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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

An earthquake in Central Asia caused great loss of life and property.

President Roosevelt gave his first dinner party in the renovated white-house.

Non union miners testify to violence and boycotting during the coal strike.

New England senators oppose ratification of the treaty with Newfoundland regarding coast fisheries.

An association has been formed by 150 leading pottery manufacturers.

United States will recognize the war blockade.

Congress has ordered favorable reports on the eight-hour bill, the army staff bill and the new Philippine currency bill.

The House has passed the bill reducing the tariff on imports from the Philippines to 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates.

German warship captured a Venezuelan schooner, cut down her main-mast, and then abandoned her in a disabled condition.

The new monitor Nevada was given her trial trip at Rockport, Mass., and showed a speed of 12.95 knots, exceeding her contract speed by 1.45 knots.

President Castro states that Venezuelan rebels are helping the allied powers; allies want United States to guarantee payment of claims against Castro, but Secretary Hay refuses; France and Holland send ships to the scene of blockade.

A negro charged with the murder of a white man was lynched in Alabama.

A cousin of King Alfonso of Spain was arrested in an illegal gambling house.

The Imperial Council, Order of United Friends, is found to be hopelessly bankrupt.

A beggar who died in a New York hospital was found to have over $100,000 in his possession.

Germany will demand some sort of apology from Venezuela in addition to payment of her claims.

Conflicting political interests in Congress threaten to prevent the admission of any new states at all this session.

The United States Steel Corporation, by a recent purchase of two immense plants, acquires a practical monopoly of its line.

Venezuela has given Minister Bowen, United States Minister, full power to effect a settlement with England, Germany and Italy.

It is definitely decided that President Roosevelt and a party of distinguished men will make a tour of the Northwest in the Spring.

Orders for the disposal of Dewey's fleet during the holidays show plainly that they are not to threaten Venezuelan troubles in any way.

Miners continue to spring damaging testimony against the coal operators.

A fruit company with a capital of $4,500,000 has been organized in California.

John D. Rockefeller has contributed another million to the University of Chicago.

Germany approves of the United States' protest against the Venezuelan blockade.

Ohio River rose 12 feet in 24 hours and swept away coal-laden barges valued at $50,000.

Trainwreckers removed a rail from an Alabama road and caused a bad wreck. No fatalities.

A coroner's jury decided that Mrs. Mary Collins, of Seattle, was murdered by strangulation.

The house has passed the senate bill appropriating $22,000 for a light-house at Mukilteo Point, Wash.

A noted Umatilla chief named Five Crows was found dead near Athena, Ore. He was drunk when last seen alive.

Secretary of War has sent to congress an estimate of $60,000 for a new hospital at Vancouver barracks, Wash.

A company of crack rifle shots is being organized among mountaineers in Montana to go to the aid of President Castro.

Admiral Dewey has been ordered to keep his fleet together near Venezuela, presumably to escort American ships through the "peaceful blockade" of La Guayra.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, testifies before strike commission that operators are directly responsible for importation of ignorant foreigners.

The Japanese government has ordered several large X-ray machines to be used in the mint for photographing employes who are suspected of swallowing coin. The coins show plainly on the photographic plate.

Severe cold weather in Austria is causing acute suffering.

The Alaska salmon pack for 1902 will amount to 2,470,000 cases or more than the pack of 1901.

Martin Tower of Marshfield, has been appointed collector of customs for the Coos Bay district.

Hon. Solomon Hirsch, a pioneer merchant of Portland, legislator and ex-minister to Turkey, is dead.

A Columbian steamer, carrying a large number of soldiers, was wrecked and nearly all on board drowned.

The strike commission may investigate freight rates on coal.

New York continues without enough coal to meet the demands. At present 50,000 tons a day are consumed.

The Marseilles strike is practically over. The men are returning to their old places without gaining any of their demands.

Three men attempted to hold up an Alvord, Tex., bank. The officers had been notified and were waiting for them. One of the robbers was killed, another seriously wounded and the third is in custody.

PRESIDENT COMING WEST.

Secretary Now at Work on Itinerary—A Word to Entertainment Committees.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt is already giving his attention to the Western trip which he plans to take in the Spring. Secretary Cortelyou is at work on the itinerary, or, rather, the itinearies, for he is making several. At least three trips will be laid out, and circumstances will determine which shall be chosen. If state affairs are urgent it will be the shorter one, while if affairs are going smoothly, the President will be away six weeks or more.

Chicago will be visited early in the trip, as it is the plan to carry out the programme which was interrupted by the operation on the President's leg. Then he will go to Milwaukee, through Wisconsin, to St. Paul and Minneapolis and westward to the Yellowstone Park, and on to the Coast, stopping at Puget Sound cities, Portland and San Francisco. The President has invitations from every state in the Union west of the Mississippi River.

Local committees making plans will do well to have regard to the President's desire that Secretary Cortelyou be included n all plans for entertaining the President. This reminder mght seem superfluous, but experence has shown that it is not. There are 19 reasons, any of which is good and sufficient why the President wants his secretary to be at his elbow day and night, in carriages, at dinners, at private residences where he may be entertained, and at public functions. Any plans which are not to this effect will have to be altered.

NATIONAL CALAMITY.

Santa Maria Still Active—Price of Necessities So High Few Can Buy Them.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, Dec. 20.—It is probably due to some government instructions that the papers here have not said anything with reference to the eruption of the Santa Maria volcano, which can be considered, because of its magnitude as a national calamity. The losses suffered by German capital are not less than $6,500,000, consisting of houses and machinery destroyed, and the destruction of the present coffee crop. If the total destruction of many other properties belonging to other foreigners, as well as to natives, is added to this amount, the actual losses ascend to a fantastic sum.

The volcano is still in activity and a new eruption is feared at any time. Suffering is indescribable, for, besides the loss of coffee, which is estimated at about 300,000 quintals, the corn and wheat fields are ruined.

Owing to the unusually high rate of exchange, business is entirely paralyzed, for all imported articles have reached such prices that very few persons can afford to buy them, and most of the merchants sell just enough to cover their expenses.

The worst part of the present bad condition is that no one knows how or when it will change, and it is almost unenduable just now. Articles of first necessity have reached inaccessible prices, and the poor class of people are suffering therefrom.

REMODELED A CLUB FOOT.

Surgeon Lorenz First Crushed It, Then Formed It as Nature Should.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since he arrived in New York operated on a club foot. The patient was a 4-year-old girl. Dr Lorenz kneeded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty. Then he deftly molded it into its proper form, and announced that the operation was completed and a plaster cast was fitted to the foot. The doctor said that the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk.

Four operations for congenital dislocations were performed and at their close Dr. Lorenz showed that he was a tired man.

THIS IS SANTA'S BUSIEST YEAR.

Prosperity Has Enabled Him to Break All Previous Records in Liberality.

New York, Dec. 20.—Mail money order records have been broken in the Central postoffice, Wednesday's transactions amounting to $1,168,741. This included money orders issued, both domestic and foreign, the certificates of deposit issued to out-of-town postmasters, money orders paid and money order drafts. European advices brought the information that the incoming Christmas mail would be much larger this year than ever before. The Cymric, bound for New York, is said to have on board 2600 bags of mail. The Etruria is also coming with 1895, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse with 660 and the St. Louis with 300, a total of 5365.

Warning to Westerners.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Secretary of the Treasury went to the Harlem dinner in a Tuxedo coat. That was a sin—a violation of the law of etiquette—almost inexcusable. For the President of the United States was there, and where the President of the United States is, it is a full-dress function. This might be a good thing to remember when the President is on his visitation, of the West next Spring. If you have a long-tailed coat get it out.

Starved to Death in Brooklyn.

New York, Dec. 20.—Jacob Burthen, 67 years old, has been removed to a hospital in Brooklyn from his home, where he was found lying alongside the body of his dead brother, Michael, 73 years old, who is supposed to have died from starvation. The two men kept a little shoemaker's shop and did not mix with the neighbors. For two weeks nothnig had been seen or heard from the brothers, and a neighbor becoming alarmed, notified the police, who made an examination, with the result stated.

Found $100,000 on a Beggar.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Ely Hyman, a Jew, who begged for admision to the general hospital here on Saturday, is dead. An examination of his clothing resulted in finding script worth $31,000. Other papers showed him to be worth probably $100,000. For twenty years he has slept in sheds and stables. He sold papers and begged. His heirs are his wife and daughter, living, it is thought, in San Francisco.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Extensive Apple Canning Establishment Started at Linnton—Driving Sugar Pine Logs Down Rogue River—Large Supply of Wood for State Insane Asylum—Foreign Voters in Astoria.

Candidates for U. S. senator are exceedingly numerous.

Linn county jail is full to overflowing, the first time in several years.

The city elections at Monmouth were very quiet, there being only one ticket in the field.

A hobo was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stealing a jar of jam. It was his second offense.

W. C. Russell, an actor, was arrested at Helix on the charge of having played a copyrighted play without permission.

Registration in Astoria previous to the recent elections showed more foreign-born voters than native Americans there.

The O. R. & N. contemplates putting a dining car on its through trains and cutting out the stop at the famous Log Cabin eating house at Meacham for meals.

About 30 members of the Marion County Bar association will try to have a continual session of the criminal department of the state circuit court inaugurated at the coming session of the legislature.

A drive of 100,000 feet of pine logs is on its way down the Rogue river. If the drive is successful many more will follow, as there is a vast quantity of fine sugar pine in the Upper Rogue river country.

An extensive and profitable apple-canning industry has been started up at Linnton. There is an almost unlimited supply of the fruit good for cooking, but for which there is no market in its natural state.

Six Albany boys are under arrest for tormenting a Chinese swill-gatherer, and finally assaulting him and striking him on the head with a rock, rendering him insensible. They are liable to terms in the penitentiary for their frolic.

The board of trustees for the state insane asylum accepted 2,160 cords of big fir wood at from $1.93½ to $3 per cord, 40 cords of oak at $3.80, for the main buildings, and 650 cords of second-growth fir at from $2.25 to $2.50 per cord, and 106 cords of old fir for the farm buildings.

The Northern Del Norte mining district, just south of Waldo, Josephine county, is becoming one of the most active mining districts of this section of the West. Since the rich copper discoveries made there last spring a number of miners have gone into the district and many claims have been taken up and are being developed.

Commissioner Hermann has recommended the repeal of the lieu land law.

The Multnomah club of Portland has commenced arrangements for holding a street fair.

Linn county sportsmen are taking active measures to secure the enactment of better game laws. All concur in the opinion that hunting for the market should be entirely prohibited.

The present session of congress will not be asked for a government appropriation for the 1905 fair.

There is a petition being circulated in the eastern part of the state, asking the legislature to enact a law prohibiting the herding of sheep within a distance of two miles of any habitation. It is being pressed by cattlemen in the main although a great many business men who are not interested in stock are signing. Idaho and California have such laws.

F. S. Ingram, who is circulating a petition asking for aid from the state legislature, is securing many signatures. He has in the neighborhood of 400. Very few people refuse to sign.

Senator Mitchell called the attention of Commissioner of Pensions Ware to the number of applications for pensions under the Indian war veterans act of the last session which have not as yet been granted. The commissioner states that considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting the military service of the claimants but he hopes to have all straightened up shortly.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—WallaWalla, 73@74c; bluestem 75@76c; valley, 75@76c.

Barley—Feed, $23.50 per ton; brewing, $24.00.

Flour—Best grade, $3.60@4.10; graham, $3.10@3.60.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $23.50; shorts, $19.50; chop, $18.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.17½; gray, $1.12½@1.15 per cental.

Hay—Timothy, $10@11; clover, $9.00; cheat, $9@9 per ton.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@70c per sack; ordinary, 50@60c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, $1.75@$2 per cental.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, [illegible]; young, 10c; hens, 11@11½c; turkeys, live, 13@14c; dressed, 15@17½c; ducks, $5@6 per dozen; geese, [illegible] @7.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16@17½c; Young America, 17½@18½c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27½@30c per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 15@18.

Eggs—25@35c per dozen.

Hops—New crop, [illegible]@23c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12½@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14½c; mohair, 26@28c.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3@3½c per pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c.

Veal—7½@8½c.

Mutton—Gross, 3c per pound; dressed, 6c.

Lambs—Gross, 3½c per pound; dressed, 5½c.

Hogs—Gross, [illegible] per pound; dressed, 7@7½c.

WILL NOT RESIST.

United States Admits War Blockade at La Guayra Is Valid.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The state department has received no response thus far to the messages sent to the European foreign offices relative to the arbitration proposition. It is not known here whether President Castro will consent to apologize as a condition precedent to arbitration, but it is hoped that Minister Bowen can induce him to do so if this will be sufficient to meet the demands of the allies. It is pointed out here, however, that the further prosecution of attacks on Venezuelan forts will make an adjustment much more difficult.

If apologies are tendered and accepted, then the critical phase of the situation will be removed and some time may be spent in an arrangement of the basis upon which arbitration should be conducted. This will be a difficult problem, for it is anticipated that the allies will base their acceptance of the arbitration on an agreement by Venezuela to instruct the arbitrators to accept certain principles in advance which would commit Venezuela to a recognition of a debt of about $15,000,000. Still, the state department is hopeful that arbitration will prevail, for the alternative is now relaized to be actual war between the allies and Venezuela. It is believed here that Germany, at least, is not anxious to enter upon this state. A declaration of war would at once clothe the Venezuelans with the full rights of belligerency, and this might greatly protract the efforts of the allies to subdue President Castro.

Herr von Holleben, the German ambassador here, has gone to New York, and Count Quadt, the secretary and charge d'affaires, is transacting whatever business the embassy has with the state department, forwarding to Berlin such matters of information touching the situation in Venezuela as are forthcoming from Mr. Bowen.

The navy department has no announcement to make respecting the orders to be given to Dewey's ships, and it was repeated that the sole purpose and aim of the department is so to place the vessels, a few at each important port, that the men may enjoy themsleves Christmas week without overtaxing the facilities at any one point. Secretary Moody spent a good part of the day before the house naval committee, in continuation of his explanation of the recommendations made by him in his annual report for the betterment of the navy.

BOXERS BREAK OUT AGAIN.

Swarming Around Two Cities—Regulars Unable to Disperse Them.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—Mail advices received from Changking, in the Szechuan province of China, report that both the cities of Meichou and Kaitingfu have had their gates closed and a state of seige declared, owing to the numerous bodies of armed Boxers in their vicinity, it being feared by the officials that the insurgents may take the cities by surprise. Troops were sent to raise the siege of the two cities, but failed.

It is reported from Pekin that Yung Lu, first grand secretary of China, who, since Li Hung Chang died, is the most powerful man in China, is anxious to resign. The empress dowager proposes to abdicate next year, and Yung Lu wishes to anticipate the event by placing himself beyond the range of consequent complications.

RELIEF FOR SETTLERS.

Favorable Report Made on Moody's Land Grant Lieu Bill.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The senate public lands committee today favorably reported Representative Moody's bill proposing to give to settlers on The Dalles military wagon road lands and upon railroad lands, whose entries were erroneously allowed by the interior department, under the mistaken idea that the lands settled upon were a part of the public domain, but which were afterwards held by the superior court to be private lands, the right to credit for residence upon a new homestead for a time equal to the time they resided on their original tract, except that each such settler must live at least one year on his new homestead. There is now little doubt that the bill will finally pass and be signed by the president.

All Italians Approve.

New York, Dec. 19.—Italian participation in the Anglo-German action against Venezuela produces an effect here, not anti-American but one of self-satisfaction and pride at taking part in what is considered the first break in the Monroe doctrine, says the Tribune's Rome correspondent. Parliament and the public press, without distinction of party, which is very strange in Italy, approve the action of the minister of foreign affairs.

Whole Family Wiped Out.

Fort Lee, N. J., Dec. 19.—By the explosion of a small gas tank today, the residence of John Pugingli was demolished, his five children instantly killed and his wife so seriously injured that she died later. The tank that exploded was in the cellar, and supplied the illuminating gas for the building. The body of the eldest daughter, Clorinda, aged 22 years, who was supposed to have gone to New York, was found tonight in the ruins of the house.

Ohio River on the Rampage.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 19.—The rise in the Ohio River in the 24 hours ending with 4 a. m. was 12 feet. The swift current today swept 80 coal barges from their moorings and most of the [illegible]. All the harbor boats were [illegible], but only about 30 [illegible] recovered. Several men [illegible] the floating barges and one [illegible]. The loss on the [illegible] estimated at [illegible],000.

China Will Pay in Silver.

[illegible]ngton, Dec. 19.—Unofficial advices received here that China intends to pay the next installment of her indemnity in silver. The [illegible] indicate that China is driven to [illegible] course by the fact that all of her [illegible] are payable in silver and the [illegible] internal financial [illegible] makes it [illegible] to obtain gold.

READY TO SETTLE

CASTRO EMPOWERS UNITED STATES MINISTER TO MAKE PEACE.

Makes No Restrictions Whatever, Fully Realizing That His Nation Would Be Powerless in Actual War—Venezuelan Rebels Active—Evidence That They Are Working with the Powers.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The settlement of the Venezuelan difficulty now rests with United States Minister Bowen, to whom President Castro has entrusted full power to negotiate terms with the allies.

Castro desires that the peace conference be held in Washington, and to that end has asked Bowen to go there.

Castro has changed his attitude toward the allies, allowing the German Minister to land and talk by telephone to his sick wife and allowing the British ships to send men ashore for provisions.

The rebels are becoming more active in the interior, and Castro is said to have evidence that they have co-operated with the allies, and that arms and ammunition have been furnished them.

Caracas, Dec. 22.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuela Minister of Foreign Affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as constitutional President of the republic, and countersigned by himself as Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the difficulty with the European powers.

According to the terms of this document, Mr. Bowen may act without restriction, and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The State Department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Mr. Bowen.

Events here are dependent upon the receipt, through the State Department, of the answers of the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela. These answers are expected tomorrow. Should they be favorable, the Venezuelan government strongly desires that a conference of the Ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the United States be held in Washington, and that Mr. Bowen leave La Guayra December 23 for the United States on board the Steamer Caracas, which is due to reach New York December 29.

Mr. Bowen will meet the Ambassadors in Washington. No meeting to discuss terms of settlement is to be held on Venezuelan soil.

"El Mocho" Hernandez, the released revolutionary leader, called at the American Legation this morning for the purpose of paying his respects to Minister Bowen. This afternoon President Castro, accompanied by his wife, also called at the Legation, where he stayed for three-quarters of an hour.

Leiutenant Van Duzen, of the gunboat Marietta, has been sent here from La Guayra to act as secretary to Mr. Bowen.

Merchants of all nationalities here hope that the arbitration proposal will be accepted, and that, as a result of the present efforts to reach a pacific settlement, the proposed blockade of La Guayra, Puerto Cabello, Maracaibo, Coro, Carupano and Barcelona, announced for December 20, will not become effective.

British and German ships of war are paying daily visits to Margarita Island. Pearl-fishing boats from Margarita report the presence of three men-of-war near Juan Griego.

Allied Powers Helping Rebels.

Caracas, Dec. 22.—Documents and letters which have been secured by the Venezuelan authorities are said to prove the connection of the revolutionists with the recent demonstration of the allies against Venezuela.

It is reported that, since the capture of the Venezuelan fleet, munitions of war have been shipped openly from Willemstad to ports on the Venezuelan coast, and steamers are said to have sailed from Port of Spain, Trinidad, with the knowledge, it is alleged, of the British authorities there, bearing arms and ammunition to the Venezuelan revolutionists at Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco river.

St. Louis Exposition Stamps.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Post-office Department is just about to take up the subject of the special issue of stamps to be designed for the St. Louis Exposition. Even so early it is understood that Robert H. Daniels, that enterprising publicity expert of the New York Central, is to have on one stamp a picture of his 24-hour flyer. Last time it was the Empire State Express which served as a model for rapid railway transit and Mr. Daniels again claims the distinction of furnishing the speediest model.

Inquiry Into Fitzgerald Killing.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The foreign affairs committee of the House gave consideration today to the resolution introduced by William A. Smith, of Michigan, calling upon the State Department for information concerning the circumstances of the shooting of William Fitzgerald, an American citizen, in Guatemala, together with such reports and correspondence as may be on record in the department. In the absence of Mr. Smith, action on the resolution was deferred until he could be heard.

Another Industry for Washington.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 22.—John W. Reynolds and Murphy & Stuchell have completed arrangements for putting in a new factory at Chehalis. The new plant will manufacture bed-springs and mattresses, make moldings and do upholstering as well as doing a general planing-mill business. The site chosen adjoins the railway a hundred yards north of the stock-yards. This is the fourth factory established in Chehalis within a year.

Earthquake in Costa Rica.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 22.—Two violent earthquakes were experienced here at 4 o'clock this morning. The people were greatly alarmed, but there were no casualties. Several other shocks followed at intervals. These, however, were of diminishing severity.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Middlemen Getting $11 to $12 Per Ton for Coal While Poor Are Freezing.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—When the coal strike commission met yesterday Chairman Gray opened the proceedings by saying that the commissioners were impressed with the spectacle of the little girls who were before the commission yesterday and testified that they worked all night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the Legislature of Pennsylvania seriously consider the enactment of a law that will forbid the employment of children at night. At the suggestion of the commission the statements of the wages of the fathers of two of the girls were presented. One earned more than $1000 last year and the other over $900.

The miners sprung another surprise by presenting an individual operator on the witness stand against the operators. He was John C. Haddock, of Wilkesbarre, president of the Plymouth Coal Company. Mr. Haddock, in answer to questions put to him by C. S. Darrow for the miners, said he had been in the coal business 35 years. His company operated the Black Diamond and Dodson mines near Wilkesbarre. He said his company went into the hands of receivers on March 14, and on November 14 trustees took hold of the property.

Mr. Haddock then explained that the miner's ton, which runs from 2700 to 3200 pounds, was fixed years ago so that the employer could get out of the ton 2240 pounds of pure coal above the size of pea. Pea coal and all sizes below that was waste. This is now being utilized.

Regarding the price of Coal Mr. Haddock said the middlemen in New York are paying $11 and $12 a ton.

Judge Gray—"Do they pay the operators that price?"

"Possibly."

MURDERERS SENTENCED.

Oscar Bradshaw Must Suffer Death—Kellett Gets 20 Years.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 18.—Under sentence of death to be carried out, at the state penitentiary, Oscar Bradshaw, a young man, arrived in the city yesterday morning, in charge of Sheriff I. J. Davis, of Franklin County. Bradshaw was sentenced to death at Pasco by Judge Rudkin, of North Yakima, for the murder of Peter Nelson, at Pasco, last July. The death penalty is to be inflicted February 2, unless an appeal to the Supreme Court is perfected.

With Bradshaw came William Kellett, a much older man, under sentence of 20 years at hard labor, for the part he took in the murder of Nelson. Bradshaw was tried December 3 and 4, and a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was entered by the jury after a strong effort for a lighter verdict. Upon the action of the jury being announced to Kellett he asked to be allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree. After the state had advised in the matter the plea was accepted, and the sentence of 20 years inflicted by Judge Rudkin yesterday.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CASTRO.

Crack Shots and Old Mountain Men from Montana Will Join Venezuelans.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 18.—It is stated on what appears to be good authority that a filibustering party is being organized in Butte to go to Venezuela. It is said, at least, that an alleged "josh" story in the Inter-Mountain, concerning a party of Montana filibusters, who are organizing to go to Venezuela, is really based upon fact.

A number of Butte men have already enlisted. The men conducting the scheme are keeping it quiet, but it is said at least one well-armed company, all crack-shots, and old mountain men, will go South in a few days. A number of Spanish war veterans and several veterans of the Fenian invasion of Canada are among the men enlisted.

CONTINUE TO RUN TRANSPORTS.

Ludington Advising House Committee Against Contract System.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Quartermaster-General Ludington of the Army, before the House committee on military affairs, today advocated continuing the transport service under the control of the War Department. He said the cost of the service as now conducted is about $2000 less than any of the estimates submitted by private concerns, but said that in his opinion it would be in the interest of the economy [illegible] for the War Department [illegible] its own line. General Ludington [illegible] of carrying [illegible] parties on the Government transports, said the [illegible] was insignificant and that whatever abuses had occurred in that direction they already had been corrected.

Big Emigration Scheme.

New York, Dec. 18.—According to the London correspondent of the Tribune, negotiations are still in progress by an English syndicate for acquiring from the Ontario government a concession for a large tract of land on terms similar to those offered an American syndicate for a tract of 2,000,000 acres. It is asserted that the English syndicate has ample financial resources and is displaying zeal and interest in working out an immigration scheme of exceptional magnitude.

A Western Philanthropist.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—A deed was recorded yesterday, whereby South Park, formerly a Summer resort, situated 13 miles from Louisville, passed into the hands of William H. Beach, a Los Angeles, Cal., capitalist. It is stated that he will convert part of the property into a Summer resort and another part into a children's home, where abandoned waifs will be given every care and attention. The place contains about 300 acres of land and a 25-acre lake.

Russians Raised Wheat in Alaska.

Tacoma, Dec. 18.—That wheat was grown in Alaska by the Russians a century ago is proved by the discovery of two old flour mills built by the subjects of the Czar. One of these is on Wood Island, in Southeastern Alaska, and the other in the interior. The former mill has just been investigated by R. B. Taylor. He says the old flour mill was built early in the last century.

SHIPS WERE SUNK

BRITISH CANNON PUT FATAL HOLES THROUGH VENEZUELAN BOATS.

Towed Them to Sea from the Harbor of La Guayra and Returned Two Hours Later Without Them—Cannon Shots Were Distinctly Heard by Officers in Venezuelan Forts.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—The Governor of Margarita Island reports that British and German warships are off that island.

When the combined fleets seized the Venezuela ships at La Guayra the German commander delivered to the Venezuelan captains the following document:

"By order of my sovereign and at the command of the commodore of the German squadron in West Indian waters, I, the commander of the Panther, request you to lower your ship's flag immediately and leave your ship with your crew within ten minutes. This is not a measure of war on the part of Germany, but only with the object of making a provisional seizure of your ship in order to oblige the Venezuelan Government to recognize our just demands. In case you disobey and wish to defend your ship I shall be obliged to prevent you from so doing by the discharge of arms.

"ECKERMAN, Commander."

Further details of the sinking of the Venezuelan ships have been obtained from an entry made in the books of the signal men of the fortress at La Guayra. It is as follows:

"Tuesday, December 9, 1:30 night. "The Adjutant called me to see if I knew the steamer Retribution of the English Navy was towing the steamers Crespo and Totune, of the National Navy, three or four miles north. I had heard four cannon shots and saw the two steamers had disappeared and understood they had been sunk by the Vineta and Retribution. At the end of an hour the Retribution returned to the harbor alone."

The fact that the Retribution returned to La Guayra alone two hours after leaving with the captured vessels was confirmed by English residents of La Guayra. Consequently she did not have time to conduct the Venezuelan ships to Curacoa or Trinidad.

Germany Accepts America's Protest.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay's note excepting American ships from certain restrictions of the Venezuelan blockade is favorably received by the German Government. The Foreign Office treats the matter as not raising any essential difficulty as being without precedent, since Germany made a similar reservation in the Cretan blockade. The precise status of American vessels under the blockade will be defined in an official notification.

Minister Bowen's communication to Germany through the United States Government in behalf of President Castro, received here yesterday, was a simple proposal to arbitrate the question in dispute, and was not accompanied by any conditions.

England Will Go After Castro.

London, Dec. 18.—Replying to a question in the House of Lords today, Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, said that if the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect, further coercive measures would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany, and it had been decided to resort to a blockade of the ports. It was not intended to land a British force, and still less to occupy Venezuelan territory.

New York, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassador Tower, at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German government to define for this country exactly what is meant by a "peaceful blockade."

Although it has not been put into public expression, this government contends tnat there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade." If a state of war does not exist this government will contend, at the proper time, that United States ships must be allowed to pass.

The test will come when the Red D Line steamer Caracas arrives at La Guayra, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other nations will also demand to go through, and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce.

If Germany insists on its right to blockade peaceably and refuse to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convey them [illegible] through the German and British [illegible]. Admiral Dewey has been ordered to keep his fleet together. The reason this government makes the demand of Germany is because it is in writing in black and white the fullest statement of Germany's intentions in Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The demands of that country were clear enough to make only [illegible] statement of intent.

The Administration is awaiting Germany's answer with some anxiety. The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

X-Ray as a Detective.

New York, Dec. 18.—A Hilo dispatch, according to a press Cable from that city, has received an order from the Japanese government for several X-ray machines which are to be used for a novel purpose. It has been sometimes been said to a representative of the Hilo firm as X-ray machine which the Japanese officials was to be used in the government mints in Japan for the purpose of detecting dishonest employes who steal coin by swallowing them. The machines was used to examine the workers who left the mint daily, and a [illegible] revealed the presence of any coin.

Italians Gladly Join in Blockade.

London, Dec. 18.—News has received in London that all the employes of the La Guayra-Caracas and Puerto Cabello-Valencia Railroads are safe. Telegrams received here from Berlin confirm the statement that it has been arranged for Italy to join the blockade, and say that the German Government will ask the consent of the Bundesrath to a proposal to make the Venezuelan blockade more stringent.