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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.

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GERMANY MAY BE OBSTACLE

Makes Demands Which It Is Feared Will Prove Embarrassing.

ITALY WAITS ON SENIORS

United States Not Willing to Be Financial Backer for Bankrupt Latin States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—To secure prompt results the American embassies at London, Berlin and Rome have been working energetically to carry out the instructions of Secretary Hay to ascertain how the arbitration proposal would be received. As far as England is concerned, the safeguards referred to are believed to relate to the question of guarantee, which is full of difficulty.

In this connection as indicated in these dispatches yesterday, some consideration is again being given to the feasibility of the assumption of responsibility for any award assessed against Venezuela by responsible private agencies, but the United States government is determined not to allow itself to be drawn into the position of a guarantor in this case, for the precedent, once established, might require the United States to become financial backer for all South and Central America. However, if private concerns can be induced to enter the field, the United States will do what it can to reduce their risks. Secretary Hay, Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, and Senator Depew were in conference today, and it is suspected that this phase of the case was touched upon, although no confirmation can be had at this time.

The German position presents the greatest difficulties, for not only does it involve a demand for apologies, which are extremely repugnant to Venezuelans, but also presents so many points requiring adjustment that it is evident that many days or perhaps weeks must elapse before the adjustment can be effected and the case prepared for arbitration. And the danger of the delay in the face of a blockade which already seriously cripples neutral commerce and invites hostile collisions with the Venezuelans, cannot be overestimated. The efforts of the United States must, therefore, be directed toward hastening Germany's action on the arbitration proposal.

The Italian position is, of course, of less concern than that of the other allies. The Italian ambassador here has been extremely moderate and considerate, giving Secretary Hay the impression that he is well disposed to second any effort of the United States to terminate the present dangerous situation.

FAVORS ARBITRATION

Great Britain's Reply Expected To Bring About Settlement.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Great Britain has sent a reply to the United States in regard to the suggestion that the Venezuelan question should be submitted to arbitration. The tenor of the reply, it is expected here, will tend to bring about some arrangements for a satisfactory solution, while thoroughly safeguarding the interests of the powers concerned.

NEEDLESS SACRIFICE OF LIFE

Rash Action of German Commander Causes Drowning.

CARACAS, Dec. 19.—When the German cruiser Falke captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria yesterday in the Gulf of Maracaibo, the captain of the vessel was given 10 minutes to leave his ship. A heavy sea was running at the time and a small boat in which the Venezuelan disembarked was nearly capsized. One of the schooner's crew was drowned. The Victoria was found today wrecked on the shore.

REVOLUTIONARY ARMY MARCHES ON CARACAS

General Blockade of Venezuela Ports Is Ordered—Time Allowed for Incoming Vessels.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 19.—It is reported here that the Venezuelan revolutionary generals Penabaz, Rolando, Riba and Solague, with a force said to number 10,000 men, are marching on Caracas and are believed now to be near that city.

Admiral Douglas of the British fleet has ordered a blockade of La Guayra, Carenoro, Guanta, Cumana, Carupano, and the mouths of the Orinoco river.

This blockade is to go into effect at midnight of December 20th. Days of grace are allowed as follows:

To vessels sailing prior to the date of the decree of the blockade from any West Indian port and from the east coast of the continent of America, Steamers 10 days; sailing vessels, 20 days. From other ports: Steamers, 20 days; sailing vessels, 40 days.

DUTCH MINISTER RECALLED

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Brussels says that the Dutch minister to Venezuela, Dr. Van Leyden, has been recalled and that the Dutch interests in Venezuela have been committed to United States Minister Bowen.

ALBANY LEAVES CUBERA

Presumed That United States War Vessel Heads for Venezuela.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.—The United States cruiser Albany left Culebra under high speed last night and her destination was the subject of various rumors throughout the fleet.

The general belief was that she was bound for Venezuela. Admiral Dewey and other officers on board the steamer would not announce the Albany's destination or explain her mission, but it was asserted that plans regarding the Christmas holidays would not be materially modified.

ITALY'S CLAIMS

ROME, Dec. 19.—A semi-official announcement now places the Italian claims against Venezuela at \$2,000,000.

DOUBLE TRACK IN DEMAND

Four Lines Announce Intention of Using New System.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 19.—The Gazette this morning says:

"It is authoritatively stated that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad expects to enter St. Joseph from Kansas City over the double tracks which are to be laid between the two cities. This makes the fourth road which has announced its intentions of entering this city with the double track system."

HOCKEY PLAYER RECOVERING

Successful Operation Performed Upon Injured Young Man.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—An operation has been successfully performed on W. C. Carpenter, a member of the Phillips-Andover hockey team, whose skull was fractured in the game with the Cutler school. At the home of the young man it was said that he had passed a comfortable night and was out of danger.

WRECKED HIS VESSEL

Schooner Captain Charged With Fraudulently Obtaining Insurance.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Captain Alder Nichols, who was arrested at Liverpool December 2 on the charge of casting away the schooner Bessie Dodd on the coast of Labrador in order to obtain the insurance on that vessel, was today committed for extradition to Newfoundland.

DIED IN TURKISH BATH

Originator of Famous "Johnstown Flood" Panorama Dead.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Albert E. Sandt, aged 53 years, a well-known business man and the originator of the "Johnstown Flood" at the Pan-American exposition, died suddenly in a Turkish bath early Thursday of heart failure.

PUT OUT HIS "CADDY'S" EYE

Golf Player Must Pay \$6000 for Getting Mad.

PORT HENRY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A jury at Elizabethtown has rendered a verdict of \$6000 damages against David Fleming, who while on the Lake Placid links last summer, threw his golf stick at his "caddy," causing the loss of the sight of one eye. The "caddy" brought suit for \$101,000.

NEW CARGO SERVICE

Canada Railroad Company Will Establish Steamer Line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—It is stated here, cables the Tribune's correspondent in London, that the Canadian Pacific Railroad company has determined on opening the St. Lawrence route next spring and to establish a weekly service of cargo steamers from Liverpool, a 10-days' service from London and a similar service from Glasgow.

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—Four hundred thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland. It is said that conditions today are worse than those of 1867 when 100,000 perished.

PRETTY ROUGH ON STRIKERS

Warm Bunch Is Handed to the Followers of John Mitchell.

THIRTY WITNESSES TESTIFY

Unionists Accused of Blowing Up Houses, Stoning, Shooting, and Acting Generally Bad.

SCRANTON, Dec. 19.—Nonunion men some of their relatives and others numbering 30 altogether, appeared before the anthracite coal strike commission today and told their stories of alleged boycotts, intimidation and violence in various forms during the strike. Each witness called was a sufferer in one form or another at the hands, they alleged, of union men.

Four witnesses said attempts were made to blow up their houses with mines. Many of the witnesses were threatened with bodily harm, several were beaten, one was shot in the leg and everyone was stoned, boycotted or hanged in effigy. One school teacher testified to having lost his position because his father did not strike.

One man was asked to resign from a Catholic temperance society and another witness was expelled from a local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians after a membership of 23 years, because they were classed as unfair.

WILL END COAL FAMINE

Action Taken by Mayor Low to Get at Root of Evil.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Convinced that something must be done to end the coal famine, Mayor Low has sent to officials of the different coal carrying roads asking for facts concerning the situation. The mayor refuses to go into details, but was hopeful something beneficial to the public would result from his action.

"I have written to the railroads in an unofficial capacity," said Mr. Low. "I have been quietly investigating the state of affairs for some time and I thought it advisable to write to certain persons for a few facts. In a few days I shall know more about the true conditions of the coal supply in all parts of the city."

It is likely the mayor will head a movement to supply the city with coal if he finally decides the condition is serious enough to warrant official interference. He had a conference on the subject with Borough President Cantor, who said that there was a strong likelihood of action being taken in a few days.

COAL FOR THE POOR

Democratic Club of New York Offers Money for the Purpose.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A committee from the Democratic club of this city has handed to Mayor Low \$2500 to be used in purchasing coal for the poor.

MINE WILL BE RUN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Smuggler Union Will Be Reopened for First Time Since Assassination of Manager.

TELLURIDE, Colo., Dec. 19.—Operations in the Smuggler-Union mine at Pandora near here, which has been closed ever since the assassination of A. L. Collins, who was manager of the property, will begin December 27. This statement was given out by the officials of that company. It is also stated employment will not be given to Austrians and Italians as heretofore and American laborers will have the preference. O. B. Kemp, who was the head bookkeeper of the company previous to the assassination of Manager Collins, has been made temporary manager. A regular manager will be appointed next month at a meeting of the directors in Boston. It is thought he will be an eastern man. The mine is being put in condition at full force.

ANOTHER CLINIC HELD BY WONDERFUL SURGEON

Lorenz Is Cheered as He Transforms Deformity Into Symmetry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The latest clinic held by Doctor Lorenz in this city was entirely successful in its results. So great was the crowd of parents with crippled children present that half a score of policemen had to be called to keep order in the halls and

corridors of the Cornell University Medical college, in which institution the operation was performed. Three of the patients treated were sufferers from congenital dislocation of the hip and the fourth operation was upon a little girl both of whose feet were clubbed. This case Doctor Lorenz described as the worst he had seen in a child. When the stretching and kneading of the feet was over the doctor raised the child in his hands and set her on her feet. With the mere pressure of his finger and thumb he set both feet flat and straight and cheer after cheer broke out as the complete success of the operation was seen.

An effort was made to get the professor to operate on a case of very neck which was ready in the hospital, but he said he had done enough for the day. He agreed, however, to operate on at least one such case in Bellevue hospital today.

STAYED IN HOUSE FOR 20 YEARS

This Man Bet Grant Wouldn't Be Elected President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Owen McCarton, a rich recluse of Oceanic, N. J., 70 years of age, is dead. Although he had spent 40 years at Oceanic, he was scarcely known to any one except the members of his own family.

For 20 years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling between sunrise and sunset because of an election bet. During the presidential campaign of 1872 between Grant and Greely, McCarton was one of the latter's most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected, he would not leave his house except during the night as long as he lived.

McCarton lived up to his wager. About five years ago his house caught fire and for a time it looked as if he would have to break his agreement, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained sufficient headway to compel him to leave the premises.

SEATTLE PARTIALLY SUCCEEDS

Contract Made With Boston Company for Transport Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A contract has been drawn up with the Boston Steamship company for such shipments to the Philippines as the department may desire to make by way of ports on the Puget sound.

THE HAGUE MAY TAKE UP CASE

Allies Insist Upon Conditions Hard to Settle by Arbitration.

NATIONAL HONOR ATTACKED

Presumed Should Castro Apologize for Insults Other Questions May Be Properly Handled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The official day closed without further developments here respecting the Venezuelan complications. The status of the arbitration proposition, on which every one waits, was that, with a willingness to accept such a solution in principle not one of the allies was ready to submit unreservedly to arbitration. In each case there were reservations or conditions insisted upon.

Respecting the method of arbitration if it should come to that form of adjustment, it is noted that a feeling is growing that The Hague tribunal should undertake the case.

pointed out here, in connection with the project to refer the matter to The Hague tribunal, that in some phases the disputes will not admit of arbitration. Such is the case, for instance, where attacks on British and German subjects and the German legation at Caracas and the arrests of consular officers, have made the Venezuelan offense equivalent to attacks on the national honor of the allies and as such to be atoned for only by ample apology.

The Hague tribunal could not arbitrate such issues, but it is pointed out at the state department that the claims are divisible and that if President Castro chooses to render necessary apologies the remaining questions can properly go to The Hague.

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