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WHAT TO Give Him

Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats; either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

Then there are such suitables for Xmas presents as Dress or Everyday Shirts, of which we have a splendid variety.

Sweaters, Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery and Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, plain and initialed. Warm Underwear is always acceptable, and so are Hats.

Of course, Suits and Overcoats are at Wise's as nowhere else—of the choicest designs and makes, especially Strous Bros. "High Art" gentlemen's garments and the C. K. & B. fine clothes.

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Our Prices Cannot Be Beaten, Quality Considered

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BEE HIVE STORE NEWS

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They are the Prettiest Aprons We Have Seen

Ladies' White Muslin Underwear

Lace Corset Covers

50c to \$1.50

Our \$1 Kid Gloves

For the Holiday Trade Are Guaranteed

The Very Best

Our Customers All Indorse This Statement

Ladies' and Men's Slippers

In High Novelty

Ladies' and Children's Coats

Cheaper Than Elsewhere

MUST EITHER PAY CLAIMS OR FIGHT

European Powers Present Ultimatum to South American Republic.

HAVE NO WISH TO COERCE

Present Action Taken Because of Persistent Insulting Interference to All Former Demands.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Great Britain and Germany have presented an ultimatum to Venezuela, which will be followed up by a seizure of the customs unless satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period. The ultimatum has a time limit but, the exact date cannot be ascertained here.

The foreign office states, with regard to the limit: "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the disregard by the Venezuelan government of all our representatives, specify their claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

The foreign office further says: "There is not the slightest desire to coerce Venezuela and if any answer had been made to our repeated protests and demands no such action as now taken would be proceeded with. It was the persistent insulting disregard to all representative agents which compelled us to move. It is now too late in the day for anything but purely diplomatic arrangements for the satisfaction of our injuries. When fleets have assembled there is scarcely time to deal with bankers and financial settlements, which should have been suggested long ago and would have been welcomed by both Germany and ourselves. However, any bona fide proposition will receive careful attention. Reconstruction in commercial affairs is always better than liquidation and if a reconstruction of the Venezuelan finances can be accomplished to the satisfaction of diplomatic claims and individual losses, both Germany and Great Britain will have achieved their ends."

MINISTERS OVERRIDE DIPLOMATIC PRECEDENTS

Indignation At Action of European Representative—Consider the Affair a Bluff.

CARACAS, Dec. 8.—The British minister, W. D. Haggins and German Charge D'Affaires, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi left Caracas this afternoon for La Guayra where Minister Haggard went on board the British cruiser Retribution and Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vinetti. Both British and German legations have been closed.

Yesterday afternoon the British minister and the German charge d'affaires stopped at the private residence of Foreign Minister Lopez Barralet, and presented their separate demands, the British demand being for a settlement of claims and other matters arising out of the last revolutions and the German demand being for a payment of the interest on German loans and other claims. The demands are without any specification as to the time given for an answer, but they are in the form of an ultimatum.

The ministers left Caracas without previously notifying the Venezuelan government, probably in order to avoid any hostile demonstration.

The handing in of the demand of such a nature at the private residence of a minister, forgetting all diplomatic rules is believed in some quarters to be without precedent.

The actual situation is incomprehensible here. Up to this morning no one appeared to know anything about the Anglo-German projected demonstration. The foreign minister said he considered the menace on the part of Germany to be inadmissible and that any threat could be only "ballon d'essai" and as for England, said the minister, she had no grounds for aggression.

The government has made no military preparations at La Guayra. Venezuelan citizens considered the threat of demonstration as a bluff.

READY FOR ACTION

CARACAS, Dec. 8.—The German gunboat Panther has arrived at La Guayra and the English cruiser Indefatigable has left Auga Dulce for Trinidad on a special mission.

TRAIN IS WRECKED

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—The west-bound limited passenger train on the

Santa Fe was wrecked at Bothville, Mo., shortly after noon today causing the death of Engineer Samuel Wise of Argentine, Kan., and Fireman Alexander H. Avelir and doing great damage to the engine and coaches. John McKean of New York, who received slight bruises, was the only passenger injured. A colored waiter had his arm broken and two other waiters were injured.

The wreck was caused by the coaches being derailed on an open switch which the engine passed safely.

SUICIDE DON'T PRECLUDE PAYMENT OF POLICY

Decision Rendered in Missouri At Variance With Rules of Company.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The United States supreme court today affirmed the opinion of the circuit court of appeals in the case of the Knights Templar and Masons' life insurance company vs. Ross B. J. Larkin.

The case involved the validity of the suicide statute of Missouri in deciding that suicide shall not be a defense against the payment of a life insurance policy.

The decision sustained the law and held the company liable for the amount of the policy regardless of the fact that the policy contained a clause for the invalidation of the policy in case of suicide "whether voluntary or involuntary, sane or insane."

DISTRESSING DEATHS

Fire in Wisconsin Destroys Residence and Ends Lives.

MENOMINEE FALLS, Wis., Dec. 8.—Fire last night destroyed the general store and dwelling of Max Manthey, at Colgate, five miles north of here.

Mr. Manthey in attempting to escape, fell from the porch and broke his neck, dying a few minutes later.

In the excitement a child 8 years old was forgotten and was burned to death. Another child was fatally and three others seriously injured. The mother and two other children were the only ones to escape uninjured. Mr. Manthey was over 60 years of age. The family consisted of the father and mother and seven children, who with the servant, were in the building at the time of the fire. It is thought the fire was caused by an overheated furnace.

COMMISSION BILL REPORTED

Appropriation of \$50,000 Toward Expenses of Arbitrators Will Be Granted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The senate committee on appropriations today agreed to report the house resolution appropriating \$50,000 for anthracite coal strike commission. The bill will be amended so as to provide that officers of the government serving on the commission will not receive double compensation, but provision will be made for their expenses.

DILLON HAS RELAPSE

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—John Dillon, one of the leaders of the Irish Nationalist party, is at the Hoffman house with his wife, who arrived on the Umbria from Europe. Mr. Dillon, who had been ill in Chicago and who had just arrived here, was affected materially by the trip and was obliged to take to his bed at the hotel and deny himself to all callers.

While his condition is not considered serious, Mrs. Dillon said that he was too ill to see anybody.

GAS WELL DISCOVERED

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Dec. 8.—A natural gas well has been discovered in coal measures two miles west of this city. The well apparently is of great proportions, and the gas is declared by miners to be of superior quality.

BELOW ZERO IN MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 8.—The weather bureau gives 12 degrees below zero today as the lowest mercury registered for years.

COLD CAUSES DISTRESS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 8.—Severe cold is causing distress in Milwaukee. There is a shortage of coal.

WANT TO BE STATES

Arizona and New Mexico Will Hold Mass Meetings.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 8.—Mass Meetings will be held during the week in Albuquerque and all the leading towns of the territory to advocate the cause of statehood.

RATHER COLD IN KANSAS

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Zero weather prevails nearly all over Kansas tonight.

WORDS OF PRAISE FOR HONORED DEAD

House of Representatives Adopts Resolutions of Respect and Adjourns.

PAYS REMARKABLE TRIBUTE

Third Instance in the History of Congress Where an Ex-Member Has Been Extolled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The house today paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-speaker Thomas B. Reed. His death created a profound impression, and there was a universal desire among the members that the house should show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the house to take action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history, namely on the occasions of the death of Benton, Blaine and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories. It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed.

The chaplain at the opening of the session, paid a feeling reference to the death of the ex-speaker. No business was transacted beyond the formal reading of two messages from the President and an arrangement to postpone the special order for today, the London dock bill, until tomorrow. Mr. Sherman of New York then, amid profound silence, arose, and in a few feeling remarks offered the resolutions.

When the reading of the resolutions had been concluded, Speaker Henderson asked if there was any objection to the present consideration. The silence remained unbroken. The resolutions were then unanimously adopted and accordingly, at 12:15, the speaker declared the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed.

Following are the resolutions:

"Resolved, That the following minute be spread upon the record of the house of representatives:

"Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed died in Washington, December 7, 1902. For 22 years he had been a member of this house; for six years its speaker. His service terminated with the 55th congress. Within this chamber the scene of his life's great activities were laid. Here he rendered services to his country which placed him in the front rank of American statesmanship. Here he exhibited characteristics which compelled respect and won admiration. Forceful ability, intrinsic worth, strength of character brought him popular fame and congressional leadership. In depth and breadth of intellect with a full and well-rounded development, had produced a giant who towered above his fellows and impressed them with his power and wisdom.

"A distinguished statesman, a lofty patriot, a cultured scholar and incisive writer, an unmatched debater, a master of logic, wit and satire; the most famous of the world's parliamentarians the great and representative citizen has gone into history.

"Resolved, That in honor of the distinguished dead, the house now adjourn."

FUNERAL OF REED

Will Be Simple Service At Portland Where the Body No Lies.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 8.—In the parish house of the Unitarian church tonight lies the body of Thomas B. Reed. Tomorrow forenoon the body will lie in state and in the afternoon a simple funeral will take place.

Many prominent people from New England and the middle states will attend. During the funeral all business will be suspended.

TO SUPPRESS VILE TRAFFIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The president today sent to the senate a general international agreement in the shape of a treaty for the suppression of traffic in irris for illegitimate purposes.

BILL TO REPEAL

WASHINGTON Dec. 8.—Bills were introduced today by Representative Lacy (Iowa) to repeal the desert land law and commutation of the provisions of the homestead laws.

SENATOR HANNA PRESIDES

First Meeting of Industrial Department Is Well Attended.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The first annual meeting of the industrial department of the National Civic Federation which convened today in the rooms of the board of trade was attended by

nearly 200 representatives of great corporations and labor organizations and distinguished citizens interested in the solution of the questions concerning the relations of capital and labor.

Senator Marcus A. Hanna presided and delivered an address of welcome to the delegations.

MARKET IS STRENGTHENED

Posting of Official Report Causes Easier Feeling on Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The local market was greatly strengthened today by the posting on "change" of the official report of the stocks of flour and grain remaining in California on December 1, 1902.

Including flour reduced to wheat, the stock of wheat in the state December 1 amounted to only 321,000 tons against 421,000 tons at the same time last year and it was figured by the authorities on exchange that the wheat crop of this year has been something less than 600,000 tons. This showing put fresh vigor into bull interests for it is apparent that the present stocks of wheat will barely suffice for home needs and export requirements before another crop can be gathered and prices both for speculative options and spot cash had a sharp advance.

In the cash market large exporters raised their bids to \$1.35 per cental for No. 1 shipping and \$1.38 3-4 for choice club.

WILL EXTERMINATE CATTLE

Determined Fight To Be Made Against Further Spread of Epidemic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The secretary of agriculture has sent instructions to Dr. Salmon of the bureau of animal industry, who is personally supervising the work of fighting the foot and mouth disease epidemic in New England, to destroy all animals infected.

PRICE OF BREAD RAISED

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The price of bread was raised one cent per loaf in the east end today thus intensifying the already ill feeling of the unemployed.

STRONG TESTIMONY FOR THE MINERS

Company Refused to Employ Men Who Were Members of the Union.

OBTAIN RENT FROM DEAD MEN

Lawyer Is Reproved for Referring to Roosevelt as Teddy—Companies Urged to Present Figures.

SCRANTON, Dec. 8.—Almost the entire time of today's session of the coal strike commission was taken up by the mineworkers in presenting their side of the controversy with G. B. Markle in the Hazelton region.

The miners placed witnesses on the stand who gave testimony to show that the company refused to employ them because they belonged to the union, had evicted them from their houses for the same cause; that the docking system was intolerable; that the question of men getting 10 percent increase in wages granted as a result of the 1900 strike is much in doubt, because the men do not know how the company is figuring it out; that the price of powder, which enters into consumption of increase, has been raised and that the size of mine cars has been increased, but wages have not.

Two Hungarian women told on the stand how the Markle company deducted house rent from the last wages of their husbands who were killed in the mines.

There was a flurry this afternoon when Lawyer Ira H. Burns of Scranton, for the independent companies, referred to the president of the United States as "Teddy" Roosevelt. The re-

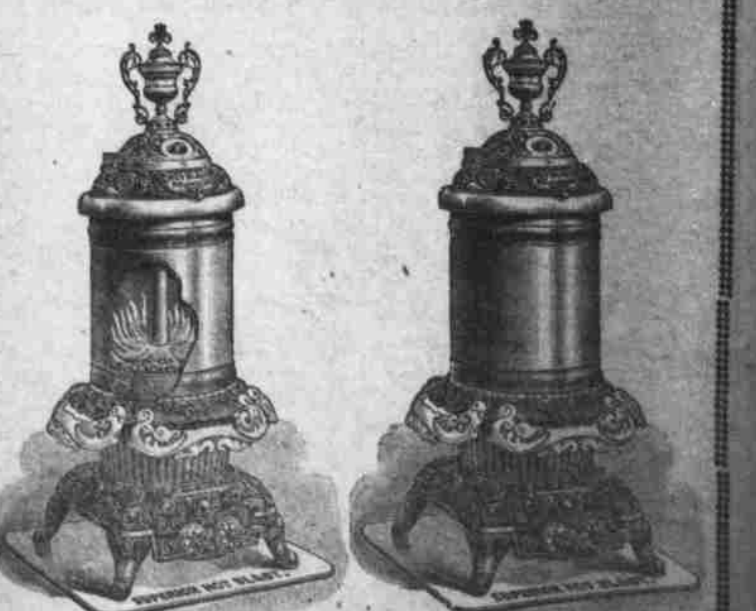
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