

FEELS THE PINCH

Price of Flour Advancing in Caracas.

BLOCKADE PROVES EFFECTIVE

Two Weeks' Supply of Food in the Capital—American Commerce Hurt—Germany Vainly Pursues Last Venezuelan Ship.

CARACAS, Dec. 22.—The blockade is proving prejudicial to American trade. Fifteen importing houses in Caracas have stopped placing orders in the United States. Boulton & Co. are the only importers of American flour who have declined to increase the price of this article. The people benefit by this firm's action.

It is estimated that the food supply in Caracas will not last much more than a fortnight. The Venezuelan sunboat Miranda, the best vessel in the fleet, is still successful in escaping German pursuit. She is now in the most southern part of Lake Maracaibo, near La Cerba, and beyond the reach of the allies. The German cruiser Falke made an attempt to cross the bar at Maracaibo without a pilot, but desisted in view of the danger. She is now cruising outside the bar.

AMERICAN SHIP SHUT OUT.

Steamer Will Not Be Allowed to Enter La Guayra. CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 22.—The captain of the Italian warship Giovanni Bausan has issued a notification that he will not allow the American Red D line steamer Caracas to enter La Guayra. This announcement has created great excitement among the foreign importers. The action of the Italian commander is in contradiction of the view taken by the captain of the British cruiser Tribune, who, before his departure from this port, advised the British Consul that the Caracas would be allowed to enter the port.

JOHNSTON AT CARACAS.

Will Advise Bowen on Naval Questions as to Blockade. CARACAS, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant Marbury Johnston, attached to the United States cruiser Montgomery, has reported to Minister Bowen as naval attaché here, having been landed at La Guayra, Sunday, by the cruiser Albany, which is under instructions to proceed for Mayaguez. Lieutenant Johnston will advise Mr. Bowen with respect to naval questions, particularly with reference to the blockade. His arrival here has aroused keen interest.

FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR.

This Stops Commercial Intercourse and Legalizes Retaliation. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 22.—Official announcement is made here that Sir Courtenay Knollys, the acting Governor, will issue today a special royal gazette containing a declaration of war against Venezuela. This act is one of formality, taken with the intention to legalize the proclamation of the blockade.

"All commercial intercourse between the two peoples is interdicted. When hostile ships capture a neutral, the property on board is not affected. A free ship makes free goods. They may capture the enemy's ships and the enemy's property on board, but they must spare neutral vessels and all goods therein whether belonging to the enemy or to the neutrals, and also neutral goods found in the enemy's vessels." The proclamation will have the effect of legalizing the capture of Venezuelan war-ships.

Nothing Wrong With Castro. CARACAS, Dec. 22.—There is no truth in the report published in the United States that President Castro is suffering from mysterious illness. The correspondent of the Associated Press saw the President today. He is enjoying his usual health.

RUSH HUMBERTS HOME.

Their Revelations Threaten Social and Political Earthquake. PARIS, Dec. 22.—The extradition proceedings against the Humbert family, who were arrested in Madrid Saturday, are being pushed rapidly. The public awaits anxiously the return to Paris of the fugitives. Not since France was shaken by the Dreyfus case has the country been so intensely interested as it is by the developments in this case. For the moment the Venezuelan trouble has become obscured, and French newspapers are devoting their energies to elaborate presentations of the celebrated case. Some papers assert that the arrest of the Humberts is only a prelude to even more sensational developments which involve personages in the foremost rank of political, judicial and social affairs.

The indications are that the Dreyfus matter will again be dragged before the public, and that there will be a renewal of the animosity of the antisemitic discussion. Deputy Gauthier has taken the initiative in asserting that the relatives of Dreyfus are among the heaviest creditors of the Humberts, and that this alleged fact exercised an important influence in the highest governmental quarters during the Dreyfus trial. Yelled allusions have been made to some of the men most prominent, some newspapers even going so far as to name those alleged to figure directly or indirectly in the affair. When the Chamber of Deputies resumes its sessions, the Humbert question will probably become one of the most prominent subjects in politics. Plans have been formulated for the return of the Humbert party to Paris, and that there will be a renewal of the department have been detailed to conduct the prisoners across the frontier. The utmost precautions will be taken to prevent their escape and guard against the possibility of any of them committing suicide.

To Make Sugar a State Monopoly. VIENNA, Dec. 22.—Bills have been introduced in the Austrian and Hungarian Parliaments to make the manufacture of sugar an industry under state control. It is proposed to effect this by restricting the amount of sugar placed on the home market to 27,000 tons for Austria and 36,300 tons for Hungary, but permitting any amount of sugar to be manufactured for sale abroad.

Contempt for Kaiser's Picture. BERLIN, Dec. 22.—A Polish girl named Kopeck has been sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment at Inowaslaw, Province of Posen, for lese majeste, in having thrown a brooch with Emperor William's picture in it to the floor and stamping upon it. Such brooches were presented to the pupils of the schools when His Majesty visited Posen.

Wants to Take a New Wife. ROME, Dec. 22.—Count Filippo Folchi, the artist, who eloped with Donna Elvira, the second daughter of Don Carlos, in November, 1896, is now trying to obtain the annulment of his marriage to Countess Folchi so that he may marry Donna Elvira.

Olds, Wortman & King

Our Final Christmas Sale of Fine French Dolls

All but a very few of the dolls advertised at sale prices this week having been disposed of in a single day we have decided to make a

Still Choicer Doll Offering

And accordingly we will place on sale tomorrow a limited quantity of rare doll beauties. Great big dolls, with loveliest faces, full jointed, French modeled bodies, all finest European make. They were priced originally at a very low figure, and the reduction at which they are going now makes them the biggest doll bargain ever seen in Portland. Values to \$2.75 for only **\$1.89**

Christmas Slippers

Don't Forget Them We have the most and the nicest Christmas Slippers of any store in town. Prices, per pair—**75c to \$3.00**

Come Early

For the accommodation of busy people our store will be open until 10 o'clock this evening and Christmas eve. But for those who can do so we cannot too earnestly recommend making purchases early in the day. Time is really saved by doing so and opportunity secured for leisurely selections.

Christmas Enthusiasm Here

Christmas buying goes merrily on in every part of our store. Santa seems to have headquarters on every floor. The Toy Department is thronged with people who are finding a bewilderment of delightful children's presents. Crockery Department overflows, and no wonder there are so many choice things in china, cut glass and fine silver, and the prices are so low. There has been a general exodus of dolls from their place on the second floor. They have nearly all found homes, and we can heartily congratulate every little girl who secures one of these beauties. Notions, novelties, handkerchiefs, gloves, ribbons, umbrellas, fine slippers, in the greatest profusion, something to please every one. The books should not be lost sight of, so much that is choice is here, and so cheap, it is a shame to let such opportunities go by, whether the purchase be for a gift or for one's own enjoyment. **BUT WHATEVER YOU PURCHASE YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF BETTER SERVED IF YOU COME EARLY.**

More Big Book Bargains

Something Unheard of Before. Books for 15c. You have seen books priced cheaper, but not books like these. They are works of the best authors, bound in cloth and art covers, fine paper and clear, plain type. Bonaventure, by Cable, the universally popular author. Dr. Pascal, by Zola. The House in Bloomsbury, by Mrs. Oliphant, and a great many other choice stories, for only 15c each.

Children's Novelty Coats

Greatly Reduced Here is an opportunity to get a very fine little novelty coat made of handsome materials and stylishly finished at way below usual selling price. Regular values are \$18.50, \$20 and \$22.50. This week they go at one price **\$14.95**

GREAT STORM IN PERU.

Several Killed by Hail and Extreme Cold Experienced.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 22.—News has just reached here of a terrible storm of hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning, December 14, at Cerro de Pasco, 107 miles from here. Several persons were killed and much damage was done. There was a foot of snow in the streets. The temperature fell to 3 degrees below zero.

Will Not Reinstated Utting.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—General Manager Emmons, of the General Electric Company, announced today that the decision of the officials regarding the discharge of Edward Utting was that he should not be reinstated. His reinstatement was asked by the international officers of his union, and an agreement was drawn up that in the event of his reinstatement the men would agree not to go on strike, and that he would not take his position. The company, on its part, was to agree not to declare a lockout.

Utting was discharged for being absent from his work for nine days without giving notice to his foreman, organizing employees of the company at Lynn, Mass.

Roumanian Gives Up Hope.

OMAHA, Dec. 22.—The body of Joseph Faier, a young Roumanian, was found today hanging by the neck from an iron rafter of a coal hole beneath the sidewalk in front of the Victoria Hotel. A letter pinned to the body stated that despondency was the cause.

New Museum of Art Opened.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The new building of the Metropolitan Museum of Art was formally opened tonight with appropriate ceremonies.

Dean of Winchester Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Rev. William Wood, dean of Winchester, is dead.

Mostly Learned Much.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—Alfred Moseley, who has just made a tour of the United

States with a number of representatives of British labor, for the purpose of studying American industrial conditions, has arrived here on the Cunard steamer Umbria, from New York.

Mr. Moseley expressed his satisfaction with the commission's tour. He said he hoped the reports would be published within a few weeks, and that, as a result, changes would be made in the methods at present employed in several English trades. He said he could not anticipate the reports, but that he was greatly impressed with the superiority of American workmen. The Americans worked harder and were better trained and educated than the Englishmen. Mr. Moseley said he intended to take another commission to the United States in the autumn to investigate educational conditions.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All drug stores refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c.

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\$7 Silk Umbrellas, \$5.25
\$8 Silk Umbrellas, \$6.00
\$10 Silk Umbrellas, \$7.50

SALE OF CALENDARS

Sale of Ribbons

35c Satin Taffeta Ribbons at 25c
25c Plain Taffeta Ribbons at 18c

\$5.00 and \$6.00 FLANNEL WAISTS at \$2.89

SALE OF MEN'S HOUSE COATS

At, Special \$4.45, \$5.95, \$8.75, \$10.85

Sale of Handkerchiefs

Special, per box 19c, 33c, 45c, 65c to \$1.98

Sale of Dolls and Games

Sale of Atomizers and Perfumes

Eiderdown Comforts \$6.50, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$18.50

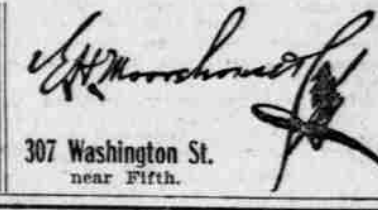
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Statuary, Art Vases, Novelties

NICE THINGS IN BURNT LEATHER WORK BY THE BEST ARTISTS

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AND **...MIRRORS...**



FORCED TO CLOSE ITS DOORS

Saturday and Monday, not on creditors, we have none, but on the vast crowds that our big store was unable to hold, or thirty salesmen fit to wait on. Tailors, porters, cash-boys and bundle-wrappers were all pressed into service handing out the bargains we advertised Saturday to the happy crowds of surging people that we loaded with Xmas presents.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

As soon as we got through with one crowd the doors were opened to admit another and still larger one, and so the good work went on from 7 o'clock to midnight Saturday and Monday. The North End never saw its equal. Portland will long remember THE HUB'S GREAT XMAS SALE. The prices that drew the crowds will be in force on up to Xmas.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

Nothing but Bargains at the Hub. Our stock and store is just a month old to a day. No old shop-worn truck. Nothing but the best, newest and cheapest at the Hub. All Xmas goods must be sold and we have tons of them. We are far too busy to tell you much about all of 'em. Here's just a few

SOUL-STIRRING SPECIALS

<p>What 25c will buy at The Hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.00 Initial Silk Handkerchiefs. \$1.25 roll-plate Cuff Buttons. 50c Cashmere Socks. \$1.00 Neckwear. \$1.00 Silk Mufflers. \$1.00 Dress Shirts. \$1.00 Leather Belts. 50c Boston Garters. \$1.00 Fancy Sweaters. \$1.50 stylish Scarf Pins. 75c heavy Underwear. 75c men's Shirts. 50c men's Suspenders. \$1.00 and \$1.50 mother-of-pearl Cuff Buttons. 	<p>What 50c will buy at The Hub from now till Xmas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.00 steel frame Umbrella. \$1.00 and \$1.50 Neckwear. \$2.00 Silk Mufflers. \$1.75 Yale Sweaters. \$2.00 roll-plate Cuff Buttons. \$2.00 roll-plate Shirt Studs. \$1.00 White Shirt. \$1.25 fancy Silk Handkerchiefs. \$1.00 to \$1.50 Winter Underwear. \$1.00 Men's Hat. \$1.00 Men's Gloves. \$1.00 Silk Suspenders. \$1.00 Men's Slippers. \$3.00 Men's Vests. \$1.00 Men's silk-mixed Socks. 	<p>What \$1 will buy at The Hub. The big \$1 table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2.50 and \$3.00 Wool Sweaters. \$1.50 to \$3.00 Silk Umbrellas. \$1.75 to \$2.50 Silk Mufflers. \$3.00 to \$3.50 suits of Underwear. \$2.50 and \$3.00 silk mixed Underwear. \$2.00 to \$4.00 gold-plate Cuff Buttons. \$1.50 to \$5.00 gold-plate Scarf Pins. \$1.95 box of Linen Collars. \$2.00 Dress Gloves. \$1.75 Mocha Gloves. \$2.00 Undressed Gloves. \$1.50 and \$2.00 Full Dress Shirts. \$1.50 and \$2.00 Felt Hats. \$2.00 and \$2.50 Silk Suspenders, in boxes. \$2.00 boxes of Linen Handkerchiefs. 	<p>What \$2.50 will buy at the cheapest store on earth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4.00 and \$5.00 Soft and Stiff Hats. \$4.00 and \$5.00 Silk Umbrellas. \$2.50 and \$4.00 Silk and Wool Sweaters. \$4.00 and \$5.00 roll-plate Cuff and Collar Sets. \$5.00 and \$7.50 tailor-made Trousers. \$4.00 to \$5.00 Silk Vests. \$4.50 Silk Mufflers. \$5.00 and \$6.00 suits Silk Underwear. \$4.00 and \$5.00 boxes Silk Handkerchiefs. \$3.00 and \$4.00 boxes hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs. \$5.00 suit Lambs' wool Underwear. \$4.50 box of Full-Dress Shirts. \$5.00 box Silk Suspenders. \$7.50 Mackintosh Coat. \$5.00 box of Men's Fine Socks. \$4.50 pair fine Kid Shoes. \$10.00 tailor-made Coat. \$10.00 tailor-made Ladies' Skirt. 	<p>What \$5 buys at the always busy store.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15.00 and \$20.00 tailor-made Coat and Vest. \$10.00 and \$12.50 tailor-made Overcoat. \$7.50 and \$10.00 tailor-made Trousers. \$18.00 to \$29.00 tailor-made Ladies' Skirts. \$10.00 to \$12.50 tailor-made Mackintoshes. \$15.00 to \$20.00 tailor-made Prince Albert Coat and Vest. \$7.50 and \$10.00 boxes of Dress Shirts. \$7.50 and \$9.00 boxes of Men's Gloves. \$8.00 and \$10.00 Men's Dressing Gowns. \$10.00 and \$12.50 Men's Smoking Jackets. \$7.50 to \$10.00 solid silver-tipped Umbrellas. \$10.00 and \$12.00 boxes of Assorted Neckwear. Two \$5.00 hats, one soft, one stiff. Packed neatly in a pretty box, the above articles make solid, serviceable Xmas boxes.
<p>FOR 25c FOR 50c</p>				
<p>THE HUB</p>				
<p>N. E. Corner Third and Burnside Streets</p>				
<p>FOR \$1 FOR \$2.50 FOR \$5</p>				

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By the thousand. Not the thrown-together sort, but The Hub's elegant Unclaimed Tailor-Made Garments.

\$7.50 for Overcoats and Suits worth \$20.00.

\$10.00 for an Overcoat and Suit worth up to \$25.00.

\$12.50 takes the pick of any Suit or Overcoat in stock from now till Xmas.

These goods are worth from \$25.00 to \$45.00.