

The War in Nicaragua is A Big Diplomatic Issue

United States Prestige in Latin-America is Involved and Also a Challenge to Mexican Recognition of the Nicaraguan Rebels—President Diaz Described as a Tool of the New York Bankers—U. S. Bluejackets are Active.

(By Ludwell Denny, United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—The little war in Nicaragua turned into a big diplomatic issue in Washington today, involving United States prestige and policy in Latin-America and a challenge to Mexican recognition of the Nicaraguan rebels.

With United States forces occupying rebel east coast Nicaraguan ports, Dr. T. S. Vaca, Liberal envoy here today charged the State Department with Imperialism and intervention in behalf of President Diaz, whom he termed "a tool of the New York bankers". Similar charges were made by Secretary Selva of the Nicaraguan federation of labor.

Bluejackets on Deck

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 26—Rear Admiral Latimer, in command of the United States special squadron, has ruled that Dr. Juan Bautista Sacasa, the members of his Liberal cabinet and all his troops must disarm or leave Puerto Cabezas which has been declared a neutral zone. United States bluejackets are relieving all Liberals in the zone of their arms.

On account of the admiral's declaration the Liberal government, which was set up at Puerto Cabezas in opposition to the Diaz Conservative government, find their temporary capital gone, and the Liberal foreign minister has entered an earnest protest on the ground that it will have a very unfavorable effect on the new Liberal government.

Admiral Latimer has instructed the mahogany companies to pay taxes only to the Conservative government which has been recognized by the United States.

Although it had been stated that President Diaz escaped injury when two men armed with machetes attacked the presidential carriage Thursday night the President on his return home found that the sole of his shoe had been badly cut and torn, and on further investigation discovered a flesh wound. Due to excitement at the time of the accident, the president had failed to notice his injury. Today he appears entirely unconcerned over his attempted assassination.

HIGH SHERIFF OF WESTMORLAND CO. PASSES AWAY

Moncton, Dec. 26—David Howard Charters, High Sheriff of Westmorland County, passed away at his home here suddenly early Christmas morning, as the result of a heart attack brought on by acute indigestion with which he was stricken Friday morning. Deceased had been in his apparent good health previous to this and was attending to his duties here on Thursday. His passing came as a great shock to the community for he was well known and was held in high esteem.

Sheriff Charters was a native of Moncton, being born here on October 18, 1861, and was thus 65 years of age. He was a son of the late Howard Douglas Charters and Mrs. Charters, his father being the first magistrate in Moncton.

Sheriff Charters took a good interest in political affairs and was prominent in fraternal circles. He was a staunch Conservative and a great believer in the national policy as being the best for Canada. He always took an active part in all things making for the better of his native city or province and in the fraternal orders to which he belonged he was highly thought of not only for his genial character, but for his untiring efforts in promoting the welfare and upholding the principles of the various orders.

W. A. HOLT PASSES AWAY AT ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Dec. 25—Many friends throughout the province will learn with profound sorrow of the sudden passing of William A. Holt, the well known insurance agent, associated with the North America Life Co., whose death occurred at noon on Christmas Day from a heart affection following an illness of ten days. On Friday his condition was considered critical and members of his family were summoned, his daughters arriving from Massachusetts an hour after the end.

Mr. Holt was born at Halifax, N. S., the son of the late John E. and Mary Holt and was in the 65th year of his age. He was the Liberal candidate for Charlotte county in the general election of 1925. By his especially kindly and courteous manner he made hosts of friends and his cheery greeting will be missed by many.

IN JAIL FOR PASSING TWO BOGUS CHECKS

Amherst, Dec. 23—Charged with obtaining money from the Terrace Hotel under false pretences, M. Roy Edgar, of Toronto, a representative of the Maritime Publishing Co., was arrested in Rimouski and brought back to Amherst for trial. Edgar, it is alleged, secured \$50 from the Terrace Hotel some weeks ago by presenting two cheques each of \$25. After Edgar had left the two cheques were returned marked "no funds."

W. H. Walsh, the manager of the hotel, after endeavoring to locate the man turned the matter over to the police. He appeared before Magistrate A. G. MacKenzie this afternoon but the hearing was adjourned until Tuesday.

(It will be recalled that a gent named Edgar was sent to Fredericton by the N. B. Tourist Association last summer to supervise the publication of a tourist booklet. He got out the booklet, collected the pay for the advertising, which was its most attractive feature, and stuck the printer for doing the work.)

London, Dec. 27—The Prince of Wales is held accountable for still another style—the parting of hair at the side.

It was quite the fashion up to a few years ago for both men and women to have a parting in the center. But it is done on the side of the head nowadays and prominent hairdressers attribute the change to the fact that the Prince has always parted his locks at that place. Women are doing it as well.

GOULD READY TO START WORK ON NEW ROAD

Letter From President of the International Paper Company Was Satisfactory.

Presque Isle, Me., Dec. 26—On Monday morning 100 men will begin at Washburn, Maine, on the work of the new Quebec extension electric road, 111 miles to Lake Frontier. United States Senator Arthur R. Gould arrived home from Washington Saturday night. He found the letter he had been looking for from A. R. Graustein, president of the International Paper Company, and says the construction of the road is now assured.

Senator Gould did not divulge the contents of the letter, but said that it was not entirely satisfactory. He had sent out word to waiting construction foremen and contractors to get busy at the earliest possible moment. He is obliged to return to Washington in a few days.

Origin of Plan.

About 15 years ago Senator Gould, who already had constructed in 1910 an electric line between Presque Isle and Washburn, a distance of 12 miles, with extension of 12 miles from Washburn to New Sweden in 1912 and a branch of seven miles to Caribou in 1913, conceived the idea of building a line straight through the primeval forest to the boundary of the province of Quebec as the only means of making accessible the vast timber wealth of the northern tip of Maine. Preliminary surveys were made and the project was moving along satisfactorily, with every prospect of success when the world war upset the financial arrangements. After the war there was further delay in coming to an agreement with the owners of the timberlands through which the road would pass concerning certain concessions in the way of hardwood stumpage asked by Mr. Gould.

The International Paper Company have been the only land owners to hold out, but it is now understood they have made concessions.

This new electric line, which is to cost about \$4,000,000, will be like the other Gould roads of standard gauge, and its traffic at first will be almost entirely heavy freight, the transportation of logs, lumber and a great variety of forest products, including railroad ties, posts, poles, shingles, etc.

In the region to be penetrated by the new railroad, which, like the other Gould lines, will be operated by power from the Maine and New Brunswick Power Co. plant at Aroostook Falls there are one million acres of heavy forest growth, the most extensive virgin tract in the United States. Upon these million acres there is standing today, at a most conservative estimate, 2,000,000,000 feet of spruce and pine, 600,000,000 feet of cedar and 500,000,000 feet of hardwoods. By far the greater part of this timber is at present inaccessible, because of lack of good driving waters.

It has been estimated that the new cross-Maine electric road will add \$15 an acre to the value of the million acres of timber through which it is to pass.

TO INSTALL THIS WEEK.

Fredericton Preceptory, No. 50, Knights Templar Installation on Last Thursday.

The installation of the Fredericton Preceptory, No. 50, Knights Templar will take place on next Thursday night, the last Thursday of the month. Officers were elected in November and the Preceptor will complete his slate this week.

The officers are as follows:—Past Preceptor, H. R. Gunter; Presiding Preceptor, A. A. McF Brown; Constable, A. W. Coombes; Marshal, C. F. Kelly; Treasurer, T. E. Sutherland; Registrar, F. T. Thomas; Chaplain, Whitman Brewer; Sub-marshal, Herman Tompkins.

PROVINCIAL PREMIERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Hon. Mr. Baxter Sees Good Times Ahead For N. B.

DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRO

The Duncan Report Has Had a Most Cheering Effect.

Montreal, Dec. 25—Optimism with regard to the future of Canada is voiced in the Christmas messages of the various Provincial Premiers, printed in today's issue of The Montreal Standard.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Prime Minister of New Brunswick, expects that the hydro-electric development at Grand Falls, together with the allied pulp and paper manufacture dependent upon it, will give a "healthy outlook for business" in his Province.

"Publication of the Duncan report," he said, "has done much to restore confidence to the business world here, and it looks as though we will have a forward movement in agriculture, stimulated by a getting together of merchants and farmers."

"All these factors, united, indicate a considerable improvement in business conditions for the coming year."

NEWSPAPERS OF GERMANY ARE INCENSED

Condemn the Landing of American Sailors at Puerto Cabezas.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 27—German newspapers today condemned the landing of United States sailors in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.

There were many references in the press to "United States Imperialism." The Berliner Tageblatt described the incident as a "Bloody Christmas in Nicaragua." The Montag Morgan headlines the story "Americans Land Troops for Christmas."

Several newspapers charged that the United States was encroaching on the independence of south and central American Republics.

LARGE SUM IS IS THROWN AWAY IN TEA LEAVES

London, Dec. 27—England throws away at least \$2,100,000 in tea leaves each year, according to a chemist writing in Tit-Bits. Used tea leaves are rich in tannin, chloro-phyll, caffeine and other valuable products which are not easily removed by ordinary methods of infusion.

It is estimated that more than 336,000,000 pounds of tea leaves were thrown away in England last year; and taking this as representing 10 per cent of tannin, which is worth about 70 cents a pound, it is apparent that money might be made by extracting it. Even one-fifth of the total of waste leaves, yielding only five per cent of tannin, would represent a value of about \$2,100,000.

Died This Morning.

Mrs. Marguerite Josephine Rogers wife of Harold Rogers, died this morning at an early hour after a long illness. The deceased was aged forty-two years. Surviving are her husband one son, George L., and two daughters Audrey L. and Miriam E. Other surviving relatives are two brothers Malcolm Beatty of this city and Herbert Beatty of Bangor, Me., also one sister Mrs. Roaf of Newburyport. The funeral will take place Tuesday. Very Rev. Dean Neales will conduct the service at the late home, 504 Needham street. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery Extension.

Nicaraguan Liberal Says Dignity of His Country Attacked

Protests Against Action of the United States in Landing a Force of Marines at Puerto Cabezas—Charges of Communism Called a Smoke Screen for an Unfair Campaign.

(By A. W. Falgar, United Press Staff Correspondent)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27—Saying that it would require 15,000 American soldiers to put down the revolution in Nicaragua and calling charges of communism a smoke screen for an unfair campaign, Juan Bautista Sacasa, Nicaraguan Liberal leader today protested against the landing of United States marines at Puerto Cabezas.

"We are the victims of a nation that without right or provocation has attacked the dignity of this country searched Government buildings and ordered the executive cabinet to leave Cabezas the legal seat of the Government" Sacasa said.

THOUSANDS WERE DRIVEN FROM HOMES

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26—At least 2,000 persons were driven from their homes tonight or were prepared to leave the flooded sections of North and East Nashville due to the Cumberland River flood, according to police headquarters estimates and surveys of the inundated regions.

Relief work, begun yesterday morning when families awoke to find themselves marooned, is being continued under direction of the police department and hundreds of volunteers.

Residents in the affected area generally were forewarned and enabled to escape the rising waters and in most cases the household effects were moved and stored.

Ryman city auditorium, American Legion headquarters, a score of church buildings and other buildings were offered for housing refugees, many of whom are negroes. The city temporarily was assuming liability for stores of coal and provisions for the refugees.

No Deaths Yet.

Neither deaths nor undue suffering had been reported early tonight in spite of freezing temperatures. Transportation generally was provided for removal of household effects. Relief workers late today rescued an aged woman from a small shack after the water had climbed to a foot over the floor of her dwelling. There were numerous cases where canoes had to be brought into action for rescue work.

C. P. R. PUMPING STATION BURNED AT HARVEY TODAY

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Harvey Station, Dec. 27—The pumping station of the C. P. R. at this place was totally destroyed by fire this morning. While the fire was in progress traffic on the line was impeded. The cause of the fire is not definitely known. It had good headway when first noticed and little could be done toward saving the structure. The flames did not spread to any other building and no one was injured during the fire.

The pumping station is used to pump water from Cranberry Lake for locomotives. Inconvenience will be caused by the fire.

St. John's Day

Today is the day of St. John the Apostle and is particularly venerated by members of the Masonic fraternity many lodges of which install on the day. In the Old Country it also is known as Boxing Day.

FRENCH SAILORS WERE DROWNED IN THE CHANNEL

Portland, England, Dec. 26—Twenty-four sailors of the French barque Eugene Schneider are believed to have been drowned in the Channel Christmas night as the result of a collision with the British freight steamer Baruta.

The freighter, bound from West Africa, arrived today and reported that four French seamen scrambled aboard soon after the crash and that they appeared to be the only survivors among the 28 men who manned the Eugene Schneider.

The barque, also from West Africa, was nearing the end of a long trip from Dualas, whence she sailed on Oct. 7 last.

APPLE LOVING MAID FOUND STOLEN CONDE

Paris, Dec. 27—Every once in a while a travelling salesman or some other fortunate person bits on a pearl while eating oysters, but it remained for a chambermaid in a Paris hotel to bite on a \$2,000,000 diamond.

The maid, whose name seems to have been overlooked in the scramble, was munching on a luscious apple found in the room of an absent guest when she nearly broke a tooth. A large brilliant, stone of rose tint had been concealed in the fruit. She took it to a policeman, and then came the revelation that the Grande Conde, stolen from the museum of the Due d'Aumale's chateau in Chantilly in October had been recovered.

Leon Kauffner, the careless guest who left the bediamonded apple in an open valise, is now a guest of the police, together with Emile Souter and two other gentlemen described as "fences" of stolen property.

AN AIR PILOT SAVED HIS LIFE BY LEAPING

Cleveland, Dec. 27—Warren D. Williams, pilot of a Cleveland-Chicago air mail plane, saved his life today by leaping from his plane, "flying blind" in a thick fog, three miles south of Bowling Green, O. The plane crashed a few seconds after Williams made a parachute leap.

The plane was demolished, reports said. Williams was unhurt except for bruises and scratches. The mail was recovered by Bowling Green police and sent to Chicago.

Local air mail officials blamed the thick fog that blanketed Northern Ohio.