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before the house committee on foreign affairs to urge action on a joint resolution, which he introduced, authorizing the president to propose to Great Britain and Germany that they submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration, the United States guaranteeing the payment of awards. He did not think the objection that this guaranty might establish a precedent should control, as other cases could be met as they arose. He expressed the opinion that the trouble would not end until the United States guaranteed payment. President Castro's proposal was inadequate unless accompanied by a guarantee by the United States.

Germany Minister Lands.
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CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 18.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—It is rumored here that Charybdis, a second class English cruiser which was engaged in the bombardment of Puerto Cabello, lost one officer and several sailors in the engagement by shots fired from the Venezuelan fortress.
The first report that the German man-of-war Vindicta had been damaged by fire from the fort is confirmed, but the injuries are only slight.

Interested in Bowen.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—No answer has yet been sent or decided upon regarding Venezuela's proposition for arbitration. The cabinet met this afternoon to discuss the matter, but possibly nothing final will be arrived at until tomorrow.
The question of a guaranty for the fulfillment of the decisions arrived at remains the great difficulty. In the government's view, in the way of the acceptance of arbitration.
The announcement that President Castro had entrusted Mr. Bowen with full powers to arrange a settlement was received at the Foreign office with much interest. The dispatch which contained this announcement was immediately taken to Lord Lansdowne and apparently conveyed to the Foreign office officials. It is a definite news that such action had been taken.
The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says Germany is supporting the claims of Belgium against Venezuela, which amount to \$1,250,000.

Italy is Not Worried.
ROME, Dec. 18.—Instructions have been sent to Senator Di Rivas, the Italian minister to Venezuela, who is on board the Italian cruiser Guiseppe Basani at La Guayra, to be guided by circumstances and the best measures to take, always, however, bearing in mind the agreement with Germany and Great Britain and the necessity for uniformity of action.
The general opinion here is that Venezuela will end by giving way to the inevitable. Much is hoped for the influence of the United States which, it is thought, will certainly be the power ultimately to decide the question.
Helm is Offered Venezuela.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Among the passengers who will start for Venezuela on the steamer Maracibo on Saturday will be Nicholas Hernandez, the 22-year-old son of General Jose Maria Hernandez, "El Mocho."
Young Hernandez is a compositor at the telephone office in Danbury, Conn. He telegraphed a friend that he would go to Caracas to enlist in his father's command.

Ecuador Expresses Sympathy.
GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Dec. 18.—President Plaza has sent the following message to President Castro at Caracas:
"Your government and people of Ecuador express sympathy with the government and people of Venezuela in the international conflict which has arisen between them. It is sincerely and honorably settled."
LA GUAYRA, Dec. 18.—The German cruiser Falko, which has been anchored for the last two days at the entrance of Lake Miraflores, today captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down the mainmast, she disabled it, the Germans abandoned the vessel.

AMERICAN FLEET IS READY
Dewey Keeps Big Ships Near Venezuela and Has Extra Stores on Board.
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SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 18.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Admiral Dewey's fleet holds every available naval base in West India waters. He has dispatched his most powerful battle ships nearest Venezuela and Trinidad, which is regarded as doubly significant.
It is believed that President Roosevelt knew of the proposed movement on the part of England and Germany and arranged the fleet of the United States in the Caribbean sea accordingly, and it is certain that the fleet took more than ordinary supplies upon leaving home for the maneuvers.

THINKS CUTTING IS A JOKE
May Possibly Not Be So Funny Before Brown is Through with It.
STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—E. E. Brown, arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill, had his preliminary hearing here yesterday and was bound over to the next term of Meade county circuit court in the sum of \$1,000. Brown is the crowd who cut up James Bullis at White Sulphur Springs, where he was arrested with a butcher knife. Word comes to the effect that Bullis is in a very critical condition and is not able to be up. There seems to have been no cause for the trouble, except whiskey. The two men had been butchering cattle and Brown gave Bullis his revolver, saying he might shoot somebody—such is the story. Bullis threw the gun away. Afterward Brown proceeded to slice Bullis up with a butcher knife and was laughing all the time. Then Brown left for Pierre, where he was arrested.

FATHER IS GIVEN DAMAGES
Sues His Son-in-Law for the Value of the Services of His Daughter.
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—A suit instituted on unique grounds has just been disposed of at the state circuit court by a jury awarding to E. R. Munger damages in the sum of \$4,000 against Olavus Olson.
The suit was to recover damages for the loss of the services of his (Munger's) daughter, who married Olavus Olson. Olson's wife is said to have returned to the home of her father since the father instituted suit against Olson, and a counter suit for \$5,000 damages has now been instituted by Olavus Olson against E. R. Munger because of the alleged alienation of his (Olson's) wife's affections. This suit is pending.

Watching Strike at Cheyenne.
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Union Pacific strikers here are anxiously awaiting the result of the conference now being held in New York between President Burt of the Union Pacific and Mr. Harriman. The local men feel confident that the end of the hotbed strikers is at least in sight, and that if this trouble is settled it will not be a difficult matter for the

blacksmiths and machinists to settle their differences with the company. A number of men who left the local shops when the walkout occurred and who secured employment on other roads have returned to the local shops, and will be on hand to take their old positions in case of an early settlement of the trouble. These men report that there is plenty of work in all parts of the country for skilled mechanics, and they bring hope and encouragement to the local strikers. All of whom could secure work elsewhere did they care to forsake their picket duties. In some sections there is a shortage of skilled machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths, and this fact, the strikers say, renders it almost impossible for the Union Pacific to get a sufficient number of desirable men to man its shops, for union men will not work where a strike is on.

WILL OPEN A NEW BRANCH
Traffic to Begin Over Union Pacific Between Cedar Rapids and Spaulding.
The Union Pacific will open a new branch of railroad Sunday. It is that branch extending north from Cedar Rapids to Spaulding, Neb., a distance of fourteen miles, which has been recently completed. Spaulding is a new station created by the construction of this branch. While small in point of mileage, the new line is expected to yield large returns, since it constitutes an exclusive channel into a rich and unexplored territory.
Chief Engineer Berry and Superintendent of Telegraph Kory left yesterday for Cedar Rapids and Division Superintendent Baxter is already there to perfect arrangements for the introduction of passenger and freight traffic, which will begin Sunday.

DEATH RECORD.
CONRAD ARMBRECHT.
DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Conrad Armbrecht, one of the old pioneer settlers of Dakota county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Lange, four miles west of this place. Mr. Armbrecht was born at Korb, Germany, August 1, 1818, thus being in his 85th year. In 1850 he was married to Melesene Haase at Hanover, Germany, she dying in this country in 1877. The same year of his marriage Mr. Armbrecht emigrated to America, landing at Wheeling, W. Va., August 6, 1850. With his family, he arrived in Dakota county on April 18, 1853, taking the prairie route upon which he died. Four children—William and Louis H. and Melesene and Mary Lange—all reside in Dakota county. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lange, a quiet, unassuming citizen and counted his friends by the legion.

NOTICE
From now 'till Christmas, Bennett's Cafe, 3rd floor, will serve a special Holiday supper from 5 to 8:30 p. m.
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LUNCHEON, FIFTY CENTS.
SUNDAY, 25c. DINNER, 75c.
Steadily increasing business has necessitated an enlargement of this cafe, doubling its former capacity.

SEEK TO SHOW VIOLENCE
Nonunionists Tell Tales of Riot and Boycott During Recent Strike.
JUDGE GRAY GROWS INDIGNANT AT ONCE
Calls Those Who Force Merchants to Refuse Sales and Men Who Discharge Innocent Parties Contemptible Cowards.

May Prevent Accidents.
RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Vice President William Daley of the Rawlins National bank is constructing a model of flexible tubes to be placed on the sides of locomotives, extending from the cab to the head-end, through which the engine-men can look when steam is escaping from the cylinders, rendering it impossible to look ahead in any other way. Thick glass caps are to be placed over both ends of the tubes. It is said that many accidents occur, especially during the winter months, on account of escaping steam at the front end of the engine, which is not practically track ahead. Mr. Daley will have the device patented, and it is expected it will come into general use.

OBSEQUIES OF DEAN FAIR
Sad and Impressive Services at Trinity Cathedral Yesterday Afternoon.
For the last time Dean Campbell Fair of Trinity cathedral was with his parishioners and his friends last evening, before among them to a plain, black casket shrouded with a blanket of white carnations and carried by six clerics of the Episcopal faith. It was a tearful leave taking, for his mortality had taken on immortality and was to be left to those about him only the memory of his inspiring words and his tender ministrations to the spiritually and the physically needy. At 8 o'clock his body was taken to Baltimore and buried from his old charge, the Church of the Ascension in Lafayette square, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

ST. LOUIS BRIBER AIDS STATE
Hoarding Case Proceeds When Judge Overrules Demurrer Raised by Defense.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Judge Ryan, before whom Delvages Sherburne, Denny, Albright, Herce and Gates are being tried on the charge of bribery, today overruled the demurrer of the defense to the joint information. The trial then proceeded with the testimony of J. K. Murrell, also indicted on the charge of bribery, who furnished state's evidence and told about the Sherburne franchise deal.
Murrell's testimony was a recapitulation of the well-known tale of the deposit box and the \$75,000, which he received at the other hearings. The testimony of Phillip Stock, legislative agent, was confined to the same subject and they do not vary from the story he has related heretofore. He counted the \$75,000 in court. After nearly every question asked the defense objected, and when the objection was overruled, an exception was taken.

HYMENEAL.
HAGNER-RAY.
SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Paymaster Hagner of the training ship Adams and Miss Helen Ray of Washington, D. C., were married on board Adams yesterday. Mrs. Hagner is a daughter of the late Commander Ray, U. S. N.
BLACKBURN-PARKER.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Edmund Spencer Blackburn of North Carolina and Miss Louise Lavan Parker, daughter of Colonel Myron Parker of this city, were married at the bride's home in this city today.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.
Few People Realize the Importance of Good Digestion Until it is Lost.
Many people suffer from dyspepsia and do not know it. They feel mean, out of sorts, peevish, do not sleep well, do not have a good, keen appetite, do not have the illumination and energy for physical or mental work they once had, but at the same time do not feel any particular pain or distress in the stomach. Yet all this is the result of poor digestion, an insidious form of dyspepsia which can only be cured by a remedy specially intended to cure it and make the digestive organs act naturally and properly digest the food eaten. Bitters, after dinner pills and nerve tonics will never help the trouble; they don't reach it. The new medical discovery does. It is called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is a specific for dyspepsia and indigestion. It cures because it thoroughly digests all wholesome food taken into the stomach, whether the stomach is in good working order or not.

A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY
GORHAM SILVER POLISH
Cleans as well as polishes. Does not cake. Is economical.
All responsible jewelers keep it. 25 cents a package.

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AT FACTORY PRICES AND LESS
Magnificent Stock to Select From and Prices Cut in Two on Many.
Payments So Easy, Prices So Low, That A1 Can Buy.
\$1.00 Per Week Up On Pianos.
Open Evenings, 1515 Douglas

FROM ORGANIZATION EMPOWERED TO SELL FOR ALL INDEPENDENT FIRMS.
PITTSBURG, Dec. 18.—The Associated Pottery manufacturers including 150 firms, today succeeded in reorganizing the National Association of Operative Potters, giving to its executive committee full administrative powers. The association will handle all sales of its members.
The agreement provides that no extra discount rebate or gratuity shall be allowed to any customer that would make the goods sold to him cost less than the minimum list price.

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