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OPPOSITION TO ARBITRATION PLAN

Members of the Cabinet Do Not Favor The Hague Tribunal.

WILL TEST CALVE DOCTRINE

Outraged Foreigners Might Have Obtained Justice by Appealing to Local Courts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is known now that some members of the cabinet are opposed to referring the Venezuela matter to The Hague tribunal for these known reasons:

In the first place they have no desire to submit the Monroe doctrine to the arbitration of any non-American tribunal, not even excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague. Not that the fairness of The Hague arbitration court is questioned, but, as most of them represent European and monarchical interests, it is realized that their training may be regarded as unsympathetic where they are required to deal with such essentially American subjects as the Monroe doctrine.

Another reason that animates those cabinet officers in this disinclination toward acceptance is their convictions that an inordinate length of time would be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague tribunal. The machinery is sufficient, but ponderous, and difficult to put in motion.

It is known that the president's plan is he determines to arbitrate the Venezuelan affair, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitration.

It is said a crucial point before the arbitration board is the famous "Calve doctrine." This doctrine which was laid down by the greatest Latin-American international lawyers and for many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects where the courts of a country are open to his appeal for justice. Thus Venezuela, British, German, Italian and French might have gone before the Venezuelan courts and their causes had been given a just and sincere hearing and the court's government would have paid the judgments. The objection to this view is that no account is taken of a miscarriage of justice.

A law has been passed within the last few weeks making it a criminal offense, and one to be heavily punished for any Salvadoran to give any evidence before the court in behalf of a foreigner claiming damages against the Salvadoran government. This doctrine will be given a trial before the arbitration.

DICTIONARY ISSUED BY BLOCKADING SQUADRONS

Vessels Reaching Port Before New Year's Day May Discharge Cargo, But Cannot Take On.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 23.—The allies have advised foreign consuls here that steamers reaching La Guayra before December 30, will be allowed to enter port and discharge their cargo during the day, but they will not be allowed to take cargo on board. This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here.

All mail steamers reaching here after December 30 will be boarded from the blockading squadron and neutral passengers and mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce.

A schooner which attempted to enter port tonight was captured.

MORE WATER CURE NEEDED.

Three Provinces in Philippines to be Again Placed Under Military Rule.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—It is stated by officers arriving on the transport Thomas that the provinces of Cavite, Batangas and Tayabas in the Philippines are to be placed under military control because of the difficulties of the civil government with ladrones. In speaking of the situation, D. J. O'Connell, a Manila newspaper man, said:

"The proposed change is due to the increase of robber bands which infest these provinces. Aglipay, a Filipino agitator, has declared himself pope of the Filipino national church. He is the head of a movement for the reorganization of the insurrection element. At present the ladrones keep the constabulary in a state of constant fear. They come within a few miles of Manila and fire upon the mounted police. The

military authorities do not interfere, because the situation is in the hands of the civil government."

EXPLOSION OF BOILER KILLS AND MAIMS

Tug, While Towing a Barge, Blows Up and Fearful Results Ensnue In Consequence.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—Two men were killed and another fatally injured in an explosion of the boiler of the tugboat Lizzie Massey on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river this evening.

THE DEAD:

GEO. N. WILLIAMS, captain.

WILLIAM BYMAN, fireman.

INJURED:

Samuel Dunn, engineer.

The tug was towing a lumber laden barge at the time of the catastrophe. Captain Williams was thrown 50 feet into the air and horribly mangled; Byman was blown into pieces and the tug immediately sank.

It is reported that an unknown employee of the barge was also killed.

COAL LAND SWINDLER

Makes Bogus Applications for Entry of Coal Lands at \$40 Per Sucker.

SPOKANE, Dec. 23.—What appears to be an extensive land swindle has just been reported to Commissioner Herrmann by Register W. H. Ludden, of the United States land office here. For several weeks applications for coal land locations in this district have been coming in from Hood River, Ore., South Bend, Washn., Effington, S. D., Waterloo, Iowa, and Farwell, Mich., all apparently sent in at the instigation of one "promoter" who, it is believed, collects \$40 from applicants on a pretense of locating coal lands for them. The applications are worthless, no money accompanying them, and the descriptions not conforming to any land in this district. Further, the register knows of no unlocated coal lands of value in this district available for location.

BLUE VERSUS WHITE FACINGS.

Army Board Decides for Blue—Dressy Officers Not All Satisfied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The special army board on the new army uniform has decided in favor of the use of blue facings for the uniforms instead of white facings, as had been suggested. The action of the board was based mainly on the fact that many officers had gone to the expense of having their new uniforms made with the blue facings in conformity with the original action of the board and it was thought that the work had gone too far to justify a change simply to gratify a taste in the matter of color.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of white facings in the army, despite the action of the board and the matter will not be settled until passed on by the secretary of war.

ARCH DUKE FERDINAND RENOUNCES ROYALTY

Leopold Ferdinand, of Austria, Gives Up All Else for Love and Anarchism.

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Arch Duke Leopold Ferdinand intends to take the name of Leopold Woodling. Besides formally renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the imperial house, the arch duke has returned all his decorations, including that of the golden fleece, and his resigned his commission in the Austrian army.

It is expected that he will marry his Viennese companion. His relatives prevented him from taking this step organically several months ago. He is regarded as weak mentally, and professes extreme radical and anarchistic views.

COLLOSSAL CHICAGO COMBINE.

Underground and Elevated Roads Representing \$55,000,000 to Combine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—New York and Chicago capitalists are said to have joined forces to launch in Chicago one of the most colossal traction ventures the city has known. The scheme is for the underground railroads to combine with the new elevated, the cost of the entire project to be from \$54,000,000 to \$55,000,000. The plan comprehends the construction of a tunnel under downtown streets making a complete loop of the business section.

WELLS, FARGO & CO. GENEROUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Herald says that the employees of Wells, Fargo & Co., to the number of over 8000 will have their salaries increased from 5 to 10 percent, the increase to date from December 15.

The increase is spoken of by the officers of the express company as a readjustment of the scale of wages, but virtually, in the readjustment, the salaries are raised.

CROP FAILURE CREATES FAMINE

Distressing Conditions Are Reported as Prevailing in the Far East.

PRICES ARE EXORBITANT

Cruiser in Readiness to Receive Crown Prince of Siam, Returning From Tour.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Via San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Reports of poor crops and prohibitive prices for the staple native goods reach the Hong Telegraph from all quarters. Great distress is reported from Amoy and Swatow, while similar accounts reach the paper from Singapore and other southern points. Kwangsi and Kwang Tung have experienced similar failures, with the result that the Canton situation is very grave.

As for the Philippines, the rice crop in Pongasinan Camarines and other minor provinces has been a failure. Salong, the chief exporting port for the Philippine supply, has also suffered in its crop, through the drought, and the market there has advanced rapidly 50 percent since the beginning of the year. At present that district is bare of rice and is trying to cancel contracts. It is said that soon no rice will be obtainable until the new crop comes in February.

The Siamse cruiser Maha Chakriri has arrived at Nagasaki enroute to Yokohama, where she is to receive the Siamse crown prince who is shortly expected from Vancouver. The commander and two other officers of the cruiser are European and 11 officers and 24 men natives.

NOTABLE CAREER ENDED.

Senator Sabin Died Suddenly in Chicago Yesterday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Ex-United States Senator Dwight M. Sabin of Minnesota died early this morning in his apartments at the Auditorium annex. Senator Sabin had been a guest of the hotel since November 2, being accompanied by his wife and daughter. He was stricken with heart failure about 11 o'clock last night and a physician was summoned. He found Mr. Sabin in a dying condition and beyond medical aid. The patient remained unconscious for upwards of an hour and the end was peaceful.

Ex-Senator Sabin was born at Marill, Ill., April 25, 1845. He was educated in the east and at the close of the war settled in Minnesota, where he was a member of the legislature from 1871 to 1883, in which latter year he was elected United States senator. For 25 years he was prominent in national republican politics, being a member of the national republican committee from 1878 to 1884 and its chairman from 1882 to 1884.

Mr. Sabin's business career in Minnesota was identified with the lumber and railroad interests of the state and at one time he was reported to be worth \$10,000,000, although his fortune was considerably diminished at the time of his death. After separation from his first wife Senator Sabin was re-married and the second Mrs. Sabin was with him when he died.

ARMY CRACK SHOT CELEBRATES NINE YEARS' SERVICE AND SUICIDE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Sergeant William H. Russell of the Twentieth United States Infantry has committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Russell received his discharge December 2, together with over \$700 in back pay and allowances. He re-enlisted the next day and was granted a three months' furlough. He started to spend his furlough and money by buying a barrel of beer for his old company. Since that time, 20 days ago, he has spent his entire savings. The body is now at Fort Sheridan awaiting instructions from his relatives, who live in North Carolina.

Russell was 33 years old and unmarried. He enlisted nine years ago from Kansas, served against the Indians in Cuba and in the Philippines. He was a well-known marksman and had a good army record.

NEW BATTLESHIP MAINE.

Ready for Commission and Able to Make Herself Remembered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The recent order of the navy department to hurry

up the finishing touches of the battleship Maine has been followed out at Cramp's shipyard, a World's dispatch from Philadelphia says.

With steam up the battleship lies in the Delaware river ready to go into commission. Her hull is painted a dazzling white from stem to stern while at night hundreds of tiny electric lights make her as light as day.

Four 12-inch breech loading rifles, 16 six-inch rapid fire guns, six three-inch rapid fire guns, eight six-pounders, six one-pounders, two coils, two three-inch rapid fire field guns and two submerged Whitehead torpedo tubes form her complement.

COST OF EDUCATION.

New York Pays \$5.14 per Capita for Public Schools.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—According to a statistical summary just issued by the state department of public instruction, the total amount expended for the support of elementary, secondary and higher education in this state during the last school year was \$43,321,975, of which secondary education cost \$6,628,225; high schools, 4,445, 683, and academics \$2,192,625. Teachers' salaries amounted to \$22,716,339. The average cost per pupil based on average daily attendance was \$4.14, a decrease of \$54. Based on the census of 1900 the total cost of maintaining the public schools amounts to \$5.14 for each man, woman and child in the state.

CABLE SHIP DELAYED.

Silvertown Will Not Arrive in Honolulu Christmas Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—All hope that the cable ship Silvertown will arrive in Honolulu during Christmas day is dispelled. The following cablegram was received from the Associated Press representative on board today: "During the last 24 hours 197 knots of cable have been laid, making a total up to noon today of 1677 knots. A strong southwesterly breeze has somewhat retarded progress."

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Frederick Temple, archbishop of Canterbury and primate for all England, who has been ill for some time past, is dead.

ELECTRICITY IS KING OVER ALL

Connecticut Is to Have Power Plant That Will Cost \$2,000,000.

TO BE 7000 HORSE POWER

Will Light Large Cities, Run Trolleys and Otherwise Do Service Over Large Area of State.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Work has just begun at Bull's Falls on the Housatonic river, three miles below Kent, on what is to be the largest water power plant in this state, says a dispatch to the Tribune from New Haven, Conn. A dam 200 feet long and 20 feet deep is to be constructed across the Housatonic and an immense water storage reservoir built. The water from this reservoir will be conveyed about two miles through a canal to the power house, where there will be a fall of 116 feet. This canal will be partly blasted through solid rock and will be 30 feet wide by 10 feet deep. The plant will generate 7000 horse power when run at its full capacity.

The plan is to generate electricity to sell over a wide area of western Connecticut for manufacturing purposes, town and city electric lighting and trolley and third rail roads. It will be possible to transmit the current as far as Derby and possibly Waterbury. The work involves the outlay of nearly \$2,000,000.

It is planned to build distributing stations and to light several of the largest cities of the Nantuck and Housatonic valleys with the ultimate object of attaching Bridgeport.

STEAMER AND CREW LOST.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The Greek steamer Parthenon, having on board a crew of 23 men and six passengers, is reported lost.

To My Customers

Owing to the rush incident to Xmas business, I have not the time to send cards to all of my customers asking them to call for a 1903 calendar.

I therefore take this method of inviting all who have so liberally patronized me during the year just closing to please call and get one of my calendars.

As there will be a rush of shoppers the fore part of the week, I respectfully ask that you get the calendars immediately after Xmas.

Very sincerely,



CHRISTMAS GOODS

Come and see what we have to show you. Our stock is complete. Books in all styles of bindings, Leather Goods, Toilet Cases, Albums, Pictures, Gold Pens, Fountain Pens, Christmas Cards and Calendars. Other articles too numerous to mention. Our prices are right.

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