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FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

ZELAYA'S RULE ENDS

SENDS RESIGNATION TO NICARAGUAN CONGRESS.

Driven to Bay by Nation's Spirit of Revolt—Big Crowds Shout Approval—Has Ruled with an Iron Hand for the Past Sixteen Years.

Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of congress Thursday. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace. Zelaya surrounded himself with an armed guard. Unchecked the populace have marched through the streets crying for the end of the old and proclaiming the new regime. Who will take up the reins none knows nor cares. It is sufficient that Zelaya, a dictator, will be known no more. There is no doubt that congress will act quickly on his resignation, for the people have demanded it.

Dr. Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, may be the next president. Madriz has his following, strong and influential even among the revolutionists, but Gen. Estrada, under whose command the great body of fighting insurgents now face Vasquez's troops at Rama, will have none of him. Estrada's word will bear weight in the choice of a president.

Zelaya has known, too, that Madriz is not acceptable to the United States, and he has sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor, so far as can be learned, has named no man, and the choice probably will lie with those who have gained this upper hand.

CHINESE SMUGGLERS' LEAGUE.

Letters Found May Lead to Breaking Up of Gang.

Letters written in Chinese which Immigration Inspector Benham found in the blouse of Laong Chee at Astoria, Ore., may bring about the breaking up of an organized league engaged in smuggling Chinese into this country. The letters reveal the inner workings of this band in such a minute way that it is believed conviction of its members will be easy.

Almost every large city in the United States, according to Benham, has representatives of this band. The letters show the existence of a well-organized "underground railway" leading from ports of entry to all large cities where Chinese are established.

TORN TO PIECES.

Unidentified Men Believed to Be Arkansas Bank Robbers.

Torn to shreds by some high explosive, probably dynamite, the bodies of two unidentified men were found on the bank of the Arkansas river near Tulsa, Okla., Wednesday night.

The appearance of the men's clothing, together with the fact that the Tulsa banks have a large supply of money on hand, led the authorities to believe that the men were bank robbers. It is thought that the men may have been killed by the accidental explosion of dynamite they carried with them to blow bank safes. The men may have been members of the gang that robbed the Paoli State bank Tuesday, the officers believe.

Franchise Right Beaten.

The proposition to extend the franchise of the Metropolitan Street Car company—which now holds the traction rights of Kansas City, Mo., up to 1925—for a period of twenty-six years, or forty-two years from the present, was defeated at a special election Thursday by a majority of 7,021.

Placed Under Arrest.

On complaint of Attorney Jackson all the fruit, produce and commission men of Topeka, Kan., were arrested Thursday, charged with being members of the Topeka Produce and Fruit exchange and violating the anti-trust laws of the state.

Jury Fails to Agree.

The jury in the case of Fred Warner, charged with accepting a bribe while a member of the St. Louis, Mo., house of delegates, was discharged Thursday, as it could not agree on a verdict.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$4.50. Top hogs, \$3.25.

American Arrested in Paris.

The police of Paris, France, Thursday arrested an American postal employe named Cohen, who is accused of having stolen registered letters from the San Francisco postoffice.

Auto Accident Fatal.

The Hon. Archibald Jordan, son of the earl of Aberdeen, died Friday from injuries received in an automobile accident. He was born in 1844.

BUY UP PHONE LINES.

Morgan & Co. Purchase Properties in Ohio.

Announcement was made in Toledo, O., Wednesday that J. P. Morgan & Co. are the purchasers of two of the independent telephone properties in which James S. Bralley, Jr., of Toledo, recently secured control. Details of the deal and future operations are not made known officially.

On authority from Morgan & Co. the following statement was issued by Clarence Brown, general counsel for the United States (long distance) Telephone company, of Cleveland: "I am authorized by James S. Bralley, Jr., to announce that J. P. Morgan & Co. have purchased for their own account a majority of the stock of the United States Long Distance and Cuyahoga Telephone companies. Further than this no statement can be made at present."

Mr. Bralley admitted that he has perfected a deal for the independent plants of Columbus and Dayton, O. Control of the seven companies is said to represent a cash outlay of \$5,000,000.

Except for the statement that these properties will be continued as separate plants in competition with the Bell, but upon conservative lines, without disastrous price cutting, their future operation with relation to the Bell companies is somewhat open, so far as official information goes. It seems, however, that the fight on the part of the principal independents in the middle west has been shifted to the Continental Telephone and Telegraph company.

TEN KILLED; MANY HURT.

Disastrous Wreck Occurs on Southern Railway.

The four rear cars of train No. 11, of the Southern railway, were dashed down a 50-foot embankment from the Reedy creek trestle, ten miles from Reidsville, N. C., Wednesday, and ten persons were killed and thirty-five injured.

George Gould, the New York millionaire, and his son were passengers in one of the sleeping cars bound from Norfolk to Thomasville, N. C.

A report from Reidsville says that sixteen people had been killed in the wreck on the Southern railroad near there. Ten bodies had been removed from the wreck at noon.

George Gould and his son, Jay Gould, reached Greensboro, N. C., on the train bearing the wounded. J. R. Russell, of New York, a prominent journalist, and companion of Mr. Gould, was badly injured in the wreck and shoulders and is now in the hospital.

SHORTAGE OVER HALF MILLION.

Another Sensation in the Sugar Fraud Inquiry.

Special Assistant Attorney General Stimson announced in New York Wednesday that as a result of a federal investigation as to weights on sugar landed by Arbutke Bros., sugar refiners. It was ascertained there had been a shortage in duty payments by that firm amounting to \$695,572. Mr. Stimson stated this sum had been repaid in cash to the United States treasury by Arbutke Bros.

Mr. Stimson said the shortage in the payment of duties covered a period between 1898, when the Arbutkes refinery commenced operations, and November, 1907. The shortage was reported to the Arbutke firm, said Mr. Stimson, and they voluntarily offered to pay the shortage to the government without suit.

Two Girls Missing.

Two girls are missing and fourteen others narrowly escaped death Thursday in a fire which destroyed the six-story factory building of Schrack & Sherwood, manufacturers of coffins and undertakers' supplies in Philadelphia, Pa. The monetary loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Bomb Thrown at Bishop.

At Lisbon Wednesday the anniversary of the revolt of the Seminarians, was marked by the throwing of a bomb at the bishop of Braganza. The bishop was not injured. No particular political significance is attached to the act.

King Leopold Dead.

King Leopold, of Belgium, died at 2:37 o'clock Friday morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

Turned Down by China.

The Chinese government has refused finally Portugal's proposals for the arbitration of the Maceo boundary dispute concerning which the two governments have been negotiating since last March.

Kansas Postoffice Robbed.

Robbers' early Thursday blew the safe of the postoffice at Tecumseh, Kan., securing \$300 worth of stamps and several hundred dollars in money. The men escaped on a handcar.

Victim of Robbers Dies.

John H. Hartman, the wealthy livestock man who was struck down by unknown robbers in his stable in Harrisburg, Pa., on December 4, died Thursday.

Gen. Dudley Expires.

Gen. W. W. Dudley, of Indiana, formerly commissioner of pensions, died Washington Wednesday. He had in ill several weeks with Bright's disease.

WAR ON STEEL TRUST.

Labor Leaders Begin Fight on the "Open Shop."

War was formally declared upon the United States Steel corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at the close of a two days' conference Tuesday in Pittsburgh, Pa. The decision to battle against the stand taken by the steel corporation in its policy of "open shop" was reached by the labor conferees after hours of debate.

At the conference Samuel Comera, president of the American Federation of Labor, presided, and through him the measure was put upon the record books of the executive council of the federation.

The grievances of organized labor against the steel corporation, as set forth in the resolution, have been forwarded to President Taft and the United States senate and the house of representatives. The governors of the states in which the United States Steel corporation owns plants or has interests will also receive a copy of the resolution.

At the conclusion of the conference the men said they had "said all there was to be said" when they had adopted the measure.

The conference which called those labor leaders to Pittsburgh was made possible through a resolution adopted at Toronto. In the labor conference held during November, when the convention decided by resolution to meet in Pittsburgh and reach a stand.

FIGHT COSTS SEVEN LIVES.

Lamp is Upset and Tenement Set on Fire.

Seven persons lost their lives, seven were injured, two probably fatally, and about fifty others had narrow escapes from death in a fire which destroyed a four-story tenement and lodging house at Third and Sycamore streets in Cincinnati, O., Tuesday.

The fire started on the second floor and was due to the upsetting of a kerosene lamp during a quarrel between tenants.

The building was an old wooden affair and the flames spread rapidly to the stairs and halls, cutting off the escape of many. Some rushed to the windows and others to the roof. The firemen and policemen rescued many of them, but others were too frightened to heed the cries of the rescuers and threw themselves from the windows.

HAD JEWELS WORTH \$12,000.

Woman Found in the Street in the City of Monterey, Cal.

Holding fast to a handbag in which were \$12,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry, \$20,000 in railroad and industrial bonds, and insurance policies for \$30,000 on property in Oakland, a well dressed woman, believed to be Mrs. Ina I. Cummings, of St. Louis, was found Monday night lying in the street at Monterey, Cal.

The woman could give little account of herself. She said that she had a daughter named Mrs. Daniels at Carel-by-the-Sea.

Automobile Accident.

Miss Agnes Claypool, 18 years old, the daughter of a wealthy resident of Pasadena, Cal., was instantly killed, and Harvey Bissell, 24 years old, son of a Grand Rapids, Mich., millionaire manufacturer, was perhaps fatally injured Tuesday evening in an automobile accident.

Cigar Causes Explosion.

Six men were seriously injured in an explosion of natural gas in a fire cistern at Topeka, Kan., Tuesday. Frank Snyder, street commissioner, is probably fatally burned. The men, who are members of the street force, were cleaning out the cistern. One struck a match to light a cigar and the explosion followed.

Defaulter to Prison.

Grayson S. Osborne, defaulting teller of the Huntington National bank, appeared in the United States circuit court at Columbus, O., Tuesday and entered a plea of guilty of embezzling \$23,000 from the bank's funds. He was sentenced to six and one-half years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Signs a Confession.

George Heberle, 29 years old, signed a written confession which is held by Fire Chief C. M. Burke, that he kindled the flames which Monday destroyed the warehouse of the Corno Mills company at East St. Louis, Ill., and caused a loss of \$125,000.

Nebraska Tax Law Valid.

The supreme court of Nebraska Tuesday filed an opinion declaring valid the state occupation tax law passed by the legislature. It will afford revenue to the state this year to the amount of \$60,000.

Rev. D. C. Hughes Dead.

The Rev. David C. Hughes, father of Gov. Hughes, died at the executive mansion in Albany, N. Y., at 11 o'clock Wednesday night following a recent stroke of apoplexy.

Warrant for Sheldon.

A warrant for the arrest of George Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix insurance company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was put into the hands of the Greenwich, Conn., police Tuesday.

Bishop of Fargo, N. D.

The pope Tuesday appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

STOUT GETS NINE YEARS.

Judge Sentences Man to Serve One Year Less Than Maximum.

That he was sorry for what had happened, sorry for his wife and child, sorry for the Richeson family and that the blow Richeson struck him was a surprise, that he had borne a good reputation, had never betrayed a man and never would, and that he threw himself upon the clemency of the court, was the statement of Ernest E. Stout, made to Judge Paul at Grand Island when asked why he should not be sentenced for the crime to which he had pleaded guilty—manslaughter. Judge J. N. Paul commented upon the duties of the court in the matter. The plea of self defense could not be made as the witness had himself, the testimony showed, admitted that he could have overpowered the old man. Instead he had brutally mauled and beaten him to death. The court always was pained to separate man from wife and parent from child, but there were other things that needs must be taken into consideration. The poor orphaned children of Richeson, represented at this hour, had as much right to be considered, and the defendant should have considered them, along with his own wife and child, instead of permitting his passion to conquer him. The court thereupon sentenced the defendant to one year less than the maximum, nine years.

HAS WOMAN ARRESTED.

Scott's Bluff Ranchman Charges Wife with Wedlock Again.

County Attorney W. C. Ramsey, of Plattsmouth, on the complaint of Charles M. Meyer, has filed in County Judge Benson's court a complaint charging Florence J. Meyer, alias Florence I. Smith, alias Florence I. Hendrix, alias Florence I. Waynes, with having committed the crime of bigamy. He also filed a complaint against Fred C. Hall charging him with a statutory offense. The complaint sets forth that Meyer and the woman were married in Scott's Bluff county, in this state, April 24, 1906, and that she and Fred C. Hall were married in this county on October 20, 1909, and that both men are living and that Florence has not received a divorce from Meyer. The complaint against Hall charges him with living with the woman from October 20, 1909, to December 11, 1909. At the preliminary hearing each defendant waived examination and were bound over to the district court. The bond of Meyer was fixed at \$300, while that of Mrs. Meyer was \$200. Meyer and his wife formerly resided on a ranch in Wyoming and the husband said if she would return home with him all would be forgiven, but the woman much prefers to remain with Hall.

PRESENT FARE TOO HIGH.

Ten-Cent Rate Ordered Between Omaha and the Bluffs.

In a decision rendered Monday the Interstate commerce commission held that the Omaha and Council Bluffs railway and Bridge company was an interstate corporation, subject to the act regulating commerce, and that its rate of 15 cents from Council Bluffs, Ia., to Omaha, Neb., was unreasonable. It was ordered that the fare for two years beginning February, 1910, should not be more than 10 cents from any point in one city to any point in the other.

Women Engage in Contest.

Under the direction of the Women's Christian Temperance Union there was held at Harvard a Silver Gray contest, consisting of recitations by six women, none being eligible to enter under 40 years of age. One woman, in her 80th year, gave an interesting paper, which she read without glasses.

Star Fiddler Gets Big Fish.

Joseph Duker, who was one of the prize winners at the Idlewild carnival in Nebraska City recently, captured a 63-pound catfish from the Missouri river near his home at Minersville, and brought the captive to Nebraska City alive and put him on exhibition.

Prisoner Becomes Insane.

Mrs. Jennie Geiger, serving a 39-year term in the state penitentiary for murder, has been ordered transferred to the insane asylum. Mrs. Geiger was sent from Keith county. With a traveling companion she had picked up they planned to murder a man who had joined them on a long tramp with his team. Since being placed in prison the woman has displayed unmistakable signs of a broken down mentality.

Attacked by a Dog.

Gozella Nuss, of Sutton, while on the way to church Sunday evening, was attacked by a bulldog which bit her in the back. The wound is a large and painful one, but as she had medical treatment immediately it is hoped it will not prove serious.

Dealer Rustler is Sold.

A dealer has been closed at Dealer whereby F. V. Love, formerly connected with an Omaha paper, became owner of the Rustler, office and building. James Pontus, former editor, has not decided what he will do.

New System of Fire Escapes.

The board of education has furnished the new high school building at Tekamah with fire escapes from each of the upper rooms.

Missouri River Closed.

The river is frozen over at Nebraska City and the ice men are getting ready to begin cutting and filling their houses. This is the fifth year that the Missouri river has blocked on December 8, since 1854, at that point.

One Year for Robert Radcliff.

Robert Radcliff was given one year in the penitentiary for forging a check on the Union Pacific hotel of Kearney last April.

Farmer Drops Dead.

Joseph Sampson, a wealthy land owner living near Seward, dropped dead from heart failure Thursday.



Before many weeks Lincoln will know whether Mayor Don L. Love is a "usurper." The supreme court has overruled a motion for rehearing in a case in which it held that County Judge Cosgrove had the authority to hear the election contest brought by Robert Malone, Mr. Love's opponent in the recent election. When Malone brought his contest the attorneys for Love attacked the right of the county court to hear the case. The district court held with the county court and the case was appealed to the supreme court, where again Love lost out. Now for a second time he has lost. In the meantime Mayor Love has served some eight months and for that same length of time Robert Malone has not been able to bid on city work for fear he is the mayor of the city. According to the count which seated Mr. Love he defeated Malone by 16 votes. Malone alleges that on a recount he will be declared elected, as several errors were made in the count. Mayor Love has always insisted he was anxious for a recount, yet his lawyers have stayed off action for several months. It is expected the recount will begin within the next ten days.

SAVANNAH IN A FRENZY.

Enraged Citizens Aid Police in Hunt for Murderous Negro.

Savannah was swept by a dragnet of police officers and enraged citizens the other night who were seeking a negro, charged with attack on one woman and the murder of his victim and two women companions in a home in the very heart of the city.

Sprawled hideously about the hall and rooms of their home, Mrs. Eliza Griddle, aged 70 years, and her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, were found dead early in the afternoon by a patrolman, who was attracted by the moans of a third woman, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, aged 32, who died later, with her skull beaten in, at the Savannah Hospital.

An ax was used, and physicians say Mrs. Ohlander was attacked. A negro woman who, it is said, lived for two days in an outhouse in the rear of the Griddle home, is missing. The murders were most brutal. Mrs. Griddle was killed as she sat in her easy chair reading. Her gray hair is blood-clotted where the ax crushed her skull. Beside her body on the floor were her newspaper and her spectacles. One blow, or two at the most sufficed to end her life. Mrs. Hunter was found by a patrolman as she stepped inside the front door. She was probably struck down as she attempted to escape from the house.

In the hope of securing the murderer of the three women the police dragnet in Yamacraw, a negro district, caught 150 negroes. This is only a start, as the police are determined on the arrest of every negro in any way resembling the description given of the murderer.

DIE IN TENEMENT FIRE.

Sleeping Families Trapped in Burning Building in Cincinnati.

At least seven lives were lost and scores more injured in a tenement house fire at 327 and 329 East Third street, Cincinnati. The building is a four-story structure with tenements on every floor except the first. The hallways are lighted by kerosene lamps, and in some way the lamp on the second floor was upset and in a very few minutes the dry wood work in the hall was aflame. The blaze shot upward, making it impossible for the tenants to get out by way of the windows and were badly hurt. There were fifty people in the house at the time.

The first fireman to reach the scene saved several persons from the rear of the burning building. One captain carried down two dead bodies on the ladder and several others were found huddled together on the fourth floor.

While the fire was still burning it was estimated that fully half of the fifty occupants of the tenements were either dead or badly injured. The bodies taken to the morgue were so badly burned that identification was impossible.

LOST IN LAKE SHIP FIRE.

Clarion of Anchor Line Is Swept by Flames.

Two men lost their lives and thirteen others are believed to be near death as a result of the destruction of the steamer Clarion by fire near Point Pelee, in Lake Erie. The cause of the fire is not known. The first mate and one of the crew perished. The captain and twelve members of the crew are adrift in a steel lifeboat. They have not been heard from since leaving the ship. One of the victims was frozen to death and another was drowned. Six men were taken off the burning boat by the steamer L. C. Hanna, bound for Buffalo. It is feared that the thirteen adrift in the lifeboat will succumb to the cold.

EDITORS TARGETS FOR BOMBS.

Two Explosions in St. Louis Are Aimed at Lives of Writers.

Dynamite bombs have been the weapons used against two newspaper men in St. Louis. The residence of Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the St. Louis Star, was dynamited at an early hour the other morning. The front door and windows of the Wandell house were blown out. A man was injured. Wandell refused to discuss the cause of the explosion. Recently he was slugged as he was entering the Star building. Explosion of a bomb in the desk of George C. Dyer, publisher of the Censor, a weekly publication devoted to scandals, completely wrecked his offices.

FIVE DROWN SLEDDING.

Father and Four Children Break Through Ice in River.

A hole in the ice and a sled floating in the black waters bore mute evidence of a drowning accident on the Cuyahoga river at Kent, O., in which five persons went to death unseen. Of a family of seven, the mother and her young baby only survive. The dead are: Frank Cornman, aged 33 years, and his children, Florence, aged 3; Helen, 7; Mabel, 4, and Russell, 2. Shortly after noon the other day Frank Cornman took his three daughters and little son to the river for a sled ride on the ice. A neighbor who visited the Cornman home in the evening and found the mother distraught went to the river and discovered a hole in the ice and the sled floating in the water. Further search resulted in finding the bodies.