

INSURGENT CAUSE
NOT VERY HOPEFUL

Estrada Asks for U. S. Marines
To Protect Americans but
Wants Intervention.

ZELAYA HAS OUTWITTED HIM

Conference Near Rama a Mere Blind
—A. P. Correspondent Has Can-
vassed Whole Situation.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A conference, believed to be full of significance, is being held this afternoon at the navy department. Secy. of the Navy Meyer, Asst. Secy. Winthrop, Rear Admiral Wainwright and Asst. Secy. of State Wilson are participating. Nothing is known as to the nature of the conference except that it has to do with Nicaraguan affairs. It is intimated that an explanatory statement may be made later in the afternoon.

Bluefields, Nic., Dec. 11.—A staff correspondent of the Associated Press, who recently arrived here, has canvassed the situation and finds it less hopeful for the insurgents than had been believed.

Gen. Estrada is greatly disturbed and has appealed to U. S. Consul Moffat for marines from the cruiser Des Moines to protect Americans.

It is known, however, that what he really wishes is intervention by the United States to save the insurgents' cause.

While Gen. Vasquez at the head of a handful of loyal troops was parlaying with Estrada's envoys before Rama, it is said the main army of Zelaya was marching on Bluefields.

A disquieting report comes from Greytown, which is said to contain a government force sufficient to route the besieging troops under Gen. Chamorro whenever the word is given. It is possible that the provisionals are unduly alarmed just as they appear to have been over confident; but the situation is set forth as it is viewed from the insurgents' standpoint.

UNPLEASANT REALIZATION.

There has been a sudden and unpleasant realization here of government strength and insurgent weakness. President Zelaya has outwitted Gen. Estrada and the latter's chief hope in America is gone.

It turns out that the conference sought by Gen. Vasquez, of the government troops, near Rama, which the insurgents had interpreted as a sign of yielding on the part of Zelaya's troops, was a blind intended to secure a delay of the expected battle until the loyal army had gained a decided advantage in position. It is also learned that while Zelaya had kept a scattered force before Rama, his real army of 3,000 men was hurrying by forced marches toward Bluefields.

The report that a descent upon this city from Rama was possible only by river is now known to be untrue.

Gen. Estrada endeavored to cover his alarm by informing the correspondents at the front that all was soundly with the prospect that Gen. Vasquez and Maj. Eva would surrender.

ESTRADA WANTS MARINES.

To his aid, Gen. Estrada declared that the Americans should send more marines ashore, as Vasquez apparently had outwitted him. Estrada also expressed the opinion that a request should be made of the United States government for protection to the 150 Americans in Bluefields.

Diaz rushed to U. S. Consul Moffat with the intelligence and the consul assured him that Commander Shipley's marines of the cruiser Des Moines with their six rapid-fire guns, would be able to control the situation here in the event that the loyal army should suddenly surprise the city.

It was recalled today that Major Eva, one of the government envoys at yesterday's conference, was the man who surveyed the telegraph line across the country and that none knows better the hidden ways through the forest, swamps and hills.

If President Teft is determined that Zelaya shall be defeated it is believed here that the United States forces will find active participation in the struggle necessary. Apparently Gen. Estrada has reached the stage where he feels that the situation is critical, unless the Americans are prepared to assume an active and supreme control.

At present Commander Shipley awaits further orders from Admiral Kimball.

All idea of the enemy attacking fortified Rama has been abandoned. The truce which covered the conference of the government envoys and which was said to have arranged to further conceal the march of Zelaya's men through the hills toward Bluefields, is at an end.

At the conference, Zelaya's representatives used every pretext to delay coming to the point, and when the conference came to an end, it was

EARLY COPY

For the
Christmas News

Owing to the crush which attends the publication of the Christmas News, local advertisers are respectfully requested to furnish copy intended for that edition NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, 14th INST.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

To be Issued Saturday Next

Will be the following:
A greeting to the Latter-day Saints from the First Presidency, with an interesting review of the historical events in the Church during the year.

Gov. Spry reviews the outlook for Utah.

Mayor Bransford contributes an article on the city's greatness.

Alfred Lambourn will be represented by a typical article on Utah scenery.

Gov. Brady of Idaho will tell of the progress of the temperance wave in the Gem State.

Other features of timely interest will be:

A story of the Mormon Battalion entitled "A Battle With the Bulls."

A Tennyson on an Inspection Trip, by Joel L. Priest.

A new chapter in the "Journal of a Salt Lake Pilgrimage."

Dry Farming by Prof. L. A. Merrill.

Reminiscences of old Salt Lake by old Salt Lake, with an hitherto unpublished humorous poem by Bishop Orson F. Whitney.

Christmas News Prize Story and Poem.

How the Salt Lake Temple was built.

The Big Real Estate Deals of the Year.

The Wonderful Building Review of the Year.

The Utah National Guard.

Utah Art and Artists, written by one of the profession.

Real Estate values of Salt Lake today and twenty years ago.

Railroad construction of the past year.

Utah and Idaho Cities and Towns.

With many other timely business and holiday features.

with a demand that the insurgents in the vicinity of Rama surrender.

INSURGENTS ALARMED.

Further evidence of the alarm of the insurgents is shown in connection with movements of the Bluefields steamship company's steamer Di Giorgio.

This company, which derived a big revenue through a concession from President Zelaya, has always been believed to be in sympathy with the source of its revenue. Its ships are in the practice of ascending the river from Bluefields to Rama to load with fruit.

However on Monday Gen. Estrada, fearing a plot through which the government troops which were believed to have made a detour to Rama would make a fake seizure of the vessel, ordered the up-river trip abandoned.

He rushed 300 troops toward Rama, and Thursday morning, convinced that these could control the situation, gave permission for the steamer to proceed to Rama.

That same night the information was received that a large force of the government troops was stationed between Rama and Bluefields, and at once Gen. Estrada ordered the steamer to stop at Rama, which she did.

Another cause for alarm among the insurgents is the report brought by the cruiser Des Moines that Zelaya's men at the Greytown are far from being in the desperate condition which has been reported by them. They are said to number more than 3,000 well fed and well paid soldiers and are opposed only by Gen. Chamorro with 400 insurgents. The excellent condition of the army in Greytown is said to be the main reason while it does not leave its quarters and attack Chamorro. The soldiers are not enthusiastic over Zelaya and his cause and prefer being fed to fighting.

AMERICAN ICE CO.

GUILTY OF MONOPOLY

New York, Dec. 10.—The American Ice company was found guilty today in the supreme court of restricting competition in and attempting to create a monopoly of the sale of ice.

The jury was out one hour and 40 minutes, and when the foreman announced the verdict the court immediately imposed the maximum sentence of \$5,000 fine under provisions of the Donnelly anti-monopoly law of this state.

The conviction is the first under the new law and will probably be fought to the highest court in the state.

Negotiations for the construction of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company, the Utah Copper company, and the Boston Consolidated Copper company are said to have been practically closed and an official statement of the terms is expected early next week.

From present indications the terms provide for an absorption of the Boston Consolidated by the Utah on a basis of two and one-half shares to one and the Nevada Consolidated on either two and one-fourth or two shares to one share of Utah stock.

TONG WAR VICTIMS

NOW NUMBER EIGHT

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 11.—The list of dead in the bloody tong war between the Yees and the On-Yicks was increased by one this morning, making the total eight. Shortly before 2 o'clock the body of Yee On, a member of the Yee family, was found in the hallway of a house at Fifth and Harrison streets in the heart of Chinatown, with four bullet wounds in his head. Several strangers highlanders believed to be imported gunfighters are under surveillance.

FIFTY NINE PEOPLE
LOST THEIR LIVES

In the Terrific Storm That Passed
Over Lake Erie Middle
Of This Week.

PROPERTY LOSS A MILLION.

It Is Not Thought Possible That Any
Of Thirteen Members of the Clarion's Crew Have Survived.

Cleveland, Dec. 11.—The terrific storm which passed over Lake Erie Wednesday night and Thursday reaped a harvest of lives and laid waste more than \$1,000,000 worth of vessel property. Late reports show that 59 lives were lost, that 20 steamers were rescued, that four boats were destroyed and that one is aground and sustained heavy damages.

The summary shows:

Steamer Clarion, burned; 15 lives lost, six saved.

Steamer W. C. Richardson, sunk; five drowned, 14 saved.

Car Ferry Marquette and Esamer No. 2, wrecked; 38 lives lost.

Steamer Josiah G. Munro, went aground attempting to rescue sailors from the Clarion, tow barge sunk, no lives lost.

Sailor from Richardson, crazed by exposure, committed suicide.

No one now considers there is any chance that any of the 13 members of the crew of the Clarion have survived.

Two of the crew are known to have perished. Neither is any hope now held out for any of the members of the crew of the car ferry, Marquette and Esamer No. 2, which have been missing four days.

BICYCLE SCORE.

New York, Dec. 11.—The score at 9 o'clock of the six day bicycle race was:

Rutt-Clark, 3,420.5 miles; Root-Fogler, 3,420.4; Hahndel-Hohr, 2,420.3; Mitten-West, Lawson-Demara, 2,420.2; Georget-Georget, 2,420.0; Anderson-Venoni, 2,418.4.

The record for the 129th hour is 2,489.6.

Celebrating Eighty-ninth Birthday Today

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CHRISTMAS NEWS PRIZE WINNERS.

The committee having in charge the awarding of the prizes offered for the best story and poem submitted for The Christmas News, reports as follows:

Fifty dollars cash prize for the best story, awarded to Edyth Ellerbeck Read for her story entitled "Santa's Understudy." This is the fourth time that Mrs. Read has been awarded a prize.

Other contributions warmly commended by the committee are: "Abda, The Youngest Shepherd," by A. B.; "A Christmas Blessing," by M. S. D.; "A Christmas Reconciliation," by "Barbara"; "Mary Holland's Christmas," by R. H. W.; "Love's Conquest," by "Florence"; and "Brineco," by "R."

Twenty-five dollars cash prize for the best poem, to the author of "The Paradise Quest," whose name is at present unknown, owing to the failure of identification envelop to reach the committee. The writer will be required to submit satisfactory proofs of authorship. Other poems commended by the committee are: "The Babe of Bethlehem," by Contest 1909; "The Birth of Faith," by Julia; "The Light that Leads," by Lynde, and "A Christmas Thought," by L. M. N. X.

Have you an absent friend interested in Utah or Idaho?
If so send him or her

THE
CHRISTMAS
NEWS

Saturday, Dec. 18.

WRIGHT AEROPLANE

PLUNGES DOWN TO EARTH

Berlin, Dec. 11.—A Wright aeroplane which Capt. Engelhardt was piloting over Johannisthal field today lost its balance and plunged to the earth. Capt. Engelhardt was unconscious when picked up and removed to a hospital. The extent of his injuries was not determined. The captain, who is a former naval officer, was a pupil of Orville Wright and accompanied the latter when he broke the record in carrying a passenger by flying 1 hour and 35 minutes last September.

Engelhardt developed much skill, and on Oct. 29 he made a flight of 44 minutes and 30 seconds near Potsdam, establishing a distance record for German aviators. Recently he has been taking passengers up with him.

Later it was found that Engelhardt had not been seriously injured, though his face was lacerated and the left leg sprained. The machine can be easily repaired.

On recovering consciousness the aviator said that his horizontal rudder failed to work when he had reached a height of 15 or 20 feet, and this caused the aeroplane to overturn.

TIGHTENING NET
ABOUT HOLDUPS

Ten Victims of W. S. Jacobson
And J. B. Fisk Make Positive Identification.

COMPLAINTS ARE SWORN OUT.

Sheriff Sharp's Men Securing Incriminating Evidence Against "Long And Short Men."

Sheriff Sharp is tightening a big net of identification and incriminating evidence around W. S. Jacobson and J. B. Fisk, which connects them with numerous robberies and holdups that have occurred in Salt Lake City recently. They have already been identified by 10 of their victims.

J. D. Shaffer has sworn to complaints charging them with having held up and robbed the George Bess saloon, at Twelfth South and West Temple streets, last Tuesday night. Shaffer was in the saloon at the time of the hold-up, with J. H. Swartz of 2100 South West Temple street, and Charles H. Birch, proprietor of the saloon. Among the other men who have identified Fisk and Jacobson as the men who have committed various crimes are

Conductor R. W. Parrish and Motorist Bert Hendrickson, who were held up at the end of the Wadsworth car line, last Tuesday night; Scott Groesbeck, the young engineer, who was held up, robbed and beaten on A street, between First and Second avenues; Chris Clausen, proprietor of the Standard Electric company, at 231 West Temple street, who claims that he saw Fisk and Jacobson leave a street car near the end of the Wadsworth car line, about 15 minutes before Miller and Hendrickson were held up.

MORE DAMAGING EVIDENCE.

More incriminating evidence has been found in the houses on Calley avenue, near Gordon street, lying between Fifth and Sixth East streets, and between Eleventh and Twelfth South streets, where the "long and short men" were captured under Sheriff Sharp's directions by Deputy Sheriffs Richard S. Eddington, John Corless, and Special Deputy Sheriff Samuel Nowell, last Thursday.

JUDGE EXCORIATES

JOSEPH E. FOWLER

Husband Who Abandoned Woman at Critical Hour Held for Trial in District Court.

"This is the worst case of its kind that ever came before me," said Judge John M. Bowman this morning in police court, when he bound Joseph E. Fowler over to the district court for trial on a charge of non-support of his wife and four small children since last May, during which time the mother has gone hopelessly insane and she and her babies have almost starved to death.

"I shall raise your bond from \$500 to \$1,000," continued the court, and then he delivered an exhortation that made Fowler turn as white as a sheet as he sat with bowed head and took it all.

"You had no excuse whatever for your actions," said Judge Bowman, "and the story told by your wife and her poor, old father and mother would make any decent man's blood boil. The evidence proved conclusively that you deserted your wife and children and left them in a filthy, tumble-down shack in Huntington, Utah. Last August she bore her fourth child, after she had been driven mad by grief and worry over seeing her little ones without food. The sides of the hut were filled with large chinks, and the cold wind swept through the place and chilled your wife and babies. They didn't even have a bed to sleep on. They were actually dying from starvation when Mr. Broberg, her father, went down from Salt Lake City and found them. She was wandering about the outskirts of the town, raving crazy, and she and the child were today, according to reports from railroad officials and strikers.

The executive council of the state federation of labor will hold a meeting tomorrow morning, when it is expected that resolutions will be adopted extending the moral and financial support of the federation to striking switchmen.

President F. T. Hawley of the Switchmen's union, is expected back to strike headquarters here tomorrow morning.

ARMED MEN HUNTING

FOR DOUBLE MURDERER

Savannah, Dec. 11.—Although hundreds of armed men assisted the police last night in the search for a negro believed to have been the murderer of Mrs. Eliza Gribble, an aged white woman, and her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, and to have fatally injured Mrs. Maggie Hunter, the fugitive is still at large.

All of the victims had been cut or stabbed with a knife, and their heads crushed with some blunt instrument, presumably an axe.

Mrs. Hunter, despite her frightful injuries, is thought to have a chance for recovery.

Mrs. Gribble was 72 years old, Mrs. Ohlander was 45 years old and formerly lived in Montgomery, Ala., where she left her husband three years ago. Mrs. Hunter is 35 years of age. She also left her husband.

The statement today of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, who was attacked and left for dead yesterday at the same time that Mrs. Eliza Gribble and her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, were killed, that it was her husband, J. Hunter, who attacked her, today led the police to re-arrest Hunter and he is being held under strong guard.

TRANSPORT PRAIRIE FLOATED.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The transport Prairie which went aground in the Delaware river on the night of Dec. 6, while proceeding down the river with 700 marines for Central America was floated at 1:15 a. m. today.

BATTLESHIP UTAH
THE BEST OF ALL

Gen. C. S. Burton is in receipt of a pleasant letter from Lieutenant Commander Pearson, U. S. N., of this city, now in Philadelphia. The latter says:

"I notice in the clippings from Salt Lake papers that Miss Spry, daughter of the governor, is to do the honors and that a delegation is coming on. I also see something of the 'Utah,' which is being built just across the river. She is really the very finest product in naval construction up to date, and Utah did well to be patient, for it's certainly a case where the 'last shall be first.'"

that he deserves no mercy. You did not get on the witness stand and testify in your own behalf, and I certainly believe that you did not do so for the simple reason that you knew you were guilty and that you could not open your mouth without further incriminating yourself."

Assist. County Atty. Aaron Myers prosecuted the case, and the punishment of Fowler is due to that official's vigorous efforts. Fowler first escaped to Albion, Idaho, but Mr. Myers determined to bring him back, and Gov. Spry issued extradition papers, which is rarely done in non-support cases.

Assist. County Atty. Myers said that cases of this nature would be severely dealt with in the future, and if any man who deserts his wife and children is caught, he may expect to get the limit that the law allows.

SAMUEL ANDERSON DIES.

Old Resident Came to Utah in Early Days With Ox Team.

Samuel Anderson, formerly a well known tailor, died at his home in the Thirtieth ward on Dec. 11, of old age. Deceased was born in Sweden and came to Utah in 1860, crossing the plains with ox-team. He was the husband of the late Anne O. Anderson and father of 10 children, two of whom survive him, E. S. Anderson of this city and James J. Anderson of San Mateo, Cal. Deceased was a member of the Mormon Church, and at the time of death held the office of high priest, and exemplified in his life the principles of the church to which he faithfully adhered to the time of his death. The funeral services will be held in the Thirtieth ward chapel, corner of Goltz and First West streets, Sunday, Dec. 12, afternoon. Friends invited to attend. Interment in city cemetery.

CREDITABLE PUBLICATION.

Christmas Number of Goodwin's Weekly Brimful of Merit.

The Christmas number of Goodwin's Weekly is the first of the holiday issues to reach the exchange table of The News. With a cold blue cover page suggestive of the season and a bright interior, it is creditable to high degree. The salutation is an editorial, "Christmas Day from the pen of Judge C. C. Goodwin in happy style. This department is graced with several other pleasing features. A feature contribution from the facile pen of Ike Russell, late of New York Evening Sun, its title "Sally of Our Own Particular Alley," is a neat little tribute to the work of the intangible Sally. Pictures illustrated with a splendid portrait of the charming little woman and one of her in one of her song successes. A reproduction of the beautiful Shoshone falls is only one of the striking pictures in the number. John L. Corless and Edward H. Little of the Chicago Record-Herald, Lynn S. Gillham, Tod Goodwin, August Stocker, Frank Du Bois, W. H. Bramel, Capt. Joe Caine, R. W. Sloan, Murray Schick, Horace Dunbar and Miss Nora Gleason are numbered among the contributors of items altogether readable and enjoyable. The number is one of which the publishers may be pardoned for being proud.

SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE.

Elder John Henry Smith to Address Meeting in Second Ward.

There will be a special musical program rendered at the sacrament service in the Second ward chapel tomorrow evening, and Elder John Henry Smith of the quorum of apostles will speak. Among the musical numbers will be "The Star of Bethlehem," by the choir, H. Siddaway, and singing by the choir.

STRIKE SITUATION

REMAINS ABOUT SAME

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PROSECUTION
OF SUGAR FRAUDS

Government Will Sue for Money
Due it and Punish Participants in Them.

A NETWORK OF CORRUPTION.

Atty.-Gen. Wickersham Says It Is Too Soon to State Precise Extent of Conspiracy.

Washington, Dec. 11.—That the department of justice intends a vigorous prosecution in the efforts to recover all money due the government as a result of sugar frauds at New York, and to punish all who may have participated in them, is shown by the annual report of Atty. Gen. Wickersham, made public today. After briefly reciting the facts in the case, which are of public knowledge, he says:

NETWORK OF CORRUPTION.

"The evidence has disclosed a network of corruption, not confined to the American Sugar Refining company. Extending over a period of years, affecting both importers and officers of the government, it is as yet premature to state the precise extent of the conspiracy or the amount of the revenues of which the government has been defrauded."

"While it is feared that the statute of limitation may have run in favor of many of the malefactors, who are responsible for these frauds, yet no effort will be spared to ascertain the precise amount of which the government has been defrauded, to recover all moneys due and to punish all those who may be found to have participated in any respect in the fraud, whether as officers or agents of the government, or as officials of the government. I earnestly request a special appropriation of \$50,000 to enable this work to be effectively prosecuted."

INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT.

Further litigation touching the "commodities clause cases," arising under the interstate commerce law, is promised by the attorney general. Discussing the decision of the supreme court in those cases, Mr. Wickersham says it does not "necessarily determine the application of the statute to cases where the commodities transported are owned by a corporation all, or substantially all, of whose stock is in the hands of individuals at the time of the carrier corporation, especially where the carrier shall have transferred all of its interest in such commodities to a corporation formed for the express purpose of evading the prohibition of the commodities clause, and all or substantially all of the stock in which is owned by the carrier."

"Those questions will be presented for determination in the courts. If the prohibition of the statute can be successfully evaded by the simple device of transfer of ownership of property to a corporation, all of whose stock shall be owned or controlled by the carrier, Congress should amend the statute so as to make it an effective and not a merely illusory prohibition, or else repeal it."

PUBLIC LAND FRAUDS.

In the matter of public land fraud prosecution the attorney-general makes clear his determination in no respect to abate the effort to undo, so far as may be, the frauds "which have been for so long a time perpetrated in the procuring for private individuals of portions of the public domain contrary to the conditions attached to the grant. He has authorized these lands to be patented."

Important recommendations contained in the report include those for a broadening of the right of appeal of the government in criminal cases; a repeal of section 860 of the revised statutes regarding evidence in criminal cases; the enactment of a general immunity statute to meet the conditions which arise in the endeavor to procure testimony for the government; favoring a national law providing for indeterminate sentences; and a modification of the statute fixing the punishment for embezzlement or mis