

AGREE TO END BLOCKADE

European Allies Decide to Withdraw Their Fleets.

WILL ACCEPT CASTRO'S TERMS.

Minister Bowen's Proposals Believed to Be Satisfactory—Offers Thirty Per Cent of Customs Receipts as Guarantee—Still Awaiting Reply.

Caracas, Jan. 27.—The Associated Press correspondent has just received a communication from the British naval officer at LaGuayra, informing him that the blockade will be raised tomorrow.

London, Jan. 27.—The morning papers express the greatest relief at the prospect of a settlement of the Venezuelan trouble as enabling Great Britain to escape from an embarrassing situation. Some difficulties are anticipated over the details of the financial arrangement, but the greatest confidence is expressed in Minister Bowen's ability to surmount them. The government is frankly exhorted by its organs to learn a lesson for the future that unnecessary alliances are almost as bad as unnecessary wars. The rumor published from Washington, that Great Britain has notified the United States government that she will cease to act with Germany from today is discredited here.

Washington, Jan. 27.—There is no information in Washington to justify the positive statement contained in the Caracas dispatch that the Venezuelan blockade will be raised tomorrow. Minister Bowen continues hopeful that such a happy consummation will result from the pending negotiations, as the latest proposition he has made to the allied governments is regarded by him as an eminently fair one. He is still awaiting formal replies to that proposition from Great Britain and Germany and on these will depend the question whether the blockade is to be raised.

The question to be determined is the amount of customs receipts to be given as a guarantee. Great Britain is believed to be favorable to accepting the 30 per cent offered by Mr. Bowen, while Germany is supposed to be insisting on 50 per cent.

NO FEAR OF EUROPEAN PLANS.

MacArthur Tells of Conspiracy to Disrupt Western Hemisphere.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The Chronicle says: Charges of a European conspiracy to disrupt the western hemisphere, couched by Major General Arthur MacArthur commanding the Department of the Lakes, in diplomatic language, were made last night at the annual banquet of the Western society, Army of the Potomac. President S. E. Gross intimated that Major General S. M. B. Young's absence from the function was occasioned by urgent duties at Washington relative to the South American tangle.

"A question is being propounded throughout the world today," said General MacArthur, "which is being discussed with secret satisfaction in hostile cabinets, with a view no doubt to combined action, calculated and intended to introduce discord into this hemisphere whenever a propitious moment shall arise to encourage such interference."

"The question is," he continued, "whether a self-governing nation, as rich and populous as the United States, will be able to resist the strain which must inevitably arise as a logical consequence of its own great prosperity. We can answer that question with calm assurance."

Castro's Troops Defeated.

New York, Jan. 27.—President Castro's troops have been defeated by the Venezuelan revolutionists in an important battle about forty miles west of Puerto Cabello, says a dispatch to the Herald from Willemstad. Scattered bodies of the defeated government soldiers are arriving in Puerto Cabello. Their commanding general was captured by the revolutionists.

Boers Greet Chamberlain.

London, Jan. 27.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain continues to be met with an excellent reception in his progress to Mafeking, which he is expected to reach tomorrow. Addressing the Boers at Lichtenburg, Mr. Chamberlain acknowledged the kindness with which he had been received everywhere by the former enemies of Great Britain.

Plague Situation Less Favorable.

Mazatlan, Mex., Jan. 27.—There were four deaths from the plague yesterday and the situation is considered less favorable. The number of patients in the lazaretto is fifty. The increase of the disease is due to the return of the poor people who had sought refuge outside the city and whose return was incited by hunger.

American Liner Wrecked.

Holyhead, Jan. 27.—An American liner is reported ashore off Aberfraw Point, fifteen miles south of Holyhead. A heavy gale is raging in St. George's channel. A portion of the crew of the vessel, numbering seventeen men, have come ashore in their own boats. They report that the boat is a total wreck.

Plague in Natal.

Durban, Natal, Jan. 27.—Bubonic plague is spreading so seriously here that the natives are panic-stricken. Servants and laborers are leaving the town in large numbers. It is anticipated that Zululand drifts will be closed so as to prevent the spread of the plague to that territory.

PEOPLE SEIZE COAL TRAIN.

Engine Stops for Water and Nearly Twenty Carloads Are Taken.

Des Moines, Jan. 27.—The town of Stratford, 100 miles north of here, having a population of nearly 2,000, is greatly wrought up as the result of the arrest of more than thirty persons who held up a train of coal and seized nearly twenty cars of coal. But little coal has been shipped to Stratford for many weeks and a severe fuel famine prevailed.

Yesterday a Northwestern freight train of loaded coal cars passing through the town stopped for water. The train had no sooner come to a stop than the news spread like wildfire. Soon a mob of 500 people with wagons, baskets and coal scuttles were at the tracks, a car of coal was broken open and the people were helping themselves. Of the train of twenty cars but a few tons remained when the raid was over.

The railroad company at once notified the sheriff, who made between thirty and forty arrests. A high state of excitement prevails. The amount of coal taken was not much per person, but as a whole is sufficient to last the town for some time.

Much trouble is looked for when the arrested persons are brought to trial. All, however, have been granted bail pending the time of trial, which is set for the next term of the district court.

MURDERERS STILL AT LARGE.

Men Who Killed Detective at Union, Mo., Manage to Elude Officers.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—Bill Anderson, or Rudolph, and Frank Lewis, the supposed Union (Mo.) bank robbers and murderers of Detective Charles J. Schumacher, are still at large. A reward of \$1,800 has been offered for their arrest.

Anderson and Lewis have been traced to the vicinity of Beaufort, Mo., and there the trail was lost. Constable Robb of Sedalia claims that Lewis is Charles Bradshaw, leader of a gang of robbers which was broken up near Windsor, Mo. Bradshaw is wanted in Kansas for murder. Representatives of the Bank of Union continued their search of the Rudolph home and it was reported that practically all of the \$110,000 of stolen bonds and securities had been found. It was also reported that in the clarn from which \$800 in a sack was taken Sunday, \$6,000 in gold had been recovered.

The body of Detective Schumacher was taken to Chicago.

Prisoners Saw Way Out.

Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 27.—Jack Sully and Fred Baer escaped from the county jail last night and no trace of them can be found. They were assisted by outside parties, who sawed the lock from an outside door that is rarely used, and then sawed their way into the jail. Sully is the noted cattle rustler who has operated on the Sioux reservation, west of Chamberlain, for a number of years and in that time has made way with hundreds of cattle.

Arrested on Murder Charge.

Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 27.—Martin Howe, son of a Chicago millionaire, charged with the murder of a Democratic politician in Chicago, in February, 1901, was arrested here yesterday by a deputy sheriff from Springfield, Mo. The officer started with his prisoner for Chicago without a requisition. He had been working in railroad shops at Springfield, Mo., and Shawnee. In his pocket was \$3,500.

Eight Miners Badly Burned.

Wilkesbarre, Jan. 27.—By an explosion of gas in the Oakwood colliery last evening eight men were badly burned. All the victims are foreigners. A foreign miner had ignited a body of gas. He and his laborer took off their coats and fought the fire, which was soon extinguished. When the eight men came along later they ran into a big body of gas and the explosion followed.

Kills Daughter and Himself.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 27.—James Wray, a Franklin county farmer, shot and killed his sixteen-year-old daughter, Bettie, and blew out his own brains at his home, twelve miles south of this city, Sunday night. The tragedy is attributed to temporary insanity. Wray had also threatened to kill his wife and five other children.

On Trial for Murder.

Carbondale, Ill., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Ella M. Riley and her son-in-law, Walter W. Conger, were placed on trial yesterday in the circuit court, charged with the murder in August, 1902, of Mrs. Riley's husband, William M. Riley. Riley, at the time of his death, was drainage commissioner for the Fountain Bluff district.

Killed by Mob and Body Burned.

New Orleans, Jan. 27.—John Thomas, a negro, who shot and killed Sheriff Benjamin F. Ory of St. Charles parish, near this city, yesterday, was killed by a mob and his body burned. Thomas shot Sheriff Ory while the latter was attempting to arrest him and was himself wounded in the arm.

Railroads Given More Time.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 27.—The supreme court yesterday granted the eleven railroads of Missouri, which Attorney General Crow is seeking to oust for making a consignment charge of \$2 at St. Louis for shipment over their lines, two weeks further time to file their returns to the offices.

Killed in a Runaway.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 27.—Hunter Taylor, a wealthy young stockman of Douglas, was killed yesterday by his mule team running away and the wheels of the heavy wagon passing across his body.

DOBLIN RETRACTS IT ALL

Says His Bribery Story Was Not the Truth.

MAKES STARTLING CONFESSION.

Naval Affairs Committee Gets Astonishing Evidence in the Holland Boat Inquiry—Witness Now Swears No Money Was Offered.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Philip Doblin, who testified before the house committee on naval affairs on Saturday that he had approached Representative Lessor of New York with an offer of money to influence Mr. Lessor's vote on the submarine boat bill and who made the following statement that he had been told there might be \$5,000 in it for him, made the astonishing statement before the committee yesterday that he made statements on Saturday which were not true and he wanted to retract his statement that Mr. Quigg had tendered a bribe to him. The statement came without any previous warning that Doblin intended to make such retraction. Members of the committee looked at one another in amazement as Doblin went on with his statement. Gustav Rogers, an attorney, arose in the committee room after the first witness had left the stand yesterday and said he appeared for Doblin, who had stated to him that he (Doblin) had made some statements Saturday which were true and some which were false, and that he held in his hand a statement to which Doblin had sworn. The committee was unanimous in agreeing that Doblin appear in person forthwith. He was called and made specific denial of all statements he had previously made, wherein he alleged attempts at bribery. He was rigidly cross-examined by practically every member of the committee and pressed for an explanation of his action, but persisted that he was telling the truth and adhered to his denials. When Doblin had left the stand, the committee's program, which contemplated calling Dr. W. B. Kerr to the stand, was abandoned and it went into secret session. Some of the members, in view of the remarkable developments, favored dropping the investigation, but others urged that it be continued. It is understood that Mr. Lessor asked that he be permitted to make a statement, and said he had another witness he would call, whereupon the committee decided to meet again today.

DECISION IS FOR SETTLERS.

Supreme Court Hands Down Opinion Affecting Northern Pacific Grant.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The United States supreme court rendered through Justice Harlan an opinion affecting the Northern Pacific railroad land grant. The case was that of Peter and Henry Nelson, who located upon unsurveyed land within the Northern Pacific grant in the territory of Washington in 1881. This was after the railroad company had filed its general map showing its promised line, but before it had filed its map of definite location. In the opinion handed down it was held that the title of the settlers was better than that of the railroad company, and that until the definite map was filed congress had control of the lands within the grant regardless of the general map. In a dissenting opinion Justice Brewer said the opinion reverses the judgment of the court of twenty years ago, by which the interior department had ever since been controlled in dealing with disputes between the railroad company and settlers like the Nelsons.

"Get Coal" Convention.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The "get coal" convention called by Mayor Maybury of Detroit will assemble here today. Mayor Maybury, accompanied by Timothy F. Tarsney of Detroit and Deputy City Comptroller Howard C. Beck, arrived here yesterday and made arrangements for the meetings. It is expected there will be between fifty and seventy-five delegates present.

Pay Tribute to Hewitt.

New York, Jan. 27.—The late Abram S. Hewitt was eulogized by former President Grover Cleveland last night at a memorial meeting held at the City club. Addresses were also made by Edward Shepard and E. R. T. Gould and Richard Watson Gilder read a poem, "The Great Citizen," which he wrote for Mr. Hewitt's funeral.

Cuban Protocol Is Signed.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Secretary Hay yesterday sent for the Cuban minister and with him signed a convention extending for a considerable period the time limit for the exchange of ratifications of the Cuban reciprocity treaty now pending in the senate, which, under the original agreement, expires next Saturday, the 31st.

Day for Associate Judge.

Canton, O., Jan. 27.—Judge W. R. Day has accepted a tender of appointment as associate judge of the United States supreme court. Judge Day said, in answer to a query as to his appointment: "I received the tender from President Roosevelt Saturday. I mailed my acceptance this morning."

President Off for Canton.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Roosevelt and a party of friends left here early this morning for Canton, O., where they are to participate tomorrow in the celebration of McKinley birthday exercises. They occupied a special train.

"FOR ALL

Pe-ru-na is Most Excellent," Writes Congressman John L. Sheppard.



CONGRESSMAN JOHN L. SHEPPARD.

Congressman John L. Sheppard, Member of Congress from Texas, writes:

Gentlemen:—"I have used Pe-ru-na in my family and find it a most excellent remedy for all catarrhal complaints."—Congressman John L. Sheppard.

THERE are two things that the whole medical profession agree about concerning catarrh. The first is that catarrh is the most prevalent and omnipresent disease to which the people in the United States are subject. All classes of people have it. Those who stay in doors much and those who go outdoors much. Working classes have it and sedentary classes have it.

The doctor finds catarrh to be his constant and ever-present foe. It complicates nearly every disease he is called upon to treat.

The second thing about catarrh is which all doctors agree, is that it is difficult to cure it. Local remedies may give relief but they fail to cure permanently. Sprays or snuffs amount to

little or nothing except to give temporary relief.

Catarrh is frequently located in internal organs which cannot be reached by any sort of local treatment. All this is known by every physician.

To devise some systemic internal remedy which would reach catarrh at its source, to eradicate it permanently from the system—this has been the desire of the medical profession for a long time. Forty years ago Dr. Hartman confronted this problem. He believed then that he had solved it. He still believes he has solved it. He cures thousands of people annually. During all these years Pe-ru-na has been the remedy upon which he has relied.

It was at first a private prescription.

ENGAGE IN A BRUTAL FIGHT.

Two Young Men of Elk Creek Principals in the Affair.

Tecumseh, Neb., Jan. 27.—The attention of the officers here has been called to a fight which was pulled off just on the outskirts of the village of Elk Creek. The principals to the encounter were Charley Tucker and Eliza Shurtliff, two young men of the neighborhood. It is said that bad blood has existed between the men for some time, that each is a good man physically and that by agreement they met at the Cheney farm to fight it out. Some forty or fifty men and boys, friends of the principals, went to the scene of the fray to see the exhibition. There was no ring, no gloves and no Queensberry rules. The men simply stripped themselves of the most of their wearing apparel and at a given signal "waded in."

The fight, which was one of blood and gore, lasted about forty minutes. At first the men stood up to the line and engaged in fistuffs, but as their strength left them they employed their feet and even their teeth in their mad efforts at physical supremacy.

They were encouraged in their efforts by cheers and yells from the crowd. Finally, exhausted and punished beyond endurance, Shurtliff gave the signal of "enough."

When the men were separated by members of the crowd Tucker had Shurtliff's ear in his teeth and Shurtliff was trying to bite off one of Tucker's fingers. The men were bloody from head to foot and their faces were terribly beaten.

It is said that after they had been parted Tucker grabbed a target rifle from the back of a house and probably would have shot Shurtliff had not active work on the part of bystanders prevented him doing so.

Hayward Is Superintendent.

Lincoln, Jan. 27.—Governor Mickey yesterday appointed Ben D. Hayward of St. Paul to succeed J. V. Beghtol as superintendent of the Kearney industrial school. Mr. Hayward is an attorney and school teacher and is at present county superintendent of Howard county.

Navajo Indians Starving.

Durango, Colo., Jan. 27.—The Navajo Indians in their reservation in New Mexico, sixty or seventy miles south of Durango, are in a starving condition. The story is given on the authority of white residents of that section.

Life Sentence for Lynch.

London, Jan. 27.—It is now generally conceded that the death sentence passed upon Colonel Lynch will be commuted to penal servitude for life, subject to further consideration after a term of years.

Receiver for Cattle Company.

Alexandria, Ind., Jan. 27.—G. H. Manlove has been appointed receiver of the South Georgia Cattle company, in which Indiana men are interested, which is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and owns 185,000 acres of land in Georgia and Florida. Dr. S. P. Nourse of this place applied for a receiver. The company's principal office is at Indianapolis.

Railroad Settles Suit.

Holidsburg, Pa., Jan. 27.—The suit of E. W. Mentzer against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, to recover \$860,000 damages for alleged discriminations in freight rates, was settled in court yesterday. The amount of the settlement made by the company was stated to be \$75,000.

Skirmishing Near Fez.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 27.—Skirmishing is reported to be taking place outside of Fez, with results favorable to the rebels, who, it is said, greatly outnumber the sultan's troops. It is rumored that the sultan is tired of the struggle and wants to leave Fez.

Canadian Strike Declared Off.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 27.—The strike of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees against the Canadian Northern Railroad company, which has been on since last summer, was officially declared off last night. Schedules of wages slightly higher than those presented by the brotherhood last year will be accepted by the company.

Ohio Wardens Confiscate Game.

Cleveland, Jan. 27.—Fifteen hundred head of game, consisting of quail, ducks, snipe, geese, woodcock, grouse and prairie chickens, were seized at a provision store here by game wardens. The penalty is \$25 for each bird shown out of season. The confiscated game will be sent to charitable institutions.

Worst of Flood Is Over.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.—Reports from upper Willamette valley points show that the river is falling and that all danger from floods has passed. The first through train to arrive over the Southern Pacific since Saturday reached here last evening. In the Rogue river valley there was a heavy fall of snow.

Take One Ballot in Oregon.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 27.—The one ballot cast on the senatorial question again showed no change and there are no indications of any break in the vote.

Woman Takes Her Own Life.

Wilsonville, Neb., Jan. 26.—Mrs. L. W. Young, wife of ex-Senator Young, committed suicide yesterday by taking carbolic acid.

afterwards manufactured expressly for him in large quantities. This remedy, Pe-ru-na, is now to be found in every drug store and nearly every home in the land. It is the only reliable internal remedy ever devised to cure any case of catarrh, however long the case may have been standing.

A Case of Nasal Catarrh of Five Years' Standing Cured by Pe-ru-na.

Hon. Rudolph M. Patterson, a well-known lawyer, of Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have been a sufferer from nasal catarrh for the past five years and at the earnest solicitation of a friend I tried Pe-ru-na and am glad to say it afforded a complete cure. It is with pleasure I recommend it to others."—Rudolph M. Patterson.

A course of Pe-ru-na never fails to bring relief. There is no other remedy like Pe-ru-na. Its cures are prompt and permanent.

Mr. Camillus Senne, 257 West 129th street, New York, writes:

"I have fully recovered from my catarrhal troubles. I suffered for three years with catarrh of the head, nose and throat. I tried all kinds of medicine without relief, but at last I have been cured by the wonderful remedy called Pe-ru-na."



Mr. Camillus Senne.

"I read of Pe-ru-na in your almanac, and wrote you for advice, which I followed. After taking one and one-half bottles of Pe-ru-na I am entirely cured, and can recommend Pe-ru-na to anyone as the best and surest remedy for any catarrhal troubles."—Camillus Senne.

Hearing Lost by Catarrh—Restored by Pe-ru-na.

Mr. William Bauer, Burton, Texas, a Ginner and Miller, writes:

"Some years ago I lost the hearing in my left ear, and upon examination by a specialist, catarrh was decided to be the cause. I took a course of treatment and regained my hearing for a time but I soon lost it completely. I commenced to take Pe-ru-na according to directions and have taken eight bottles in all, and my hearing is completely restored, and I shall sing the praises of Pe-ru-na whenever an opportunity occurs."—Wm. Bauer.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Pe-ru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Peter Maher was knocked out by Joe Choyneki in the second round at Philadelphia Monday night.

Frederick Gridley of Marceline, Mo., became insane from reading newspaper accounts of coal famine and distress.

Colonel Henry S. Osgood, friend and campaign manager of James G. Blaine, died in Portland, Me., Monday after a brief illness.

The new high school at Colfax, Ill., was destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is total, aggregating with the contents, \$35,000.

David Vandolac, widely known as a breeder and importer of French draft horses, died Monday at his home at Lexington, Ill.

Ell Rogers, a white man living near Stouts, N. C., killed a negro boy and a white girl. The murders were committed in a fit of insanity.

Three men entombed by a Pottsville (Pa.) mine cave-in were found by rescuers eating dinner and unconscious of their imprisonment.

The leading milling concerns of San Francisco have sent out circulars to their customers notifying them that the price of flour has been increased 20 cents a barrel.

Judge Moffatt of Bloomington, Ill., discharged from custody Miss Winnie Green, whose detention on a charge of larceny of diamonds was sought by a jewelry firm in Denver, Colo.

Judge James Fontress, for twenty-five years connected with the legal department of the Illinois Central railway, died at his home in Chicago Monday, after a week's illness of pneumonia.

Professor E. M. Taylor, head of the Michigan university political economy department, declared that John D. Rockefeller is justified in raising oil prices by the benefits he confers on society.

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. Is unequalled for the stomach. Children with weak stomachs thrive on it.

Cures all stomach troubles Prepared only by E. O. Dr. Wirt & Co., Chicago. See \$1. bottle contains 25 times the dose.