

AMERICAN VESSEL SAN JUAN HELD UP

Two Men Said to Be from New Orleans Taken Off Steamship by French Cruiser.

THIRD SHIP TO BE SEARCHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The State department announced today that the stopping and searching of three vessels of the New York and Porto Rico line by the French cruiser Descartes would be made the subject of diplomatic representations to France. The department received official advices today from San Juan of the incidents.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The steamer San Juan of the New York and Porto Rico line was held up and searched by a French cruiser while the steamer was bound from New Orleans to San Juan, according to a message received by the line today. Two second class passengers were removed. The San Juan files the American flag.

The San Juan is the third vessel of this line to have been held up within the last five days, the Comoro and Carolina having been searched off Porto Rico this week.

Passengers from New Orleans. The passengers removed from the San Juan were William Guntheodt and Fritsch Lothar, both said to be residents of New Orleans. The San Juan left New Orleans Saturday and arrived at San Juan early today.

A message from San Juan to the local office did not give the exact location where the steamer was searched nor the name of the French cruiser, but it is believed that the San Juan was searched late yesterday and probably by the Descartes, which held up the Comoro and Carolina. The message also failed to state whether the cruiser fired any shots at the San Juan, as was done in the previous case.

Manager Mooney of the line said he would not determine the question of making a protest through the State department until after the steamer Carolina arrives here Monday and he obtains full reports of the holding up of the Carolina and Comoro from the ship's officers.

Ship Searched by Descartes. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 11.—The steamer San Juan was held up by the French cruiser Descartes, which also searched the Comoro and Carolina earlier this week. Guntheodt and Lothar, who are described here as Germans, were taken off at midnight last night.

The Argentine steamship Pampe from Buenos Aires for New York has put in here, a German civilian on board left the vessel, believing that if he attempted to continue the voyage to New York he would be taken off by the French.

GRIDIRON CLUB GRILLS GUESTS

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and blue candy canes; which they waved quite recklessly.

Announcements of the loss of all of the army's chewing gum to a girl's school and the destruction of two wagonloads of chausseaux contracts caused great distress in the camp. Mr. Bryan then obliged with "Good-bye, chief, I'm through." Here is the chorus:

Good-bye, chief, I'm through,
I pray you'll not forget,
I say good-bye to you
With more or less regret;
I go to save the nation
With lecture and oration,
No I bid a fond adieu,
Good-bye, chief, God bless you,
I'm through.

As Mr. Bryan finished singing, General Gump, broke out into "In Days of Old When Knights Were Bold," and the entire company merrily. The skit closed with the singing of a strictly preparedness chorus.

Roosevelt and Rookies. The Gridiron Rookies sketch brought out Colonels Roosevelt, Harvey, Waterston and House, and Secretary Garrison, General Leonard Wood, Mayor John Furroy Mitchell of New York, Dudley Field Malone of New York, collector of customs; Representative Augustus F. Gardner of Massachusetts, Oswald G. Villard of New York, Mr. Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., as candidates for the army. Scarcely had the squad assembled when Colonel Roosevelt leaped forward and began to assail those who are trying to "Chinify America." As the examination for candidates proceeded, Colonel Roosevelt was asked if he desired to join the cavalry.

"I want to organize a gas bomb brigade," he replied.

"What do you know about gas bombs?" an examiner asked.

"Everything, why, I fired one at Plattsburgh."

"Did it do any damage?"

"It almost killed Leonard Wood."

Gardner's Clothes Steals. Mr. Gardner, clad only in a shirt and a barrel, rushed in complaining that Secretaries Daniels and Garrison had stolen all of his outfit except his press agent. Secretary Garrison, under examination stated that his idea of a hero was a man who stood on the administration firing line and permitted Roosevelt to shoot speeches at him. Colonel Waterston declared his belief that preparedness just now is a good thing because it will demonstrate that a single-track mind can run both ways. Colonel House was assigned to the household cavalry. Dudley Field Malone went to the Boy Scouts.

To prove that newspaper men in Washington are not handed information on a silver platter "four exhibits of raw material" with whom the reporters have to work. Mr. Bryan, Secretary Redfield, Senator James Hamilton Lewis and Secretary Tumulty, were presented in a sketch. Mr. Bryan said he had much news, but he was keeping it for his own paper. Secretary Redfield entered a general denial. Senator Lewis uttered many words, but not one for quotation. Secretary Tumulty confined himself to anecdotes without news value, chiefly concerning old days in New Jersey.

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REMARKED BEFORE ADJOINING THE "SENATE" THAT THE BODY NEEDED A PLUCKING BOARD INSTEAD OF A CLOSURE RULE.

Besides the executive officers, Senators Cummins, Borah, Sherman, James, Penrose and Oliver; Representatives Cannon and Mann of Illinois, Gardner of Massachusetts, Stevens of Minnesota, Rear Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, U. S. N.; Major General Scott, chief of Staff, U. S. A.; Hiram Maxim, a member of the naval advisory board, and David Belasco of New York were among the widely known guests.

PRESIDENT YUAN SHI KAI ACCEPTS THRONE OF CHINA

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to the monarchical system were first apparent in August last with the publication of accounts of a meeting of prominent men in Peking who formed an association to discuss whether a monarchy was not the best form of government for China.

The march of events followed fast. It was announced in Peking on November 11 that fifteen of the eighteen provinces had voted in favor of a monarchy.

Entente Powers Act. With evident anxiety the progress of Peking regarding the proposal to upset events in China, made representations to the republican government and substitute for it a monarchy. It was pointed out to China that such a step in the midst of the European war was not desirable from the viewpoint of the powers, as tending to lessen the stability of conditions and possibly lead to internal outbreaks which might ultimately endanger the peace of the Orient. Japan took a leading part in the representations.

China, however, was not moved by the attitude of the powers, answering them with a declaration to postpone the decision and assuring them that the government had been advised by the provincial officials that they would be able to maintain tranquility in event a monarchy was re-established.

The dissatisfaction of the powers with China's reply has been manifest, but apparently without avail.

Raise Fund to Resist. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 11.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association here, the controlling body of thousands of similar organizations in North and South America, announced today that preliminary measures to oppose the establishment of the Yuan Shi Kai monarchy would be taken at a meeting Sunday. He said the association had considered already the necessity of raising a large fund to further such opposition.

The Chinese Republic association, Tong King Chong said, has a total membership of about 500,000 in the Americas and numbers millions in its organization in China.

According to him, the association has named as its provisional commander-in-chief, Shen Chun Shen, former viceroy of the province of Canton, under the Manchu dynasty. Shen Tung Shen now is in Singapore, Straits Settlement. As leader of the opposition party he would be made provisional president, if the party succeeded in its objects, Tong King Chong said.

Asked to Go to Paris. Further organization of the association has been carried on in Central America by three men sent from here several months ago. They were Wong Sam Ark, Chew Yook and Ng Jit Sang. Recently they were asked to go to Paris to extend the organization there.

Representatives from leaders in the Straits Settlements was shown by Tong Chong, which read:

"Business about to start. Remit capital stock."

This, he said, referred to the raising of funds for the "work" in China. The amount to be raised has not been determined, but he said it would be a large amount. In 1911 the organization, smaller then, raised more than a million dollars.

Miss Ida May Swift To Wed Italian Count

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Miss Ida May Swift, daughter of Louis F. Swift, the packer, is to be married next month to Count James Minotto, a Venetian nobleman, who is engaged in banking in New York. The young couple were engaged two weeks ago, but announcement was not made until today by Mr. Swift. Miss Swift first met the count two years ago at a society event in New York.

DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Charles Weaver. FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Charles Weaver died at the home of her son, Myron B. Weaver, yesterday. Death was attributed to paralysis and general debility. Mrs. Weaver was born in Elmira, New York, December 17, 1843. She was married December 17, 1863, to Charles Weaver in New York. To this union ten children were born, seven of whom are still surviving. The body was taken to Alma, Kan., today for burial.

Uncle Joe Bliss Is Dead. FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—"Uncle Joe" Bliss, for thirty-five years a traveling man in northern Iowa, died suddenly at his home here Thursday night. He was 76 years old. He served in the civil war in the Twenty-third New York battery which fired the last cannon shot of the war.

Harry J. Benkleman. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Harry J. Benkleman, a wealthy mining man, son of John G. Benkleman, pioneer cattle man for whom Benkleman, Neb., is named, died here today.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Wyoming postmasters appointed: Foxton, Platte county, Mariot G. Howe, vice Mrs. Emma J. Howe, deceased; Sun-ties, Platte county, Miss Lillian S. Pascoe, vice Charles T. Sherbo, office regulated to fourth class.

Post Office Appointments. A letter carrier at Iowa Falls, Ia., Richard H. Smith of Dubuque, Ia., was appointed a stevedore in the Agricultural department.

Civil Service Examination will be held Jan. 1 for rural letter carriers at Oakdale and Neligh.

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GREECE AGREES TO DEMOBILIZE

Athens Dispatch Says All Arrangements Have Been Made and Decree Will Be Issued Soon.

ENTENTE RENEWS PRESSURE

ATHENS, Dec. 10.—(Via Paris, Dec. 11.)—The Greek government has made all arrangements for the demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

The French minister had his conference of this week with King Constantine this morning. Subsequently the ministers of the entente powers called on Premier Skoufoudis. It is learned on good authority that energetic representations were made for the purpose of inducing Greece to hasten action in regard to the facilities demanded for the allied troops at Saloniki. A decisive move on the part of the Greek government is expected momentarily.

The interview given by King Constantine to the Associated Press has been published here and has created a sensation.

"BILLY" IS READY
TO QUIT SYRACUSE

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absolutely honest and dead in earnest. I would rather tour the country as a second fiddle to him than anything else on earth. He is good company to go to heaven with. I want to hear him in a critical mood, but he converted me."

"Billy's" sermon for women only precipitated a brand new controversy which exceeded in bitterness any developed earlier in the campaign. Signed attacks in newspapers on Sunday's unvarnished language brought a red hot reply from the evangelist.

"Billy's" Hot Retort. "It is a lie, that story that I say things unfit for women to hear," asserted "Billy." "You in Syracuse who make such statements are liars and scoundrels. I will give \$5,000 to Syracuse charity, retire from the ministry and serve one year in the penitentiary if anyone who has made such a statement can prove it and not being able, will serve time."

"People who vilify me in that way are dirty, low-down black-hearted, unmitigated liars, and those who believe such stories are no better than ones who tell them. Let any man make such a charge to my face and I'll knock him down; at least, I'd try mighty hard."

Sunday will be put on trial before a jury of six Schenectady business men in Albany Street Methodist church in that city tomorrow night. Rev. Lewis E. Carter has asked six men who went on an excursion last week to hear Sunday to come to his church and as jurymen give their verdict of Sunday. The men were chosen before they had heard the evangelist.

Old-Timers Make Visit. "Billy's" program today was featured by a visit from five old timers in the sporting and theatrical world who called to renew old friendships. Among the quintet were three former ball players, an actor and king of the rowing coaches, Jim Ten Eyck. The ball players were Jay Faatz, who used to hold down first corner in the big league when "Billy" wore the uniform of the Chicago White Stockings, Al Buckenburger, once manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and George Gere, who used to leave 'em over for the Boston Nationals. Lev Benedict, famous minstrel, was the fifth member of the party.

Members of the Sunday party will probably attend the funeral Monday of Mrs. Martin Ryan, whose death occurred at the tabernacle last night. This is the first time a Sunday campaign has been marred by such an accident.

The first marriage to be solemnized in a Sunday tabernacle also took place here.

LAST CHRISTMAS MAIL LEAVES FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—American Christmas mail to Europe, the last of which was dispatched consisted of 3,550 sacks. The sacks carried, in addition to ordinary letters, 90,600 registered articles, 34,900 parcels post packages and 254,677 money orders. The money orders represented \$1,158,797, an increase over the Christmas mail for 1914 to 1,095,000 and \$1,467,704 in value.

The largest amount to go to any individual country, was \$1,560,590 to Great Britain. Germany will receive \$238,223. The mail dispatched today was shipped on the liners St. Louis, Kristiana, Jorda, Lafayette and Verona.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE PART OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) THE HAGUE, Nov. 26.—Woman's suffrage has been made an essential part of the government's program in Holland. A bill making suffrage possible through an amendment of the constitutional law of the Netherlands, has just been brought into Parliament.

The bill involves also other changes in the organic law. It proposes to extend the right of voting to all male citizens, who have reached the age of 23 years, and are not excluded by certain disabilities, "and also to female citizens, who have reached the same age."

It is stated that the passage of the bill will not of itself bring suffrage into being, but will only pave the way for it. A further revision of the existing electoral law will, then be in order, putting into effect the principle thus embodied in the constitution.

The new constitutional amendment also introduces proportional representation in the different representative bodies.

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TRAIN DITCHED NEAR DESHLER

Rock Island Passenger Wrecked on the Fairbury-Nelson Branch.

MAIL AGENT BARELY ESCAPES

DESHLER, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The Fairbury-Nelson passenger train on the Rock Island went into the ditch a mile east of Deshler at 6:20 this evening. No one was seriously injured. The tender jumped the track and the baggage car and smoker turned over.

Baggage man Tom Hull of St. Joseph was pinned in his car and almost burned before he got loose, smashed in a door and escaped with a few minor bruises. Mail Agent M. E. Raisten of St. Joseph managed to get out. Although badly bruised, he got out the registered mail. A valuable dog was rescued, but all

mail, baggage and express was destroyed, as the coaches burned.

Passengers W. M. Fintel and Henry Beckler of Deshler were badly bruised. The coaches were full of passengers. Engineer J. P. Mergen, Fireman Guy Sutherland of Fairbury, Conductor Charles Ransom and Brakeman John Orr of Fairbury were in charge of the train.

Volunteer workers and Deshler physicians responded promptly.

Nebraska Trims Kansas Debaters On Preparedness

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska trimmed the Jayhawkers again, this time in debate. For the first time in seven years the Huskers and their southern rivals met in intercollegiate debate and Nebraska won a 2 to 1 decision, speaking on the affirmative side of military preparedness. The Huskers were represented by S. C. Zimmerman, E. E. Carr and A. C. Swenson. The Kansas debaters were Rayner McQuiston,

Roy Dawson and Henry Shinn. C. J. Lee of Ames, Prof. Paul F. Lee of Grinnell and Jacob Vanderveer of Iowa were the judges.

The Nebraska who maintained the negative at Lawrence were Charles E. Schofield, H. Lincoln; Guy C. Chambers, law, 76; Sidney; H. J. Schweb, '16, law, '18; McCook, and R. B. Warren, law, '11, Geneva.

Army Officer Attempts Life. HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 11.—Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Bromwell, head of the Army Engineer corps here, shot and fatally wounded himself today. He died two hours after the shooting. Mrs. Bromwell and their daughter are in the United States, where the latter is attending school. The colonel was alone in his residence when the shooting occurred.

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HYGELA LAMB'S WOOL COMFORTERS, with fine cambric covers, pretty designs and colorings, 72x84, hand tied \$4.50

AUTO and LOUNGE ROBES, all-wool, 54x74, plain top and plaid back; a big range of fancy plaids at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 each.

Gloves Are Always Welcome

We have prepared for the holiday season the most satisfactory selection of gloves. Styles for every occasion. Colors and shades to suit every taste.

Trefousse—The finest French gloves in the newest pastel shades; also white and black, fancy stitching—made one or two-classes \$2, \$2.25

Washable kid gloves in white, oyster and putty, with contrasting stitchings, for \$1.75

South Aisle—Main Floor.

Bath Robes For Children

Colors, Cope blue, rose, cardinal, navy, pink and light blue. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Moderate prices. Third Floor.

The Fur Shop

Second Floor.
New Children's Fur Sets, at \$6.50 to \$10.75

Mink, Fox, Wolf, Marten—Sets and separate pieces. All Reliable.

Hand Bags

A large variety of the newest styles, shapes and sizes, in leather and velvet bags, to go with lady's street apparel. Main Floor.

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28-inch Switch of Fine Hair, special value \$2.63
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The Store for Shirtwaists

Second Floor.
A Section of Practical Gift Things—Blouses, Negligees, Kimonos, Petticoats, the Queenia Shoulderlets. Moderate prices.

The December Suit Clearaway

Continues this week. Attractive hand-tailored suits at prices wonderfully low—

\$15, \$24.50, \$35, \$45

Leather Novelties

—Traveling Cases fitted with ivory or ebony toilet articles.

—Collar bags and handkerchief cases of leather and suede.

—Combination cases for scarfs and handkerchiefs. Very practical and handy when traveling. Main Floor.

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