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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.

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

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They are the Prettiest Aprons We Have Seen

Ladies' White Muslin Underwear. Lace Corset Covers

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The Very Best

Our Customers All Indorse This Statement

Ladies' and Men's Slippers In High Novelties

Ladies' and Children's Coats Cheaper Than Elsewhere

ATTEMPT MADE TO CAPTURE CASTRO

Bluejackets and Citizens Meet in Deadly Combat on Street.

RALLY TO NATION'S DEFENSE

Government Busy Distributing Troops—Volunteers Everywhere Are Requesting Arms.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Central News says it is reported in the house of commons this afternoon that the allies have landed blue jackets at La Guayra for the purpose of effecting the capture of President Castro, and that fighting is going on in the street. The foreign office has no information to this effect.

ACTION INFLAMES FRANCE

Seizing of Osuna Will Perhaps Involve Germany in Trouble.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—A lengthy official dispatch has been received at the foreign office here from Caracas saying a German warship in seizing vessels supposed to belong to Venezuela also captured a French merchant steamer, the Osuna. It is believed that unless the Germans promptly rectify the mistake and release the Osuna, representations on the subject will be made to Germany. This is also taken to indicate the possibilities of international complications beyond those involved in Venezuela alone. It is thought here that the seizure of the Osuna was due to the enforced service of that vessel under the Venezuelan flag.

IN CASE OF BLOCKADE.

Possibilities of Tied Up Venezuelan Ports Has No Effect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—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 not 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.

Acting under cabled instructions received today from their home offices, Von Hollabien, the German ambassador, and Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, today presented to the state department the thanks of their governments for the services of Minister Bowen acting on behalf of the United States in securing the release of German and British subjects arrested by President Castro at Caracas. British and Germans are receiving the bulk of their advices on the Venezuelan situation from Washington.

CONSULS ARRESTED.

Drastring Measures Are Adopted by the Venezuelan Authorities.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Wilhelmstadt, island of Curaco, says.

"The Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have seized and imprisoned the British and German consuls there as well as other Britons and Germans, and have taken possession of their property. The authorities also seized a British ship which was discharging a cargo of coal at Puerto Cabello. The vessel was unable to escape owing to the breaking down of her machinery. The American consul at Puerto attempted to intervene, but he was disregarded.

WARSHIPS IN READINESS.

British Sea Fighters Ready for Service at Short Notice.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Davenport says that instructions have been received there that warships of first-class reserve will be kept coaled and ready for sea at 24 hours' notice.

BOWEN IS FAMOUS.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—United States Minister Bowen has suddenly become famous in Germany. Newspapers print his portrait with sketches of his career, applauding his prompt intervention in favor of Germany and Great Britain at Caracas.

VENEZUELA SENDS ANSWER.

Every Effort Being Used to Resist Further Assaults of Powers. LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 11.—

The British cruiser Indefatigable arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening from Guanta, the port of Barcelona, where it is believed to have been in search of the Venezuelan gunboat Restuardor.

The German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Retribution left here at 6 o'clock this evening. It is supposed they have on board Venezuela's answer to the demand of the foreign powers, which arrived from Caracas on a special at 2 o'clock. What is termed an inopportune demonstration and the strange method resorted to is the remittance to the Venezuelan foreign minister of the demands of Great Britain and Germany, which are freely criticized here.

The government has sent 200 men and 18 guns from Caracas to reinforce the garrison at La Guayra. These troops are camping tonight at Cuarcuti, distant one hour from La Guayra. All day and all night ammunition has been carried to Fort Lavigita, which crowns the harbor, and preparations are being made to resist the foreign forces.

Volunteers to the number of 926 men, all from La Guayra, have been armed today and more are requesting arms. It is asserted here that the government can find sufficient men to resist the foreign forces, as the movement is peculiar. Everywhere one meets all classes and conditions carrying Mauser rifles. The news of the capture at Port of Spain, Trinidad, of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar by the British cruiser Charybdis was communicated to President Castro by a representative of the Associated Press. The news caused great excitement.

All of the British and German subjects arrested yesterday were released this afternoon.

WILL REMEDY EVIL.

Movement on Foot in New York to Create Coal Supply.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—J. Edward Swanstrom, president of Brooklyn borough, has decided to start a movement to insure a coal supply there for the winter. He will ask the ministers of all the churches in Brooklyn, the members of all charitable organizations and many prominent citizens to meet early next week in the court of special sessions in the city hall, Brooklyn, to organize for the effort in view. On authority which admits of no doubt, it was learned that President Swanstrom at that meeting will suggest that Mayor Low take some action for the other boroughs.

Not alone in Brooklyn, but in all the boroughs of the city, there is a loud and insistent cry for relief, and the presidents of the other boroughs agree that something must be done, as the city has been held fast by the cold wave for more than a week, and suffering has been increasing hourly. Men, women and children have died, heads of families have offered any money for coal and the dealers have shaken their heads and said: "There is not a pound of coal in the yard," although nearly 60,000 tons are arriving daily.

PROTEST AGAINST CHANGE OF TRANSPORT SERVICE.

Delegates From San Francisco and Miss Clara Barton Interview President Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A delegation of prominent citizens of San Francisco called upon the president today to discuss with him the pending proposition to place the government transport service on the Pacific in private hands with headquarters in Seattle. People of San Francisco are warning the government not to accept the proposition.

Miss Clara Barton of the National Red Cross society saw the president to protest against the removal of the service from San Francisco to Seattle on the ground that facilities for caring for the sick or wounded soldiers at San Francisco were superior to those of Seattle.

X-RAY SOCIETY MEETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—At the opening session of the third annual meeting of the Ronetgen Ray society held here, Dr. G. P. Girwood, president of the society, read his annual report and Dr. M. J. Wilbert of Philadelphia read a paper on the systematic records and the routine use of the x-ray. Dr. J. Rudis Jichski of Cedar Rapids, Ia., read a paper on the subject of "Skiagraphy as an Art" and Dr. E. H. Grubb read a paper on "Results and Technique in Treatment With X-Rays."

MISTAKEN FOR A DEER.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 11.—Kid Burch was shot and killed at Hoonah, December 4, by Thomas Williams. The latter, while hunting, claims to have mistaken Burch for a deer. He has surrendered to the authorities. The remains of Burch were brought to this city yesterday for interment.

COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONERS

Matter Has Been Taken Out of President's Hands, as Was at First Intended.

COMMISSION NAME CHANGED

If Republicans Lie About Admission of Territories They Can About Other Platform Provisions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The senate passed this afternoon, with several amendments, a bill to provide compensation for the anthracite coal strike commission and it now goes to conference. The sum of \$40,000 per annum was settled upon as a proper amount, thus taking the matter out of the hands of the president, as the bill originally provided.

Several other amendments to the bill were adopted, fixing the expenses of the commissioners and assistant recorders at \$10 per day and leaving the question of the amount of salary of the assistant recorders and employees to the commission. The name of the commission was changed to "Anthracite Coal Strike Arbitration."

The statehood bill came up and there was a brisk exchange between Quay, who favors the omnibus bill, and the senators who oppose it, regarding its consideration.

Quay said: "If republicans can lie to the people about the admission of territories in their platform they can lie about every other provision in the platform." Finally, Quay agreed to let the bill go over and the senate adjourned until Monday.

TO LIMIT TESTIMONY.

House Discusses Time for Having Contested Election Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The house today devoted practically the whole day to a discussion of the bill to limit the period of taking of testimony in the Wagoner-Butler election case to 40 days and finally adopted a resolution to that effect by a party vote of 155 to 115. The purpose of the resolution is to permit the house to pass upon the case at this session. Under the regular method of procedure several months are given to the preparation of a contested election case.

Butler, the sitting member, was unseated at the last session and again returned at he last election to fill a vacancy.

LAND SALES AND RENTALS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The department of the interior has sent to the house a draft of the bill providing for the sale of timber on forest reserves and for the rental of land within forest reserves.

NEW ATHLETIC RULES.

Yale and Harvard Meet to Discuss Plans for Future Conduct.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Plans are under way at both Harvard and Yale to come to a mutual agreement during the coming Christmas holidays regarding both a new schedule of athletic meets between the two universities and a new set of eligibility rules, says a Times dispatch from New Haven, Conn.

From what can be learned, it is proposed to work out a new set of rules that will be identical for both Harvard and Yale and will limit the candidates to the various university grades. The result of the present system has been that several athletic teams, especially football eleven, at all of the large universities in recent years, have drawn to a large extent on graduates of western colleges for their star men, to the exclusion of undergraduates in their own institutions and has made it possible for mature athletes from small colleges to enter into sports where they meet undergraduates on opposing teams from five to 10 years their junior.

It has likewise brought about several unpleasant controversies between Yale and Harvard, and it has brought to the schools of both universities a set of men who come for almost the only purpose of entering athletics.

WILL APPEAL TO DEMOCRATS.

Colored Republicans in Alabama Desire to Register.

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 11.—Negroes from all portions of the state met today to form a colored republican party. Resolutions were adopted endorsing President Roosevelt in not recognizing

ing the "Lily-White" branch of the party.

An address was issued to negro voters advising them to appeal to democrats to allow them to register next week.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Baker Sheriff Defrauds the County Out of \$17,000.

BAKER CITY, Dec. 11.—A complaint has been filed alleging A. H. Huntington, a former sheriff of Baker county, is short in his accounts with the county. The alleged shortage is said to be \$17,000.

It is understood that Huntington, who has been in Ohio, is now on his way to Baker City to adjust the matter.

DISASTROUS TRAIN WRECK.

Engine and Twenty-Five Cars Completely Demolished.

BUTTE, Dec. 11.—A special to the Mine from Great Falls, Mont., says: A wreck occurred on the Great Northern tonight about two miles south of here. One engine and 25 cars were completely wrecked and Engineer Gorham and Conductor Stroupe were injured. The train consisted of 77 coal cars and was drawn by two engines. The roadbed is torn up for a quarter of a mile.

LADY AND LIEUTENANT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Earl of Rosbery's daughter, Lady Sybil, is engaged to marry Lieutenant Charles Grant of the Coldstream guards, son of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Grant.

ENGAGEMENT IN HIGH LIFE.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The betrothal is announced of the grand duke of Saxe-Weimar to Princess Caroline of Reuss.

TO PENSION EMPLOYES.

TOPEKA, Dec. 11.—President Ripley said today that a plan for pensioning employes of the Santa Fe was under consideration.

MINERS' CASE CLOSES SATURDAY

Mine Operator Makes Poor Witness for Side of the Union Workers.

KEEPS PRICE TO HIMSELF

Calling President Crawford to the Stand Surprises the Members of the Arbitration Board.

SCRANTON, Dec. 11.—Representatives of the miners during today's proceeding 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 and the miner refused. The operator was L. N. Crawford, president of the People's Coal company, which operates the Oxford colliery in Scranton. The request for him to take the stand was a surprise. The Oxford colliery during the strike managed to get enough men to operate the plant and for one month, according to Crawford, his company received \$20 per ton for its coal. The miners announced they expected to close their case Saturday.

MINERS ARE KILLED.

Coupling Breaks and Cars Plow Over Men.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 11.—Three men lost their lives and one was seriously injured in the Kingston company mine at Edwardsville this evening. The men were walking up a slope behind a trip of loaded cars, when a coupling broke and the cars dashed down a steep incline plowing over the men.

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