

PEACE TERMS NOT ACCEPTED

General Estrada Rejects Offer
of President Madriz.

ANOTHER BATTLE IS LIKELY.

New Executive Sends Army to Meet
Revolutionist Forces—Son-in-Law of
Zelaya Ordered Arrested by Madriz,
but He Made His Escape—Minister
of Finance Santos Is Put in Prison.
Zelaya En Route to Mexico City.

Washington, Dec. 29.—General Estrada, the revolutionary leader in Nicaragua, will not accept the extraordinary terms proposed by the new president, Madriz, as a basis of peace. A telegram from Bluefields states that Madriz had proposed, in a telegram to Estrada, a suspension of hostilities, pending the arrival of a committee which he was sending to Estrada to discuss an amicable and equitable settlement of the present strife. Madriz begged the revolutionary leader not to obstruct his efforts for peace.

General Estrada, in his reply, expressed his willingness to meet the Madriz commissioners, but said the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative assembly in placing power in the hands of Madriz. He denied the assembly's right to deal with the election of president, and stated that he saw in Madriz the usurper of the rights of the Nicaraguan people.

The terms upon which Madriz is willing to make peace, it is believed, are shown in a letter which purports to have been signed by him and addressed to a friend. In it he expressed his desire for peace without further bloodshed and stated that whatever might happen compatible with his dignity and with the public interests he was willing to accept.

He says further that the revolutionists should recognize his government, and that after such recognition both armies should be disbanded, all arms and ammunition being turned over to him. He states that he would recognize the debts and contracts of the revolutionists, and that within six months he would look for the holding of an election, he guaranteeing free voting. He adds that he would turn over such power as he had impartially to the person elected president and that he would accept any other proper conditions.

It is not doubted here that Estrada's known astuteness will prevent him from accepting terms of peace, predicated upon the prior surrender by him of his army, arms and ammunition to his enemy.

A telegram from Managua received at the state department says the Madriz party is making preparations to send troops to the eastward to meet Estrada's army. Other telegrams confirm the published report that Madriz had ordered the arrest of Pasos, the son-in-law of the former president, on the ground that he had swindled the government out of money, but that Pasos had so far succeeded in evading arrest. The minister of finance, Santos, has been put in prison, charged with sending unauthorized telegrams and otherwise interfering with governmental matters with which he had no concern.

TAFT FAVORS OPEN INQUIRY

President Wants Public Hearing of
Ballinger-Pinchot Case.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The forthcoming congressional investigation of the matters entering into the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was the subject of a conference between President Taft and Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, one of the Republican leaders of the house.

Mr. Dalzell said after the interview that the investigation would unquestionably be carried forward by a joint committee composed of from five to seven members. President Taft has agreed with the leaders of the senate and house that a joint investigation, open to the public, will be the best means of thoroughly dealing with the matter.

Girl Strikers Plan Demonstration.

New York, Dec. 29.—Preparations are in progress for a mass meeting at Madison Square Garden, where 14,000 union shirtwaist makers plan to hold one of the greatest labor demonstrations in New York's history. The proposed meeting is a part of the fight which the striking women are making to obtain recognition for their union.

Says General Strike May Begin Soon.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 29.—"It is my opinion that if Mr. Perham accomplishes nothing at Washington, a sympathetic strike, involving 7,000 to 8,000 men in the northwest, will be called early next week," was the statement made by President Howley of the Minnesota Federation of Labor.

Held for Murder of Mackenzie.

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 29.—At his preliminary examination at Selby B. F. Stevens was held for trial for the murder of David G. Mackenzie at Lebeau, S. D., two weeks ago. Stevens claimed self defense. Mackenzie was a son of Murdo Mackenzie, a wealthy cattleman of Colorado.

SEVEN CHILDREN CREMATED

Three Others Fatally Hurt in Fire in
Pennsylvania Home.
Dubois, Pa., Dec. 29.—Seven children, ranging in age from two to eight years, were burned to death and three persons perhaps fatally injured when fire, followed by an explosion of powder, destroyed the home of Stephen Bronosky, a miner, at Sykesville, Pa. Six of the children were members of the Bronosky family and the seventh belonged to a boarder. Mr. and Mrs. Bronosky and the boarder jumped from an upstairs window, receiving serious injuries. The fire started from an overheated coal stove and communicated with a keg of mine powder.

FOUR KILLED IN COAL MINE

"Windy" Shot Proves Disastrous to
Miners at Centralia, Ill.
Centralia, Ill., Dec. 29.—Four shot-firers were killed in a dust explosion, caused by a "windy" shot, in mine No. 5, two miles south of here. The explosion happened 200 feet from the cage landing at the 700-foot level. The track was torn away and the workings badly damaged. The mine had been in operation one year. The dead are of foreign birth. Charles Carlson, one of the dead, lost two relatives in the Cherry mine disaster.

KANSAS CITY CRIME A MYSTERY TO POLICE

Body of Man Found in Brush
Pile Is Still Unidentified.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Although identified at different times as the body of John Whitehead of Carthage, Mo., and Harry McConnell of Grand Island, Neb., the remains of the slain man found in a brush pile near Kansas City, Kan., Sunday night, lies unidentified today in a local morgue.

Whitehead's brother-in-law, Trellus Hendricks, who found the body, identified it as that of his relative. Hendricks had never seen Whitehead, but he was convinced of the identity on account of the resemblance of the dead man to a photograph of Whitehead in his possession.

Immediately following the examination the police began a lengthy cross questioning of Hendricks and his wife. While the interrogation was in progress it was learned that Whitehead was alive and well at his home. The police said a short time before Hendricks identified the body that an arrest would be made in a few hours. Now they are at sea and say they do not know how to proceed. Articles found in the dead man's pockets first led to the belief that he was Harry McConnell. This proved erroneous.

AGED COUPLE FOUND DEAD

Authorities Believe Rich Indianian
Killed Wife and Then Himself.

Washington, Ind., Dec. 29.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ritter, both aged about seventy and wealthy, were found at their home in Elmore township. Mrs. Ritter's body was discovered in the living room. Her clothes, with the exception of a light undergarment, had been torn from her and there were marks on her neck that indicated that she had been strangled. Ritter's body was found in a stooping position, as if Ritter had been ill when he died.

There is evidence to show that Ritter choked his wife to death and then took poison to end his own life.

FOUR DIE IN EXPLOSION

Accident at Mine Near Benton, Wis.,
Is Fatal.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 29.—John Oldberg, aged forty years, of Benton, Wis.; Ed Sullivan, aged thirty-four, of Lead Mine, Wis.; C. H. Morton, aged twenty-four, and Thomas Clegg, aged thirty, of New Diggins, Wis., lost their lives by the explosion of a powder house at the mouth of the Ollie Bell mine, two miles south of Benton. The men entered the house and the explosion followed. The bodies were burned and mutilated and scattered over half an acre of ground.

CARRIE NATION APPEALS

Kansas Woman Protests Against Judgment
for Smashing Window.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing a window in the Union station in this city. Her attorney has raised several constitutional questions, the principal one being that the prosecution is made in the name of the United States.

Carnegie Hurt by Fall on Ice.

New York, Dec. 29.—While suffering considerable pain from his fall on the ice, Andrew Carnegie showed much improvement and expects to be out again in a few days. He was taking his "constitutional" in Central park when he slipped on the ice, severely injuring his left knee.

Body of Woman in River.

Denver, Dec. 29.—The body of Mrs. Belle Rup, wife of a railroad employee, was found in the Platte river and the police are searching for a negro they believe committed the crime.

German Ship and Crew of 23 Lost.

Hamburg, Dec. 29.—The German freight steamer Capua, with its crew of twenty-three, is given up for lost.

MOTHER HELD FOR TRAGEDY

Mrs. Sonneck Accused of Murdering
Children and Firing Home.

Loveland, O., Dec. 29.—Charged with the murder of her two boys and with having set fire to her home to conceal the crime, Mrs. Paul Sonneck was received in an apparently demented condition. The bodies of the boys, one eight years old and the other three, were found in the building after the fire had been extinguished. The heads of the children had been crushed by some blunt instrument. Their father was absent from home at the time the fire was discovered, and Mrs. Sonneck was found walking up and down in front of the burning house, wringing her hands and calling hysterically for her boys. She will be held to the common pleas court for trial.

BROWNSVILLE INQUIRY

Sergeant Reid, One of Discharged Soldiers,
Examined by Court.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Sergeant James B. Reid of company B, Twenty-fifth infantry, one of the soldiers discharged from the army in connection with the "shooting up" of Brownsville, was on the witness stand before the military court of inquiry, being cross-examined by Captain James Howland. Reid did not appear to remember much about the shooting.

COSTLY HAVOC OF EASTERN STORM

Property Loss in Boston Estimated
at \$5,000,000.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Five million dollars loss is the estimate made of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard which swept New England and drove a record tide over the coast.

With the news of the probable loss of the schooner Davis Palmer with its crew of twelve men off this harbor and the wrecking of nine other vessels along the Massachusetts coast, the opening chapter of the toll taken on the sea by the storm was bared to the world. Four fatalities occurred in Chelsea, where a tidal wave, bursting through the dyke along Island End river, flooded homes and forced 2,500 persons to flee.

The storm was easily the greatest that New England has experienced in eleven years. All along the coast phenomenal tides were reported. In many places sea walls were battered; pieces, boulevards razed and curbs and houses along the shore destroyed.

STOCK DEAL PROBE BEGUN

Committee Will Publish Results of
Rock Island Inquiry.

New York, Dec. 29.—The stock exchange committee began its investigation into the causes which sent Rock Island common stock soaring for an advance of 30 points and then dropped the stock back again to its starting place, causing a squeeze of the shorts.

The committee of three met and will go over the trading sheets. The investigators have full power to act and will endeavor to trace the origin of the buying orders.

The report of the Hughes committee on stock exchange practices is now in the governor's hands and has not been given to the legislature.

By the testimony of a number of witnesses it was shown that eight or more brokerage houses were active in the buying of Rock Island common during the flurry. It is the purpose of the committee to trace these orders to their source.

It is expected that the inquiry will be concluded by Friday. Full publicity of the result is promised by the officials of the exchange.

RELEASED FROM ASYLUM

Knights of Pythias Win Case in Be-
half of M. Hogan.

Iowa Falls, Ia., Dec. 29.—The case of M. Hogan of this city is now apparently closed and he has returned to this city, having been declared sane by the county board of commissioners. Hogan was confined in an asylum for the insane at Dubuque. The Knights of Pythias lodge of this city interested itself in the case, Hogan being a member of the order, resulting in several legal parries in Dubuque and a final agreement by the interested parties to submit the case to the board of insane commissioners in this county. Summoning a number of witnesses, and inquiring carefully into the man's mental condition, the board decided that he was sane, and so he will not be returned to the Dubuque asylum.

Ford Trial Postponed.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Jeanette Stewart-Ford, the woman who is charged with blackmail in connection with the embezzlement of \$643,000 from the local offices of the Big Four railroad, will not be brought to trial until Jan. 10. Mrs. Ford's attorneys asked for a continuance on the ground that their client had sustained a severe fall on the frozen pavement.

Iowa Miner Killed in Fight.

High Bridge, Ia., Dec. 29.—Following a violent quarrel, which it is alleged, has been brewing for weeks, G. Anderson was stabbed to death by Thomas Muller in a room in his own home. Both men were m'rs. Muller was arrested.

TAFT TAKES UP ANTI-TRUST LAW

President is Preparing First of
His Special Messages.

WILL SUBMIT PLANS AT ONCE

Decides Not to Wait on Supreme
Court Decision in Standard Oil Case.
Railway Legislation Will Also Be
Discussed at Great Length—Mes-
sage Will Be Read When Congress
Meets Next Week.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Taft began the preparation of the first of his special messages to congress. This message will deal with the amendments which he believes are necessary in the interstate commerce and Sherman anti-trust acts.

Recent reports to the contrary notwithstanding, it is known that the president will take up the anti-trust act and deal with it at great length. He also will bring forward his ideas as to issuing federal licenses to corporations. The proposed license will be a voluntary one, to be taken advantage of by such corporations as desire to place themselves under federal jurisdiction.

It has been currently reported for some time that President Taft might delay his anti-trust recommendations until the supreme court had finally passed on the recent Standard Oil decision. Those to whom the president has talked say, however, he has decided to go forward with his program.

The president and the members of his cabinet, together with the interstate commerce commissioners, have given more thought and study to the needed changes in the interstate commerce and anti-trust acts than to any other subject since the beginning of the present administration.

There has been a disposition among some of the leaders of the senate and house during the last two days to urge the president not to send in his anti-trust message just now.

Mr. Taft is said to feel, nevertheless, that his views on the entire subject have been so fully expressed in the past and so generally understood as reflecting his attitude that he can go ahead with his recommendations upon the lines decided upon early in the fall.

The president's message will be ready for reading in the two houses of congress on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Congress reassembles Jan. 4, but will immediately adjourn out of respect to the memory of Senator McLaughlin of Mississippi.

WOULD LIMIT MARKET TRADE

President Taft Hopes to Curb Gam-
bling in Futures.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Gambling in futures is to form the subject of a conference soon to be held at the White House. President Taft proposes to arrive at a means, if possible, of preventing an unnecessary amount of stock market trading in future deliveries of wheat, corn, cotton and other products.

The president has invited a number of officials to confer with him on the subject, among them Secretary of State Knox, Attorney General Wickersham, Representatives Scott and Lovering of Massachusetts and Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith.

The federal authorities have made inquiries as to gambling in futures, with the result that a decision has been reached that the federal government should deal with this question so far as lies within its power and authority.

NEW SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Women Start "Indirect Plea" by the
Use of Stamps.

New York, Dec. 29.—The National Woman's Suffrage association has started an "indirect plea" campaign through the distribution of neatly printed stamps in the mails.

The new "votes for women" stamps are half again as large as the Lincoln 2-cent stamp and are printed in various shades of blue, with five-pointed stars at each of the four corners, representative of the four states where women are permitted to vote. Beneath a scales of justice are the words "Taxation Without Representation Is Tyranny."

LEGATION CLERK IS MISSING

Employee of American Office in Peking
Said to Have Absconded.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Frederick Faulkner of Kentucky, who until recently was connected in a clerical capacity with the United States legation in Peking, China, is reported to have absconded with legation funds. The amount of money taken is not stated. The published reports, therefore, that Faulkner some weeks ago went on a hunting trip and that as nothing had been heard from him since, fears were entertained that he had been murdered, are not given credence here.

Black Hills Roads Tied Up.

Deadwood, S. D., Dec. 29.—The heavy snow which has fallen during the past twelve hours, accompanied by high winds, has stopped all railroad traffic in this part of the state.

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Any Position.

Our annual pant sale
is a looked for bargain
event in Plattsmouth.
Never before have we
had so many good
pants for you to select
from as this season.
We are determined to
close out every odd and
end in our stock, and
these seasons selling from
the largest pant stock we ever had, has left a good
many such. We have put them in 3 lots, as follows:

\$1.39 \$1.99 \$2.49

Nearly every size is represented from boys 27 inch waist
to mens 48 waist. There are both light and dark
shades in the assortment. You'd better supply your-
self with this needed apparel while you can at these
prices. They will not last long. CASH ONLY.

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THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

FRIENDS GATHER TO PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON SMITH

Rev. John T. Baird, Lifelong Friend of Deceased Preaches Sermon
at Presbyterian Church—Funeral in Charge of Masons.

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning at ten o'clock the friends and relatives of the late Washington Smith assembled at the Presbyterian church to pay the last work of respect to one who was for many years one of our most eminent and distinguished citizens. Despite the intensely cold and unfavorable condition of the weather a large number of citizens were in attendance to listen to the service and Rev. J. H. Baird, former pastor of the church and for a great many years a close friend of the deceased, delivered a stirring and eloquent eulogy of the departed.

The funeral services were held under the auspices of A. F. and A. M. lodge No. 6 and the beautiful rites of this order comprised one of the most impressive features of this sad occasion. Splendid floral offerings from friends of the deceased served to increase the beauty and dignity of the service.

Rev. Baird spoke in eloquent terms of the long life and services of the deceased, particularly of his worth and quality as a citizen and a man. Perhaps no pioneer of this city has done more in a private capacity to make Plattsmouth what it is than this good man, and many citizens

who had in the course of his long life among us been the recipients and beneficiaries of his good will and charitable nature, were moved to tears at the thought that he would no longer be here to fill the place of brother and adviser in all their counsels.

A large cortege followed the bier to the cemetery, interment being had at Oak Hill.

The local lodge of the A. O. U. W. sent beautiful floral offerings as did also the B. & M. shop boys. The deceased was especially well known in the local shops where he served for so many years, and his companions sent fitting tributes to his memory. The pall bears were all chosen from among his former companions and fellow employees, those who acted in this capacity being: Messrs. W. C. Tippens, Harry Barthold, William Badig, William Ballance, Dan Smith and Robert Hayes.

Those from out of the city to attend the funeral were Mrs. Washington Smith, widow of the deceased, and Glen W. Smith, his son of Omaha, Mrs. W. E. Coolidge of Roseline and Mrs. J. Cleve Scott of Central City, his daughters, and Mrs. C. M. Butler of Lincoln, sister of Mrs. Smith.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

No Important Business Trans-
acted, and After Allowing
Claims Adjourned.

The regular meeting of the city council was held Monday night at the council chambers. All the members of the board were present and a quiet session was held. Beyond the allowing of several claims against the city by the finance committee, no business of importance came up for discussion. After the following claims had been allowed the meeting was adjourned. The following claims were allowed:

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| Nebr. Lighting Co., street lights | \$ 42.00 |
| W. H. Miller, for fixing bum shanty | 9.85 |
| O. P. Monroe, mdse. | 2.40 |
| John Harkins, labor | .89 |
| Streitwieser Iron Works, same | 3.00 |
| S. G. Smith, labor and livery | 3.00 |
| Kroehler Bros. mdse. | 3.75 |
| Walter Breen Co., rent coun | |

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| cell chamber | 18.00 |
| Anton H. Koubek, fire depart-ment | 6.25 |
| Geo. McDaniel, same | 6.25 |
| Raymond Henry, same | 6.25 |
| Frank Libershall, same | 6.25 |
| S. W. Gochenour, same | 6.25 |
| Geo. Mann, same | 6.25 |
| C. W. Baylor Co., coal for library | 8.25 |

Owing to the fact that the Journal reporter did not know of this meeting, this account of the proceedings which should have appeared in yesterday's issue, was overlooked.

Stung For 15 Years

by Indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and \$200.00 worth of medicine in vain. B. F. Ayscue, of Ingleside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Billiousness, Sick headache, Stomach, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at F. G. Fricks & Co.

A number of ladies chartered a bob sled last evening and enjoyed a bob sled ride. The merry sleighers drove in and about the city for several hours, as well as out in the surrounding country as far as the country home of C. L. Jean.