

ULTIMATUM TO VENEZUELA

British and German Ministers Board Friendly Cruiser.

STRONG MEASURES MAY RESULT

Diplomats Fail to Collect Bills Peaceably, Close Both Legations and Withdraw From Caracas—Home Authorities in Ignorance of Step.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—The British minister, W. H. D. Haggard, and the German charge d'affaires, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, left Caracas at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon for LaGuayra, where Minister Haggard went on board the British cruiser Retribution, and Herr Pilgrim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vineta. Both the British and the German legations have been closed.

Sunday the British minister and the German charge d'affaires deposited at the private residence of the foreign minister, Lopez Barralt, separate demands, the British demands being for settlement of claims and other matters arising from the last revolution, and the German demands being for the payment of interest on the loan and other claims. The demands are in the form of an ultimatum. They do not limit the time for an answer.

The ministers left Caracas without previously notifying the Venezuelan government, probably in order to avoid any hostile demonstration. The handing in of a demand of such a nature at a private residence of a minister, forgetting diplomatic rules, is believed in some quarters to be without precedent. The actual situation is incomprehensible delay. The Venezuelan press publishes an open letter from President Castro on the embroglio with Great Britain and Germany. In this letter President Castro says: "Foreign cables relate that certain foreign nations, among them Great Britain and Germany, have gotten together to carry out acts of violence and aggression against Venezuela and their manner of obtaining the resumption of the payment of interest on the public debt was to be suspended as a consequence of the revolution which was lately crushed. Notwithstanding the official character of this news I refuse to believe it, because it is inconceivable that nations which entertain cordial and friendly relations with Venezuela should prefer to use force rather than follow the diplomatic path, especially when the supposed difference comes fully within the jurisdiction of our laws, which are based on the principle of justice. I put honor first and will not seek excuses to disarm foehdardy enmities by accepting humiliations which would offend the dignity of the Venezuelan people and which be not in accord with my public life. I repeat, I do not believe these alarming versions. The cause of our national dignity is based on our rights and our possession of justice and on our relations of friendship and mutual respect with foreign nations."

Sends Ultimatum to Venezuela. London, Dec. 9.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed up by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period. The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The foreign office states with regard to the time limit: "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan government of all of our representations, specify our claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

The British government's case is practically identical with the statements made in previous dispatches from London in which it was first announced that the present action was contemplated. Should the British ultimatum meet with a hostile reception the British minister, W. H. D. Haggard, has been instructed to go aboard a British warship.

Comment on Ultimatum. London, Dec. 9.—The London papers this morning comment approvingly on the ultimatum to Venezuela. They show no further concern regarding the attitude of the United States, which, it is taken for granted, will be one of friendly neutrality, but the papers are concerned as to the exact extent that Germany and Great Britain are acting in unison. Premier Balfour's rather evasive reply as to whether the action was identical or not is considered curious. Some complaint is made in the press that the government is not prepared to lay papers dealing with the question before parliament, but it is not considered that it will be necessary to employ force. It is thought that once Venezuela sees she has no hope of support from the United States she will find means to satisfy the Anglo-German demands.

Railroads Form an Alliance. Chicago, Dec. 9.—The Tribune says: The Illinois Central and Southern Pacific railroads have formed a close traffic alliance on business from Chicago via New Orleans and the Pacific coast. The arrangement for close connection between the Louisville and Nashville and Southern Pacific has been sundered. The new deal will become effective Jan. 1.

CHEYENNE THEATER BURNED.

Wyoming Tribune and Other Property Also Damaged. Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 9.—The Cheyenne opera house, owned by James M. Carey, and valued at \$50,000, was burned yesterday. The Wyoming Tribune Publishing company, which occupied the basement of the building, suffered a loss of \$15,000. Adjoining property was damaged and the total loss is estimated at \$75,000, which is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. About two score people were sleeping in the building when the fire was discovered at 4:45 o'clock, but all got out safely.

OMAHA STOCKMAN IS RELEASED.

Colorado Governor Holds Reid Guilt of Criminal Intent. Denver, Dec. 9.—Governor Orman yesterday pardoned E. H. Reid of Omaha, a wealthy stockman, who was sentenced to jail for six months for violating the Colorado state inspection law. Mr. Reid's violation was for the purpose of testing the validity of the law, and as there was no criminal intent the governor interfered to prevent his punishment after the United States supreme court had affirmed the judgment.

Death Due to Poison.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 9.—A. B. Marston, assistant general manager of the Texas Pacific Coal company of Thurber, Tex., died suddenly at the Stillwell hotel in this city last evening. He fell to the floor in convulsions while playing billiards and died a few minutes later. A coroner's jury and post mortem developed that death was caused by poison. There is no evidence of suicidal intent. Mr. Marston had been here several days, securing miners to send to Thurber, Tex., and expected to leave last night with a party of forty colored miners. A bottle of mineral water, with two-thirds of its contents gone, was found in his room and will be analyzed.

Mayor Ames a Fugitive.

Louisville, Dec. 9.—Former Mayor A. A. Ames of Minneapolis, who, with his wife, has been in this city for over a week under the care of a physician, has left town. The destination of Mr. and Mrs. Ames is not known. Detective McGrath of Minneapolis reached here from Frankfort with requisition papers for Mayor Ames, which were honored by Governor Beckham at the request of the governor of Minnesota. Mayor Ames was indicted in connection with the recent municipal scandals in Minneapolis.

Two Fatalities at a Fire.

Menominee Falls, Wis., Dec. 9.—Fire last night destroyed the general store and dwelling of Manthey & Colgate, five miles north of here. Mr. Manthey in attempting to escape fell from the porch and broke his neck, dying a few minutes later. In the excitement a child eight years of age was forgotten and was burned to death. Another child was fatally and three others seriously injured. The mother and two other children were the only ones to escape uninjured.

Butler Bribery Case Postponed.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 9.—The case of Ed Butler, for alleged bribery in the St. Louis lighting bill, which came up in the circuit court yesterday, was continued until the May term of court. The defense filed a motion asking for an indefinite postponement of the case, which was argued by Circuit Attorney Folk for the state and David H. Harris, local attorney for the defense, after which Judge Hockaday announced that the case would be continued.

Michigan Mine Is Burning.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 9.—A fire which broke out late last night in the Oliver mine at Ishpeming is beyond control and threatens great damage to the workings. For twelve hours water has been poured into the mine without effect and now all the shafts have been sealed in an effort to smother the flames. It is thought no lives were lost.

Boy Hangs Himself in Cell.

Cleveland, Dec. 9.—Forest Wheeler, a twelve-year-old boy, held in the county jail awaiting transportation to the state industrial school at Lancaster, hanged himself to a steam pipe in his cell last night with a rope made from his bed sheeting. The boy was heard to say that he would rather be dead than be sent to Lancaster.

Suspected Robber Arrested.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 9.—The sheriff arrested H. L. Barnes, said to be from Denver, on suspicion of being one of the bank robbers working in this vicinity. Barnes was identified by the president of the Cropsy bank as a man who had sought acquaintance with the bank's operations. Other arrests will likely follow.

Still Buying Silver Mines.

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—Notwithstanding the fall of silver, American capitalists interested in large smelters here continue buying silver mines. This, it is argued, implies their faith in the future of the white metal.

Dock Laborers Join Strike.

Marselles, Dec. 9.—The dock laborers have decided to join the sailors' strike on the condition that no vessels, whatever their nationality, shall be discharged. This will mean serious paralysis of trade.

King Concludes His Visit.

London, Dec. 9.—The king of Portugal yesterday concluded his visit to England and started homeward.

GATHER AT REED'S BIER

Friends of Late Speaker Attend Last Rites to Dead.

THOUSANDS VIEW THE CASKET.

Burial Will Take Place This Afternoon After Simple Services at the Church—Body Will Rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Portland.

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—In the parish house of the Unitarian church lies the body of Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed, an honored son of Maine for twenty-two years, one of her chosen representatives at Washington and for six years speaker of the national house of representatives. This forenoon his friends, who include every man, woman and child in the city of Portland, were permitted to gaze for the last time upon the face which to them was ever full of life and jollity. This afternoon after simple services at the church—body will rest in Evergreen cemetery, Portland.



Photo by A. Dupont.

THOMAS B. REED. ereon, in the main body of the church, will be assembled distinguished statesmen from Washington, prominent men from New York and governors from the New England states to honor him. A passage will be read from the bible, and a prayer will be said. After the benediction, the body will be placed in the tomb at Evergreen cemetery. Such will be the funeral of Mr. Reed, such as he himself wished it would be. The funeral party arrived from Washington in a special train shortly after noon yesterday.

During the funeral services the city bells will toll sixty-three strokes, the age of the deceased, and all public business will be suspended.

HOUSE PAYS TRIBUTE TO REED.

Passes Appropriate Resolutions and Adjourns as Mark of Respect. Washington, Dec. 9.—The house yesterday paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed. His death had created a profound impression and there was a universal desire among the members that the house show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the house to take such action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history, namely, on the occasions of the death of Benton, Blaine and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories.

It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed. The chaplain at the opening of the session paid a feeling reference to the death of the ex-speaker. No business was transacted beyond the formal reading of two messages from the president. After passing appropriate resolutions, the speaker declared the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed.

Public Health Convention.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—The American Public Health association will hold its thirtieth annual convention in this city, commencing today and continuing five days. The section of bacteriology and chemistry met yesterday morning at Gibson hall of Tulane university. Dr. F. H. Westbeck of Minneapolis presiding. Dr. Alderman, president of Tulane university, spoke an earnest welcome to the section. He said the university always stood for science, that a scientific searcher for truth was as much a patriot as a soldier or statesman.

Insurance Merger Restrained.

New York, Dec. 9.—An order to restrain the merger of the Prudential Life insurance company and the Fidelity Trust company of Newark was signed yesterday by Vice Chancellor Stevenson at Jersey City. The vice chancellor said the order was meant to prohibit the carrying out of a scheme of perpetual and mutual control of the two companies.

Delegation to Urge Statehood.

Aubquerque, N. M., Dec. 9.—At a mass meeting held here last night resolutions were adopted protesting against the majority report of the senate committee on territories regarding the statehood bill. A large delegation of the influential men of New Mexico left for Washington to work for statehood for New Mexico.

Millers to Fight Higher Rates.

Wichita, Dec. 9.—Several Kansas millers held a secret meeting here last night and raised \$10,000 to prosecute injunction proceedings in the federal courts against Kansas railroads putting into effect, as proposed, on Dec. 15, higher freight rates on grain and grain products than now prevail.

DISCUSS IMMIGRATION BILL.

Senators Amend Measure Regulating Admission to United States. Washington, Dec. 9.—The senate yesterday adopted all the committee amendments to the immigration bill, with the exception of one prescribing an educational test, and also the action of the committee in striking out section 38, prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within a capitol building, and then laid aside the bill until today to pass a number of unobjectioned pension bills.

The amendment fixing a \$3 tax on each immigrant coming into the United States furnished the principal topic for debate. Mr. Gallinger insisted that there was less necessity for it now than there was a year ago, but it was adopted without division. A new amendment was added, designed to stop the alleged perjury on the part of persons seeking admission to the United States, and the committee amendment making the head tax a lien on the property of the transportation lines bringing immigrants to the United States was stricken out. An amendment also was agreed to exempting from the tax aliens in transit through the United States and aliens once admitted and who have paid.

Senator Nelson introduced a joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution so as to give congress the power to control trusts, and also a bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law by more stringent provisions.

Cold Wave Claims Victim.

Big Timber, Mont., Dec. 9.—One fatality has been reported as a result of the cold wave which swept over this section of the state yesterday. The victim was an engineer, named English. His frozen body was found near the Cowles mining camp, where he had been employed. Reports from various sections of the state tell of rapidly falling temperatures.

Beef Combine Hearing Ends.

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—The hearing for the investigation of the alleged beef combine ended yesterday, when the case was submitted to Commissioner Kinley, who will file his report with the state supreme court as soon as the official stenographer's notes have been transcribed.

Five Vessels Driven Ashore.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 9.—The blizzard is still raging and five schooners, the Ellen James, Arbitrator, Industry, All Right and Rogers, have been driven ashore on different parts of the coast. All the crews escaped. The captain of the steamer Albano, Hamburg for New York, which reached here yesterday after experiencing hurricane weather in the Atlantic, expresses fears of losses to shipping, owing to the gales in midocean.

John Dillon Again in Bed.

New York, Dec. 9.—John Dillon, one of the leaders of the Irish nationalist party, is at the Hoffman house. Mr. Dillon, who had been ill in Chicago, and who had just arrived here, was affected materially by his trip and was obliged to take to his bed at the hotel and deny himself to all callers. While his condition is not considered serious, Mrs. Dillon said that he was too ill to see anybody.

Highest Price Ever Paid for Pacer.

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—M. W. Savage of this city has bought Dan Patch, the famous unbeaten pacer, of M. E. Sturgis of New York for \$60,000. M. E. McHenry, who has driven the horse many fast miles and scored 1:59 1/4 with him, has signed a contract with Mr. Savage to handle the horse for the racing seasons of 1903-4. The price is the highest ever paid for a pacer.

Delayed Blast Deals Death.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Two men were killed outright, six others seriously injured, at least three of them fatally, and four painfully hurt by a delayed explosion of a blast at Baker's Hill, thirteen miles north of here. The victims are Italians and were at work in a cut being constructed by the Louisville and Nashville road.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

It is announced that on Jan. 1 the Burlington will withdraw all its trains from the use of the Alton bridge across the Mississippi river. A Big Four switch engine struck a wagon at a crossing near Dayton, O., Monday, killing John Corner and fatally injuring Joseph Corner.

Henry L. Gatchit, who as a lad was the first newsboy in New York to cry his papers aloud, has just died at his home in Brooklyn, a rich man.

The price of bread was raised 1 cent per loaf in the east end of London Monday, thus intensifying the distress of the persons who are out of work. B. B. Gilles, former superintendent of the Iowa division of the Illinois Central at Cherokee, Ia., has been made superintendent of the Omaha division, with headquarters at Fort Dodge, Ia.

A young man named Davis shot and killed Mrs. Winne, a bride of three days, at her home near Tyler, Tex., Monday and then blew out his own brains. Davis was a rejected suitor for Mrs. Winne's hand.

Charles Slater, a bailiff in the Chicago criminal court, was shot and fatally wounded Monday night by Samuel O'Neil, a deputy sheriff. The men were drinking in a saloon and became involved in a political argument.

The secretary of agriculture has sent instructions to the agent of the bureau of animal industry, who is personally superintending the work of fighting the foot and mouth disease epidemic in New England, to destroy all animals infected.

CHARGE BREACH OF FAITH

Markle Company Does Not Live Up to Agreement.

DAMAGES ARE DENIED WIDOWS.

Women Tell of Husbands Killed and Wages Retained by Company to Pay Dead Man's Debts—Firm's Figuring Keeps Pay the Same Despite Raise.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Almost the entire session of the coal strike commission was taken up by the mine workers in presenting their side of the controversy with G. B. Markle & Co. in the Hazleton region. The miners placed witnesses on the stand who gave testimony to show that the company refused to employ them because they belonged to the union, had evicted them from their houses for the same cause, that the docking system was intolerable, that the question of the men getting the 10 per cent increase in wages granted as a result of the 1900 strike is much in doubt, because the men do not know how the company is figuring it out; that the price of powder which enters into the computation of the increase had been raised and that the size of the mine cars has increased, but the wages have not. Two Hungarian women, one of them the mother of the boy who testified on Saturday, were placed on the stand and told how the Markle company deducted house rent from the wages of their husbands, who were killed in the mines, and how the company attempted to get them to sign a paper which would absolve the Markles from damages for the death of the men. The women also confirmed the story told by the breaker boy that the children had to work without pay until the debt owed by the dead fathers was paid off.

CIVIC FEDERATION CONVENES.

Two Hundred Delegates Attend Opening Session in New York. New York, Dec. 9.—The first annual meeting of the industrial department of the Civic Federation convened in the rooms of the board of trade and transportation, with about 200 members present, interested in the solution of the questions between capital and labor. Senator M. A. Hanna presided and delivered the address of welcome to the delegates, among them a member of the court of arbitration at The Hague, Alfred Mosely, at the head of the visiting delegation of English trades unionists; Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul and Bishop McGoldrick of Duluth.

SALVATION ARMY CONFERENCE.

Many States Represented at Kansas City Convention. Kansas City, Dec. 9.—General Booth of the Salvation Army spoke in Convention hall last night to 5,000 people. This is the largest meeting he has yet addressed in America. The general will remain here until Thursday, participating in army councils to be held in the local citadel. Three hundred field officers are present from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Indian territory, Oklahoma and Wyoming. From Kansas City General Booth will go to Denver.

Strike for Higher Wages.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—With the Christmas season at hand five large stores in this city are confronted by a strike of the employes of their shipping departments. About 200 struck last night, but the chances are that the strike will be settled. The trouble arose over a demand for larger wages. The strike took place so late in the day that no inconvenience was suffered by the stores. Those affected are Mandel Brothers, Schlesinger & Mayer, Boston Store, the Fair and A. M. Rothschild & Co.

Zero Weather in Kansas.

Topéka, Dec. 9.—Zero weather prevails nearly all over Kansas. The severe cold weather has not been accompanied by wind and not much suffering among stock has resulted. The Kansas river here is full of cakes of floating ice. From the western portion of the state come stories of great scarcity of coal. In the portion of the state where coal is hardest to obtain, the weather is most severe.

Receiver Takes Omaha Store.

Omaha, Dec. 9.—Creditors filed in the federal court yesterday a petition in involuntary bankruptcy against the W. R. Bennett company, proprietors of the big general store at Sixteenth and Harney streets. Judge Munger appointed as temporary receiver Edgar H. Hastings. Business will be continued without interruption pending a settlement of the affairs of the company.

Engineer and Brakeman Killed.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 9.—Engineer John Pilmer and brakeman Frank Smith, both of Ashtabula, were killed in a head-on collision between a passenger train and a local freight on the Pennsylvania road in the western part of the city last night. None of the passengers was hurt. The local freight crew had failed to send a flag out to warn the passenger train. Brakeman Smith was pinioned in the wreck and it was necessary to cut his right leg off to release him. He died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

The Same Old Hole.

Doorknob—What's the matter with you? Doorkey—I'm in a hole again.



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SANTA FE TRAIN WRECKED.

Two Men Are Killed and Four Others Receive Injuries. Kansas City, Dec. 9.—The west-bound California limited passenger train on the Santa Fe was wrecked at Rothville, Mo., shortly after noon yesterday, causing the death of Engineer Samuel Wise of Argentine, Kan., and his fireman, Alexander Haevellin of Topéka, Kan., and great damage to the engine and coaches. John McKean of New York, who received slight bruises, was the only passenger injured. A colored waiter had his arm broken and two other waiters were injured. Congressman-elect George Loud of Ausable Mich., and Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago were among the passengers, and helped to care for the injured. The wreck was caused by the coaches being derailed on an open switch, when the train was going at a high rate of speed. The train was almost demolished.

Twenty-three of the passengers were brought to this city on an accommodation train at a late hour last night and most of them resumed their journey westward. The dead and injured were taken to Fort Madison, Ia.

Awakened From Long Nap.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Vigorous massage treatment yesterday afternoon resulted in restoration to semi-consciousness of Mrs. James Abernathy, who went to sleep last Friday morning and could not be awakened. After the vigorous rubbing she opened her eyes, but has not spoken and apparently does not recognize even her husband. Liquid nourishment was given her and she swallowed it slowly. All the time she stared ahead vacantly. After taking the food she was permitted to lie back on her pillow and her eyes have remained open. Her breathing continues regular, her color natural, but with the exception of swallowing some broth, she has not moved a muscle.

Panic at a Chicago Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed the five-story building at 62 to 66 Canal street and did considerable damage to the four-story building adjoining it on the south. A panic among the 100 employes of the firms occupying the buildings was created at the first alarm of fire, and for a time it was feared that many had been prevented from escaping, the dense smoke preventing a thorough search for victims. The fire broke out on the third floor and spread so rapidly that many of the workmen were compelled to use the fire escapes in order to reach the street. The loss is estimated at more than \$100,000.

One of the most destructive earthquakes in the world's history was that which occurred in Tokyo in the year 1703, when 190,000 people were killed.

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