

THEY MAY CLASH

Among South American Republics.

ARGENTINE AND CHILI MAY HAVE TO FIGHT.

Generally Believed Resort to Arms is Inevitable—Argentine May Occupy Highways in Disputed Territory—Chili Will Call Conscripts, Force as Argentine Some Time Ago—Dispute is Over a Boundary.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Herald's Buenos Ayres correspondent telegraphs his paper that the dispute between Chili and Argentine over the boundary line will not be settled without resort to arms. It is generally believed that the Argentine will send troops to occupy the roads and paths in the disputed territory.

A Conscript Call. Santiago, Chili, Dec. 12.—The government has decided to call into service two forces of conscripts. The first recently took similar action.

SERVICE REFORM LEAGUE MET IN BOSTON

Organization Had Message of Congratulations from President Roosevelt—This is the League's 21st Anniversary—Eminent Men Addressed Convention—Member Appointed Commissioner at Washington.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Prominent supporters of the civil service movement gathered from all parts of the city to take part in the twenty-first annual convention of the National Service Reform League, which is in session here today. At the convention the league has two hundred members. One is the honor that it has attained its majority. It has been given birth just twenty years ago, and the other is the presence of William Dudley, one of the founders and chief officers of the league, as civil service commissioner.

Mr. Foulke addressed the convention today. Other speakers here were Dr. E. H. Hall, of Harvard University; Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, of Johns Hopkins; and Charles J. Bonaparte, president of the Civil Service Reform Association of Maryland.

Roosevelt is a Member. A message of congratulation was received from President Roosevelt, who for many years active in the league. A number of papers on reform of government were read. This afternoon there will be a public reception in honor of the league. The sessions continued and concluded to-day.

Naval Officer Divorced.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Justice Hall yesterday denied a petition for divorce of Mrs. Robert Burton, wife of an ex-paymaster of the navy, but granted his cross petition for a divorce on grounds of adultery.

BONINE'S CHARACTER NEVER WAS ASSAILED

Under the glare of publicity, defended herself from an imputation of crime, said her counsel.

Boston, Dec. 12.—The largest gathering has been in attendance at the beginning of the Bonine trial this morning when final arguments were resumed. Attorney for the defense, continued his argument yesterday. He drew attention of the jury to the character of Mrs. Bonine as it had been established and said no breath of scandal touched her until when she stepped into the glare of publicity to defend her life when her husband died attempting an assault on her womanhood.

Carnegie—Not a Library

New York, Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania New York will be made the subject of the presentation to the Carnegie foundation of a handsome painting of the gift of Andrew Carnegie to the city of New York, made by Bishop Potter, president of the Carnegie society.

AMALGAMATED LEADING FEATURE AGAIN TODAY.

Decrease in Sales Was Due to Bear Pressure Exerted Once More to Hammer the Stock.

New York, Dec. 12.—Amalgamated copper, while still the leading feature on the stock market, this morning showed a decrease in the number of sales when compared with the dealing of the last few days. It opened higher this morning, going to 71%. Bear pressure soon was in evidence and it fell off to 70%.

WALL STREET INTERESTED.

The 'Changes Believe the Railway Merger Will Go.

New York, Dec. 12.—Wall street is particularly interested in the outcome of the political attacks which are being made on the Northern Securities Company, although generally confident that the railroads will win. It is reported that in order to remove all occasion of attack on the new railroad combination on the score of illegality, the directors of the Union Pacific will one by one resign from the Burlington road, and Great Northern directors from the boards of other paralleling lines.

Deutschland will Lay Up.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Hamburg American Line's big steamship Deutschland sailed today on its last trip for the winter. Upon arrival at Hamburg she will be laid up until March for an overhauling and repairs. Transatlantic travel this winter is lighter than usual presumably as nearly all of the big liners have now been withdrawn from service until spring.

Unveiled at Andersonville.

Andersonville, Ga., Dec. 12.—A monument to the Ohio soldiers who died at the Confederate prison at Andersonville was unveiled today with interesting ceremonies. A large party of state officials and other prominent Ohioans participated in the exercises.

THE WAR MAY END

Hope Springs Up in London Cabinet Portfolio.

ENGLAND EXPECTS BOER WAR SOON TO END.

War Department Interprets Recent Captures to Desire of Dutchmen to Give Up Struggle Over the Coveted Ground.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—The Post bears that the war office interprets the recent heavy Boer captures to mean that the Boers are yielding in detail, with a view to avoiding the humiliation of a general surrender. The war office expects the war to end soon, the Post says.

ELWOOD CHENOWETH SURRENDERS HIMSELF.

Said to the Sheriff, "Take Me to Jail, I am Supposed to Be Crazy."

"If you are the sheriff I have a job for you," said Elwood Chenoweth, as he walked into the sheriff's office at the Corvallis court house Monday afternoon.

"Well, I want to be locked up," continued the stranger. "I am the man who escaped from the Union county sheriff by jumping from the train while en route to the insane asylum. I am supposed to be crazy and I have come in to give myself up. Take me to jail."

Deputy Henderson was a trifle disconcerted, but was ready to accommodate. After several minutes conversation, he noticed a slightly strange glitter in the visitor's eye and an occasional wandering of conversation that indicated mental unbalance. In due time the strange visitor was taken to jail as requested and the proper authorities were notified.

Columbia County Book Commission.

Dayton, Dec. 12.—The text-book commission for Columbia county met in the office of the county school superintendent in this city Monday, and decided to advertise for bids for elementary primers, elementary geographies and supplementary readers for the schools to be used in all the grades below the ninth. The next meeting of the commission will be on January 4 at which time the bids will be opened and the contract awarded to the successful bidder.

Immigrants are coming into the Palouse country in search of homes, and, as a rule, they are of a desirable class.

HE WARNS TEUTONS THE MORGAN BILL

Discussion of Tariff Bill Before the Reichstag.

RECALLS A SAYING OF THE IRON PRINCE.

Warning Germany Not to Seek Quarrels With Other Nations—German Minister of the Interior Replies to Kanitz's Address Demanding Commercial Opposition to the Trade of the United States.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—In the reichstag today, the minister of the interior replying to Count Kanitz's speech of yesterday, in which the latter advocated a commercial war against America, reminded the members of Bismarck's declaration that Germany should go to war only if forced to do so by the utmost necessity.

EMPEROR WILHELM WILL ACT AS CONCILIATOR.

Proposes to Visit The Hague Next Spring to Carry Olive Branch to Wilhelmina and Henry.

Paris, Dec. 12.—It is reported here that Kaiser Wilhelm, will visit The Hague in the spring to complete the reconciliation between Wilhelmina and the prince consort, Henry.

Editors Visit Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 12.—This was "Editor's Day" on the calendar of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition and newspaper men and their friends from all three states were present in force. The editors were treated as special guests of the exposition officials and nothing was left undone to contribute to their pleasure and entertainment.

Speakers of Note.

New York, Dec. 12.—The name of Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith heads the list of speakers at the annual reunion and banquet of the Union College alumni at the Hotel Savoy tonight. Other speakers will include Dr. V. V. Raymond, president of Union College, and J. Newton Fiero, dean of the Albany Law School.

QUESTION OF HIS HONESTY IS AUSTIN CRAIG WRONGFULLY ACCUSED?

He Says His Accounts Will Prove to Be Correct—Fears Not Investigation of Affairs.

Baker City, Dec. 12.—Regarding the case of the arrest of Austin Craig for alleged shortage in accounts with the Bank of Sumpter, A. P. Goss, president, says: "Craig was arrested upon a warrant sworn out by me before Judge Felix," said Mr. Goss, "and he was brought to Sumpter and released on bail. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Edwards signing his bonds for \$1000. I am informed that his friends say that the case is all a mistake and that everything will be explained satisfactorily. The only way that Craig's friends can explain matters to me is for me or them to pay his shortage with the Bank of Sumpter."

Mr. Craig is said to have made the following signed statement: "The difference between my accounts and the accounts kept by Mr. Goss, of the Bank of Sumpter, I have not been able to look up, as Mr. Goss has refused me an opportunity for comparison. This has led to his filing against me a charge of larceny by bailment, alleging that I have misappropriated bank funds, entrusted to me to the amount of \$1004.22. Since September 3, I have been doing Mr. Goss' banking business here with no other compensation than that his giving me a line of credit with the bank. If his figures are correct, it merely means that the bank officers have allowed me to accumulate a large overdraft without notifying me. The amount turned in by me to the bank aggregates considerably more than the deposits received by me. I have receipts for every item of our business relations and am willing to allow the authorities to sift these relations to the bottom, although I am of course, not anxious for the notoriety which comes with such proceedings." (Signed) "AUSTIN CRAIG."

A writ of habeas corpus has been issued for the production of Albert T. Patrick, accused of the murder of Millionaire Rice, in the supreme court of New York.

THE NEW YORK MARKET

Reported by I. L. Ray & Co., Pendleton, Chicago Board of Trade and New York Stock Exchange Brokers
New York, Dec. 12.—The wheat market lost another 1/2 cent today and closed at the low point. There were no foreign quotations. New York opened 1/4 higher 85 1/2, and closed 84 1/2. Chicago opened at 80 1/2 and closed at 79 1/2. These were the high and low points of the day and the close is four cents under Monday's prices. Stocks lower. Money 5 per cent.

Close yesterday, 85 1/2. Open today, 85 1/2. Range today, 84 1/2 @ 85 1/2. Close today, 84 1/2. Sugar, 120 1/2. Steel, 40 1/2. St. Paul, 159. Union Pacific, 97 1/2.

Wheat in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat, 76 @ 75 1/2. Wheat in San Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Wheat, 106 1/2 @ 1/4.

Santa Fe Stockholders Meet.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—The purchase of the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix railroad is to be ratified today by the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. The acquisition will give the Santa Fe nearly 250 miles of additional line, extending from Ash Fork to Prescott and Phoenix, Ariz.

Actor's Fund Benefit.

New York, Dec. 12.—Makers and patrons of the drama filled the metropolitan opera house to overflowing this afternoon on the occasion of the big Actors' Fund Benefit. The proceeds will be expended at once in building a home for aged and indigent actors on property lately acquired on Staten Island.

NO CHILD LABOR

Wanted by Representatives of the Workers.

EVILS OF CHILD LABOR TOO MUCH INJUNCTION.

These Subjects Engaged Attention of American Federation of Labor at Their Session in Pittsburg—Flood of Oratory Let Loose.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—The American Federation of Labor at this morning's session took up the subject of child labor in all its degrading phases and its injurious effects upon labor in general. The reckless and indiscriminate use of law by injunction also was taken up and brought out a flood of oratory.

SOME EXTENSIVE TUNNELLING

San Francisco and Piedmont Company Incorporated.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—Articles of incorporation were filed today for the San Francisco & Piedmont Railway, capital \$2,500,000, by the Oakland Realty company. It is headed by F. M. Smith. They propose to operate a ferry and railway between Frisco and Oakland, via Emeryville, and propose in the future to tunnel between Emeryville and Goat Island.

Chance for Astronomers.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Astronomers ambitious to enter the service of Uncle Sam in the capacity of assistant at the United States Naval Observatory are given an opportunity during the three days beginning today when civil service examinations for the position will be held in the leading cities of the country. In order to qualify the applicants must be versed in mathematics, practical and special astronomy, celestial mechanics, general mechanics, optics and several other branches of learning and must also be able to speak and write in French and German.

To Advertise Wyoming.

Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 12.—As a result of the movement inaugurated recently by the Wyoming state Press association delegates from nearly every county in the state gathered here today for a two days' industrial convention. The purpose of the convention is to bring to the public notice the marvelous resources of Wyoming and to this end arrangements will be made at once for a large and comprehensive state exhibit at the approaching world's fair at St. Louis.

OPPOSITION NIL

Pressure Fails to Effect Defeat for a Cabinet Officer.

PHILANDER C. KNOX WILL PROBABLY BE CONFIRMED.

Opposition by Anti-Trust League Will Fail to Prevent His Holding Office of Attorney-General—Democratic Senators Insisted Upon Investigation of Charges That He Counseled Formation of Billion-Dollar Combine.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The attack by the Anti-Trust League on the nomination of Philander C. Knox to be attorney-general, is not expected to result in the withdrawal of the nomination or failure to confirm it by the senate. The senate judiciary committee was forced to give consideration to the charge made by the Anti-Trust organization that Knox advised the steel magnates on the formation of the billion-dollar trust, because the democratic senators declared they would vote against the confirmation unless the allegations were investigated. As a unanimous vote was desired, it was deemed advisable to investigate.

DAYTON STOCKMEN FEAR A BLACKLEG SCOURGE.

Lee Maynard Says He Lost Several Calves from that Disease.

Dayton, Dec. 12.—Much alarm is being felt by the farmers in the vicinity of Dayton over the spread of a disease among the stock that is thought to be blackleg. Lee Maynard, a farmer residing five miles southeast of here, has reported to the authorities that four of his calves have already died from the effects of the disease and more are sick. The state veterinarian was informed of this instance, as well as others in the country, and the state health department has taken up the matter. Vaccine points for inoculation have been sent to the county auditor, and every precaution will be taken to abate the spread of the disease.

SETTLERS IN BAKER COUNTY HAVE TROUBLE OVER LANDS.

25,000 Acres of Area Involved—They Must Again Prove Their Places to Be Non-Mineral or Move Off.

Says the Baker City Herald; Twenty-five thousand acres of school lands, most of which is situated in Baker county, which have formed the object of the recent attempt at lien land grafting, will bob up as early again in the same manner. A few days ago when W. H. Odell, of Salem, who is looked upon as the great chief in these unwholesome schemes, was in Baker City he informed Walter Fernald, of the First National Bank, that the settlers on this immense amount of land would again be cited to appear at Malheur and Huntington to prove that their land is not mineral land. These settlers have already been put to the expense of going through this farce once, and now the dose is to be repeated.

The secret of the whole matter is this. The first citation notices that were served upon the settlers in the upper Burnt river district notified them to appear at Malheur, November 1, and at Burns for the final hearing, October 25. This was a clerical error and was intended to read at Burns, November 25. This error was not discovered until it was too late to make the change.

Mr. Odell and his confederates claim that the reason why they did not appear at Huntington to meet the settlers and give testimony was because it was found an injustice would be done, but it is now believed that the real reason is a clerical error had crept in the citation notices.

If this 25,000 acres of land is adjudged mineral, it can never be taken up by any Baker county settler, simply because it is not mineral land. Any person would be prohibited from obtaining this land under the land laws, because these is no mineral there, and the expense would be too great.

Colored Man Hanged.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 12.—William Allen, colored, was hanged here today in the presence of 1500 people. Allen attempted to assault Mrs. Hiram McMillan, white, and when her husband interfered, Allen shot him to death.