

BRISTLE FOR BATTLE

German Warships Cast Anchors in Waters Near Venezuela.

BEGINNING OF HOSTILITIES IMMINENT

Internal Conditions Not P. of Great Results.

SUPPOSED PLAN OF GERMANS IS BLOCKADE

Object is to Prevent Introduction of Foreign Supplies.

CASTRO CRIPPLED BY DEPLETED TREASURY

Presence of North Atlantic Squadron in West Indian Waters Causes Apprehension Among Both Contending Nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The gathering of German warships in the vicinity of Venezuela and the presence in the same locality of many American, British, French and other foreign warships, is directing attention to the imminence of the naval demonstration Germany is about to make against Venezuela.

Thus far, the German government has not made known the exact details of its proposed move, the official communications to the United States being confined to an inquiry as to the attitude of this government on the question of a demonstration in view of the purpose of the part of Germany not to acquire any permanent foothold in Venezuela. The answer of this government was entirely satisfactory to the German authorities, who since have proceeded with the execution of their plans for coercing Venezuela. It is said to be probable that the first move of Germany will be to establish a blockade of Venezuelan ports, so as to prevent the introduction of food products into Venezuela and thus starve the beleaguered into submission.

IN DEPENDENT CONDITION.

Venezuela, it is said, is entirely dependent on the outside world for its supply of corn, which is a staple among the Venezuelans.

The Germans are expected to occupy one or more of the main ports of Venezuela, probably La Guayra and Maracaibo. In this connection most positive assurances have been given to the United States government that the occupation is to be temporary and only for such length of time as to enable the collection of the debt due to the Germans, thus disposing of the report that there is any intention of establishing a German coaling station on Venezuelan soil.

On the part of Venezuela, it is officially stated that President Castro has made known that he is prepared for any eventuality. There is complete silence, however, as to the defensive measures Venezuela is adopting, but there is no indication that she is laying mines or preparing in any way to resist an occupation of La Guayra or Maracaibo, which are such open ports and practically defenseless against the armament of Germany.

Need Meat More. Venezuela, it is asserted, has no need of outside supplies, and while corn is much used, in an emergency there are many other cereals which can be put to use. Moreover, the natives are said to be meat eaters almost exclusively, and to have no need for corn or outside products. With reference to German occupation of one or more ports it is thought to be likely that Venezuela will rely on harrassing the invaders.

The fresh water supply of La Guayra and Maracaibo is drawn from interior streams and lakes and these are expected to be cut off. The interior of Venezuela is regarded as safe, as it is said that it would take at least a year for German soldiers to make any progress through the uneven country against guerrilla tactics. There also appears to be much reliance on the part of Venezuela of the sentiment and sympathy which can be aroused in the United States against a European invader is actually operating on American soil.

Relies on Foreign Investors. Venezuela, it is understood, also relies largely on the fact that foreign capital is invested in the large Venezuelan ports and would be the heaviest sufferer from any destruction wrought by the Germans. Money from France, England, Germany and the United States has built up the larger plant, and the Venezuela capital, it is said, is at stake.

A German blockade, Venezuelans declare, will prove quite as onerous to American, British and other foreign shipping as it will to the internal interests of Venezuela, and these shipping interests are expected to appeal to their several governments. There are a few hopeful signs on both sides that a clash may be averted.

The German minister to Venezuela is still at his post, and there is hope that he may bring about a settlement.

Venezuela Has No Money. The outlook for a cash settlement, however, is rather gloomy, since Venezuela's treasury is empty, and all of the Venezuelan officers are on half pay. Another possible means of settlement is through the diplomatic offices of a prominent Venezuelan official now on foreign service, who has been summoned by cable to return to Caracas, probably for the purpose of going on a special mission to Germany.

The presence of the North Atlantic squadron and many other American warships in West Indian waters is the source of much speculation in Venezuela and Germany. The German officials are assured that the presence of these ships has nothing to do with Germany's plans against Venezuela, but at Caracas the presence of American ships in the neighborhood is looked upon with satisfaction.

FIERCE BATTLE AT HONDA

Revolutionary Leader Attacks Government Forces and is Repulsed—Loss of Life is Great.

COLON, Colombia, Dec. 27.—(Via Galveston, Tex.)—News was received here today that General Marin, the Colombia revolutionary leader, attacked Honda, on the Magdalena river, December 19 with 1,200 men. The garrison, consisting of 450, fought from 8 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. At 8 a. m. the garrison received reinforcements numbering 200 men. The battle started on the outskirts of the city and ended at Caracoli, nine miles from Honda. Bayonets and daggers were used. The government forces were victorious. Four hundred men were killed during the battle.

RAILWAY SUES THE UNION

English Company Claims Damages Against Society of Railway Servants.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—In the suit of the Taff Vale railway against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants an important trade union case, the plaintiffs filed a statement today, claiming £24,626 damages suffered through an alleged conspiracy and unlawful combination.

The plaintiff's claim, which is based on the House of Lords' decision of July last, is that it was not the intention of the union to prevent a trade union sued if, through its officers, it is a legalities, is against Richard Bell, M. P. of Parliament for Derby, and general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and against the trustees of the society as well as against the society itself.

The House of Lords on July 22 last reversed the decision of the appeal court disallowing the injunction rendered August 29, 1890, by Justice Farwell in the court of justice, which enjoined officials of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants from "watching and besetting the Great Western railway stations and approaches with a view to inducing nonunionists to refrain from taking the places of strikers." That action of the House of Lords restored Justice Farwell's judgment, the house holding, as it set forth in the cable dispatch, that it was not the intention of the legislature to prevent a trade union from being sued, if through its officers, it is guilty of illegalities.

PREFER DANISH SOVEREIGNTY

Natives of West Indies Set Forth Their Desires in Resolutions Sent to King.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 27.—A large assembly of the natives of the Danish West Indies, yesterday afternoon. Those who took part in it comprised representatives of the native, official and planting elements. Resolutions were made urging Denmark to introduce reforms and improvements in the Danish West Indies and to lift the islands out of the humiliations of the past. It was also set forth that the leading inhabitants of the islands, especially the natives of standing, merchants, planters and Danish subjects generally desired that the island be not sold, but that commercial, industrial and social reforms under the Danish flag be instituted. The resolutions express confidence that King Christian and his ministry will consider the demands.

The procession, which was headed by the Danish flag, marched through Christiansted, carrying 500 flags and cheering for the king.

TO APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT

Summary May Be Sent from Kruger to Present Boers' Case.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—As a result of a conference between Rev. F. C. Broekhuizen and the Boer leaders here, it has been decided to send C. M. Wessels to the United States in January bearing a letter from Mr. Kruger to President Roosevelt.

C. H. Wessels is the former chairman of the Orange Free State Road, or legislative assembly. He visited the United States in May, 1900, with Abram Fischer (leader of the party) and A. D. W. Wolmarans, and returned to Europe in June of the same year.

AMERICAN FARMING WAYS

Germany Will Send Agricultural Experts to Study Agricultural Methods.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The German government has decided to attach agricultural experts to the most important German consulates. The first of these experts will be sent to the United States, where agricultural developments are being more carefully observed now than formerly. This action is understood to be one of the results of the increasing use of American farm machinery in Germany, and the belief that the American system of farming on a large scale might be adapted to the prairie estates of Germany.

LEASES ENGLISH RESIDENCE

American Rents Ditton Park, the Home of Late Duchess of Buccleugh.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—W. Curtis Wakefield of New York is the name of the American who has leased Ditton park, near Windsor, for the coronation year. It is a magnificent mansion, surrounded by a broad, deep moat, which is crossed by a single bridge, through an embattled, arched gateway. A park of 200 acres surrounds the residence, which was the home of the late duchess of Buccleugh.

INACTIVITY MAKES RATE LOW

German Money Men Regard Easy Status Effect of Prostration.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—President Koch of the Reichsbank, in speaking before the central committee today, said:

It is not probable that the bank rate will be advanced owing to the year and demands, first, because of the strong stock market, second, because of the foreign exchange; third, the present low rate of private discount, and fourth, the slight demand for the West, ending December 31. Planners regard the present easy status of money as reflecting the business prostration and are making light rates on demand. Money is expected to be easier early next month.

KING RECEIVES PETITION

Danish Sovereignty Is Handed Resolution Against the Sale of West Indies.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—The petition without first submitting the matter to a plebiscite, referred to in these dispatches December 24, was presented yesterday to King Christian, the cabinet and the Rigsdag. It bore 450 signatures.

ACCEPTS KING'S INVITATION

Car Expected to Be Present at Coronation if Carina's Health Permits.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—It is said that the czar has accepted an invitation to attend the coronation of King Edward, provided the czar is in good health at the time of the ceremony.

DAWES MAKES A PREDICTION

Estimates Asset Currency Will Animate Next Presidential Campaign.

SAYS NATION NEEDS EMERGENCY FUND

Claims Best Banking System in the World and Says Would Be Morally Wrong to Make Change.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Teachers from the principal business colleges of the United States are here attending the sixth annual convention of commercial instructors, which opened its business session this morning. Four divisions compose the national federation. Over 200 delegates are in attendance. The business meetings of the entire body are held in the St. Nicholas hotel. The convention will continue until Monday.

A public meeting and entertainment was held at the Odeon tonight at which the principal speaker was Charles C. Dawes, former comptroller of the currency. Mr. Dawes spoke on "Banks of the United States and Their Functions in the Country." After a few opening remarks the ex-comptroller devoted his time to the currency question. He intimated that the fight of the next presidential campaign would be on the question of "asset currency," as strongly recommended by Secretary of the Treasury Gage in his recent report to congress, urging the passage of measures to enable banks to issue banknotes without the security of government bonds, but instead by guaranty bonds of 5 per cent of the assets of the different bank depositors to be secured by a tax of 1 per cent of the assets of all the banks that issue the notes; the funds thus raised to be used to pay the creditors of banks that may fail.

"There is no necessity for asset currency," declared Mr. Dawes, "and I have no patience with those who, by such measures, would undermine the financial stability of our country."

"We now have the best banking system in the world and it would be morally wrong to change it at this time. Ten years ago our banking was less than that of all continental Europe. Now it is within 12 1/2 per cent of that of Europe and England combined, having gained 120 per cent during that period."

"We want the purchasing power of our money absolutely good, whether the banks fail or not."

"What we need is an emergency currency which will help us out of panic, not to throw us into them."

A. S. HUMPHREYS WITHDRAWS

Reported that Judge Sent His Resignation to Department of Justice.

HONOLULU, Dec. 15.—(Via Galveston, December 27.)—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—It is reported that First Circuit Judge A. S. Humphreys is sending his resignation to the Department of Justice by mail. This is said to have been his intention for some time, but he declines to state whether he resigns or not. The judge has been holding court continuously since his return here from Washington.

The islands have been visited by a storm from the south, which was quite severe at some points and brought heavy rains to Honolulu.

No new orders have been received by Collector Stackable in accordance with the decision of the United States supreme court admitting goods from the Philippines free of duty. In consequence the collector refuses to release a large quantity of Manila cigars on which the duty under the old tariff would amount to about \$19,000. It is expected that he will soon receive orders, and that the cigars will then come in free.

AFTER THE NINTH INFANTRY

Detachment Finally Wins Out After Losing Several Men in Hand-to-Hand Fight.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—Captain Schoeffel, with a detachment of eighteen men of Company E, Ninth infantry, at Dapay, island of Samar, was attacked by a large force of bolomen. A severe hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which a sergeant, a corporal and five privates were killed. Captain Schoeffel was wounded, but not dangerously, and one private was slightly wounded. No property was taken. The enemy was finally repulsed with heavy loss.

POPULISTS WILL MEET TO TALK

Act Upon Proposition to Abandon Organization and Become Democrats.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 27.—The populist state central committee, meeting in this city today, decided to issue a call for a state delegate conference, to be held either in this city or Wichita before March 15, to decide whether or not the proposition of the democratic state committee, that the populists abandon their organization and become democrats, shall be accepted. When the call is formally issued a statement will be published detailing the new conditions which have arisen rendering the conference necessary.

CARGO BLAZING ON STEAMER

Captain Thinks Most of Ships' Load Can Be Saved from Ruin.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—The Japanese steamer Shania Maru, which returned last night to Port Townsend with its cargo on fire, arrived here today, where 107 passengers were landed and its hold filled with water. When the fire was discovered steam was forced into the hold, which kept the fire in check. Last night an investigation was made, and it was found that the fire had made its way into the hold. Captain says that most of the cargo can be saved.

SETTLE SUIT OUT OF COURT

Heirs of Mast Estate Retain Home—Settlement from Wesleyan Request.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 27.—The suit brought by the heirs of the late P. H. Mast to set aside the bequest of the Mast homestead to Ohio Wesleyan university was settled out of court today. The university relinquishes its claim to the homestead, which is valued at \$400,000. The university retains stock owned by the deceased, valued at \$50,000.

HIS ORDERS SENT TO OMAHA

Lieutenant Colonel David H. Wilson to Relieve Captain James B. Erwin.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Lieutenant Colonel David H. Wilson, Twenty-fifth infantry, now at Omaha waiting orders, will report to the commanding general of the Department of the Missouri for duty as acting inspector general of that department, relieving Captain James B. Erwin, Fourth cavalry, who will join his troop.

Postmaster appointed: Nebraska—Herman Schultz, Kilgore, Cherry county, vice J. A. W. Johnson, removed; William T. Mawhor, Shelby, Polk county, vice John W. Ballinger, resigned.

These rural free delivery routes have been ordered established in Iowa February 1: Orient, Adair county; sixty-five square miles; population, 1,000; E. A. Gibson and G. P. Dinkins, carriers. Walnut, Pottawattamie county; thirty-five square miles; population, 525; William W. Copley, carrier. Waucoma, Fayette county; area, eighty-two square miles; population, 1,625; Christian Willman, Lyncraig Cannon and A. W. Johnson, carriers.

The postoffice at Otisfield will be discontinued and Eden, Flak, Hebron and Saint Lucas will be supplied by rural carrier. The postoffice at Star, Marion county, Ia., is ordered discontinued. A postoffice is established at No. Big Horn county, Wyo., with Edward A. Pillsbury postmaster.

The condition of Omaha national banks on December 19 shows: Loans and discounts, \$10,760,893; gold coin, \$1,004,562; lawful money reserve, \$2,443,560; individual deposits, \$12,240,669; average reserve held, 27.7 per cent.

The Metropolitan National bank of Chicago and the Western National bank of New York were today approved as reserve agents for the First National of Pomory, Ia.

CHANGES IN BANKING LAWS

Minnesota Congressman Seeking Information Regarding Loan Provisions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Representative McCleary of Minnesota has addressed a letter to some 2,000 persons, those addressed being representative men in each state and territory in the union.

It has been suggested to me by several gentlemen interested in national banks and desirous of rendering them as useful as possible to the communities in which they are located that it would be well to amend the national banking laws so as to permit national banks in the smaller places, where the clientele of the banks is largely rural, to loan a portion of their resources on real estate security. If the proposition seems to you of sufficient importance to warrant the sending of such matters I may introduce a bill after the holidays providing for the amendment of the laws in the following questions:

1. Do you believe that such an amendment would be in the public interest? If so, why? If not, why not? 2. If you are in favor of such an amendment, where would you draw the line below those national banks that would and would not make such loans? 3. Would you make the capitalization of the bank of the population of the town where the bank is located the basis of such classification? 4. What is, would you grant a percentage of its loanable funds? 5. Suggestions running from 20 per cent to 50 per cent of its loanable funds? 6. Would you limit the operation of the amendment to rural areas? 7. Would you include town property? 8. Would you permit loans under the amendment to be made only on real estate? 9. Would you permit such loans as meet the approval of the local directors? 10. Would you require that all loans under the amendment should have the approval of the directors? 11. Have you any other suggestions as to the proposition of an amendment? If so, what? 12. Are you willing to have me quote you in the future in any of the answers you may make on the subject?

GO TO ATTEND NEELEY'S TRIAL

Chief Inspector and Postoffice Department Deputies Sail for Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Chief Postoffice Inspector W. E. Cochran, accompanied by a large number of postoffice inspectors, will leave Washington tomorrow for Havana to be present at the trial of Charles W. Neeley, former chief of the bureau of finances of the department of posts of Cuba, which will begin January 2. The party will consist of Colonel W. T. Sherman, inspector in charge of the Denver district, and the present chief of the St. Louis division; Captain William B. Smith, in charge of the Washington district, and inspectors A. R. Holmes, W. F. Fletcher, W. R. Keyes, F. M. Hamilton, John C. Cones and C. M. Waters.

King and Coates conveyed Neeley from Rochester to New York after his arrest in the former city. Mr. Sullivan was stationed in Cuba before Neeley's alleged shortage was discovered, and Hamilton, Waters, Keyes and Smith were there after the discovery. Holmes and Smith made investigations for the department in Ohio and Indiana.

DATE FOR SHAW'S SERVICE

Middle of February or First of March Likely to Find Him Filling Cabinet Position.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Shaw probably will not enter upon his duties as secretary of the treasury earlier than the middle of February or the first of March. The president is under the impression that Secretary Gage desires to retire about that time, and he has undoubtedly communicated to Governor Shaw the fact that he will be needed in Washington between those dates.

Notwithstanding the official announcements from the White House that Secretary James Wilson will remain in the cabinet, there continue to appear announcements of other men to succeed Wilson, the latest name to be mentioned being that of E. D. Burton, Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. Secretary Wilson has said he expected to stay in the cabinet and the president has indicated that he desires him to continue in his official family.

SCHLEY CHEERED IN THEATER

Admiral Appears in Public for the First Time Since Notable Verdict.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Admiral Schley and ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert occupied a box at the "New National" theater tonight to witness James K. Hackett and company in "Don Caesar's Return." It was the first time the admiral had been in a public place here since the verdict of the court of inquiry. The house was crowded, and when the admiral appeared he was given an ovation, the applause lasting several minutes.

MURDER OF NELL CROSEY

Coroner's Jury Finds She Was Beaten and Drowned.

BLOW ON FOREHEAD LEAVES ITS MARK

James Wilcox, Dead Girl's Sutor, Held in Custody to Await Result of Official Investigation.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 27.—Five weeks of worry and speculation as to the fate of Miss Nellie Crosey terminated today at 10 o'clock when the body of the dead girl was found floating in the river opposite her father's home. The body was discovered by J. W. D. Stillman, a fisherman. Upon discovering that the floating object was the body of a young girl, he immediately notified the coroner.

The body was found in a state of good preservation and little decomposed. The body was easily identified as that of Nell Crosey. The spot where the body was found had been dragged several times since her disappearance, but with no result.

Coroner Fearing summoned a jury of prominent men and called in three of the best physicians of the city to make a thorough and exhaustive autopsy to learn if there was any sign of violence on the body, but up to this time nothing official can be learned from the physicians, as they refuse absolutely to give out any information until after they make their report to the coroner's jury, which convened at 9 o'clock, after an adjournment at 6 o'clock without reaching a verdict.

The jury has been in almost continuous session since the finding of the body, and very much depends on the construction of the verdict as to what will be the fate of young Wilcox.

Great crowds are assembled in front of the Academy of Music building, where the jury is in session, awaiting the verdict of the jury as to whether the girl met with foul play or committed suicide.

Troops Called Out. Anticipating that trouble may be brewing for James Wilcox, the naval reserve have been ordered out to maintain order and peace and to see that no violence is offered Wilcox. By order of the mayor all the bar rooms in the city have been closed.

Wilcox has been removed from the coroner's office, where he has been since his arrest this afternoon, to the county jail for his own protection and a strong guard has been placed around the jail to see that no violence is offered him.

The family of the dead girl refuse to express an opinion as to the cause of the death of Nell Crosey. The mother of the girl is completely prostrated. She has watched daily, hoping for the return of her daughter alive, and the sad ending of her disappearance has completely broken her heart.

Wilcox apparently maintains the same indifferent air that has characterized his actions all the way through this case.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICIANS.

The report made by the physicians who performed the autopsy on Miss Crosey says:

The garments showed no marks of violence. The body fully exposed. The epidermis of face and head, together with hair of head, were pulled off. The face and head were swollen and sodden. There were no external marks of violence on head, body or face. There was a discoloration of a pinkish tinge on the front of the face with a slight discoloration on the back of the neck. There were no marks upon the front of her neck, except as made by the construction of her dress collar. An examination of the internal organs showed she was a pure girl.

The stomach upon being opened emitted gas and was found to contain about two ounces of dark fluid and solid substance, the solid substance presumed to be undigested food. The appearance of the stomach and other abdominal organs was normal.

The lungs were collapsed and free from water. The heart was normal. Upon the section of the scalp left on the head one inch above the hair there was found a dark discoloration of the muscular substance. The bone beneath this contusion was discolored slightly. There was no other abnormality in this part of the scalp, which was completely dissected.

"There was no fracture discovered at any point of the cranium. A thorough examination of the brain showed no evidence of violence."

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was as follows: "We, the coroner's jury, having been duly summoned and sworn to inquire into the case of the death of Ella M. Crosey, do hereby report that from the investigation, made by three physicians of Elizabeth City and from their opinion, and also from personal observation, said Ella M. Crosey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the left temple and by being drowned in the Pasquotank river."

"We have not yet investigated nor heard any testimony touching as to who inflicted the blow and did the drowning."

"We are informed that one James Wilcox, charged with same and is now in custody. We recommend that investigation as to his or anyone else's probable guilt be had by one or more magistrates in Elizabeth City township and that said Wilcox be held to await investigation."

GOODNOW FOR FISCAL AGENT

Consul at Shanghai is Recommended for Place by Secretary Gage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A Washington special to the Tribune says: After a meeting of the cabinet today Secretary Gage decided to recommend to the State department that Consul General Goodnow be appointed provisional fiscal agent of the United States with authority to accept the Amortization and interest payments of the Chinese indemnity from the Doyet of the diplomatic corps at Peking. No action will be taken relative to the appointment of a permanent fiscal agent until after officials have advised with Governor Taft, who is expected in Washington in a few weeks.

By an agreement among the president and cabinet it was decided to leave the selection of a fiscal agent to receive America's portion of the Chinese indemnity to Secretary Hay, Gage and Root.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair and Colder Saturday; Sunday Fair, Northwest Wind.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Temp. (High/Low), Wind, and other weather details for Omaha.

BETRAYS HER COMPANION

Woman Involves Associate in Murder of Husband Eight Years Ago.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 27.—The Helena police are investigating a story told by Mrs. Mary Hanson, which involves the alleged murder of her husband in Illinois eight years ago by Charles Buell.

The woman and Buell came to this city a few weeks ago from Iowa, making the trip overland in a buggy. Today the woman had Buell arrested for ill-treatment of the county attorney she stated that while living with her husband in Illinois, Buell and Hanson went out hunting together. Hanson never returned. According to the woman's story her husband was drowned by Buell, after the woman had witnessed the murder a few days ago, and upon the advice of the captain of the army, it is said, confessed the story to the county attorney.

ST. PAUL COW BREAKS RECORD

Milk and Butter Production for Seven Days Best in World.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—The world's record for a seven day's milk and butter production has been broken by a Ramsey cow. The new world's champion is Mercedes Julija Pieteria, a pure-bred Holstein-Friesian cow, owned by the Southside farm, near White Bear station. The official test which broke the world's record was made under the supervision of the Minnesota Experiment station and extended from December 17 to December 23. The yield for the seven days was 528 pounds of milk, which, according to the test, contained 24.47 pounds of butterfat, beating the former world's record by more than a pound.

The former record was made by Brown Besale, the famous Jersey.

COURTS MAY COME TO CLASH

Federal Judge Orders Destruction of Road and State Officers Resist It.

WASHINGTON, Wis., Dec. 27.—A clash is imminent between the state and federal courts over the order of the United States court to Receiver Frost to destroy the Washburn, Bayfield & Iron River railroad. Deputy Sheriff are now guarding the property by order of Judge Parish of the circuit court. It is rumored that Receiver Frost will shortly attempt to carry out the order of the United States court to destroy the property. Deputy sheriffs are patrolling the road and will resist all efforts to tear up the main track of the line.

LEAPS TWELVE HUNDRED FEET

Drunken Miner Jumps to Bottom of Shaft in Presence of Associates.

IRONWOOD, Mich., Dec. 27.—Isaac Westbrock, a miner at the Newport mine, committed suicide yesterday by jumping down a shaft 1,200 feet. He stood beside the shaft as his fellow workmen were coming to the surface, threw his overcoat and hat aside and jumped into the shaft before his friends realized what was transpiring. He was intoxicated at the time.

VAN SANT WILL BE ON TIME

Minnesota's Governor and Attorney General Go to Anti-Merger Conference.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—Governor Van Sant is making all preparation to start for Helena tomorrow afternoon to attend the conference of governors December 30, when the question of the merger of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads will be considered. Attorney General Douglas will accompany the governor.

DEFEAT THE PLANS OF CUPID

Aged Couple Revolve Their Decision of Marriage at the Altar.

PANA, Ill., Dec. 27.—John F. Kellar, aged 70, the wealthiest resident of Holland township, and Mrs. Sarah Canfield, aged 62, were to have been married today, but when they came before the minister they decided that they were too old. Mr. Kellar gave Mrs. Canfield \$1,000 cash and they parted good friends.

WALKS