

PEACE PARLEY HALTS

Venezuelan Embroglio Seems as Far from Settlement as Ever.

MAY FINALLY GO TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Arbitration Negotiations, However, Preliminary Protocol of Terms

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Belligerent Allies Insist on Preference Over Peaceful Arbitration.

CASTRO MAY ALSO DEMAND DAMAGES

Blockade Has Imposed Injury on Republic and Bill of Costs Has Been Prepared by Bowen for Presentation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—No answer has yet come from the allies to Mr. Bowen's last proposition.

The British ambassador sent a long cablegram to Lord Lansdowne yesterday, stating what might be expected in case Great Britain and its two allies insisted upon the preferential treatment, blockading the other powers.

France Sounds United States.

There is reason to believe that the French government already has sounded the United States government, to learn how much in common there may be between their interests in Venezuela.

For instance, the United States, through a regular tribunal, the Venezuelan claims commission, has secured judgment against Venezuela for a considerable sum of money which Venezuela has been paying in installments.

These considerations are tending to draw France and the United States together in a policy that is likely to take issue with that of the allies.

Some of the minister of The Netherlands, called at the State department today and talked over the Venezuelan situation with Secretary Hay from the standpoint of the allied claimant nations.

If Mr. Bowen cannot adjust the claims with the allies the matter will probably have to go to the Hague tribunal.

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France Objects to Allies' Attitude.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The foreign office here received today lengthy official advice giving details of the rejection by the allies of the proposal that France and other countries receive equal treatment in the Venezuelan settlement.

After conferring with those in authority an official said that the French position is based on two essential principles.

The view is freely expressed here that the United States, France and Belgium are, in effect, pacific allies, as they did not resort to force against Venezuela.

PUSHES POLISH PROTESTS

German Reichstag Member Instances Many Cases of Unjust Treatment.

RAILROAD TURNS TABLES

Send for Discrimination, Claims Grain Dealers Have Also Conspired.

WANTS TO PROTECT INDEPENDENT MEN

Illinois Central Prefers Grave Charge in Defending Case for Failure to Fairly Paraphrase Cars in Mason City.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 30.—The charge of discrimination against the Illinois Central today brought out an allegation that the Illinois grain dealers' association has conspired to drive farmers' elevators and independent grain dealers out of business.

The railroad, in answering charges of refusing cars to the I. H. Curry Grain company of Mason City, Ill., introduced evidence to show that A. W. Lloyd, a former traveling representative of the Illinois Grain Dealers' association, had served notice on several members of the association, warning them not to transact business with independent dealers.

When he arrived at Vails he found Operator Clough standing in the door of his office. Clough said: "Is anyone killed?"

BIG STRIKE IS THREATENED

Seventeen Thousand Men Involved in Labor Trouble on Holland Railroad.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30.—Three hundred engineers and firemen belonging to the state railroads have joined the strike of the employees of the transportation companies.

A meeting of the railroad employees' union has passed a resolution to the effect that if the Dutch Railways company persists in carrying the rock company's freight it will proclaim a general strike of railroad and tramway employees throughout the country.

A body of troops numbering 650 is expected to arrive here during the night.

A conference was held during the day of representatives of the strikers and directors of the Dutch Railroad company with a view to arriving at some arrangement, but the meeting came to nothing.

The crews of steamers leaving Flushing this evening refused to sail if passengers arriving by the state railway were embarked.

RATES PORTO RICAN MAYOR

Attorney General Says Civic Conditions Are Without Parallel in Municipal Mismanagement.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 30.—Governor Hunt, in issuing an executive order yesterday removing the mayor of San Juan, Manuel Escudé, from office, said he was in preference of full civic conditions and official negligence and wrong doing.

Criminal action against the mayor is still pending. In the meanwhile there is excitement and consternation in certain circles at the firm stand taken by the governor and General Harlan.

WIRELESS NEWS FOR SHIPS

First Attempt is Made to Supply Incoming Steamer with a Service.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The first attempt to supply incoming steamers with a news service was made today, when Reuters' Telegram company filed with the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company 100 wireless news for the Cunard line steamer Lusitania, which left New York Saturday last, and which is due to arrive at Queenstown today or tomorrow.

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SHARP FIGHT WITH LADRONES

Night Natives and One Constable Killed in a Sharp but Decisive Battle.

MANILA, Jan. 30.—Eight Germans and one constable were killed in an encounter at Ormoc, West Leyte province, on Tuesday.

The fight was a hard one, but the constabulary ultimately won by a daring charge. One hundred and fifty ladrones surrendered at Ormoc the following day.

The bodies of the three American volunteers, including Mr. Osborne, a teacher, who was killed at Bolang, province of Zamboales, recently in a fight with ladrones, have been recovered.

Malanga, a noted bandit, who was among the enemy's dead, directed the fight. The Americans charged and killed him before they were surrounded and killed.

MUTINEERS MAKE CONFESSION

Alleged American Accomplice Denies Tale Pure Fabrication and Protests His Innocence.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 30.—The four seamen of the British bark Veronicia, accused of mutiny, were remanded today.

Two of the prisoners have made a statement implicating themselves and the others in the crime, but another of the accused men, William Smith, an American, declares his statements untrue.

TWO CORONERS PROBE WRECK

Hival Tucson Officials Claim Right to Hold Inquest and Accordingly Summon Juries.

THOMPSON TAKES THE OATH

Receives His Final Instructions Before Sailing for Brazil.

CHARGED TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS

Several Bills Pass the House for the Relief of People in Nebraska and Other Sections of the West.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.) D. E. Thompson, minister to Brazil, took the oath of office today, and will sail next Saturday on Kaiserin Maria Teresa, by way of Gibraltar, for his post of duty.

With Senators Dietrich and Millard and his sponsors the new minister was presented to Secretary Hay and the assistant secretaries with whom he will come into communication.

Tomorrow morning the senators will present Mr. Thompson to the president and beyond that he has no program for the day, except to call upon his friends in the department before leaving for New York on Sunday night or Monday morning.

Mrs. Thompson will meet her husband in New York next Friday, and sail with him to Brazil.

The house today passed Representative Mondell's bill to pay David Tweed of Lander, Wyo., \$5,000 for the loss of two feet as a result of being caught in a snowstorm while guiding a squad of soldiers from Fort Stanton to Fort Stanton in 1875.

Representative Clark today introduced a bill to increase the limit of cost of the public building at Evanston, Wyo., to \$175,000.

Representative Martin secured the passage in the house today of a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay Mrs. Clara H. Tulford of Sioux Falls, S. D., face value, together with accrued interest to date of maturity, on two government bonds owned by her which were destroyed by fire.

Representative Lacey today secured the passage in the house of a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to refund \$75 to the Bank of Colfax, Iowa, a sum collected as penalty by reason of delay in receipt of special tax.

T. C. Mungen, Lincoln, is in Washington upon private business. Collector Stephenson of Omaha is in Washington.

The postoffices at Sappa, Harlan county, and Day, Deuel county, Neb., have been ordered discontinued.

Rural free delivery carriers were appointed today as follows: Iowa—Albia, regular, Arthur N. Hickman, John Z. Bennett; substitutes, Charles S. Hickman, Richard Ingham, Joice, regular, Tallier; substitutes, Sever, Heyland, Talator, regular, Clarence I. Garner; substitute, Ernest R. Garner, South Dakota—Yankton, regular, Newell H. Hopkins; substitute, Julia C. Hopkins.

The Central National bank of Kearney, Neb., has been authorized to begin business with a capital of \$450,000.

A board of officers consisting of Majors Daniel H. Brush, William C. Butler, Captain Ross L. Bush, Twenty-fifth infantry; First Lieutenant Shockey, assistant surgeon; Contract Surgeon Preston S. Kellogg and Captain William H. Chapman, Forty-second infantry, recorder, has been appointed to meet at Fort Niobrara for the examination of officers ordered before it for promotion.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 30.—On charges of disloyalty to the principles of the socialist party five members of the executive body of the national committee were removed at the committee meeting tonight.

It was after a heated discussion lasting throughout the afternoon that a vote was taken and the quorum disqualified to hold office further. Their successors will be elected tomorrow.

The members removed all live in St. Louis and have been practically in control of the executive work of the party. They were charged with having attempted to fuse the interests of the socialist with other political parties and trade unions.

Members of the ousted committee say the principal reason for their removal was the fact that five delegates representing five other states objected to Missouri representing the controlling interest of the party, inasmuch as all of them lived in St. Louis. In the selection of headquarters for the ensuing year, Omaha was chosen against St. Louis. The committee meeting will continue until Monday.

CHARGE THEFT TO TRAINMEN Four brakemen on Union Pacific at Cheyenne Accused of Robbing Cars.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—A sensation was sprung here today when four well known young men, all employed in the train service between Cheyenne and Sidney, were placed under arrest by Chief Canada and his secret service men of the Union Pacific.

It is alleged that an organized gang of about fifteen men has been robbing cars en route between Cheyenne and Sidney. At first the officers were unable to trace the thefts, but the gang dispersed of many of the stolen articles here in Cheyenne and the peddling furnished a clue. It is said that two more members of the gang, who are well known brakemen, have been placed under arrest at Sidney. Deputy Sheriff Snow left tonight to bring them to Cheyenne, they having agreed to come without requisition papers. Efforts are being made to get the others said to be implicated in the wholesale theft and that arrests will occur tomorrow.

BANK BANDIT REVEALS CASH Says Money Was Given Him by Robbers with Whom He Was Not Connected.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30.—Jerry Richtmyer, who was arrested yesterday, charged with robbing the Steelville (Ill.) bank, was taken to his room on Pine street this afternoon and gave up \$315, part of the \$2,500 stolen from the bank.

Richtmyer declares the money was given to him by one of the men who robbed the bank. He has waived requisition papers and probably will be taken to Steelville tomorrow.

RAILROADS STOP COMPETING

Santa Fe and Rock Island Pool Their Business in the South-west.

FAST FLYER RAMS FREIGHT

Pennsylvania Trains Collide Near Hazleton and Two Men Die.

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 30.—The fast express from Wilkesbarre for Philadelphia and the Scenery railway division of the Pennsylvania railroad collided head-on with a freight train this evening near Hazleton, Pa., resulting in the death of two men.

The locomotives came together with a terrific crash. The freight train leaped over the top of the express car and plunged into the chair car. Passengers in this car were hurled in every direction.

The porter, Harry Hayward, was thrown against the roof, and probably fatally injured.

The hot coals from the firebox set fire to the chair car, and it was destroyed in a short time.

A relief train was sent out from Hazleton and the injured brought to the hospital.

It is said the engineer of the freight train in order to take the siding and let the flyer pass, but failed to reach the station before the passenger arrived.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Jan. 30.—William M. Clark of Plainfield, one of the victims of the railroad wreck near Graceland, died tonight.

The condition of Samuel McCarthy, freeman of the Reading flyer, is critical, and J. Everett Reighton of Plainfield, another victim, is in a precarious condition.

The death of Mr. Clark brings the list of dead to twenty-two.

GOEBEL SUSPECT GIVES UP Frank Cecil Surrenders to Charge Connecting Him with Governor's Murder.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 30.—Frank Cecil of Bell county, under indictment as an accessory before the fact to the murder of William Goebel, surrendered today. He was immediately presented in court, pleaded not guilty, and, by agreement, released on \$2,000 bail.

Cecil came into Frankfort secretly, by agreement with the commonwealth's attorney, and not more than a dozen persons saw him here, as he was spirited away after he had spent several hours in the grand jury room. Cecil was indicted in January, 1902, and has been a fugitive for a year.

SPARK FIRES MELLEN'S CAR Northern Pacific President Has Exciting Experience in Arizona.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Jan. 30.—President Mellen of the Northern Pacific passed through Prescott this morning in the private car Mayflower.

The car had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire on the way from Phoenix. While coming up a heavy grade a spark from the engine set fire to the end of the car and it was with some difficulty it was extinguished.

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