

ARBITRATION PROPOSITION

Still Under Discussion by All Concerned

ALLIES DEMAND APOLOGY

For Insult to National Honor Before They Will Submit

WILL GO BEFORE THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL - REBELS MARCHING ON CARACAS - BLOCKADE TAKES EFFECT ON DECEMBER 20 - DESTROY THE VICTORIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The official day closed without further developments here respecting the Venezuela complications. The status of the arbitration proposition, on which everyone waits, was that, with the willingness to accept such a solution in principle, not one of the allies was ready to submit unreservedly to arbitration; in each case there were reservations or conditions insisted upon.

Respecting the method of arbitration, if it should come to that form of adjustment, it is noted that the feeling is growing that the Hague tribunal should undertake the case. It is pointed out here, in connection with the project to refer the matter to the Hague tribunal that, in some phases the disputes will not admit of arbitration.

Such is the case, for instance, where the attacks on British and German subjects and the German Legation at Caracas and the arrests of the Consular officers, have made Venezuela's offense equivalent to attacks on the national honor of the allies, and as such to be atoned for only by ample apology.

The Hague tribunal could not arbitrate such issues, but it is pointed out at the State Department that the claims are divisible, and that if President Castro chooses to render the necessary apologies, the remaining questions can properly go to the Hague.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 19.—It is reported here that the Venezuelan revolutionary Generals, Penaloza, Rolando, Riera and Solague, with a force said to number 10,000 men, are marching on Caracas and are believed now to be near that city.

Admiral Douglas, of the British fleet, has ordered a blockade of La Guayra, Cordero, Guanta, Cumana, Charapana and the mouths of the Orinoco river. This blockade is to go into effect at midnight on December 20th.

Days of grace are allowed as follows: To vessels sailing prior to the date of the decree of the blockade from the West Indian ports and from the east coast of the continent of America: steamers, ten days; sailing vessels, twenty days. From other ports, steamers, 20 days; sailing vessels, forty days. The vessels in the blockaded ports will be allowed fifteen days to obtain clearances.

The Victoria Wrecked.

Caracas, Dec. 19.—When the German cruiser Falke captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria yesterday in the Gulf of Maracaibo, the captain of the vessel was given ten minutes to leave his ship. A heavy sea was running at the time and the small boat in which the Venezuelan disembarked was nearly capsized. One of the crew of the schooner was drowned. The Victoria was today wrecked on the shore.

Holland Minister Recalled.

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch from Brussels says the Dutch Minister to Venezuela, Dr. Van Leyden, has been recalled and that the Dutch interests in Venezuela have been committed to United States Minister Bowen.

Italy's Big Claim.

Rome, Dec. 19.—A semi-official announcement now places the Italian claims against Venezuela at \$2,000,000.

TO END COAL FAMINE

MAYOR LOW INVESTIGATING SITUATION WITH VIEW TO RELIEVING THE POOR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Convinced that something must be done to end the coal famine, Mayor Low has sent to officials of the different coal-carrying roads, asking for facts concerning the situation. The mayor refused to enter into details, but was hopeful something beneficial to the public would result from his action.

"I have written to the railroads in an unofficial capacity," said Mr. Low. "I have been quietly investigating the state of affairs for some time, and I thought it advisable to write to certain persons for a few facts. In a few days I shall know more about the true conditions of the coal supply in all parts of the city."

It is likely the mayor will head a movement to supply the city with coal if he finally decides the condition is serious enough to warrant official interference. He had a conference on the subject with Borough President Cantor, who said that there was a strong likelihood of action being taken in a few days.

SEA WALL FALLS IN

SANTA FE'S SECOND ATTEMPT TO RECLAIM CHINA BASIN HAS FAILED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The granite sea wall built at great expense by the Santa Fe Railway Company to serve as a buttress for the reclamation of China Basin, settled into the bay

last night. This is the second time since the work was begun that the accident has occurred, and the result probably will be the abandonment of the basin as a site for freight yards and ferry slip. This will mean heavy loss, which it is difficult to estimate. The road had to make a costly legislative fight to gain permission to use the site.

At 8:30 o'clock last night the watchman in the Santa Fe yards at China Basin was startled by a series of muffled reports, which were accompanied by the crash of breaking timber, which seemed to come from the direction of the ferry slip. He hastened to the wharf in time to see the huge structure settle slowly into the water, while the massive timbers snapped like kindling wood. A special policeman employed by the company, who was on the wharf at the time, had a narrow escape from death.

CONTRACT IS DRAWN UP

With the Boston Steamship Company of Seattle

ROOT WILL ASK CONGRESS

To Amend Law to Allow of Transportation Contracts for Two Years

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN BETTER TERMS FOR SUCH SERVICE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF THE TRANSPORT FLEET IF DESIRABLE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Root intends to ask Congress to modify the existing laws so as to authorize the Secretary of War to contract for the transportation of troops and supplies for a longer period than one year, in order that he may be enabled to make better terms for such service than is possible under the present system of annual contracts.

This legislation is desirable in order to secure more advantages in rates for the service between the Pacific coast and the Philippines in case the Department should decide to discontinue the Government service and dispose of its transports, either by sale or charter to the highest bidder.

A contract has been drawn up with the Boston Steamship Company for such shipments to the Philippines as the Departments may desire to take by way of the ports on the Puget Sound.

Albany Departs Hurriedly.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.—The United States cruiser, Albany, left Culebra under high speed last night, and her destination was the subject of various conjectures throughout the fleet. The general belief was that she was bound for Venezuela. Admiral Dewey and other officers on board the Mayflower declined to announce the Albany's destination or explain her mission, but it was asserted that the plans regarding the Christmas holidays would not be materially modified.

INDICTED FOR TREASON

IRISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO FOUGHT WITH BOERS ARE TO BE TRIED.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Grand Jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of Parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11th on the charge of high treason in connection with the part he took in the South African war, where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish Brigade, returned a true bill today against the defendant. The Lord Chief Justice, Baron Alverstone, in charging the jury, remarked that it was sixty-two years since a Grand Jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law. Colonel Lynch's trial at the bar is expected to begin January 20th.

JAP MONEY FOR CHINA

MIKADO'S GOVERNMENT TO FINANCE BANK WITH NEARLY \$10,000,000 CAPITAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The Japanese Government, says a dispatch to the Times from Tokyo, by way of London, has introduced a bill establishing a China and Japan Bank for the purpose of financing Japanese enterprises in China. The capital of the bank is to be \$9,900,000. The Government will furnish \$2,975,000 of this amount. The charter is for fifty years. Branches abroad will accept deposits at compound interest and issue premium-bearing bonds.

MRS. ADAMS' WILL

REDLANDS, CAL., Dec. 19.—By the will of the late Mrs. Martin Adams, relict of the late Charles Kendall Adams, formerly President of the University of Wisconsin, that institution will receive a large part of the estate. The will was filed today for probate. Robert Mathews, of Rochester, N. Y., and Henry B. Ely, of this city, being named as executors. To Mrs. Adams' brother John Mathews, of Paterson, N. J., is left \$2,000, and to a number of her relatives and friends various articles from her personal belongings.

Two valuable paintings are left to the regents of the University of Wisconsin, and in addition to the books, pamphlets and magazines of the late President Adams and all the residue of the estate, the same to be applied to the fellowship fund created under the will of President Adams.

IS STILL CHAMPION.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Tom Jenkins successfully defended his title as the American catch-as-catch-can wrestling champion tonight by defeating Jim Parr, the English champion.

ANTHRACITE COMMISSION

Heard Testimony of Non-Union Men Yesterday

RELATIVE TO BOYCOTTS

About Thirty Witnesses Told Harrowing Tales of Experiences

DURING THE REIGN OF TERROR EACH WITNESS SUFFERED IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER DURING THE STRIKE—COMMANDER SUTHERLAND'S CLAIM.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—Non-union men, some of their relatives, and others to the number of thirty appeared before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission today and told their stories of the alleged boycotts, intimidation and violence in the various forms during the strike. Each witness called was a sufferer in one form or another at the hands, they alleged, of the union men.

Four witnesses said attempts were made to blow up their houses; one house was badly damaged; many of the witnesses were threatened with bodily harm; several were beaten; one was shot in the leg and every one stoned, boycotted, or hanged in effigy.

One school teacher testified to having lost his position because his father did not strike; one man was asked to resign from the Catholic Temperance Society; another witness was expelled from the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians after a membership of twenty-eight years because they were classed as unfair.

Claim Was Disallowed.

New York, Dec. 19.—United States Judge Thomas, in Brooklyn, handed down a decision today declaring invalid the claim of \$1,000,000 against the United States entered by Lieutenant Commander William H. Sutherland, of the Navy. The amount was asked as prize money; the commander and his crew of the gunboat Eagle having destroyed the Spanish steamer Santo Domingo during the Spanish-American war.

TOBY IRWIN WON

GOT DECISION OVER JACK CLIFFORD, OF BUTTE, IN FIFTEEN ROUNDS.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 19.—After fifteen rattling rounds before the Acme Club last night, Toby Irwin, of San Francisco, was awarded the decision over Jack Clifford, of Butte, Mont., by Referee Phil Wand, whose verdict, while doubtless a fair one, was not pleasing to the friends of Clifford, who showed their disapproval of Wand's ruling by hissing and hooting that official. A large majority of the habitual ring-goers, however, sustained Wand's action.

Irwin's cleverness won the fight for him. The Butte boy was the aggressor during the greater part of the contest, and forced the fighting in surprising style, but his judgment was bad, and what he made up in strength he lacked in generalship. Irwin landed far more frequently than did his opponent, and his delivery was more clean and scientific. Clifford had Irwin in poor shape in more than one round, but could not put in a winning punch. It was one of the best contests, from a spectator's standpoint, seen here for some time.

MARTYR TO A BET

MAN PUT HIS LIBERTY, LOST, AND WAS GAMBLED TO THE END.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Owen McCarty, a rich reclusive of Oceanic, N. J., 70 years of age, is dead. Although he had spent 40 years at Oceanic, he was scarcely known to any one except the members of his own family. For thirty years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling between sunrise and sunset, because of an election bet. During the Presidential campaign of 1872 between Grant and Greeley, McCarty was one of the latter's most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected he would not leave his house except during the night as long as he lived.

McCarty lived up to his wager. About five years ago his house caught fire, and for a time it looked as if he would have to break his agreement but the flames were extinguished before they had gained sufficient headway to compel him to leave the premises.

DUPED BY STRANGER

A PORTLAND GIRL PASSED SOME BAD CHECKS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Clara S. McGovern, a very pretty girl, 20 years old, pleaded so eloquently yesterday that the Justices of Special Sessions, out of pity, ordered Miss Elliott, probationary officer, to investigate the case. She had been convicted of petty larceny in passing three bad checks. The prisoner said that she had come to New York from Portland, Or., four years ago, and had been staying with relatives and friends ever since. Their names and addresses, however, she refused to give.

During an accident in a Broadway car, she said she had met a woman who had invited her to call. This she did, and was introduced to a man there. The man, the girl says, told her that he had deposited \$150 in the Colonial Bank in her name, and she says, gave her the check-book. The girl says that she had drawn the checks in all innocence, believing that they were perfectly good.

Miss Elliott, the probationary officer

of the court, told the justices that she had found the girl's story to be true. She was nevertheless convicted of the charge. Miss Elliott will try to find some way of sending the girl back to her parents.

FAMINE IN FINLAND.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—Four hundred thousand persons are reported to be destitute and starving as the result of a crop failure in Finland. It is said the conditions today are worse than those of 1867 when 100,000 persons died.

VANDERBILT IS BETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Dr. Austin Flint issued this bulletin on Cornelius Vanderbilt's condition at 11:30 tonight: "The symptoms of peritonitis are subsiding. In other respects Mr. Vanderbilt is holding his own."

THE BENEFITS ARE MUTUAL

Provided in the Reciprocity Treaty Between

UNITED STATES AND CUBA

Liberal Reduction Upon American Importation Into Cuban Ports

RODEY, OF NEW MEXICO, APPEALS TO THE PRESS FOR AID IN FIGHT FOR ADMISSION—CONVICTED OF BRIBERY AND WANT A NEW TRIAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba makes more liberal provision for the importation of American articles into Cuba than has been stated heretofore, there being provisions for reductions in some cases as much as 40 per cent, in others 30 per cent, and others 25 per cent.

On all the American grown or American made articles except tobacco, imported into Cuba and not specified in the 25, 30 and 40 per cent classes, there is to be a uniform tariff reduction of 20 per cent. In return the United States agrees to a uniform reduction of 25 per cent, without exception, on all importations from Cuba.

Delegate Rodey Appeals.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, today published an appeal directed to the editors and the press of the country, asking for their aid and for fair treatment of the territories that are fighting for admission to the Union against the powerful sectional and other interests that, he says, are trying to keep them out.

SHOOTING AFFRAY

GAMBLER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED ANOTHER OVER A DISPUTE ABOUT MONEY.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 19.—A shooting scrape occurred at Sumpter yesterday morning. A gambler named Myers, who deals craps at the Gem saloon, shot and slightly wounded a gambler from Idaho, whose name is not known. The Idaho man owed Myers a considerable sum of money, which he refused to pay, although he was a heavy winner in the games. The Idaho man made a winning of \$40 at the crap table, which Myers took possession of to apply on his claim. The Idaho man struck Myers in the face and Myers drew his revolver and shot the man from Idaho in the forehead, just above the eye. It was a glancing shot, causing only a slight flesh wound. Both men then began to shoot at each other emptying their revolvers without doing any serious damage. No arrests have been made as yet.

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