

HANDS HIS PASSPORTS.

U. S. Severs Diplomatic Relations With Nicaragua.

Insurgent Government Recognized by United States.

Donounced Zelaya as a Disturber of National and International Peace.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Nicaragua were severed to-night by this Government. The Charge d'Affaires of Nicaragua was handed his passports. This action does not mean the initiation of hostilities, but is the usual preliminary to that condition. The blow was softened, however, by a suggestion to the representative of Nicaragua that he might remain in Washington, where he would be received unofficially by the State Department.

Incidentally the insurgents' Government was recognized virtually. The radical action of the United States was the direct result of the execution of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, by order of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua. In severing relations with Zelaya's Government, Secretary of State Knox took the first step toward punishing Zelaya for the Cannon and Groce execution and repeated violations of the conventions of the Central American Peace Conference, which was fostered by the United States and Mexico.

Shortly after receiving Secretary Knox's note, Senator Rodriguez conferred with Senator Lodge. The Minister from Nicaragua, whose presentation to President Taft was postponed indefinitely because of the execution of the two Americans, Senator Rodriguez admitted having received the Department's note, but declined to say whether or not he intended to leave the country. He probably will remain in Washington for several days.

Senator Rodriguez was inclined to recent questions asked him to-night by newspaper men. He said he did not want "to be bothered." It is evident that the receipt of Mr. Knox's note was the occasion of considerable excitement at the Nicaraguan Legation. Senator Rodriguez called the substance of Mr. Knox's note to his Government, and asked for instructions. Knox's letter is definitely declared to represent the views of President Taft, and is about as plain spoken as anything emanating from the State Department in many years.

The letter apparently indicates a determination on the part of the United States to hold President Zelaya personally responsible for the alleged torture and execution of the Americans, Cannon and Groce, and exhibits the unique situation of one Government holding the Chief Executive of another practically as a common malefactor. Zelaya is branded as a violator of solemn international conventions, a disturber of the national and international peace, a tyrant whose administration has been a blot upon the name of good government.

Secretary Knox virtually announces the recognition of the Nicaraguan revolutionists, declares it to be the conviction of the United States that the revolution represents the sentiments of the majority of the Nicaraguan people and that there is evidently no responsible Government with which the United States can deal. He therefore announces that all parties will be held accountable for their actions as affecting the interests of Americans and the peace of Central America.

REDUCTION IN POSTAGE.

Rate on Parcels to Jamaica and Trinidad Much Lower.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The Postoffice Department has just effected an arrangement under which there will be a reduction in the rate of postage on parcels passing between Canada and Jamaica from 20 cents per pound to 12 cents per pound, the limit of weight for one parcel being eleven pounds. The postage rate on parcels passing between Canada and Trinidad has also been reduced from 10 cents per pound to 12 cents per pound, with a similar limit as to the weight of a parcel. These reduced rates will come into effect on Jan. 1 next.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Andrew H. Mylne, of Dunnville, Found Dead in Ruins.

Dunnville, Dec. 1.—Andrew H. Mylne lost his life in a fire which destroyed his residence early this morning.

The alarm was given about 2 o'clock, the building being then enveloped in flames. It was not until the fire had been put out that Mr. Mylne's absence was noticed, and on examination the remains were discovered. The cause of the fire will probably never be known. Mr. Mylne was alone, and it is supposed he fell asleep while sitting in his chair reading, the room catching on fire from the gas stove.

WIFE NEEDN'T OBEY.

Michigan Pastor Cuts Word From Marriage Ceremony.

Detroit, Dec. 1.—Rev. T. R. Adams, of Muskegon, pastor of the Forest Avenue Christian Church, has stricken the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, and will require no woman to promise to "obey" her husband. Dr. Adams declares the Bible places women on an equality with men, and the idea that she is inferior to the husband belongs to the dark ages. Dr. Adams, while making his pronouncement, took occasion to express his opinion on divorce: "I believe that God has joined together should not be put asunder, but in some cases I believe the devil, and not the Lord, is instrumental in bringing about the union, and in this case divorce is a blessing."

BEAR HAD APPENDICITIS

New York, N. Y.—"Tessie," the trick bear from South America, was operated on for appendicitis in the Bostock Arena at Coney Island.

"Tessie" took ether like a lamb and Dr. Brown, who performed the operation, said that the first bear to undergo this operation would soon recover.

Appendicitis is not as popular as formerly. Eminent physicians long ago discovered that Habitual Constipation causes it. And one eminent physician in Ottawa discovered the means to prevent it.

This physician gave the benefits of his investigation to the public in the form of "Fruit-a-tives," or "Fruit Liver Tablets," made from intensified fruit juices and tonics.

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THE MILITIA.

Inspector-General Would Relieve Officers of Expense.

Right Kind of Men Will Not Attend Instruction Schools.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The report of the Ottawa Council for the year ending March 31, 1909, was laid on the table of the House to-day by Sir Frederick Borden. It contains an interesting report on the Canadian forces by Major-General Sir Percy Lake, the Inspector-General. Sir Percy says that the Canadian military force during the year 1908 made appreciable progress toward efficiency and readiness for the field. "It is quite impossible," he says, "for any force with only 12 days' training in the year to be either efficient or ready for the field."

The existing system, he declares, has failed to provide a sufficient number of good officers, and it is apparently increasingly difficult to get the right men to attend the schools of instruction. The remedy for this condition of affairs, the Inspector-General finds in relieving the officer of expense and of all labor outside of the annual drill.

The Inspector-General says that the training of Canadian infantry corps suffers from the tendency of commanding officers to forget that company drill is the foundation for advanced training. In city corps too much attention is paid to ceremonial drill, and there is a tendency to perform movements in a stereotyped manner.

Sir Percy Lake emphasizes the value of military training in the schools as a factor in educating the young men and in adding to the military strength of the country. There were on March 31 last 178 cadet corps, with a membership of over 11,000, a net increase of 3,000 cadets.

The Militia Council announces that the organization of a Canadian general staff will be proceeded with, but that the idea of establishing a Canadian staff college cannot yet be entertained. The Halifax defence scheme was brought up to date during the year, and the plans for the protection of the fortress earned high commendations from the Imperial Defence Committee.

The strength of the permanent corps on March 31, 1909, is given as 2,588. During the year ending on that date the number of men who took part in the annual training was 45,523, as compared with 44,121 in the previous year.

AFTER FIVE YEARS OF SUFFERING

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS EFFECT ANOTHER GRAND CURE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Mrs. Margaret Brady Tells How They Relieved Her of Rheumatism and Made Her Stronger in Every Way.

Green's Brook, Pictou Co., N. S., Dec. 1.—(Special).—That diseased kidneys are the cause of the ills from which so many women suffer and that they are cured completely and permanently by Dodd's Kidney Pills, is once more proved in the case of Mrs. Margaret Brady, of this place.

"For five years," says Mrs. Brady, when interviewed regarding her sickness and cure, "I was ill with Kidney and Liver complaint, which caused Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Heart Flutterings. My nervous system was affected and my blood seemed to lack vitality."

"I tried medicines and was under the doctor's care, but received no benefit till I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and Diamond Dinner Pills. They relieved me of Rheumatism and made me stronger and better in every way. These remedies and no other cured me."

Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure diseased kidneys, and all diseases that are caused by diseased kidneys or impure blood.

TOOK POISON.

Young Scotchman Committed Suicide in Toronto Yesterday.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Leaving a note dated "Saturday," in which he declares that he could live no longer in this life, "for reasons best left unsaid," John B. Wiseman, a single Scotchman, 35 years of age, suicided yesterday afternoon by taking a quantity of laudanum.

The note read: "Please cable my brother, James Wiseman, in care William Wiseman & Son, 205 Rutherglen road, Glasgow, Scotland, for money to pay cremation expenses, should my end come. I beg you to excuse me for any trouble I have caused you. I cannot live longer in this life, for reasons best left unsaid. Yours very truly, John B. Wiseman."

The chief coroner is investigating, but an inquest is unlikely.

CHARGES OF GRAFT MADE.

Strange Stories of Doings Up in Oxford County.

Direct Charges Made Against Certain Prominent Men.

Charges Are Denied—Judge Finkle's Investigation.

Woodstock, Dec. 1.—An investigation by County Judge Finkle of charges made by certain ratepayers that there had been graft in connection with the administration of the county roads system of Oxford County was held here to-day, and some decidedly startling statements were made by witnesses. The Judge will prepare a report on the evidence to be submitted to the council.

James Vance, an agent for the Hamilton Bridge Company, swore that he paid Charles Sutherland, Reeve of East Zorra, and chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the County Council, fifty dollars for his signature to an acceptance of Vance's tender at \$3,500 for a steel bridge for Wolveston. Vance states that Sutherland demanded one hundred dollars, but reduced his request when Vance told him there wasn't that much profit in the deal.

Reeve Sutherland positively denied getting any money out of the transaction, saying that none was ever offered him, but charged Vance with having endeavored to bribe him with ten dollars on a smaller bridge contract at a later date.

An astonishing story was told by Jas. L. Thayer, of Aylmer, general agent for the J. L. Case Threshing Machine Company, implicating M. T. Buchanan, of Ingersoll, that town's representative in the County Council for many years until two years ago, in questionable transactions. In 1907 Oxford County entered upon a system of roads construction and appointed a committee to purchase machinery. The committee interviewed Thayer, and he was advised by one member to see Buchanan.

Buchanan wanted to know what commissions were paid agents by the company. Thayer told him, and informed him that Lancelot Waller, of Tillsonburg, was the local representative. The committee bought two steam road rollers for five thousand dollars and paid for them. When the company undertook to settle up the commissions Buchanan appeared and demanded four hundred dollars, claiming he had made an arrangement with Waller, who had, in the meantime, died, that he was to get half the commission.

"What did Mr. Buchanan claim he had done for the money?" asked S. G. McKay, who conducted the examination for the council.

"He claimed he was the boss of the County Council and had used his influence in reference to the contract."

"What then took place?"

"The machinery began to work badly and fall to pieces."

"Had it worked all right up to this time?"

"I hadn't heard any complaints."

"Was it good machinery?"

"Yes, there was no fault in material or construction."

"What did you do?"

"I went to see the rollers and found them in very bad shape."

"Had they been interfered with?"

"That was the conclusion I came to."

"Then what?"

"I returned to Ingersoll and Mr. Buchanan came to the C. P. R. station and said he thought the machinery would work all right if the matter of his claim was straightened away."

"Was there anything else said?"

"I agreed to settle his claim for \$340."

"What were you giving him the \$340 for?"

"I'm not quite clear about that. He also told me if his claim wasn't paid the machines would be returned and there would be a lawsuit."

"Was the money paid?"

"It was."

"By whom?"

"Myself."

"Were you repaid by the J. L. Case Co.?"

"I was not."

"Did you pay it out of your own pocket?"

"No. The J. L. Case Co. sued Mr. Buchanan and recovered the amount."

"Where was that case tried?"

"It was entered in Toronto. Mr. Buchanan settled and the case never came to trial."

"Had Mr. Buchanan rendered any services to you or the J. L. Case Co. in consideration of that \$340?"

"Not that I am aware of."

"Where was the money paid?"

"In Mr. Buchanan's office."

"Who were present?"

"Mr. Buchanan and myself."

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Mr. Lemieux Speaks of the Canadian Navy. Will be Primarily For Defence of Canadian Coasts.

London, Dec. 1.—At a banquet of the Canada Club at Prince's restaurant this evening, Captain R. F. Scott, who within two days leaves the Admiralty to prepare for his expedition to the South Pole, appealed for the interest of the whole empire in the adventure. "We don't," he said, characteristically, "want other nations poking their noses into our regions down south." (Applause.)

The Duke of Argyll expressed his pleasure that Canada was ready to take her part as a necessary unit in the necessary line of defence. He said Mr. Lemieux would now see how interested Britain was in the interests which were not only British but Imperial. Britain, in the afternoon of her life, was seeing a strong light in the west, and it would take very heavy doors to bang, bolt and bar it out. (Applause.)

Hon. Rodolph Lemieux, in the course of an eloquent speech, having paid a tribute to Earl Grey and Lord Strathcona, gave statistics of the Dominion's progress, which, whatever they might seem, he said, were not quoted from Alice in Wonderland. (Laughter and cheer.) He remarked that the Government would shortly complete the construction of the Georgian Bay Canal, which would give Canada control of the grain route of North America. He declared Canada owed much of her prosperity to her preference to Britain. Preference was the beginning of wisdom for Canadian statesmen. Shall it be the beginning of wisdom for British statesmen? (Cheers.) Respecting her naval policy, Mr. Lemieux said Canada should be safe in following the guidance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Borden and Sir Charles Tupper. The Dominion would have a navy above party politics. (Hear, hear.) A navy primarily for the defence of her own coasts and then for the defence of the empire's trade routes. Every Canadian was bound to see the supremacy of the empire maintained. (Applause.)

Sir Felix Schuster said—Canadians had impressed him as a race of men. If it were true that British capital was being exported, Canada would be an excellent destination.

ETHEL'S NEW MANAGER.
New York, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Russell Colt (Ethel Barrymore) became the mother of a son to-day at the home of August Belmont in this city, where the Colts are stopping.

Toronto building permits aggregating in value \$16,535,082 have been issued so far this year, a new record.

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SECOND FLOOR

Friday: Special Value Day:

These are To-morrow's Hour Sales:

85c Dressing Jackets 47c

For one hour to-morrow morning—between 9 and 10 o'clock—we are going to hold the best value-giving Dressing Jacket Sale of the season. We have two dozen in printed designs and in assorted shades and sizes which have sold regularly for 85c. Between 9 and 10 o'clock to-morrow morning 47c

SECOND FLOOR

25c Serpentine Crepe 19c

Just what a great number of our patrons have been waiting and asking for—an hour sale of fancy Serpentine Crepes, in handsome designs for kimono or sashes. It comes to-morrow between 9 and 10 o'clock. During the hour mentioned the 25c Crepe will sell for 19c

MAIN FLOOR

70c Centre Pieces at 29c

During one brisk hour to-morrow morning—from 10 to 11 o'clock, if they last until the latter hour—we have arranged to hold a wonderful value-giving sale of beautiful Japanese Hand-drawn Centre Pieces, a most acceptable Christmas gift. These are regular 70c values. From 10 to 11 o'clock to-morrow 29c

MAIN FLOOR

\$2.50 Umbrellas for \$1.69

A Lady's Umbrella makes a most acceptable Christmas gift and that is why to-morrow morning between 10 and 11 o'clock we are holding a special sale of Silk and Wool Umbrellas with gold and pearl handles. These are regular \$2.50. From 10 to 11 o'clock to-morrow . . . \$1.69

SECOND FLOOR

25c Chine Ribbon 9c

Starting at 10 o'clock and ending sharply at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning will be our Hour Sale of rich floral design Chine Ribbons, 5 inches wide, suitable for myriads of Christmas fancy work and also for sashes and hair bows. On white grounds in coloring—pink, Nile, maize, brown, green and navy. Regular 25c, for 9c

MAIN FLOOR

Muslin Remnants 1/2 Price

Sharp at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning there will go on sale at The Right House all our Colored Remnants at ONE HALF OF THE REDUCED PRICE. The cutting in 1/2 of the reduced price of these goods makes this 11 to 12 o'clock sale a double reduction event.

MAIN FLOOR

\$3.50 Net Waists \$2.19

This represents a rare choice to secure a Christmas Gift Waist—between 11 and 12 o'clock to-morrow morning our pretty \$3.50 new Net Waists, made of fine Brussels net with pretty yokes of Val lace insertions; rows of tucks and insertion to trim—for (from 11 to 12 o'clock) only . . . \$2.19

SECOND FLOOR

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SHOT HIM.

Mounts Horse and Starts With Revolver to Find Her Husband.

Okmulgee, Ok., Dec. 1.—When Mrs. B. Coleman suspected her husband of infidelity yesterday, she took a saddle horse, placed a revolver in her belt and went out to look for him. She met him on Main street here in an automobile with another woman.

When Coleman refused to get out of the car his wife opened fire, one bullet striking him in the spine. Another man and a woman were in the machine, and these, assisted by the police, returned Mrs. Coleman's fire. More than twenty shots were fired.

In the excitement the chauffeur tried to escape with the automobile, but ran it into the curb and was overturned. Meanwhile, Mrs. Coleman had dismounted, and when the machine was overturned it struck her and broke two of her ribs. This enabled the police to capture her, and she is in the jail hospital.

Her husband is not expected to recover.

Appropos of Nicaragua, a physician on staff of the French hospital, in New York, tells this story. He operated on General Estrada, now the insurgent chief, about ten years ago. President Zelaya paid the bill of \$1,500 for the operation and sent his thanks to the physician for restoring Estrada to health.

WESTERN SHRINERS.

J. N. Pike, of Chatham, is Elected Illustrious Potentate.

London, Ont., Dec. 1.—At the business meeting of Mocia Temple of the Shrine held this afternoon, the following officers were elected: Illustrious Potentate J. N. Pike, Chatham; Chief Rabbis, C. W. McGuire, London; Assistant Rabbis R. W. Shaw, London; High Priest, A. L. R. Miller, Essex; P. Crocker, Chatham; R. S. Hamill, Sarny; Treasurer, A. A. Campbell, London; Recorder, W. H. Abbott, London; Representative to the Imperial Council, J. M. Pike, Chatham, A. L. Davis, and A. Somerville, London.

Over 60 candidates were initiated, and a banquet was held tonight at which nobles from Buffalo, N. Y., Lansing, Mich., and Toronto temples were present. Over 400 sat down.

WOODMEN OFFICERS.

The officers of Hamilton Camp, No. 30, for 1910, are: N. Stauffer, P. C. C.; W. G. Armstrong, G. C.; H. A. White, A. L.; R. Miller, Escort; P. Crocker, Watchman; R. S. Hamill, Sentry; J. Bowman, Clerk and Banker; J. M. Patterson, R. Sec.; Dr. Cody, Physician; J. McCormick, Chaplain; G. W. Dennis, Manager; W. Gee, Delegate; C. N. Tregezza, Alternate.