

MUST NOW FACE WAR

CHILE NOTIFIED SHE HAS DALLIED TOO LONG

Day of Arbitration Past—Argentina Ready To Meet the Worst Issue—Radical Solu- tion Needed—Great Britain Willing to Intercede

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—Via Galveston, Tex.—The patriotic demonstrations growing out of the possibility of war with Chile were renewed here today. An editorial article in the Pais says it was possible some time ago to submit the whole matter to arbitration, but such a course is now impossible. The decision of the arbitrator could not be given before two more years have elapsed and the countries could not remain all that time on a war footing. Therefore, a radical solution of the question is necessary.

The Pais advises the Argentine government to invite Chile to accept a direct and immediate arrangement or be prepared for war.

The British minister here, Sir W. A. C. Barrington, had a long conference last evening with President Roca.

Col. Pablo Riecher, the minister of war, has informed President Roca that he has available six hundred locomotives and four thousand cars, and that on forty-eight hours' notice he can transport eighty thousand men to the frontier. It is estimated that the maintenance of the army which will be mobilized by February 5, will involve an annual expenditure of sixty-five million piastres.

About eight thousand men have already signed the rolls of the Uruguayan volunteer legion.

RUMORS OF A PROTOCOL

Valparaiso, Dec. 24.—Via Galveston, Tex.—It is reported here that the government of Argentina and Chile have signed a protocol by which they agree to submit the questions pending between them to the arbitration of Great Britain.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from United States Minister Wilson at Santiago de Chile, confirming the report that the resources of diplomacy have been exhausted in the effort to settle the dispute between Chile and Argentina and that diplomatic relations had been broken off through the withdrawal from Chile of the Argentine minister. Touching the proposition emanating from the Argentine side to refer the dispute to Great Britain as an arbitrator the Chilean representatives claim that this was their original proposition. This being the case, it is believed there is a way open for a peaceful adjustment of the trouble.

Both the Chilean and the Argentine representatives were at the state department today in reference to the controversy between the Argentine and Chile. The United States government is watching the progress of the negotiations and is standing ready to aid in a peaceful solution in any way agreeable to both parties. The submission to Great Britain is entirely satisfactory to the authorities here and they probably will assist in having both governments accede to this manner of solution.

LONDON FEARS WAR

London, Dec. 24.—Fears of the imminence of hostilities between the Argentine and Chile caused a slump in Argentine and Chilean securities on the stock exchange today. The fall ranged from 4 1/2 to 6 points, and it was difficult to effect sales. Prices hardened slightly during the afternoon.

The British government is watching the progress of the dispute between the Chilean and Argentine republics with considerable anxiety. A representative of the Associated Press was informed today that neither side has as yet approached the British foreign office. If both Chile and Argentina request Great Britain to arbitrate the matters in dispute between them Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary will promptly acquiesce.

But the statement of Dr. Alcoriz, the Argentine minister of foreign affairs, that Argentina has referred the matter to the arbitration of the British government under the agreement of 1898, appears to be inaccurate, for the foreign office says the present contention is quite beyond the powers of that commission. As the foreign office understands the case, it is not one relative to the boundary between the two countries, but whether Chile has the right to build neutral roads in the disputed territory.

Wants His Name Withdrawn

Washington, Dec. 24.—Charles F. Wencker, who was nominated for the position of collector of internal revenue for the St. Louis district just before the holiday recess of congress, but whose nomination was not confirmed, has telegraphed the president to withdraw his name. Wencker was not an avowed candidate for this position, but was selected by the president as a compromise between the opposing factions in Missouri.

SCUTTLES HIS BOAT

LAKE CAPTAINS HEROIC MEAS- URES TO SAVE LIFE

Was Pounding to Pieces—Thrown on Bar While Trying to Enter Harbor—Coal Passer Dead—Life Savers to the Res- cue

Ludington, Mich., Dec. 23.—While entering Ludington harbor last night during a heavy southerly gale, the Pere Marquette car ferry, No. 16, struck a bar, disabling her machinery and breaking the main feed steam pipe. Great volumes of steam instantly escaped. Mike Taft, a coal passer, whose home is in Chicago, was scalded to death and two other coal passers, whose names are unknown, were also terribly scalded. They now lie in the marine hospital here, hovering between life and death.

Many others who were in the hold of the car ferry received bad burns from the steam and suffered great hardships during the nine hours which followed before they were rescued. The accident happened at midnight, and during the remainder of the night there was neither light nor heat on the boat. The wind was bitterly cold. Great seas rolled across the deck and ice formed wherever the water fell.

The No. 16 arrived off the harbor from Milwaukee after a tempestuous voyage. In spite of the heavy seas and strong wind from an unfavorable quarter, Capt. Charles Thompson decided to hazard an entrance to the harbor. He would have succeeded had not his boat, at an unfortunate moment, sunk low in the hollow of a big wave and struck the bar with terrific force. The shock completely disabled the machinery of the boat. Left without power the car ferry drifted against the north pier, where she pounded heavily, stoving several huge holes in her forward quarter. There upon Captain Thompson ordered the sea cocks opened and the boat was scuttled in sixteen feet of water.

When day broke a life saving crew by means of their cannon, threw a line to the wrecked craft, and began rescuing the crew with their breeches buoy apparatus. The entire crew of thirty-three men and the body of Taft were taken off the wreck in this manner. One by one the men were hauled over the churning ice on the suspended cable. The operation occupied four hours and was witnessed with breathless interest by an immense crowd of people.

It is believed that the No. 16 will prove a total loss. An attempt will be made to pump her out tomorrow, but unless weather conditions are perfect, it will be almost impossible. Great banks of ice surround the boat on all sides. Boats and cargo are valued at \$200,000 and are fully insured.

Fire Fighter Killed

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 23.—In a fire which this morning burned the store of the Alabama Feed and Implement company, in Commercial row, and destroyed or ruined ten other stores one fireman was killed and another seriously injured. After the flames were under control firemen Hanes Cochran and John Colburn were standing just within the door of the feed store playing a line of hose when the front wall toppled over and the two men were buried beneath three feet of hot brick and blazing embers. Fully half an hour elapsed before the first man, Cochran, was dug out. His skull was crushed, two limbs broken and his body badly burned. He died in a few minutes. Colburn was protected by large pieces of timber which fell directly over him and his injuries are not fatal. The property loss was \$40,000.

Loss Lives in a Fire

New York, Dec. 23.—Isaac Gill, a tailor, fifty-two years old, and an unidentified man lost their lives at a fire which destroyed a four-story sweat shop building on Clinton street tonight. Four people were injured, one of them fatally. About forty men and women were at work in the building. The fire started in the basement and gained such headway that escape was cut off. The people jumped from the windows to save themselves. Many whose names were not mentioned were slightly injured.

Ends Husband's Life

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 23.—Near Varnville, Hampton county, last night Mrs. John Phillips killed her husband, who, it is said, in a drunken condition had attempted to take the life of Mrs. Phillips and her son. Phillips fired at the woman, who fled into the yard where she seized an axe and killed him instantly.

Crackmen at Atwood, Kan.

Atwood, Kan., Dec. 23.—The safe in the county treasurer's office was blown open at 4 o'clock this morning and about \$1,500 taken. Although the officers were on the ground in less than ten minutes after the explosion not the slightest clue has yet been found. The Manhattan bloodhounds have been sent for and are on the road. The county commissioners will offer a substantial reward for the capture of the robbers.

A GHASTLY CHRISTMAS BOX

Boys Expect Presents and Uncover a Corps

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 23.—The citizens in and about Bowers, a small place near this city, are greatly excited because of a ghastly Christmas box sent to Charles Campbell, a farmer. Mr. Campbell had been on a visit in Dakota for some weeks and before he left home he instructed his two small boys to open the Christmas box he expected to send them. On Christmas day a box, which had contained package coffee, was received and delivered at the Campbell home. His sons opened the box and were horrified to find it contained the body of a woman. The limbs and arms had been severed close to the body to allow the ghastly object to be crowded into the box. The body was taken from the box and hung up in the barn, where it was viewed by scores of people. As soon as the health officers heard of it they ordered the body cut down pending an investigation. It was learned that the body belonged to Dr. Campbell of Lafayette, who procured it at a medical college at Indianapolis and was shipping it home for dissection. He was able to convince the officials that everything was regular. Dr. Campbell secured the body and took it to Lafayette.

Wanted to Leave Town

Elk Creek, Neb., Dec. 23.—A crowd of Elk Creek citizens waited upon J. C. Woolsey and wife of Hubbell, at the residence of Z. T. Cody, here last night and commanded them to immediately depart from the neighborhood, to remain they would subject themselves to a coat of tar and feathers. Mr. Woolsey conducted a drug business in Elk Creek until four years ago last March, when he sold out. Last night's demonstration came as a result of his alleged desertion of a wife, elopement to California, divorce proceedings, and second marriage in that state and his subsequent return to Hubbell.

Early in the winter Mrs. Woolsey became ill and sent for a doctor from this place to come and administer treatment. The doctor made several calls and succeeded in improving the health of Mrs. Woolsey so that she and her husband were enabled to go to Table Rock and take Christmas dinner with relatives. While there and being so near Elk Creek they decided to call upon the doctor for further treatment and did so by driving into town. After being on the thoroughfares in the carriage for some time they announced that they would take supper at Mr. Cody's. So enraged were the citizens at their return that a crowd soon formed and sent a committee to wait upon them with the above request. At first they declined to leave the house through fear of injury, but being assured that no harm awaited if they would peacefully leave and not return, they decided to go and hastily entered a waiting carriage and drove away with all possible speed while epithets, mingled with curses and pistol shots, rent the air as a parting salute.

Accused of Jewelry Theft

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—R. L. Clemmons, manager of the jewelry department in Klein's racket store, was arrested and placed in jail today on a complaint sworn out by Jake Klein charging him with stealing a diamond ring from the store. Clemmons came here from Oklahoma two months ago, recommended by a Kansas City firm. He at once proved a genius in the matter of getting into the good graces of people. His wife died in Oklahoma soon after he came here, so he said, and he was at once the object of much sympathy. Since his arrest his department in the store has been undergoing a thorough overhauling, with the result, it is charged, that several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry is found missing, and a charge of embezzlement will be filed against him tomorrow. It is alleged he was lavish with gifts of jewelry to employees in the hotels where he boarded and to others, his boldness in this line leading to his being suspected of crookedness. While being searched at the police station he threw a vial containing pure gold into the stove. Clemmons is about forty years old, slightly crippled and a good talker.

Denounces Him as Anarchist

New York, Dec. 23.—Rudolph Grossman, editor of The Austro-Hungarian Gazette, was arrested today charged with assaulting his wife with a knife. Mrs. Grossman declared her husband to be an anarchist and said that he had repeatedly told her he would consider himself highly honored if he could do to President Roosevelt what Czogzo did to President McKinley.

Four Years for Dusseldorf

Freemont, Neb., Dec. 23.—Joseph Dusseldorf, who was convicted in district court at the last term of murdering Arthur C. Payne in a drunken box car brawl at North Bend last spring, was today sentenced to four years at hard labor in the state penitentiary by District Judge Hollenbeck. The jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter, the punishment for which is from one to ten years in the penitentiary.

MUST DO HER PART

NEBRASKA A FACTOR AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

The Governor Commended—John M. Thurston Thinks His Plan is Good— Former Senator Interested in the Prairie State.

Washington, Dec. 23.—John M. Thurston's political career in Nebraska may be a matter of history, but it is the subject of a most interesting chapter, the first page of which was written a quarter of a century ago. For a dozen years he was the unchallenged leader of Nebraska republicans who by common consent accorded him first place in their councils and in their affections. Now, at the end of six years in the senate I find this brilliant Nebraskan occupying high place in the legal profession at Washington, enjoying the respect and esteem of the best people here. To a man who has scaled the mountain peaks of national political eminence, the mere incident of a given place of residence makes little difference as to results. Mr. Thurston is not the first man having attained high official place at Washington to locate here for the practice of his profession.

WELL LOCATED AT THE CAPITAL

Few Nebraskans come to the national capital without calling upon the erstwhile leader who is known to every republican politician in his state. His offices in the Bond building are in the very heart of the city, within ear-shot of the treasury building and in view of the White House. It is the conventional law office, although the sumptuous furnishings are in pleasing contrast with those of the senator's offices in the Omaha National bank building at Omaha, and in fact the appointments of his office are much better than were those in the law department of the Union Pacific railway in the days when Mr. Thurston was forging his way to the forefront of his profession.

I found the ex-senator at a flat-top mahogany desk too busy to be long interrupted by a newspaper interviewer. Yet he answered every question. As is well known in Nebraska John M. Thurston is a member of the United States commission to the Louisiana purchase exposition or St. Louis world's fair of 1903. In the success of this great enterprise he is of course interested. Not long ago the government commission named sixteen women as members of the board of lady managers, leaving four places vacant. One of these places was given to Mrs. W. E. Andrews of Hastings, wife of the former congressman of the Fifth district, who is at present one of the auditors of the treasury department. Mrs. Andrews, by the way, is said to be a most talented woman, in every way fitted for this high place. The four vacancies left the door open to applications and certain Nebraska women are known to have coveted them. In an answer to a query Senator Thurston said the place had been filled, yet the announcements had not been made. He said each member of the commission had the naming of two women for the board of lady managers, but with the exception of New York state but one woman had been chosen from any one state. Hence Mrs. Andrews will be Nebraska's sole representative on that board.

NEBRASKA AT THE FAIR

The question of Nebraska's representation at St. Louis was taken up. I found that Mr. Thurston was well informed as to the action of Governor Savage in appointing members of the state commission to the St. Louis fair. He was especially glad of the appointment of the Sage of Arbor Lodge. Said he: "Nebraska could not afford to let the St. Louis fair go by without proper representation. As a state carved out of the original Louisiana purchase Nebraska must show the measure of progress along with her sister states. My judgment is that \$100,000 would not be too much to expend for a Nebraska exhibit. If care be taken that no money is squandered."

The lack of legislative action was discussed and Senator Thurston said that were he a capitalist he would not hesitate to advance money in aid of a state exhibit, having the utmost faith that the next legislature of Nebraska would reimburse any money advanced in furtherance of an enterprise of such vast importance to the state.

Mr. Thurston's intimate knowledge of the temper of republicans who will doubtless control the policy of the next Nebraska legislature renders his opinion on the question of reimbursement quite valuable and it is upon this single question that the success or failure of the Nebraska exhibit at St. Louis must depend.

For Assaulting Minister

Plattsburgh, Neb., Dec. 26.—Geo. Taylor was arrested in this city yesterday by Marshal Slater and was later taken to Glenwood, Ia., by Sheriff Morgan of Mills county, who had a state warrant for the prisoner. Taylor, it is claimed, attended a church service near Tabor Sunday evening and amused himself by talking aloud and disturbing the minister during the latter's sermon.

THREE LIVES CRUSHED OUT

MEN KILLED BY FALLING OF STEEL CRANE

Three Others Badly Hurt—Faulty Ma- chinery the Only Known Cause—Crane Guaranteed to Hold at Least Thirty Tons

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Three men were instantly killed and four injured by the falling of a steel crane at the American Bridge works this morning.

Thirty men were working in the vicinity of the crane at the time of the accident, and many of these had narrow escapes. Swan, Traver and Rock were caught beneath the huge mass of steel, and each man was crushed so badly as to be almost unrecognizable.

The crane was guaranteed to hold thirty tons, but was carrying only twenty tons at the time of its collapse. No clue is assigned for the accident except a possible flaw in one of the chains supporting the crane.

Fog Responsible For Wreck

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—Unable to see the flagman's signal on account of fog, the engineer of the south-bound Chicago express on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road was unable to stop his train at Hartwell today until it had struck a freight crossing the track, and demolished three freight cars. Four passengers and two trainmen on the express were lightly injured.

The wrecking train on the way to Hartwell met with an accident, killing Patrick McCoy and fatally injuring William Nipper and Louis Tenbrink.

The chain of the crane broke and struck these three men, while the train was in motion.

Louis Tenbrink died at the city hospital here tonight, and the physicians fear that William Nipper will not live through the night.

White House Must Be Closed

Washington, Dec. 27.—The White house will remain closed until New Year's day. Only visitors having urgent and important business will be seen by the president during the coming week. Mrs. Roosevelt and the children, with Dr. Rixey, will sail down the Potomac this afternoon on the government yacht Dolphin. They will be gone several days. A portion of the time will be spent at a club house on the island near Quantico, Va., about twenty miles from Washington, and Dr. Rixey and young Theodore, jr., expect to have some duck shooting from the club's blinds. The president will remain here while the family is away. He will entertain some of his friends at luncheon each day.

President Roosevelt tonight entertained a party at dinner. The guests were Secretary Root, Attorney General Knox, Gen. Randolph, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Senator Lodge and Justice Clarke of New York.

Four Deaths in a Wreck

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 27.—The local express and a work train on the Canadian Pacific railway collided last night between this place and Webbwood while running at full speed and four or more men were killed and several severely injured. The crew of the work train, which contributed most to the killed, were from the Michigan Soo. With the exception of Engineer McDivitt, the names of the dead have not been learned. Engineer Christopher, Fireman Miller, Conductor Gould, and the baggage man of the express were seriously wounded. A train with doctors was sent to the scene.

Brigham Young Ill

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 27.—A special to the Herald from Farmington, N. M., says that Apostle Brigham Young, president of the quorum of twelve of the Mormon church and the eldest living son of the famous president of the church, is lying critically ill with a complication of stomach and nervous troubles at Fruitland, a Mormon settlement near Farmington. Young left Salt Lake about two weeks ago to spend the winter in Mexico and stopped over in Fruitland for a few days. He is sixty-five years old.

Bridgewater, N. S., Dec. 27.—Four boys who went skating on Lahave river yesterday broke through the ice and were drowned together. They were Ferry and Merrill Rhodenhauser, brothers, fourteen and sixteen years old; Curry Hubley, aged twelve, whose birthday anniversary it was, and George Bachman, aged ten.

Makes the Best of It

Washington, Dec. 27.—Lieutenant General Miles resumed his duties in command of the "army" at his office in the war department today. It is said that he has decided to accept the situation with the best possible grace and will say and do nothing to continue the controversy. So far as known the incident will cause no decided change in his prearranged plans, official and social, for the future.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Cluster County horticulturists will organize an association.

W. J. Bryan has been elected a trustee of the Lincoln Presbyterian church.

Nebraska City will entertain the state association of volunteer firemen Jan. 21 to 23.

A patriotic meeting under the auspices of the G. A. R. will be held Jan. 29 by the citizens of Superior, in commemoration of McKinley's birthday.

The Saunders county poultry and pet stock show was held in Wahoo last week. There was a large number of fine exhibits and the opening was well patronized.

The Dempster Mill company of Beatrice closed its plant to take the annual inventory. As soon as it can be taken the company will resume, with nearly 300 men.

Burglars entered Miles Case's house at Norfolk Junction last night while the occupants were at the trainmen's ball and secured a lady's gold watch and some \$15 in money.

D. E. Erskin, from Blooming Prairie, Minn., a man eighty-five years old who came to Norfolk to spend the holidays with his son, S. F. Erskin, had a fall and broke his wrist.

Mrs. Carrie Nation lectured in Humboldt on Christmas day. A large crowd of people was on the streets all day, eager to get a glimpse of the joint smasher. She addressed an audience in the Samuelson opera house.

The Burlington bridge over White river at Crawford, burned down Christmas evening shortly before the arrival of passenger train No. 42 from the west. A large gang with a construction train arrived from Alliance.

The largest real estate transaction that has taken place in Wood River vicinity for some time was consummated Monday. Mrs. E. A. Murphy sold her farm, one mile east of Wood River to H. W. Hardy of Plainville for \$10,000 averaging \$45 an acre.

A family reunion was held Christmas day at the home of David McWilliams west of Nebraska City. There were present eight sons, four daughters and their children, some forty in number. There were over fifty guests at dinner and it was one of the most pleasing gatherings.

John Sly, a farmer living on the Robert P. Barr ranch, a few miles southwest of McCook, was thrown from his horse and instantly killed. He was running a wolf at the time and no one witnessed the accident. It was from this ranch that Barr himself a few years since disappeared and no trace has ever been found of him.

Art Snowden and Fred Nash, two young men of Kearney, were arrested on the charge of burglary and were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 each, which the boys were unable to give, and are now in the county jail. There has been much petty thieving the past month and the police believe they have broken up the gang.

The Stanton rifles were mustered in last Monday evening with fifty-two men. This company was raised by G. A. Ezerly, county attorney of Stanton county, and starts out with very flattering prospects of becoming one of the strong companies of the state. Over 50 per cent of its members served in the Spanish-American war and have been drilling regularly for some time.

Alfred Oleson, a young farmer living at Swaberg, was arrested and brought before the county court on the charge of being the father of a six months old child of Signe Matson. He did not make satisfactory arrangements for the child's support and was committed to the district court in default of \$1,500 bail for his appearance before the next term of the district court.

The Nebraska Telephone company has just completed a local exchange at Stanton and is ready for use. It is expected the operators will be the busiest people in town for the next ten days.

The dynamo has been placed and most of the wiring done for electric lights, and the plant would have been in operation some time ago but for the delay in getting poles.

Aside from a new mill, electric lights and a telephone system, about \$100,000 in other improvements have been made in the past year, and prospects are good for it to far exceed that next year. There is not a vacant house or store-room of any sort in town. Real estate has been changing hands readily at prices ranging from \$40 to \$50 per acre, and these are really prosperous times in Stanton County.