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## ANOTHER BATTLE IN NICARAGUA

Rebel General Madriz Whips Estrada's Forces and Is Advancing on Bluefields—Inhabitants Terror Stricken.

### GUNBOAT VENUS IS "SASSY"

Fires on Estrada's Custom House, and Threatens to Bombard the City—Uncle Sam Has Three Gunboats in the Harbor and Will Probably Not Permit the City to Be Bombarded—May Intervene and Stop War.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 18.—Three American gunboats are lying within wireless call of Bluefields today, waiting a message that may come to them at any moment to rush to the Nicaraguan city and prevent its pillage by the forces of President Madriz. The situation here is critical today. With fighting going on at Rama, and with the port blockaded by the Madriz gunboat Venus, it is believed that the final chapter of the Nicaraguan revolution will soon be written. Couriers who have reached here from Rama report that the loss in the fighting yesterday was very heavy. Skirmishing is still in progress and

it is believed that Madriz's army will advance on the Estrada for a general attack before nightfall. Should they be victorious they would have a clear road to Bluefields, and the city's last defense would have been crushed. The Venus has today established a complete blockade of the harbor. The Venus fired several shots at the Estrada custom house, which is three miles from Bluefields. As yet no damage is reported from the gunboat shots.

Residents of Bluefields are in a state of panic today. They fear the city will be sacked and pillaged by the Madriz troops.

The American consul here has urged Madriz against allowing his army to enter Bluefields, but the fact that the German consul recently called on Madriz, virtually recognizing the government, has caused the Nicaraguan president to take the stand that he has a right to send an army to Bluefields if he so desires. The United States government once before failed him to enter the city.

American residents have asked for protection, and it is believed that if Madriz's troops endeavor to enter the city the three waiting gunboats will be rushed to the scene. Should the Venus fire on the gunboats when they attempt to enter the harbor international complications may follow. Should it be necessary to call the gunboats to protect property interests in Bluefields, it is believed here that the United States would intervene to put an end to the revolution. It is believed here that the state department at Washington has already considered this question, and that it may be waiting only for some plausible reason to act.

### Closed Immoral Show.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, May 18.—Club women of Chicago won a victory for morality today when the management of the Cort theater was ordered by Judge Scanlon to stop the production of a musical farce, which the women declare immoral. Judge Scanlon made an order dissolving the injunction restraining the police from closing the doors of the theater.

## THE WORLD WATCHES THE COMET

Comet Crosses Sun Today, First Contact Being at 7:39 and in Center at 8:09, and Emerges 8:38.

### ITS TAIL IS SHRINKING

Earth Enters Tail at 5 O'clock and Completes Trip at 11, Being in Round Numbers Six Hours on the Trip—Owing to the Moon Being Nearly Full the Faint Glow Given by the Tail Will Not Be Visible.

Berkeley, Calif., May 18.—Halley's comet will begin its transit across the face of the sun at 7:39:10 tonight, Pacific standard time. This is the latest and most authentic computation, and was made by Prof. A. O. Leuschner, astronomer at the University of California, at the request of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of Washington, D. C.

Because observatories located farthest west are nearest the comet and the sun at the latest moment that the comet was visible in America, the photographs and observations taken along the Pacific coast are regarded by scientists as the most accurate data for final computations of the comet's passage. For this reason, Prof. Leuschner was

### The Comet Tonight.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Official data issued here today sets forth the following facts concerning Halley's comet: The earth enters the comet's tail at 11:30 o'clock tonight, Eastern time (7:20 here). The estimated thickness of the tail at the point of interception by the earth is 1,000,000 miles. The length of the tail is estimated at 20,000,000. The distance between the earth and the head of the comet is computed to be 14,000,000 miles. An illumination of the western sky is predicted, with a possible meteoric display.

asked to compute the time of the passage of the comet across the face of the sun and the passage of the earth through the comet's tail. These figures are sent out by the United Press today.

By Professor A. O. Leuschner. The comet will be in transit across the face of the sun tonight. The time of ingress will be 7:39:10 p. m. The middle of transit will be 8:08:46 p. m. and the time of egress 8:37:46 p. m. These figures are Pacific Standard time.

The transit, theoretically, may be observable from points only in the Pacific ocean although it is doubtful if astronomers of the Orient will be able to discern the transit. The earth will enter the tail of the comet tonight at 5 o'clock and will emerge at 11 o'clock, passing through at the rate of 50 miles a second.

It therefore may be seen that the earth will take about five hours longer in passing through the tail of the comet than the comet will take in passing the face of the sun. Theoretically, before, during and after the transit the tail of the comet will cover 180 degrees of the arch of the sky or will extend from horizon to horizon.

The tail at the point where the earth will pass has diminished greatly within the last week. On May 11 the tail was estimated to be 2,000,000 miles wide. Today, as the earth approaches it, it measures 1,000,000. These figures, of course, are in round numbers.

The time earth will consume in passing through the comet's tail approximately will be six hours. The comet's tail, if there was no moon, would cause a faint illumination of the sky; but it is doubtful if the glow will be seen as the moon is particularly bright at this time.

In addition to the foregoing statement, Prof. Leuschner issued the following bulletin:

"The first part of the calculations on Halley's comet undertaken by the Berkeley astronomical department of the University of California at the request of the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America was completed today. These calculations were conducted on a program decided upon by Professors A. O. Leuschner and R. T. Crawford, but practically all the numerical work involved was carried out by Prof. Crawford with the assistance of W. F. Meyer and other members of the department.

"The work just completed refers to a timely prediction of the ph-

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## BALLINGER CASE GETS STEAM UP

Ballinger's Letters Show He Was Deeply Interested in Getting an Engineer to Accompany Morgan's Manager to Alaska.

### ASKS FOR A "BLIND" LETTER

Reignald Thompson, the Engineer Selected, Writes That Mayor Got Wonderfully Curious, But Expressed a Willingness to Help Ballinger—Thomson Wants to Fool the Mayor into the Belief He Is Going on a Vacation Trip.

### [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, May 18.—The prediction that George W. Perkins, of the J. P. Morgan Company, would be called as a witness was a feature of the Ballinger investigation today.

Letters marked "personal" and "confidential," on record before the committee, show that Ballinger, soon after he became secretary of the interior department, was in communication with Perkins concerning the plans Perkins and Reignald H. Thompson, city engineer of Seattle, had made for a trip to Alaska last summer.

That Thomson will also be called to the stand is considered probable. The correspondence which was brought out by Frederick M. Kerby, former stenographer for the interior department, shows that Ballinger wrote a personal letter to Thomson May 9, 1909, telling of a visit of the secretary to Perkins.

"I was a guest of Perkins at Yonkers, last Sunday," Ballinger wrote. "Perkins is the head of the Morgan company."

"Perkins told me he had arranged for a special boat to take himself and his party, including his family, to Alaska, to investigate the feasibility of exploiting Alaska in railroad construction and other lines in which he is deeply interested. He will sail from Seattle about the middle of July."

"Perkins is insistent that I recommend an engineer to accompany him who is connected in no way with any Alaskan interests, railroad or other private concern which might influence his judgment. I could think of no one so well equipped as you and as the trip is one of importance, great pleasure and profit, it occurred to me, you might enjoy this form of vacation. I hope you will not understand by this suggestion that I have in any sense abandoned hope about securing your services in the matter about which we conferred at Seattle. I anticipate that not later than September I will be able for-

mally to present that matter to you."

Thomson replied in a personal letter to Ballinger: "I have just wired 'Can arrange northern trip but may interfere with Spokane Congress.'"

The Spokane congress to which he referred was the irrigation congress held in the Washington city.

"On receipt of your letter," Thomson's answer continued, "I, of course, went to the mayor with reference to a possible leave of absence. I said to him that you had asked me to make a trip for an unknown purpose with unknown parties to an unknown part of Alaska beginning about the middle of July. Much to my surprise this worked upon his honor's curiosity in a most wonderful way. For two days he tried to see if he could lead me to tell something that would reveal the purpose of the trip. He said to me late this afternoon he had made up his mind that you wanted to catch a bunch of thieves and he would like to help and would like to know who they were."

"He said: 'You wire Judge Ballinger you can go but will miss the irrigation congress.' Under these conditions, Judge, please write me a blind letter which I can show him to satisfy his request, if not his curiosity. I must confess that considerable disappointment and curiosity

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## MEDFORD LADIES AS EDITORS

GET OUT SPLENDID EDITION OF MEDFORD MAIL-TRIBUNE AND GIVE ROGUE RIVER AND MEDFORD GREAT BOOST.

The horse editor of The Journal takes off his hat to the ladies of Medford, who, all by their own sweet selves, got out the Sunday edition of the Medford Mail-Tribune on the 15th. On that day Mr. Putnam turned the plant and mechanical force over to the ladies to work their own sweet wills upon them, and, with a sapience that is creditable to the profession, hid himself to the cool banks of a mountain stream, where nothing more babbling than the carefree waters of the limpid brook could disturb his peace.

The ladies rose to the occasion, too, and they covered the news field thoroughly. True, the news items had rather an editorial twang, but they were well written and had a suggestion of violets and "Oh, dears!" rather than of cob pipes, and "who the — is holding this paper back," but as an innovation the horse editor pronounces it a decided success.

The range of subjects was wide, reaching from "Suffragettes" "Higher Ideals," "Arts and Crafts" and kindred topics, to "Bad Smells" and "A Dead Cow."

The editorial work was fine, the social page a model for us old "hes," and—well—the Journal ad man took one look at the advertising and went limp at his desk.

There were some mistakes, of course, and the horse editor is glad of it, for every woman who worked on the paper will feel sympathy instead of contempt for the average

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## ADMIRAL ROGERS HAS RESIGNED

Paymaster-General of the Navy Eustace B. Rogers Clashes With Secretary Meyers and Quits the Service.

### LINE AND STAFF IN FIGHT

Secretary Meyers Says Admiral's Removal Was Caused by His Refusal to Obey Orders and His Inefficiency in Maintaining an Adequate Accounting System for Bureau—The House Committee on Naval Affairs Will Interview Secretary.

### [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, May 15.—The resignation of Rear-Admiral Eustace B. Rogers, as paymaster-general of the navy, which Secretary of the Navy Meyer dropped like a bomb in the ranks of the staff that is opposing Meyer's reorganization plans, is expected today to have its aftermath in congress.

A majority of the members of the house naval committee have been in sympathy with the staff point of view as opposed to that of the line officers and it is quite likely that they will want to know just why the paymaster-general has decided to resign.

In spite of the assertion that reasons for the ousting of Admiral Rogers did not ante-date March 2, there is a general inclination to believe that his opposition to the Meyer reorganization plan may have influenced his action.

Secretary Meyer insists that the admiral's removal was due to his refusal to obey the secretary's order to bring the naval supply fund within the legal limit and to the paymaster's alleged inefficiency in maintaining an adequate accounting system for bureaus.

Before the illegality of the supply fund was discovered, say those versed in naval affairs, it was intimated that Rogers would have to go. Rear-Admiral Capps was known to be under the ban because of his opposition to the Meyer plan but he did not carry on the fight with such persistency as Rogers.

Whatever the ultimate result of Rogers' removal from office the immediate result, it is predicted, will be a renewed and vigorous fight between the line and the staff.

Naval officers are anxiously watching developments and many expect to receive orders for sea duty.

### First Meteorite Arrives.

Topeka, Kan., May 18.—A small meteorite fell through the roof of the Shawnee building at 10 o'clock this morning. The aerial projectile struck within a few feet of the desk of J. W. Going, manager of the Shawnee Fire Insurance company.

The fall of the meteorite caused a panic among the four or five clerks in the office. The stone was so hot that it could not be handled.

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