

THINK END IN SIGHT

Washington Authorities Believe Venezuelan Trouble is Practically Settled.

MINISTERS URGE ALLIES TO GIVE WAY

Send Joint Note Home Suggesting Compromise on Preferential Claims.

PROPOSE EXCLUSIVE PAYMENT FOR MONTH

Bowen and Other Claimants Ready to Accept This Solution.

MEXICO NOW JOINS CHORUS OF DEBTORS

Castro's Troops, Under American Leader, Inflict Severe Defeat on Rebels, Who Scatter or Die in Battle.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—There are as yet no advices from the allied governments respecting the nature of the next proposal they will submit to Mr. Bowen, but it is expected the note of Mr. Bowen, addressed to the British ambassador last night, will result in an adjustment.

At the British embassy today the most important conference that the representatives of the allies have held among themselves took place. As a result the foreign offices in London, Berlin and Rome are in possession of suggestions which, if adopted, will mean the success of the Washington negotiations and the raising of the blockade.

The allied powers have again requested to consent to priority of payment for a limited period on the equality of all claimant nations therefor.

Bowen Offers Compromise. Mr. Bowen has stated that he is willing that the allies receive preferential treatment for one month, and be placed on an equal basis as to time and proportionate payments. It is the conviction of one of the negotiators at least that this proposition is a compromise.

The feeling is growing that a persistence in their present position can result only in loss of prestige for the allies, and bad feeling against them, not only in Venezuela, but elsewhere throughout the Americas.

As a result of these considerations, it was agreed that a conference be held in London for a period of from one to six months. An answer is hoped for within the next twenty-four hours.

All Oppose Hague. The question of referring the one question of preferential treatment to the Hague for settlement, as suggested by Mr. Bowen, came up, and it was evident at once that the negotiators were all opposed to calling in the Hague tribunal except as a last resort.

The British ambassador raised the matter with Mr. Bowen during the forenoon and it developed that Mr. Bowen was no less anxious than the allies that the whole controversy be settled here and now.

Confidence that a settlement will be forthcoming at Washington in a short time is based to a considerable extent on the activity of Baron Stieglitz, who has given every evidence that he sincerely wants the matter adjusted without prolonging the blockade.

The president today received a call from Baron Stieglitz and the two spent half an hour or more in informal conversation on the Venezuelan affair. The president is most anxious that the blockade be raised at the earliest possible moment.

The French ambassador, M. Jusserand, made it plain that while France would insist on the protection of its rights it was anxious that Venezuela be also protected and would do all it consistently could to preserve peace.

Citizens of Mexico also have claims against Venezuela and that government has been asked to be put on an equal footing with the other nations.

CZAR INSISTS ON UNIFORMS

American Minister Obligated to Array Himself in Glittering Wearing Apparel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 3.—With regard to the curious custom respecting the uniform of the United States ambassador here, it is explained that the court officials have persistently pressed the uniform question upon several of Ambassador McCormick's predecessors.

These officials became insistent when the post-ambassador was at the embassy, and the czar insisted on the matter and carried out the will of the State department that a representative of the country to which he is accredited should conform to the customs of the country to which he is accredited.

REDMOND IS OUT OF JAIL

Member of Parliament Released After Serving Only Half of His Term.

DUBLIN, Feb. 3.—William Redmond, M. P., who was sentenced last year to six months' imprisonment because he refused to give bail for his future good behavior, as the result of an alleged incendiary speech at Wedford, was released today, although he had only served half his term.

I do not know why I am released, but I certainly do not thank the government, who have kept me in jail for three months longer than I deserved.

Mr. Redmond added that he stood by every word of the speech for which he was imprisoned and said there would be no real change until Dublin Castle was cleared out from top to bottom.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The remaining imprisoned Irish members of Parliament, William Duffy and John O'Donnell, with several members of the Land league, will be liberated forthwith. This amnesty coincides with the return to Dublin castle of the lord lieutenant, the earl of Dudley, and his popular wife.

It is stated that the cabinet council next Friday will consider among other matters the draft of the Irish land bill, which, according to reports, has been prepared on generous lines by Sir Anthony MacDonnell.

KING ABANDONS HIS VISIT

Physicians Announce that He is Not in a Serious Condition.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—King Edward, who is suffering from a mild attack of influenza, passed a good night and is making favorable progress toward recovery.

His physicians, who visited the king and duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth, have, however, been indefinitely postponed.

BIG SHEEP OWNER IS SHOT

Dynamite Used to Destroy His Camp and Kill Off His Flocks.

RAID IS CHARGED UP TO THE CATTLEMEN

Herder Who Escapes Brings the News to Thermopolis and Officers with a Doctor Start for the Scene.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Masked raiders used dynamite with telling effect among the flocks of William Minach, a wealthy sheepman, who ranged his flocks on the western slope of Big Pine mountains, about forty miles from Thermopolis.

Minach's herder, who fled at the approach of the masked party, returned and carried the dying man to a neighboring camp, and then came to Thermopolis for assistance.

WIFE HELPS CONVICT ESCAPE

He Goes to Supposed Friend for Something to Eat, Who Informs Police.

SEDALIA, Mo., Feb. 3.—Dan Kane, a convict who escaped from the Jefferson City penitentiary last Saturday, came to Sedalia on a Missouri Pacific freight train at 2 o'clock this morning.

A few minutes later, called at Hill's boarding house in East Sedalia, where he aroused Frank Hill, an acquaintance, and persuaded him to provide a meal.

Kane admitted that his wife had furnished him with a key which would enable him to escape and said the prison authorities were "easy marks."

STEAM CAUSES JERSEY WRECK

Dead Engineer Leaves Statement Explaining How Disaster Occurred.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Feb. 3.—The cause of the investigation of the recent wreck at Graceland, in which twenty-three persons were killed, began here today.

RUSH TO GET STEEL STOCK

Trust Employees Subscribe for 51,125 Shares of Billion Dollar Combine.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A meeting of the directors of the United States Steel corporation was held here today. At its close Judge Gary, chairman, gave out a statement in which he said that the corporation had ordered 5,000,000 tons, which is the largest unfilled book that they ever have had.

UNION MEN ARE ATTACKED

Waterbury Riots Take New Turn When Stones Fly at Strikers' Houses.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 3.—Riotous demonstrations by crowds in sympathy with the striking street car men continued here today.

The company resumed this morning the efforts to run cars on schedule time. Non-union motormen and conductors manned the cars.

BANK ROBBERS ARE CAPTURED

How Open Safe and Secure Money, but Snow Storm Prevents Their Escape.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 3.—A special to the Journal says: The First National bank of Cambridge was robbed of about \$10,000 at 2 o'clock this morning.

No trace of the money has yet been discovered, but it will be found shortly, as the robbers had practically no time in which to make any great concealment of it.

UNABLE TO CONCEAL PEARL

Much Wanted Missouri Fat Girl Enjoying Life in the Sunny Southland.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The principal attraction at the Elks' fair, held here recently, was Pearl, the 34-year-old girl, an infant phenomenon, who weighed 335 pounds.

MURDER TRIAL IN PROGRESS

Missouri Man Charged with Killing Father-in-Law Because He Refused to Endorse Him.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The work of securing a jury in the case of J. M. Robertson, charged with the murder of his father-in-law, George Conkle, in November of last year, began in the circuit court this morning.

TO WORK FOR STATEHOOD

Prominent Democrats of New Mexico Are Named to Go to Washington.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 2.—W. E. Hope, chairman of the democratic central committee of New Mexico, has named the following prominent democrats to go to Washington and work for the passage of the omnibus statehood bill: Ex-Delegate to Congress Harvey B. Ferguson of Albuquerque; Judge Napoleon B. Laughlin; E. E. Claves, Albuquerque; and J. E. Wharton, White Oaks. A fifth member will be appointed later.

SNOW AND WIND HOLD REVEL

Storm Extends All Over West and is of Unusual Severity.

LOCAL BUSINESS MUCH INTERRUPTED

Drifting Snow Prevents or Interferes with All Outdoor Traffic and Makes Travel Extremely Difficult.

Not in four years at least has the west been visited by a storm of the extent and severity of the one which swooped down from the northwest yesterday.

Interferes with Business. Omaha people had difficulty in getting about the city to attend to their business during the day and very few ventured out at night.

Railroad Traffic Delayed. There was a general lateness of trains into the city yesterday, but the delay was sufficiently intense to make the variations from the time cards of a serious nature.

At Burlington headquarters General Manager Holmquist had reports from all four divisions, the Southern, Western, Wyoming and Northern, showing that snow was falling everywhere. It was heaviest on the western division, Superintendent Campbell reporting from McCook three to eight inches over the division at 8 o'clock yesterday.

On the Union Pacific. At Union Pacific headquarters it was learned that the snow began early in the west, commencing at 2:30 at Grand Island, but at Lincoln and Omaha it did not begin till 7 o'clock.

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SNOW COVERS MANY STATES

Dakota, Missouri, Colorado, Kansas and Even California Share Storm with Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Feb. 3.—Nebraska experienced the worst storm of the winter today, and with tonight's violence has increased rather than diminished.

WATER POISONS A THOUSAND

River Floods Indiana City Mains and Spreads Sickness Among People.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Wednesday, Thursday, Fair and Warmer.

Table with 3 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Degree. Rows for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

BEALS SCHOOL HOUSE BURNS

Frame Building Entirely Destroyed by Fire Early Last Evening.

Fire which broke out early Tuesday evening entirely destroyed the north building of the Beals school, located at Forty-eighth and Walnut streets, together with the boiler house, which was located just south.

Flames were first discovered in the north building by a pedestrian, who was compelled to beat them back to the nearest telephone where an alarm could be given.

By using snow the firemen prevented the destruction of the south building. The buildings destroyed were both one-story frames. The schoolhouse was a four-story affair.

Fire started in the shipping room of J. P. Cook's rubber stamp factory, 1113 Farnam street, and burned contents of wooden partitions, causing a loss to building and contents of about \$200. There was insurance.

COMMITTEE CHANGES DATES

Fixes April 10 and 11 as Time of Republican Primaries and Convention.

To conform with the provisions of the Saunders-Gilbert city election law, which changes the time of Omaha's municipal election from the first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in May, the republican city central committee last night changed the date of the republican city convention to April 10 and the date of the convention to April 11.

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OMAHA TO HAVE HORSE SHOW

Society Organized with Ample Capital to Make the Enterprise Go.

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AK-SAR-BEN AND AUDITORIUM

Board of Governors of One Agrees to Help Board of Directors of Other.

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ACCEPT KANSAS LAW

Revenue Committee Finally Decides to Make it Basis of New Measure.

NEWS COMES FROM OTHER SOURCES

Members of the Committee, with Some Reluctance, Admit Fact.

SOME POINTS OF LAW SETTLED UPON

Creation of the Office of County Assessor is One of These.

CLERKS GONE AND DOCUMENTS LOCKED UP

Railroad Pluggers Have Legislative Head Fogged on Municipal Taxation of Railroad Terminals in Cities.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The subcommittee of the revenue committee plugged away all day getting in shape and putting on paper those sections referred to them at the meeting yesterday and last night, as published this morning.

The revenue committee, after having thought over the matter, no doubt has shelved the Nebraska revenue law and is using the Kansas law, as a railroad man expressed it, "as a method by which to proceed."

The subcommittee was not ready to report and consequently the committee did not meet tonight. In a typewritten interview issued in the Union Pacific headquarters at the Lincoln, N. Baldwin seeks to defend and to explain the action of his understudy in sending out letters to the country press, in an attempt to produce editorial comment in behalf of the railroads against the taxpayers, as was exposed in a letter published in the Bee yesterday.

The railroads have no newspapers of their own to present the case, and there is no one newspaper of wide circulation standing up for the rights of the country as against the encroachments of the large city. The defense of the country must come from the country newspapers.

While the committee of the whole was in session this afternoon, Representative Warner received word that his mother had died suddenly at her home at Waverly. Mr. Warner immediately left for home. This makes three members of the committee absent—Wilson, Douglas and Warner.

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