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MAY DEAL WITH ZELAYA

Question of indemnity is still in abeyance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—There is little doubt that the president will lay before congress at an early date the facts of the Nicaraguan situation with a view of receiving authority for any further steps he may see fit to take in the interests of Americans residing in that country and of putting an end to the internecine strife in Central America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The killing of the Americans, Cannon and Goetz, is still in abeyance, and there is reason to believe that no demand will be made until the issue between the Zelaya Government and the revolutionaries has been settled.

Transport Still Aground. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—The transport Prunier, carrying 700 marines and a cargo of equipment to be used in a possible campaign in Nicaragua, is still stuck in the mud at Pea Patch Island, 35 miles from this city, where the vessel grounded early Thursday night.

ENGLISH WOMEN ARE PRIZED IN CANADA

London Writer Sees in Canada a Land of Great Opportunity for British Girls.

Many Canadians make no secret of the fact that they do not desire the stereotyped Englishman as an immigrant, particularly in the case of women. But every one welcomes and asks for the English working woman, writes F. A. McKenzie in The London Daily Mail. She can find opportunity in employment everywhere from Toronto to Vancouver.

In the big cities of the east, where factories are springing up, there are permanent notices displayed on the outer walls of many buildings. "Women workers wanted." Go to a dance—the favorite winter amusement—in any one of the hundreds of new towns springing up in the northwest, and you will find that the men are the wallflowers, and the plainest of the triumphant ladies can have their pick and choice from a host of waiting applicants. On the Pacific coast, despite the universal complaint is about the lack of English-speaking women as servants.

The Toronto Working Girls. In the City of Toronto every stranger is impressed when walking down the main streets in the early hours of the evening by the sight of the armies of young women, well dressed, cheerful, and overflowing with energy, who crowd the street cars, fill the pavements, and occupy every seat in the ice-cream parlors. Enquire who they are, and you will learn that they are mostly the girls from the big stores and the factories. They have none of the marks of the woman worker on this side. Their hours are not long, half-past eight till half-past five being usual. Their wages are good.

The factories in which these women work would be a revelation to many British employers. They are light, airy, well warmed in winter and often cooled by forced draught in summer. Many of them are surrounded by pretty grounds, and some are not above doing a little in their windows. I was talking a few days since with a workman from England who has been employed for some time in Toronto. He was grumbling about many things, chiefly because the trade union rate in his particular calling of 1s. 8d. an hour was not universally observed, and that some men were earning as little as 12s. a day. "But," said he, "I'll admit one thing. The factories here are places that civilized men can live in. We have none of the dirty, dingy holes I know in the old home. What applies to the men is far more true of the women."

The average working girl in Toronto should earn her minimum of a guinea a week, rising to this according to her skill to 25 shillings. In many factories it is a rule that if a girl is not able to earn one guinea a week she is not wanted. Even at this rate of pay the labor supply is insufficient. "If you sent me a thousand women next spring," said one large employer to me, "I could give every one of them work at once." Some factories have been driven to start branches in country towns to tap labor there. According to estimates supplied to me by working folk, a girl should be able to obtain for 14s. 6d. a week. This leaves a fair margin for amusement and clothing.

Haughty Housemaids. If the factory girl is in demand in the east, there is a famine of general servants all over the country. English mistresses would probably create some of their complaints about their maids did they hear the contrasting experience of their Canadian sisters. "A young woman asked me for an advertisement for a maid," said a western housewife. "Ours is only a small household, and like most people in this city we keep one servant and the wife. She offered 25 shillings a month. I asked 25 shillings. To this we agreed. Then she started making her conditions. She must be treated like a member of the family, and as a friend. By the time her requirements about holidays, room and board, and the like, had been adjusted, my wife counted the cost. Altho' this young lady had an extremely pleasant and agreeable manner, and a few of her pretensions, her demands would have cost as much as a maid. The average Canadian housewife would scorn, for example, to have a maid who would not wash and clean boots. The master of the house must do that himself or must send the boots to the professional bootblack who charges ten cents (5d.) per pair. Nearly every house avoids the labor of fireplaces for lunch. They send a telegram demanding that the furnace be made up once or twice a day and in many cases—clear once a week by a man who comes round for that purpose.

In some big establishments the servants go off at regular hours and must not be asked to stay beyond time. Two friends of mine arrived at a big holiday hotel late for lunch. They sent a telegram asking that their meal might be kept over for them. They arrived at five minutes past two. The manager, apologetically told them that their meal had been kept until two, but the kitchen staff stopped work at two o'clock and their were no late. They would, however, be able to obtain dinner at six.

"We were in paradise in my home for three months recently," said a Vancouver newspaper man to me. "My wife secured a newly arrived Yorkshire girl as a servant. The first morning I looked around my boots. I found that I had found them. My wife explained that this was the case. To English servants to gather the boots up in the morning and clean them. Sure enough, a few minutes after breakfast, the boots, already cleaned, were handed to me. Two days later my wife nearly had a fit for the Yorkshire girl asked what was the day in the week to clean the windows. She had proposed this to any other servant she would have walked out of our home at once. So it went on. The girl, who was not always fancying herself too good to look at, and of course the usual thing happened. She was dismissed. If you could let me know of another English girl like that I would willingly pay her six guineas a month, and think myself lucky."

More Men Than Women. The legitimate ambition of motherhood has a chance to marry. In Canada the girl that does not secure all the proposals she wants has no one but herself to blame. Figures will show why this is. For every sixteen men immigrants who come in there are only seven women. In other words, there is a yearly shortage of nearly 5000 women among the immigrants alone. The result is natural. They come here and they barely learn how to do a girl because she is a domestic servant. Many a man is torn between the desire to find a wife and the desire to find a servant. The policeman, the small mechanic, the farmer, here they have their choice among farmers and men in established positions.

I have many letters from Englishmen of all classes asking whether to settle in Canada or not. To some of these one has had to write a discouraging answer. For the flaccid and untrained immigrant, without experience and without capital, hard one. But to every Englishman under thirty, reasonably strong, willing to work at anything and willing to adapt herself to the ways of the west, Canada to-day presents an opening as full of promise as anything the world has to offer. From the skilled stenographer, who should earn at least double what she is doing in England, to the ordinary domestic help there is a field to-day that is practically unlimited.

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STRONG GALE DESTROYS LIFE AND SHIPPING

Thirty-Three Go Down Off Mersey Bar—Many Fishing Vessels Wrecked.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—All hope of the survival of the passengers and crew of the Isle of Man steamer Eilan-Vannin was abandoned to-day when portions of the steamer's upper works and small boats were picked up on the banks of the Mersey. The Eilan-Vannin carried twelve passengers and a crew of twenty-one.

The little craft was the mascot of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company's fleet, and her luck was proverbial. For forty-nine years she had ridden the seas and has never lost a passenger. She sailed on her last voyage from Ramsey, Isle of Man, for Liverpool at midnight on Thursday, and ran into the hurricane early yesterday. It is believed that she was driven on Mersey Bar and foundered suddenly. The loss of the steamer Thistlemore, off Appleton, in Barnstable Bay, was also confirmed to-day, but some of the crew of thirty were saved. The steamer Arndale, which was in the vicinity at the time of the disaster, picked up one of the Thistlemore's boats, containing ten men, one of whom later died from exposure. The Arndale, like many other vessels, was damaged and put back into Barry, Wales.

The gale continued over the Irish Channel with unabated severity throughout the night.

Torpedo Boat Beached. FLEMSBURG, Prussia, Dec. 4.—The German torpedo boat Ota, 12, has been driven ashore by the storm. If she can be saved at all, it will be only with the greatest difficulty.

Many Casualties. HELIGOLAND, Dec. 4.—Many casualties occurred among the fishing fleets in the North Sea during the storm that reached its height here early to-day.

Lives Lost, Property Destroyed. WYK, Prussia, Dec. 4.—This seaside resort was badly damaged by the gale early today. The high water dykes in the Klein Marsh were broken down in places and the countryside flooded. It is known that some lives have been lost, while the damage to property was great.

Four Seamen Drowned. WILHELMHAVEN, Prussia, Dec. 4.—The small Dutch vessel Ota et La-bora was wrecked on the coast during the night. Four seamen were drowned.

YORK COUNTY COUNCIL HOLDS CLOSING MEETING

Inmate of Industrial Home Loses His Reason—Starting Thorobred Herd.

One of the male inmates of the York County Industrial Home has become a raving maniac. Such was a feature of the report made by the commissioners to the county council on Saturday. The unfortunate man has to be strapped by his wrists and ankles to his bed every night, and his nocturnal ravings often render night hideous for the other inmates. He is physically a strong man. Steps will probably be taken for his removal to a lunatic asylum. The report also stated that there are at present 17 men and 23 women, a total of 40 inmates in the institution. Twelve deaths have occurred since Jan. 1.

On account of the large quantities of milk and butter consumed in the institution, the commissioners thought it advisable to try to improve the standard of the dairy herd and purchased a Holstein cow for \$200. Several members discussed the pros and cons of starting a thorobred herd at the Industrial Home and the project was endorsed. The question of the liability for damages caused to the Etobicoke bridge by the Peel County road roller was referred to the York County commissioners. The third reading of the bylaw defining a schedule of county bridges was referred to the incoming council.

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