

ZELAYA FLEES TO CORINTO

Former President of Nicaragua Goes to Western Port on Special Train.

RUMOR THAT MADRIZ RESIGNED
Another Report Says He is Trying to Organize Liberal Ministry.

HIS ARMY IS MERE REMNANT
Of 3,000 Men Only 500 Escape from Estrada's Troops.

NO FIGHT FOR THE CAPITAL
Insurgent Commander Asserts His March on Managua Will Be Unopposed—Details of Battle of Rama.

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Former President Zelaya arrived at Corinto today on a special train from Managua, whence he departed this morning at 3 o'clock. He was accompanied by a guard of fifty men with a Maxim gun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A rumor gained currency here today that President Madriz of Nicaragua had resigned. Efforts to trace its source proved unavailing, although the representatives of the Estrada party in this city had written word to the same effect. They, however, vouchsafed nothing definite, nor could the other Central American diplomats.

A telegram to the state department from Consul Caldera at Managua, received today, stated that Madriz was organizing a cabinet made up of liberals and conservatives, mostly from Leon, his home city.

This is assumed to mean that Madriz is making an effort to carry water on both shoulders, with the probability that he will meet with a catastrophe.

Estrada, it is believed here, is reorganizing his army with a view to promptly taking up the march westward over the mountains to Managua. That he will have little opposition is generally believed and there are indications that a considerable percentage of the prisoners taken at Rama will join Estrada's army in operations against Managua and the west coast cities.

When questioned today as to whether the United States would take measures to prevent Zelaya from leaving the country, state department officials declined to answer. The presumption, however, is the matter of allowing him to leave the country either on board the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero or by other means is still held in abeyance.

Insurgent Victory Complete.
BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—The details of the battle of Rama are now known. The victory of the insurgents was as complete as has been claimed by them.

After two days of fighting, the fiercest that Central America has seen, General Estrada on Tuesday wiped out the enemy. Of Zelaya's army of 3,000 men but 500 escaped. The killed and wounded on both sides, as before reported, numbered 600, and 1,000 of the government troops surrendered after a desperate resistance. Three Hotchkiss and four Maxim guns, 2,000 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were included in the booty.

General Estrada professes to believe his march to Managua will be unopposed. Bluefields and the neighboring country are delirious with joy. The victory is said to have been won on the very day scheduled for the inauguration of Dr. Madriz as president of Nicaragua in succession to Zelaya.

General Luis Mena is again here. His troops arrived on the scene of battle when the tide in favor of the insurgents.

At the request of United States Consul Moffatt, Commander Shipley of the United States cruiser Des Moines, sent his hospital squad ashore, establishing an independent hospital where forty of the wounded are receiving care. The American medical men have been able to give their services to all who were in need of them.

Six Americans participated in the battle, operating rapid fire guns. They escaped injury with the exception of one named Hensford, who received three bullets in a leg.

Two Generals Captured.
The prisoners include General Gonzalez and General Castriello. General Vasquez, who was returning to Rama from Managua when hostilities began, did not reach the scene during the fighting. He was a few miles distant when the government troops were routed and it is possible that some 500 men escaped with him.

After Zelaya's trenches had been shelled they were taken by assault. In the trenches were several wounded men, some of whom were in the conflict to starvation in camp. These women were armed with rifles and fought courageously. One of them was wounded and later brought to the hospital here.

A large proportion of the prisoners were found to be boys and girls of various ages. They expected defeat as though it were welcome.

General Gonzalez, the leader of the government troops, today shares the quarters of General Estrada and is eating the latter's rations with great relish and smoking insurgent tobacco as though he enjoyed it.

Widows Wander Streets.
Today widows and orphans may be seen wandering about the streets weeping. Yet no expression of regret is heard. The provisionals admit their heavy losses and estimate those of the enemy at about an equal number.

General Chamorro, General Diaz and General Maturio first freed the enemy. The fugitives, Pioneer and Blanca, upon which were mounted Hotchkiss guns, hurried inland, steamed up a creek, tributary to the Mico river, upon which the village of Tecero is situated.

For hours they shelled the village, the gunners maintaining a great accuracy. Zelaya's troops frequently left the trenches and, advancing through the jungles, met the insurgents in hand-to-hand conflicts. These dashes were followed in each instance by a retreat to the trenches and a forward movement by the government troops, who cut the wire entanglements with their machetes. In these brushes many were killed or wounded.

General Chamorro, who looks like a typical North American regular trooper, fought with frenzied vigor. General Diaz declined to be used as a mortar, to take to cover. Diaz walked erect until a hole of bullets, directing the fire of his men, who

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THE CHRIST-CHILD'S VISION.



Oh, Babe, on Mother Mary's knee,
What do thine eyes, all wondering, see?
"In a garden. One alone
Maketh prayer and bitter moan;
Him His comrades have forgot

Yet His God forgetteth not—
When the garden lights are dim,
Lo, an angel comforts Him!"

Oh, Babe, a shadow on Thee lies;
What sorrow darkens in Thine eyes?

"One I see, His head bowed down
Underneath a thorny crown,
Staggering toward a distant hill,
Fainting, yet triumphant still,
Since upon His cross He bears
All the world's unnumbered cares!"

Oh, Babe, the shadows deeper grow—
What deepening sorrow grieves Thee so?
"Now I see a leafless tree
On a height called Calvary,
And its bitter fruit, God saith,
Ripens for My hour of death:
Yet within that awful hour
Life immortal breaks in flower!"

Oh, Babe, on Mother Mary's knee,
As her arms encompass Thee,
Sleep—nor dream of a day to be!

ROBERT GILBERT WELSH.

MISS CLEMENS FOUND DEAD

Daughter of Mark Twain is Drowned in Bath-tub.

LONG SUBJECT TO EPILEPSY
Father Issues Statement Saying She Probably Had Attack While Bathing—Had Planned Trip with Him.

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), was found drowned in a bath-tub in Mr. Clemens' home here today.

It is believed that Miss Clemens suffered from an attack of epilepsy while in the bath and was drowned while in a convulsion. She had suffered from epilepsy for a number of years.

Speaking of his daughter's death Mr. Clemens said:
"My daughter, Jean Clemens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at 7:30 o'clock.

"All the last half of her life she was an epileptic, but she grew better latterly. For the past two years we considered her practically well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who had served us twenty-eight years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping excursions and such things. She had very few convulsions in the past two years and those she had were not violent. At 7:30 this morning a maid went to her room to see why she did not come down to her breakfast, and found her in the bath tub drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out.

"She had been leading a very active life. She spent the greater part of her time looking after a farm which I bought for her, and she did much of my secretary work besides. Last night she and I chatted later than usual in the library and she told me all the news of the house-keeping, for she was also my housekeeper. I said everything was going on smoothly, that I thought I would make another trip to Bermuda in February, and she said if I would put it off till March, that she and her maid would go with me. So we made that arrangement.

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Boiler Explodes in Rock Island Shops at Pawnee

Two Men Are Killed and Twelve Injured—Several Reported Missing and Building Wrecked.

SHAWNEE, Okl., Dec. 24.—Two men are known to be dead and twelve injured as the result of the explosion of an engine in the shops of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad here shortly after noon today. Railway officials have given out a statement that only two are dead. Several employees, however, are said to be missing.

The explosion occurred during the noon hour, while many of the employees of the shops were at lunch. For this reason the casualties were light. The explosion wrecked one wall of the shops and hurled pieces of machinery several rods. Windows all over town were shattered. The two men who were killed were working on the engine.

Bryan is Better; Leaves for Miami

Commoner Suffered from Severe Cold and Canceled Lecture Dates.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—The condition of W. J. Bryan who was taken ill yesterday was so greatly improved this morning that he will leave during the afternoon for Miami.

Mr. Bryan will go from Miami to Cuba and South American countries, where he will join Mrs. Bryan.

He is still very hoarse and suffers pains in his chest, but, if his condition warrants, he will go out from Miami to witness dredge boat operations in the Everglades tomorrow. His physician has stated today that reports of Mr. Bryan's illness have been greatly exaggerated.

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COOK AGAIN BRANDED FAKER

Explorers' Club Finds He Did Not Climb Mount McKinley.

GUIDES' EVIDENCE NOT USED
Committee Says Its Report is Based Entirely on Scientific Testimony—Believes He Disappeared Purposely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The committee of the Explorers' club which has been investigating the claim of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley today reported to the board of governors of that club that after exhaustive investigation it failed to find any evidence to support Dr. Cook's claim.

The committee in its report said it had made every effort to obtain information from Dr. Cook on the Mount McKinley expedition and that Dr. Cook appeared before the committee on October 17, last, and promised to submit data and other information, which he failed to do, and that the committee believes he purposely disappeared.

The committee says it examined Edward Barrill, the guide, who was with Dr. Cook on his expedition and also took the testimony of the packer, Frederick Prinz, but

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Two Passenger Trains Collide at Mason City

Milwaukee Train Runs Into Rock Island Train and One Man is Killed and One Badly Hurt.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 24.—Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train No. 107 plunged into a Rock Island passenger train at a crossing near Plymouth this afternoon, killing Patrick O'Neil, a land seeker, and seriously injuring C. K. Hildreth of Keosauqua, Ia. A number of others were also injured.

The baggage car and smoker of the Rock Island train was smashed into splinters. The mail, baggage and smoking cars of the St. Paul train were badly damaged. The engineer and fireman of the St. Paul train escaped by jumping.

It is said that the wreck was caused by a mistake in signals.

Search for Seals, Not South Pole

Captain Bartlett of Peary Expedition Will Not Join British Party.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 24.—Captain "Bob" Bartlett, the commander of the Peary Arctic steamer Roosevelt, will not go in search of the South pole as a member of the British Antarctic expedition under Lieutenant Scott. Captain Bartlett has notified the owners of the sealing steamer Southern Cross that he will accept the command of that vessel.

Junior Boys Entertained.
LOGAN, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Accompanied by Miss Georgia Sumpter, language teacher, Superintendent Charles S. Cobb and wife and the Junior girls entertained the Junior boys of the Logan high school at the home of Miss Jessie Hall, near Logan last evening.

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TAFT BUYS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

President Spends Hour and a Half in Washington Shops.

BOOKS, JEWELRY AND HANDBAG
Day at the White House Will Be Like that in Million Other Homes—Presents for All Employees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Taft went shopping about this afternoon, wandering from shop to shop, taking a hearty interest in the store windows and good naturedly returning the jostling of the crowds. Captain Archibald Butt, his military aide, walked with him, but immediately behind trailed two secret service men. After nearly an hour and a half's walk, the presidential party returned to the White House.

The president left the executive offices at 4 o'clock and walked down Pennsylvania avenue to a jeweler's shop, where he remained some little time, selecting a present for Mrs. Taft and his daughter, Miss Helen. He next walked over to the former establishment on F street where Captain Butt halted Mr. Taft on the walk before the broad display window.

"That is just the thing," he exclaimed, pointing with his walking stick, to an elaborate traveling bag of Russia leather that was spread to the gaze of the onlookers.

"You're right," exclaimed the president, showing the officer ahead of him, good naturedly. "Let's get a closer view."

Comotion in the Store.
There was a commotion in the crowded store when the president and his party entered. They remained nearly a quarter of an hour, going then to a book dealer's establishment, where Mr. Taft purchased a number of volumes. One of them, which he wanted to mail tonight, he turned over to Captain Butt.

Captain Butt stuck the volume under his arm and the party returned to the jeweler's place. As the president passed a hotel on Fifteenth street the pinwheel door to the bar spun merrily. Four tubular holiday celebrants emerged. They gained the sidewalk, laughing effusively.

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OMAHA HAPPY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Gladsome Yuletide Dawns on Storm-Lashed City After Evening of Hurry and Hustle.

LAST CARS CARRY CROWDS HOME
Belated Shopper Strongly in Evidence as Big Stores Close.

JOYOUS FEATURES FOR THE DAY
Private and Public Entertainment Arranged for Everybody.

KRIS KRINGLE GOOD TO ALL
Fortunate Ones of City Make Efforts to Entertain Those Not So Well Blessed—Holiday Cheer Reigns Supreme.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY.
Victor Moore in "The Talk of New York" at the Boyd.
Vaudeville at the Orpheum.
"The Eye Witness" at the Krug.
Grew Stock company at the Gayety.

POSTOFFICE HOURS.
General delivery open until noon.
Stamp and money order departments open until 10:30.
Two morning deliveries down-town, one in residence districts.

Christmas day has dawned. It was ushered in by an evening of hurry and hustle in the downtown district by the usual holiday crowd that throngs the streets on Christmas eve.

The last cars on the city lines, as they slowly crept over the slippery rails, and plunged into the storm of Friday night, carried their heavy burdens of human freight, laden down with yuletide tokens for the little ones at home. Many a belated shopper made it a special point to catch the last owl car rather than face the Christmas elements.

Down in the district where the lights burn brightest there was feverish excitement during the night hours. Tired clerks in the big department stores mechanically sold their wares to the late shopper who put off buying until the last moment. There was no 8 o'clock closing, only for the Christmas clerk.

All Ready for Kris Kringle.
Then, when the doors were closed and the people were left out in the storm, there was a mad scramble for cars. How the people crowded and pushed to board the cars for home! The tired motormen and conductors then had their inning. When the last fare had been rung up the merry, merry Christmas day was at hand.

The day will find Omaha folk at their ease in the enjoyment of all the holiday season offers. The charitable spirit of good will is making the holiday season one of joy to every one. No Omaha home, be it palace or hovel, need be without its Christmas cheer.

upon the big, restless business district of the city to find the hurry and bustle hushed in homage to the one greatest holiday. Stores and offices will be closed all day generally throughout the city. In those few institutions where public service demands that there shall be no closing, activities on Christmas are at their lowest ebb.

In the churches there will be many religious observances of the day. The Christmas gaiety is even invading the hospitals and reaches to the bedside of the suffering. In all of the hospitals there will be something to give the inmates a taste of the festivities of the more fortunate outside world. There will be special dinners for those who are able to enjoy them and even Christmas trees for the grown-ups, and musical programs.

Services at Hospitals.
At the Presbyterian hospital a Christmas tree for the attendants and patients will make the holiday gay. The gift giving here has been limited to objects of the value of not to exceed 50 cents, that there can be no holiday extravagances to be regretted. St. Joseph's hospital holds a religious program beginning with mass at midnight, and, of course, there will be a Christmas tree and entertainment.

The deaf and dumb children, although they may not enjoy the Christmas carols or the music of the season, will have a most gayly bedecked Christmas tree and a real turkey dinner. The Knights of Columbus are giving the children of St. James Orphan's home their holiday joys with a picture show and a Christmas tree and a good old-fashioned Santa Claus.

Meetings and programs of a holiday nature will be held all over the city. There will be an all day stag party at Metropolitan hall.

Charitable institutions have prepared a Christmas for the poor of Omaha and every effort is being made to reach into every abode of the needy. Preparations have been made at the People's Church, 212 North Elizabeth street, for a Christmas dinner to 1,000 persons, if they will but apply. The dinner will be served to all who come between the hours of 11:30 o'clock in the morning and 4 in the afternoon.

Ask, and Thou Shall Receive.
"No one will have to prove his poverty," said Rev. Charles W. Saydige, pastor, "they only have to come and ask."

The prisoners in the city hall are to have their Christmas dinner, too. It will be of the royal American turkey with the time-honored and much beloved cranberries alongside.

All of the big stores downtown will be closed for the day, and officially Omaha will be at rest, with the city hall and the court house closed.

The newboys of the city got their Christmas, too. "Mogey" Bernstein, probation officer, together with representatives from the newboy forces from each of the three papers of Omaha, gave out dinner baskets to 129 newboys Friday afternoon.

Each of the newboys got a live chicken, together with all proper trimmings for a Christmas dinner, and a pair of warm woolen mittens. The newboys will thus eat their Christmas dinner with their families and their holiday joys will be enhanced by sharing with others.

Christmas Dinners for Poor.
The Omaha City mission more than carried out its good intentions this Christmas season by providing 1,500 poor people with Christmas dinners, and today will make many hearts happy by special Christmas services and entertainments.

At 9 o'clock this morning there will be a special meeting and gathering for the boys. Following a short program and distribution of gifts there will be a sleigh ride for all.

In the afternoon the girls and primary department will be treated to a program,