

KNOX WARNS NEW PRESIDENT

U. S. Official Declares That Madriz Will Be Held Responsible For Safety of Americans.

Washington worried over Disposition of Army—Zelaya Proposes To Quit Country.

Washington, D. C., 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.

In a quondary. The State Department is in something of a quondary as to what has become of the military and naval forces of a thousand men, belonging to the government forces, which at last accounts held possession of Greytown.

Leaves Today. Managua, Dec. 23.—Ex-President Zelaya will leave here tomorrow and will probably go aboard the steamer General Guerrero immediately.

News of the defeat of the Zelaya army at Rama has been carefully guarded from the public. Various rumors have been current but alleged official despatches from General Gonzalez claimed victory for the Government troops.

General Toledo, who recently was at the head of the Zelaya forces at Rama, which was said to be surrounded by the insurgents, is also here.

Dr. Julian Irias resigned today as minister general. At one time there was talk of placing General Irias in command of the army and it was believed he might be permitted to hold a high position under the present presidency.

\$50,000 FIRE AT MONTREAL LAST NIGHT

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 23.—Fire tonight did damage estimated at \$50,000 to the premises and stock of the Globe Hat Works, and the Canadian Iron and Foundry Company.

WORCESTER IS MYSTIFIED BY MORE LIGHTS

Mysterious Searchlight Again Makes Its Appearance In The Heavens—Tillinghast Is Non-Committal.

THOUSANDS SCAN SKIES IN VICINITY

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Following a report from Worcester last night of the discovery above the city of a strange moving light, apparently the searchlight of a dirigible air craft, tonight brought stories from many points of the observance of similar lights this evening from villages east of Worcester and even from Boston common.

Many declare that the light had all the appearance of a strong searchlight and while they could discover no framework behind it such as an aeroplane would have, they were positive that the light could not be that of a balloon, as it moved as if under control.

Tillinghast Non-Committal. Meanwhile Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man who recently claimed to have invented a machine in which he had covered the distance between Worcester and New York and return and who, it was thought, might have been the navigator of the supposed air craft last night, remained non-committal today.

As on last night the light was first reported passing over Marlboro about 7:45 o'clock.

Observers at several points reported that while the light was generally steady, occasionally it flashed and once or twice disappeared suddenly.

TORONTO CIVIC FIGHT ON NOW IN EARNEST

Yesterday Was Nomination Day In Queen City—Little Interest Manifested In Speeches—Six For Mayor.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—The municipal nominations today were quiet and but little real interest was manifested in the speeches.

RETALIATION IS SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN NEW GARB, SAYS CHANCELLOR

Lloyd George in Biting Attack Upon Tariff Reform in Tin Plate District.

Bonar Law Speaks at Jarroo Combating Recent Charges Against Unionist Plank.

London, Dec. 23.—It is officially announced that the writs for the general election will be issued January 10.

A Big Pull. With Lloyd-George, John Burns, Sir E. Grey and other cabinet ministers speaking, the ministerialists again had a big pull last night in newspaper space.

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TEMPERANCE HOTELMAN IN POLICE TOILS NOW

Arrest Of George Barker Brings Cobalt Fraud List Up To Fourteen—Crown To Ask For Further Record.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Detective McKinney and Murray reached the city this morning, with James Connolly, alias Parr and Geo. Barber, alias Geo. Neilson, who were arrested at Cobalt in connection with the theft of ore from the mines of the Crown Reserve and Kerr Lake Mining Companies at Cobalt.

Albert Is Crowned King Of The Belgians

Imposing Ceremony Witnessed in Brussels Yesterday When Son of Late King Leopold Assumed Throne—Night of Hilarity Succeeds Day of Gloom—New King Pledges Life to Country.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert, son of the late King Leopold, Count of Flanders, was crowned king of the Belgians today, assuming the title of Albert I. With his queen, Elizabeth, and their sons Princes Leopold and Charles, the new king rode in state from Laken to the parliament, acclaimed by thousands along the gaily decorated streets.

DEATH COMES TO HOLIDAY MAKER

Mr. John Garnett Returning To His Home At Milltown For Christmas Is Killed By Train At Vancouver.

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EIGHT KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BROKAW IS ON STAND NOW IN DIVORCE DEFENCE

Defendant In Famous Divorce Suit Swears That Father-In-Law Threatened To Kill Him.

WHOLESALE DENIALS TO WIFE'S STATEMENTS

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, took the stand in his own defence today and swore in the courtroom at Mineola, L. I., that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, threatened to kill him because he loved her too much.

Mr. Brokaw described the night when his wife took poison. His lawyer led him carefully over the two years of his married life, with painstaking attention to the charges of drunkenness, cruelty and abusive language brought against him in the testimony of his wife.

Not Pugnacious. "I never struck anyone in my life," he swore. "Mrs. Brokaw knows I would not harm her. There never was a night when I could get into her room that I did not kiss her goodnight."

DEATH OF MRS. KILLAM OCCURS AT MONTGTON

Wife Of I.C.R. Bridge Inspector Passes Away—Express Is Unable To Make Island Trip—Several Presentations.

Special to The Standard. Monton, N. B., Dec. 23.—The death occurred today of Mrs. A. E. Killam, wife of the I. C. R. bridge inspector, aged 67 years.

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Four Hundred Narrowly Escape Death When Gas Explodes in Illinois Mine.

Workings Abandoned To Flames After Daring Rescue Work is Accomplished.

FREDERICTON BANK MANAGER RESIGNS

Mr. W. S. Benson Severs Connection With Bank Of Nova Scotia To Enter Real Estate Business.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—W. S. Benson has resigned his position as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, and severed his connection with the bank this afternoon.

Mr. Benson will enter the western real estate field. He will probably leave for Prince Rupert, the British Columbia terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway before the first of next week, but further than that his plans are not definitely settled.

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