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Christians With Cleveland. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland passed Christmas day in their home at Bayard Lane, Princeton, N. J.

GO TO THE HAGUE

Advice Given by Roosevelt to Castro. Hague convention, and the formal obligation that France and the 35 other powers signed is not only being ignored, but we observe a systematic interdiction of The Hague court of arbitration by the European governments.

HE WILL, ON CONDITIONS

First Wants Blockade Raised and Ships Returned.

SECRET IS OUT IN GERMANY

Official Paper Admits That Motive of Roosevelt's Selection as Arbitrator Was to Secure Implied Guarantee of United States.

NEWS COMES BY WAY OF CARACAS THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ADVISED PRESIDENT CASTRO TO SUBMIT HIS DISPUTE WITH THE ALLIES TO THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

News comes by way of Caracas that President Roosevelt has advised President Castro to submit his dispute with the allies to the Hague tribunal. Castro says he is willing, on condition that the allies first raise the blockade and restore the ships they have seized.

CARACAS, Dec. 25.—President Castro has telegraphed from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit pending differences to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, subject to certain conditions, which include cessation of the blockade and the return to Venezuela of the fleet seized by the allied powers.

ALL SILENT AT WASHINGTON. No Confirmation of Proposal for Arbitration at The Hague.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—No confirmation could be obtained in Washington tonight of the report coming from Caracas that the proposition has been made to President Castro that all pending differences between Venezuela and the European Governments having claims against her be submitted to arbitration of The Hague tribunal.

SEND A CHECK INSTEAD.

President Too Busy to Play Santa Claus at Oyster Bay. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—For the second time in 15 years, says a Press dispatch from Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt did not act as Kris Kringle in person at the Cove school, where his children were taught prior to his elevation to the head of the Nation.

VIOLATION OF HAGUE TREATY. French Diplomat Accuses Allies of Ignoring Their Agreement.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Baron d'Estournelles de Constant has written to Foreign Minister Delcasse, notifying him that the writer will interpellate the government, on the reassembling of the Chamber, concerning the disregard of article 27 of The Hague convention, shown by the allied powers in deserting Venezuela.

IS HANGED BY A MOB

Negro Lynched for Murder of Policeman.

RACE FEUD IS CONSEQUENCE

Within Two Hours After Treacherously Killing an Officer, Crowd Seizes Him, Straps Him to Telegraph Pole With Throat Cut.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Dec. 25.—Montgomery Godley, a negro, was taken from the jail here today and lynched by a mob, because early this morning he shot and killed Milton Hinkley, a policeman, while the officer was trying to protect himself from a crowd of unruly negroes.

Conditions Laid Down by Italy.

ROME, Dec. 25.—The only conditions which Italy has attached to her acceptance of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty are that all points in the dispute shall be submitted to the arbitrators, so that no questions shall be left undecided, and that Italian claims must be considered on an equality with those of the other powers.

Crevas of Warships Row a Tie. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 25.—A race which had been quietly arranged between the boats of the United States battleships Alabama and Massachusetts, over a distance of three miles for a stake of \$100, was won today by the latter in a tie.

STOLE SACRED JEWELS. Mexican War Veterans Reveals Secret of Looting of Cathedral.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 25.—The Bee today says: Warren J. Baker, secretary of the Northwestern Ohio Masonic Relief Association, today for the first time makes public the secret history of the looting of the cathedral during the Mexican War. He tells how a number of his associates and he, at the head of a party of 25 men, entered the cathedral in a cathedral yard. Shortly afterward Baker's companion died.

CAB DRIVERS ON STRIKE

Every Man Drives for Himself Until Union is Recognized. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The cab and carriage drivers' strike which began at midnight last night for an increase of wages, has extended until 390 out of 570 drivers in the city are out.

Chicago & Alton Gives Increase. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—The Chicago & Alton Railroad today announced a 10 per cent advance in the pay of all operators, agents, yard clerks and other employees engaged in a clerical capacity.

Wages Raised 7 Per Cent. PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—Employees of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad have been granted a 7 per cent increase in wages, effective December 1. The company employs about 12,000 men, almost all of whom will benefit by the raise.

WHAT'S HIS GAME

Queer Move of Aldrich on Cuban Treaty

DOES HE SEEK ITS DEFEAT?

He Wants It Referred to Senate Finance Committee.

MAY IMPERIL ITS SUCCESS

Suspicion That Beet Sugar Senators Now Seek to Accomplish Indirectly What They No Longer Dare to Attempt Directly.

WILL IMPROVE SERVICE.

New York Elevated Lines Quickly Respond to Mayor's Demand. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—While the surface street railroads have remained somewhat in the dark, the officials of the "L" roads in Manhattan and Brooklyn came forward with unusual haste in reply to Mayor Low's recent letter regarding the overcrowding of cars, to say that there would be, with little delay, a big improvement in their general service.

LONG CHASE AFTER EWING Oil Operator Has Been Pursued for Many Months. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—William Baer Ewing, who was arrested yesterday in Chicago on the charge of fraudulently using United States mails, has been wanted by Postal Inspector Bricker, of this city, for the last 15 months.

To Search for Mutineers. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 25.—According to advices received from Honolulu, the British cruiser Shearwater was left here for Pitcairn and other southeast island ports and will make a search for the mutineers who left the ship Leicester Castle after shooting the captain and killing Second Mate Dixon.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Henry Miller, laundress, Richard Harding Davis' play, "The Taming of Helen," at the Lyceum Theater this afternoon, and, to all appearances, it will be successful. Mr. Miller has a part full of sympathetic opportunities and an occasional scene of strong emotion.

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WANTS WHOLE ISLAND.

British Cable Company's Offer for Fanning—Welcome the Silvertown.

HONOLULU, Dec. 17, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—The British Cable Company, owning the All-Red line from Vancouver to Australia, via Fanning Island, has made an offer to James and Henry Bicknell, of Honolulu, to purchase their half interest in the island. The company has a cable landing there now and is understood to be seeking the purchase of the island.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 25.—There is a rumor that Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, is in some sort of a scheme to defeat the Cuban reciprocity treaty. When the Foreign Relations Committee reports the treaty to the Senate, it is possible that Aldrich will move to refer it to the Finance Committee, where it could be smothered, if the chairman is really in the plot to defeat it.

Another reason for such reference on the part of Aldrich is that the Senate would recognize the treaty as a part of legislation, and they would have to go to the House for ratification, after being ratified by the Senate.

Some of the opponents of the Cuban reciprocity treaty, like Burrows and other beet-sugar representatives, are looking about to see if they could get Aldrich in the scheme. These men want to defeat the treaty, and they do not see how they can do it. In fact, the insurgents of the last session are pretty well cowed, and, aside from Burrows, do not seem to present anything like a solid front. Beet sugar cut very little figure in the campaign in the so-called beet-sugar states, and the determination to stand by the President was so pronounced that the "Beet Sugar Senators" feel that they had better allow the treaty to be ratified and get out of the difficulty which they find themselves in as a result of their opposition to Cuban reciprocity in the last session.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia was the backbone of the opposition last session. He is not making any opposition to the treaty and, in fact, it was he that suggested that any reciprocity treaty arranged with Cuba should be by treaty rather than by a bill, in order that other features of the tariff should not be disturbed. Of course, if Aldrich is in the scheme, it places a different phase upon the question, for he is very shrewd in carrying out his plans. But until he makes some move adverse to the Cuban treaty it will not be believed that he is on that side, and he was usually insistent last session that the reciprocity bill should be passed.

RECORDED AS A "FAKE" Marine Engineers' Official Says No General Strike is Planned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—(Special)—John Seary, business manager of local No. 35, Marine Engineers' Association, was much displeased today over a story telegraphed by a correspondent from Portland to the effect that organizations of the association at Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, Tacoma and Astoria were perfecting plans by which they intended to tie up every steamer and coaster along the Pacific Coast. The dispatch further stated that immediately after the holidays delegates from the organizations would meet at Portland to form an executive body, and that the San Francisco organization was determined in its stand against the transportation lines.

FROST STOPS WARM HEART

Old Man Frozes to Death While Playing Santa Claus. DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 25.—George Plyden, aged 55, with his arms full of Christmas presents for friends and relatives, fell from exhaustion when within five feet of his home, and from a little house lived all alone in a little house near the harbor front, where he conducted a confectionery and cigar store. The thermometer has registered 30 degrees below zero for 24 hours.