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RODE IN A DRIVING RAIN SCHOOLS OF PORTO RICO Mrs. Roosevelt and Children With Stand Comparison With Those of the President.

RAPIDAN, Va., Dec. 21.-in a driving rain the President, Mrs. Roosevelt and four of her children, accompanied by their host, Mr. Joseph Wilmer, went horseback

It has rained here hard and incessantly since an early hour last evening. Mr. Wilmer drove to the picturesque little
Episcopal Church in Rapidan to attend
divine services. The trip was made in a
big carriage capable of seating comfortably 19 persons. It was drawn by four
ably 19 persons. It was drawn by four
horses, Mr. Wilmer himself driving. Not

United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- The annual report of the Commissioner of Education of Porto Rico, Samuel McCune Lindsay, says that the poorest schools there are as good riding this afternoon. The party left the Wilmer mansion shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon and did not return until parts of the United States, although the everyday output of the elementary school cannot be compared with the best city schools of the same grades in the States morning the President and his family, and An American free public school now exists

horses. Mr. Wilmer himself driving. Not more than a score of worshippers braved the storm to attend the service. No refertence was made by the rector, Dr. Cross. to the President. At the conclusion of the stroiners was, in the orionary puote to the President. At the conclusion of the services, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt were greeted cardially by the pastor and the few members of the partsh, the introductions being made by Mr. Wilmer.

Owing to the severe rain storm the wild total population of the island. The report says that these figures show that turkey hurt for tomorrow morning has been abandoned. The President and his family will return to Washington tomorrow morning. The special train will leave Rapidan at 9 o'clock and is due to arrive the Washington at 11.25.

Result of Train Wreck in California.

### SEVERAL OTHERS MAY DIE

Escaped From Car.

CAUSE OF THE AWFUL ACCIDENT

Was Upon It Before Flagman Got Back Far Enough.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 .- The list of fatalities attending the railroad collision at Byron. Cal., last night is receiving frequent additions at the Southern Pacific hospital in this city, where 22 of the victims have been brought. At 10 o'clock tonight eight deaths were reported besides those killed outright. A telegram from Fresne announces the death tonight of D. J. Vernon, another of the injured. This makes the total list of fatalities 19. Other of the patients are reported in a critical condition. Tonight Richard Post, a medical student of the affiliated colleges, died of his injuries. He was on his way to Fowler, Cal., to spend the holiday vacation waen he received the fatal injury. Mimi Magowa, a Japanese girl, was so seriously burned that death came tonight to her relief. Every care and attention is being given the unfortunates at the hospital by the surgeons and nurses and but few are permitted to receive friends or relatives.

An inquiry is progressing into the cause of the collision. A new complexion is given to the origin of the disaster. Immediately following the meeting of the trains the theory was advanced that Engineer McGuire, of the Stockton flyer, was largeat fault, Today's developments place the burned and bruised engineer in a diferent light. It is acknowledged that the eak in the boller of the Owl engine delayed the progress of the train and when reached Byron there had been considerable schedule time lost. When Conductor William Dolan of the Owl, stopped at Byron he found a freight train standing on the other track and he sought to secure its engine to supplant the faulty one of the Owl. It is asserted that conlost in trying to arrange the transfer before the plan was found unavailing and then it was decided to send a flagman back to signal the approaching local. A significant statement is made by Wil-

liam Moore, a grain merchant of San Jose, who was in the neighborhood on business. At the time of the collision Mr. Moore was on a wagon road near the station at Byron. Across the open field, lying between him and the railroad tracks. he had a clear view of the local and the station. He says that he saw a man swinging a lantern on the track and there was just about the distance of two telegraph poles between the lantern and the headlight of the fast-moving engine. Takng Mr. Moore's statement as correct there was a very limited distance in which the flyer could be stopped. It is reported that it was traveling 60 miles an hour and would require more than a quarter of a mile in which to come to a halt. Both Engineer McGuire and Fireman Joyce have made statements in which they declare that the brakes were put on and the engine reversed so that the flyer slid along the tracks until it crashed into the standing passenger train.

The failroad company last night made every possible arrangement for the comfort of the injured and this morning all the sufferers were tenderly placed on a train and conveyed to the company's hospital in this city. On the way here Miss Mabel Vezey, Miss Mayer and Len Irwin breathed their last and Robert Renwick and W. F. Temple succumbed almost immediately after passing within the doors of the hospital, Tung Tia Gong, a Chinese maid, was the next to be placed on the fatal list and later in the night Richard Post and Mimi Magowa passed way. At 11 P. M., Carl Meyer, aged 7, expired, making the 20th victim.

D. J. Vernon, who was taken to his home in Fresno, died late tonight. His son, who was also among the injured, was reported to be in a state of collapse and

At the hospital at 11 o'clock tonight the statement was made that several deaths were likely to occur before morning. Mrs. Mayer, whose little son and daughter have died, is very low, and her other son, agout 20 years of age, is in a critical con-

The condition of Stella Howard, of San Francisco, is also exciting the apprehension of the physicians.

The Dead and the Injured

Ten passengers were killed outright, and the remaining 19 succumbed to their injuries today. Fourteen of the dead have been identified, as follows: ELIZABETH L. SMITH, Fresno, Cal.,

ROBERT RENWICK, San Francisco. CLARENCE D. OLUFS, Fresno, aged 22. LEN IRWIN, Oakland, MISS BIRDIE ELLIOTT, San Fran-

dsco, aged 22. W. L. TEMPLE, Oakland. MABEL VEZEY, Modesto, Cal., aged 19. RICHARD POST, Fowler, Cal., a med-

ORGE SESSIONS, Oakland, Cat., MIMI MAGOWA, a Japanese girl.

CHARLES OWENS, Fresno, Cal., CARL MAYER, 7 years old. TUNG TIA GONG, Chinese girl, of San

The unidentified dead include two Chinese, one Japanese woman and a Jap-anese child.

The dead were brought here this morning, and an inquest will be held tomorrow. Most of the corpses are terribly mutilated. This made the work of identification very difficult. The injured were taken to Oakland. All are reported recovering from their injuries, and no further casualties are expected.

Edward Joyce, fireman of the Stockton Flyer, in a statement explaining the collision, said:

"We saw the flagman's light ahead of us and put on the brakes at once. They seemed to work well enough, but we could not stop in time, and crashed into the rear The Wonder Is That Anyone of the Owl train. The engine went right through the car."

A revised list of the injured includes: Lawrence Hunter, of Eugene, Or., burns on head and face.

D. J. Vernon, Fresno, scalded, knee

D. J. Vernon, Jr., Fresno, serious Edward Joyce, fireman Stockton train calded.
S. S. Crites, Bakersfield, scalded.

Three Chinese women, badly scalded. George Washington, Owl cook, leg Ed Slaughter, second cook, head and leg Charles Harris, third cook, leg and head

E. Towles, fourth cook, head cut, leg

A. A. Sanderson, waiter, head cut.
C. C. Alexander, waiter, knee broken.
Miss Mary Baird, Fresno, hand cut.
Engineer Maguire, severely hurt.
W. Emily Mayer, San Francisco. F. Carroll, Sulsun, scalded carl Keller and wife, Florence, Cal. calded.

Richard Post, Powler, Cal., scalded. F. F. Eastman, Paris, Me., fatally in-E. Lee, of Louisville, Ky., burns on head and face. George Moka, Japanese, San Francisco, head cut. Lou Len, Chinese, San Francisco, scalded.

Description of the Wreck. Frank H. Short, a prominent resident of resno, who was at dinner with C. H. towell, editor of the Fresno Republican,

Rowell, editor of the Franco Republican, when the collision occurred, said, in discussing the wreck:

"It was indescribably awful. A young girl who was eitting opposite us with a young gentleman was hurled against me, her head striking on my nose and nearly breaking it. She immediately became hysterical, and Mr. Rowell and myself had to carry her out of the car where exerciting terical, and Mr. Rowell and myself had to carry her out of the car, where everything was confusion. Several successive jars occurred, the lights went out, glass was crashing all about us, the chandeliers toppled down, and the crowd was almost panic-stricken. As soon as we got her out we carried her forward and put her into a car, where she was taken care of.

"We then ran to the Fresno car, and there was a scene of the most terrible description. There were groans and shricks of awful agony, and the evidences of suffering were heartbreaking. Men were begging, appealing, swearing and groaning, and everything was in utter darkness. A fence was torn down and fires started to give light. Men were seen sticking out of windows, with their limbs caught in the mass of wreckage. Some had doubtless met instantaneous death, while others were horribly scalded and impaled in the were horribly scalded and impaled in the debris. On one side of the car the people d to be mostly scalded, while on the other side they were crushed. Among those penned up there were no slight injuries; all were either killed outright or seriously

"We immediately began the work of rescuing. With axes and saws, we made our way into the car and worked back along seats, carrying out the poor unfortunates. I think every person I carried out had a broken limb. The people in the train worked heroically, and everything possible was done to allay the sufferings of the injured. The special from Byron Springs bringing Dr. Davidson and Dr. Byrd, arrived promptly, and soon the in-jured that could be extricated from the lebris were made as comfortable as possi-

"In going around the car my attention was attracted by some one lying on the ground calling out 'Frank.' I bent over and saw that he was terribly scalded. I to say his name was Olsen. He managed to say that he thought he was pretty badly hurt. He was rational. I immediately brought Dr. Davidson to him, but he could not walt to see whether anything could be done for him. Afterward I learned that he was Clarence Olufe, and that he had

"The plight of the Vernons, father and son, was particularly harrowing. The father's body was sticking out of the car window, and he was begging to be rescued quickly, as he said he was crushing his son underneath. We chopped him out as quickly as possible, and then freed the boy from the mars of splintered wood and twisted iron. The boy was badly burned. The father's leg was broken."

In discussing the cause of the accident Mr. Short said be understood that the trains had each left Brentwood at the proper time, but the Owl was losing time. He did not think the period between the stopping of the Owl and the crash was more than three minutes. The man who went back to give the signal, he said, could hardly have had time to stop the Flyer before it was on the Owl. However, Mr. Short explained that he did not have a very distinct idea of time. The Flyer, he said, must have come onto the Fresno coach at nearly full speed. The brakes, possibly, had just been set. How the engineer and fireman were not killed crash-ing through the train is a mystery; they both must have lain down. It was a complete telescoping. The trucks of the Fres-no coach were forced forward under the diner, and the wheels of the engine remained on the track supporting the coach. The engine was completely covered by the shell of the coach, and that anybody escaped alive from the trap is a mystery. The fender of the engine tore into the rear of the dining-car, injuring those in

### SORROW IN FRESNO.

Vietims of the Wreck Were Well Known There.

Itnly Favors The Hague Court. FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 21.-A pall of sad ness hangs over Fresno today. In many homes where preparations had been made for "a merry Christmas and a happy New Year" desolation reigns. The raisin cen-ter was the home of many of those who were killed and injured in the wreck of the Owl at Byron last night. everybody knew one or more of the vic-tims, and the city is in mourning. The news of the death of Clarence Olufs was one of Fresno's most popular young men. His parents are prominent in a business and social way. He worked for a number ticipation in the blockade of Venezuela. of years in one of the local banks, and at

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Wishes Roosevelt to Be Arbitrator.

## LONDON EMBASSIES BUSY

Much Secrecy There and at Washington.

TALY LIKES THE HAGUE COURT

Impression is Strong That Best Way Out of Difficulty Is to Leave the Controversy With President of United States.

CARACAS, Dec. 21 .- In the name of Venezuela, President Castro has signed the acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venexuelan difficulty.

EMBASSIES WERE BUSY. Helief in Loudon Was That

Roosevelt Would Accept. LONDON, Dec. 21.-It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan issues has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but such indications as are obtainable point to President Roosevelt's aceptance of the office of arbitrator.

A constant interchange of cablegrams is proceeding night and day between the United States Embassy here and the State Department at Washington. It is believed that the President's answer will be submitted formally to the Foreign Office tomorrow. By Wednesday, unless some un. expected complications arise, it is believed the negotiations will reach a stage assuring a definite arrangement and obviating hostilities. It must be said that the acceptance of

the office of arbitrator by President Rooseveit would greatly surprise the Foreign Office, which always has been doubtful of the issue of the arbitration negotiations on account of the belief that President Roosevelt, of the United States, was not willing to undertake the responsibility thereby involved.

Judging from private American advices which have been received in London, President Roosevelt, as arbitrator, would be favorably disposed to the te adoption of some such method as was arranged with the Venezuelan secret mission and communicated to the State Department by Isaac Seligman. With President Roosevelt acting as ar-

bitrator the aerious objections in the matter of guarantees, which frequently have been mentioned at the Foreign Office and in these dispatches, would disappear. The Foreign Office has repeatedly said that the great difficulty in its seeing a way to agree to a pacific settlement of the Venezuelan trouble was its inability to ascertain to what extent the United States was willing to assume responsibility.

In spite of the fact that Sunday is usually observed as sacred in London's diplomatic circles, today has been marked by activity at all the embassies, and especially the American, where work was in progress all last night. The promptness with which Washington deals with those vital matters concerning which prolix pur parleurs have been interchanged in Europe astonishes diplomats here and forms an interesting phase of an engrossing sit.

#### WASHINGTON ALSO SECRETIVE. Nothing for Public Announcement but Business Is Doing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- Officials of the State Department announced tonight that there was nothing to make public regarding the latest phases of the Venezuelar imbroglio. Such dispatches from the American Embassies in Europe and from Minister Bowen, at Caracas, regarding Venezuelan matters, as came to Washington were of a confidential character, concerning the nature of which it was impossible to ascertain anything. It is believed there has been no change of importance since yesterday, when the State Department stated that, in response to President Roosevelt's suggestion to the allies that The Hague tribunal arbitrate the issues the European governments suggested that the President himself act in the capacity of arbitrator. While reluctant to take up the role of mediator, the President would do so rather than see the unfortunate state of affairs now existing prolonged indefinitely.

Although the President was absent from Washington today he was in telegraphic communication with the officials here, but there were no definite developments today so far as could be learned, and it may be a day or two before the European governments reply to our suggestion again urg ing arbitration under The Hague treaty.

ROME, Dec. 21 .- It has been learned here that one of the ailies at present contemplates submitting the Venezuelan difficulty to The Hague Court. The Venezuelan situation was fully discussed by King Victor Emanuel and Foreign Minister Prinetti at their semi-weekly conference this morning, and much satisfaction with the more peaceful turn of events was expressed. Signor Prinetti has officially notified Ambassador Meyer of Italy's par-

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—It has been learned

here that the governments of Germany and Great Britain have adopted detailed answers to the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan issues. These communications will be handed to Ambassador Tower here and to Charge d'Affaires White in London tomorrow. The correspondent of the Associated Press has learned further that the German answer agrees in all substantial effects with the British answer, and makes no separate reservations in behalf of the German cause.

GOING AHEAD WITH BLOCKADE. Allfed Fleets on Daty-Affairs on

Venezuelan Coast. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 21.— The blockade of Venezuelan ports was begun with an effective force at midnight last night. The British have the cruisers Indefa dgable, Alert and Tribune, the special service steamer Columbine and the cial service steamer Columbine and the tecpedo-boat destroyer Rocket along the coast. The cruiser Orladne, the flagship of Vice-Admiral Douglas, is here, and will remain. All the British operations will be directed from Trinidad.

The cruiser Vineta, the German flagship, left here this morning for La Guayra to reinforce the German cruisers Gazelle, Panther and Falke and the training-ship Stosch. The Charlotte, another training-

Stosch. The Charlotte, another training-ship, left here for St. Lucia, her presence on the blockade apparently being un-

necessary.

It is reported here that Mr. Haggard.
British Minister to Venezuela, has said
that Great Britain acted only after great
provocation, and that the whole world
must approve of what she did. The climax to Angle-Venezuelan relations was reached when a Venezuelan gunboat cap-tured a British merchantman on the high seas, shipped her crew and valuables and landed them at Margarita Island. Then Great Britain determined to act. Mr. Haggard and the German representative, Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, are said to have left Caracas secretly, in fear that they might be held as hostages by President Castro.
The United States battle-ships Kear-

sarge and Alabama arrived here this afternoon. Their appearance provoked considerable comment on shore, but when Admiral Higginson called upon the acting Governor of Trinidad and the commander of the British ships, he took ocmander of the British ships, he took occasion to expiain that the visit to this
port of the American men-of-war was
part of the Winter trip of the squadron.
As the American vessels entered the harbor, the Charlotte saluted Admiral Higginson's fleet, a courtesy which was also
extended by the British ships. The salutes were returned. The Kearsarge and
Alabama are anchored outside the British warships, which are guarding four ish warshipa, which are guarding four Venezuelan vessels, none of which files either the British or Venezuelan flag. The Restaurador, which was captured from Venezuela by the Germans, flies the German flag, and is used by them for a dispatch-boat. General Ferreras, who represents the Venezuelan revolutionists at Ciudad Bolivar, has collected \$350,000 in duties since the Venezuelan blockade of the Orinoco was raised. Of this sum \$75,000 has been used to repay money bor-rowed from merchants. General Ferreras

has sent a large order for munitions of war to Port of Spain.

Relative to the statement published in the United States that Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco, has been captured by Venezuelan revolutionists under General Matos, the fact is, that Ciudad Bolivar has been in the presented of the security of the presented of the security o been in the possession of the revolution-ists for several months past. General Matos is at Willemstad, Cur-

acao, today. GERMANY'S SHREWD GAME. Trying to Force Our Hand on the

Monroe Doctrine.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—Colonel William

Scrugge, of Atlanta, United States Min-Venezuela from 1889 to 1893 and 

"It is undobutedly Germany's design to see how far she can go without becoming nvolved in actual warfare with the United States. In effect she wants to force our hand on the Monroe Doctrine and make us eay whether we are willing to modify it or to assume responsibility for the acts of the country that are, to a certain extent, under our protection. This is already apparent in the query as to whether the United States will assume the responsi-bility of making Venezuela comply with the findings of arbitration in case it is against that country. I think England is sincere in her desire simply to collect a debt, but there is every evidence that Germany has other objects in view.
"While, in my opinion, the Monroe Doc

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Marconi Sent Messages Across Ocean.

#### **CAPE BRETON TO CORNWALL**

Experiment Is Pronounced Entirely Successful.

#### INVENTOR IS CONGRATULATED

King of Britain and Governor-General of Canada Exchange Communications-Also Message to the London Times.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- The following dispatch from Marconi, dated Glace Bay. N. S., December 21, has been received by

the Associated Press: "I beg to inform you, for circulation, that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England, with complete success. Inauguratory messages, including one from the Governor-General of Canada to King Edward VII, have already been transmitted and forwarded to the Kings of England and Italy. A message to the London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P.

### "G. MARCONI."

Text of the Message. LONDON, Dec. 21 .- The London Times onfirms the receipt of a message by wireless telegraphy from Marconi at Cape The text of the wireless message from the Times correspondent, which was transmitted from Glace Bay,

N. S., to Polhu, Cornwall, is as follows: "Being present at its transmission in Signor Marconi's Canadian station, I have the honor to send, through the Times, the inventor's first wireless trans-Atlantic message of greeting to England and

Exchanged Compliments. OTTAWA. Ont., Dec. 21.-The following message, received by Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada, from Marconi

today. chows that wireless trans-Atlantic telegraphy is a success: "Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 21, 1902.-His Excellency, the Governor-General, Government House, Ottawa: Have the honor to inform Your Excellency that your message has been transmitted by me from

Lord Minto telegraphed Marconi as fol-"Delighted at your message, just received. Warmest congratulations on your splendid success.

Hon. W. S. Fielding sent a telegram of congratulation to Marconi tonight, and Sir Richard Cartwright, Acting Premier, has cabled to England, congratulating the British people on the new method of com. munication between the two countries.

### EXPERIMENTS SUCCESSFUL.

Messages Between King and Governor-General-Previous Work. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 21 .- After eight experiments conducted with the greatest secrecy, Marconi announces that he has solved the problem of wireless transoceanic communication, and has successfully transmitted wireless messages from the shores of Canada to the coast of England. The formal announcement of this achievement was made by the inventor himself today, when he stated that wireless messages had been successfully transmitted and forwarded from the Governor-General of Canada to King Edward VII of Great Britain and to the King of Italy. Dr. George R. Parkin, principal of

Upper Canada College, trustee of the

Rhodes scholarships, was present when one of the successful tests was made. Prior to December, 1901, the greatest distanco covered by wireless telegraph scarcely exceeded 100 miles. Early in that year Marconi visited Newfoundland, and from Signal Hill commenced experiments with Cornwall, and on December 12 and 13 of that year faint signals of the letter "S," repeated several times, were caught by ear only with the aid of telephones. Later on Marconi, on the steamship Philadelphia, bound for America, succeeded in establishing communication with Cornwall, a distance of 2100 miles. Transoceanic messages also were received on board the Italian warship Carlo Alberto, while the vessel lay at anchor in Sydney harbor, on October 31, and since then Marconi has been perfecting the apparatus at Table Head. He met with innumerable difficulties there, but at last has succeeded in sending a transoceanic wireless message from Canada to Cornwall, a distance of

2300 miles. The Carlo Alberto some days ago was ordered to proceed to Venezuela, but, as her immediate departure would seriously delay Marconi's operations, the order was modified, and she was held at Sydney until trans-Atlantic communication was successfully accomplished. She has sailed for Venezuela to take part in the block-

ade operations. The following message was sent by Marconf this evening:

"Glace Bay, C. B., Dec. 21, 1902.-Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, Ottawa: Regret you were unable to visit station here. Governor-General sent me message for His Majesty, King Edward, which I have already been able to transmit to England by wireless telegraphy with complete success. Should be glad to send a short message from Canada to government if desired. I leave here very shortly for my Cape Cod station. MARCONL"