

PASS THE TREATIES

Appeal of Reciprocity Convention to Senate.

TO OPEN TRADE WITH CANADA

Government Asked to Convene Joint High Commission Again—Danger of Losing Opportunity of Reciprocity With Cuba.

The National Reciprocity Convention at Detroit closed yesterday, with the adoption of resolutions asking— That the reciprocity treaties negotiated by John A. Kasson be ratified.

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—The delegates to the reciprocity convention today adopted resolutions, listened to a witty and forceful address on reciprocity by ex-Governor John Lind, of Minnesota.

At the morning session two addresses were made. Eugene N. Fox, of Boston, discussed "Canadian Reciprocity," and Frank D. Pavey, of New York, on "Reciprocity With Cuba."

Resolved, That the time and place of holding this convention make appropriate special consideration of our trade relations with Canada, relations which, to say the least, have for many years been unfortunate for both countries, and which promise, unless speedily changed, to grow rapidly from bad to worse at the very moment when a great industrial development is taking place, and in view of these considerations, it is further

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Political Fear an Obstacle.

After referring to the introduction of Canadian reciprocity as an issue into the last Congressional session in Boston, Mr. Fox said this morning: "The idea of reciprocity is received everywhere with enthusiasm. The business men find it practically a united front of doing something to bring about better relations with Canada. If we can bring it close home to every voter that it is an unfair condition when we buy of our largest per capita country, it is a matter of what we sell her; that upon her side there is a natural and worthy determination to close her markets against us.

"It is plain that no treaty will be worth anything to Cuba which does not grant tariff concessions to Cuban sugar and tobacco upon their importation into the United States. If the treaty contains this concession, it is a reciprocity treaty in the same interest which opposed reciprocity by legislation last year."

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WITNESS FOR OTHER SIDE

Coal Operators in an Embarrassing Position.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 11.—The representatives of the miners during today's proceedings before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission called one of the independent operators to the witness stand to tell the exact price he received for his coal since the strike refused to work. Instead, after much questioning, an average of the price he received. The operator was L. N. Crawford, president of the People's Coal Company, which operates the Oxford colliery in Luzerne county.

The miners announced that they expected to close their case on Saturday and thus gave notice to the other side to be ready to proceed with their testimony. In reply, the companies announced that they would have to adjourn for a short recess in order properly to prepare their case. Judge Gray in reply said he hoped there would be no interruption in the proceedings and he hoped the companies would be able to proceed as soon as the miners had concluded their case.

Mr. Crawford, who has been attending the sessions each day, was surprised to be called, and he remarked as he took the stand: "This is a new turn of affairs."

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MYSTERY OF A NEWSBOY.

His Wounded Body Found With Papers in Central Park.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mystery surrounds the death of a boy about 15 years of age, whose body was found by a policeman lying off the bicycle path in Central Park near Eighty-fifth street and opposite the workshop of the Department of Parks. On the right side of his face there was a lacerated wound in the shape of some animal, the mark of a long tooth being visible in its center.

SAYS CROWE WILL SURRENDER.

Brother of Kidnaper Says He Is in Johannesburg.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Steven A. Crowe, a hotel proprietor of this city, and brother of Pat Crowe, asserted positively today that the latter is in Johannesburg. He said further that within the next few weeks his brother may surrender himself to the authorities in exchange for an agreement with Edward Cudaly, when the \$25,000 reward for his arrest was withdrawn recently.

Big Increase in Capital Stock.

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The Best Cough Medicine.

We have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for years, and believe it to be the best on the market. Jackway & Faust, Owando, Mont.

Speckled Strike Settled.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The strike at the Speckled Sugar Refining Works has been amicably settled, all of the men who walked out returning to work.

Books, Warrantin & King

Friday Extra Specials

Here are four items that will aid greatly in your Christmas buying and leave a neat little surplus for another present:

- Children's Stools A useful toy and strongly made of ash wood, it will last a long time. Special price today 18c
A Toy Wagon of Wooden Blocks Blocks in all shapes and sizes, packed in a neat and strong little wagon. Price today only 25c
Special Sale Fancy Celluloid Cases Very pretty, dainty, lined cases, for holding gloves, handkerchiefs, neckties, ribbons or trinkets. 45c values this week only 33c 80c values this week only 48c
Christmas Sale Ladies' Handkerchiefs Very sheer and dainty, with lace and embroidery corners and lace edges, 25c values, today only 12c

A Christmas Book Special

The works of the best authors in artistic covers, beautifully bound, print large and clear, paper a good quality. A present that will be prized both for its merit and its beauty. Price this week 25 cents

Children's Books

Fairy Tales and Mother Goose Stories, cloth bound, with bright covers, pretty and numerous illustrations. Special price this week only, ea. 18c

Scrap Albums

In a large size, with prettily decorated cover. Sale price only 25c

Ladies' Worsted Vests

Two taking specials on items that come in just right for this sort of weather. Ladies' Hose Heavy weight black cotton, with extra high spliced heels and double sole. These are our famous 50c O. K. hosiery, and if you were to pay \$1.00 a pair you could not get a better wearer. Special Friday and Saturday only, pair 35c

Evening Waists for Half

Some of the dressiest waists we have shown this season come into this reduction, and there is not a waist in the lot but is tempting. All for half price.

Ladies' English Overcoats

Beautiful Fan-Shaped Boxes, containing six fine handkerchiefs in assorted styles. Embroidery and lace trimmed. On sale today—a splendid bargain. \$1.49 box

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SALE OF LEATHER GOODS

Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 at \$1.19 You can choose from over 2000 ladies' Combination Pocket Books, Chatelaine Bags, Wrist Bags, in black or colors. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, at special, \$1.19.

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DON THEIR WAR PAINT

(Continued from First Page.)

Thursday diplomatic reception to confer respecting Venezuela. The chairman of the two Congressional committees charged with the duty of investigating the blockade called at the State Department during the forenoon to talk over the Venezuelan developments.

The State Department is so far well pleased with the energetic yet discreet manner in which Minister Bowen has acted. There have been no orders to any of our naval vessels to repair to Venezuelan ports, and it is not intended to issue such orders unless an emergency should arise, as the presence of foreign men-of-war in such cases as this is apt to cause needless friction.

It is an interesting fact that up to this point the State Department has not undertaken to recognize the limitations that might be placed on American commerce in case of a Venezuelan blockade. The German government later than last year sought to secure an understanding on this point, but the State Department simply recorded the views of that government, without either accepting or rejecting them, so that our hands are free.

In case the German government should be obliged to recognize the pending claims, it will have to be considered what kind of measures should be applied. The most important of these is a blockade—that is, the blockade of Venezuelan harbors—would have to be carried through without a declaration of war preceding it. The blockade would, therefore, be a peace blockade.

Very little in the way of direct instructions has been received by either the German or British Ambassadors from the governments on the Venezuelan situation in the last few days. They have been directed to assure the State Department that neither England nor Germany intends to desert in any way from the plan of joint action against Venezuela which was drawn up in London and Berlin and submitted to the State Department some weeks ago.

BRITONS ARE ANXIOUS.

Want to Know Basis of Claim and Fear Some Resistance.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Up to a late hour last night the Foreign Office was still without further official news about the situation in Venezuela.

While there is no confirmation of the rumors of fighting in La Guayra, the newspapers this morning are beginning to show a keener appreciation of the serious possibilities involved by President Castro's continued defiance. The feeling will hardly be lessened by a report that a British vessel has been seized at Puerto Cabello, and it is shown in the papers that the government has published documents explaining the grounds for its action, that the country shall be no longer in doubt as to what provocations the government has received. Questions as to how it will be possible to enforce the payment of Great Britain's demands upon Venezuela without costly military operations and whether even the

NOT READY TO SEIZE CUSTOMS.

Receipts Must Be Apportioned Among All Venezuela's Creditors. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Foreign Office at 1 o'clock this afternoon was still without official news from Venezuela. In connection with the reported seizure of the Venezuelan customs the Foreign Office officials say that arrangements for that step have not been completed.

FRENCH SHIP WAS SEIZED.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—A lengthy official dispatch has been received at the Foreign Office here from Caracas saying that the boats from the German warships in seizing the vessels supposed to belong to Venezuela, also captured a French merchant steamer, the Ossun. These vessels were unable to say what steps would be taken in the matter, but it is believed that unless the Germans promptly rectify the mistake and release the Ossun, representations on the subject will be made to Germany.

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CAUGHT AFTER FOUR YEARS.

Maker of Counterfeit Union Cigar Labels Trapped in His Shop. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—In a raid by constables and labor leaders early today it is believed the greatest plant in the country for counterfeiting union cigar labels was discovered, says the Inter Ocean. The printing establishment of Hiram Melts was entered and 10 counterfeit plates captured, from which it is believed all the counterfeit labels in the United States have been printed. One hundred thousand counterfeit labels were also confiscated. Officers of the Cigar-makers' International Union asserted that the plates are the only ones in existence. Melts shipped the counterfeit blue slips in lots varying from 100 to 16,000 of all parts of the United States.

WHAT HANDSOME, MORE serviceable or better appreciated Xmas gift is there than an attractive Fur Jacket, Boa, Collarlette or Cape? Our garments will be found to have that superiority of quality, exclusiveness of style, and excellence of workmanship so much desired by dignified dressers, while the reasonableness of our price is a matter of constant comment among our many patrons.

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The result of years of experiment. The best result with the least trouble. All responsible jewelers keep it. 25 cents a package.

Salvador Makes Vain Protest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Salvador has applied for a reduction of the award aggregating \$500,000 made by the Arbitration Board, which met in Washington last Spring, for injuries inflicted upon the Salvador Commercial Company, an American concern, through the appropriation of a franchise. The allegation is made that the award is excessive. The State Department has been earnestly considering this matter, but from present indications it is not changed its mind as to the justice of the award, which must be paid by next February of the latest.

Oklahoma Postoffice Robbed.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 11.—The postoffice at Yukon, in Canadian County, was robbed early today of \$300 in money and stamps by two men, who were arrested by Sheriff J. W. Galt. In a fight with the robbers Marshal Montfort was shot and slightly wounded. The men escaped in a stolen buggy.

Carnegie Has Fully Recovered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The wife of the Star liner Oceanic on which Andrew Carnegie is a passenger, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown, after a stormy passage of six days. It was stated that Mr. Carnegie had fully recovered from his recent illness and that he never was in better health.

Diamonds Stolen From Hotel.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Charles H. Blackman, a wealthy widow residing in the Kenwood Hotel, has been robbed of \$6000 worth of diamonds. The jewels were taken from her room in the hotel in daylight, and while the parlor, a short distance away, was filled with people. There is no clue to the thief.

Move for Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A joint resolution was offered in the House today by Mr. Shafer (Colo.), authorizing the President to propose to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration and to guarantee the payment of the awards that may be found.

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