

WAR WILL BE AVERTED

NEGOTIATIONS RENEWED BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE.

Papers Putting an End to the Present State of Affairs Will Be Signed at Santiago.

BUENOS AYRES, via Galveston, Dec. 24.—Senator Alcorta, Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, has sent a telegraphic communication to Florencio L. Dominguez, the Minister of Argentina to Great Britain, in which he informs the latter of the renewal of conciliatory negotiations between Argentina and Chile. This step was taken order that Senator Dominguez may officially inform the arbitration commission and other persons interested in the matter of the developments in the situation.

LORD'S ENCOURAGING REPORT.

Argentina Will Not Press Her Demands Upon Chile.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Encouraging news has reached the State Department from Buenos Ayres, and the officials have renewed confidence that there will be a peaceful settlement of the serious dispute between Chile and Argentina. Mr. Lord, United States Minister at Buenos Ayres, has reported by cable that the Argentine Government has concluded not to press the demands upon Chile which threatened to lead to hostilities, but instead has decided to allow the issue to go before the boundary commission which has for several years been engaged in the delimitation of the boundary. Moreover, Mr. Lord reports that while the Argentine Minister to Chile has arrived in Buenos Ayres, the Argentine Legation at Santiago de Chile has not been closed, and consequently diplomatic relations between the two countries have not been broken, as was supposed from the report from our Minister to Chile.

Commenting upon the London reports to the effect that the boundary commission could not deal with the pending issue, being limited in fact by the treaty which created it to the definition of the boundary, it is pointed out that, admitting the existence of this limitation, there is still no good reason why Chile being willing to accept the necessary additional authorization may not be given the commission by mutual consent of the parties. The only doubtful question remaining is as to Chile's willingness to accept the authorization to the boundary commission. This doubt is rather a serious one, for several days have elapsed since Argentina made the proposition and Chile has not yet signified that the proposition is acceptable. On the contrary, while not specifically declining, intimations have reached the authorities here that Chile did not look with favor upon the latest move of Argentina, but regarded it as an interruption of the negotiations which had been satisfactorily proceeding up to that time. If this proves to be preliminary to Chile's rejection of Argentina's latest move, then the crisis will become more acute than before.

Effect on Europe.

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The Neue Freie Presse today, commenting on the Chilean-Argentine situation, expresses the opinion that war between the two countries would seriously affect the interests of Europe, not only because of the enormous trans-oceanic trade which would be injured, but because it might alter the relations between Europe and the United States. Upon the latter point, the Neue Freie Presse, "armed with the Monroe Doctrine, will develop a role which will well suit their Pan-American ideas, and the lively interest of European centers largely in the incalculable effects the war may have on the relations between Europe and the United States, as the development of these relations constitutes the most important world problem of the future."

England Will Arbitrate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It is understood, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, that the government will send a favorable reply to the request from Chile that the British Government should speedily use its influence to bring about a solution of the difficulty with the Argentine Republic.

NO ULTIMATUM SENT.

But Germany is Preparing One Against Venezuela.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The announcement that Germany had sent an ultimatum to Venezuela has been conspicuously printed in the press here. Those newspapers maintaining the closest relations with the government affirm that the news is premature. While an ultimatum has not yet been delivered to Venezuela, they say, the step will soon be taken, unless Venezuela yields to what are deemed the reasonable demands of Germany. The Cologne Volks Zeitung, in an extensive article on Germany's attitude toward the Monroe Doctrine, asserts that the assurance of Dr. von Holleben, the German Ambassador to the United States, with regard to the Venezuelan matter, indicates Germany's recognition of the Monroe Doctrine in a more absolute manner than has heretofore been done. It says Germany bows to the Monroe Doctrine, and alludes to the expression of the late Prince Bismarck that the Monroe Doctrine is "a piece of impudence." This utterance of the German statesman, which is doubtless authentic, has just been published for the first time by the Hamburger Nachrichten, Bismarck's household organ. Nevertheless, the Cologne Volks Zeitung admits that "the impudence of the United States is successfully brilliant, and that Europe is already accustoming itself to the idea of the tutelage of the United States in South America." The Cologne Volks Zeitung concludes by saying: "Must Germany really ask Washington's permission to collect 3,000,000 marks from Venezuela? Must we pocket all sorts of warnings and concealed threats?"

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Campaign Against Germany.

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, Sunday, Dec. 15.—The Venezuelan Government representatives have just week been carrying on a campaign of a violent nature against Germany, and especially against the Deutsche Bank, of Berlin, which of the proposals are as follows: A loan of \$10,000,000. Since General Castro seized the executive power, nothing has been paid, and the Deutsche Bank, having been tired of waiting, is now demanding payment through the intervention of the German Legation.

FRANCE AND VENEZUELA.

Another Attempt to Renew Diplomatic Relations.

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 15.—Venezuela, having failed last year in her attempt to renew diplomatic relations with France, even after the good offices of the United States had been invoked to assist in the negotiations, has at last got the Spanish Government to instruct the Spanish Ambassador in Paris to plead her cause. The Ambassador, Marquis Leon y Castillo, has laid the proposals of Venezuela before the French Government, and they will shortly be taken into consideration. The basis of the proposals are as follows: Arrangement of the French claims arising out of the revolutions of 1852, 1858, 1859, 1860 and 1901, within a period which shall not exceed one year. Venezuela demands that in future France, like Italy, shall recognize the Venezuelan courts as having jurisdiction to decide French claims, and that the duties imposed on Venezuelan coffee imported into France shall be removed.

The French Government intends, if its conditions are not accepted soon, to impose prohibitive import duties on Venezuelan coffee, 74 per cent of the crop of which is consumed by this country. If this measure were to be put into effect, it would ruin Venezuela, which would not know where to place cocoa, the national Chamber of Commerce, realizing the danger, has written to the Chambers of Commerce at Havre, Bordeaux and Marseilles to the effect that it is endeavoring to induce the Government of Venezuela to listen to reason in order that an arrangement may be arrived at. Senator Cecilio Castro, who has been already charged with diplomatic and financial missions in France, which were far from successful, will leave Caracas December 28 in order to submit the memorandum revised by President Castro. The correspondent learns on good authority that the French Government is determined not to be lenient, having five years ago accepted a protocol signed by General Páez, the authorized representative of Venezuela, which was afterwards refused by the Government of Venezuela. It is considered at the French Foreign Office that Senator Castro's voyage to Caracas is a desperate attempt to win him a document, signed by President Castro, which would become a protocol and would have to be accepted by the Venezuelan cabinet before the French Government ratified it.

Arrival of a Philibuster.

PORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, Dec. 24 via Haytian cable.—The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador left here during the night. Her destination is unknown. The British steamer Ban Righ, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition intended for the adherents of General Matos, has arrived here from Antwerp, which port she left November 23. Another alleged revolutionary vessel has been sighted in the waters of this island.

There was fighting yesterday in Venezuela, where the revolutionary movement is spreading. The engagement took place at Villa do Coura, about 50 miles from the state of Carabobo. General Luciano Mendoza, was defeated by the government troops. Fighting has also occurred in the state of Aragua. A dispute has arisen between the officials of the German railroad running from Caracas to Valencia and the government. All traffic is suspended between those two points and the railroad stations are occupied by troops.

Spread of the Insurrection.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The revolution against the Castro government, which has broken out in Venezuela, is a serious affair, according to the Fort De France, Martinique, correspondent of the Herald. The first leaders to rise against the President were General Luciano Mendoza and Cedeno. General Mendoza is President of the State of Aragua, and General Cedeno is Director of Customs at Puerto Cabello. General Mendoza is now marching upon La Victoria, an important point in the vicinity of Caracas. General Cedeno wishes to rescue General Ramon Guerra, formerly Minister of War, who is a prisoner in the fortress of Puerto Cabello.

The insurrection has spread eastward toward Barquisimeto, in the State of Lara, and toward the State of Falcon. The insurgents are well armed, and are about to receive a further supply of guns, rifles and ammunition. The Venezuelan warship Restaurador has arrived here to watch for and try to intercept the steamer which is bringing these munitions of war for the revolutionists. The warship Crespo, which arrived here recently, left very soon afterward without disclosing her destination. General Matos, one of the revolutionary leaders, has just reached here.

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DES MOINES, Dec. 24.—Governor Leslie M. Shaw was seen by the Associated Press representative as he stepped from the train on his arrival from Dubuque at 11 o'clock tonight. He said regarding his attitude concerning the Secretaryship of the Treasury: "The appointment of Secretary of the Treasury has not been formally tendered to me by the President. I have been asked if I would accept the position if such tender were made. I shall consider the matter somewhat further, and decide it without unnecessary delay." The Governor said that was as deep as he cared to go into the matter at present, and he would not intimate what his

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decision was likely to be. Those close to the Governor here believe he will accept the position if it is formally tendered.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Western Men Dead at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—George D. Roberts, of Oakland, Cal., died today at the Aldine Hotel, this city. He was 55 years old and was one of the pioneers in the mining industry of California. He has two sisters living in Oakland. He had been ill for some time. Edward Taylor Bradford, said to be a wealthy mining expert, formerly of Denver, died tonight very suddenly. He had been sick about a week. He was a grandson of "Father" Taylor, the salaried preacher, of Boston. James Hicks, a prominent iron manufacturer of Cincinnati, died in the Waldorf-Astoria today of blood poisoning. He came to this city about a week ago. A few days later he was licking an envelope when the sharp edge of the paper cut his lip and blood poisoning set in.

General Rollin V. Ankeney.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 24.—General Rollin V. Ankeney, for 12 years Coroner of Polk County, died today of pneumonia. He served in the Mexican War with an Ohio regiment, and in the Civil War as Colonel of the One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Infantry. At the discharge he was brevetted Brigadier-General for conspicuous gallantry.

Lewis B. Evans.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Lewis H. Evans, a prominent graindealer of this city, and a member of the Board of Trade, died here today of heart failure.

Earl of Carrick Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Somerset Arthur Butler, fifth Earl of Carrick, is dead. He was born in 1835.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A general order issued by the Navy Department today sets apart as a naval reservation certain lands on Culebra Island, heretofore selected by a naval commission as a naval reserve. The island lies to the eastward of Porto Rico, and came under the flag as one of the dependencies of that island.

THE ROOSEVELTS' CHRISTMAS Programme at the Executive Mansion Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Eighty-seven big turkeys were distributed to the White House employees today with the compliments of the President. Each turkey had on it a card bearing the season's compliments. The distribution was the largest ever made at the White House. Express wagons, mail-carriers and messengers bore numerous packages to the White House today—presents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. Many of the packages were for the children, who will not be allowed, however, to have them until tomorrow.

FOUND IN AN OLD CLOCK.

Discovery of a Secret of the French Court.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—The Enquirer's Gallipolis special gives a discovery of a manuscript in a secret drawer of an old clock in the city, which reveals a secret of the French Court and shows the reasons of the visit to that city in 1759 of the Duke of Orleans, afterward Louis Philippe of France. The discovery was made by Claude M. Wall, while taking apart an old French clock which has long been in the storage-room of his store. He found a secret drawer in the clock, which contained an old parchment manuscript in French, wrapped in a child's flannel skirt, richly embroidered and beaded monogram. A piece of fine lace was also with the manuscript.

Upon investigation, the manuscript purported to be a "true history of Adele Aurore," the daughter of the Duke of Orleans, and was dated October 15, 1759. It was addressed to Adele, apparently to be given her when she grew to maturity. The substance of it was the history of the visit to that city in 1759 of the Duke of Orleans, afterward Louis Philippe of France. The mother died at the child's birth, ignorant of the rank of its father. The writer was then placed in charge of the child, and sent with it to Gallipolis, where there was a French colony. The story ran that he became her preceptor, and finally, after the visit of the Duke of Orleans to Gallipolis, it was determined to send Adele to a Catholic school in France. The mother of Adele not being of royal blood, the marriage was kept secret.

Mr. Wall has sent the manuscript to the French Ambassador at Washington. Some portions of the papers giving names and lineage have not been made public.

Telegraphic Brevities.

United States Senator Depew has arrived at Nice, France. Admiral Kappell, of the Kentucky, arrived at Wau-Sun yesterday. The French Chamber of Deputies adjourned until after the holidays. The decision in the Dowle receivership case will not be handed down until the holidays. The large consignment of Frank E. James, at Montevideo, Mex., was burned yesterday; loss, \$150,000. William Waldorf Astor has donated \$10,000 for the promotion of civilian rifle clubs in the United Kingdom. By a gas explosion at a Kokomo, Ind., plate-glass factory, Zachariah Chapman was killed and several workmen were injured. The Buffalo Board of Aldermen accepted the resignation of City Treasurer Gerst, whose accounts are undergoing an investigation. Perry McGeehan was successful in his coming battle with Sullivan, January 20. He will have George Lavigne for his next opponent. In a balloon quarrel at Cambridge City, Ind., John Ryan was shot and killed by one of two brothers named Schook. A Toledo fire truck collided with a street-car, resulting in the death of Captain J. B. Ward, of the fire company, and injury of several other firemen. The stockholders of the National Bank of the Commonwealth, at Boston, voted to place the bank in voluntary liquidation. The bank has been merged into the National Shawmut Bank. Newell C. Rathbun, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to the Indiana Reformatory for four to six years, for killing Charles Thompson, in Jeffersonville, Ind., will not ask for a new trial. The Italian Minister of the Treasury, has

Launching of the Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The excursion to Newport News to participate in the launching and christening of the new battle-ship Missouri, December 28, will leave St. Louis Thursday at noon. The state officers will be represented by Lieutenant-Governor John A. Lee. Senator Cockrell will make the address at the

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instructed the Italian Ambassador at Washington to open negotiations for having Italian routes listed on the New York and other American stock exchanges. Warner Sims, a negro, has been tried at White Plains, N. Y., for the murder of David J. Scott and John Stevens, employees of the St. Lawrence Golf Club, September 1. The jury found Sims not guilty. At Yates City, Ill., August Isenberg, a farmer, shot his wife through the abdomen, and she shot his 14-year-old stepson. Walking 17 miles to the home of his daughter, he shot himself through the head. At the annual meeting of the DeLore Mining Company, at Kimberley, the chairman announced that the gross profits of the year were \$25,000, the production being 24,500,000. The estimated life of the mines is 144 years. At Windsor, Ont., Magistrate Bartlett decided that John N. Watts, charged by his divorced wife with having abducted the child, Arnie Watts, his child, from Springfield, Ill., may be extradited. The case will be appealed. Andrew Carnegie has offered Akron, O., \$70,000 for a free library; the city guarantees \$7000 annually to keep it up. The offer will probably be accepted. He has given Nyack, N. Y., \$115,000 for a public library building. Sir Thomas Lipton received a silver punch bowl and stand as a Christmas gift from John Crimmins, J. H. Flagler, Charles Dana (gibson), Judge Morgan O'Brien and 19 other Americans. King Edward presented Sir Thomas with a cigarette case.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

South Americans in Conference Will Draw Up Separate Treaty.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 24.—Though the Pan-American Conference, as a whole, will undoubtedly fall back in the matter of arbitration upon The Hague convention, it is learned that a number of South American nations will join among themselves to sign a separate convention of compulsory arbitration. Some of the nations that will sign the compulsory plan will not refuse to sign the milder arrangement, but the formulation of the latter, but the others, like Argentina, are so bent on compulsory arbitration that it is claimed they will decline to sign anything less radical. Nowhere is the Chilean-Argentine dispute followed with greater interest than in Mexico just now. Articles setting forth both sides of the dispute, and supposed to be inspired by the representatives of the nations at the Pan-American Conference, daily appear in the press. If war were to break out, the conference would almost certainly dissolve, as there is little question that the Argentine delegates and those who sympathize with them would withdraw.

John Barrett Returns from Mexico.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—John Barrett reached St. Louis today from the Pan-American Congress in session at the City of Mexico, to which he is a delegate. "I have left my work with the conference in such shape that my colleagues can complete it," Mr. Barrett said. He has been excused from further participation in the conference by special arrangement with President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay.

Healthful Condition of Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The division of insular affairs of the War Department has completed for publication a summary of the vital statistics of the City of Havana for the month of November, 1901. The sanitary condition of the city is excellent, each month showing a steady improvement over the corresponding month of the preceding year. During the past 11 years the average number of deaths for November has been 902. In November this year there were 442. The death rate was 15.58, which compares favorably with cities of the same size in the leading civilized countries of the world. During November there were no cases and no deaths from yellow fever. This can be said of no preceding November since 1872. During the last seven

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years the average number of deaths from this disease in November has been 43.

THE ASPHALT SUIT.

Latest Decision is in Favor of the Warner-Quinlan Syndicate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The asphalt suit, which has been pending for a long time before the Venezuelan courts, has been advanced another step toward the end. Some time ago the case was taken before the court of last resort, the Supreme Court of Venezuela at Caracas, to determine the question of title to the asphalt lakes as between the New York & Bermudez Company and the Warner-Quinlan syndicate. While this suit was pending the Warner-Quinlan suit went before one of the inferior tribunals at Carapapo and lodged a motion to be placed in possession of the asphalt lakes, pending the issue of the pending suit at Caracas. The local tribunal found for the Warner-Quinlan people and an appeal was taken to the Court of First Instance, at Cumana. This court has now decided in favor of the Warner-Quinlan syndicate, granting a decree authorizing them to take possession. The Bermudez Company, however, is in actual possession of the lakes, with a strong force of laborers not without military training, and led by capable men, including, it is understood, some of the cadets who recently were expelled from the United States Military Academy for having, and it is understood they will not surrender the lakes unless the Supreme Court at Caracas renders a decision adverse to them.

Deputies in a Tussle.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—During the debate in the Chamber today, Deputies Allemaigne and Bernard exchanged acrimonious words, which were followed after the adjournment of the Chamber by a personal encounter in the lobby. An usher who attempted to intervene between the Deputies was knocked down by M. Bernard. The combatants clinched and rolled over each other on the ground, until friends succeeded in separating them. M. Allemaigne was taken to a doctor to have his bruises dressed, while M. Bernard departed, threatening dire vengeance.

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