

WORRIED BY ZELAYA.

Rumor of His Victory Causes Doubt By Officials—He May Give Marines A Fight.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Unofficial reports announcing that the Zelaya forces have been victorious at Rama have been received here and fore-shadow serious consequences, as Zelaya's success would doubtless mean sharp resistance to the United States blue-jackets and marines when they land on Nicaraguan soil. Although the United States is ready to take any action deemed necessary against Zelaya, it has been hoped that the Estrada forces would make the task easy by continued successes.

Rama is now recognized as a crucial point in the struggle for supremacy between Zelaya and General Estrada. If Zelaya defeats the revolutionary forces here, it will mean that he again takes the upper hand, and this means trouble for the insurgents and all who side with them. It is hoped at the State department that the rumors of Zelaya's success at Rama are not well founded. In the meantime the Navy department's plan of concentrating forces on both Nicaraguan coasts is being carried out with regularity.

Official reports to the State department today indicated that the Nicaraguan fight is being extended into Honduras and that Manuel Bolla is leading a revolution to overthrow President Davila, of Honduras, who is said to be a partisan of Zelaya. In order to check the effectiveness of this revolution Honduras has been placed under martial law. By this means it is hoped to check the spreading sentiment in favor of Davila.

That the trouble in Honduras may complicate the situation is admitted here. Honduras has been long suspected of being friendly to Zelaya. Held in restraint by the Washington Peace Conference of 1907, Honduras has not been able to defend Zelaya openly, but it is feared Davila may take more drastic measures, declare himself openly in favor of Zelaya and thereby precipitate trouble with his enemies in his own country and with the rulers of the other Central American republics.

Word reached the Navy department today that the Albany and Yorktown had reached Acapulco, Mexico, en route to Corinto. Pending their arrival the Vicksburg will continue to "hold the fort" at Corinto, remaining there watching developments.

The Good-Will Habit.

We have all met the habitual belittler, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine, who never sees any good in anything which does not immediately concern himself, advance his interests, the man who is always flinging out his sarcasms, sticking a knife into other people's backs, making light of others' motives, finding faults and defects in their characters and implying that they are not what they pretended to be.

It is positively painful to the small soul to hear a competitor complimented or spoken well of. He always tries to minimize the virtue and quality of the praise of another by a malicious "if" or "but," or endeavors in some way to throw doubt upon the character of the person praised.

The habit of belittling is a confession of weakness, of inferiority, of a small, jealous, envious nature; a confession that one's life is not well poised, well balanced. The large, magnanimous soul has no room for jealousy, for the belittling spirit. It magnifies the good and minimizes the bad.

A spirit of generosity and kindness is an indication of greatness of soul. Jealousy, envy, a disposition to keep from others the credit which belongs to them, are marks of a small nature, a pinched mentality. A kindly spirit always accompanies largeness of nature, breadth of character. The man who belittles a competitor, who maintains a mean silence when he should praise, only exhibits to the world his own narrowness and stinginess of soul. A man with a really large nature is generous, charitable, even to his enemy.

The belittler does not realize that in disparaging others, in discounting the achievements of competitors, he is exposing the limitations of his own soul, the smallness of his nature, and yet only that, but all the time is making the person he is talking to think less of him. We little imagine that when we draw a picture of others we draw one of ourselves. A small, mean soul sees only small, mean things in another. A really great nature sees only the good qualities of others.

Unfortunately, men of great ability who have been distinguished for brilliant intellectual gifts, often unusual courage and tenacity of purpose, men who have really done big things, have frequently been intensely jealous and covetous of others, especially those in the same profession or business as themselves.

Many singers and actors—and, I

am sorry to say, some clergymen—suffer from professional jealousy. They are pained by hearing others in their profession praised. This jealousy is perhaps more characteristic of professional people generally than of business people.

I know a clergyman who would be very popular and successful if he were only large enough to see the good in his brother clergymen, but he is not. He is always emphasizing their faults and weaknesses, especially those of men who are gaining in popularity. If any one praises an-

other clergyman, "Yes," he will say, "he is a pretty good man, but he is not always absolutely accurate, reliable, in his statements"; or, "He is very free in his use of other preachers' sermons; he is a great borrower of ideas"; or he will make some other nasty, belittling remark.

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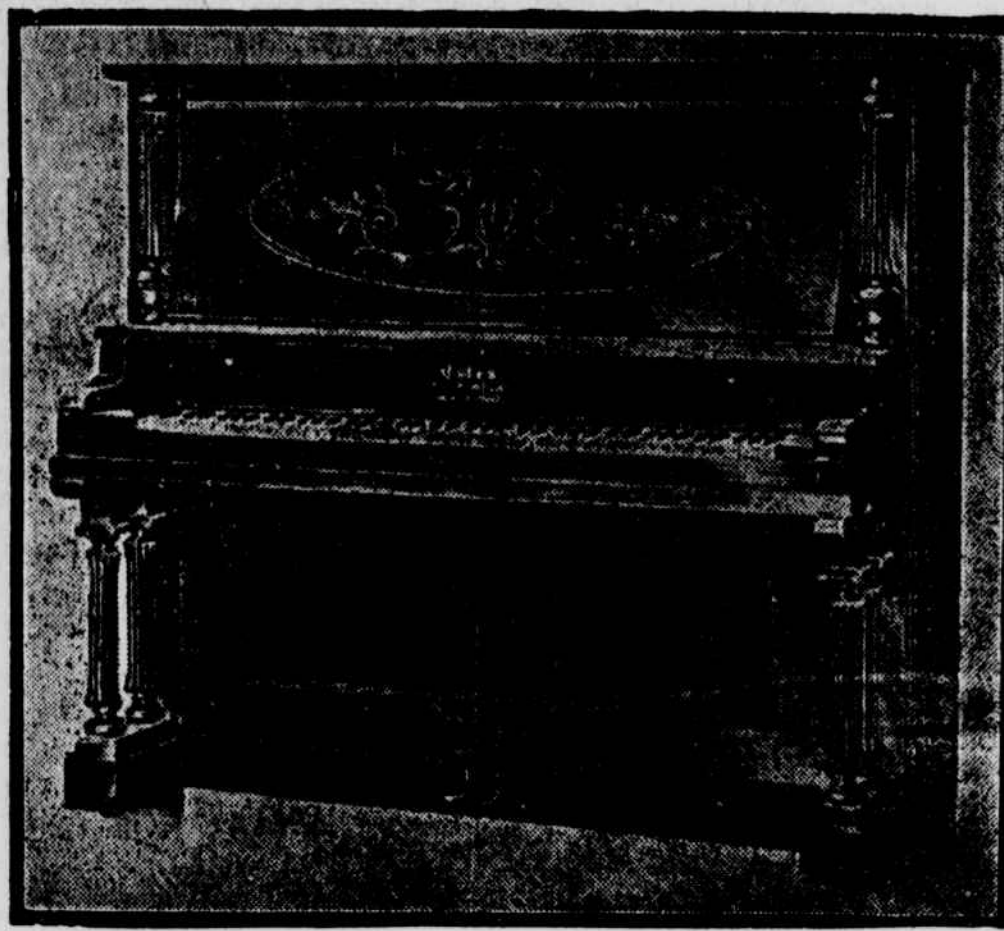
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Nominations Close Dec. 24.

Nominations will not be received later than December 24, therefore, it is important that the blanks be mailed to this office at once. Remember every nomination blank counts for 1000 votes, but will not be counted twice for the same person. We have a supply of voting ballots at our office which must be filed there, properly signed, as the cash is paid for subscription, advertising or printing. Those at a distance wishing to vote must send the money, for which a voting ticket together with a receipt, will be mailed to the person making the remittance. The tickets must be made out, signed and returned promptly to this office.

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