

ZELAYA'S ARMY DEFEATED BY INSURGENTS

Revolutionists Successful Over Government Forces At Rama—Washington Learns Of Victory. MEXICO PLEASED WITH P. NGS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaraguan revolutionists today in a fierce battle at Rama, lasting several hours, according to advices received here this afternoon. General Estrada in command of the revolutionary army is reported to have been successful all along the line. The battle is to be renewed tomorrow, the advices declare, and the Estrada army will bend all efforts to compel the unconditional surrender of the government forces.

There is some doubt as to the exact extent of Estrada's success. From revolutionary sources the word is that the victory over the Zelayan troops is "complete." The State Department has received word from Thomas M. Moffat, United States Consul at Bluefields, that Estrada had "partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya." It is agreed, however, that the moral effect of such initial success on the part of the revolutionists can hardly be exaggerated.

The first announcement of the success of the Estrada army came in a cablegram to Dr. Castillo, the representative here of the provisional government. It was signed "Diaz," Diaz is secretary of state of the provisional government. The cablegram said: "Complete victory is ours. Zelaya's troops are in retreat." Department Hears. Later this evening the State Department gave out the following message from Consul Moffat which had been sent out by wireless telegraph from Colon:— "Estrada forces at Tumbala and Retreco, near Rama, commanded by General Hena at the former place, and Generals Chamorro, Matrai and Forcés Diaz at the latter place, partially routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya after desperate fighting of several hours. The Zelayan forces were commanded by General Estrada. A great many were killed, the number being unknown; 100 were wounded and 150 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. The Zelayan troops at Retreco have occupied what has been considered a strong position. Estrada is confident of defeating the enemy when he renews the attack tomorrow and of forcing their surrender."

WHAT IT COSTS TO FIGHT CASE IN HIGH LIFE

Brokaw Divorce Suit Furnishes Interesting Statistics—\$50,000 Gone To Date—To Prove Defendant Poor. COUNCIL OUTLINES SCHEME OF DEFENCE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—"What it costs to defend a separation suit in high life," is the title of a statement given out at Mineola, L. I., today by counsel for W. Gould Brokaw whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year. The tabulated items follow: Stenographer's minutes, \$3,000; attendance of witnesses, fare and board, \$4,000; plaintiff's counsel, by order of court, \$8,000; for preparation and investigation of case, \$5,000; counsel for defendant, \$20,000. Total, \$50,000.

"I will show," added John R. Moher, Brokaw's lawyer, "that Mr. Brokaw's income is not \$20,000 a year. He has been a generous spender, a prince of hosts; he has never engaged in any regular business and his income has dwindled greatly." Mr. Brokaw did not take the stand in his own defense today, though he was prepared for it. For half an hour testimony in justice putman mounted on the bench the over-wrought husband paced the gravel work in front of the court house, apparently rehearsing the testimony he expected to give, but when court convened there was change of plans. Butlers, maids and more of the many physicians employed in the household of the defendant, the alienated couple, testified for the husband and defendant.

Out of Countenance. For the first time since the trial began, Mrs. Brokaw was plainly out of countenance today. For one thing, her mother, Mrs. James A. Blair, is seriously ill of pneumonia at Westchester, her health undermined by the publicity of the trial. For another, the continued mention of cigarettes and cocktails in the evidence plainly irritated the plaintiff increasingly. Sidney Woods, the butler, testified today that he usually mixed cocktails daily for Miss Brokaw, who disappeared with them in the direction of Mrs. Brokaw's room. Olga Olender, a maid, swore she had heard Mrs. Brokaw with port wine in her room. She testified, in addition, that she had heard Mrs. Brokaw's venture on mild profanity, and one of her tasks was to clean cigarette stubs out of Mrs. Brokaw's bath room. Dr. Robert Pou testified that he had heard Mrs. Brokaw tell her husband to "go to—" and that she had applied to him one of the epithets which she complained in her testimony he had applied to her "a—."

COPENHAGEN SHATTERS CLAIM OF COOK TO THE DISCOVERY OF POLE

Declares Erstwhile Hero To Be An Imposter and His Story a Fabrication from Beginning to End. Deserted by Friends Cook Remains in Seclusion Offering No Statement With Respect to Verdict

Friend Declares That Explorer Announced His Intention of Returning to Greenland. Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole was submitted to the faculty of the university this morning, endorsed by that body and given to the public. The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the Brooklyn explorer's title to such discovery and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did not expect its recent hero to be branded as an imposter. Many cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but harbored a delusion.

Faith Shattered. Explorers and scientists almost unanimously have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his observers, supporters, Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reprove him for hiding what they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience. The rector of the university, Dr. Salomonson, when questioned as to the possibility of the university cancelling the degree which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the same way as a government diploma, and give a person of an order obtained under false pretenses. Commodore Gustav Helm, the Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said:—"Yes, boys, I'm about all in. My life's work is near an end. I'm about through with my work in this world and in this life."

Looking pale and haggard and very feeble, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), America's foremost humorist, made this statement yesterday in the newspaper men following his arrival here on the steamship Bermudian. New York, Dec. 21.—"Yes, boys, I'm about all in. My life's work is near an end. I'm about through with my work in this world and in this life."

Professor Olufsen, secretary of the Danish Geographical Society, said:—"It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable." The National Tidende, while deploring that the university conferred the degree in a moment of enthusiasm, finds consolation in the fact that others honored Cook when he returned to civilization. "The president of his own country and its envoy at Copenhagen," says the paper, "were the guarantors for him. Denmark did not blunder alone. Our country must now leave this sad affair to America and Cook."



Dr. Cook surrounded by the men who have branded him as a fakir. The above photograph was taken upon the arrival of the explorer at Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York and acclaimed by thousands for the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent horrors of the Arctic. Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands tonight discredited in the house of his friends. Not a word from him in defense or explanation. Nothing but disavowals from his partisans in the controversy that has raged around him since the time that he first flashed word from Lorkwick, in the Shetland Islands to his wife, "Successful. Well Address Copenhagen."

Interest tonight turns to three questions: Where is the doctor? What will he have to say for himself? What will he do with himself? Charles Wake, a close friend and

asked the doctor in so many words what he would do if the University of Copenhagen found against him. "I haven't thought of that," answered the doctor. "But you must think of it," said the friend. "A situation of this importance must be considered from every angle."

"Well," answered the doctor, "if the university should find against me, I believe I should go back among the Eskimos of southern Greenland and try to carry on there such a medical mission as Dr. Grenfell has made famous." Henry Wellington Weck, Dr. Cook's lawyer and the friend who is the authority for the statement above were both asked tonight how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his narrative to news-

Continued on Page 2.

MARK TWAIN NEARING END

Famous Humorist Declares That Active Work Of Life Is Over—Returns From Bermuda Enfeebled In Health.

New York, Dec. 21.—"Yes, boys, I'm about all in. My life's work is near an end. I'm about through with my work in this world and in this life."

CORINTHIAN IS STILL UNMOVED

Allan Liner Refuses To Budge From George's Island—Cruiser Unsuccessful—Investigation Will Be Held.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Over one thousand tons of cargo has been taken out of the Allan liner Corinthian but still she remains hard and fast on George's Reef where she struck Saturday night. The powerful C. P. R. tug Cruiser which arrived from St. John made an attempt to pull the Corinthian off today, but failed and it looks as if the greater part of her 7000 tons of cargo will have to be removed before she will be floated. Andrew Allan who arrived in Halifax today from Montreal, went down to the Corinthian today and had a conference with Captain Rennie. An investigation will be held.

GLADSTONE HAS LANDED OFFICE

Appointment Of Home Secretary To Be Governor General Of South Africa Is Officially Confirmed At London.

London, Dec. 21.—The report that Herbert Gladstone, secretary of state for home affairs would be appointed Governor-General of United South Africa, was officially confirmed today. Mr. Gladstone's appointment leaves a vacancy in the cabinet, which probably will not be filled unless the Liberals are victorious at the elections. In the event of victory, it is expected that John Burns, president



HERBERT GLADSTONE.

of the local government board, will succeed Mr. Gladstone as home secretary. Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, will replace Mr. Churchill.

Under the new arrangement, all these offices will command the same salary, \$25,000 yearly. Other names which have been mentioned as likely successors of Mr. Gladstone, are Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland and Mr. Harcourt, but John Burns is the most likely to receive the appointment.

ONE SUFFOCATED IN WINNIPEG FIRE

Blaze Causes Panic In Hotel Metropole—Forty Guests Escape Unhurt, But Several Employees Are Injured.

LONGEST JUDGMENT IN BOSTON'S HISTORY

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—One of the longest judgments ever entered against the city of Boston was given by agreement of the parties concerned in the Suffolk County court today when an award of \$56,410 damages and \$10 costs was made by Judge Simeon F. Baldwin of Connecticut and Evelyn MacCurdy, trustee of the will of Edward F. Salisbury and as such owners of the property at the northeast corner of Washington and Summer street. A portion of the property was taken by the Transit Commission for use as an entrance to the Summer street station of the subway.

MILITIA TO PREVENT THREATENED RACE WAR

Magnolia, Ala., Dec. 21.—Owing to a threatened race war, militia arrived in Magnolia tonight and sentries were placed around vacant storehouse in which thirty negroes were confined. These negroes were arrested on threats made against the whites or for suspected implications in the murder of Algernon Lewis, by the four Montgomery brothers, negroes. Ernest Slade, who was severely wounded by Clinton Montgomery, who later was shot and burned to death, has been taken to his home in Landon. Surgeons give hope for his recovery. Will Montgomery is still at large with citizens and dogs hunting for

HOLIDAY BULL IN ENGLAND'S BUDGET WAR

Political Orators Forsake Stump For Pen—Sir Robert Perks Repudiates Statements Of Free Church. BALFOUR'S ILLNESS CAUSES UNEASINESS

Special to The Standard. London, Dec. 21.—During the next few days there will be little or nothing doing in the political world. The leisure of the holidays will be devoted to letter-writing, and already some of the leading lights are on the warpath with the pen. Sir Robert Perks, in a letter to the press, denounces the Free Church Council and its claims to speak for the Protestant dissenters of the Kingdom. He points out that the Wesleyan Methodists are standing aloof from it in distrust. Secretary Hawkins, of the Eighty Club, speaking today, expressed every confidence that the Liberals would be returned to power, though with a decreased majority. He predicts a majority of 100. Mr. Asquith, speaking in Liverpool, said in regard to the navy:—"Let me say only for all, and I speak with deliberation and after a careful and prolonged inquiry, that the navy today is able to maintain not only this year, but for years before us, our supremacy on the sea, and should the necessary arise which God forbid, will be able to guarantee the integrity of our shores, the protection of our commerce and the inviolability of our Empire, (Cheers.)"

Disappointment Expressed. There is naturally the greatest disappointment on the Conservative side at the renewal of Mr. Balfour's indisposition and the absence of the leader will be the greatest possible handicap if it is prolonged. The Christmas lull is thus doubly welcome to the Unionists. Mr. Haldane, the Minister of War, is also on the sick list. John Burns found himself unable to speak in his constituency last night. A big fire near his residence and with his indomitable energy the president of the local Government Board gave the greatest assistance and subsequently arrived at the scene with scorched clothes, a battered hat and an arm in a sling. As several fatalities had taken place at the conflagration the meeting adjourned. The Liberal campaign has received a fillip in the shape of a gift of £10,000 to Mr. Churchill by the Dundee jute manufacturers. "We are in a joyful mood," he declared with his customary cheerfulness. "We scent victory."

Sir Edward Grey, at Sunderland, replied to a severely personal attack by the Duke of Northumberland, and also declared the House of Lords would be only a permanent opposition to the Liberal party. Lord Bessford at Pembroke dock, reiterated his determination to speak out unless the utmost were on Lord. The public had been misled by the Admiralty press bureau, which had done away with the good feeling and comradeship of the navy. F. E. Smith, speaking to a Salford audience emphasized the danger of the German challenge of the Empire's naval supremacy. Kier Hardie at Glasgow, referred to the fact that the House of Lords tomorrow gives judgment on the question whether the trades unions possess the right to levy for salaries of Labor M. P.'s and said if the judgment were adverse the party had everything in order for the carrying on of its financial work for at least two years.

Lloyd-George. Lloyd-George had a remarkably enthusiastic reception while motoring through the streets of Newport, a crowd of several thousand compelled him to make a speech. Both sides are conducting a campaign of the utmost vigor in every corner of the land. Lord Rosebery writes to the Times, asking for definite declarations of policy on the question of reform of the House of Lords from both sides. He says: "I can find no pledge in Mr. Balfour's manifesto that his party will undertake to reform the House of Lords, and yet unless some pledge be given, thoroughly and unmistakably, we may see the Conservative Government come into office and repeat once more the fatal error of letting the opportunity pass." Lord St. Aldwyn, in a letter which is published this morning, says that he abstained from voting on Lord Lansdowne's resolution in the House of Lords on the budget because he did not wish to oppose his own side, but he saw nothing in the budget justifying its rejection by the House of Lords, nor anything in its proposals which could plausibly be described as socialistic or revolutionary. At the same time he says he does not approve of the budget, expressing the opinion that small duties will be sooner or later abolished. The other two Montgomeries, Fletcher and Shelby are in jail at Linden and there is no immediate danger of violence to them.