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On September 27 Vice Admiral Douglas suggested to the admiralty that it would be necessary, in order to bring effective pressure on Venezuela, to blockade the ports of La Guayra, Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo, toward the end of November, and detain all Venezuelan gunboats "until the demands are complied with."

Lord Lansdowne, on October 22, said the blockade was open to some objection, but endorsed the seizure of the vessels.

In another communication, dated November 17, Lord Lansdowne said that Germany concurred in the view that joint action should be maintained until the demands of both governments were satisfied.

After settling with Germany the mode of procedure and the instructions to be sent to the naval commanders, Lord Lansdowne, on November 27, informed Mr. Haggard thereof, and gave instructions as to his course regarding the presentation of the ultimatum and the minister's departure from Caracas, which have been since followed.

Commons Dismisses Affairs. The House of Commons was crowded this evening when the Venezuela matter came up for debate. Henry White, the American charge d'affaires, had a seat in the diplomatic gallery.

Lord Cranborne explained that the papers were most voluminous and those issued today were only a summary. Great Britain had to perform police duty and to prevent Venezuela from breaking the law of nations. The United States took the sensible view that Great Britain's insistence that Venezuela should meet her engagements was not an infraction of the Monroe doctrine.

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Minister Not on Cruiser. ROME, Dec. 15.—The statement published in the United States today that Senator Devis, the minister of Italy at Caracas, had gone on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Buisan at La Guayra was incorrect.

In the Chamber of Deputies the foreign minister reviewed the causes leading to the Anglo-German action and said: "Italy claims damages for its citizens who sustained losses during the insurrection which has disturbed the republic since April, the Italian minister at Caracas having exhausted all efforts in being about a friendly adjustment, presented a list of claims reduced to a minimum of \$2,100,000 bolivars."

Castro Issues Manifesto. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The manifesto issued by the president of Venezuela is now being prepared for distribution here, says a World dispatch from Caracas.

"Another act of very grave nature on the part of the perfidious foreigner has just been committed against the city of Puerto Cabello, viz: The bombardment of that port by the combined fleets of England and Germany without any previous declaration of war or any failure of arms on the part of the garrison established by law for carrying on an act of force."

"No longer an act against the government and the people of Venezuela but against the general principles of civilization, the rights of nations who have valuable assets in that port, and who therefore have a right to be satisfied of the fulfillment of the necessary formalities in such cases, which were utterly ignored, and the rights of the widows and children of women and children from the dangers of the bombardment."

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MOSBY IS NOT OUT OF FAVOR

Secretary Hitchcock Takes Occasion to Compliment Him on His Work

MILLARD HOLDS UP MOSLEY APPOINTMENT

Congressman Burkett Takes Up Case of Alex Schlegel and He is Ordered Sworn Into Office.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Millard has asked the Postoffice department to defer action on the recommendation of Mosley for postmaster at South Omaha until he can have a conference with the postmaster general.

Colonel John S. Mosby is again in Washington, and today reported at the general land office. The sudden appearance of Colonel Mosby in Washington has given rise to the story that Mr. Mosby, because while the colonel was en route to Omaha, he had been recalled by Secretary Hitchcock, in order that he might be administered.

Secretary Hitchcock, however, today said that this was not true. "Colonel Mosby was sent to Omaha upon a special mission, with instructions from the general land office upon its completion," said Mr. Hitchcock. "The fact that he returns at this time is only an indication he has accomplished his mission and returns to report. Colonel Mosby has accomplished his mission and returns to report. He has accomplished his mission and returns to report."

Colonel Mosby will have a conference with Secretary Hitchcock tomorrow on several questions growing out of the illegal fencing.

Millard Denies Differences. A local paper yesterday states that there were growing differences between Senator Millard and Representative J. J. McCarthy of the Third district over the postmaster's appointment at Ponca, Mr. McCarthy's home town. Senator Millard, who was at the capitol today, after several interviews, said, in reply to the statement, that the Ponca postoffice matter as between Mr. McCarthy and himself had never been discussed; that he had announced to all candidates for the postmaster's office that he would first have to make the recommendation of Mr. McCarthy before any action of his would be taken.

While the Ponca office has never been up for consideration, still it would properly come within the terms expressed to candidates throughout the Third district in the secretary's official incumbent at Ponca expires next month.

Widow Stays in Philippines. The friends of Mrs. D. C. Montgomery, wife of the principal of schools in the Philippines who was murdered by ladrones, have been anxious to secure information as to Mrs. Montgomery's future movements and to arrange for her transportation to the United States. Senator Millard has taken the matter up with the War department. Today Judge Taft called the department that it was Mrs. Montgomery's intention to remain in the Philippines. It is thought here that in view of her failure to accompany the body of her dead husband to the states she will remain until the remains are permitted to leave under present regulations.

Schlegel Gets the Place. Representative Burkett has taken a hand in the controversy growing out of the appointment of Alexander Schlegel of Lincoln to a position in the territory's office in Idaho. Mr. Schlegel, immediately after the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, went to Porto Rico in a government capacity. After the termination of the war he returned to the United States and was assigned to the chief clerk of the land office in Boise, Idaho, to become chief clerk in the surveyor general's office at that state. The surveyor general refused to permit Mr. Schlegel to accept the position, and he was placed under the general land office. Some little time ago he was sent to Boise, Idaho, to become chief clerk in the surveyor general's office at that state. The surveyor general refused to permit Mr. Schlegel to accept the position, and he was placed under the general land office.

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NO FUNERAL PLANS YET Arrangements to Be Postponed Until the Arrival of General Fred D. Grant.

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CARS TO BE DISINFECTED Cattle Coaches Unloaded in New England Must Be Cleaned Before Proceeding.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Department of Agriculture will issue an order tomorrow requiring that all freight cars unloaded in the region affected with the foot and mouth disease shall be disinfected before proceeding.

The order will be made in the case of cars arriving at official abattoir points, where the cars may be unloaded and immediately sealed for forwarding.

DEAN CAMPBELL FAIR DEAD (Continued from First Page.)

not enjoyed a full meal during that day. These have been served always under his personal direction and have been followed by heart-to-heart talks with partners.

Home for Telling Women. In September of last year he established, on Eighteenth street, off of St. Mary's avenue, a home for telling womankind, the project being the outcome of frequent appeals to him for a place where those of small salary might feel secure and at home.

The spirit of broad brotherly devotion made him an advocate of fraternal organizations and he was a member of the Knights of Honor, the Royal Templars, the Knights of the Macabees, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Once each year he conducted a special service for such organizations, inviting them to attend in a body.

The contribution of the day was given to the poor, through misfortune, had been unable to support their lodge dues paid in full. The money was given them as a loan and when they had repaid it it was given to others similarly circumstanced, so establishing a perpetual fund.

Since in impulse of brotherhood, he was none the less attached to his family—a fact evidenced by the visit he made his mother in Ireland every year until her death twelve years ago. The dean crossed the Atlantic in 1870, two times, and set in frequently it was only to see her for such time as elapsed between the arrival and departure of his boat.

MORGAN FORMS NEW TRUST Through Partner Magnate Combines Harvester Farms in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—G. W. Perkins of the financial house of J. Morgan & Co. is said to have completed the details of the new harvester company today.

Mr. Perkins arrived in Chicago on Saturday night and went to the Chicago club, but his presence was kept secret.

YUKON INDIANS DON PAINT

Take to Warpath, Murder Two Men and Loot Store.

TRIPLE EXECUTION CAUSES OUTBREAK

Mounted Police Mobilize and Take Steps for Immediate Suppression of Insurrection of Hiakoos on Little Salmon River.

DAWSON, Dec. 15.—Keen excitement and apprehension prevail at White Horse and various points along the line of the government trail at the report that a band of Hiakoos Indians has taken the warpath between the Little Salmon and Petty rivers. A store is reported to have been looted and burned and the proprietor killed and another man fatally injured.

The Little Salmon Indians are said to be panic-stricken at the outbreak and are sending their squaws and children to the police detachment at Tanana, near the Yukon crossing, for protection.

Major Cuthbert has been fully apprised of the report by wire and has issued an order mobilizing the men in his command, and in case the news of the outbreak is confirmed will leave for Selkirk immediately with fifty men.

It is stated that 150 to 200 Indians are in the hostile parties, headed by two well known chiefs. At last accounts they were holding a war dance and had worked themselves into a murderous frenzy.

Trouble with the Indians in this region has been existing for a long time, because three of their number were hanged in 1899 for the murder of a prospector on the Little Salmon.

While Major Cuthbert is rather reticent as regards details, it is known that the news of the reported uprising and murder reached here yesterday morning from White Horse.

PAY FAIR WAGES OR QUIT

(Continued from First Page.) had to stand up all the time and received 65 cents a night.

Judge Gray appeared indignant. He asked where he father worked, and she told him in the mines, and then he added: "I would like to see the fathers of these girls. It may be a necessity to send them to the mills, but I don't think a father has a right to coin the flesh and blood of his children into money. It's an outrage. I would like to see what instincts he has."

His honor seemed quite angry as he spoke, but, though they remained silent, the other commissioners apparently shared his views.

Mr. Darrow said it was not altogether the fault of the parents as the employers were to blame for not paying enough wages to permit a man to keep his children in school.

Judge Gray replied: "That may be, but there are miners who receive enough pay to enable them to keep their children out of the workhouse."

A small Slavonian girl, aged 12, who also worked twelve hours each night, received 3 cents an hour.

She was asked whether her father owned the house she lived in, and she replied: "Yes."

Judge Gray, who was standing up and leaning over to get the girl's answer, straightened up at this, and as he walked to his seat, remarked: "Well, I'd like to see her father's answer."

Another 15-year-old girl said she worked all night in the silk mill at Dunmore for 66 cents a night.

Judge Gray—Does your father own his house? "Yes, sir; he's my stepfather."

"Is he your stepfather? I thought so." Judge Gray inquired as to the law in Pennsylvania regarding child labor at night. One statute was found which partially covered the case, and the chairman remarked that he seemed the statutes of Pennsylvania did not bother anyone.

Mr. Darrow remarked that the laws could not enforce themselves.

TOWNSMEN HONOR MITCHELL Present Him with Silver Plate and Engrossed Congratulatory Resolutions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, was given a warm welcome on his return to his old home in Spring Valley. The day was observed as a holiday and business was suspended in his honor. It is estimated that 1,000 persons took part in the parade that escorted the labor leader through the principal business streets.

The feature this afternoon was the presentation of two sets of resolutions, one by citizens and labor organizations of Spring Valley and the other by the Trades and Labor council.

The former was engraved on a large silver tray, part of a set of five pieces presented to President Mitchell, and congratulated him upon the success achieved for the miners in the Pennsylvania field. The other was embossed on aluminum and encased in a massive frame.

PULLMAN MEN MAKE DEMAND Ask Shorter Hours and No Sunday Work, with Offer of Strike.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Eight thousand employees of the Pullman company are preparing to support a demand for shorter hours and no Sunday work. Foremen in all the shops were notified today that individually the men would not report for Sunday work unless the labor organization of the Pullman company has never recognized any of the unions, and no recognition has been asked in this case.

Later it is the purpose of the unions to formulate a night scale providing for a slight advance, and submit it to the company.

Twenty different crafts or trades employed in the shops have been organized.

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FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTS

Ships Best Suit Soldiers and Service.

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He said the cost of the service as now conducted was about \$3,000 less than any of the estimates submitted by private concerns and it would be in the interest of soldiers and the service for the War department to operate its own line, even if it cost more.

Speaking of carrying private parties on government transports, he said the number was insignificant, and whatever abuses had occurred in that direction had already been corrected.

FIFTY BURIED IN RUINS

Many Injured but no One Killed in Collapse of a Roof in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The roof of the Pennsylvania railroad roundhouse at the Powellton avenue station, West Philadelphia, collapsed this afternoon, burying fifty men in its ruins. A number of injured have been taken out and removed to hospital.

Nobody was killed as a result of the accident. Thirty locomotives were damaged by the falling roof. Firemen succeeded in subduing the flames before they made great headway.

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FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Today in Nebraska and Western Iowa and Warmer Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Forecast: Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair, warmer. Iowa—Fair in west; clearing in east portion Tuesday; colder in central and east portions; Wednesday, fair, with rising temperature.

Colorado—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday, fair, warmer. Montana—Warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, fair in east; rain or snow in west portion. Wyoming—Fair Tuesday; warmer in west portion; Wednesday, fair, warmer.

North Dakota—Clear and colder Tuesday, except fair in extreme south portion; break to high west to northwest winds near Lake Michigan; Wednesday, fair. Missouri—Fair Tuesday; colder in east portion; Wednesday, fair, warmer in west portion.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 15.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with columns for Year (1902, 1901, 1900, 1899) and rows for Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation, etc.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table with columns for Location (Omaha, Valentine, North Platte, etc.) and rows for Temperature, Wind, etc.

Omaha, cloudy. Valentine, clear. North Platte, clear. Rapid City, clear. Huron, snowing. Williston, clear. Bismarck, cloudy. St. Paul, cloudy. Davenport, cloudy. Kansas City, snowing. Helena, clear. Bismarck, cloudy. Greatton, clear.

T Indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

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We offer our patrons until Saturday, the closing day of this sale, some very extraordinary price reductions in the highest class pianos made.

This "End of the Year Sale" was inaugurated to clear out a large number of "old and ends," as it were, some makes and odd styles, regularly in the future and odd styles, all makes.

We have going a number of these left which will go at nearly half price, but from now until Saturday the price inducements we offer in fine, new, up-to-date styles of Knobs, Kimbells, Hallet & Davis, Kranich & Bach, Mathushek and other pianos will be of special interest to those who want the highest class pianos in most artistic cases.

In our elegant piano parlors, second floor, you will find these handsome pianos all marked in plain figures, showing extraordinary reductions from the regular retail prices, to clear out at wholesale prices.

A pretty but plain golden oak-cased upright piano, worth \$185; our price this week, \$140. Payments, \$5 monthly or cash. A medium size (in height) upright piano, manufacturer's sample, made to sell at \$250; price this week, \$175. Payments \$6 monthly or cash.

A large size parlor upright, discontinued style of a distinguished manufacturer; former price, \$325; price this week, only \$198. Payments \$6 per month or cash.

A large cabinet grand upright piano, in a very handsome mahogany case, art or dull finish, one of Boston's favorite makes, former price, \$300; price this week, \$235, cash, or payments \$33 monthly.

Organs in good playing condition for \$18, \$21, \$23, \$25, \$27, \$29, \$31, \$33, \$35, \$37, \$39, \$41, \$43, \$45, \$47, \$49, \$51, \$53, \$55, \$57, \$59, \$61, \$63, \$65, \$67, \$69, \$71, \$73, \$75, \$77, \$79, \$81, \$83, \$85, \$87, \$89, \$91, \$93, \$95, \$97, \$99, \$101, \$103, \$105, \$107, \$109, \$111, \$113, \$115, \$117, \$119, \$121, \$123, \$125, \$127, \$129, \$131, \$133, \$135, \$137, \$139, \$141, \$143, \$145, \$147, \$149, \$151, \$153, \$155, \$157, \$159, \$161, \$163, \$165, \$167, \$169, \$171, \$173, \$175, \$177, \$179, \$181, \$183, \$185, \$187, \$189, \$191, \$193, \$195, \$197, \$199, \$201, \$203, \$205, \$207, \$209, \$211, \$213, \$215, \$217, \$219, \$221, \$223, \$225, \$227, \$229, \$231, \$233, \$235, \$237, \$239, \$24