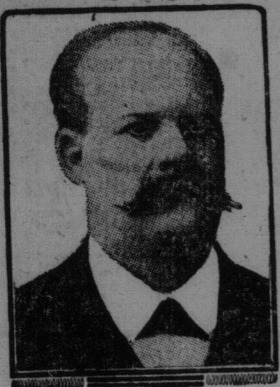


ZEVALA THROWS DOWN THE REINS OF OFFICE

Nicaraguan President Anticipating End Vacates Tottering Pedestal— Issues Statement. Declares Himself a Martyr to Country's Good—His Successor Not Yet Named.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress this morning.



JOSE SANTOS ZEVALA.

Managua has been seething for days. The spirit of revolt has spread even to the gates of the palace.

Dr. Jose Madrid, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Cartago, who has been close to Zelaya, and is now his choice for president, is on his way here.

Not Acceptable. Zelaya, too, has known that Madrid is not acceptable to the United States, and he has sought to learn who would be looked upon with favor by that government as his successor.

Accompanying his resignation Zelaya sent the following message to Congress: "The painful circumstance in which the country is plunged call for acts of abnegation and patriotism on the part of good citizens who are witnesses of the oppression of the republic by the heavy hand of fate."

Spread Rapidly. A commission of five deputies was appointed to draft a bill looking to the acceptance of Zelaya's resignation, which is now considered a mere formality.

NONCONFORMISTS IN BUDGET FRAY

Mr. Lloyd George Addresses Free Churches in London—Is Pummeled by Suffragettes—Ireland Rapidly Warming Up—Irish League Issues Manifesto Calling Upon Party To Vote Liberal.

London, Dec. 16.—The prominent feature of the election campaign continues to be the strong feeling displayed against the peers and the amount of disturbance and disorder which overtaken the meetings addressed by prominent Unionists was subjected.

Some indication of the difficulties Mr. Redmond has to face within the Nationalist party is given by the fierce attack of the Sinn Fein, which says: "By Redmond's resignation on the Irish League unreservedly accepts the Liberal programme and declares that the consideration of some rule which would allow the English Liberal and Socialist parties have altered the Irish constitution as it has existed since 1688."

Headlines in Unionist papers read: "Financing the Red Flag, Liberal funds for 46 Socialist candidates." Among Radicals on the other hand, the greatest satisfaction is expressed that practically every opponent of the Lords is now in line, Liberals, Radicals, Socialists and Nationalists.

Non-Conformist Demonstration. Tonight Mr. Lloyd-George hymns the Free Churches into the night by a demonstration in London.

Principal Forsythe says:—"It is money against money, riches seeking to grow more rich even if poverty grows more poor. In such an issue the last word is with the Kingdom of God."

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MORE LIGHT SHED ON SAWDUST DEAL

Develops In Evidence That Minister of Property Works Was Advised of Real Value of Public Figure—Mr. Pugsley On The Grid.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The public accounts committee this morning further discussed the purchase of the sawdust wharf at Richibucto. R. O'Leary and Geoffrey Stead, resident engineer at Chatham, were the two witnesses.

Used The Kent Northern.

In the examination of Mr. O'Leary, Mr. Crockett brought out a letter to Mr. Pugsley signed "Kent Northern Railway per G. W. R." and dated 20th May 1908. Mr. O'Leary identified the "G. W. R." as being in the handwriting of Geo. W. Robertson. This letter declared that on account of the large increase in business the town was in urgent need of more wharf accommodation, the municipal wharf being of no service to the public. This letter, which Robertson wrote on the day of his visit to St. John with Murray to raise money for the purchase, was typewritten. Mr. O'Leary said that it was the first time that he had ever known Robertson to write a letter on behalf of the railway. He also said that the railway had no typewriter in its office and he had never received from it a letter which was typewritten as this was.

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Mr. Pugsley's efforts to prove that the bargain was a good one elicited a series of damaging remarks by the witness. The municipal wharf already bought by the Government, he said, will provide more accommodation than the town will need for the next 25 years.

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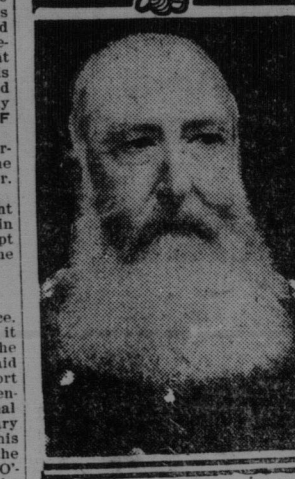
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Aged King Unable to Bear Up Under Strain of Recent Operation Died Early Today.

The Dead Monarch's Troubled Career—New King Popular With His People.

Brussels, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2.35 this morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had the greatest hopes for his recovery.



THE LATE KING LEOPOLD.

bulletin posted at 6.30 p. m. gave the king's temperature, pulse and respiration as practically normal. Apparently the drainage of the abscess was good for no fever was present and during the day the king was able to take nourishment.

The public at large was satisfied that the king was on the road to recovery, but within the pavilion where the king lay, there was a feeling of anxiety, chiefly because of the king's old age. After a restful day, the patient was able to sleep for a brief time early in the evening and the night passed quietly. But towards 2 o'clock alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the king turned and called to Dr. Thiriar:

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"Je tonifie, docteur, je tonifie." "I am suffocating." Dr. De Paepe was summoned and two physicians did everything possible to prolong life, but without avail. The end came quickly and after a spell of weakness, peacefully, Prince Albert arrived at the deathbed about 25 minutes later. He was accompanied by Princess Clotilde, daughter of the dead king and left the chamber weeping. Baron Goffinet, the king's secretary, started immediately for Brussels to notify the members of the royal family. As he was entering his motor car he exclaimed: "To think that only yesterday we were still full of confidence, and now the king is dead."

It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for such a fatal termination. It was not until a nurse, who first noticed the heavy breathing of the king. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Both Doctors Thiriar and De Paepe resorted to injections of morphia but these had no effect.

Shortly after the end had come, the ministers were notified, the first official to arrive in the death chamber being the royal chaplain. The ministers remained in the chambers for a considerable time, discussing the sudden death and matters of state in subdued tones.

Born at Brussels.

Leopold, II, King of the Belgians, son of the late King Leopold I, upon whose death, occurred December 10, 1865, he succeeded to the throne, was born at Brussels, April 9, 1835. His father was the former Prince of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and his mother, Princess Louise, daughter of King Louis Philippe of France. On August 22, 1859, he married the Archduchess Marie-Henriette of Austria. She died September 19, 1902. Three daughters were born of this union. Louise, Stephanie and Clementine.

The two elder Princesses have been estranged from their father, but Clementine remained in his affection. There being no direct hereditary heir the crown passes to Prince Albert, the only son of Leopold's brother, the late Philippe, Count of Flanders. The new monarch was born April 8, 1875, and on October 2, 1900, married Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. They have three children, Prince Leopold, eight years of age, Prince Charles, six years old and Princess Marie-Jose, who was born August 4, 1904.

TO PROTECT CROWN LANDS ALL 3 SISTERS

Influential Delegation Presses Upon Ottawa Wisdom Of Safeguarding Forests Of Province From Fire.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16.—The electrification of the National Transcontinental Railway service in Quebec and New Brunswick, so as to connect the forest areas of those provinces was the subject of a conference held this afternoon between the Dominion Government as represented by Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Fisher, and an influential delegation representing the New Brunswick government, represented by Hon. Robert Maxwell, Hon. H. F. McLeod and Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer; that of Quebec by Hon. M. A. Allard. Other present were J. P. Birchell, M. P. E., Northumberland; James Brown, M. P. P., Gloucester; Hon. Charles E. Oakes, Bangor, Me. representing the Miramichi Lumber Co., W. T. Whitehead, Fredericton, representing the New Brunswick Lands and Railway Co., Archibald Snowball, Mayor of Chatham, representing the W. B. Snowball Co., Mr. McLaughlin, Grand Falls Power Co., Achille Bergeron, Montreal and Mr. Hall, Quebec.

Importance of Preservation. The delegation pressed on the federal ministers the importance of preserving the crown lands from devastation by fire caused by locomotives. Speeches were made by Messrs. Birchell, Allard, Grimmer, Oakes, Bergeron, Whitehead and Hall. Facts and figures were submitted as to the amount of the forest resources affected, the length of the railway and the amount of power which could be produced at Grand Falls. Mr. Fisher said that he and Mr.

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