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## BLOW IS STRUCK.

**Power Seize Venezuelan Warships—Ultimatum Sent to Caracas.**  
Caracas, Dec. 11.—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the combined German and British fleet seized and towed outside the harbor of La Guayra all the vessels which were then there. These were the warships General Crespo, Tolomeo, Osejo and Margarita. The ships were manned by 300 men.  
The news of the capture of the war vessels is not yet generally known in the capital. Great excitement will undoubtedly prevail when it is announced.

**Ultimatum Sent by Courier.**  
Caracas, Dec. 11.—It is said on good authority that the captain of the British cruiser Retribution yesterday afternoon sent a special courier from La Guayra to Caracas with an ultimatum for compliance with the note deposited by the British and German ministers at the home of the foreign minister before their departure for Caracas. It is said that the note gives a maximum of 48 hours in which Venezuela is to accede.

The note, it is said, requests the immediate cash payment of \$34,000 each to Great Britain and Germany for the settlement of claims arising from past revolutions, by a mixed tribunal, the same as the last agreement made with France.

## FOR ALASKA CABLE.

**Secretary Root Recommends an All-American Line.**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—"I wish to call attention to the importance of a cable between the northwestern coast of the state of Washington and the southern point of our Alaskan territory, so as to connect the telegraph system of the United States with the telegraph system in Alaska."

The government of the United States is maintaining troops in Alaska at various points. It is responsible for the maintenance of order. Disturbances are always liable to occur in new mining camps, and there is always a possibility of their occurring along a frontier line. Our only present means of communicating by telegraph with our officers, or with anyone concerned in the government of Alaska, is over the Canadian land lines.

So says Secretary Root in his annual report to the president. And he it is remembered, Secretary Root generally gets what he goes after. The necessity for an all-American telegraph line to Alaska is recognized by many men in congress, and its importance, in view of the recent completion of an extensive military system in Alaska, is all the more apparent at this time. It is doubtful whether an appropriation will be made at the present session for a cable such as the secretary advocates, although, if proper estimates are submitted later, an appropriation may be provided in one of the regular supply bills.

## HEAD TAX IS RAISED.

**Senate Making Good Progress With Immigration Bill.**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate committee yesterday adopted all the committee amendments to the immigration bill, with the exception of one prescribing an educational test, and also the action of the committee in striking out section 36 of the bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within the Capitol building, and then laid aside the bill until today to pass a number of unobjectionable pension bills.

The amendment fixing a \$3 head tax on each immigrant coming into the United States furnished the principal topic for debate. It was discussed at length by Gallinger, Hoar, Fairbanks, Penrose, Lodge and Foraker, and finally was agreed to. The committee amendment making the tax a lien on the property of the transportation lines bringing aliens to the United States was disagreed to.  
An amendment by Lodge was adopted, providing that the head tax shall not be levied on aliens in transit through the United States, or to aliens once admitted to have paid the tax.  
Section 3, prescribing an educational test, was passed over temporarily.  
Section 36 of the bill, prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within the limits of the Capitol building, which was struck out by the senate committee, was passed over temporarily.

## WRECK IN MISSOURI.

**Passenger Train Derailed at Open Switch—Two Lives Lost.**  
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—The west bound limited passenger train on the Santa Fe was wrecked at Rothville, Mo., shortly after noon today, causing the death of engineer Samuel Wise, of Argentine, Kas., and his fireman, Alexander Havelin, of Topeka, Kan., and great damage to the engine and coaches. One passenger was slightly injured. A colored waiter had his arm broken and two other waiters were injured. The wreck was caused by the coaches being derailed on an open switch, which the engine passed safely when the train was going at a high rate of speed. The train was almost demolished.

**Tannery Fire, Loss \$375,000.**  
Ridgway, Pa., Dec. 11.—The Eagle Valley tannery was destroyed by fire today. The loss on the building is estimated at \$75,000, and that on the stock of leather and hides \$250,000 to \$300,000. Insurance ample. This country is in the Elk Tanning company's district, which is identified with the United States leather company. A large number of employees will be thrown out of employment. Rebuilding will commence soon.

## NEWS OF OREGON

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

**High Water Damages Eugene Woolen Mill—Minnesota Colony to Locate in Lane County—Ingram Wants Legislation to Aid Him—Oregon Odd Fellows Celebrate 50th Anniversary.**

Albany is making improvements in its fire fighting system.  
Elks throughout the state Sunday held memorial services.  
A slight earthquake shock was felt at Grants Pass last Saturday.  
Local meat dealers of La Grande will establish a first-class packing house.  
A colony of Minnesota farmers are negotiating for 30,000 acres of land in Lane county.

The warm and heavy rains of last week have raised the Rogue river to the highest stage it has known for years.  
A two days' farmers institute was held at Lewisville, Polk county, this week. A good attendance was out and deep interest manifested.  
Fire destroyed the planing mill of W. D. Pius, at Rainier. Loss on building and contents, \$28,000, partially covered by insurance.

**Governor-elect Chamberlain is at work on his inaugural address. It will not be a long document, but will make a general survey of state affairs. He favors protection for public lands, flat salaries and a liberal appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition.**

The 50th anniversary of the organization of the first Odd Fellows lodge in Oregon was held in Salem December 6. There was a large number of members from all parts of the state present. The exercises were presided over by Silas J. Day, past grand master, 1868.

The high water caused considerable damage to the woolen mill in Eugene, and was sufficient to scare the proprietors regarding the prospect of what might happen if the water should go four feet higher, as it sometimes does. The machinery has been thrown pretty badly out of true.

Frank S. Ingram, who was shot while escape from the penitentiary, and who lost his leg as a result, and has since been pardoned by the governor, is circulating a petition asking aid from the legislature to establish him in a small business whereby he may be able to make for himself a living.

A poultry show will be held in Albany December 22, 23 and 24.  
A masked man held up the post-office at Springwater, Clackamas county, but secured only 60 cents.

The Northern mining and milling company has been organized at Oregon City with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.  
The board of trustees of the Oregon insane asylum have added Dr. A. E. Tamiesie as a physician to the medical staff at the asylum.

The suspension of timber land entries until they can be investigated is much broader than at first account given out. It embraces all of the offices in Oregon, Washington and California.

Notice has been received at Albany from the postoffice department that the site for the Albany postoffice has been leased for 10 years. The building will be enlarged and remodeled throughout.

A scheme has been foiled at Huntington to secure several large tracts of public lands by fraud. The officers were watching the case, and at the appointed time of hearing the principals failed to show up, having received notice that they were being watched.

## PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 71¢@72¢; blue-stem 79¢@80¢; valley, 74¢.  
Barley—Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brewing, \$24.00.  
Flour—Best grade, 3.60@3.90; Graham, \$3.20@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, \$1.13½@1.15 per cental.  
Hay—Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$9.00; cheat, \$8@9 per ton.  
Potatoes—Best Burbank, 60¢@80¢ per sack; ordinary, 50¢@55¢ per cental; growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$1.75@2 per cental.  
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@4.25; per pound, 10¢; hens, \$4@4.50 per dozen; per pound, 10¢; springs, \$3.00@3.50 per dozen; fryers, \$2.50@3.00; broilers, \$2.00@2.50; ducks, \$5.00@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 13¢, dressed, 15¢; geese, \$6.00@6.50.  
Cheese—Full cream, twins 15¢@16½¢; Young America, 16¢@17½¢; factory prices, 18½¢ less.  
Butter—Fancy creamery, 30¢@32½¢ per pound; extras, 30¢; dairy, 20¢@22½¢; store, 15¢@18.  
Eggs—25¢@30¢ per dozen.  
Hops—New crop, 23¢@26¢ per pound.  
Wool—Valley, 12½¢@15¢; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@14¢; mohair, 26¢@28¢.  
Beef—Gross, cows, 3¢@3½¢ per pound; steers, 4¢; dressed, 6¢@7¢.  
Veal—7½¢@8½¢.  
Mutton—Gross, 3¢ per pound; dressed, 6¢.  
Lamb—Gross, 3½¢ per pound; dressed, 6½¢.  
Hogs—Gross, 6¼¢@6½¢ per pound; dressed, 7¢@7½¢.

## ZERO WEATHER AND BELOW.

Whole Middle West and South is Suffering—Coal Unobtainable.  
Milwaukee, Dec. 10.—The severe cold is causing distress in Milwaukee. The hard coal merchants of the city were besieged by well-to-do people throughout the city who have money to purchase fuel and other supplies, but who are absolutely unable to purchase hard coal at any price.  
Every applicant received the statement that there was no coal to be had and that the very small supply in the bins was destined for the people who had ordered coal last spring, and who can get it only in small lots.

One large coal company has closed its offices for one week, and the others are dealing out their visible anthracite in quantities as small as possible to their old customers, that each may have a little.  
The temperature throughout the state ranges from 10 above to 5 degrees below zero tonight.

**Destitution in Chicago.**  
Chicago, Dec. 10.—The cold wave that bore down upon this city yesterday reached its climax today, with a temperature at the zero mark. Today and tonight the mercury remained near that point.  
Five fatalities from causes directly attributable to the weather have been reported to the authorities and numerous cases of destitution incident to the sudden drop in temperature were afforded relief during the night and today.

**Missouri is Frost Bitten.**  
St. Louis, Dec. 10.—A veritable cold wave has struck St. Louis and vicinity. At 7 A. M. the weather bureau record was 15 degrees above zero. The sky is clear. Today is the coldest of the season in this part of the Southwest, the temperature being close to the zero mark. At Kansas City the Missouri is filled with floating ice, the first this year.

**All Through the Southwest.**  
Louisville, Dec. 10.—Freezing temperature overreaches the county north of the Ohio river to a line touching Alabama, Mississippi and North Texas, the thermometer in many places recording the coldest weather of the winter. Rain falls in Southern Texas and much snow is reported from various points in North Texas and Oklahoma.

**STILL ANOTHER WEEK.**  
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 10.—It is expected that the miners will consume all of the present week in presenting to the Anthracite Coal Strike commission their side of the controversy with the coal operators. It is estimated the employers will take about 10 days to submit information they desire the commission to have. The commission tomorrow will ask the attorneys for both sides to present what figures they have already prepared, so that the arbitrators may study them, and those who are not yet ready to present their figures will be required to make an extra effort to expedite the work. The commission has no desire to unnecessarily hurry anyone, but feels that all interested should work as rapidly as possible. The arbitrators are daily receiving letters of advice from persons in all parts of the country. A majority of the letters make pleas for the protection of the non-union men.

President Mitchell, who is a member of the Civic Federation, left here late tonight for New York, where he will attend the meeting of the Federation, which will begin tomorrow.

**BIDS FOR TRANSPORT SERVICE.**  
Seattle Firm Names Lower Rates Than Portland Company.  
Washington, Dec. 10.—In response to the advertisement of the war department, the Boston steamship company, of Seattle, offered to transport the army transport service at the following rates from Seattle to Manila: Officers, first class, \$100; troops, per man, without subsistence, \$25; troops, with subsistence, \$35; freight, per ton, \$4.25; lumber, per 1,000 feet, \$10.50.

Laidlaw & Co., of Portland, submitted no bid for officers or troops, but offered to carry freight, Portland to Manila, at \$4.50 per ton, and lumber at \$11.50 per 1,000 feet.  
The figures given apply to the return trip from Manila, as well as to the trip to the Orient.

In order to meet the emergency at Seattle, and to provide quarters for troops departing and arriving, the Boston steamship company offers to allow its steamer Garonne to anchor permanently in the harbor as a temporary barracks of 700 capacity.

**Russia is Dissatisfied.**  
London, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Morning Post says the Russian government is by no means satisfied with the Behring sea award which the Dutch jurist, Professor Asser, gave in favor of the United States on November 29. It does not object to paying the stipulated sum, but it objects entirely to the principle of the award whereby Russia is not allowed to chase trespassers beyond the limit of her territorial waters.

**Proposed Holiday Adjournment.**  
Washington, Dec. 9.—Representative Payne, leader of the majority, today introduced a resolution in the house for a holiday adjournment from December 20 to January 5.

## TALES OF WRONGS

### MINERS GIVE COMMISSION EVIDENCE AGAINST MARKLE CO.

**Mother and Two Boys Struggle Thirteen Years to Pay Debt of \$396—Testimony at Times Was Pathetic, and Surprising to the Commission—Mine Owners Have Little to Say.**

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.—Tales of eviction from houses owned by C. B. Markle & Co., the narration of the death of a wife as a result of an enforced removal from her home, and the story of a mother whose husband was killed in the Markle mines, and of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay the Markles the back rent and coal bill she owed them, were the principal features of yesterday's sessions of the coal strike commission. The testimony, as presented by some of the witnesses whose lives are given up to the coal mining industry, was at times pathetic, and surprising to the commissioners, who listened to it with undivided attention.

The miners this afternoon concluded the calling of witnesses against the Markle company, which concern and the conditions surrounding it have been prominently before the commissioners since last Saturday. In the absence of Samuel Dickinson, of Philadelphia, and George K. Bedford, of Wilkesbarre, attorneys for the Markle company, who are reported to be unavoidably absent, only a perfunctory cross-examination has been carried on by J. H. Torrey, of Scranton, who is representing another company before the commission, and who had been asked to take care of the interests of C. B. Markle & Co. as best he could. Much surprise has been expressed that the company has not made greater efforts to refute some of the seemingly damaging testimony that has been presented. It is expected, however, that the company will do so later.

The attorneys for the large coal company have nothing to say regarding the character of the testimony being presented, but those representing the miners are well pleased.  
Mrs. Kate Burns, of Jeddo, was one of the witnesses called to the stand, and told how she and her two boys worked 13 years to pay an accumulated house rent and coal bill due to the Markle company. She was examined by Lawyer Darrow, and in answer to his questions said her husband was an engineer inside the Markle mines. The husband was killed under ground, leaving her with four children, the eldest of whom was a boy of eight years. The company never offered her a penny, but the employees gave her about \$180 to defray the funeral expenses. After her husband had been killed she moved from her four room house into one containing only two rooms, one room above the other, and for the next six years she struggled as best she could to get along.

She took in washing, scrubbed for the neighbors, and once in a while she was given the cleaning of the offices of the Markle company. During these six years, she said, she kept her children at school, and when the eldest child was 14 years old she sent him to the mines to help earn the daily bread. At the end of the first month the lad brought home his wage statement, showing that the mother owed \$396 for back rent. The boy's wages for the month had been taken off the bill and he came home empty handed. She submitted to this and in the course of time her next boy was old enough to help earn a living and he, too, was sent to the colliery. Like the older brother, the second boy received no pay, his earnings being deducted for the tears of the mother on the witness stand were by this time welling up and when she added that the money she earned for cleaning the Markle offices was never given her, but was kept by the company for rent, the commissioners looked at one another in surprise. She said it took the three of them 13 years to make up the debt, the mother's earnings from neighbors being the principal contribution toward the maintenance of the family. The debt was cleared last August. During the six years from the time her husband was killed until the time when the first boy went to work the company never asked her for rent.

**Barrett Not the Man.**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—During a call on Secretary Hay the Japanese minister, Kogoro Takahira, diplomatically but firmly intimated that the appointment of John Barrett as minister to Japan would not be as pleasing to the imperial government at Tokio as that of some other man. No formal protest was filed against Barrett's appointment, but the statements of the Japanese minister were such as to leave no room for doubt as to his meaning.

**Fatal Wreck on the Santa Fe.**  
Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Peter Peterson, a Santa Fe engineer, was instantly killed and two firemen were seriously injured in a head-on freight collision on the Santa Fe near Peach Springs, Ariz., yesterday. Both engines were wrecked and several freight cars were smashed. Only meager details of the wreck are obtainable.

**To Pay Cost of Bubonic Plague.**  
Washington, Dec. 11.—Delegate Wilson of Hawaii, has introduced a bill in the house to pay the judgment rendered by the Hawaiian legislature for property destroyed in suppressing the bubonic plague.

## THOMAS B. REED DEAD.

**Great Leader of Congress Passed Away Peacefully at Washington.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Thomas Brackett Reed, ex-speaker of the House of representatives, and for many years prominent in public life, died here Saturday night at 12:10 o'clock in his apartments in the Arlington. The immediate cause of death was uremia.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early in the morning. At 9:30 he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion in order to stimulate the kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper functions. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the saline solution was again administered, about three quarts of fluid being used. The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient regained consciousness until 11 o'clock in the evening, when a complete coma came on.  
At the bedside when he died were Mrs. Reed and Miss Katherine Reed, Mrs. Gardner, McDonald, Bishop and Goodnow and the nurses. Dr. Goodnow, who had been in consultation with the local physicians, was again summoned from Philadelphia.

Mr. Reed's mind was in such a state during the day that he did not realize the seriousness of his condition. He was cheerful and conversed with those about his bedside. When it became apparent that he would not survive his illness, the wife and daughter were notified, and they remained constantly at his bedside until the distinguished patient breathed his last. With only faint hope of saving his life, oxygen was administered throughout the day.  
Mr. Reed passed away peacefully and without pain. He was born October 1, 1839. The body was taken to his home at Fortland, Me., today, where the funeral will occur tomorrow.

## CASH FOR PENSIONS.

**House Appropriates Nearly \$140,000 for Old Soldiers.**  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The house Saturday passed the pension appropriation bill carrying \$139,000,000 without a word of debate, and devoted the remainder of the day to the passage of bills on the calendar, quite a number of which were passed. To prevent the passage of a bill to prohibit the military bands from engaging in competition with private bands, W. A. Smith, of Michigan, made the point of no quorum, and the house thereupon adjourned. It was agreed that the London dock charge bill should be considered and voted upon today.

On the call of committee bills were passed to adjust the time for holding court in the Western judicial district of Texas; to confer jurisdiction upon the circuit court and district courts of South Dakota in certain Indian cases; to create a new division of the Western judicial district of Missouri; to incorporate the society of military surgeons; to increase the maximum period in which livestock can be confined in cars without unloading from 28 to 40 hours; to grant right of way for telegraph and telephone lines in Alaska from 80 to 320 acres; to set aside lands in South Dakota as a public park; to be known as Wind Cave national park; for the relief of certain settlers upon the Wisconsin Central railroad and the Dallas military road grants; to incorporate the general educational board; defining what shall constitute and provide for assessments on oil mining claims, and fixing the punishment for the larceny of horses, cattle and other livestock in Indian Territory.

## FOR BENEFIT OF IDAHO.

**Bill for Sale of Fort Hall Land—Proposed Irrigation Surveys.**  
Washington, Dec. 9.—Senators Dubois and Heitfeld called on the secretary of the interior today and urged that the department draft a bill which could be introduced in the present session looking to a disposal of the remainder of the Fort Hall lands within the five mile limit of Pocatello which were not sold last summer because they were held at \$10 an acre. The secretary promises to have a new bill drafted which will permit of their sale at a more reasonable figure, possibly leaving the price to a department representative who will conduct the sales.

The Idaho senators today called on Hydrographer Newell, of the geographical survey, to urge the early undertaking of government irrigation in their state. While they made no specific recommendations, they expressed a preference for the Goober creek project in Cassia county, and the Mountain-home project in Elmore county. Mr. Newell assured them that early investigations would be made of the irrigable land in the state, as well as of the available water supply.

**Americans Would Have to Pay.**  
New York, Dec. 9.—Experts familiar with the trade of Venezuela, under normal conditions, assert, says a Tribune dispatch from London, that the customs revenues are derived chiefly from imports of four from the United States and Canada, and exports of coffee to the same markets, and that the seizure of the customs for the settlement of the Venezuelan claims would involve the payment of debt through duties levied upon commerce from and with America.

**Great Tunnel Finished.**  
Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—The last spadeful of earth that separated the workmen engaged in digging the two sections of the big waterworks tunnel, 100 feet under Lake Erie, was removed today, and after six years of continuous labor, the tunnel is practically completed. Its purpose is to supply the city with pure water from an intake crib five miles out in Lake Erie. Since the work began 50 lives have been lost through explosions and other accidents.

## ULTIMATUM GIVEN

**ENGLAND AND GERMANY SEND FINAL WARNING TO VENEZUELA.**

**Warships Are Assembling on Her Coasts—After Presenting Ultimatums the Ministers at Caracas Went on Board the Warships of Their Respective Nations—Guns Will Talk Next.**

London, Dec. 10.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed up by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period. The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The foreign office states with regard to the limit: "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan government of all our representations, specify their claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

The British government's case is practically identical with the statements made in previous dispatches from London, in which it was first announced that the action was contemplated. The foreign office says: "There is not the slightest desire to coerce Venezuela, and any answer had been made to our repeated protests and demands, no such action as now taken would have proceeded with. It was the persistent and insulting disregard of all representations which compelled us to move. It is now too late in the day for anything but purely diplomatic arrangements for the satisfaction of our interests. When the fleets have assembled there is scarcely time to deal with bankers and a financial settlement, which should have been suggested long ago and would have been welcomed by both Germany and ourselves. However, any bona fide proposition will receive careful attention. Reconstruction in commercial affairs is always better than liquidation and, if the reconstruction of the Venezuelan finances can be accomplished to the satisfaction of our diplomatic claims and individual losses, both Germany and Great Britain will have achieved their ends."

**Ministers Leave Caracas.**  
Caracas, Dec. 10.—The British minister, W. H. D. Haggard, and the German charge d'affaires, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, left Caracas at 3 o'clock this afternoon for La Guayra, where Minister Haggard went on board the British cruiser Retribution and Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vineta. Both the British and the German legations have been closed. Yesterday afternoon the British minister and the German charge d'affaires deposited at the private residence of the foreign minister, Lopez Barreto, separate demands. The British demand being for the settlement of claims and other matters arising out of the last revolutions, and the German demand being for the payment of the interest on the German loans and other claims. The demands are without any specification as to the time given for an answer, but they are in the form of an ultimatum.

Yesterday and today being festivals in Caracas, all the public offices are closed, and it is impossible to see any one in authority regarding the departure of the ministers. The handing in of a demand of such a nature at the private residence of a minister, forgetting all diplomatic rules, is believed in some quarters to be without precedent. The actual situation is incomprehensible here. Up to this morning no one appeared to know anything of the Anglo-German protest demonstration. The foreign minister said that he considered a menace on the part of Germany to be inadmissible, and that any threat would be only "ballon d'essai." As for England, said the minister, she had no grounds for aggression.

**To Lay Cable This Week.**  
San Francisco, Dec. 10.—A brief cablegram from Robert B. Jones, vice consul general at Guayaquil, dated yesterday, announced to the state department the death of Consul General Thomas Nast. The dispatch gave no details of the end. Owing to the contagious nature of the disease which caused Mr. Nast's death, it will probably be impossible for the department to follow the usual custom of bringing the body to the United States.

**Gold for Mexico.**  
Mexico City, Dec. 8.—It is reiterated that a powerful New York syndicate is disposed to furnish the government with sufficient gold to establish firmly a gold standard here. The sum named is \$50,000,000. Some bankers think half the amount would be ample. There is a strong sentiment for retaining the silver dollar, although giving them a nominal value.