat—Death Inter-venes as Act of Mercy.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—Seized from behind by two or more men, garroted, dragged to an alleyway, robbed and then deliberately killed by having carbolic acid poured down his throat as he lay on the ground, unconscious, was the fate that befell Charles A. Gunstead early today. His dead body was found at 2 o'clock this morning on Post street, near Yesler Way, by a Greek named Martin Mervick, and now lies at the morgue awaiting advices from the man's relatives, who live in St. Paul, but whose address is unknown. An inquest will be held today or tomorrow.

The murder of Gunstead is one of the most unusual and fiendish crimes that has ever been committed in Seattle. There is not a mark on the man's body save the acid burns around his mouth, and he is a man of such powerful build that it is certain that he would put up a hard fight before being overpowered. Yet the coroner is positive that he did not commit suicide, but died at the hands of others.

When the body was picked up by Deputy Coroner Hill the man's coat and vest had been pulled up around his neck, while the under side of his clothes showed beyond any possible doubt that he had been dragged along the muddy street for at least a block. The theory regarding the strange crime is that several men came up from behind Gunstead, bound and gagged him before he could summon help, dragged him to the dark alley known as Post street, and rifled his pockets of all his money. Carbolic acid was then poured down his throat and after he was helpless he was left to die a terrible death.

Gunstead's pocketbook had been cleaned of all of the money it contained and had then been stuck back in his trousers' pocket.

Several letters were found which showed that he had made application for employment to various firms in Seattle. One letter was from the

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Frye Bruhn company, where he had been working for the past week. It was a notice of discharge and had been accompanied by a check for \$18.

The Greek who found the body notified E. C. Becker, night fireman at the plant of the Seattle Electric company. A few moments before Becker had heard a scuffle just outside his door, but had been unable to investigate at the time.

Gunstead was about 42 years of age and unmarried. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood.

MRS. LEED MAY WED YOUNG ARMY CAPTAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Rumors of the possible marriage of Mrs. William B. Leeds, widow of the tinplate magnate, to Captain Albert Paget, son of General Sir Arthur Paget, were revived today when it became known that the young Englishman was scheduled to arrive here this afternoon on the liner Adriatic.

The captain's mother is coming with him. When Mrs. Leeds was last in London Lady Paget did not do much in a social way for the pretty

widow who is reputed to be worth at least \$30,000,000.

When Mrs. Leeds today entered a laughing denial to the report that Paget was coming to the United States to press his suit, the names of Lord Alexander Thinn and Jas. De Wolf Cutting of New York were suggested in a similar light. Mrs. Leeds immediately declared that there is nothing more between her and these men than there is between her and Paget.

Real Estate Transfers.

Anne M. Parker to J. Grieve, lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Parker Place Addition to Medford, \$ 1,000
Louisa Coffman to R. H. Toft, lot 9, block 2, Kendall addition to Medford, 1
J. A. Lyon to Louisa Coffman, lots 8 and 9, block 2, Kendall addition Medford, 200
J. A. Lyon to Lora J. Eastman, lots 1 and 2, block 1, Bunker Hill addition to Medford, 10
Anderson-Green Co. to Bert Anderson, part block 55, Medford, 10

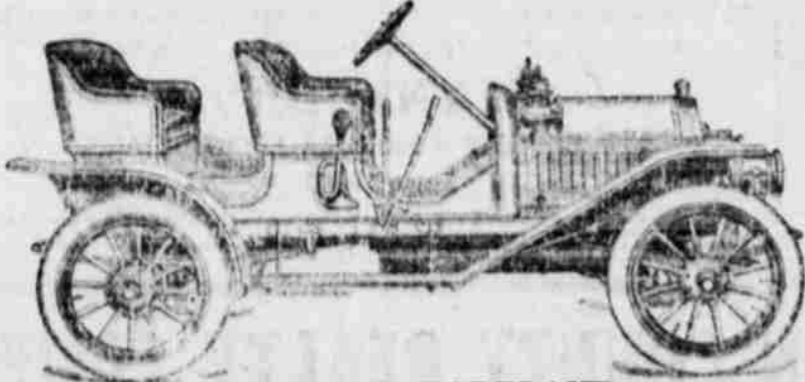
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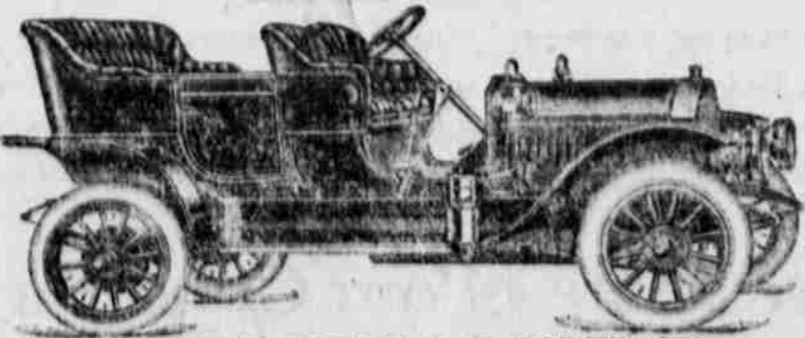
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SPEEDWAY

DISTANCE	TIME	DRIVER	CAR	PLACE
Quarter mile	0:08.38	Christie	Christie	Indianapolis
Kilometer	0:26.20	Oldfield	Benz 120	Indianapolis
Mile	0:37.71	Strang	Flat 120	Atlanta
Five miles	3:17.70	Strang	Flat 120	Indianapolis
Ten Miles	7:01.94	Strang	Flat 120	Atlanta
Twenty miles	15:31.80	Robertson	Flat 60	Atlanta
Fifty miles	40:14.03	Robertson	Flat 60	Atlanta
One hundred miles	1:22:35.35	Robertson	Flat 60	Atlanta
TWO HUNDRED MILES	2:46:48.47	CHEVROLET	BUICK 30	ATLANTA

ROAD RACING

EVENT	DIST., MILES	DRIVER	CAR	AV. MILE HOUR
Vanderbilt cup	278.08	Grant	Alec Six	62.80
Wheatley Hills	189.60	Harroun	Marmon	59.70
Massapeque cup	126.40	Matson	Chalmers-Detroit 40	58.50
Lowell trophy	318.00	Robertson	Simplex	54.20
COBE CUP	395.60	CHEVROLET	BUICK	40.90
Indiana trophy	232.70	Matson	Chalmers-Detroit	51.40
Fairmount Park cup	200.00	Robertson	Simplex	55.40
Riverhead Class 1	227.50	De Palma	Fiat	62.40
RIVERHEAD CLASS 4	113.75	CHEVROLET	BUICK 30	69.60
Portola Class 3	254.16	Fleming	Pope-Hartford	63.72
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