

## THE PRESIDENTS ARE INVOLVED

Plots in the Several Central American States.

### UNCLE SAM CHECKING THEM.

Attitude of the United States Coils the Warlike Schemes of the Several Rulers—President Cabrera's Plan to Encompass the Downfall of President Zelaya.

Panama (By Cable).—Central Americans who are now in Panama, and who are interested in the situation brought about by the revolutionary movement in Honduras, are convinced that the presidents of several of the republics are involved in the affair, the ramifications of which reach far back. According to one of these Central Americans, President Cabrera, of Guatemala, following the last conspiracy against his life, of which he believed President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, to be the promoter, conceived a plan for Zelaya's downfall. Fearing that without aid he could not succeed in this, he endeavored to interest his neighbor, President Figueroa, of Salvador, who had an old grudge against Zelaya, whom he charged with giving openly some time ago, men, arms and money to Dr. Prudenio Alfaro for the purpose of invading Salvador.

For a time President Figueroa was undecided, but eventually Gen. Manuel Bonilla, ex-president of Honduras, who was deposed by the revolution promoted also by Zelaya, appeared on the scene. He recommended that they begin operations by replacing him as president of Honduras, this move being a preliminary step. Later all three republics (Honduras, Guatemala and Salvador), he suggested, could join forces in an attack upon Nicaragua.

Prior to this the Honduran confidential envoy in Guatemala, Gen. Miguel O. Bustillo, had been imprisoned, it is believed, for the purpose of precipitating war with Honduras, but the challenge remained unanswered.

Honduras, however, began preparations and increased its army by 10,000 men, placing a strong guard along the frontiers. A revolutionary movement was then ordered by those who were endeavoring to bring about a change in the government of Honduras, the revolutionists, invading that country from the Guatemalan and Salvadorean frontiers. President Zelaya was taken by surprise at the movement and caught unprepared, but he immediately saw the peril to his government. Undoubtedly to help as much as possible the Honduran government, Zelaya increased the Nicaraguan Army and placed arms in the hands of Salvadorean refugees, among whom were a number of prominent and popular leaders, and quietly awaited developments.

President Figueroa, among whose qualities courage is not believed to be prominent, knowing that only a spark would start a powerful revolutionary fire in his dominion, was alarmed at the determined action of Honduras and Nicaragua and refused further to aid the revolutionists in Honduras.

In the meantime the heads of both Honduras and Nicaragua remembered the Central American court of justice recently inaugurated at Cartago, Costa Rica, and promptly filed charges against Salvador and Guatemala, not only with the idea of gaining time, but for the purpose of bringing more prominently to the attention of these republics the possibility of American intervention.

Shortly after the presentation of these charges the United States cruiser Albany left for Anapala with a force of marines and other warships were announced as being under orders to proceed to the scene of the trouble if necessary, and as a result of the attitude of the United States the belligerent sentiments of the various Central American presidents cooled considerably, for, although bearing no love for each other and standing in constant fear of an attack from some undetermined quarter, they prefer anything to having the United States interfere in Central American affairs. As the matter now stands, each one is accusing the other and all are making claims to having been neutral.

U. S. Marines Ready. Colon, July 19.—The United States cruiser Des Moines arrived here from Guantamo.

Lieutenant Colonel Cole, commander of the American marines on the Isthmus of Panama, recently received orders from Washington to have 150 marines ready for immediate field service. It was believed that the intention was to dispatch these marines to Honduras on the cruiser Des Moines.

### Lightning Kills Two.

Dayton, O. (Special).—Clyde Zar, aged 29, and Walter Cowitz, aged 14, were killed by lightning on a farm near Vandalia. The boys had taken their horses into a barn and Zar laid down on the hay inside the barn, while Cowitz stood outside, leaning against the barn. Lightning struck an elm tree standing near the building, leaped to the barn and passed through the body of the Zar boy, ran down the hay and split the skull of Cowitz. Another boy standing with the latter victim was uninjured, but horses on the wet barn floor were killed.

### Saw Her Husband Drown.

Weirs, N. H. (Special).—Walter D. Martin, president of the Common Council of Malden, Mass., who has been spending the summer with his wife and two children on Pine Island in Lake Winnepesaukee, was drowned in the lake while rowing in front of his cottage and within sight of his wife. His boat was capsized in a sudden squall. When Mrs. Martin saw her husband sink she collapsed.

## THE GOVERNESS WAS LURED TO HER DEATH

Mystery Over Pretty Girl Found Dead in Pond.

Troy, N. Y. (Special).—Developments in the tragedy of Teal Pond, into whose swampy shallows the body of pretty 19-year-old Hazel Drew was flung after she had been mysteriously murdered, showed conclusively that she was lured to her death.

The authorities, investigating the crime, have unearthed certain facts which they declare lead to no other possibility than that the girl was persuaded to start for the home of her uncle, who lives not far from where she was found dead, on a pretext to get her in that lonely part of Rensselaer County.

It is now declared that the assassin or assassins of the pretty young woman are known and, according to District Attorney Jarvis P. O'Brien, arrests will be made soon.

### Died Defending Her Honor.

Developments in this, the most tragic and most pitiful murder in the history of Rensselaer County, have come so swiftly as almost to surprise the men who 24 hours ago were without a clue to the slayer. The theory that murder will out finds in this tragedy a vindication. Clever selection of a lonely spot for the concealment of the body and efforts to convey the impression that the girl jumped into the lonely pond to end her life proved baffling only for a time. But the murderer's subsequent demand—the guilty conscience offsetting the precautions against detection—have resulted in the wearing of a web so closely about the suspected man that but few strands are needed until the net is drawn.

Marks about Hazel Drew's body indicate clearly that she died while making a brave struggle to defend her honor. A string tied about her neck indicates that the murderer and his accomplice, fearing the blow on the back of the head had not been sufficient to end her life and forever seal her lips, made sure, doubly sure, by strangling her. The casting of the body into the water was as much an added further precaution against her living to disclose the identity of the fiends who attacked her as it was to hide the evidences of crime.

### Man Kills Himself.

Pittsburg (Special).—William Moffitt, of Sistersville, W. Va., who came here to attend the funeral of his sister, Stella Moffitt, who committed suicide last Tuesday, ended his own life in a manner almost identical to that employed by the young woman. Both took carboic acid at the home of their parents in Reed Street, this city. Grief and despondency over his sister's death is believed to have prompted Moffitt to self-destruction. He was 39 years of age, and leaves a widow and five children, all of whom came here with him for the funeral.

### Ethel Roosevelt Is Eighteen.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. (Special).—Saturday, the anniversary of the birth of Miss Ethel Roosevelt, the younger daughter of President Roosevelt, the President's home on Sagamore Hill was the scene of considerable gayety in honor of the young lady. The celebration in Miss Roosevelt's honor took the form of a party to which a number of her young friends were invited. The young folks danced on the broad veranda at Sagamore Hill in the evening. The President joined in the fun and helped make things lively.

### Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy 87.

Newton, Mass. (Special).—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder and head of the Christian Scientific Church, Thursday reached her eighty-seventh year, but beyond congratulations from members of her household and officials of the church, there was no observance of the event. Mrs. Eddy is reported in good health, and maintains the same routine, which governed her life at Concord, N. H., during the past several years.

### Town Wiped Out By Fire.

New Philadelphia, O. (Special).—The town of Baltic, Tuscarawas County, containing 500 people, was practically wiped out by fire. Forty homes and business buildings were destroyed. The blaze started in a flour mill, and among the buildings destroyed are Huffman's restaurant, Croyer's restaurant and several loaded freight cars. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

### Many Suits Follow Disaster.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Suits for damages aggregating \$950,000 were entered in the United States Circuit Court against the Pittsburgh Coal Company, as the result of the Carr Mine disaster, of December 19, 1907, when nearly 300 men were killed. There are 18 plaintiffs—the wives or fathers and mothers of the victims.

### Nine Blown Up By Powder.

Tacoma, Wash. (Special).—The powder magazine of the Northwest Improvement Company, at Clelum, blew up at 5 o'clock P. M. while a gang of men were unloading a car of powder. Nine were killed.

### Guilty Of Murder.

Tifton, Ga. (Special).—The jury in the case against Dempsey Taylor, charged with the killing of A. Conger at Sunday School at Salem Church, in Tift County, July 5, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and recommended the mercy of the court, which means life imprisonment. Jesse Taylor, a brother of Dempsey, will be tried this week for complicity in the killing. Both boys are also under indictment for assault with intent to murder; in the shooting of Barney Conger, son of the man killed.

## ARMY TO ASK FOR BALLOON MONEY

Want Million Dollars To Study Aeronautics.

### TO ERECT TWO BALLOON STATIONS.

If Cash Is Secured General Allen Will Erect Two Airship Stations on Atlantic Coast—Interest in the Experiments at Fort Myer Lend Impetus to Drigible Study.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Encouraged by the general interest manifested in the coming Fort Myer balloon tests and prompted by the advancement of other nations in aeronautics, Brigadier General James Allen, chief signal officer, and the board of ordnance and fortification of the War Department will recommend the appropriation by Congress next winter of \$1,000,000 for aeronautics.

With this money General Allen proposes to erect two balloon stations on the Atlantic Coast, at New York and Fort Monroe, Va., and to purchase two balloons of the type of the Republique, the immense dirigible built by the French government to replace the La Patrie, which was lost at Verdun, France, last winter. A balloon of this size would cost about \$100,000. General Allen is of the opinion that two of these ships at each balloon station would be of great service in warding off an attack by warships.

For the past year or more General Allen has been engrossed with the study of aerial navigation and its possibilities in the army.

The general's desk is covered with extracts for foreign and American publications bearing on the progress in aeronautics. The assistant chief signal officer is Lieut. F. P. Lahm, winner of the Gordon Bennett international balloon race of 1906.

A large steel balloon-house is nearing completion at Fort Omaha, Neb., under the direction of Capt. C. DeF. Chandler, of the Signal Corps. A gas generating plant is being built in connection with the balloon-house, and the electricity for supplying power for the plant will be purchased from the electric lighting plant at Omaha. This will be the first modern hydrogen gas plant to be built for the army, the present plant at Fort Myer, Va., being temporary and inadequate.

When the plant at Omaha is completed officers studying at the service schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will be instructed in practical aeronautics.

Last winter the Signal Corps asked for an appropriation from Congress of \$200,000 for balloons, and a bill was introduced by Senator Burkett to place the Signal Corps on an equal footing with the artillery and cavalry branches of the army. Both these measures had the support of President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft.

### SIX HURT IN A RIOT.

Union And Nonunion Capmakers Use Bricks And Clubs.

Cleveland, O. (Special).—A riot in which six men received injuries more or less serious took place at the corner of Lakeside Avenue and West Sixth Street. The rioters were union and nonunion capmakers. The union men have been on a strike for several weeks. The trouble followed an attempt on the part of the strikers to prevent the body of nonunionists from going to work. Bricks, stones and clubs were freely used on both sides. A riot call was turned in and a squad of police shortly arrived and used their clubs freely on the rioters. A number of arrests were made.

## WASHINGTON

The Atlantic Manufacturing Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., was debarred from the mails by an order of the Postmaster General on the ground that its operations were fraudulent.

Justice Wright, of the District Court, issued a mandamus directing the Commissioner of Patents to be guided by decision of New York court.

Official figures show the appropriations made at the recent session of Congress to have aggregated \$1,098,397,543.56.

The adjutant general of the army has been informed in dispatches received from the Philippines of the murder of Albert A. Burleigh, Company C, Eighteenth Infantry, on June 30 by Moros.

The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that 728 lives were lost and 14,773 persons were injured in railroad accidents during the three months ending March 31.

Orders have been issued by the Navy Department to the gunboat Marietta to proceed to Puerto Cortez, Honduras, to investigate the revolutionary activity in that place.

The gunboat Paducab, now at Guantanamo, will be ordered to Hayti, at the request of the State Department, to relieve the French warships now in these waters.

The Interstate Commerce Commission decided that household servants of railroad employes may travel on passes.

The National Conservation Commission has begun preliminary work on the task before it.

The government is considering the advisability of sending a warship to the northern coast of Honduras to protect American interests from the revolutionists.

Acting Secretary Newberry thinks it may be advisable to remove naval headquarters from New London because of treatment accorded men.

Secretary of War Wright, accompanied by several officers, made a visit of inspection to Fort Washington.

## EUGENE W. CHAFIN NAMED FOR PRESIDENT

Chicagoan Heads National Prohibition Ticket.

### MR. LEVERING'S NAME WITHHELD.

National Prohibition Convention at Columbus, O., Makes Nominations, Adopts Platform and Adjourns—Rev. Wm. B. Palmore, of St. Louis, Is Nominated for Vice President.

Columbus, O. (Special).—For President—Eugene W. Chafin, of Chicago.

For Vice President—Aaron S. Watkins, of Ada, O.

This ticket was nominated by the Prohibitionist National Convention, and both nominations were made unanimously. The full endorsement of the convention was not, however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken.

On the first two ballots Mr. Chafin did not show a great amount of strength, receiving but 195 out of 1,083 votes on the first and 376 out of 1,087 on the second ballot. His nomination was assured, however, when the rollcall began for the third ballot. His own State, which had voted largely for Daniel R. Sheen, of Florida, and the New York delegation, followed by those of Indiana and Wisconsin, came over to Mr. Chafin, and on the third ballot he received a total of 630 votes.

Maryland did not present the name of Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, as had been expected. The delegation sought in vain an agreement insuring the selection of Mr. Levering and in consequence decided not to nominate the Maryland man.

A strong sentiment existed among the delegates in favor of Mr. Levering, but the delegation from his State refused to make a strong fight, declaring that while he might accept the nomination they did not desire to place his name before the convention if any chance existed of another man being selected. Mr. Levering was the standard-bearer of the party in 1896, and for that reason his friends asserted should have been tendered the nomination if the party desired him to lead the coming campaign.

The strongest competitor of Mr. Chafin was Rev. William B. Palmore, of St. Louis, who received 274 votes on the first ballot and a comparative small vote after it, was evident that the nomination of Mr. Chafin could not be prevented.

It was then decided to make Mr. Palmore the vice presidential nominee, and he was named by acclamation. He declined to accept the office, however, and persisted in his attitude despite the strong urging of his friends.

The convention, finding itself confronted with the necessity of naming another vice presidential candidate and many of the delegates being anxious to catch the early night trains for home, became involved in a deep parliamentary wrangle. The rules were several times suspended and the suspensions immediately revoked.

Finally it was decided that Prof. Aaron S. Watkins, of Ada, O., should be named by acclamation. There was no opposition to him at the moment, and Chairman Charles Scanlon was on the verge of declaring Professor Watkins the nominee when delegates in various parts of the hall broke in with a flood of motions, amendments and suspensions of the rules.

An extended debate finally resulted in the restoration of the rules and in a ballot for the vice president. Three men were named, Prof. Watkins, T. B. Demaree, of Kentucky, and Charles S. Holler, of Indiana. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Prof. Watkins by an overwhelming majority, and he was immediately thereafter, upon motion of the Kentucky delegation, made the unanimous choice of the convention.

Both the presidential and vice presidential nominees are candidates for governor in their respective States on the Prohibition tickets.

The forenoon session of the convention was devoted to the discussion and adoption of a platform, which is probably the shortest on record, containing only 321 words.

### THE PLATFORM.

Brief Document Touches Upon Many Important Subjects.

The national Prohibition platform, as agreed upon by the Committee on Resolutions, follows:

"The Prohibition party of the United States, assembled in convention at Columbus, O., July 15 and 16, 1908, expressing gratitude to Almighty God for the victories of our principles in the past, for encouragement of early and triumphant success in the future makes the following declaration of principles and pledges the enactment into law when placed in power:

"1. The submission by Congress to the several States of an amendment to the federal Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation, exportation or transportation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes.

"2. The immediate prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes in the District of Columbia, in the territories, and all places over

### The President Greets The Boys.

Oyster Bay, N. Y. (Special).—President Roosevelt spent Sunday quietly at his home here. In the morning, with Mrs. Roosevelt and their son Archie, he attended services in Christ Episcopal Church in the village, coming into Oyster Bay from Sagamore Hill in an automobile. A company of boys in uniform, part of a New York church organization now in camp at Lloyd's Neck, formed on the bank of the driveway to the church and stood at attention as the President approached.

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