

ESTRADA FOR PEACE

REPEATS HIS OFFER MADE LAST MARCH TO MADRIZ.

Nicaraguan Ruler Expected to Favor Proposal—Conditions at Bluefields Giving Diplomatic Representatives Concern.

General Estrada, leader of the provisional Nicaraguan government, has repeated the offer which he made last March to Madriz looking to the establishment of peace. The conditions of his proposals provide for the friendly mediation of the United States, that country to designate the Nicaraguan whom it considers most fit to occupy the presidency provisionally.

Neither Madriz nor Estrada being eligible, the provisional president to convoke elections for constitutional president; the Nicaraguan government to recognize the revolutionary debt the validity of its acts, and to arrange for pensioning its disabled soldiers; certain concessions to be abolished.

The conditions Madriz refused to accept when they were first offered but expressed the fullest confidence in the government of the United States. In view of his latest reverses, however, and the difficult conditions under which his military forces have been compelled to assume the aggressive lack of supplies and the dilapidated condition of his soldiers, it is expected by the provisional leaders that he will now give the proposals more serious consideration.

The conditions at Bluefields are giving diplomatic representatives considerable concern, as all business has been interrupted and there are many wounded and helpless persons to be taken care of.

WRECK ON FRISCO LINE.

Thirty-Six Injured, Six Seriously, Near Birmingham, Ala.

The southeastern limited on the Frisco system was wrecked Sunday afternoon in Walker county, about sixty miles west of Birmingham, and thirty-six people were injured, six seriously.

The recent heavy rains are supposed to have undermined the tracks, as every car left the rails when the train rounded a curve near Towneys at high speed. None of the cars turned over, but the track was torn up for a distance of 3,000 feet.

The injured were brought to Birmingham. None of them will die. All are Alabama and Florida people.

POSTOFFICE SAFE BLOWN.

Robbers Get \$10,000 in Cash and Stamps at Merilan, Wis.

The postoffice safe at Merilan, Wis., was blown by burglars Saturday night and money and stamps to the value of \$10,000 were stolen. The robbers escaped on a southbound freight train early next morning, but the sheriff got track of them and captured one of the gang at Shepherd, three miles east of Black River Falls, recovering some of the money and stamps. Four of the gang then escaped to the woods and swamps of that locality. A posse is in pursuit.

GALE IN TENNESSEE.

Buildings Wrecked and Great Damage Done to Crops.

Reports were received Sunday from nearby points to the effect that two churches and probably a dozen dwelling houses were blown down in a wind and hail storm which visited Bristol Saturday night. Great damage was done to crops.

OVER 100 SHOTS FIRED.

Federal Officers and Moonshiners Engage in Desperate Battle.

In a desperate encounter between revenue officers and moonshiners in Wilkes county, North Carolina, Saturday, more than 100 shots were fired and several of the moonshiners were injured.

MAKING MONEY IN PRISON.

Counterfeiters' Plant Discovered in the Missouri Penitentiary.

A fully equipped counterfeiting plant was discovered in the Missouri penitentiary Sunday. Federal inspectors found the outfit in the cell occupied by Lee Laver and Joseph Vall.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$7.85. Top hogs, \$9.15.

Report from Japan Denied.

That there was an attempt made by a Japanese anarchist to assassinate one or more members of the cabinet, as reported from Tokio, was denied Saturday at the Japanese embassy, Washington.

Airship and Train to Race.

A race of 105 miles between an aeroplane and an express train is being planned by Charles K. Hamilton, the aviator.

VERDICT FOR WOMAN.

Jury Acquits Mrs. Doxey of Murder Charge.

Mrs. Dora Elizabeth Doxey of St. Louis, Mo., was found not guilty Friday night of the charge of murdering William J. Erder.

The verdict was returned at 9:23 o'clock, eight hours and twenty-five minutes after Judge Grimm ordered the jury to retire for deliberation Friday afternoon. Mrs. Doxey wept hysterically as her acquittal was announced. When the clerk had nearly finished reading the document handed to him by Foreman Sandford of the jury, and just as he had reached the words, "We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty," she shrieked and simultaneously the audience started a cheer which was quickly suppressed by deputy sheriffs.

In the excitement which followed the acquittal Judge Grimm left the bench, forgetting to tell the defendant she was free. He returned to the bench and called her before him and then formally discharged her. Leaning on the arm of her aged father, Jefferson Fuller, and her attorney, former Lieut. Gov. Charles P. Johnson, Mrs. Doxey thanked and shook hands with the jurors.

She was led from the courtroom by her father and sisters, Mrs. M. L. Morris of Evanston, Ill., and Mrs. F. Grace Lathrop of Omaha, Neb., and escorted to a hotel for the night.

It was stated that the jury took three ballots before reaching an agreement, two before dinner and the last after reaching the courthouse at 9 o'clock.

The first ballot is said to have been 9 to 3 for acquittal, the second 10 to 2, and the last unanimous for acquittal.

EMPEROR'S FINANCES LOW.

German Ruler's Yearly Allowance to Be Increased to \$5,000,000.

A semi-official declaration was issued Friday explaining the causes of the financial stress under which the emperor of Germany finds himself and the requirements for an increase in the civil lists of the king of Prussia as agreed upon by the leaders of the Prussian diet Thursday. It has been decided to introduce a bill to bring his majesty's allowance up to about \$5,000,000.

The public is reminded that the Prussian crown surrendered to the state in 1820 properties yielding at that time nearly \$2,000,000 annually, and the value of which has been greatly augmented since. The increased cost of living renders the present allowance inadequate, the statement says.

ROOSEVELT IS GUEST.

Spends the Day at the Country Home of Col. Lee.

Mr. Roosevelt was a guest Friday at the country home of Col. Arthur H. Lee, where were also entertained John Burns, president of the local government board; Sir Henry Hamilton Johnston and Capt. Robert F. Scott, the antarctic explorer.

The former president arrived early in the forenoon, having stopped en route to have luncheon with William Northrup McMillan. During the expedition in Africa Mr. Roosevelt stopped for several days at McMillan's African quarters at Ju-Ju ranch.

NINETEEN ARE INDICTED.

Alleged Graft in Conduct of Affairs in Schenectady County, N. Y.

Thirty-six indictments involving nineteen persons, seventeen of whom were arrested and admitted to bail, is the sum of the work accomplished by the extraordinary term of supreme court, called May 16 by Gov. Hughes to investigate alleged graft in the conduct of affairs of Schenectady county. Those indicted are chiefly supervisors and former supervisors, but a contractor, a notary public and a plumber are included in the list. Misdemeanor is the chief charge made, but several of those are charged with grand larceny and forgery.

Altoona Banker Dead.

John P. Levan, president of the Second National bank of Altoona, Pa., and retired general foreman of the Pennsylvania Railroad company's car shops, died there Friday. He was 74 years old. He is said to have been the first regularly indentured apprentice of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Three Caught by Cave-In.

The three men buried in a cave-in Friday under the sidewalk at Park Row and Chambers streets, New York, where the new municipal building is under construction, were taken out uninjured.

Banker Rose is Released.

George A. Rose, formerly connected with the Producers National bank, of Cleveland, was released from the Ohio penitentiary Friday after serving ten years for violation of the national banking laws.

Stoned by Italians.

Prince Leopold IV., the reigning prince of Lippe, and his brother, Prince Julius, were stoned by a gang of Italian laborers while motoring Friday.

Two Fatally Injured.

Five persons are reported to have been injured, two fatally, in an automobile collision five miles west of Joplin, Mo., at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

RATES GO SKYWARD.

Roads Undaunted by Uncle Sam's Injunction.

Undaunted by the government's proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust act, by which a part of the proposed increase of freight rates in the territory west of the Mississippi river was suspended by injunction, railroads in the east and in the middle west Thursday filed with the interstate commerce commission tariffs embodying increased rates.

Attorney General Wickersham declined to indicate what course he will pursue in behalf of the government, and the senate, just on the verge Thursday of passing the administration bill, hesitated and finally postponed action until Friday.

Thursday night practically every railroad system from the Atlantic to the Pacific had filed with the interstate commerce commission the legal notification of proposed increases in commodity rates. The increases range from 3 to 31 per cent.

Thursday started off by the filing of schedules of increases by the New York Central, the West Shore and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. Then the official proposition of the roads traversing routes from Chicago to Milwaukee to Indianapolis and Ohio river points, twenty-three in all, was taken into the commission. During the afternoon increased tariffs from the Atlantic to Chicago, St. Paul and intermediate points were filed.

The Baltimore and Ohio filed with the commission a revised tariff on commodity rates from Chicago to the eastern seaboard.

Like the schedules filed by the roads west of the Mississippi, increased tariff from the Central Freight association territory were filed in concert. On the other hand, the eastern railroads filed their revised tariffs individually.

REWARD IS OVER \$5,000.

Expected that \$10,000 Will Be Offered for Slayer.

With the contribution by the Louisville, Ky., city council of \$2,500 to the fund which will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Alma Kellner, whose body was found buried in a cellar of St. John's parochial school, the sum has reached \$5,500. This will be augmented by an offer by Gov. Willson of \$500 on behalf of the state. Smaller subscriptions of from \$5 to \$100 were tendered Thursday by citizens of Louisville, and it is expected that the reward will soon reach the \$10,000 mark.

Chief of Police Lindsay says that he has received information which leads him to believe that Joseph Wendling, the missing janitor, remained in Louisville as late as March 1.

A man answering the description of Joseph Wendling, the suspected murderer of Alma Kellner, purchased a ticket from New York to Antwerp on January 20.

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

No Change in Situation in Pennsylvania District.

There was no change Thursday in the strike of the 12,000 anthracite mine workers in the Pittston, Pa., district. The officials of the Pennsylvania Coal company declare no agreement can be reached until the strikers first return to work according to the rule of the strike commission.

The strike leaders, on the other hand, claim that the employes of the company will not wait for a decision from the conciliation board, but want a written agreement from Manager May. Many of the strikers show ugly spirit and the state police are in readiness to move to any point in the region at short notice.

Both Held for Fraud.

Gibson Oliver, treasurer of the grain firm of Durant & Elmore, and Henry C. Palmer, former freight agent of the Delaware and Hudson, were arrested in New York Thursday on charges growing out of alleged manipulation of bills of lading, by which it is claimed the firm was able to borrow hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Slump of One Dollar.

Cotton features on the New Orleans stock market scored another sharp decline when the government's acreage and condition reports were received Thursday. The October option dropped to \$12.05, a loss of about \$1 a bale, while the December option went to the 12-cent level.

Civil Service Officials Meet.

Gov. Hughes of New York Thursday welcomed to Albany civil service officials of the various cities in the United States, who were there in attendance at the third biennial meeting of the national assembly of civil service commissions.

Fires a Fatal Shot.

Wallace A. Bussell, of Seattle, Wash., 23 years old, walked into the Monte Carlo saloon and gambling house and fatally shot the proprietor, Joseph Bonner.

Bank Rate Reduced.

The influx of gold and the prospects of the early release of government balances resulted in a lower bank rate in England, which the directors of the Bank of England Thursday reduced from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent.

Three Killed; Others Hurt.

In a premature explosion in a blast in a stone quarry of the Lehigh-Portland Cement company at West Coplay, Pa., Thursday, three men were killed and three others seriously injured.

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ACCUSED OF TAKING CHILD.

Kidnaping Charge Against a Hastings Man.

Joseph Dixon has filed a complaint in the county court at Hastings against Russell Cole, charging him with the kidnaping of his own daughter, Nina Cole, aged ten years. Divorce proceedings are pending for Mr. and Mrs. Cole. By order of the court Cole is allowed to visit his children, and taking advantage of the privilege he went to the home of his wife's parents. It is alleged, seized the girl and carried her into Hall county in a buggy. Sheriff McCleery was immediately sent in quest of them and returned the girl to her home.

Massachusetts to Invade State.

Adjutant General Hartigan has issued an order granting permission to the National Guard of Massachusetts to cross the state fully equipped for war. The companies are going to attend the Spanish American war veterans' reunion in Denver in September. As the state of Massachusetts owes the state of Nebraska money which it borrowed, the adjutant general concluded it behooved the state to treat the eastern soldiers kindly.

Jury Unable to Agree.

The jury disagreed Wednesday in the case of William Peterson, of York, charged with selling liquor without a license. After deliberating twenty-four hours the jury announced the vote to be four for conviction and eight for acquittal. The jury was discharged and Peterson bound over to the December term of district court.

David City Man Makes Aeroplane.

William Canham, of David City, is working on an aeroplane which he believes to be superior to any yet invented. The machine is well along towards completion and presents a most businesslike appearance. Mr. Canham expects to have his flying machine ready for the "Darius Green" act about the Fourth of July.

Postmasters Convention Postponed.

The annual convention of the Nebraska postmasters, which was to have been held in Lincoln some time in June, has been postponed to July 12, 13 and 14, to enable Postmaster General Hitchcock to be present. The postmaster general has given positive assurances that he will be there on those dates.

Doctor is Enjoined.

Dr. L. A. Lansing has been enjoined from practicing medicine in Wakefield. He sold his business last fall to Dr. Tomlinson and moved to Rochester, N. Y. Last week he returned to Wakefield and resumed practice. Dr. Tomlinson secured the injunction in the court of Judge Brown at Ponca.

Child is Badly Injured.

A little son of E. H. Dill, of Harvard, was run over by a wagon loaded with machinery and so badly injured that recovery is extremely doubtful. The wheel passed over his face, across the mouth taking out all his teeth and cracking the chin. He is between four and five years old.

Accused of Using Dynamite.

Willard Beasley, of Syracuse, was arrested Wednesday evening to answer to the charge of using dynamite in the Little Nemaha river near that place for the purpose of killing the fish in that stream, which he gathered up and sold. The information was filed by one of the deputy game wardens.

Bishop Offered Position at Ames.

E. C. Bishop, state superintendent of public instruction, was notified Wednesday afternoon of his election to the head of the public school division of the extension department of Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames, by the Iowa state board of control.

Dispensary at West Lincoln.

A petition is being circulated by residents of West Lincoln, a small village three miles from Lincoln, immediately north of Capital Beach, for a dispensary at which liquor may be secured. It is thought probable that the village board will grant the license.

Nemaha Land Owners Organize.

A meeting of the property owners along the Nemaha river bottoms in Johnson county and others interested in the proposed drainage proposition was held at the court house in Tecumseh Thursday.

Fined for Violating Postal Laws.

Ernest Rottman of Murdock entered a plea of guilty to an indictment for sending non-mailable matter through the United States mails before Judge T. C. Munger at Lincoln, Wednesday, and was fined \$50 and costs.

Work is progressing on the laying of the sewer and water pipes in Hebron.

It is proposed to cover the entire city and allow everybody the use of water, lights and sewerage.

PREACHER CAUSES ARREST.

Man Who Makes Specialty of Working Church People Sent to Jail.

Dressed like a farmer and parading in the disguise of a Christian of nearly every denomination, a middle aged man, with a club foot on his right leg, drifted into Leigh last Saturday and proceeded to pull off a clever grafting stunt. He first went to the home of W. I. Walling and asked that gentleman if he was a member of the Methodist church. Assured that he was, the stranger inquired about a family whom he claimed had moved there about a year ago and had also joined the Methodist church. He claimed that he had forgotten the name of this family, but that they were friends of his and that he wanted to go to them for aid. He stated that he had a horse and buggy stolen from him and that he wanted to go to his home, which he claimed was at Lexington.

The man secured no money from Mr. Walling and went on to other homes, professing to be a Catholic at the home of a Catholic family, a Christian Scientist to a young woman of that faith and was a Congregationalist when he called on Rev. Mr. Sealey, of the Congregational church. He gave his name as H. W. Brown, and told his hard luck story in such a straightforward manner that Rev. Mr. Sealey decided he would let him have \$3, which he thought would be sufficient to take him to Lexington. When he went to write him out a check the stranger requested that he make it for \$3.50, stating that he might be delayed at Humphrey. This request Mr. Sealey granted. Immediately upon his departure Mr. Sealey became suspicious and upon investigation found that the fellow had a different story for every victim. Rev. Mr. Sealey called up Lexington by phone, but could not find a single person who knew him. He then had the man arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses and Justice Walling sentenced him to thirty days in jail.

ELOPES WITH HIRED MAN.

Police Fail to Find the Runaway Couple.

Miss Elsie Tipton, not quite 16 years of age, daughter of a wealthy farmer near Walthill, and Charles Aldrich, several years her senior, with whom she eloped Sunday night, have not yet been found, although the police in Sioux City and neighboring cities have been notified. The girl's father said that Aldrich's attentions to his daughter never had been noticed by him and that he never suspected that the two might have a love affair. Aldrich, he said, was a hired man. Sunday night the two drove to Walthill and started on their honeymoon. "I'd say 'God bless you' and let it go at that," declared Mr. Tipton, "but my wife is against the match and makes me trot all over the county trying to locate them." Elsie will be 16 Friday, and her mother thinks the child is too young to be married.

The description of the couple was given to the police Monday night over the long distance telephone from Onawa, Ia., by the father of the bride, who went there to look for the runaways. Mr. Tipton could get little satisfaction from the police officials, but said Patrolman Harvey had told him he had seen a couple arrive in Sioux City answering the description.

FARMERS LOSE BIG ELEVATOR.

Ten Thousand Dollars' Loss Sustained by Fire.

Fire broke out at Dorchester at 11:45 p. m. Monday night and destroyed the Farmers' elevator and the water tank of the Burlington company which stood behind it. The loss on the elevator is estimated at \$10,000. The building was valued at \$4,500 and in it were from 5,000 to 6,000 bushels of grain. The fire was discovered in the top of the elevator, and as the only water supply was the hose at the station, which would not reach the height, the flames spread with uninterrupted progress. The elevator was burned to the ground at 1:30; there was nothing remaining but the heaps of blazing corn. The loss to the railroad company in the destruction of the water tank is not at present known.

Must Buy Waterworks.

The city of Omaha will be required to purchase the waterworks system of the Omaha Waterworks company for \$6,263,295.49, under a decision of the supreme court of the United States announced Monday. The court affirmed the judgment of the circuit court of appeals in the matter.

Spanish Veterans Form New Camp.

William L. Geddes Camp No. 5, United Spanish War Veterans, was organized and mustered in by Department Commander E. H. Phelps, of Lincoln, at Alliance Monday night, with 25 charter members.

By an overwhelming majority Norfolk Tuesday voted \$12,000 paving bonds and will immediately pave seven blocks of Norfolk avenue in the business portion.

SAVES MONEY IN THE NAVY.

Reorganization Said to Have Been Accomplished by Secretary Meyer.

Virtual reorganization of the navy has been accomplished by Secretary Meyer in the year in which he has held the portfolio of the Navy Department, a Washington correspondent asserts. He has brought about a saving of money in different directions, it is said, and many of the changes are the result, direct or indirect, of suggestions offered at his request by officers in all parts of the naval service.

Economy in the use of coal has been brought about by systematic firing, economy of steam, replacing defective joints and journals and stopping leaky valves. On the Montana a saving of fifteen tons of coal daily is due to systematic firing. With reference to oil the saving has been as great. On the battle ship Georgia improved evaporators have reduced the cost of making fresh water 40 per cent.

Secretary Meyer's reorganization plans include systematic overhauling of the vessels at the shipyards after each cruise. Also, a saving of thousands of dollars in repair work has been effected by having repair shops on shipboard. The establishment of a school of marine engineering at Annapolis is another means whereby Secretary Meyer hopes to train for special work engineer officers who give promise of being of special value in any part of his reorganization plan.

Paladino Unmasked.

During a recent test sitting of the noted Italian spirit medium, Eusebio Paladino, with an invited party of scientists in the home of Prof. Lord of Columbia University, New York, two expert watchers were concealed under the chairs of the sitters after the lights were lowered and unknown to the medium. These men have now made sworn statements to the effect that the various so-called spirit rappings, table liftings and movements of the cabinet curtains were produced by free movements of the medium's left leg while she was seated at the table, her right foot being so placed that its heel rested on the left foot of the man at her right and its toe on the right foot of the man at her left. Thus she gave or intended to give the impression that both her feet were still.

New Altitude Balloon Record.

A. Holland Forbes, of Bridgeport, Conn., vice president of the Aero Club of America, and J. C. Yates, of New York, after a flight of 400 miles in the balloon Viking, from Quincy, Ill., tumbled to earth from a considerable height at Centre, Ky., Wednesday. On Tuesday morning while at an altitude of 20,600 feet, they encountered a severe snowstorm and were partially numbed with cold. They gradually lost power to control the machine and finally, fearing unconsciousness, they ripped the gas bag and came to earth with terrific speed, landing like a stone and escaping death by a miracle. Both men are confined to bed at a farmhouse in Kentucky, but will recover.



A Vienna co-operative society with 700 members operates an immense bakery.

Stage hands of Marysville, Cal., have organized a local of the theatrical employes.

Newark's locked out painters received \$3.25. They asked \$3.64 and turned down \$3.52.

In Australia the federal elections resulted in a complete victory for the Labor party.

Cleveland Lake Shore Railway boilermakers obtained an increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour.

Since the adjournment of the California State Federation of Labor in San Rafael, last October, thirty-three unions have affiliated with the federation.

The present San Francisco (Cal.) Building Trades Council was organized in 1896, with six unions and a membership of less than 1,000. The present membership is above the 30,000 mark.

The Montreal (Canada) Trades and Labor Council desires to have all employment agencies in that territory abolished and have one general office established under the control of the government.

The State Federation of Labor of Texas has decided, by a large majority vote, that hereafter all officers of the federation are to be elected by secret ballot, and in that way eliminate politics from that body.

The Bakers' Union at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, is on strike to enforce hygienic conditions in bakeries there. It is affiliated with the International Union of Bakery Workers and the American Federation of Labor.

The strike of Bradford (England) wool combers came to an end recently, an agreement being signed between the masters and the men. The chief points of the agreement are that a joint board is to be framed to deal with wage questions and other disputes; an advance of 12 cents a week; to all receiving less than \$3.75 a week, and 25 cents to all receiving \$3.75 a week and over; two stops of half-an-hour each for night workers.

Monthly returns from 190 representative trade unions in New York in which 90,000, or nearly one-fourth of the organized wage earners in the State, show that at the end of the year the percentage of idleness was 20.6, as compared with 23.0 at the close of 1908 and 32.7 at the end of 1907. Returns as to earnings of organized wage workers in the third quarter of 1909 from all unions in the State show an average of \$233 for 319,734 men reporting. In the corresponding months of 1908 the average earnings for 288,151 men reporting was only \$207.