

AWAITS ALLIES' REPLY

No Response from Powers Received as Yet.

MONROE DOCTRINE IN DANGER.

Some Members of Cabinet Object to Hague Court Arbitrating Venezuelan Affair—President Would Appoint a Commission to Handle Case.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Great Britain's response to the president's suggestion that the questions involved in the Venezuelan troubles be referred to the Hague tribunal for arbitration is expected today.

It is understood that the president's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitrators. He would not confide this important undertaking to any one man nor does he feel able himself to spare the vast amount of time necessary for an examination in detail of each of the many claims that would be presented against Venezuela.

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STEAMER CARACAS ENTERS HARBOR.

Caracas, Dec. 24.—The Red D liner Caracas has safely entered the harbor of LaGuayra. The mail, freight and passengers of the steamer were landed at 11 o'clock.

GIRLS JUMP FROM WINDOWS.

Candy Factory at St. Joseph Mass of Ruins. St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out at 6:45 a. m. in Chase & Sons' candy manufactory and destroyed it.

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Masonic Temple Block is Totally Destroyed, With Loss of \$150,000. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.—Fire originating in the basement of Day's drug store, in the Masonic temple block, totally destroyed the entire block and contents at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

The fire was discovered by Judge Callison, who roomed over the drug store. He was awakened by the smell of smoke and, although crippled by rheumatism, managed to crawl to a window, break the glass and call for help.

The Masonic temple is situated on the southwest corner of Sixth and Court streets. The Lenoldevin block and several large clothing stores are situated adjoining it on the west. The fire spread to the roofs of these buildings and was checked only with the utmost difficulty.

The Paddock hotel caught fire from the flying sparks twice during the night and panic-stricken guests deserted it for places of safety. The bank vaults are buried beneath tons of wreckage, but are intact.

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TAKE BROTHER FOR BURGLAR.

Wesley Watson Goes Home for Christmas and is Shot by Relative. Brantford, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wesley Watson of Detroit was shot and instantly killed by his brother, Samuel, at Middleport, near this city.

The brothers, Samuel and James, live on a farm near Middleport and the third brother, Wesley, lived in Detroit. Last night Wesley came home unexpectedly. It is supposed to spend the Christmas holidays. The brothers at home, both men over thirty years of age, heard him approaching the house, and became possessed of fear that they were about to be attacked by burglars.

They ran upstairs and getting out of a window, went to the house of a neighbor, where they spent the night. They returned in the morning armed with a shotgun. Wesley had gone into the house and finding nobody there, went to bed. The brothers opened the door of the room in which he slept, he raised up in bed and Samuel Watson fired, killing him instantly. Recently the two men had been attacked and robbed by robbers.

Judge Nevitt Released From Jail. Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Judge Thomas Nevitt of St. Clair county, who has been in jail at Maryville for failing to obey a mandate of the United States court, was released by United States Judge Phillips so he could spend his Christmas with his family.

After the holidays he will return to Maryville and to jail. Judge Nevitt is the presiding judge of the county court of St. Clair. He has been in jail since he was elected. For many years the judges of that court have refused to vote money to pay railroad bonds, for which a judgment was obtained in the federal court and Judge Phillips has kept them in jail.

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QUAKE COSTS 5,000 LIVES

Russian Disaster More Serious Than First Reported.

SEISMIC SHOCKS STILL CONTINUE

Workmen Are Digging in the Ruins for Corpses and Treasure—Eight Hundred Bodies Have Now Been Recovered.

Ashkabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 24.—Even the worst of the earlier reports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan quite underestimates the appalling loss of life. A telegram from the scene of the catastrophe puts the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 5,000. Already 800 corpses have been disinterred from the ruins.

The state treasury, containing 5,000,000 roubles, is in ruins and excavations to get the money are carried on under the supervision of a strong cordon of police. The water in the wells has disappeared and a general subsidence of the site of the town is feared.

The shocks continue with increasing violence. The area of seismic disturbances comprises 200 square versts.

The Russian population is camping at the railroad station, where 500 cars are placed at the disposal of the population. The local government officials are quartered in cars. Sheds for the destitute are being built as rapidly as possible. Free soup kitchens have been started and officials are aiding the departure of the inhabitants by distributing food, money and free railroad tickets.

Riot on Passenger Train. Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 24.—The passenger train on the St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt), which arrived here from the south yesterday, was the scene of a riot near McNeil station.

A number of negro section hands, said to have been drunk, became turbulent and refused to pay their fare. In an altercation, S. S. Pitman and Brakeman C. H. Ferguson, who went to the assistance of Conductor Dave Ferguson, were shot and dangerously wounded. Four of the negroes were arrested and placed in jail at Camden. Other arrests are expected.

Minister Crossland to Resign. Washington, Dec. 24.—It is learned at the state department that leave of absence has been granted to J. R. Crossland, minister resident to Liberia, and that on his return to this country he will tender his resignation.

Minister Crossland was appointed to his post from Missouri in January last and his conduct has been under investigation owing to a personal encounter between himself and one of the officials of the Monrovia legation.

Lovell's Entry is Suspended. Anaconda, Mont., Dec. 24.—On the ground that David Lovell did not make truthful statements in 1898, when he applied for title, or in 1899, when he secured final receipt for his claim to the land, the commissioner of the general land office has ordered the suspension of his entry to the townsite of Saco, in Valley county. Lovell has sold many town lots, which have been improved at great expense.

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Trains Shut Out of Peking. Peking, Dec. 24.—The emperor began his annual worship at the Temple of Heaven yesterday. For the first time since the railways were restored to the Chinese government the throne issued an order prohibiting all trains from entering the city for twenty-four hours. The order says they must stop two miles outside the imperial city.

Crackmen Rob Postoffice. Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 24.—Safe crackmen robbed the postoffice at Leroy last night of \$1,000 in money, stamps and registered letters. Then proceeding to Saybrook, eight miles north, the robbers demolished the jail, using a telephone pole as a battering ram. The gang then escaped with a stolen horse and buggy.

Crown Princess is in Geneva. Geneva, Dec. 24.—The crown princess of Saxony is here under the name of Fraulein von Oben. Her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand and Professor Girou are at the same hotel. The archduke has assumed the name of De Buriano. The party are living quietly and propose to spend Christmas here.

Countess Loses Jewels. London, Dec. 24.—Another big jewelry robbery on trains between Paris and London has upset society. The Countess of Carnarvon was robbed of about \$25,000 worth of jewelry while on the way from Paris to London yesterday. So far no trace of the thieves has been found.

Mrs. Dockery Near Death. Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Mrs. A. M. Dockery, wife of the governor, who was suddenly stricken with heart trouble Monday, is reported in a very critical condition and it is stated there is little hope for her recovery.

Admiral Schley Ill. Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley is ill, suffering with an acute attack of lumbago. His condition, however, is not at all serious, though the attack will confine him to his bed for a few days.

President Nord Sworn In. Port au Prince, Dec. 24.—General Nord, the newly elected president of the Haytian government, took the oath to support the constitution yesterday. Tranquillity reigns throughout the republic.

Greek Steamer Reported Lost. Constantinople, Dec. 24.—The Greek steamer Parthenon, having on board a crew of twenty-two and six passengers, is reported to have been lost.

One Good Thing. "Thank heavens," said Cheerful John, "that the man who borrows trouble never pays it back!"—Baltimore Herald.

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