

ROOSEVELT TO ARBITRATE

President to Be Sole Judge in Venezuelan Dispute.

SAID TO HAVE CONSENTED.

London Believes Chief Executive Will Act in the Matter—Castro Accepts President as Arbitrator—American Ships Arrive at Trinidad.

London, Dec. 22.—It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers, that he arbitrate the Venezuelan issues, has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but such indications as are obtainable point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator. A constant interchange of cablegrams is proceeding night and day between the United States embassy here and the state department at Washington. By Wednesday, unless some unexpected complications arise, it is expected the negotiations will reach a stage approaching a settlement. With President Roosevelt acting as arbitrator, the serious objections in the matter of guarantees, which frequently have been mentioned at the foreign office and in these dispatches, would disappear. The foreign office has repeatedly said that the great difficulty in its seeing a way to add a pacific settlement of the Venezuelan trouble was its inability to ascertain to what extent the United States was willing to assume responsibility.

TRINIDAD IS BRITISH BASE.

Venezuelan Blockade is Begun With Effective Force.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 22.—The blockade of Venezuelan ports was begun with an effective force at midnight. The British have the cruisers Indefatigable, Alert and Tribune, the special service steamer Columbine and the torpedo boat destroyer Rocket along the coast. All the British operations will be directed from Trinidad. The cruiser Vineta, the German flagship, left here for LaGuayra to reinforce the German cruisers Gazelle, Panther and Falke and the training ship Stosch.

The United States battleships Kearsarge and Alabama arrived here yesterday. Their appearance provoked considerable comment on shore, but when Admiral Higginson called upon the acting governor of Trinidad and the commander of the British ships, he took occasion to explain that the visit of the men-of-war was part of the usual winter trip of the squadron. The Kearsarge and Alabama are anchored outside the British warships, which are guarding four Venezuelan vessels, none of which flies either the British or Venezuelan flag.

WASHINGTON HAS NO NEWS.

Believed Chief Executive Will Act as Mediator.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Officials of the state department announced that there was nothing to make public regarding the latest phase of the Venezuelan embargo. Such dispatches from the American embassies in Europe and from Minister Bowen at Caracas, regarding Venezuelan matters, as come to Washington, were of a confidential character, concerning the nature of which it was impossible to ascertain anything. It was believed there has been no change of importance since Saturday, when the state department announced that in response to President Roosevelt's suggestion to the allies that The Hague tribunal arbitrate the issues the European governments suggested that the president himself act in the capacity of arbitrator. While reluctant to take up the role of mediator, the president will do so rather than see the unfortunate state of affairs now existing prolonged indefinitely.

Nord Formally Elected President.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 22.—There was a disorderly scene at today's sitting of the congress as a result of the violent speeches by Senator Gauvin and Deputy Jeannot, who protested against the proclamation by the army of General Nord as president of the republic. One hundred and fifteen votes were cast. Of these, General Nord received 100 and was elected, while fifteen of the ballots were blank. The people of the country desire peace and they have received the result of the announcement of the voting with satisfaction.

Accident on Steamer Deutschland.

Plymouth, England, Dec. 22.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland arrived here yesterday. When she was nearing the Scilly islands a cylinder burst and the starboard engine was badly damaged. It will require four months to effect repairs. One engineer was badly scalded. For a time the vessel was in complete darkness and fled with escaping steam. The passengers were greatly alarmed.

Castro Accepts Roosevelt.

Caracas, Dec. 22.—In the name of Venezuela, President Castro has signed acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Vanderbilt is Improving. New York, Dec. 22.—Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition shows considerable improvement, there being a reduction of one degree in his temperature. He rested well throughout the night.

SNOW PLOWS CLEAR ROADS.

Storm Said to Be the Worst in a Number of Years.

Denver, Dec. 22.—The blizzard that raged on Friday and Saturday in eastern Colorado and Wyoming and western Kansas and Nebraska was the most serious in years to the railroads as far as the interruption of traffic is concerned. All trains on the Union Pacific and Burlington roads were delayed at least twenty-four hours and some trains due Saturday morning did not arrive in Denver until Sunday night. This is true of trains over the Kansas Pacific branch of the Union Pacific. Along this line snow drifts from six to ten feet deep made the movement of trains impossible until the tracks could be cleared. Perhaps the storm was most severe on the Denver and Alliance branch of the Burlington. This line runs to the Black Hills and trains which left Denver on Friday were only released from their wedged positions in the drift Sunday. One train, which was completely hidden from sight by the snow, was relieved by snow plows from Alliance, Neb. A supply train was run from Mercer, Neb., with fuel and provisions to provide for the needs of the imprisoned passengers. It required desperate work to reach the stalled train through the blinding storm and almost impenetrable drifts. The attention of the railroads has been directed almost exclusively to getting the trains going on schedule time again.

HUMBERTS UNDER ARREST.

Famous Parisian Swindlers Are Captured in Madrid.

Madrid, Dec. 22.—When Mme. Humbert and other members of the Humbert family, who became notorious in connection with the great safe frauds in Paris, were arrested here Saturday, one of the family handed a package containing \$48,000 to some people who lived in the same house with them. This package has been sent to the French consulate.

According to published interviews, Frederic Humbert declares that the revelations of himself and his confederates will rival the Panama scandals and show they were the victims of robbers, who exploited them. He says that all classes in Paris, from ministers down, will be involved. Mme. Humbert claims to have in Paris documents which compromise prominent personages.

While the police were waiting to enter the house, Mme. Humbert burned many papers, including in her hurry bank notes to the amount of \$1,200.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY ON A FARM.

Drunken Farmhand Kills Mrs. J. B. Wilson and Himself at Liberty, Mo.

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 22.—Joseph Foley shot and killed Mrs. James B. Wilson and then with a shotgun literally blew off his own head, at the Wilson farm, near here. Foley was formerly employed by the Wilsons and while drunk he went there yesterday to borrow a gun. He handled the gun so recklessly that Mrs. Foley remonstrated with him, when he shot and killed her without provocation. He then killed himself. Foley, who was twenty-four years of age, was a cousin of William S. Foley, who, three years ago, was charged with killing his mother and sister. Mrs. Wilson was thirty-five years of age.

FARMERS SURROUND BANDITS.

Robbers Who Held Up Restaurant and Stores Caught in Indiana Barn.

Logotee, Ind., Dec. 22.—Word was received here that farmers had surrounded in a barn west of this place the outlaws who held up the night clerk at Patterson's restaurant, robbed two stores and attempted to rob the White River bank yesterday. A posse of twenty armed men left at once, accompanied by detectives employed by the bank and insurance companies, to assist in the capture.

Explosion in Boarding House.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—An explosion of natural gas in the boarding house of Mrs. Laura Rickards resulted in the probable fatal burning of one man and the serious injury of two others. F. G. Walters, a telegraph operator, was burned about the face, chest and arms. He is not expected to recover. E. W. Barrett had his feet and arms burned and is in a serious condition. Burt Piper had his face and arms burned. The men were asleep on the second floor of the building and were surrounded by fire and smoke when they awoke.

Prisoners Try Suicide.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—The officers have detected a compact between two aged Germans, John Tabe and Rudolph Schaum, to commit suicide. Both were held awaiting trial on the charge of shooting to kill their wives. They occupied adjoining cells. Tabe secured a rope and gave half of it to Schaum, but the latter was discovered before he carried out his purpose. Tabe succeeded and Schaum will be examined for lunacy.

Woman Ready to Surrender.

Iowa City, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Ella Gallagher, a fugitive from justice since her indictment for perjury, growing out of her testimony in her trial for the murder of her husband, has notified the authorities through her nearest relative, George Colwell, that she is near the Canada line and is ready to give herself up as soon as satisfactory terms as to bail can be arranged.

Farmer Fatally Shot.

Sioux City, Dec. 22.—At George, Ia., August Bunge shot and mortally wounded Helmer Deboor as a result of a quarrel over rent. Bunge is under arrest. Both men are farmers.

TWENTY DIE IN WRECK

Train Smash in California Kills and Maims Many.

ACCIDENT HAPPENS AT BYRON

Stockton Flyer and Los Angeles "Owl" Train Collide With Frightful Results—Clouds of Scalding Steam Intensifies Suffering of Injured.

Byron, Cal., Dec. 22.—As a result of a collision between the Stockton Flyer and the "Owl" train on the Southern Pacific twenty deaths have already been recorded and there are indications that the total will soon be raised to twenty-four. It was a rear-end collision, the engine of the local plowing its way into the last coaches of the "Owl," which was filled with Fresno people. The passengers who escaped death were hurled to the fore part of the coach, crushed in between the mass of debris, their sufferings and danger intensified a hundredfold by the clouds of scalding steam that poured out upon them from the shattered boiler of the Stockton engine. After the "Owl" left the Oakland mole it was noted that there was a leak in the flue of the engine. This increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to stop here to take up a freight engine for relief. The train officials knew that the Stockton local was following half an hour behind and sent a flagman back down the track to give warning of the presence of the "Owl."

The Stockton train, in charge of Engineer McGuire and Fireman Joyce, got the warning signal in due time and gave the usual response with whistle blasts. Fireman Joyce, in a statement explaining the collision, said: "We saw the flagman's light ahead of us, and put on the brakes at once. They seemed to work well enough, but we could not stop in time to avoid smashing into the rear of the 'Owl' train. The engine went right through the car."

Relief quickly came to the passengers who were penned in the wreckage, axes and saws being brought into play and passengers and train crew lending eager aid. Messengers were sent to Byron Hot Springs, a short distance away, and doctors came quickly to the station. A trained nurse accompanied them and first aid was at once given to the mangled, bruised and scalded sufferers who were lying near the track. None of the passengers of the Stockton train was injured and all of the crew of the "Owl" escaped unhurt.

Ten of the dead have been identified, as follows: Elizabeth L. Smith, Fresno; Clarence D. Oluffs, Fresno; Miss Birdie Elliott, San Francisco; Mabel Vezey, Modesto; George Sessions, Oakland; Charles Owens, Fresno; Miss Myers, Fresno; Robert Renwick, San Francisco; Len Irwin, Oakland; W. F. Temple, D. J. Vernon.

Twenty-two of the injured reached the South Pacific hospital at San Francisco, where it was announced that R. Post of Fowler and Lee Sou would probably succumb. Of the twenty-two patients, only three were permitted to receive visitors, so seriously were they suffering. D. J. Vernon's son is reported to be in a state of collapse. Mrs. Mayer, whose little son and daughter have died, is very low and her other son is in a critical condition. The condition of Stella Howard of San Francisco is also exciting the apprehension of the physicians.

Story of an Eye-Witness.

Frank H. Short, a prominent resident of Fresno, who was at dinner when the collision occurred, said in discussing the wreck: "It was indescribably awful. Several successive jars occurred, the lights went out, glass crashed all about us, the chandelier toppled down and the crowd was panic stricken. We ran to the Fresno car and there encountered a scene of the most terrible description. Men were begging, appealing, swearing and groaning. Everything was in utter darkness and a fence was torn down and fires started to give light. Men were seen sticking out of windows with their limbs caught in the wreckage. Some had doubtless met instant death, while others were horribly scalded and maimed. On one side of the car the victims seemed to be mostly scalded, while on the other side they were crushed. We began the work of rescuing. With axes and saws we made our way into the car, and worked back among the seats, carrying out the injured. I think every person I carried out had a broken limb. The plight of the Vernons, father and son, was particularly harrowing. The father's body was sticking out of the car window and he was begging to be rescued quickly, as he said he was crushing his son underneath. We chopped him out as quick as possible and then freed the boy from the mass of splintered wood and twisted iron. The boy was badly burned. The father died from his injuries."

Christmas Mail Burned.

Syracuse, Dec. 22.—Official report of the burning of a carload of Christmas mail for the west was made yesterday by the crew of mail clerks arriving here from New York on fast mail No. 3, on the New York Central. Only twenty or thirty out of 700 or 800 pouches were saved, the burned mail being for Chicago and points further west. The crew discovered the fire between Peekskill and Highland. The car was left burning at the latter station.

WAGE DEMAND ON ROADS.

Rail Lines Asked for Increase by 100,000 Employees.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—One hundred thousand railway conductors and brakemen employed on the forty systems west of Chicago filed demands with the managers of the roads Saturday for a wage increase of 20 per cent. The demands were filed simultaneously in all the important centers, and the managers were given until Jan. 5 to make their preliminary reply. The movement is under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which controls practically all of the freight conductors and brakemen, and the Order of Railway Conductors, which has jurisdiction over the passenger men. It is one of the most important wage demands ever made in the west, and should it be granted, will add from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 to the annual pay rolls of the lines involved.

The officials of the roads have known for several months that the demand was to be filed, but the date originally set was in January of next year. When they came in Saturday, a furor was created in railroad circles, even among the employes. Attempts to get the persons interested to talk about the movement proved of no avail, as neither wished to risk compromising themselves.

TELLER HAS OPPOSITION.

Many Aspirants in Colorado for United States Senatorship.

Denver, Dec. 22.—Senator Henry M. Teller arrived here from Washington yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays and to look after his interests in the contest for reelection. In addition to Teller, the announced candidates are former Senator Edward O. Wolcott, Frank C. Goudy of Denver, District Judge Walter N. Dixon of Pueblo and Irving Howbert of Colorado Springs. Teller claims the entire Democratic vote on joint ballot and will likely get it, as there is no one opposed to him in the Democratic party. The remaining four candidates will divide the Republican support. Goudy claims to have pledged about two-thirds of the Republican members of the legislature. A great deal depends upon the outcome of the contests now before the state canvassing board. Should the Democrats be seated, the house will stand, Democrats 32, Republicans 33. The illness of Representative-elect Jones, a Republican, at Hot Springs, Ark., also complicates matters. Should he be compelled to remain away and the Democrats be seated, the vote in the house would be a tie.

PIERCES HEART WITH NEEDLE.

Vivisection Experiments Show Possibility of Local Treatment.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—After a series of experiments, covering a period of more than five years, W. Byron Coakley, a well known vivisectionist of Chicago, has just discovered that to administer local treatment to the heart is not the impossibility the world's scientists have always held it to be. By means of a fine hollow golden needle, seven or eight inches long, Dr. Coakley not only has been able to pierce the heart without causing death, but to inject into it various fluids without subjecting the patient to the slightest danger. Thus far Dr. Coakley has been compelled to confine his experiments to dogs, rabbits and similar animals, but so certain is he of his ground that he will attempt to secure a human subject for a demonstration, which he has been asked to make before the international medical congress at Madrid in 1903.

No General Increase in Rates.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Journal of Commerce says: For some time past reports have been current that beginning with the first of the year railroad freight rates will be increased on general merchandise shipments, the advance to be made not in the class rates themselves, but by shifting various goods from a lower to a higher class rating. It may be stated definitely that there will be no general increase on the first of the year on goods shipped at class rates. There are in all some 200 changes. Some of these will impose a slight increase in freight rates, while many show actual reductions.

Orient Line Soon to Run Trains.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—A. E. Stilwell, president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad company, who returned yesterday from New York, announces that beginning about Feb. 15 the Orient would operate trains south of Wichita to Sweetwater, Tex. For a distance of thirty miles from Wichita the tracks of the Missouri Pacific will be used until the Orient tracks are completed. "I believe that by the last of next year 600 miles of the Orient line will be in operation," said Mr. Stilwell.

California May Bar Consumptives.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—The committee appointed from the state senate to investigate the conditions connected with the coming of consumptives to California from eastern states and the proposed plan to establish a state institution for the care of such patients, has decided to recommend to the legislature that legislation looking to the restriction of the coming to the coast of consumptive persons be enacted.

Oil Discovered in Iowa.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—Oil has been discovered oozing from the banks of the Coon river, near Grant City, in Sac county. A quart of the oil sent to Ames college for analysis is said to have been found to be 89 per cent pure. The discoverer, a woman, has quietly leased 6,000 acres in the locality.

BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Marconi Sends Message Across the Atlantic Ocean.

COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED.

Inventor Announces Successful Test. Congratulations Pass Through Space From Shores of Canada to Coast of England.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—After eight experiments, conducted with the greatest secrecy, Marconi announces that he has solved the problem of transoceanic transmission and has successfully transmitted wireless messages from the shores of Canada to the coast of England. The formal announcement of this achievement was made by the inventor himself yesterday, when he stated that wireless messages had been successfully transmitted and forwarded from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII of England and to the King of Italy.

Dr. George R. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada college, was present when one of the successful tests was made.

Prior to December, 1901, the greatest distance covered by wireless telegraphy scarcely exceeded 100 miles. Early in that year Marconi visited Newfoundland and from Signal Hill commenced experiments with Cornwall, and on Dec. 23 and 24 of that year faint signals of the letter "S," repeated several times, were caught by ear only with the aid of telephones. Later on Marconi, on board the steamship Philadelphia, bound for America succeeded in establishing communication with Cornwall over a distance of 2,100 miles. Transoceanic signals were received on board the Carlo Alberta while the vessel lay at anchor in Sydney harbor Oct. 31, and since then Marconi has been perfecting the apparatus at Table Head. He met with innumerable difficulties there, but at last has succeeded in sending a transoceanic message from Canada to Cornwall, a distance of 2,300 miles. The Carlo Alberta, some days ago, was ordered to proceed to Venezuela, but as her immediate departure would seriously delay Marconi's operations she was held at Sydney until trans-Atlantic communication was successfully accomplished. She has sailed for Venezuela to take part in the blockade operations.

The text of the wireless message from the Times' correspondent, which was forwarded from Glace Bay to Poldhu, Cornwall, is as follows: "Being present at its transmission in Signal Marconi's station, I have the honor to send through the Times the inventor's first wireless trans-Atlantic message of greeting to England and Italy."

Sends Greetings to King and Times.

New York, Dec. 22.—The following dispatch from Marconi, dated Glace Bay, Dec. 21, has been received by the Associated Press: "I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England, with complete success. Inauguratory messages, including one from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII, have already been transmitted and forwarded to the king of England. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P."

Times Confirms the News.

London, Dec. 22.—The Times confirms the receipt of a message by wireless telegraph from Marconi at Cape Breton, N. S.

BURIAL OF MRS. GRANT.

Remains Now Rest by Husband's Side in New York Tomb.

New York, Dec. 22.—In the mausoleum on Riverside drive services were conducted yesterday over the remains of Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant. In addition to the members of the Grant family, there were present among the 500 persons to whom invitations had been sent many federal, state and municipal officers and officers of the army and navy stationed in the city.

General Frederick D. Grant and other members of the family occupied seats overlooking the crypt. The services, conducted by Bishop E. G. Andrews of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackey E. Smith, bishop coadjutor of Pennsylvania, opened with the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," after which the burial service of the Episcopal and the Protestant Episcopal churches were read. The services were closed with the reading of a poem, "The Land Beyond the Sea," which had been a favorite of Mrs. Grant, and the singing of the hymn, "Abide With Me."

Funeral of General Swayne.

New York, Dec. 22.—Funeral services over the remains of General Wager Swayne were held here yesterday in St. Bartholomew's church. The Rev. David H. Greer, rector of the church, read the burial service. At the conclusion of the service the body was taken to Jersey City and placed in a special car attached to the Washington express. Services will be held in Washington today in St. John's Episcopal church and the body will be interred at Arlington.

Drug Store Safe is Looted.

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—At Valley Junction, a suburb, burglars blew open the safe in Miller's drug store, securing \$3,000. Persons living above the store were not awakened.

HALF OUR ILLS ARE CATARRH.

[Letters From Two Prominent Men.]



CONGRESSMAN DUNGAN. Congressman Irvine Dungan of Jackson, O., elected to the Fifty-second Congress as a Democrat, in a recent letter from Washington, D. C., says:

"I desire to join with my many friends in recommending your invaluable remedy, Peruna, to anyone in need of an invigorating tonic, and whose system is run down by catarrhal troubles. Peruna is a permanent and effective cure for catarrh and I would advise all who are afflicted with this disease to try this remarkable remedy."—Irvine Dungan.

Everybody is subject to catarrh. Peruna cures catarrh, acute or chronic, wherever located.

Hon. Thomas Gahan of Chicago, member of the National Committee of the Democratic party, writes as follows:

"I was afflicted with catarrh for fourteen years and though I tried many remedies and applied to several doctors I was not able to find a cure. I took Peruna for twenty-two weeks and am now entirely cured."—Thomas Gahan.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be glad to give you his valuable advice free.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

FOREIGNERS IN PERIL.

Tung Fu Siang Mobilizes Chinese Forces With Consent of Empress.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—The North China Daily News has received the serious news from Shensi that Tung Fu Siang, the exiled Chinese commander, whose execution was demanded by the powers, but who is supposed to be protected by the dowager empress, is mobilizing in Kansu 10,000 well equipped troops, among whom are included the provincial garrison of 4,000 men, who were disbanded by imperial command. The purpose of Tung Fu Siang is the extermination of foreigners in the provinces of Shensi and Kansu and the seizure of Sian Fu. Friendly officials are advising foreigners and missionaries to depart in order to avoid the impending trouble.

Tung Fu Siang is buying great quantities of grain and fodder. He is in constant communication with Prince Tuan, and the dowager empress and Yung Lu are believed to be secretly encouraging him and supplying him with money.

FINLANDERS ARE STARVING.

Crops Fail All Over Country as Result of Continuous Rains.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The average grain crop gathered in Finland is valued at \$30,000,000. The estimated value of the 1902 crop is \$20,000,000. The disaster is due to the late spring, the nearly continuous chilly rains and the early frost, which was recorded Aug. 10. So complete was the failure of vegetation that dead birds by the hundreds have been found in the forests. The present crop failure is the worst that has been experienced for the last fifty years. It is hoped that better methods of communication will facilitate the work of relief and avoid wholesale deaths by hunger and typhus.

A Good Head for Business.

"I'm troubled, John, about the \$500 I got from Aunt Mary. I want to invest it."
"Well, go ahead."
"And I want to get some profit out of it, and I've just thought of a splendid plan."
"What is it?"
"I'll give you the money and you invest it in stock or wheat or something that promises a big return, and if you win, why, I'll get the profit."
"And if I lose?"
"Why, then, it will be your fault, of course, and you'll have to make it up to me."—Chicago Post.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat. This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It is unequalled for the stomach. Children with weak stomachs thrive on it. Cures all stomach troubles Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. Each bottle contains 2 1/2 times the old size.