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PAUL FORD IN TROUBLE. Man Who Passed for F. Opper Escapes From San Antonio. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A special dispatch from San Antonio, Tex., says: Paul Ford, arrested on a charge of swindling the Grand Opera-House here during the presentation of "The Belle of New York" on the night of December 23, made his escape from the Sheriff the following evening, and has not yet been located.

GUARD AGAINST BUBONIC Arizona Takes Precautions, but Does Not Fear Spread North. NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Doctors Purdy and Chenoweth, who were appointed by the Board of Health of Nogales to investigate the effectiveness of measures adopted by the authorities at Guaymas against the introduction of the disease supposed to be bubonic plague, now epidemic at Mazatlan, have returned and say there is no danger of the disease extending to Guaymas or points north as long as the present vigilance is continued.

To Investigate Plague in Mexico. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The United States Marine Hospital Service authorities have decided to dispatch an expert to the coast of the Gulf of California in Mexico to investigate the reports of the appearance of plague among the immigrant Chinamen there, but no one has been designated for the service.

Epidemic Is Abating. MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—The plague situation is decidedly improved at Mazatlan. Only three deaths occurred yesterday. Steamers are still prevented from touching at that port.

NOT THE ARBITER

Roosevelt Declines Proposal of Allies.

THEY GO TO THE HAGUE

All Parties to Venezuelan Crisis Accept Alternative.

BRITISH ARE DISAPPOINTED

Cabinet Decides Vexed Question, Having Assurances That Monroe Doctrine Will Not Be Involved—More Seizures of Vessels.

President Roosevelt has declined to act as arbitrator of the Venezuelan dispute, and the allies and Venezuela have agreed to refer it to The Hague tribunal. The Cabinet reached this decision yesterday, having assurances that the treaty to The Hague would not bring the Monroe Doctrine into question.

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ALL ALLIES HAVE AGREED. Failing Roosevelt's Acceptance They Will Go to The Hague. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The notes received from the governments interested in the Venezuelan controversy, including Venezuela, agree to submit the question at issue to The Hague tribunal.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Confirmation was obtained here today by the Associated Press of the announcement from Washington that the arbitration of the Venezuelan question is now assured and that falling the acceptance by President Roosevelt of the invitation to become arbitrator the matter will be referred to The Hague tribunal.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—A semi-official note published today says: As in the case of the Italian note the British and German notes on Venezuela presented December 23 declare that if President Roosevelt does not accept the post of arbitrator, the powers would be prepared, subject to certain reservations, to submit the matter to The Hague tribunal.

BRITAIN IS DISAPPOINTED. Only Radicals Hall With Joy Reference to Hague Tribunal. LONDON, Dec. 27.—Except by the op-

ponents of the government, who view it as a virtual defeat and as discrediting the Ministry, the latest phase of the Venezuelan trouble has been welcomed very lukewarmly.

Arbitration by President Roosevelt has been anticipated as so desirable an issue from a difficult business that his refusal which is regarded as final, has caused great disappointment.

It is foreseen that, even if satisfactory conditions to the submission of the disputes to The Hague court can be arranged, this method will entail endless and wearisome details, with no assurance that at the end President Castro still will be in power or Venezuela in the mood to abide by the decision of The Hague.

In short, that element of guarantee which would have accompanied President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator is now lacking.

At the same time it is readily admitted that, from the American point of view, President Roosevelt has acted wisely in declining to act. The foregoing represents the general drift of newspaper comment this morning. The daily paper which really welcomes the decision to refer the Venezuelan matter to The Hague is "The Radical Daily News," which sees a chance of making arbitration once more a reputable theory, paying a tribute to the coolness of President Roosevelt and the correct attitude of the United States during this "sorry business."

The Daily Mail, in a violent attack upon the government, says: "Thus ends perhaps the most inglorious episode in which Great Britain has engaged in recent years."

NO COAL TO BE LANDED. Ship Loaded With Supply for Railroad Is Ordered Aweigh. LA GUAYRA, Dec. 26.—The Swedish bark Frammas, from Cardiff, with 475 tons of coal for the La Guayra-Caracas Railroad, a British concern, arrived off this port yesterday and was ordered to remain on the outside of the blockade line. Today orders were conveyed to the captain of the bark to leave. This step was taken because the coal was considered contraband of war.

The vessel was not seized, as she left Cardiff before the trouble with Venezuela commenced. The captain of the Frammas is awaiting orders from his consignees.

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MAY COMBINE

Opponents of a Lower Tariff for Islands.

BEET SUGAR MEN IN ARMS

They Call Tobacco Men to Aid Against Philippine Bill.

CLAIM TO HAVE A PROMISE

All Interests Opposed to Reduction of Tariff on Philippine Products and to Reciprocity Treaties May Combine for an Onslaught.

The bill to reduce the duty on Philippine products promises to precipitate a battle with the beet-sugar interests in the Senate.

The beet-sugar Senators claim that as an inducement to vote for ratification of the peace treaty with Spain, the Government promised that no such reduction of duties on the annexed islands should be made as would endanger home industry.

They are stirring up the tobacco interests, to pin them in the fight on both the Philippine tariff and the Cuban reciprocity treaty.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—Beet sugar interests are not only fighting the Cuban reciprocity treaty, but have taken a hand against the reduction of Philippine duties. It is a great claim of certain beet-sugar men that an understanding was reached, when the peace treaty with Spain was ratified, that domestic interests (meaning sugar) should not be injured by any tariff concessions to any of the islands over which the United States gained control by that treaty.

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with Porto Rico. It was well known that at that time they wanted to establish the precedent that the United States had a right to impose any tariff it saw fit upon products coming from the islands acquired from Spain.

That was a part of the plan to make good the pledges that the Philippines should never be allowed to interfere with the sugar interests of the United States.

It may be possible in the Senate to defeat such a bill, which received the unanimous vote of the Republicans in the House, and which only incurred the opposition of the Democrats who wanted to establish absolute free trade between the Philippines and this country.

It makes little difference what the Democrats do, the responsibility rests with the Republicans, and the defeat of the Philippine tariff bill, if brought about, will be through the influence of the ultra-protection Senators who are in control in the Senate.

Cuban Treaty Opposed. The opponents of Cuban reciprocity are finding a number of reasons why that measure should not be ratified.

They claim that the treaty in regard to the admission of products into Cuba has been drawn on protective lines and say that raw materials will be admitted at a very low rate of duty, while protected articles will pay a high rate.

Several instances of this kind are being pointed out and the claim made that various enterprises recently started in Cuba will be benefited, while the manufacturers in this country will receive little or no benefit.

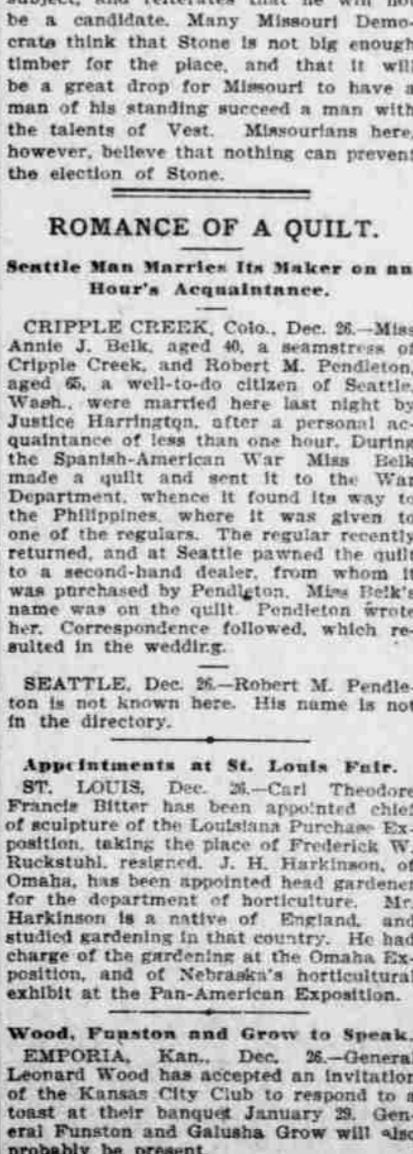
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WAR TO THE KNIFE

Plans to Drive Out the Baseball Invaders.

MINOR LEAGUES TO JOIN

They Will Draw Away California's Best Players.

WILL SUSPEND SALARY LIMIT

League Will Maintain Club in Portland and Farish Sineva of War-Helena Club Put on War Paint for the Campaign.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—It developed at tonight's meeting of the directors of the Helena ball club that as a result of the invasion of the Pacific Northwest by the California League a war of extermination is to be instituted against the latter which for drastic measures will stand almost unprecedented in the history of the game.

The fight against the invaders is to be taken up by the National Association of Minor Leagues, of which the Pacific Northwest is a member. Each league of the association is to select a club of the association as its prey and seek to secure its best players by offers of higher salaries than they are at present receiving.

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