

WILL MAKE PEACE

Roosevelt Will Act if Powers Insist

Venezuela Signifies Willingness

Americans Offer Their Services

Washington, Dec. 22—It was authoritatively announced this afternoon that President Roosevelt would act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan difficulty, if the foreign powers insist.

Inasmuch as the powers have already announced their objections to giving the matter over to the Hague tribunal, it seems certain that Roosevelt will arbitrate.

Caracas, Dec. 22—In the name of Venezuela Castro has signed his acceptance to the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Washington, Dec. 22—Senator Palibo, Venezuelan Charge d'Affairs has received an offer from 200 Americans to go to Venezuela and fight in behalf of that country.

Washington, Dec. 22—Ambassador power of Berlin informed the state department this morning that the official announcement of the Venezuelan blockade has been issued by Germany. Ambassador Meyer, at Rome, also cabled that Italy announced that she would participate in the naval blockade and had issued an order to forward ships.

Sixth Mourning. In Sitta an Indian wife shows her sorrow for the death of her husband by painting the upper part of her face black.

MARCONI ANNOUNCES SUCCESS

Special to the Mail. Halifax, N. S. Dec. 22—After eight experiments, conducted with the greatest secrecy, Marconi announces that he has successfully transmitted wireless messages from the shores of Canada to the coast of England. The formal announcement of this achievement was made by the inventor Sunday, when he stated that wireless message had been successfully transmitted and forwarded from the Governor General of Canada to King Edward VII of Great Britain and the king of Italy.

HERMANN WANTS LIEU LAND LAW REPEALED

Before Timber and Stone Act Is Taken Off Statute Books

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, —Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, has conferred with the chairmen of the public lands committee of both House and Senate relative to the pending bills to repeal the timber and stone act, which he regards, in its present shape, as bad legislation. But before that law is repealed the Commissioner urges the repeal or modification of the forest reserve lieu-land laws he says is the most vicious law on the statute books.

The repeal of the timber and stone act would cut off all ways of procuring title to Government timber lands save by scrip filings. The minute this situation is brought about, the Commissioner argues, lieu base will immediately take a jump in price, and will ultimately find its way in large quantities into the hands of corporations or speculators. With all other timber entry cut off, they would then enjoy the undisputed right to secure, in full accordance with law, the very best Government timber land that is on surveyed lands. Either repeal the lieu-land law entirely, says the Commissioner, or amend it to provide that when lands within reserves are relinquished to the Government the tracts selected in lieu thereof shall be not only of the same area, but of approximately the same value as the tracts turned back to the Government.

While both Senator Quarles and Representative Lacey were inclined to admit the right of the argument, they gave no assurance that the proposed change will be enacted this session. In fact, the chances are decidedly against action.

The Cut of 1902

(Pug's Sound Lumberman)

The time of statements and guessing has again rolled around, and for the next three months all sort of figures will be flying around telling the outputs of mills and the total cuts of different districts. As this journal has often said, only approximate figures can be made and really it is immaterial whether the statement are exact or not. What is wanted by practical lumbermen is to know in a general way the trend and volume of trade. It is a little unsafe to prophesy at this time, before figures are in, as to the output of the mills on this Coast, but here's a venture Shingles 9,000,000,000; divided as follows: Washington, 6,000,000,000; California, 1,000,000,000; Oregon and Idaho, 500,000,000. British Columbia, 1,500,000,000. They sold for \$15,000,000. Say for the cut of the saw mills 4,700,000,000 feet, allowing the output to be for California 800,000,000, Oregon 1,300,000,000, Washington 1,800,000,000, British Columbia 350,000,000 Idaho and Montana 450,000,000. These figures may need adjusting after the reports come in, but they will be found in the aggregate pretty close to

the mark. The forests should have added this year to the wealth of the Coast not less than sixty million dollars.

SECRETARY TO RESIGN

Admiral Wildes Disabled—Roosevelt Returns

Washington, Dec. 22—It is the generally accepted belief among the high officials that Secretary Root will retire immediately after the settlement of the Venezuelan question, and will be succeeded by Ex Governor Taft.

The Navy Department received a cable today saying that Admiral Wildes, second command of the Asiatic squadron, has been notified by his physicians that he must leave, on account of ill health, and he sails for home Friday next.

President Roosevelt and family arrived this morning from their southern trip. The President shook hands with the engineer and firemen after the train pulled in.

COLD STORAGE STERMER COMING AFTER SALMO

The Pacific Cold Storage Company's Alaska steamer, Elisha Thompson has arrived in the bay after a load of frozen salmon. The steamer is fitted with cold storage facilities, to which has been added apparatus for freezing, and she proposes to lie at Marshfield and buy salmon, freezing them as fast as taken aboard, until she has a full cargo aboard. She ran aground below the Standard Oil dock and lay there last evening.

On New Years

The Holiday number of the Coast Mail will be out on New Years morning, unless something goes seriously wrong. The intention of getting it out on Christmas had to be abandoned on account of delays in getting the pictures which are to be used. We did not wish to disappoint any one who desired to be represented, so delayed the issue. The cuts are not yet all here, but the missing ones are expected daily.

Wise Move

The action of the health officers in prohibiting assemblage of children for Christmas tree exercises made quite a disappointment for the children, but it was certainly a wise move.

The town doesn't want an epidemic of scarlet fever among the children, and energetic measures at this time may prevent serious trouble in the near future. It is feared that some families have had cases of the disease in a mild form which have not been reported or flagged. If such cases have occurred and can be ferreted out a few examples ought to be made. If any are so thoughtless or so lost to all consideration for others that they are willing to expose all the children of the town to a dangerous disease, rather than submit to some inconvenience themselves, then they should be reminded of their duty.

TENMILE CREEK FREE FOR NAVIGATION

Chas. Norris, of Tenmile is spending a few days in town. He reports that through the hard work of the settlers about the lakes, in removing the great jam which so long obstructed Tenmile creek, that water course is now clear from the lakes to the Ocean, and free to navigation to the beach. This is a very great improvement to the means of getting freight and produce to and from the lakes. Boats and scows can now run to the beach, saving a long hard haul, especially in the winter,

when the road in from the beach is in bad condition.

The settlers are very desirous that the county commissioners should come and take a look at the situation at once, while the water is still high enough to do some more work which is necessary to keeping the creek open. If another jam be allowed to form, it may cause another long interruption of the navigation of the stream, and every effort should be made to preserve the easy outlet now afforded this rich section of the county.

NEW HAYTIAN PRESIDENT

Mark Hanna Trying to Switch Honors to Gen. Smith

Washington, Dec. 22—The Department of State this morning advised that General Nords election as president of Hayti.

Mark Hanna is interesting himself in the endeavor to induce President Roosevelt to appoint General Smith from the retired to the active list, to fill the vacancy now existing in the rank of brigadier general, and has the matter up to Secretary Root. Hanna regards "Hell roasting Jake" as a much abused man.

FOUR BOYS LOST WHILE OUT HUNTING

There was considerable excitement in South Marshfield last evening, owing to the non-return of four boys aged from about 14 to 20 years, who had gone hunting in the afternoon and had evidently lost their way.

George Manning, Albert Campbell, Willie Curtis and Peter Scott were the missing boys. Manning and Campbell had gone out together and had been followed a little later by Curtis and Scott. All had guns, and they went into the timber southwest of town. Later in the afternoon two of the boys were seen at a distance by Edgar Campbell, who was also out hunting. When night came and the boys had not returned the alarm went around and searching parties started out with guns and lanterns. A night in the woods in such weather does not furnish a pleasant experience, though there is little danger. The boys probably wandered further away than they intended and were overtaken by darkness on their way home.

wedding At Sitka

The marriage of Fred Baker and Miss Leona Harry, will take place at noon today at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and E. N. Harry in Brewster valley. Quite a number of friends have been invited, and the wedding will be a social event of note in that community. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Kentuch slough, where the young couple will reside.

MARSHFIELD LADIES JOIN THE FEDERATION

The Artistic Needle Workers' Club received a pleasant Christmas present this week from the President Mrs. Adelia D. Wade of congratulations upon our being the first to join the Oregon Federation of Woman's Clubs in this vicinity. This club has been organized a little over a year, and after spending many pleasant and profitable hours together, they now stand among and as one of the 29 or more clubs that go to make up this Federation, composed of the brightest women in our State, all with the same object: The betterment of humanity. They are to be congratulated, and Marshfield as well for having in their community ladies who are not to be counted as not lacking in progress but are alive and up-to-date.

A Water Duel

(Original.) Near the border which divides Siberia from Russia lived Count Arkadyevich, a country gentleman. His daughter, Marya Alexandrovna, an attractive girl of eighteen, was sought in marriage by many of the sons of the neighboring landed proprietors, but seemed to prefer Ivan Mikhalloff, a lusty but very young fellow who had never been known to take an interest in but one thing—the town fire department, which he had organized and drilled, becoming very expert himself in the drenching of burning buildings.

A battalion of troops came to the town commanded by Major Nikolai Levin, a middle aged man whose private fortune was large. From childhood he had been accustomed to having his own way. He had studied and practiced the use of every known weapon, and when any man stood in his way he would insult him, challenge him and, if necessary, kill him. All kinds of weapons had been tried against Levin, from a Turkish scimitar to a mountain howitzer, and he had handled every one with perfect skill. He had no sooner set eyes on Marya than he fell violently in love with her. Marya, though she accepted his attentions, could not be completely won over from her athletic suitor, Ivan. Levin at last concluded that with Ivan in the way he could never win the girl, so he made up his mind to kill him. He soon found a pretext for considering himself insulted by the young man and sent him a challenge.

Marya heard of the intended assassination and was much troubled. In her extremity she sent for a former schoolmate, Kostia Sanin, in whose ingenuity she placed great confidence, and asked him to help her.

"Well, I will offer him my services, and if he accepts them I will see what I can do for him," said Sanin. A few hours later Major Levin received a visit from Sanin. "I am to arrange this affair between you and my friend Mikhalloff," he said, "and, since he is the challenged party, choose for him the weapons, the time and the place of meeting."

"That is your right. It is immaterial to me with what weapon I fight, and I beg you will choose that with which the young man is most skillful."

"You show a magnanimous spirit, major, and I shall meet your wishes. The only weapon with which Ivan Mikhalloff has any skill whatever is the nozzle of a hose. I therefore choose this weapon."

"If you think you can turn the affair into a jest, you are mistaken."

"I propose no jest. The terms are that you and your adversary are to go into an unheated room, wearing no clothing whatever, each furnished with a hose, and play upon each other till you are satisfied."

"What an absurdity!"

"Nothing of the kind. You know that the temperature here at this season is never above zero and the water is icy cold. Neither of you will be able to endure the torture more than half an hour without dying a terrible death, and in any event there is great probability of pneumonia setting in after the combat."

Sanin then named the time and place and took his departure.

The major submitted the case to the officers of his battalion, who, after long deliberation, decided that he must accept the terms. At the appointed time he and his antagonist stood stark naked in a large room, each armed with a half inch nozzle. At a given signal the water was turned on by the seconds, and the contest begun. Ivan had always lived in that northern region, while the major had been born in the south. Ivan was hardy, while the major was delicate and sensitive from having led a luxurious life. At the first stroke of the icy water he was shaken by a terrific chill, while the sturdy Ivan, who had bathed in water as cold that very morning, braced himself against the shock and stood upright and firm as a rock. One of the seconds stood with a watch in his hand, while the other kept a hand on the water cock. At the end of two minutes time was called and the water turned off. The principals were permitted to move about for two minutes to recoup and break the ice forming on their bodies, when they were required to take their positions, and the water was turned on. At the end of the next round Levin was shivering terribly, his skin was livid, and his lips were blue, while his opponent had readily restored circulation. At the end of the next round the major was informed by those of his officers who were present that he might give up the unequal contest without sacrificing his honor, and he declared that he was satisfied. He was taken into a warm room, dosed with hot liquor, rubbed, and put between blankets. Nevertheless he was stricken with pneumonia, from which he nearly died. Ivan polished himself with a crash towel and in his clothes and took a brisk walk.

Kostia Sanin went to Marya and gave her an account of what had occurred. "You are now free to marry either of those men you choose. I presume from your interest in Ivan that your choice will fall on him."

"Then it is the major?"
"No, nor the major."
"Well, then, I should like to know what all this trouble has been about."
"To change the subject, how shall I reward you for helping us out of this difficulty?"
"Well, you might let me kiss your hand."
"What do you say to my lips?"
A light broke in upon Kostia. He went to Marya, took her in his arms and kissed her, but when he had kissed her once there was no stopping.
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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 4, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

ALBERT A. ANDERSON, of Marshfield, county of Coos, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 3861, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Sec. 25, E 1/2 of SE 1/4 & lot 8 of Sec. 27, T 24 S, R No 11 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before W. U. Douglas, U. S. Commissioner for Oregon, at Marshfield, Oregon, on Saturday, the 10 day of January, 1903. He names as witnesses: Charles Wigan, John Michelbrink, Fred Noah, of Allagany, Or. S. W. Noah, of Marshfield, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10 day of Jan, 1903. J. T. BRIDGES, Register. 11-9

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