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Floods Cut Off Seattle's Communication.

TRAIN SERVICE ABANDONED

Valley Between Auburn and Kent One Vast Lake.

MANY FLEE FROM THEIR HOMES

Bamage in White River Valley Estimated at \$200,000-Miles of Track Washed Out, Blocked by Slides or Wrecked Bridges.

SEATTLE, Wash, Jan. 2 .- (Special.) -At 7 o'clock tonight the climax in the railroad flood situation was reached when the White and the Stuck Rivers, in King and Pierce Counties, went out of their banks, burying the Intererban and Northern Pacific tracks between Scattle and Tacoma several feet under water, flooding the valley between Auburn and Kent and driving many of the residents all through the White River Valley out of

their homes. Train service between Scattle and Tacoma has been abandoned, and at midnight it was stated there was no telling when it would be re-established. Parts of the Interurban tracks near Kent are under three feet of water, and there are several washouts, the extent of which are not known. All the wires to Kent are down, and the telephone system is working imperfectly. The Meeker hop yards, near Kent, are under eight feet of water, the old operator's station is flooded, and the new depot is inaccessible. The waters are running at a mad gait all over the valley, carrying away logs and posts many miles from where they were resting when the water struck them.

The Northern Pacific advices received at 10 o'clock tenight from Auburn are to the effect that there were several bad washbuts in the vicinity of Auburn, and that the big bridge between Auburn and Tacoma was tottering and ready to go out

From 7 o'clock to the time the dispatch was sent a crew of men was engaged weighting it down with rock, but it seemed evident that these would not be able to combat the force of the rushing waters, and that the bridge must go.

This was the last dispatch received up midnight. The streets in the towns of Kent, Christopher, Auburn, Darrington and others in that vicinity were flooded and there was no telling how great the damage to property will be, but it was said it will be very heavy.

TRAIN SERVICE SHUT OFF. Communication With Portland and

Tucoma Impossible.

SEATTLE, Jan. 3.-The Great Northern coast line and the Northern Pacific's line to Sumas are the only lines of railroad running out of Seattle which are open tonight. For three hours today even these lines were blocked by slides.

Floods have interrupted the train service on the west side of the mountain, and slides in the mountains have added to the trouble. In addition, there have been numerous small slides occurring on the west nide lines. The electric line running between this city and Tacoma was open for a part of the day, the slides occurring last night having been cleared, but at 7 o'clock tonight all trains were cancelled and notice was given that further comnunicatice with Tacoma was impossible for an indefinite period. Tonight the Northern Pacific cancelled

its Portland train, and this morning the Columbia & Puget Sound was unable to send out any train, owing to flood damage at Renton. The Canadian Pacific has been able to send trains eastward, but both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern are idocked.

The Great Northern will be compelled delays reopening the overland line for an indefinite period. It is probable now that the first communication with the East will by made by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific trains by way of Portland, though reports that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation roadbed is soft in dicate flood troubles may make this im-

DAMAGE 18 \$200,000.

Raging Floods in White River Val-

ley Destroying Much Property. SEATTLE, Jan. 2 .- (Special.) -- Floods in the White River Valley today have destroyed already property estimated at is being effected, the administration also \$200,000 in bridges, fences, farm buildings and stock. The White River broke assessments' on personal property, through its banks this morning and was recorded as rising rapidly at midnight toreported as rising rapidly at midnight to-

The whole country about Auburn and tax rate of \$1 12 is predicted. Kent, in this county, is one vast lake. The water covers the county roads, impeding travel, while the Northern Pacific tracks are washed out at several places, all traffic being interrupted.

The situation is best described by the exerience of Diedrich Hamm, proprietor of the Butler, and A. Hambach, a well-known were at Kent on business, when the rapidly rising waters overtook them, foreing them to abandon their trip and to seek refuge in the Inter-Urban Railway Depot. Here they remained for three hours, it being impossible to reach the main part of the town owing to the depth of the water, which was between three and five

at night and this morning.

BRIDGE OUT FOR THIRD TIME. Traffic on Great Northern and Northern Pacific Greatly Delayed,

EVERETT, Wash, Jan. 2.-(Special.) For the third time within 10 days, the Great Northern Rallway bridge at Madion was carried out by a snowalide yesterday afternoon. At about the same time bridge No. 299, a short distance up the track, was carried out by another snowslide. It is now expected that the track will be open by Monday. The Spokane local from Scattle will run only to

Skykomish, The Northern Pacific is also tied up. The bridges near Orilla were washed out last night by high water. A landslide in Stillaguamish canyon has delayed traffic 24 hours on the Monte Cristo Railway.

The town of Sultan is inundated by the Sultan River, which is higher than it has been for years. The inhabitants are mak ing their way about the streets in boats. The Snohomish River is so high that all steamers are tied up and great damage is feared from fleods.

MANY SLIDES NEAR KELSO. Cowlitz Within Three Feet of High-

Water Mark of 1896, CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Landslides have blocked all trains south from this point. As many as 22 stips are reported between here and Kelso. The train due here at 4:15 P. M. yesterday returned at 11 A. M. today. Passengers are trying to get a steambon to carry them to Kalama. Wires south from here are also down. The Cowlitz River is out of its banks, and many people have moved to higher locations. About 7000 cords of shingle bolts have gone down the river, mostly the property of the Metcalf Shingle Company. The river is still rising, with a clear sky in he north, and is now three feet below the

high watermark of 1896, River Rising at Independence. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 2.-(Spe ini.)-The river at this point is rising apidly, and is at one of the best boating stages of the year. Likewise, river trans-portation is heavy.

ARTHUR ADJUSTING SCALE Confers With Santa Fe Management on Engineers' Wages.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.-Peter M. Arthur, trand chief of the Brotherhood of Loco-notive Engineers, arrived here yesterday and was in conference with the two chairmen of the general adjustment committees of the Santa Fe system last night A special law of the Locomotive Engineers provides that when there are two chairmen on any rallroad system desiring to revise their wage schedule, the grand chief of the Brotherhood must be called nto the conference with which the re-vision takes place. The Santa Fe sys-tem which includes a number of lines, each of which has a chairman of its ad-justment board and both boards destring to have their schedules revised, made the visit of Grand Chief Arthur Imperative. Just what changes or advances would be asked by the engineers could not be

THEY IGNORE INJUNCTION. Union Men Strike Against Employ-

learned last night.

ment of Militiamen. SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 1.-Twenty. n men in the employ of a contracting today that they will strike because of the fact that William Potter, a militiaman. who was expelled by the Painters' Union In October, because he served in the state militia during a strike recently, had reentered the employ of that firm.

Potter, several days ago, secured an in-unction from the Supreme Court, comelling the Painters' Union to reinstate him. The officers of the union announced then that they would consider him a nember, although they could not gran

BUILDING AT A STANDSTILL

Muchine and Iron Riggers in New York Strike for More.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Through a strike of the machine and iron riggers, work on nearly all of the big buildings now in course of construction in this city is at a standstill. The riggers, who now receive \$3 per day for foremen and \$2 25 for helpers, with a nine-hour day, demand \$5 per day for foremen and \$3 50 for helpers, with an eight-hour day. There are between 600 and 800 riggers idle, entailing suspension it will not accomplish the results desired, of work by 5000 to 6000 other men.

Rubber-Workers End Strike.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.-The strike of the ubber-workers and other unions which has tied up the plants of the Morgan & Wright and the Mechanic Rubber Company for the last two months and threw pany for the first two months and threw 1200 workers out of employment, came to an end early today. Under the terms of the agreement reached, preference will be given to old employes for steady work when work is slack, and if it becomes necessary to lay off help or transfers are made from one department to another on account of a rush of orders, old men will to arch its bridge at Madison, and this be first. Work will be resumed next

REFORM IN TAXATION. New York Doubles Assessment and

Reduces the Levy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-Real estate assess nents in this city, according to the Tax Commissioners, have been increased nearly \$1,500,000,000 under the new system of taxation adopted by the fusion administration. In last year's assessments real estate was valued at about \$3,30,000,000, and this year the assessments will reach a total of \$4,750,000,000. While this tremendous increase in real estate valuations is increasing by \$2,000,000,000 the "tentative current year can be cut in half. Instead of continuing the present rate of \$2.27, a

Carloads of Valentines.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2,-That valentines are still popular, says a Times' dispatch from Worcester, Mass., is proved by a Worcester firm's shipping four freight cars of them this week. It is the largest order ever filled. There were 1,322,000 val-entines in the consignment, which went to a hig wholesale house in Chicago. The shipments for this season began in August, and increased steadily until the factory had to install new machinery and run night and day.

To Close Indianola Postoffice

SHREVEPORT, In., Jan. 3 .- Charles Jackson, Miss., received an order today The flood is caused by exceptionally to take charge of the station there.

Government Ready to Close Contract

FOR DEEPENING THE RIVER

Port of Portland Boats Will Do the Work

AT EXPENSE OF UNCLE SAM

If Plan Works Well, All Dredging on Lower River Will Be Done in Same Manner, Thus Using the Federal Appropriation.

***************** The contract for the dredging of the

Williamette and Columbia River channels by the Port of Portland Commis sion, at the cost of the Government, will be signed this week, and, if it works satisfactorily, all work on the Lower Columbia may bereafter be done by the port's dredges.

Senator Hoar's trust bill is opposed by Representative Jenkins, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, who declares a Constitutional amendment neccestry to effective legislation.

The Alaska delegates ask that any sublicity anti-trust bill be made not to apply to Alaska, lest it check invest-The best-sugar men my they will not oppose the Cuban reciprocity bill, on condition that the tariff be not reduced

more than 20 per cent, as they consider

reciprocity a less evil than annexation,

......... OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Jan. 3 .- The Chief of Engineers has received the corrected bond that accompanies the tendered contract of the Port of Portland, whereby the Government is to lease the city dredge for use on the river below Portland. The contract will not be formally closed until the Judge-Advocate-General approves of the bond,

early next week, but of this there is now

no doubt. Under the terms of the contract the en gineers are permitted to use the old dredge at \$155 per day, or the new 30-inch dredge at the rate of \$235 per day. Under this contract, which is not a regular lease, the Government is to pay the stipulated price per day to the Port of Portland, and the city operates the dredge and emp its own men. The city is entirely responsible for all damage to the dredge and liable for all wages to be paid to the crew.

If the new arrangement proves satisfac tory and engineer officers here believe it will, the plan will be continued indefinitey, and all funds appropriated for the ower river will be expended in operating the port's dredges, rather than in building a new Government dredge for this stream

AGAINST HOAR'S BILL. Jenkins Says Constitutional Amend-

ment Is Needed for Trusts. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Jan. 2.-Senator Hoar's bill has not advanced the prospects of trust legislation. Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, who is chairman of the House judiciary committee, takes a strong po sition against the bill, and declares that He says it is dangerous legislation, and points out that there are but two prominent features to the bill-one the publicity feature, and the other to prevent dis

Jenkins has been from the beginning in favor of a Constitutional amendment giving Congress authority over all commerce both interstate and state. With such authority he holds that legislation can be perfected regarding combinations, and in

crimination in sales, neither of which

even if enacted into law, would curb the

LESS OF TWO EVILS.

Beet Sugar Men Fear Cuban Rectprocity Less Than Annexation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ington, Jan. I.-Henry T. Oxnard, who represents the beet-sugar interests, is in Washington, and indicates that the beet-sugar men will make no opposition to the pending Cuban treaty. For some time past it has been asserted that the bertaugar interests were being injured by the constant agitation of closer commercial relations with Cuba. What is feared is that failure to grant Cuban reciprocity may result in annexation. It is more than likely that the beet-sugar men, when they take action at their coming meeting, will consent to allow the Cuban reciprocity treaty go through unopposed, but will make an effort to have some sort of a pledge or promise that the reduction is not to be greater than the 20 per cent in

ALASKA WANTS TRUSTS.

Delegate Suggests Trying New Law

on New York. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Jan. 1.-There is a sentiment among the Alaskan delegation now in Washington that any publicity anti-trust bill that might be passed by Congress should not be made to apply to corporations in Alasks. One of the Alaskans asserts that publicity would drive out a large amount of capital now interested in Alaska, would hinder future developments and force many of the Alaskan companies to quit | Leavestern companies t

places. If these details are published is said, stockbrokers would refuse to andle the stock of every company doing Ainskan business.

It is suggested that the publicity plan be first tried in New York or other lik states, where corporations have a firm footing, and where investment would not be hindered by such a plan.

Wants Pay for the Goldsborough. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash ngton, Jan. 2.-Robert T. Platt, representing the receivers of the Wolff & Zwicker Shipouilding Company, had a onference with Navy Department officials today regarding the final payment to the company on account of the torpedo coat Goldsborough. While not altogether satisfactory, he thinks the receivers of the firm will be reasonably satisfied with the settlement, which will enable at least a partial payment to be made to the firm's creditors.

FIRST IN UNITED STATES Wireless Telegraph Station Will Send Greeting to Italy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—"Greeting to Your Royal Highness, from faithful subject—

With a force of millions of volts, the largest voltage ever yet obtained in an electrical current, says a dispatch from South Weilfleet, Mass., to the Times, the above message will be flashed through the air to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy from the new Marconi station here next week, possibly Tuesday or Wednesday. Marconi himself will be present and will personally ply the tapper.

This message will mark the formal opening of the first wireless telegraph sta-tion on the soil of the United States. The plant has been tested and found all right. ower is applied to it by a 75-horsepower ivnamo, and the apparatus throws a park as big as a man's fist and as long. he sending of a message sounds like the discharge of a rapid-fire gun.

CONTEST EVERY SEAT.

Colorado Republicans Make Sweeping Charges of Fraud in Election.

DENVER, Jan. 3.-Formal notices o intests were filed today with the Secretary of State against every Democratic member of the House and Senate of the Fourteenth General Assembly, whose scat had not previously been contested. In each the allegations are of fraud and intimidation at the polls, miscounts of the ballots and allowing men to vote who were not legal voters. One charge is that false and misleading literature was circulated among the voters in the various legislative districts, so that voters who would have voted the Republican ticket were misled into voting the Democratic ticket. This move is made to checkmate the contests filed by the Democrats agains all the Republican Senators,

PAID MONEY FOR OFFICE Judge Admits He Assessed Court Appointees for His Expenses.

EVANSVILLE, ont, Jan. 1.-Judge Basch, of the Circuit Court, met the local Bar Association today and explained his connection with the scandal in his court. He is charged with attempting to collect money in return for appointments at his

The Judge claims that, after having selected a man for Probate Commissioner and another for bailiff, he asked the for-mer to pay him \$750 and the latter \$200. which money was to be their share of his but later had his money returned. A committee representing the bar was slected to investigate the whole matter.

No Conl to Run Factories,

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-Factories here are in the verge of closing because of shortage of coal, according to the World's Trenton, N. J., correspondent. The John A. Roebling's Sons Company, employing 2000 men, and the Trenton Potteries Company, employing 5000 men, are practically out of fuel, and unless they receive supply in a few days will be crippled, if not compelled to close down.

Powers Make Threats to the Empire.

REFUSE PAYMENT IN SILVER

Grave Results of Breach of Treaty.

UNITED STATES IS HER FRIEND

Fears European Powers Desire Territory, but May Support China's Request for Submission of Indemnity to Hague Tribunal.

PEKIN, Jan. 3.-The signatories of the Chinese peace protocol, except the Amercan, have consulted their respective gov ernments and practically have decided to identically notify China that her failure to fulfill the obligations provided for by the protocol will entail grave conse

A strong sentiment exists in favor of a ompromise, if China will admit that the protocol demands the payment of the inlemnity on a gold basis, and confine her arguments to the hardships resulting from the increase of the debt by nearly 20 per cent since the signing of the protocol through the depreciation in the value of silver and the probable further increase from the expected adoption of the gold standard in the Philippines and in the Straits Settlements. But the powers refuse to wrive the present interpretation

The danger exists, that, if China maintains her position, some of the powers may demand territory of concessions for compensation.

POWERS' ACTION SINISTER. United States Likely to Recommend

partment has confirmatory advices from Pekin of the declination of the powers to receive the second indemnity installment not taken with a view to making a record of the position of the powers in this

matter. utterly every statement of the powers in | nett, the past two years, whenever the posetbility of a division of China came, it canthat the time is ripe for a reference o this complete issue to The Hague tribunal, a consummation devoutly wished for by China, and a cause which has commended itself to the Washington Government.

The United States, which is interested equally with the other powers in getting as much money as it can in the shape of indemnity, still feels bound by moral law

to support the Chinese contention for the liver basis, looking not only upon the aguage of the protocols and the Pekin enty itself, but also having a solicitou regard for China's interest and perpetuit as a nation. The other powers are united in demanding a settlement on the gold basis. This is an issue, which, in the mind of the officials here, is eminently adapted to the methods of arbitration. So ar, China alone has suggested a reference to The Hague tribunal, but it is possible

futy under article 27 of The Hague tribunal and point the way to arbitration SALUTE TO THE PRINCE.

and even probable, if the powers are go-

ing to extremes, the United States Gov-

ernment will seem bound to discharge its

Heir to Siam's Throne Honored on Arrival in Japan.

VICTORIA, B. C. Jan. 1.—The steamer Moyane, which arrived tonight, reports that the Crown Prince of Slam, who arrived at Yokohama prior to the sailing of the Moyane on December 17, was received by a flat of warder than the control of the Moyane of December 17. by a fleet of warships, all dressed in bunt-ing. The steamer Empress of China, on which his royal party were passengers, had a terrible passage, her salcon being stove in by the force of the waves, two boats smashed, and two sallors sustained fatal busides.

fatal injuries The liner flew the Slamese flag at he reak, and as she entered the harbor the Japanese battle-ships Chin Yuen and Fuso and two torpedo-boats, the U. S. S. Ore-gon, Russian battle-ship Rurik and Siamese royal yacht Maha Chakrin fired sa-lutes. There was a large and distinguished lutes. There was a large and distinguished uarty of Japanese present to receive the

Stamese party,
A Hakodate correspondent of a Yoko hama paper tells of a raid on the seal rookery on Robbon Island by a Japanese schooner, as a result of which six hunters, including two Americans, fell into the hands of the Russians. A boat went ashore with six mendand it did not return. The master of the schooner was about to dispatch another, when a bombardment was started from shore with six-pound shot. A snow squall obscured the schoon-er and she quickly skipped her cable and got out of range. The schooner was taken to Nemura, where the master said that the men had landed to get cocoanuts. Nothing was learned regarding the fate of hose who landed. They included C. Mc-lamish and C. Kreger, Americans, and T.

t. Thompson, a Swede. A Chinese report says the Pekin syndi-ate, which is chiefly a British association, is said to be projecting an important extension of the Central Railway line, for which it has already obtained a concession. If it carries out its new plan, the Provinces of Shan Si, Ho Nan, An Hui and Nan Hwei will all be brought into railway

shima was launched at Kure on December 15, and the liner Che Foo Maru, 1909 tons, a passenger steamer for foreign trade, was to be launched on the 20th. McCormick Arrives in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Mr. McCormick, the newly-appoint d Ambassador to Russia, and wife will arrive here from Prague to-night, and will continue their journey to St. Petersburg Tuesday.

Old Stage Manager Bend. BOSTON, Jgn. 2. Namer Bend, for 20 years a stage manager of wide rep-ctation, died today. He was stage man-ager of the Boston Theater for many years, accompanied Mary Anderson to England, where he staged for her Shukespeare's "Winter Tales," and toured the

United States with her. Fugitive Forger Captured. VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 3.-John Selby, the fugitive from Vincennes, charged with who recently escaped from Mon-dition to be critical. and is in jail at Bastrop, Tex. leged forgeries aggregate \$50,000. Superintendent of Police Dunn has left to bring

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One Report Says Pretender Has Captured City.

JEWS MAY TURN ON TYRANT

They May Have Handed Over the City to the Rebels in Revenge for Sulinn's Cracity-Monarch Vows He Will Punish Pretender.

MADRID, Jan. 3.-Premier Silvela toay informed the King that he had received advices that the Sultan of Morocco was continuing his preparation for war against the pretender and that a battle

was impending. The captain of the Spanish cruiser Infanta Isabel, at Tangier, has telegraphed the Minister of Marine that the Sultan is still besieged in Fez.

PRETENDER ENTERS FEZ. Well Received in Capital of Morocco -Jews Support Him.

MADRID, Jan. 3.-According to ormation received by the Liberal, the oretender to the throne of Morocco has entered Fez and met with a good recepdon. Telegrams received here from Pangler agree that the situation is more serious. The postoffice refuses to be responsible for registered letters. One dispatch says the Sultan's position is exremely critical, as the Jews, of whom there are 10,000 in Fez, smarting from injustice and cruelty, are inclined to support the pretender, and an outbreak in the city is apprehended.

Promises to Punish Rebels. TANGIER, Jan. 3.-A letter from the fultan was read in the mosque today acknowledging his recent defeat, but promising to punish the rebels soon.

SHOCK MAY PROVE FATAL. King George Expected to Live Only

a Few Days More. LONDON, Jan. 3 .- A dispatch from Dresien to the Central News says that German specialists who were called to attend the King of Saxony, had a consultation today and issued a bulletin declaring his con-

It is believed at Dresden that there is little hope of the King's living more than a few days.

TO BRING PEACE IN ISLAND. Land Conference Adopts Plan to Settle With Landlords.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3.-The Irish Land Conference, which was called by Lord Dunraven, Lord Mayo and others interested in the Irish agrarian question, with a view to arranging the sale of land by the landlords to the tenants, met again here today. The only absentees were Lord Dunrayen, chairman of the conference, ho is sick, and John Redmond

A report was drawn up and signed by all those present and forwarded to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Dudley. The contents of the report have not yet been given out, and, while the agreement regarding the report co its present work, it has been resolved not to dissolve the conference.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Dublin corre-pondent of the Observer says the report of the Irish Land Conference does call for compulsory purchase, but it clears the path for final legislation on the queson. The report makes recommendations favor of evicted tenants. The members of the conference, continues the corre-spondent, are pleased with the result of teir meetings, and there is a general feeling that a great step forward has been toward the settlement of the Irish

HUMBERTS AND DREYFUS. Tried to Save the Captain.

PARIS, Jan. 4.-Gaston Pollonais, the well-known polemist, has another article in the Gaulois this morning on the alleged role made by the Humbert family in the Dreyfus affair. He repeats his assertion that Colonel Du Paty du Clam recently made a deposition before the Magistrate investigating the Humbert case to the effect that the archives of the general staff contain documents showing that the Humberts were active in trying to save Dreyfus. M. Pollonals denies the truth of the semi-official statement published in the Temps that a Judge named Poncet was not present when the deposition of Colonel Du Paty du Clam was taken, and he points out that this was the only point in his deposition that officials investigating the Humbert affair have brought into

KING GEORGE GROWS WEAKER. Stricken Ruler of Saxony Seems to Be in Last Illness.

DRESDEN, Jan. 3 .- King George is evidentiy growing weaker. His pulse is ex-tremely irregular and occasionally is imperceptible. The attending physicians are stimulating His Majesty with quinine. The King's heart action is feeble, and his temperature vacillates 5% degrees in half a day, falling to 92%. His Majesty's condition has grown worse through the insistence of the patient in discharging government business.

ANARCHIST PLOT NIPPED.

Unlucky Thirteen Captured While in Conference in Germany.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.-Thirteen anarchists from Berlin, Cologne, Essen and other towns in Germany have been arrested in Dusseldorf, where they were holding a conference. The police, who acted upor information received in an anonym ter, closed the tavern where the anarch-

of the protocol.

Appeal to Arbitration. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-The State Deon the silver basis. It is understood that the declination was accompanied by a threat, but the action itself is regarded as sinister, if, as has been suggested, it is

The situation is regarded here as warranting some concern, though, unless the Washington Government is to discredit not believe that there is any intention to proceed to extremes. It is again suggested

NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.



BELLAMY STORER.

VIENNA, Jan. 3.-Ambassador Storer presented his credentials to Empero Francis Joseph today. The audience was unusually prolonged. His Majesty was most cordial, and spoke in the kindest manner of America. He expressed admiration of President Roosevelt, who, he remarked, had no easy task and had dealt with difficult eltuations with wonderful success, notably in the case of the Venezuclan troubles.

Storer subsequently presented the staff of the Embassy, Secretaries Hayes and Rives and Attaches Harris and Potts. Lieutenant-Commander Potts, who is also Naval attache at Berlin, came here from that city especially for the occasion. The Emperor chatted pleasantly with each of the visitors. The whole party was taken to and from the palace in gorgeous state carringes, escorted by Count Noyes, one of the court chamberlain.