

HONOR THIS NATION

Would Let President Settle Dispute.

ROOSEVELT REFERS THEM TO THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL

In the Mean Time Venezuelan Ports are Blockaded, Leaving Little Hope of Arbitration.

Washington, Dec. 21—England and Germany have conferred a great honor upon the United States in offering to leave the settlement of their war with Venezuela to the president of our country.

The following statement was issued by the State department today: "The Allies desire that President Roosevelt shall arbitrate the differences between themselves and Venezuela. President Roosevelt desires that arbitration shall be made by the Hague tribunal."

Washington, Dec. 20—President Roosevelt's reply to the powers while not positively a refusal, diplomatically suggests the Hague tribunal as a means of settling the dispute with Venezuela. Also wishes to emphasize the consideration that America has claims of its own to protect.

The State Department communicated the President's attitude in a long cipher message this afternoon.

London, Dec. 20—The blockade of the Venezuelan coast becomes effective after today. It was officially announced this morning, appearing in a supplement to the official gazette. The names of all ports of entry at the mouth of the Orinoco river, are included. Certain days of grace are allowed to vessels, as follows: From West Indian and East American ports, 10 days for steamers, 20 days for sailing vessels; all vessels now in the blockaded ports, 15 days.

Vessels which attempt to violate the blockade render themselves liable to all measures authorized by the law nations and respective treaties, with neutral powers.

Since this announcement, well informed circles say there is but small hope left of arbitration.

Berlin, Dec. 20—Germany's proclamation of the Venezuelan blockade was issued this afternoon in terms identical with Great Britain's notice.

SEVERAL MEASURES REPORTED Congress Adjourns Until 1903

Washington, Dec. 20—Only 25 senators were in their seats today. The conference bill on the anthracite post-strike arbitration was laid before the Senate and agreed to. The yearly compensation is fixed at \$4000 for members not government employees.

The Philippines currency bill was favorably reported.

The House bill, granting \$50 per month pension to the widow of the late Admiral K mberly passed.

Eight hours labor bill was reported with amendment. The Senate adjourned at 1:20 until Jan. 5th.

The announcement made was at the War Department that, as a reward for his Philippines service, General Chaffee would be appointed to succeed Young, as Lieutenant General commanding the army. Young succeeds Miles next August and retires the following January.

Heroic Pat.



Shipwrecked Mariner (who has just sighted land)—Hello, Pat! What are you going to do?
Pat—Shure, bodad, O'm going to swim ashore an' save myself an' thin swim back an' save you!

SLEEP ON A COLD SMOKE.

Puffing an Empty Pipe Said to Be an Insomnia Cure.

After giving a fair and patient trial to each of many alleged cures for sleeplessness the writer stumbled across a simple method of inducing somnolence that has the merit of being harmless and inexpensive. To smokers the remedy involves no cost whatever, but of nonsmokers the capital outlay of the price of a pipe is required. It must be a wooden pipe and curved, not straight.

Having retired for the night, the sufferer should lie perfectly flat on his back, discarding pillow rests, and puff steadily at an empty pipe until he feels thoroughly drowsy. The desired result usually is achieved after from about sixty to a hundred puffs have been made. The puffing should be done slowly, with a deep inhaling movement. The expelling motions must be made deliberately with narrowed mouth. During the entire operation the pipe should not be removed, as each displacing and replacing movement tends to wakefulness.

Those capable of great concentration of thought should, if smokers, imagine they see volumes of smoke, and those who eschew the burning weed will be helped by counting the puffs.

As sleep is often successfully wooed while yet the pipe is in the mouth, bowls of meerschaum or clay are not recommended, since these are liable to be broken when the coning of slumber allows the pipe to slide from the mouth. Nervous people may be reassured that there is no danger in falling asleep with the stem edge of a curved pipe caught between one's teeth. Sleep always occasions the grip to be relaxed. That may hold also of straight pipes, but for other and obvious reasons these are less suitable than those with curved stems.—New York Mail and Express.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DEMAND Twenty Per Cent. Raise in Wages.

Chicago, Dec. 20—Forty grievance committees, representing 40 unions of railway employees west of Chicago, including lines reaching the coast arrived in Chicago this morning and presented demands to railways for a 20 percent increase in wages, answer to be made before January 5th. These committees represent 50,000 passenger and freight conductors and brakemen.

President Over Financial Mart. Rudolph Keppler, who is now serving his fifth consecutive term as president



of the New York Stock Exchange, has been an active influence in that organization for more than a quarter of a century.

THE BREED TO KEEP.

A Question That an Experienced Man Finds It Hard to Answer.

J. A. T. wants to start dairying on his farm and asks what breed of cows he had better adopt, what breed I have and if they are satisfactory. A dozen years ago I could have answered this question rather positively and definitely, as I could a good many other direct questions, but it is wonderful what an effect half a score of years of severe practical experience on the farm and careful observation have in making a man conservative, says L. W. Lighty in National Stockman and Farmer. He will not venture to tell a man just what he is to do and how he is to do it. Some of his finest (?) plans would not work out in his own hands. How could he expect them to do so secondhand?

In selecting a breed of cows for dairying a person should consider himself and his environments. The breed that a person admires most is likely to prove the best in his hands if carefully studied and properly handled. For dairy purposes it is of course advisable to select a typical dairy breed, though I have known men to make at least a partial success with a beef breed, though not typical beef cows. It might possibly be helpful to the questioner and others in selecting a breed of cattle to mention a few of the chief characteristics of a few of the commonest dairy breeds. The Channel island cattle (Jerseys and Guerneys) were originated and bred on the islands of this name, where the climate is not nearly as severe as in our northern states. If we turn the island cow with our native and then use our old methods of little or no shelter in winter and compel the cows to huddle over the hills for their feed in summer, the native is likely to come out ahead. The same is true of Holsteins. In their native home, the Netherlands, they often share part of the house with the family. Feed is abundant and of the right kind. Their bodies are very heavy, and their bones are not constructed to travel miles over hills and valleys to find a day's living. I know men who have lots of rough land that furnishes some pasture and who are opposed to "babying" cows, as they put it, who keep Ayrshires with very good results. Their native home is a cold and rough country and produces good, rugged stock. The Swiss are credited with the same qualities. But do not for a moment think that any breed can be had that will bear neglect, only that some are better husters than others.

ADJOURNS OVER THE HOLIDAYS Anthracite Commission Listens to More Stories

Scranton, Dec. 20—The anthracite commission met this morning in three hour session, during which several witnesses were examined, after which the commission adjourned to meet at Philadelphia January 5th. This will probably be the last session held in this city.

Among others examined were Superintendent Allen, of the Hall Coal Co., who told of being shot fourteen times,

Mrs. Snyder on the stand said her husband continued to work and was shut up in the colliery several weeks. When threats were made against her she visited and appealed to the members of the national board of miners who told her they would do what they could to protect her. That night her house was burned, which had been built from money left her by her mother. She cried bitterly on the stand.

Fortune Teller.



Fortune Teller—The cards say that you have a wonderful memory.
Customer—Write that down, so that I won't forget it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Text That Stumped Him.

"I once heard a minister who boasted from his pulpit that he was able to preach from any text in the Bible off-hand without thought or other preparation, and as a test of his talent in extemporaneous speaking he invited his congregation the next Sunday morning to hand in any texts they would like him to preach from, when he would show them what he was able to do," relates the Chicago Record-Herald. "In order that he might not be suspected of surreptitious preparation the passages of Scripture were to be written upon slips of paper, sealed up in envelopes and placed upon the pulpit immediately before the opening of the service. The next Sunday morning the pastor came bounding in, pride and confidence gleaming in his eyes, and found a number of sealed envelopes lying upon the big Bible. After the preliminary service he called attention to them and said he would preach from the text contained in the envelope that lay on the top of the pile. The remainder he would reserve for future Sabbaths. Tearing it open, he unfolded a slip of paper and read the words once addressed to the prophet Balaam, 'Am I not thine as?'"

The Flemish Fishwife.

She is a monstrous big creature, as unrestrained in her physical growth as she is in her expression of the smallest or the largest emotion that stirs her. Two of her walking side by side fill the narrow street with a broad expanse of hips which leaves no room for anything else to squeeze past her. Her back view is as imposing and not unlike the mighty Flemish horse in motion in front of one. Her great broad feet are comfortably bestowed in wooden sabots that make a pleasing, leisurely clatter as she moves majestically along. Her massive chest is crossed by the knitted shawl she always wears. The strings of her apron have never yet succeeded in reaching clear about her waist. Her face, broad, red, lightly wrinkled, as quick to tighten with anger as to broaden with laughter, has never been shaded by a hat nor schooled to conceal a thought that moves her. Her hands are huge, strong, quick. And her tongue!

The Wedding Cake.

The wedding cake is a development of the three ears of wheat carried by the bride in very olden times as a presage of plenty of the good things of life. In time the grain thus formerly carried was ground and made into small cakes, which were thrown over the bride's head as she entered her first

house. A pile of these flat cakes was laid one upon another, after the manner of shewbread in old illustrations of Bible times. Thus by a natural evolution came the present form of one huge, round cake, for whose elaborate appearance and composition we have the French to thank.

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Narrow Escape

J. W. Qualek is carrying his head in a sling, and congratulating himself that he has a head to carry. On Saturday at the Bay City mill, he was poking some sawdust away from the saw, when the stick he was using came in contact with the saw and was thrown up, striking him a glancing blow above the right eye, and cutting a gash which required six stitches to close. A little different course would have sent the stick through his head.

ONE STEP MORE

Will be fatal to the sleep-walker. Will he draw back or will he take the final, fatal step? A great many people are in peril like the sleep-walker. They are diseased. The disease is progressing day by day. The time comes when one more step away from health is fatal. The man who has suffered from indigestion or gastric trouble goes some night to a dinner and returns home to find he has taken that last step from health which can never be taken back.

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Our Representative in Germany.
The transfer of Ambassador Charles Drexler Tower of Pennsylvania from Russia to Germany is a distinct advancement and rounds out a diplomatic service which has stamped him as a worthy and able representative



of his country. Mr. Tower is a native of Philadelphia and belongs to a well known family of that city. He is descended from John Tower of Norfolk, England, who settled in Hingham, Mass. in 1637. Mr. Tower, who is now in his fifty-fifth year, is a graduate of Harvard university.

Her Trick.

A cantankerous old farmer, who hardly ever agreed with anything his wife said to him, came home one wet day and, placing his back to the fire, stood up to dry.

After some little time his wife turned to him and said:

"John, you'd better watch yourself or you'll burn your flannels."

To which John replied:

"I think I'll need to burn my trousers first."

"Indeed, John, you'll need to do something of the kind. They're burnt already."—London Tit-Bits.

A street in Old Toledo.