

POWERS AGREE

To Hague Tribunal a
Arbitrator

ROOSEVELT'S DESTINATION
CONSIDERED A SNUB

This Country Taking no Part in Ar-
ranging Protocol—Blockade
May Continue

London, Dec. 27—England has formally accepted President Roosevelt's proposition to refer the Venezuelan question to the Hague Tribunal of arbitration.

Berlin, Dec. 27—There is a decided inclination here to receive Roosevelt's declaration to arbitrate the Venezuelan affair as a snub at Anglo-German diplomacy. Germany has agreed to accept the Hague Tribunal as arbitrator.

Washington Dec. 27—The State Department positively denies that this country is participating in the formulation of a preliminary protocol providing for arbitration between the allied powers and Venezuela.

It also states that Roosevelt, in declining to arbitrate the question, declined in spirit as well as in letter.

Whether the blockade will continue during the pending arbitration cannot be learned.

The Queen's Christmas Gift

London, Dec. 27—Hundreds of women and children—widows and orphans of British soldiers who fell in the recent South African war, were made glad today by the thoughtful generosity of Queen Alexandra. In response to the proclamation announcing the Queen's intention, the bereaved, many in desperately poor circumstances, gathered for a free Christmas dinner and after they had eaten their fill were sent home laden with packages containing food and clothing. The dinner was given at the Alexandra Trust Restaurant, of which the Queen is President, and which was founded in March, 1900, by Sir Thomas Lipton for the benefit of the poor. During the afternoon, their Majesties, escorted by Sir Thomas Lipton, looked in upon the feast and were heartily received by the many women and children present.

IMMORALITY AT BREMERTON

Washington, Dec. 30—On account of immoral influences prevailing in the town of Bremerton, Washington the navy department today ordered that no more ships be sent to the navy yard at that point until the evil influences existing are remedied. Naval officers who have investigated reported open gambling and the social evil rampant at Bremerton.

Her Explanation.

"Do you mean to say such a physical wreck as he is gave you that black eye?" asked the magistrate.

"Sure, your honor, he wasn't a physical wreck till after he gave me the black eye," replied the complaining wife.—Exchange.

Quite Technical.

"The reason he is so irritable is because he is teething," explained the fond mother.

"Indeed?" remarked Mr. Oldbatch, wishing to appear learned. "And when will it be bairling?"—St. Louis Republic.

MAKING SCARCITY OF COAL

Chicago Roads Hold
it in Yards

Cleveland Public Of-
fices Closed

Springfield, Dec. 27—Acting Governor Northcott today officially directed the Attorney General of Illinois to investigate the charges made against the railroads entering Chicago of holding coal in their yards, although the city is suffering a fuel famine.

It is generally understood that the roads have coal enough in the yards to supply the city for the remainder of the winter from now on, but are holding to compel higher prices.

Cleveland, Ohio Dec. 27—All the county and city offices are closed, owing to the lack of coal, of which there is barely enough to supply the prisoners.

Public Regulation of Railroads.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27—The public regulation of railroads was the general subject of discussion at this morning's session of the annual convention of the American Economic Association. Papers treating of the subject from various viewpoints were presented by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles A. Prouty, Vice President Walker D. Hines of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Professor Emory R. Johnson of the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor B. H. Meyer of the University of Wisconsin.

Two of a Kind.

An old woman recently entered an optician's shop and asked to look at some spectacles. Choosing a pair, she asked the price.

"Five shillings," was the answer.

"And how much are they without the case?"

"I could not sell them for less than 4s. 10d.," said the tradesman, who was determined to get all he could.

"Do you take off twopence for the case?" queried the woman.

"That is all. The case is worth no more than twopence," was the reply.

"That is good news!" ejaculated the old lady, with a sigh of relief. "It's the case for mine which I have lost."

So saying she laid down the twopence and marched off with the coveted case before the astonished shopkeeper had time to interfere.—London Answers.

Origin of the Red Cap of Liberty.

The red cap of liberty had a very prosaic origin. Instead of being the Phrygian bonnet it is just the galley slave's headgear. The Swiss of the Chateauroux regiment sent to the galleys for their share in the Nancy riots were released and came into Paris with the red caps still on their heads. "They are the victims of despotism," said the people, forgetting the circumstances of the riot, and so the red cap became the favorite with the extreme party.

His Compromise.

Mr. Potter was giving his son a few words of fatherly counsel as to his treatment of his young wife. "Now, when you have any little differences of opinion," said Mr. Potter in his most judicial manner, "if you can't persuade Margaret that you are in the right, you must compromise, my boy—compromise with a good grace."

"I'll try to," said the son respectfully.

"I well remember a little experience I had with your mother the summer after we were married," continued Mr. Potter. "I wanted to spend six weeks at Saratoga, and your mother preferred to spend the time in taking a trip through Canada. It's thirty odd years ago, but I well remember the arguments we had before I compromised."

"How did you do it?" asked the son.

"We spent five weeks and a half in Canada," said Mr. Potter, "and from Friday night till Monday morning in Saratoga."

FROST TAKING FLORIDA

Young Orange Trees
Badly Hurt

Blizzard Sweeps Texas
Panhandle

Jacksonville, Fla. Dec. 27—The thermometer registered 8 below the freezing point last night, and it is feared the young orange trees are seriously hurt, as the previous warm weather has kept the sap in the limbs. Considerable fruit is also damaged.

Fort Worth, Texas Dec. 27—A blizzard is raging on the panhandle and four feet of snow has fallen.

Washington, D. C. Dec.—The bureau predicts a killing frost in central Florida tonight.

WAR IN AF- RICA

Morocco Rebels Make
it Warm.

Foreigners Cooped at
Fez

Madrid, Dec. 30—A Cabinet meeting was held today for the purpose of discussing the Morocco situation. All troops are under mobilization orders, and trains are in readiness to convey them southward. Reports received say the Sultan failed to escape from the rebels at Fez who are now infesting the city. The Pretender himself is 20 miles from Fez. Word is being sent to all foreigners living in the interior of Morocco urging them to hasten to escape to the coast.

The rebel forces have cut off the water supply of Fez, and unless the southern kabyles come to the aid of the imperial authorities will be compelled to capitulate within three days.

The Spanish authorities are fitting up instruments for wireless telegraphy between Ceuta and Melilla in order to keep in constant touch with the outside. Great Britain and France have assured the Spanish that they desire to maintain the status quo in the event that the pretender is victorious.

Washington, Dec. 30—Many foreigners especially Spanish, Germans and Englishmen are cooped in Fez and will be imperiled if the rebels wage war upon them, which is feared. There is a possibility of the repetition of the Pekin expedition as it is being discussed in some diplomatic circles.

Quite Natural.

Investigation of a child's ability in the matter of identification conducted in a German school showed that the girls described a man's clothes with more or less accuracy, but said nothing of his face, while the boys just as naturally described his face, but could tell nothing of his clothes.

BIG FIRE WIPES OUT SAN PEDRO

Several Deaths and
Much Loss

Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 27—A fire started last night in San Pedro and was still fiercely raging at noon. The town will be almost completely wiped out. The loss is over one million.

The following persons are burned to death:—Joseph Swift, of Los Angeles, Vic Silver, of Wilmington, James Endolson, Capt. of the steamer Caspar.

BINGER HERMANN RESIGNS

Charges Against Mi-
nor Officials.

Washington, Dec. 30—Binger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office, has resigned and will be succeeded by William A. Richards, now assistant commissioner of the general land office. The change will take effect probably on January 15th.

Mr. Hermann's resignation was requested about two weeks ago by the secretary of the interior and was immediately presented.

Charges have been preferred against two subordinate officials in the land office involving alleged irregularities and they have been given a specific time in which to make answer.

A Rub For Tennyson.
When Alfred Tennyson appeared in the Oxford theater to receive his D. C. L. degree, it is said that his disheveled hair and generally negligent state provoked the undergraduates into greeting him with the inquiry, "Did your mother call you early, call you early, Alfred, dear?"

Better Left Unaided.
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