

**FORMAL NOTICE
SENT TO MADRIZ**

Secretary Knox Will Hold Zelaya's
Successor Responsible for Safety
of Americans.

CONSUL ASKED TO REPORT
State Department Asks for Basis of
Apprehension of Danger.

MARCH ON MANAGUA NEXT
Believed Estrada Will Begin Move-
ment to Take Capital.

SORROW TEMPER THE ELATION
Bluefields Hospitals Filled with
Wounded and Navy Surgeons
Are Kept Busy—War on
Madriz Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox has given formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western section of that country. Instructions to this effect were sent to the United States consul at Managua, with directions to immediately inform the Managua authorities of the attitude of this government, and the consul was also directed to report what basis there was for apprehension of trouble on the part of the American residents in that part of the country, and especially at Granada.

A telegram was received at the State Department today from Admiral Kimball, in command of the United States war vessels now in Corinto harbor, stating that the commandant of the port of Corinto had made a call on the American fleet, but that the commandant was not satisfied. Admiral Kimball also noted the arrival in that harbor of the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero.

The State Department is in something of a quandary as to what has become of the small army, approximately 1,000 men, belonging to the government forces, which at last accounts held possession of Greytown. This section of the army was until recently commanded by General Toledo, who lately was reported as having arrived at Managua. The report received yesterday from Captain Shipley of the Des Moines at Bluefields indicated that the defeat and surrender of the Zelaya forces at Rama disposes of practically all armed resistance to Estrada on the east coast. Whether the Greytown contingent had previously joined the Zelaya forces at Rama is in doubt. If not, it is assumed that another engagement at or near Greytown may be expected before Estrada's army takes up its march for Managua.

See Victory for Estrada.
Messages received at the State department today indicate a condition of excitement throughout the western portion of Nicaragua. Zelaya seems to have assumed direction of the military operations in that part of the state and, consequently, a stubborn resistance to the expected advance of the revolutionary army is looked for.

Hosts are reported at Masaya and Granada, where the people have come in collision with the military forces. American citizens at Masaya are being afforded protection, but so far as can be learned the only provision so far made for them is the announcement that refugees considering themselves in danger will be received on board the American warships in Corinto harbor.

The marines recently landed from the troopship Prairie have been sent from Colon to Base Obispo, a station on the Isthmian railroad about half way to Panama. This action has been taken with a view to the marines being within easy call in case it is found necessary to send them to Corinto.

Officials here regard the recent overwhelming victory of the revolutionary army at Rama as the beginning of the end of Zelaya. Madriz and his faction as potential forces in Nicaragua. The feeling here is general that the conquest of the western half of the country will be far more easily accomplished than was the eastern and that within a month at the farthest it is believed General Estrada will be president of Nicaragua.

WHI March on Managua.
BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—General Estrada, it is said today, will immediately assume the offensive against the government of President Madriz. The insurgent leader holds that the Zelaya element was removed from consideration by the sweeping battle of Rama. The march on Managua is believed to be imminent.

The prisoners captured at Rama have been well fed and all who now espouse the cause here believe that the struggle will be decided in the ranks of the insurgents. The details of Estrada's further campaign are not made known, but it is understood his movement on Managua will be by way of Greytown, which he expects to fall with little show of resistance. The various groups of the revolutionary army are reported to be within a month of the capital and the path to the Nicaraguan capital made along Lake Nicaragua.

The exact number of dead, injured and captured in the two days' fighting near Rama either is not determined or the facts are withheld.

Today Bluefields realizes what real war means. The wounded fill the hospitals and dead lie in many homes. Funerals are being held in great numbers. Insurgent elation over the triumph that has placed Estrada in the honor of possession of Isthmian, Hercezo and the strategic point of Telumbia Hill, as well as the adjacent territory heretofore disputed, is tempered by the sorrow of grief-stricken homes.

There is less of noisy rejoicing at the capital of the provisional government, but the firm determination to overthrow the government of Managua has been strengthened by the sacrifices of the last two days.

Generals Chamorro, Diaz and Matuy are popular heroes today.

**Dawson to Take
Leading Place
in Washington**

Council Bluffs Man, Specialist in Central American Affairs, Arrives at the Capital.

(From a Washington correspondent.)
E. J. Dawson, a specialist in Central American affairs, arrived in Washington today from Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is a member of the State department and is expected to take a leading place in the diplomatic work of the government.

Pursuant to the general policy of retrenchment on the part of the Postoffice department, a number of star routes in the Sixth Nebraska district have had their schedules reduced. Congressman Kinkaid has earnestly remonstrated against this policy and has pointed out that the Sixth district instead of being at a standstill in population is increasing at a rapid rate, and these reductions will work a hardship, and instead the facilities should be increased. In several instances he has had the old schedules restored. The last one being from Chadron to Antelope, changed to three times a week.

Victor Rosewater and daughter were in Washington today for a few hours, returning to Baltimore this evening. Mr. Rosewater said his brother-in-law, though still in a Baltimore hospital, is holding his own, and, if anything, shows improvement.

George Krug of Omaha, in charge of the western division of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association, is in Washington to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Brown.

H. J. Batley of Brookings, S. D., has been appointed assistant in the bureau of grain standardization in connection with the Agricultural department.

C. E. Phelps has been appointed rural carrier, Eliza J. Phelps substitute, for route 1, at Indianola, Ia.

Postmaster McLaurin, Carson county, S. D., vice H. S. McLaughlin, resigned.

**Induce Mrs. Snead
to Kill Herself**

Evidence Indicates Sisters Inter-
cepted Letters and Told Her
Husband Was Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Although Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Oscar Snead, has been indicted with her two sisters for the murder of the East Orange bath tub victim, the New Jersey authorities have not yet obtained possession of Mrs. Martin, and she is determined not to be taken out of New York state without a fight.

Today her attorney, Colonel Robert J. Hale, announced that he would at once take steps for bringing habeas corpus proceedings to test the strength of the case against his client.

Some of the evidence which was presented to the grand jury in support of the charge that a plot existed against Mrs. Snead became known today. An important point was made in the presentation of documentary and other evidence to show that letters written by Mrs. Snead to her absent husband, Fisher Snead, were unmailed, and that his letters to her were intercepted.

Meanwhile, it was alleged, the sick woman was told that her husband was dead and that she had nothing to live for.

**Big Fight for
McLaurin's Seat**

Half a Dozen Aspirants Appear for
Mississippi Senatorship—No
State Funeral.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 23.—The death of United States Senator McLaurin occurring within ten days of the biennial legislative session, gives promise of the most spirited political struggle in the history of the commonwealth.

The legislature must elect an incumbent for the unexpired term of three years and three months.

**NINE MEN KILLED
IN COAL MINE**

Explosion of Gas Wrecks One Entry
of Colliery Near Herrin, William-
son County, Illinois.

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FEAR THAT OTHERS ARE DEAD
Twenty-Five Men Supposed to Be at
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FIREMEN RUSHED TO SCENE
No Signs of Fire Have Been Discov-
ered and It is Hoped that Con-
flagration Will Not Add
to Horror.

MARION, Ill., Dec. 23.—Nine men are known to have been killed and a score or more are thought to be entombed as the result of an explosion in Squid Ridge mine No. 4, near Herrin, this county, late today. Parties of rescuers are at work and exact details of the disaster will not be learned until they have reported.

Four bodies have been recovered. These include the corpses of W. C. Pierce, mine surveyor; Walter Rutledge and two unidentified Italians.

Gravest fears are expressed for the fate of other workers in the mine. So far as can be learned, the explosion was confined to one entry. A hasty poll of the mine employees has accounted for nearly all of the members of the working force.

About twenty-five men are said to have been at work in the entry where the accident occurred. It is not known whether the force of the explosion reached the workmen.

Ald was immediately summoned from Herrin and the fire department of that town was sent to the mine. No signs of fire were discovered several hours after the accident and it is hoped that a conflagration below ground will not be added to the difficulties of the rescuing parties.

Efforts to get in best communication with the mine have met with little success.

**Mark Twain Says
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Asserts.

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 23.—Mark Twain today gave out the following statement as a result of various reports concerning his condition of health following his recent return from Bermuda:

"I hear the newspapers say I am dying. The charge is not true. I would not do such a thing at my time of life. I am behaving as good as I can. Merry Christmas to everybody."

**SMALL FORTUNE FOUND
IN SERVANT'S TRUNK**

Miss Margaret Sullivan, Who Spent
Life Working in Kansas City
Hotel, Leaves \$5,000.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—In the trunk of Miss Margaret Sullivan, who died here recently after having worked as a servant in a downtown hotel for twenty-seven years, more than \$5,000 was found today. The woman was thought to be penniless. She died at the age of 66 years.

When Colonel Kerney Coates, an old time hotel man here, died, several years ago, he left Miss Sullivan, who had worked for him \$1,000. She placed this amount, and her other savings in a bank. It failed, and her friends supposed she had lost all of her money. But with the opening of the trunk came the discovery of a certificate of deposit of \$5,000 of another showing Miss Sullivan had an account besides her unfortunate one. About \$2,000 in currency was secreted in one corner of the trunk.

During her entire life the woman never took a vacation. The money will probably go to Miss M. Sullivan of Ogdenburg, N. Y., and Mrs. C. R. Helbing of Grand Crossing, Chicago, sisters of the woman.

King Albert I on Throne

New Belgian Ruler Greeted with
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**All Efforts to
End Deadlock at
Butler, Mo., Fail**

Convention to Nominate Successor to
De Armond Takes 484 Ballots
Without Result.

BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 23.—Determined efforts to break the deadlock in the Sixth district democratic convention called to nominate a successor to the late Congressman De Armond met with failure today. Three sessions were held and after the forty-third ballot, the situation was substantially the same.

The convention asked the four candidates to present their ideas about the best way to break the deadlock. Suddarth, Hargus and Newman agreed to release their delegates from their pledges if the other candidates would do the same. Dickinson refused to agree to this proposition, urging the delegates were responsible to their counties and not to him.

A motion was then made that the candidates meet in conference, but no action was taken after a spirited discussion. None of the delegates appear to know the chances for a break, and no dark horse has been suggested.

Exchange of Propositions

Twin City Switchmen and Railroad
Officials Hold Long Conference.

NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED
Adjournment is Taken Until Ten
O'clock This Morning—Butte
Men Forced Out by
Local Unions.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 23.—At a conference today in the office of Governor Eberhart, which was attended by all of the representatives of the railway council of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of all the Twin City lines effected by the present switchmen's strike. Governor Eberhart, his secretary, Ralph W. Wheelock, members of the state railroad commission and Labor Commissioner W. B. McEwen, propositions were made both by the railroads and the switchmen looking toward a settlement of the strike.

No agreement was reached at the conference, which lasted until 6 o'clock, and it was agreed to meet again at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and continue negotiations.

The railroads' proposition, briefly, is to agree to employ as many of their former employees as they have room for, under the present agreement, until the termination of the conference now going on between the switchmen and the railroads in the Chicago district, when the Twin City roads will agree to meet any additions in pay or working conditions granted the Chicago switchmen by the Chicago lines.

In their counter proposition the switchmen agree to arbitrate under the arbitration act of 1888, but insist that separate negotiations be conducted with the Twin City lines here in the St. Paul.

Proposition of Railroads.
The proposition of the railroads to Governor Eberhart is as follows:
A conference between representatives of the railroads in the Chicago district, and representatives of their switchmen is now in progress for the purpose of determining a scale of wages and the establishment of working conditions for that district.

The rates of wages in the Chicago district and in the Minnesota cities for switchmen have been identical and the working conditions similar.

The representatives of the Twin City lines in conference, this date, have consented, by majority vote, to report to your excellency, that these terms, if accepted, will agree to re-employ such of their former yard employees as the roads may have places for, at the rates of pay and under the working conditions in effect in the Chicago conference the terms here represented will meet any additions in rates of pay or working conditions that may be granted by the Chicago lines to their switchmen and that as heretofore announced, the differential of 2 cents per hour in the wages of switchmen will apply in the territory of Billings and west on the Northern Pacific railway and in the territory of Havre and west on the Great Northern railway.

Offer from Switchmen.
The switchmen's counter proposition is as follows:
For the employers, we are aware that con-
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**Dr. Cook Murdered Abroad,
is Belief of His Brother**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—William L. Cook said today he believed that his brother, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, had met foul play abroad.

"I had a letter from Dr. Cook early this week," said the brother, "in which he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen with his proofs of having found the North pole. He should have reached Copenhagen before this and as he had been threatened with violence I fear his enemies have overtaken him."

The report of the special committee which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims to having reached the summit of Mount McKinley will be delivered to the board of governors of the explorers' club tomorrow. While the investigators will not divulge the text of the report they do not deny that it discredits Dr. Cook's claims.

**Dunn on Knees
Before Court**

Omaha Lawyer, Disbarred for Con-
tempt, Comes Off High Horse
and Beggars for Mercy.

RESTORED TO PRACTICE OF LAW
Judges Refuse to Listen to Him Until
He Apologizes.

RIGHT TO DISBAR AFFIRMED
Following This, He Decides to Eat
His Humble Pie.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM BENCH
Attorney Connell Paves Way for
His Reappearance Before Bar—
Makes Amends for His
Conduct.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—J. J. Dunn, disbarred from the practice of law in all states a month ago by the supreme court for contemptuous conduct, came off his high horse this afternoon, apologized to the court, and was reinstated in his profession.

He appeared at the state capital with the intention of making a statement to the judges. His attorney, W. J. Connell, asked the judges to permit Dunn to be permitted to appear before them when the court informed Mr. Connell that an opinion had already been given on the contention he had raised, that the court had acted in violation of the constitution by disbarring him without a hearing.

In this respect the judges held that their action in disbarring Dunn for his attitude toward the court and his criticism of Judge Rose in a brief in the case of Robinson against the city of Omaha was within the law. Mr. Dunn perused the opinion and later Attorney Connell, when the court was at leisure, asked that Dunn be allowed to appear before the court and apologize.

Dunn Takes Medicine.
Mr. Dunn thereafter advanced before the court and orally expressed his regret for the action he had taken and expressed himself as willing to comply with the court's regulations. (The judges then ordered Mr. Dunn's statement reduced to writing and filed as part of the record, which was done.)

Following a consultation of the judges in their chambers, an order was then given restoring Mr. Dunn to the rights of a practicing attorney.

Mr. Dunn is one of the attorneys for the city of Omaha in the suit involving an old gas lighting contract which is being argued on appeal. When the case was called this afternoon W. J. Connell, appearing for Dunn, rose and said before the case proceeded Mr. Dunn would like to make a statement.

Chief Justice Reese, speaking for the court, said the court had just handed down an opinion in the Dunn case, and probably Mr. Dunn would like to read it before he made a statement. Mr. Dunn went to the clerk's office and secured a copy of the opinion, which he read. It held the court had a right to disbar Dunn and reaffirmed the position the court took in the contempt case. Judge Dean dissented.

By the time Mr. Dunn had the document read Will Herdman, who has the gas company, was making an argument to the court and proceedings in the Dunn case were delayed for a time.

The Apology.
The apology together with the order of the court follow:
"In the supreme court of the state of Nebraska, Anna J. Robinson, appellant, against the city of Omaha, appellee, No. 15627, retraction and apology for contempt."
"In re-citation of L. J. Dunn for contempt."
And now comes L. J. Dunn and in accordance with his written statements heretofore made and filed herein and in accordance with his declared purpose made in open court before the court, and in the presence of the court, and in the presence of the clerk of the court, and in the presence of the opinion of the court, and as already orally done in open court, hereby in writing withdraws all statements in his brief filed herein which have been referred to, or considered by the court as contemptuous or obstructive and hereby makes full and unqualified apology for having written or filed said statements, "December 23, 1909."

"By the court: And now on this 23d day of December, 1909, the respondent having made ample oral apology in open court for the statements contained in the brief and on which our order of suspension herein was founded, and he having filed the foregoing written declaration of apology.
"The court accepts the same as satisfactory and the respondent, L. J. Dunn, is hereby restored to all his rights as such attorney and counselor at law.
"Costs taxed to respondent."

POWER TO SELL FRIAR LANDS

Attorney General Wickersham Gives
Opinion No Limit on Num-
ber of Acres.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Attorney General Wickersham has rendered an opinion for the War department to the effect that to sell the friar lands in the Philippines in any number of acres desirable, notwithstanding the organic act of the Philippine government, which limited the sale of the unappropriated public lands obtained by treaty with Spain to forty acres.

In developing the sugar industry of the islands individuals desired to purchase the 55,000 acres contained in the San Jose estate on the island of Mindoro, which was purchased from the Benedictine friars by the United States and which has never been occupied. It was argued that to attempt to sell this land in forty-acre tracts would defeat the proposed use of the land.

This condition does not modify the law providing that every corporation engaging in agriculture shall not hold more than 2,500 acres. It is said the sugar trust is the prospective purchaser of the land.

EVIDENCE STOLEN FROM JAIL

Wagon Load of Liquor Seized in
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**Today is the last
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Xmas presents.**

Under the head of "Christ-
mas Hints," on the first
page, are a lot of sugges-
tions that will help the late
shopper. Some of the things
are quite out of the ordinary.
Have you read the want ads yet
today?

**Mystery and Glamour
Lifted from Tiburon**

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 23.—The mystery and glamour surrounding Tiburon island, Gulf of California, has been dissipated, for five weeks prosecuted their explorations, finding no indication of anything of value or of great interest.

The island is twenty miles wide and thirty-five miles long and is of volcanic origin. Good grass abounds and there is some running water. It contains no human beings, but hundreds of deer and myriads of wild pigeons. Inscriptions were found proving the visit there in 1505 of a rescue party in search of traces of the Grindell exploring expedition, lost the year before.

During the party's stay the island was visited by former Congressman Conn of Indiana, who is making a pleasure cruise in his private yacht Comfort.

them that there was nothing of value on the island. However, they crossed to the island, established a permanent camp and for five weeks prosecuted their explorations, finding no indication of anything of value or of great interest.

Dr. Wu has the man from Missouri looking like a deaf and dumb man when it comes to a matter of "show me."

At Guaymas the explorers bought a boat, provisioned it for a three months' stay, and proceeded up the gulf, landing at Keno bay on the mainland. Here they were visited by twenty Seri, men and women, who proved friendly and who informed