

MARIO G. MENOGAL.

Cuban President Whose Re-election Is In Doubt In Grave Contingency.



Photo by American Press Association.

With the result of the Cuban elections still in doubt and likely to remain so for a considerable time, there is looming up a contingency, only to be reached after the votes are all counted and the result officially declared, which may throw the affairs of the republic into serious confusion, even to the possible extent of practically nullifying the election. It may leave the island without an executive head and invite serious disorders.

AMUNDSEN TO FLY OVER NORTH POLE

Explorer Will Use American Aeroplanes on Trip.

Captain Roald Amundsen, navigator of the northwest passage and discoverer of the south pole, is in New York. He has announced his intention to fly to the north pole in an aeroplane.

While a vessel for polar exploration is being built for him in Norway and an expedition is being organized, Captain Amundsen has come to this country to buy two American aeroplanes and also a consignment of provisions. He has secured an air pilot's license.

Captain Amundsen's intention is to start north in his ship, which will be launched in July, but may not be finally ready for the venture before 1918; proceed north until he comes within the region of the polar currents and then drift with these currents as far toward the top of the world as the ice will let him. When he becomes stalled he will set out in an aeroplane and fly to the pole itself.

"There are wonderful chances for observations of the polar regions from an aeroplane," said Captain Amundsen, "particularly since aeroplanes have never been used before in arctic exploration. Now it will be possible to make flights of 200 meters in an hour where with sledges it might require two weeks or any amount of time to cover the same distance."

Amundsen will go from New York to Chicago to lay in a stock of provisions, which will consist to a large extent of canned goods.

RUSSELL SOCIETY TO GO ON.

Will of Pastor Provides For Publishing of Magazine.

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, founded, organized and supported for many years by Pastor Russell, will continue in spite of his president's death. There is some doubt whether the pastor's influence, exerted even after his death by the terms of his will, will control the society in the future or whether the 10,000 odd shareholders will take the management of the society into their own hands.

The officials of the society say that the shareholders probably will endorse any selection of officers indicated in the pastor's will. It is likely that A. L. Ritchie, vice president of the society, will succeed Pastor Russell. The only thing which has been made public is that the will demands the appointment of an editorial staff to continue the publication of the Watch Tower, a magazine, for which Russell is said to have left enough copy for several years.

GIVES SEAT TO DEMOCRAT.

North Carolina Court Dismisses Congress writ.

The court contest between Representative Britt, Republican, and Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, who claims election to congress from the Fourth North Carolina district, culminated in the dismissal of a writ of mandamus sought by Britt against the Buncombe county canvassing board and the announcement by Britt's lawyers that the case will be taken to the state supreme court.

Democratic leaders say the state election board will issue a certificate of election to Weaver.

Conscription Loses in Australia. The final figures in the conscription referendum show that 1,985,000 ballots were cast in favor of conscription and 1,146,000 against it in Australia.

VILHJAMUR STEFANSSON

Arctic Explorer Who Will Continue Hunt For Crocker Land.



Photo by American Press Association.

In a letter to Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, Vilhjarnur Stefansson, the arctic explorer, who is shown here in Eskimo costume, tells of his plan to continue the hunt for the mysterious Crocker Land which the MacMillan expedition failed to locate. Stefansson has been in the far north now for three years at the head of the Canadian arctic expedition.

INEZ M. BOISSEVAIN, SUFFRAGIST, DEAD

Noted as Lawyer, Social Worker and Campaigner.

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Milholland of New York city and wife of Eugene Boissevain of Amsterdam, Holland, and widely known through her activities in behalf of woman suffrage, is dead in Los Angeles after a gallant fight for life. Only thirty years old, she was one of the most widely known women in the United States.

Mrs. Boissevain was taken ill at Los Angeles on the arrival of the women's special train which crossed the continent in the campaign for Charles E. Hughes for the presidency. Physicians diagnosed her ailment as anaemia, and blood transfusion was resorted to in the effort to save her life. Half a dozen transfusion operations were performed, her husband and her sister, Miss Vida Milholland, being among those who made the sacrifice in vain.

She rallied after the last two or three transfusions and improved so that hopes for her recovery were entertained by the physicians in attendance and by relatives and friends. A relapse came Saturday night, however.

Mrs. Boissevain's career was eventful. She was a woman suffragist, a social welfare worker, an advocate of socialism, a practitioner of law, a political campaigner. She was widely known as "the most beautiful suffragette" and was in demand as a speaker. She was born in New York city on Aug. 6, 1886, her father, John P. Milholland, a promoter, being at one time prominent in New York Republican politics.

Following her graduation from Vassar in 1909 she entered the law school of New York university and was graduated with the degree of LL. B. In March, 1913, she appeared with James W. Osborne as counsel for Goo Doy Yung, a Chinese, accused of murder. This is said to have been her first case, and her client was acquitted.

She went to Italy as a war correspondent in 1914, but was forced to leave because of her pacifist writings.

In 1916 she was one of the delegates on board the Ford peace ship. She left the delegation at Stockholm because, according to her own statement at the time, "the undemocratic methods employed by the managers are repugnant to my principles."

CREMATE LONDON'S BODY.

Ashes Buried in Family Plot Without Service of Any Kind.

The body of Jack London, author, who died on his ranch, Glen Ellen, at Santa Rosa, Cal., Wednesday, was cremated in Oakland and the ashes buried in the family plot there. Only near relatives were present. There were no services or ceremonies of any kind. London would have been forty-one years old on Jan. 12.

GERARD MAY BE PEACE HERALD

Secret Conferences at Capital Start Rumors.

DIPLOMATS KEEP SILENT.

Three Meetings Between Ambassador and Secretary of State In Day, With Germany's Representative Present at Two of Them, Said to Mean Plan to Ask For Armistice.

James W. Gerard, United States ambassador to Germany, was the central figure in a series of conferences in Washington which strongly suggested the beginning of a movement for peace in Europe.

No official statement was obtained, but in quarters vitally interested in the outcome a hope was expressed that a brief breathing spell between the warring factions could be arranged.

With this accomplished, it was said, the door would be opened for a definite armistice that would permit the belligerent nations to talk peace seriously.

Since Mr. Gerard left Berlin, two months ago, it has been a fixed impression in diplomatic circles that he came here fully aware of the views of the kaiser on peace. The ambassador held one conference with President Wilson at Shadow Lawn. He expects to talk with the chief executive again during this visit to Washington.

Two Conferences Held.

Mr. Gerard and Secretary of State Lansing first conferred at the state department. Soon afterward Mr. and Mrs. Gerard were the guests of the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, at luncheon at the embassy. The secretary of state and Mrs. Lansing were also among the guests. Mrs. Richard H. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody Eussis and the counselor of the embassy, Haniel von Heimhausen, completed the company.

In the evening Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing entertained at dinner in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Gerard and the American ambassador to Spain and Mrs. Joseph Willard. Among the guests were the German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff, the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. Reiano and diplomatic representatives of neutral nations, General and Mrs. John W. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Fahnestock.

American and foreign diplomats who discussed the conferences, notwithstanding the social nature of two of the gatherings, considered them significant of a peace move.

Secretary Lansing when asked concerning his first talk with Mr. Gerard said:

"We discussed the general conditions in Europe."

When asked if the question of peace had been raised during the conference Mr. Lansing refused to answer. He did assert, with emphasis, however, that there was nothing sufficiently serious in the submarine issue between the United States and Germany to have made the conference necessary.

In connection with the meeting between Ambassadors Gerard and Willard with Count von Bernstorff at the home of the American secretary of state it was pointed out that Spain, the country to which Mr. Willard is assigned, ranks next to the United States as a neutral of influence in world affairs.

Spain as Peace Mover.

Spain, it was further said, is fitted as an influential intermediary because of the hitherto unnoticed facts that it represents Belgium at the German capital and is probably the most confidential friend of the Vatican in Europe, Austria alone excepted.

Another responsible diplomat said the present attitude of the state department and the White House indicated that the ways and means of effecting peace were being confidentially discussed. This authority holds a position which enabled him to say without qualification he knew the United States was embarrassed through the lack of any "concrete suggestion from the belligerents as to the manner in which a peace movement might be launched."

Ambassadors Gerard and Willard will both go back to their posts before the end of the year. It is believed they will carry instructions to report at the earliest possible date on the advisability of an official appeal from the United States for an armistice.

It can be stated with authority that the agents of the allies were acutely interested in the several meetings between Ambassador Gerard and other diplomatic heads here. They were similarly concerned over the visit of Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, at the White House a few days ago. So far it appears they have not been taken into the confidence of the representatives of this government.

"I expect to return to New York either tonight or Wednesday morning," said Ambassador Gerard. "It is probable I will see President Wilson while I am here, but no appointment has been made as yet. I will sail from New York, Dec. 5 and will return to Germany via Copenhagen. No, I cannot talk peace or discuss my conference with Secretary Lansing."

Miss Rankin's Election Cost \$687, Miss Jeannette Rankin of Missoula, Mont., who was elected to congress on the Republican ticket Nov. 7, spent \$687.70 on her campaign, according to her expense account.

FALLS VILLAGE

Mrs. E. J. Cosgrove spent the week-end in Hartford, accompanied by her little granddaughter, Miss A. Vivien Brinton, who reveled in the joys of a first visit to the city. They returned by auto with a party of friends who made a brief visit at Mrs. Lloyd D. Brinton's.

Mrs. Kizza Reed, who has been in town several days having her furniture cased to be shipped to Binghamton, N. Y., left with the furniture one day last week.

William Snydam moves his household goods from Amesville to Lime Rock this week.

Miss Ray Hazeltine taught the Beebe Hill school last week in Miss Sabin's place.

William T. Flanagan and William Witzel of New York have been spending a few days at Mr. Flanagan's summer home.

P. E. Burnett spent Sunday in New Haven.

C. W. Burkett was called to Danbury last week by the illness of his father, Wm. A. Burkett.

Miss Clara B. Sabin, who has been on the sick list with tonsillitis has resumed teaching on Beebe Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Mertin move next week to Clarence Turner's house in the village.

Miss Minnie Jacobi closed the Amesville school Tuesday for the Thanksgiving recess. She visited the Canaan schools Wednesday.

Mrs. E. H. Kilmer of New Haven called on friends in town Monday.

Bernard Smith still continues to be very sick. Sunday a consultation of doctors was held at which Dr. Roller, a heart specialist of Bridgeport, was present.

The union Thanksgiving service at the Congregational chapel Sunday morning was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the united congregations.

Herman Smith, the painter, is busy these days with work on automobiles at which he is an expert finisher.

The local firemen are planning for a big time at their dance Friday, Dec. 8.

W. L. Millard has resigned his position with the E. W. Spurr Co., after a service of twelve years in their employ. Michael Hines takes his place.

Arthur Smith is spending several days in Brooklyn.

Nicholas L. Rogers of New London was at his home here over Sunday.

E. J. Hornbeck's store has taken on the Christmas look, attractive displays are in evidence in all lines for the holidays.

Miss Clara E. Dunham of New Haven is spending the Thanksgiving recess with her mother, Mrs. Emma L. Kellogg.

The Falls Village Equal Franchise League will meet next Tuesday afternoon, December 5, at 3 o'clock at Citizens hall.

Miss Anna Rogers is spending Thanksgiving with her sister, Miss Sadie Rogers, in town.

Mrs. E. J. Cosgrove, the nurse who has just finished her work at Mrs. Harvey Dean's, has gone to Lenox to care for an elderly lady.

A. W. Gray was home from Bridgeport over Sunday.

Harry E. Frink is showing fancy specimens of his Buttercup fowls at South Norwalk, Danbury and Grand Central Palace, New York poultry shows.

Miss Mary Hines is visiting friends in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have returned to New York for the winter.

Mrs. J. M. Stringer is back at her country home after a week in New York.

Claude Scoville is moving his family to Waterbury.

The schools of the town close from Wednesday night to Monday morning.

Thomas Bartie, Mr. and Mrs. William Burdett witnessed the big Yale-Harvard football game in New Haven, Saturday.

Mrs. A. W. Gray and nurse have returned from Bridgeport.

Rev. T. W. Haven will preach Sunday morning from the text, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended and my soul is not saved."

The plans for the community Christmas tree are fast taking practical shape.

Committees for soliciting funds are meeting with cordial responses and the program is being well taken care of. The success of the plan is assured.

SOUTH CANAAN AND HUNTSVILLE

Miss Grace Silvernale went to Sharon. She had a very pleasant visit with her sister Rose (Mrs. Hindleburgh,) who is now housekeeping in Sharon, and also attended the Advent meeting, the last of a series of meetings conducted by Rev. W. Deaton of Plainville.

Antonio Passini is sick with grip. Dr. Adam attends him.

A card from G. Astleford saying he reached home safely and was going to work on Monday last.

Charles Dobia is papering his house and expects to move in after Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Carrie Sedgwick and daughter called on friends in South Canaan, Sunday.

Because of no service here, the Sunday school met with Miss West last Sunday.

TACONIC

Sunday evening services have been discontinued for the winter. Sunday school is held at 10:30 and church service at 11:30 a. m.

Mrs. Woodin has returned from Huntsville, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Page.

Richard Gray and Aleck Angus spent last Thursday in Pittsfield.

Surgical dressings meeting will be Friday at 10 a. m. this week; all day session. Recruits earnestly requested.

CORNWALL HOLLOW

Mrs. Margaret Palmer has closed her cottage here for the winter and gone to Lakeville, where she will visit her son William Palmer, enroute to Bridgeport, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, M. S. Henry Foland.

L. S. Chipman visited friends in Thomaston recently.

W. M. Hurlburt is shingling one of his barns.

The Rev. E. A. Henderson accompanied by his son from New Milford, motored to this place last week and were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Chipman's.

Walter Chipman of Thomaston spent the week end at the home of his parents in this place.

The work of clearing away the old saw mill and cider mill that was owned and operated by the late A. F. Palmer for many years has been going on for some time. Thus another old landmark will soon be removed.

CANAAN VALLEY

Mrs. David Roger of Bridgeport is visiting among relatives in this place.

Mrs. Florine Stevens and daughter Miss Elsie are visiting relatives in Great Barrington.

Rev. Fuller of East Canaan gave a very interesting talk on Thanksgiving in Literary hall Wednesday evening.

George Stevens' steam mill has been moved from J. C. Stevens' land to Mrs. Anna Canfield's.

Little May Rockwell is again able to about after several days illness.

OLD, ODD AND CHEERFUL (?)

A copy of an old newspaper, called The Monitor, published in Litchfield and dated June 18, 1794, contains, among others, the following Salisbury advertisements:

"Ran away from the subscriber, on the 6th inst. a Servant Man, named David Beebe, sandy complexion, about five feet nine inches high. Whoever will take up said Man, and return him to Salisbury, will have Two Dollars reward and charges. Stephen Allen. June 9, 1794."

"Moses Hensdale & Co. inform the public that they have set up a vat for the purpose of dyeing linen and woollen yarn Blue; and as they have been at a great expense in order to accommodate their customers on the shortest notice, and have an experienced workman at said business, they hope for encouragement. The moderate price of 2s per pound, in money or grain, will be expected when the yarn is taken away. Any person living at a distance, who may bring 15 or 20wt. in the fore part of the day, may have their work done before night. Salisbury, May 18, 1794.

"The business will be carried on 50 rods west of the meeting house in said Salisbury."

In the same paper is the following curious advertisement, copied from a Barbadoes paper:

"Thomas Touchwood, Gent., proposes on the last day of the present month to shoot himself by Subscription. His life being of no farther use to himself or his friends; he takes this method of endeavoring to turn his death to some account; and the novelty of the performance, he hopes, will merit the attention and patronage of the public. He will perform with two pistols, the first shot to be directed through the abdomen, to which will be added another through his brain; the whole to conclude with staggering, convulsions, grinning, etc. in a manner never before attempted.

The doors to be opened at eight and the exhibition to begin precisely at nine. Particular places, for that night only, reserved for Ladies. No money to be returned, nor half prices taken.

N. R.—Beware of counterfeiters and imposters. The person who advertises to hang himself the same night, in opposition to Mr. Touchwood, is a taylor, who intends only to give the representation of death by dancing in a collar; an attempt infinitely inferior to Mr. T's original and authentic performance."

The Millennium Will Come:

When rulers have learned to sacrifice personal ambition for the lives and happiness of their subjects.

When the rich cease to extort from the community the necessities of life.

When patriotism inspires the maker of laws and the subject of laws.

When the strong help the weak.

When every one's motto is, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

When history ceases to repeat itself.—Life.

Cat Medicine.

The ancient physicians had a firm belief in the healing powers of different portions of the cat, probably from some confusion existing in their minds with regard to its nine lives. One of them gives as a valuable recipe to cure fevers two pints of water mixed with three drops of blood taken from the ear of an ass and certain parts of a cat's digestive organs.

Useless.

"He isn't much good."

"About as much use as a cyclone cellar in an airship."—Exchange.

"What became of that tenderfoot who said he didn't know how to play poker?" asked Broncho Bob.

"Lynched," replied Plute Pete.

"For wimmin'?"

"No; fur lyn'."

WORDS FROM HOME

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Canaan Citizens.

When a Canaan citizen comes to the front telling his friends and neighbors of his experiences, you can rely on his sincerity. The statement of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a true Canaan resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

George R. Morris, retired machinist, Main St., Canaan, says: "About four years ago, I suffered greatly from kidney trouble. I had annoying pains across the small of my back and the kidney secretions were burning and irregular in passage. I often felt all tired out. A friend told me of Doan's Kidney Pills and I gave them a trial. I must say that they helped me wonderfully. I still use Doan's Kidney Pills once in awhile with excellent results.

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