

FEELING IS BITTER

Kentucky Spirit Fomenta Trouble Between Venezuela and Colombia.

EACH NATION LAYS BLAME ON THE OTHER.

While Actual War is Not Declared, Crisis is Deemed Imminent.

COLOMBIA MOBILIZES LAND TROOPS

General Castro Decides East to Garrison Interior Towns.

IMPOSSIBLE TO SURROUND LIBERALS

Large Force of Venezuelan Soldiers Concentrates with Immense Stores of Cartridges and Mousier Rifles.

COLON, Dec. 26.—(Via Galveston.)—Newspapers just received here from coast towns in Colombia and Venezuela have much to say about the present status of the Venezuelan-Colombian imbroglio.

The gist of these articles is that each republic is still recriminating the other for provoking the war. The Venezuelans are still in possession of arms, troops, ammunition, etc., and the actual invasion of the other's territory in alleged violation of the laws governing the relations of friendly nations.

They set forth that the policy of Colombia is one of readiness to meet any emergency, hence she will make continued efforts to increase the number of her troops on the Venezuelan frontier.

The Colombian general, General Planzon, who is reported to have left here for Rio Hacha, it is reported from the interior of Colombia that there has been no recent serious fighting there.

Insurgents Are Defeated. The Colombian conservative General Castro considering it next to impossible to surround the liberal leader, Lorenzo, and his followers, who are now in La Negruta mountains, has come to the conclusion that the government's best policy is to garrison the interior towns in the neighborhood of the liberal's retreat.

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He is familiar with the Indian tactics of warfare used by Lorenzo. He has been in the campaign in the interior of Colombia, where he has been successful in driving the Venezuelans from the interior.

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CHAUNCEY DEPEW'S BRIDE

United States Senator Will Have Three Wedding Ceremonies.

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Special Telegram.—United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew will be married tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the United States consulate by Consul Van Buren.

The special dispensation of the secretary of state, Miss Palmer being a Catholic, the ceremony will take place at the church of Notre Dame Saturday at 11 o'clock.

The wedding in the American church at 12 o'clock where a company of sailors from the fleet will form a guard. The church wedding, however, not the consulate, is the legal one.

The bridegroom's witnesses will be James Gordon Bennett and Comte de Seres. Senator Depew is staying with Comte de Seres, his relative, near Vieux, granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt.

The bride is Miss Palmer, a Catholic, who is staying at the Hotel des Britanniques.

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SEVERE STORM IN THE WEST

Sleet and Snow, Accompanied by High Wind.

Spokane is Completely Cut Off from the Outside World—All Trains Are Outside or Less Delayed in Mountains.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 26.—Sleet and snowstorms, accompanied by wind which, at some points, almost reached the velocity of a hurricane, have played havoc with train and telegraph service in the northwest. In the mountains west of Missoula, Mont., the snow and sleet was blinding.

The storm is still raging in the mountains, all trains are more or less delayed, while telegraph service is completely prostrated. Spokane, Wash., so far as telegraphic service is concerned, is completely cut off from the outside world.

At Butte, Mont., the storm came from the east, the high winds by a force wind, being so thick that it was impossible to see across the street. The storm apparently extended clear through to the coast. Seattle, Tacoma and other points reported terrific wind, and marine disasters are being reported. High winds are reported from Utah points today and every indication points to a severe blizzard in the inter-mountain region.

Storm Reaches Salt Lake. SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 26.—The storm which has been raging throughout the northern inter-mountain country today, struck Salt Lake at 2:30 this afternoon with a suddenness and fury that was startling.

From a dead calm the wind increased to remarkable rapidity and within a few moments had obtained a velocity of fifty miles an hour, bringing with it a blinding snow storm, which raged with the fury of a blizzard for over two hours.

The storm came from the northwest, and although of comparatively short duration was one of the severest felt in this section for years.

No serious damage as a result of the high wind is reported up to a late hour tonight. The telegraph and telephone companies, whose systems were badly deranged as a result of the storm tonight, report their wires again in working order.

The railroad companies report but little delay in their service.

CONDUCTOR BLOWN OFF TRAIN

Body is Hurlled Into a Deep Gorge by Terrible Wind.

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 26.—Conductor Charles King was killed last night just before the line in Idaho. Conductor King, who had charge of the night train, was blown from his train by the fierce storm raging while trying to reach the caboose.

King had been helping a brakeman, and had started to the rear of the train when the disaster occurred.

King's mangled body was found at the bottom of a deep gorge, having been blown from the train while almost in the center of a trestle. From Fort Benton comes reports of the worst storm known in years.

Rip windows of the courthouse were blown in and other minor damage done.

STORM BEGINS SUDDENLY

Fierce Blizzard Strikes Montana and Rages with High Velocity.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 26.—A storm struck Helena this afternoon with a startling suddenness. The call of the storm was in a howling blizzard in almost a twinkling. The snow descended rapidly, while the wind raged. The storm lasted almost an hour and since then there has been a high wind. During the storm the wind attained a velocity of forty-five miles an hour. The storm came from the northwest and was general over western and central Montana.

Worst Storm of the Season

High Winds Do Damage to Vessels, Railroads, and Stop Traffic.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 26.—The worst storm of the winter prevailed along the coast last night and today, doing much damage to property. During the night two of the three barges used by the contractors at the Sylvia de Grande reef broke from their moorings and were driven against the railroad trestle in East Astoria. One of the barges was completely destroyed and the other was badly damaged. The railroad track was also damaged.

During the day shipping was tied up.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CARNEGIE

Labor Leader Says He Ought to Give Beef Instead of Books.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—In an address at Hull House tonight Ben Tillet, president of the London Dockers' union, who is in this country as the fraternal delegate to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, said:

"Andrew Carnegie ought to buy beef instead of books. If he bought his money more wages in the past he would not have so much money to give away now and his former employes would be in a better condition."

The audience was composed principally of trade unionists.

EDISON YACHT IS WRECKED

Vessel Carrying Relatives of the Inventor Said to Be in Peril.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 26.—It was reported from Beaufort, S. C., today that the gasoline yacht "Edison," in which the two sons of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, and his wife of one of them, with several friends, recently passed through Norfolk, enroute to Florida waters, has been wrecked on Cedar island, near Beaufort. No particulars came with the report.

THANK CARNEGIE FOR GIFT

Board of Estimate Citizens' Gratitude for Library Fund Donations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The board of estimate today adopted, in behalf of the citizens of New York, a resolution of thanks to Andrew Carnegie, for the gift of \$250,000 with which to build libraries in this city.

NAVY ADOPTS NEW METHOD

Will Use Wireless Telegraphy as Means of Giving Signals at Sea.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The Navy department has today announced the adoption of wireless telegraphy as a means of signaling between war ships at sea.

To this end Admiral Bradford has asked that the armored cruisers of the Pennsylvania class have their masts and rigging so arranged that the wireless system can be introduced. This will necessitate the lengthening of the masts of the ships and the insulating of the metal rigging by the use of hemp covering for the masts.

It is intended to get tests of instruments of the various wireless systems being operated. These include the Marconi system. Thus far, however, the Navy department has not adopted definitely any system, but the construction of the new ships is regarded as a preliminary step toward the adoption of a system whenever its practicability is fully established.

The British navy already has a number of its ships equipped with the wireless system, but this is the first move on the part of the American navy to make use of a wireless plan.

DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF WAR

Money Depreciated, Valuable Citizens Killed and General Exhaustion in Colombia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mail advices received at the Colombian legation speak of the deplorable financial condition of the country resulting from the rebellion.

Money has depreciated so that \$45 in paper money is equivalent to only \$11 in gold. Mr. Herran, the chargé d'affaires at the legation, said tonight:

"The rebellion is now practically over. There are now only scattered marauding bands left, probably numbering not more than 300 men. These are in the isthmus of Panama and the State of Tolima, but they are being wiped out rapidly. The rebellion broke out in October, 1899, and has cost the country the lives of 50,000 able-bodied men, the sinews of her population, and \$250,000, and has left the country in a state of exhaustion."

MILES RESUMES HIS DUTIES

General Shows No Disposition to Continue the Navy Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—General Miles resumed his duties in charge of the army at his office in the War department today. He said that he had decided to accept the situation with the best possible grace and will say or do nothing to continue the controversy. The incident will cause no decided change in his prearranged plans for the future.

BRIGHAM YOUNG IS SICK

Eldermost Son of Notorious Mormon Lies Critically Ill at Farmington, N. H.

SALT LAKE, Dec. 26.—A special to the Herald from Farmington, N. H., says that Apostle Brigham Young, president of the church of twelve of the Mormon church and the eldermost living son of the famous president of the church, is lying critically ill with a complication of stomach and nervous troubles at Farmington, a Mormon settlement near Farmington.

Young left Salt Lake about two weeks ago, and has been in the winter in Mexico and stopped over in Fruitland for a few days. He is 65 years old.

ALGER SAFELY OVER CRISIS

General Passes Crucial Point and Physicians Regard Recovery Certain.

DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Dr. Howard Longyear, one of the attending surgeons on General R. A. Alger, said tonight that the critical period in the general's illness had passed and that his recovery was practically certain, so far as he could determine at present.

"He has been taking some nourishment in the form of broth and he passed a very comfortable day," said Dr. Longyear.

SENATOR SEWELL SINKING

Unless Early Change Develops End May Ensnare His Physicians.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 5.—The physicians attending United States Senator Sewell gave out the information tonight that their patient is much sicker. Unless there is some improvement now very soon they believe the senator cannot last long.

The physicians late tonight announced that Senator Sewell's condition showed no improvement. He is quite weak, they say, and while he might live for several days, his condition is admitted critical.

General Senman His Relapse.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—There was a serious setback this afternoon in the condition of Adjutant General Senman of California, who has been in the hospital in the city since he was wounded in the Philippines. His physicians late at 11 o'clock it was announced that while they still had hope the patient was still in a critical condition.

WESTERN WRITERS' SESSION

Association Decides to Hold Next Meeting in June.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—The executive committee of the Western Association of Writers met at the Denison hotel this afternoon. The week of June 6 was decided upon as the time of holding the next meeting of the association in this place will not be named until later. For several years the meetings have been held at Winona, but there is a desire to change some other point this year for a meeting. Edward E. Eggleston, the novelist, will be invited to be a exhibitor in the exposition. Booth Tarlington will be asked to contribute a paper.

SHIPPERS THREATEN TO SUE

Complain of Unfair Charges by Railroads Handling Lumber.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 25.—Members of the Texas railroad commission met today from the Beaumont oil field, where they have been investigating a charge that the railroads were discriminating against the oil fields by not furnishing transportation for the product. It is said that several damage suits will be instituted against the railroads by shippers.

SHAW GRATIFIES PRESIDENT

Reveals Telegraphic Expressions of Delight Over Acceptance.

DES MOINES, Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Leslie M. Shaw was gratified on receiving at a late hour tonight a telegram from President Roosevelt saying: "I am delighted that you have consented to accept portfolio of secretary of the treasury. Have written."

This was the first official word the governor had received from the president.

Receiving the receipt of President Roosevelt's letter the governor has made no plans. He anticipates that he will be called to Washington, and if so will go at the pleasure of the president. "I have no plans," said the governor, "except that I assume that I shall fill out my present completed term of office. The inauguration of my successor will be January 15."

Governor Shaw began to realize today something of the prominence which has come to him by the new honors which have been made him by President Roosevelt, for he received the actual receipt of the message in this city personally and by telephone, and telegrams from other sources. While he still preserves the attitude of dignified silence in regard to the details and the tender of the position of secretary of the treasury has friends here who think the matter is all settled. As for the governor he is still busy with his biennial message. Had he known that this new honor was to come to him at this time, or had he contemplated anything to interfere with the work of his message, he might have been nearer a condition of being unable to finish it, but he had supposed there would be plenty of time and was not making unnecessary haste. In fact, all that has been done as yet toward making the biennial message is to gather the facts and statistics which form a necessary part thereof.

Little of the actual work of the message has been written out. The governor put in some time on the message today.

Review of Iowa's Progress. It is expected that the message of Governor Shaw to the legislature will be one of the complete reviews of state progress ever presented. During the four years he has been governor of the state great changes have taken place. The state was in debt actually far beyond the limits prescribed by law when he came into the office. The war with Spain and the necessary work of equipping four regiments of volunteers entailed upon the state a great expense with no funds from which to make good the debt. Governor Shaw co-operated with other men in securing the means to equip the soldier boys and the state maintained its place honorably. In the four years the state debt has been wiped out and the treasury is now full to overflowing. Governor Shaw has taken the position that he will conduct this ground fully and fairly. It is, therefore, a matter of considerable importance to him and to the state that he should have time to prepare his message well.

It will not be possible for Governor Shaw to take his new place until about the middle of January, but he will be ready then to take up his new duties. Beyond delivering his biennial message the retiring governor has no special duties to perform at the close of his term. He takes no part whatever in the inaugural ceremonies.

Safeguarding Wilson.

It was said today by confidential friends of Governor Shaw that he distinctly made it a condition of his acceptance of the treasury portfolio that it was to be with Secretary Wilson remaining in the cabinet. He authorized Senator Allison, who made the informal tender to him on behalf of the president, to state to the president that unless he would enter the cabinet without endangering the position of Wilson he would not accept. So far as it is possible for Shaw and the Iowa delegation to do so, the interests of James Wilson have been guarded.

The fact that the president has indicated that he will accept the position attached indicates that President Roosevelt has no fear of any consequences from placing two cabinet positions in Iowa. Governor Shaw would not do anything that would cause a sacrifice of Wilson, and by taking this position he has distinctly strengthened himself with the Iowa people. On the other hand, it is known certainly that Wilson contemplates an early retirement from the cabinet because of the embarrassment of two cabinet officials from one state.

Among the teachers that arrived in the city today there was a general expression of pleasure over the news of the selection of Governor Shaw for a cabinet place. He has spoken a number of times before the teachers' association and has manifested a lively interest in educational affairs. The men from the colleges and normal school of the state were greatly pleased, because Shaw has shown himself to be friendly to these institutions of higher learning. It is expected that Governor Shaw will speak during the next week, as he has been invited to do so.

Work Accumulates.

Governor Shaw was one of the earliest arrivals at the state house today. He had notified his stenographer to be on hand in order that he could dispose of his accumulating correspondence, which has grown alarmingly voluminous since the announcement of the selection of a second Iowa man to a cabinet position. Even the early rising was unavailing, for the entire morning was consumed in receiving the congratulations of friends.

"I have made no plans thus far regarding going to Washington," said the governor this morning. "I have a large amount of work here which I desire to complete before I leave the office. The appointment to a cabinet position will in no way interfere with the preparations of my message to the legislature. As far as that is concerned I have outlined from time to time the recommendations I intend to make, and the fact that in a measure I will be released from state politics will make no difference with what I intend to say."

Talking to personal friends this morning the governor said that while he appreciated to the utmost the honor that had been done him by the president, he was not particularly anxious to engage in the arduous duties of directing the financial affairs of the nation. He stated that personally he would prefer to again engage in his business and the practice of law at Des Moines. To all his friends the governor said that he should receive assurances that his appointment would not embarrass Secretary Wilson.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Friday and Saturday, probably Sunday. Cooler Saturday, Southwesterly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

MIND TIRED BEYOND REPAIR

Mental Condition of Admiral Sampson Pronounced Weak by His Wife.

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 26.—John W. Weeks of Champagne, a personal friend of Rear Admiral Sampson, has received the mental condition of the admiral is beyond recovery. The letter was written in reply to a note expressing sympathy with the rear admiral in the personal annoyances he has suffered in the controversy with Rear Admiral Schley. The letter follows: "I have no plans," said the governor, "except that I assume that I shall fill out my present completed term of office. The inauguration of my successor will be January 15."

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