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Christmas With Cleveland. EW YORK, Dec. 25.-Ex-Presiden good things for the four children, stands | might be interested in the venture

Frank Kimborough as Dead.

Subway Scheme for Chicago. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.-An official of the

and Mrs. Cleveland passed Christmas Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of day in their home at Bayard Lane. New York donles that that concern, as Princeton, N. J. The holidays were observed simply, attention being chiefly of an underground railroad in Chicago, as given to making merry with the children. has been asserted, though it was admit-

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LONDON, Dec. 25.—Lord Willoughby de
LONDON, Dec. 25.—Frank Kimborough, Broke died on the steamer Australian. an American artist, died here today of near Aden, December 19, and was buried tneumonis.

Advice Given by Roosevelt to Castro.

First Wants Blockade Raised and Ships Returned.

SECRET IS OUT IN GERMANY

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

omes 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. The President still keeps secret the proposal of the allies that he arbitrate the dispute. It is understood in Wash-ington that, should be accept, he will stipulate that the blockade must first be raised.

A German semiofficial paper makes the admission that the allies selected President Roosebelt as arbitrator, because his decision would involve a guarantee from the United States that Venezuela would pay the amounts de-

clared due them.

A French diplomat, Baron d'Estournelles, contends that, by establishing the blockade, the allies have violated The Hague arbitration treaty, by which they agreed to refer all disputes to The

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. President Castro's acceptance has been transmitted to the Washington Government, from which the proposal emanated

ALL SILENT AT WASHINGTON.

No Confirmation of Prop bitration at The Hague.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- No confirma tion could be obtained in Washington tonight of the report coming from Caracas that the proposition had 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. Secretary Hay had retired when the dispatch reached Washington, and no other official of the State Department was able to give any information on the subject. It is known that only two days ago

President Roosevelt had not determined whether or not to accept the proposal of the allies to act as arbitrator or to urge again that the question should go to The Hague. If, as stated, the suggestion has come from Washington that the matter should be arbitrated by The Hague tribunal, that conclusion probably was reached at the long conference the President had with the Secretary of State, when the two officials were together for some time considering the proposals for taking up the question of arbitration. The dispatch to President Castro from Minister Bowen, suggesting arbitration at The Hague, must have followed that conference. The officials here have refused absolutely to say anything on the subject since the receipt of the proposal from the allies, or even to give out anything bearing on the terms of that proposal. The impression here tonight is that an early determination of the matter will be reached.

No matter by whom the matter is arbitrated, either by the President or by The Hague tribunal, the feeling here in strong that the United States Government, if the occasion arises, will insist that the existing blockade be called off while the arbitration is in progress. The present blockading fleet along the Venezuclan coast is sure to be a menace to peaceful conditions, and difficulties of various kinds may arise at any time through arbitrary action of some of the commanders of the ships of the allied fleet or to the intrepidity of some of the skippers who may attempt to run the blockade. But the greatest objection to a continuance of the blockade pending arbitration will be the loss to American shipping interests, which this Government oes not believe should be tolerated.

VIOLATION OF HAGUE TREATY.

French Diplomnt Accuses Allies of Ignoring Their Agreement.

PARIS, Dec. 25 .- Baron d'Estournelle 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 coercing Venezuela. In his letter Baron d'Estournelles strongly supports the contention of the United States that the Venezuelan trouble should be referred to The Hague court. After pointing out that the present is just the contingency contemplated by article 27, the writer

Hague convention, and the formal obliga-tion that France and the 25 other powers signed is not only being ignored, but we observe a systematic interdiction of The Hague court of arbitration by the European governments. An explanation has become necessary. It cannot be objected by the allied powers that Venezuela took no part in the conference; as she is asking for arbitration, an occasion exists for reminding the powers of the obligations they signed and ratified. Nor can the reply be made that states, unlike individuals, are free not to observe their engagements, and that moral obligations exist only for individuals or for the weak, as this point of view is preisely contrary to the principle that The Hague conference

sought to secure." 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

GERMANY CLAIMS GUARANTEE.

Roosevert's Arbitration Understood to Involve That Condition. BERLIN, Dec. 25.-The Lokal Anzeiger publishes today the following statement, which was evidently inspired by the Foreign Office:

The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venexuelan difficulty a claim of 1,700,000 bollvars, which must be paid immediately in cash before arbitration shall be begun. The paper adds that it is understood

here that President Roosevelt's undertaking to arbitrate involves an indirect guarantee for the payment of the sum to be awarded. Confidence has grown in government cir-

cles during the past 24 hours that Presi-

dent Roosevelt will accept the task of Crews 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 battle-ships Alabama and Massachusetts, over a distance of three miles for a stake of \$1000, was decided today and resulted in a tie. The time over the course was minutes 28 seconds. The Carnens Completes Unloading.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 25,-The American Red D Line steamer Caracas has brought the remainder of her cargo here. The warships of the allied powers are using searchlights to watch the coast of Venezuela. Forty vessels are now delayed at Le Guayra.

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STOLE SACRED JEWELS. lexican War Veteran Reveals Secret

of Looting of Cathedral. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 25,-The Bee today Northwestern Ohio Masonic Relief Association, today for the first time makes public the secret history of the looting of Catholic cathedrais during the Mexican War, tells how it was done, and of the burial of the treasure. His tongue was posened by a newspaper dispatch from Mexico City, teiling of the discovery of a chest of diamonds, sapphires, rubies, pearls and golden images beneath the flagstones in the chapel of Las Voscaines College in Mexico City.

Mr. Baker's story rivals the mythical tales of Captain Kidd, and moreover bears the unmistakable stamp of truth. He says that his father marched from Vera Cruz to Mexico City with General Scott's Army during the Mexican War. He and a tentmate, after plotting for weeks, dug their way into some of the richest cathedrals and pillaged them of their fabulous wealth of all sorts of valuable stones and huge golden images. For hours they looted, carrying their burdens of precious stones to a hiding place beneath the flagstones in a cathedral yard. Shortly afterward Baker's companion died.

Baker returned to his home in New York

and then went to Hillsdale, Mich. Fifteen years after plundering the cathedrals he confided his story to an intimate friend. The friend wrote to the Mexican Government asking "if there would be any chance of a division of the spoils," if he should tell the government where it could find the sacred and valuable altar deco-rations that had been stolen. In a letter bearing the official seal, the Hillsdale man received warning that if he knew of any one who had a hand in the notorious pillaging, or if he himself participated in it. he would do well to forget all he knew about it, and keep quiet, lest his life be sacrificed in revenge for the desecration of the cathedrals. Baker took the advice, but still intended to secure the treasure he had buried.

SENDS 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 Kries Kringle in person at the Cove school, where his children were taught prior to his elevation to the head of the Nation. Last year the President could not spare the time to come here and this not spare the time to come here, and this year events have been pressing too fast about him to admit of his coming.

Some days ago Mr. Roosevelt sent a litwhich enabled the principal to deal more liberally with her charges than she had been able to do before. The sleds, gauses and dolls were more costly than usual and the candies in greater quantity. There were two trees instead of one, and Miss Province the articles of the state Provost, the principal, read a letter from President Roosevelt telling the boys and girls how corry he was that he could not e with them.

A telegram was sent to the President telling him how much the children appre-ciated his gifts and wishing him many more years in his present position.

Only the Enginemen Hurt, CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A Northwestern passenger train from the Pacific Coast, due here at 11:30 at night, collided with a switch engine at Francisco avenue, and the engineers and firemen of both engines were seriously injured. None of the passays:

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IS HANGED BY A MOB

Negro Lynched for Murder of Policeman.

RACE FEUD IS CONSEQUENCE

Within Two Hours After Treacher. ously Killing an Officer, Crowd Seizes Him, Strings 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. The negro jerked the officer's pistol from its scaobard and shot the officer with it from behind. Two hours later a mob gathered and took the negro from the city jail, where he had been taken after he was caught, and hanged him to a telephone pole. As he was choking to death one of the members of the mob cut his throat and ended his suffering.

A large number of negro men and women from the various mining camps in this vicinity, among them Mont and Joe Godley, brothers, were drinking and carousing at a ball. Officer Hinkle requested them to be quiet. The Godley brothers answered him in an insulting and insolent manner, and he tried to arrest them. They resisted, and Officer Hinkle blew his whistle for help. Then he be-gan to use his club in order to protect himself from the onslaught of the crowd.

we was holding his own against three when "Mont" Godley grabbed the officer's revolver from its scabbard and, placing the muzzle behind the right ear of the officer, pulled the trigger. The ball passed through Hinkle's head and came out over

the left eye. He fell to the sidewalk. Other officers pursued the negroes, all of who started to run when the officer fell. The Godley brothers were both captured and locked up at the city jail. Hinkle was carried to the City Hall, where he died at 2 o'clock this morning. The news of the murder spread, and soon a crowd was gathered about the jail.

a crowd was gathered about the jail. Leaders were not slow in coming forward and cries of "Hang him," "burn him," "get a rope," were heard on every side. A mob gathered in the corridors and about the jail doors. An attempt was first made to rob City Marshal Higgins of his keys to the jail door, but he convinced the mob that they were not in his possession at the time. A crowbar and hammer were then procured and the jail doors battered and broken open. Godley had courage and cursed the mob when its leaders entered the jail, but his courage left him when he began to realize that death was near. He began to sup-

that death was near. He began to sup-plicate and beg for the officers to protect him, but they were overpowered and taken care of by a portion of the mob, Godley was dragged from the jail into the yard and given a few moments to talk. He ny conflicting stories about the affair that the mob became impatient and hurried him about three blocks away from the jail. Procuring a rope on the way, the men hanged him to step pins of a The rope broke on the first effort and Gomey fell to the ground. At this instant some one in the crowd cut his throat on the left side, severing the jugular vein. This brought a more merciful death than was intended by the mob. He was then hanged again

Godley came here from Pierce City, Mo. at the time the citizens of that town drove the negroes out of the city, about two years ago. The mob left his body hanging for sev-

eral hours before it was cut down, Great excitement prevails here among oth whites and negroes as a result of the lynching of Godley. Belligerent crowds have been upon the streets all day, and have made ugly threats. Numerous negroes have been locked up for carrying concealed weapons. It is expected there will be further trouble between the races Godley's brother was burned at the stake in Pierce City, Mo., nearly two years ago, at the time of the anti-negro troubles there, following an assault on a young woman. Mont Godley was driver from Pierce City then.

CAB DRIVERS ON STRIKE Every Man Drives for Himself Until Union Is Recognized.

LOUIS, Dec. 25.-The cab and carriage drivers' strike which began at mid-night last night for an increase of wages, has extended until 390 out of 570 drivers in the city are out. Of the 17 stables that had agreed to accede to the demands of the men, only one member of the Liveryman's Association is said to have lived up to its

During the day many funerals and social functions were interrupted by the strike. Seventeen funerals took place at which all the mourners had to go to the various cemeteries in street-cars. horses were driven by the owners, owing to, the scarcity of drivers.

Many of the members of the Liverymen's Association have signified their willingness to pay the wages called for, but, will not recognize the union. That is now the principal question at issue and the union officials feel confident that they will gain this in addition to the advance in wages, in less than a week. Two funeral cars in the city, which will accommodate several funerals a day, are being cailed for,

Chicago & Alton Gives Increase. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—The Chicago & Alton Railroad today announced a 10 per cent advance in the pay of all oper ators, agents, yard clerks and othe ployes engaged in a cierical capacity. The increase is purely voluntary, and dates from December 1. All the other departments of the service have been granted the same uniform increase during the past

Wages Raised 7 Per Cent. PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—Employes of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg 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.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25,-A special to the Journal from Superior, Neb.,

says: The State Bank at Webber, Kan., seven miles south of here, was dynamited last night and robbed of \$1500 in cash. Today being a holiday, the robbery was not dis.

covered until late in the day. The rob-bers dug a hole through the stone vault large enough to admit a man, and then blew open the steel chest which contained the money. The bank, which was started a month ago, carries insurance, and will lose nothing. There is no clew to the identity of the robbers.

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 was not a understood to in the island. The company has a cable landing there now and is understood to be seeking the purchase of the island. "King" Grieg owns the other half interest. James Bicknell leaves for San Francisco on the Zelandia and may close a bargain with the British company after he arrives. The Honoiulu Chamber of Commerce. Merchants' Association, Builders and Trader's bringing the cable in touch with the paring to celebrate the arrive of the cable-ship Silvertown. There all be a general holiday on the day of the steamer's brining the cable in touch with the er's brining the cable in touch with the

The Merchants' Association, backed by the Builders and Traders' Exchange and other similar organizations, is preparing to make a fight, in support of the efforts of the plantation men to secure legislation from Congress allowing the importation of Chinese laborers for plantations only of Chinese laborers for plantations only. Local labor unions have decided against the proposition and will oppose the plan

WILL IMPROVE SERVICE. iew York Elevated Lines Quickly

Respond to Mayor Low's Demand. NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- While the surface street railways 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 over-crowding of care, to say that there would be, with little delay, a big improvement in their general service.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company sent a formal notice to Mayor Low that soon there would be an increase of 244

soon there would be an increase of 240 additional cars, most of them on the "L"

Manager Skitt, of the Manhattan "la" wrote that "26 trains of five cars each on Sixth avenue will become six-car trairs. and 10 trains of three cars will become Fifty more care will be added also to the

Ninth-avenue "L." For the Metropolitan Traction Company, H. H. Vreeland, the president, wrote the Mayor a noncommit-tal letter. LONG CHASE AFTER EWING

Oil Operator Has Been Pursued for

Many Months. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.-William Bar Ewing, who was arrested yesterday in Chicago on the charge of fraudulently using the United States mails, has been wanted by Postal Inspector Bricker, of this city, for the last 17 months. He left here on July 4, 1901, after conducting for some time "The Standard Oll Promotion and Investment Company." After he disappeared his cierks stayed for two or three days, ignorant of their employ-er's whereabouts and trying to appeare his creditors. As he falled to appear the remaining clerks quit work, and the office with its furniture was attached.

The postal authorities took up the case and set their detectives at work. The fugitive was traced all over the country and to the United States of Colombia from which he could not be extradited. Recently he returned to the United States and his arrest in Chicago has promptly

To Search for Mutineers.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 25 .- According to advices received from Honolulu the Brit. ish cruiser Sherwater has left here for Pitcairn and other southeast islands, and will make a search for the mutineers who left the ship Leicester Castle after shooting the captain and killing Second Mate The mutiny occurred 300 miles from Pitcairn and it was believed that the features of the tariff should not be dismutineers might reach that island, if they turbed. Of course, if Aldrich is in the did not perish at sea.

Harding Davis' New Play Staged, ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Henry Miller launched 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. His company is of un usual merit. Miss Dewolf played the adventuress successfully.

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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.

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,

There is another reason why Aldrich might make the motion to refer. When the other reciprocity treatles were reported from the Foreign Relations Committee, he made quite a little bluster in executive session and gave notice that he would move to refer them to the Finance Committee, claiming that they had nothing whatever to do with foreign relations, but affected the tariff, and were really special tariff bills, and for that reason should be considered by the Finance Committee.

Another reason for such reference on the part of Aldrich is that the Senate would recognize the treaties 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 resident was so pronounced that th "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

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 arrangement with Cuba should be by treaty rather than by a bill, in order that other 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, as he was usually insistent last session that the reciprocity bill should be passed.

DENOUNCED 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 holfdays 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.

"It is all a gross misstatement," said Manager Seary. "In the first place, there is no organization of the Marine Engineers' Association at Tacoma, and, furthermore, nothing is known here about any such action as the dispatch says is to be taken. I think our local would know it if there was anything under consideration, for it is the strongest organization, with a membership of 1100, or twice that of all the others in question

combined. The dispatch quoted President Marshall, of the Portland organization, in the matter, but he has no authority to speak for the others. As for what they may do at Portland, that is something that does not bother us. We are on good terms with the transportation lines, and that is all there is to the matter."

FROST STOPS WARM HEART

Old Man Frozen to Death While Playing Santa Claus.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 25.—George Ply-dell, aged 55, with his arms full of Christdell, aged 55, with his arms full of Christ-mas presents for friends and relatives, fell from exhaustlon when within five feet of his home, and froze to death. Plydell lived all alone in a little house near the harbor front, where he conduct-ed a confectionery and cigar store. The thermometer has registered 30 de-

The thermometer has registered 30 de-grees below zero for 24 hours.