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INSURGENTS ARE GAINING GROUND

Revolutionists in Nicaragua Are in Possession of All East Coast Except Greytown.

THAT PLACE CLOSELY BESIEGED

General Toledo's Army is Hemmed in by Land and Sea.

WIRES AGAIN FAIL TO WORK

United States Unable to Communicate with Its Officials.

EXECUTIONS NOT [illegible]ED

State Department Has A[illegible] Cannon and Groce Shot Been Regarded as P[illegible]oners of War.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The [illegible]aguan revolutionists are gaining g[illegible] according to advices received here [illegible] the commander of the cruiser Des Moines, now in Nicaraguan waters. The dispatch adds that American interests are being protected and that the blockade by the revolutionary forces is effective.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The State and Navy departments got i ntouch with Nicaragua overnight through the gunboat Des Moines, which has been plying between Port Limon on the Gulf coast of Costa Rica and Greytown, which is the southern port of Nicaragua, on the same coast. Captain Shipley, commander of the Des Moines, reported briefly on the conditions on the east coast of Nicaragua, which is entirely in the possession of the insurgent forces, with the exception of Greytown proper, where General Toledo of President Zelaya's army is hemmed in by land and sea by the revolutionists.

The only American warship on the west coast of Nicaragua is the Vicksburg, lying off Corinto, but no word has come from that ship in the last two days, interrupted telegraphic communication being the only explanation offered. It has got to be a matter of common note that the telegraph fails in the most perfect weather, when the United States government tries to communicate with one of its diplomatic or consular agents in time of revolution in Central America.

That the explanation to be made by the Nicaraguan government of the conditions under which the two Americans, Groce and Cannon, were executed as forecasted in the news dispatches from Central America will be unsatisfactory to the state department is probable. From any point the official view is that the men were free from the charge of being spies and were entitled to be regarded as prisoners of war and therefore not subject to that penalty. Moreover, if they were captured in Costa Rica, as reported, the act was in clear violation of Costa Rican sovereignity and may easily involve Costa Rica in war with the Zelayan government if the American government turns to Costa Rica for redress.

Fighting Near Bluefields.

MOBILE, Nov. 25.—Officers of the steamer Bluefields arriving today from Port Limon, Costa Rica, say it was reported at Port Limon that fighting was going on in the rear of Bluefields. As the Bluefields was leaving, a large American cruiser was making into Port Limon.

Americans Captured in Battle.

COLON, Nov. 25.—It is stated in reliable quarters here that Groce and Cannon, the Americans who were executed recently, were shot and buried by order of President Zelaya. They were with General Chamorro and were captured during a fight near Colorado Junction. Great indignation is felt here over the executions.

The captain of a boat who paid a visit to President Estranda at Greytown yesterday says that General Chamorro's blockade is effective. A heavy sea is running, which he says prevents the escape of the Zelayan forces. Greytown is devoid of provisions and the Zelayan troops are expected to capitulate shortly. Two hundred deserters from the government forces east of Rama joined General Estrrada yesterday. The men were in a famished condition.

Since the announcement was made that the American government had recognized the revolutionists ethusiasm here has become more intense. Volunteers from the plantations and gold mines are eagerly offering their services to General Estrada.

British Cruiser at Bluefields.

COLON, Nov. 25.—A wireless dispatch from Bluefields, Nicaragua, dated November 24, received today, says:

"The British cruiser Scylla arrived here Sunday and leaves today.

"Commander Bertram S. Thesiger of the cruiser made an official visit to Provisional President Estrada Tuesday."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The visit of the British cruiser Scylla to Bluefields, Nicaragua, and the call of its commander, Bertram S! Thesiger, on Senor Estrada, the provisional president, is not understood at the British embassy. Inquiry there tonight met with the statement that no advices of the warship's call had been received, and in the absence of such advices it is conjectured that the vessel put in merely to discover whether British interests were in jeopardy.

Engaged to Two; Kills Himself

Iowa Man Commits Suicide Because of Threatened Breach of Promise Suit.

VINTON, Ia., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Harassed with threats of breach of promise suits, and fearing lest he would be prosecuted by two young women whom, it is alleged, he had become engaged to, Alva Jewell, living five miles north of here, committed suicide some time this afternoon by shooting himself. His body was found in an outbuilding, and when discovered was still warm.

The young man left the house in the morning, saying that he was going rabbit hunting. Because of his moroseness during recent days, when he did not return for dinner the family started a search for him. It is said that Jewell had made love to and been accepted by two young women at Urbana, both of whom, when they found their lover was bethrothed to another, hired a lawyer and threatened to sue.

Train Burns, but All Passengers Declared Safe

Three Trainmen Killed and Two Others Fatally Injured in Spectacular Wreck.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 25.—Three trainmen dead, two others believed to be fatally injured, five out of six cars on a Great Northern passenger train destroyed by fire, but every passenger safe, is the summing up of a wreck on the Northern Pacific railroad, about a mile from Lind, shortly after midnight, due to the collision between Great Northern Train No. 4 and a "helper" engine.

The dead include Engineer L. Reaman, Fireman Jacob Spangler and Pilot Tyler of the passenger train.

The engineer and firemen on the "helper" engine are believed to be fatally hurt.

The accident occurred either through misunderstanding or disregard of orders. The Great Northern passenger train from the coast was traveling over the Northern Pacific track on account of floods and washouts on the Great Northern line. It was due in Lind shortly after 1 o'clock this morning. The "wild" engine started west, and no sooner had it left the station than the operator knew a terrible mistake had been made, but had no means of correcting it. About a mile from Lind the engine and the passenger came in collision.

According to Engineer Rush, who had pulled the train to Prosper, but who was riding on the train from that point as a passenger, every passenger escaped except one, who was only slightly injured.

Court Prevents Third Marriage of Ohio Girl

Mrs. Larcum, 19 Years Old, Divorced Monday, Planned Wedding for Thanksgiving.

DEFIANCE, O., Nov. 25.—Too much publicity spoiled for the present the plans for the marriage of Mrs. Bessie Sheck-Williams-Larcum, aged 19, an intended Thanksgiving event. The girl was divorced Monday in probate court from her second husband, Edward Larcum, and through a newspaper reporter confided to the public that she intended to be married at once to Benjamin Hill, who had been a boarder at her parents' home and had advanced money to pay for the divorce proceedings.

When Hill applied yesterday to the same court for a marriage license it was refused, and he was informed that the formal decree of divorce would be withheld while the court looked further into the circumstances.

The girl was first married at the age of 16 to Percy Williams of Cincinnati, and after a divorce married Edward J. Larcum of Despier in January last.

Hunter Killed Aiding Friend

John Krenzer Tries to Pull William Gift Out of Mud with Gun Barrel.

While holding the barrel of a gun in the hands of William Gift of 1554 North Seventeenth street, who was stuck in the mud in a slough near the Illinois Central railroad tracks in East Omaha, John H. Krenzer of 1207 North Twenty-first street was shot through the heart by the accidental discharge of the gun.

Krenzer is 17 years of age. He and his younger brother, Tommy Krenzer, aged 13, William Gift and Leonard Neauman were out hunting. They left their homes at 10 o'clock in the morning and were on their way back. While wading through the slough Gift Gift got stuck in the mud. He asked for assistance, which was offered by John Krenzer. Krenzer could not quite reach Gift, so held out the end of his gun barrel that Krenzer might pull him out. Krenzer took hold and began pulling, when the gun was accidentally discharged. The shot struck Krenzer in the heart. He died instantly and fell in his tracks.

Gift, who was holding the muzzle of the gun, was more than horrified. With extreme exertion he got out of the mud and helped carry his victim to dry land.

The Krenzer boys are well known in Omaha. Their father, John B. Krenzer, has been employed as a mechanic in the Union Pacific shops for a number of years. Gift lives with his parents at 1554 North Seventeenth street and the other youth, Leonard Neauman, lives at 1560 North Seventeenth street.

The body was turned over to the coroner of Council Bluffs. Krenzer's parents were completely grief-stricken when they learned of the sudden death of their son.

SPEECH GONE TWO MONTHS

Operation Restores Power to Talk to Man Who Was Injured in Fight.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 25.—His tongue unfettered after a two-months silence, Monroe Pritz talked as cheerfully as a child in telling today for the first time of the assault which, resulting in a skull fracture, had robbed him of speech.

In a road house near East St. Louis, Pritz was struck with a billiard cue by a man who was angry because he had acted as a peacemaker in a fight. There was no witness to the encounter and his friends, finding him unable to tell them anything about the occurence were at a loss to account for his injury.

A trephining operation was performed at the city hospital here which at once relieved the pressure on the brain and restored the ower of speech.

DE ARMOND FIRE COMES FROM DEFECTIVE WIRE

BUTLER, Mo., Nov. 25.—It is now believed the fire which caused the death of Congressman David A. De Armond and his 6-year-old grandson, David A. De Armond, jr., last Tuesday, started in the attic of the De Armond home and was caused by defective electric wiring. At first it seemed probable that the fire originated in the room in which the congressman and the little boy were sleeping

MINE IS SEALED TO CHECK FIRE

Council of Experts at Cherry, Ill., Determines Upon This Course After Long Discussion.

COAL PILLARS ARE BURNING

It May Be Several Weeks Before Shaft Can Be Reopened.

WATER FAILS TO REACH FIRE

Officials Find that Its Only Effect is to Fill Lower Level.

NO MORE BODIES ARE FOUND

Generally Conceded that No Chance of Living Men Being in the St. Paul Mine Now Exists.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 25.—Details of a meeting held here early today between the entire state mining board, Battalion Chief McDonald of the Chicago fire department and W. W. Taylor, general superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company's mines, were made known this afternoon.

Battalion Chief McDonald, after an inspection of the work being accomplished by his men who had been throwing water in the east bottom of the mine for more than a week, advised the state mine inspectors and the representatives of the coal company that the water being thrown into the mine was not reaching the fire and that he saw no use of throwing in any more water, as it was merely filling up the third vein. Bodies of the known dead in that vein are already inaccessible owing to the quantity of water already thrown into the mine and to increase this amount of water, McDonald said, would delay recovery of bodies indifeinitely.

Mr. Williams of the Urbana rescue station, who had been keeping careful note of the gases formed in the mine, reported that the fire had extended to the coal pillars and was forming dangerous gases and making it perilous for rescuers to continue at work.

After considerable discussion and a careful going over of all phases of the situation it was unanimously agreed by the meeting that the only thing that would make possible ultimate recovery of the bodies in the mine was to seal up both the main shaft and the air shaft and keep them sealed until the cutting off of the air smothred the fire. The shafts were thereupon sealed.

Battle with Fire.

After more than 150 bodies had been discovered in the mine, early yesterday efforts to carry them to the surface were abandoned while a battle was begun to check a fire which again threatened the main shaft.

Yesterday flames from fire in the second vein, 216 feet below the surface, had swept fifty feet up the main shaft. Then the fire was forced back. Mine Manager Taylor declared that the destruction of the main shaft is at all times imminent, and with it will go the only possibility of removing bodies. That no men survive in the mine now is generally conceded, even by the most optimistic.

The only part of the mine as yet unexplored and in which living men possibly could be found is the east working of the second vein, at the entrance to which the fire is burning fiercely. Twice rescuing parties that have ventured past the fire area have been temporarily cut off by these flames and rescued with difficulty. No further attempt to venture into it will be made until the fire is extinguished, which may be a work of days.

May Amend Mining Laws.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 24.—As a result of the mine fire at Cherry, Governor Deneen may incorporate in his call for a special session of the legislature, to be held in December, a request that the state mining laws be amanded to provide that fireproof mine shafts be built in all mines.

The tentative plan would call for shafts built of concrete and steel instead of timber, and the removal of all mine stables from underground to the surface.

Governor Deneen today told a delegation of officers of the State Federation of Labor and of the United Mine Workers of America that he would submit their demands for greater safety in mines to the newly appointed State Mining commission. He added that if the commission could formulate specific amendments to the mining laws that would be desirable, he would incorporate the recommendations in his call for the special session of the legislature.

Cruiser Ready to Sail for the South

Four Hundred Marines Prepared to Go to Nicaragua on Short Notice.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25.—With its hold stored with provisions and ammunition the United States cruiser Prairie lies at the Philadelphia navy yard today ready to sail for Panama or Nicaragua. Four hundred marines who were to be carried by the cruiser to Caribbean waters are awaiting the signal to start.

Several weeks ago orders were received at the navy yard from the Navy department at Washington to have the Prairie ready to transport marines to the Isthmus of Panama in December. After the Nicaraguan incident, in which two Americans were shot, orders were received from Washington to advance the sailing time and the cruiser probably will leave on Saturday.

Meanwhile preparations are being made at the navy yard for a review of sailors and marines by Secretary of the Navy Meyer. The secretary will arrive here tomorrow and the review will be held in the afternoon. The marine band will come from Washington to take part in the review.

Leg Broken in Twelve Places.

YANKTON, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Charles Jackson, whose home is at Hydro, Okla., and who travels for the Enid Nursery company, Oklahoma, is in the hospital here with his right leg fractured in twelve places, the result of a bad fall on an icy walk. Jackson is over 50 years of age and the physicians consider his case a very serious one indeed. Litte hope is entertained of the patient ever using the limb again.

Keep an Eye on the Boys

From the Minneapolis Journal.

CURZON NOT IN DEB[illegible]

Former Viceroy of India Attacke[illegible] Sudden Illness.

LORD ASHBOURNE IN HIS P[illegible]

Noted Unionist Makes Attack Budget and Defends Right Lords to Withhold Their Consent.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Although thi[illegible] the fourth day of the budget debat[illegible] the absence of Lord Curzon, who b[illegible] a sudden indisposition was to hav[illegible]tinued the unionist attack upon the [illegible] measure, detracted somewhat from th[illegible]ular interest, there was little failing [illegible] the attendance when the House of [illegible] met this afternoon.

The benches again were crowded[illegible] peers, members of the House of Co[illegible] were gathered about the throne, an[illegible]esses, diplomats and other distin[illegible] persons filled the galleries.

The extension of the time for deba[illegible] give opportunity for more of the lords to be heard and many maiden speeches will be made. Lord Revelstoke, who has been a member of the second chamber for twelve years, made his first speech in the House of Lords this week.

Lord Ashbourne, who has been a member of several unionist cabinets, took Lord Curzon's place in reopening the debate, and while many were disappointed at the failure of the former viceroy of India to speak, the visitors heard an orator almost equally notable.

Lords and History.

Lord Ashbourne contended there was no authority on constitutional history that disputed the right of the lords to act according to their discretion in accepting the budget.

This year's budget, by presenting a variety of bills within its covers, sought for the first time in the history of the budgets to go far beyond the scope of providing revenue to meet the annual expenditures, he said. He declared the government had performed an unconstitutional act in tacking on the budget bill a measure for the taxation of undeveloped land. Against the licensing clauses, which, after the rejection of the licensing bill, appeared here in a worse form, he also held was obvious tacking.

He added that evidences of the unrest caused by the budget bill were everywhere. Consols had dropped, he said, and untold millions of capital had been driven abroad. Of what use, he asked, was the House of Lords, if, when the time for action came, it could not act?"

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, a unionist free trader and member of the former unionist cabinet, after attacking the budget, admitted, that while the lords had never in so many words surrendered their right of interference, usage had established that the House of Commons was supreme in matters of finance.

Mrs. Roosevelt is Back from Europe

Accompanied by Miss Ethel She Goes at Once to Oyster Bay.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her daughter, Miss Ethel, returned today from Europe. Mrs. Roosevelt's step-daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson and Collector of the Port William Loeb, jr., met the travelers at the pier.

They will go from here to the Roosevelt residence at Oyster Bay.

Hundreds Trapped in Japanese Mine

Heavy Loss of Life Feared as Result of Explosion in a Coal Shaft.

TOKIO, Nov. 25.—Heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion today in a coal mine at Onoura, Eukoko province. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 223 miners are entombed in the workings.

OIL OPERATORS WANT RELIEF

Ask Modification of Leases with Indians, Owing to Decrease in Price.

PAWNEE, Okl., Nov. 25.—Oil operators of Osage, Washington and Tulsa counties at a conference here yesterday with the government Indian commissioner demanded amendments to the leasing regulations of the interior department, which will remove the condition that requires that they pay $1 an acre annually on leased lands not developed.

The operators asked for permanent relief from paying royalties to the Indians on the basis of 41 cents a barrel for oil, because they asserted the market price for oil had been reduced to 35 cents a barrel.

[illegible]S DINNER BIG AFFAIR

[illegible]oth Turkey, 'Possum and Pie on the Menu.

[illegible]-AMERICAN SERVICES HELD

[illegible]ident, Vice President and Other Dignitaries Attend Special Exercises at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

[illegible]ASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—President Taft [illegible] his family had a genuine Thanks[illegible]g dinner today. In addition to the [illegible]mmoth turkey which had been sent to [illegible] White House by Horace Vose of Wes[illegible], R. I., and the fifty-pound mince pie [illegible] by the bakers of New York City [illegible] was a twenty-six-pound "billy 'pos[illegible]," said to be the largest and plumpest [illegible] trapped in the Georgia woods, on [illegible]table at the White House dining room. [illegible] the president's family except Robert, [illegible] is at school at New Haven, dined [illegible] him.

[illegible] pan-American Thanksgiving service this morning in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church was attended by President Taft, Vice President Sherman and several members of the cabinet. Cardinal Gibbons and Mgr. Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States, were present.

The members of the cabinet spent the day quietly here.

Throughout the city the day is being observed in the customary way. All the departments of the government, the banks and practically all of the stores in the city are closed.

Dinner for Former Prisoners.

That Captain Joseph F. Shipp, former sheriff of Chattanooga, and his companions, who are serving jail sentences inflicted by the supreme court of the United States for contempt of that high tribunal, have a legion of friends in their Tennessee home was attested today.

These friends saw to it that the former sheriff and his fellow Tennesseeans were provided with a turkey dinner of lavish proportions.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Salvation Army workers today found the wife and children of Henry H. Padgett in destitute circumstances. Padgett is one of the codefendants with Captain Shipp, now confined in the District of Columbia jail on a contempt charge. Mrs. Padgett and her children were dependent for a limited Thanksgiving dinner on the bounty of a nearby grocery and the Salvation Army has started a fund to keep the family in bread until the husband completes his sentence.

Frankfurters is Old Tom's.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 25.—Frankfurters and sauerkraut accompanied by boiled cabbage and potatoes defeated turkey and cranberry sauce in a referendum vote at the St. Louis workhouse today. As a consequence the toothsome American bird was not in evidence at dinner.

In contrast to the workhouse was the quarantine station. Here an average of twenty-five pounds of turkey was served to each inmate, there being only one of them—Mong Wing, a leper. He is the only leper in this part of the world and therefore perforce dined alone. He had also the usual "trimmings" and some celery, which he had planted and cultivated himself.

The 700 insane asylum patients ate spring lamb.

Half Million Turkeys in Gotham.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—More than 500,000 Thanksgiving turkeys were sizzling today in the ovens of as many homes, while hotels, restaurants and charitable institutions were packed with holiday diners.

The Salvation Army announced through Colonel William A. McIntyre that it was looking for a hall full of "gentlemen who have not only stepped off the water wagon, but have lost all hope of regaining a seat thereon."

The Bowery mission chose today to open its regular 1 o'clock-in-the-morning winter bread line and gave a dinner to 1,000 waifs of the Bowery and Chinatown. The Astor estate gave a dinner to 800 newsboys. Many brokerage and banking houses sent out breakfasts to the poor.

Kills Himself

"Goodby," He Cries to Roommate and Leaps from Third-Story Window.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Eluding his roommate and shouting a frantic "goodbye," William J. McCormick, 31 years old, a student at the Moody Biblical institute here jumped from a third story window of the institute dormitory today and died while being taken to a hospital.

Strange actions on the young man's part for some days had been noticed, and his room mate, J. L. Osborne, had been asked by the school authorities to watch him. McCormick retired late and Osborne seeing his asleep, layed down beside him, only to be awakened by the shouted farewell as the student plunged from the window to his death.

Close Guard for Cook's Records

Secretary Lonsdale Sails for Copenhagen with Bulky Package of Documents.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Anotner chapter in the North pole controversy was begun today with the departure of the data and reports which Dr. Frederick A. Cook compiled in the arctic, for Denmark, where they will be submitted to the University of Copenhagen as proof of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the north pole on April 21, 1908.

The records were taken abroad by Walter Lonsdale, private secretary of the explorer, who sailed on the steamship United States for Copenhagen. The documents bulked large and Mr. Lonsdale said that he would keep them under careful guard until they were placed in the hands of Dr. Torp, rector of the Copenhagen university.

The records and reports contain about 30,000 words and the university authorities probably will be several weeks going over them.

CHILE THREATENS BOYCOTT

May Refuse to Buy American Goods Unless Alsop Claim is Withdrawn.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 25.—The attitude of the United States government in the matter of the Alsop claim held by the United States against Chile is producing an effect upon the business of the country. Chilean buyers are cancelling orders for American products pending a decision in the case.

IQUIQUE, Chile, Nov. 25—The popular feeling here is that the Alsop claim of the United States against Chile is unjust. A public meeting will be held probably on Saturday at which it will be proposed to boycott American products unless the United States desists from pressing the claim.

DAY OF GENUINE JOY IN OMAHA

Thanksgiving Finds People Healthy and Happy and is Observed with Real Spirit.

SPRING-LIKE WEATHER IS A HELP

Through Bright Sky and Warm Air Nature Bestows Smile.

INDOOR AND OUT THE FESTIVAL IS

Devout Give Thanks in Religious Observance of the Day.

VIGOROUS YOUTH RUNS AND PLAYS

Even the Pork on the Block and Fat Poultry Seem to Give Forth Freshness of the Cheerful Season.

It was a day of genuine thanksgiving in Omaha. And busy commerce paused to observe it. The weather—spring-like in its balmy, clear atmosphere—toned the spirits to a high key and the Great Human Family, or that portion of it in this city, partook of festal feasts and engaged in devout worship and participated in out-of-door exercise with a vim and vigor characteristic of a healthy, happy people.

That aspect of Thanksgiving day from which the name itself is derived, was not ignored in Omaha, many churches holding services of praise and gratitude and these services were particularly impressive among those denominations to whom the day means much in an historical way. But there was opportunity for all who felt like observing the day in other than a gastronomical way, so to act.

One sermon with particular reference to the history and meaning of Thanksgiving day was delivered by Rev. L. O. Baird, pastor of St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, who occupied the pulpit at Grace Lutheran church, where one of several union services of the day was held.

"As Christmas is the feast of the nativity of Christ," said Dr. Baird, "and as the Fourth of July is the birthday celebration of the American nation, so Thanksgiving day is the birthday holiday of Puritanism. I am here to say some words concerning Puritanism and the Puritan.

So with All Great Events.

"Just as at the birth of Christ, there were the wise men who rejoiced and the people who wondered and the Herod who scoffed, so it has been with other great events and facts at their inception and afterwards.

"It has become the fashion to indulge in much easy abuse of the Puritan. To call a thing 'puritanical' is to damn it; to call a statute a 'blue law' is to kill it. And all this abuse, all this unfounded criticism is entirely unjustifiable.

"I do not want to return to witch hangings—there never were any witch burnings in New England. Nor do I wish to return to the intolerance which exiled Roger Williams; nor to the fake blue laws which are much talked of, but most of which as exampled were never in any statute book.

"These references as commonly made are the exaggerations of caricature. And what basis they have in face were the excesses necessary to a primal state. It is true that their ways were rigorous, but their hearts were stupendous. The easy going critic seated in his armchair under an electric light in a steam heated flat seems to forget the drapery of these rugged men was cut from the cloth of their day.

"Do you judge a school by its dunces or by its wise pupils?

"Do you rate men at their best or their worst averages? Shall we discount Peter after Pentecost because he had lied once and sworn once?"

Analyizes Popular Charges.

Dr. Baird then went on to analyze many of the popular charges against the Puritans in New England. He referred to witch burning, now well known by the educated never to have occurred in America.

"There were all told thirty-one executions for witchcraft in New England," said he, "and this was but in the fury of the delusion which swept across from the old world. Prior to the Massachusetts outbreak there were 30,000 put to death in England, 75,000 in Germany, 100,000 in France—all for the same cause.

"Do you ever hear anything about witchcraft in England? Do you ever hear about it in Germany? In France?

"Four years later we see in New England the whole community join in a public expression of humility and penitence."

Seated with Rev. Mr. Baird before the sermon were Rev. W. E. Todd of the Third Presbyterian church, M. L. Mellck of the church in which the services were held, Dr. Ball of the Parkvale Congregational and W. S. Fulton of the Westminster Presbyterian. Members of the Hanscom Park Methodist Episcopal church also took part in the service.

CHRISTIANITY AMERICA'S HOPE

Its Influence the Sine Qua Non of Modern Civilization.

Union Thanksgiving services were held by the First Christian, Kountze Memorial and First Baptist churches at the First Baptist church, Twenty-ninth and Harney streets. Rev. J. M. Kersey of the First Christian preached the sermon. Rev. J. W. Conley of First Baptist read the scripture lesson from the 103d Psalm, and prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Hummon of Kountze Memorial.

"The essential feature of our Thanksgivings on this day is that we live in the civilization of Appomattox, rather than that of Troy," said Dr. Kersey. "Achilles, victorious over Hector, dragged the dead body of his conquered foe thrice around the walls of Troy. Grant, 3,000 years later, gave to the conquered Lee the benediction of a Christian civilization to go and rehabitate their devastated homes and join with the victors in effacing the vestiges of war for the glorification of a Christian civilization and the betterment of humanity.

"It is for such possibilities that we should be thankful. We should be further thankful that the church is not losing its grip on God's world, whatever iconoclasts may claim. The church of God has a stronger hold on humanity today than ever before. Today 400,000,000 Christians are worshiping the true God. In the nineteenth century more people became Christians than in all the preceding centuries since the Gospel of Jesus Christ was given to the world.

"We should be thankful for the great prosperity of our beautiful home city of Omaha. We should be thankful for the Bible, the chief book of all the world.

Berwyn Aviator Takes Wife; Quits Airship for Fireside

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Prof. Ulrich Sorenson, of aeroplane fame, whose remarkable drop through the air of 3,500 feet will be remembered, has given up aerial navigation and, after Thanksgiving, will settle on earth for an indefinite period and become a humble tiller of the soil.

The cause of this change became apparent at the court house yesterday, when the professor was caught red-handed in the act of taking out a marriage license for himself and Miss Cora Talbot of Berwyn.

The wedding ceremony was quietly performed at the residence of the bride's people on Thanksgiving morning and the young couple will take a short trip before settling on their farm near Berwyn.

As the aviator carefully placed the license inside of his coat pocket, he remarked:

"Yes, I'm going to quit exploring the air, for a time, at least. It wouldn't be square to the little girl if I didn't cut it out and take to something on a safer basis. Understand, I don't mean to say I am through with it for good; if I could afford to put the right kind of a motor in my machine I would undoubtedly take another whirl at the game, as the danger in that case would be reduced to a minimum. But good motors, such as I want, cost money, and it will probably be some time before I am able thoroughly to equip an aeroplane on my own lines."