

HE HARBORED ADVENTURERS

Who Were Trying to Agitate a Revolution

PRESIDENT OF GUATAMALA

Has Ordered United States Consul General to Leave the Country

IS A PERSONA NON GRATA—COUNTY JUDGE OF MISSOURI IS LET OUT OF JAIL TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME—NO GAMBLING IN ALASKA.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 22.—The Courier Journal tomorrow will say: A Louisville man received a telegram from New Orleans saying that President Cabrera of Guatemala, had notified United States Consul General McNally to leave the country and that he is persona non grata to the Government.

Some venturesome Americans who recently were involved in an unsuccessful attempt to start a revolution have been making their headquarters at the American Consulate.

Brief Leave of Absence.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Judge Thomas Nevitt, of St. Clair county, Mo., who has been in jail in Marysville, for failing to obey the mandate of the United States Court, was released today by Judge Phillips so he could spend his Christmas with his family. After the holidays he will return to jail. He has been in jail ever since he was elected. For many years the judges of that court have refused to vote money to pay the railroad bonds for which judgment was obtained in the Federal Court, and Judge Phillips has kept them in jail.

War Against Gambling.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Every gambler in Juneau, Douglas and Skagway has been indicted by the Grand Jury in session at Juneau, and as a result not a card has been turned on either side of the Castineau Channel for the past two weeks in a gambling game. Every slot machine is turned to the walls. This is the first cessation of gambling in the history of the territory. It is expected that every member of the so-called sporting world, male and female, in this part of Alaska will be indicted.

A Fatal Explosion.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed and another fatally injured in the explosion of the boiler of the tug boat Little Mamey on the southern branch of the Elizabeth river this evening.

Dead: George N. Williams, captain; William Byman, fireman. The injured: Samuel Dunn, engineer. The tug was towing a lumber laden barge. Captain Williams was thrown fifty feet into the air and horribly mangled. Byman was blown into pieces. The tug immediately sank. It is reported an unknown man employed on the barge was also killed.

TOO MUCH PROSPERITY

SOLDIER SPENT YEARS' SAVINGS IN FEW DAYS, THEN ENDED HIS LIFE

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—First Sergeant William H. Russell, of the Twentieth United States Infantry, has committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Russell received his discharge December 24, together with over \$700 back pay and allowances. He re-enlisted the next day and was granted a three-months' furlough. He started to spend his furlough and his money by buying a barrel of beer for his old company. Since that time, twenty days ago, he had spent his entire savings. The body is now at Fort Sheridan, awaiting instructions from his relatives, who live in North Carolina.

Russell was 32 years old and unmarried. He enlisted nine years ago from Kansas, served against the Indians in Cuba and in the Philippines. He was a well-known marksman and had a good army record.

MAKING UP TIME

WOMAN WAS DUMB FOR FOURTEEN YEARS, NOW TALKS AND THINKS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 22.—Within a few days Miss Mary O'Brien, aged about 39, living in East Long Meadow, has suddenly recovered the power of speech, after being dumb for fourteen years. She has since talked almost incessantly while awake and her mind seems disordered. A council of physicians has been held and the woman may be examined to determine her sanity. Her failure of speech fourteen years ago was due to a throat trouble. She has been since in fairly good health.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED

CREMATED ALIVE IN A BURNING RANCH DWELLING IN IDAHO

SALMON, Idaho, Dec. 22.—Three children of B. E. Van Houten, a boy, aged 12, and two girls, aged 7 and 5, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Van Houten dwelling on Phil Shenon's ranch, ten miles from this place, last night. Van Houten is the foreman of the ranch. His family consisted of his wife and six children. The survivors had narrow escapes.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY ILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley is ill, suffering from an acute attack of lumbago.

CONGRESS MUST ACT

STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISES SENATOR MITCHELL OF SOLDIERS' MONUMENT SITE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor today informed Senator Mitchell that there is no authority for a law placing the soldiers' monument to be placed within the limits of the postoffice grounds at Portland, as requested by the monument committee. The Secretary called attention to the action of the city of Charlotte, N. C., in securing special legislation from Congress for authority to use a portion of the Government property of that city and suggested that Senator Mitchell introduce and push a resolution in behalf of the monument committee.

A BOARD OF ARBITRATION

Will Be Appointed by President Roosevelt

IN EVENT OF ACCEPTANCE

Of the Proposition to Arbitrate the Venezuelan Affair as Suggested

FAMOUS CALVE DOCTRINE WILL BE THE CRUCIAL POINT TO CONSIDER—CABINET OFFICIALS OPPOSED TO SUBMITTING MONROE DOCTRINE TO THE HAGUE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is known that the President's plan, if he determines to arbitrate the Venezuelan affair, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitration. It is said the crucial point before the arbitration board is the famous "Calve Doctrine." This doctrine, which was laid down by the greatest of Latin-American international lawyers, and for many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American Republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects where the courts of the country are open to his application, for justice.

Thus Venezuela has asserted that all these claimants, British, German, Italian and French, might have gone before the Venezuelan courts, and, if their claims had been just and severe and decided by the courts of the Government, she would have paid the judgments. The objection to this view is that no account is taken of the miscarriage of justice. A law has been passed within the last few weeks making it a criminal offense, and one to be heavily punished, for any Salvadoran to give any evidence before a court in behalf of a foreigner claiming damages against the Salvadoran Government. This doctrine will be given a trial before the arbitration.

Object to The Hague.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is known now that some of the members of the Cabinet are opposed to referring the Venezuela matter to The Hague Tribunal for these reasons: In the first place they have no desire to submit the Monroe Doctrine to the arbitration of any non-American tribunal, not even the exception of the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague. Not that the fairness of The Hague arbitration court is questioned, but as most of them represent Europe and monarchial interests, it is realized that their training may be regarded as unsympathetic where they are required to deal with such an essentially American subject as the Monroe Doctrine. Another reason that animates these Cabinet officers in this inclination toward the acceptance is their conviction that an inordinate length of time would be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague Tribunal. The machinery is sufficient but ponderous and difficult to put in motion.

Rules of the Blockade.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 22.—The allies have advised the foreign Consuls here that the steamers reaching La Guayra before December 29, will be allowed to enter the port and discharge their cargo during the day, but they will not be allowed to take a cargo on board. This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here. All the mail steamers reaching here after December 30, will be boarded from the blockading squadron and the neutral passengers and mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce. A schooner which attempted to enter port tonight was captured.

BURGLARS MAKE RICH HAUL.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—A burglary of more than usual magnitude was committed at the Westminister Hotel last night in a suit occupied by W. A. Williams, of Hartford, Conn., and his wife. While they were at dinner the lock on one of the doors leading to their apartments was picked and their trunks broken open. One of these contained over \$3,000 worth of jewelry. This was all taken. When Mr. and Mrs. Williams returned to their rooms they at once discovered the theft, and it was reported to police headquarters. Detectives have been detailed on the case.

UTAH PIONEER'S DEATH.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—George W. Thatcher, a Utah pioneer, and for years prominent in political and church circles, is dead at his home in Logan, Utah, after a long illness, aged 62 years. Mr. Thatcher crossed the plains with his parents with the first band of Mormon pioneers. In the early days of the state, Mr. Thatcher was one of the famous "pony express" riders, and later was identified with many public enterprises. Mr. Thatcher was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at Kansas City in 1890.

LAND SWINDLE IS UNCOVERED

Register of Spokane Land Office Reports to COMMISSIONER HERRMANN

That Numerous Applications for Coal Land Are Being Received

FROM DIFFERENT STATES AND ALL THROUGH ONE PROMOTER. NO LANDS AVAILABLE—NATIONAL SOCIETY OF EQUITY TO BE INCORPORATED TODAY.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—What appears to be an extensive land swindle has just been reported to Commissioner Herrmann by Register W. H. Ludden of the United States Land Office here.

For several weeks applications for coal land locations in this district have been coming in from Hood River, Oregon; South Bend, Washington; Effington, South Dakota; Waterloo, Iowa, and Farwell, Michigan, all apparently sent in at the instigation of one "promoter," who, it is believed, collects \$40 from the applicants on the pretense of locating coal lands for them. The applications are worthless, no money accompanying them, and the descriptions not conforming to any land in this district. Further, the Register knows of no unlocated coal lands of value in this district available for location.

A Farmers' Organization.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—The National Society of Equity of North America will be incorporated tomorrow. It has been incorporated after months of correspondence between all parts of the country. The objects as stated are: To promote and encourage the organization and co-operation among farmers, stockmen, horticulturists, gardeners and men of kindred vocations by the establishment of a National society with such branch and local societies as may be necessary to carry out such objects.

BEATRICE IN A BLAZE

BUSINESS PORTION OF NEBRASKA TOWN WIPED OUT BY A FIERCE FIRE.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22.—Fire has burned three business blocks and the Masonic Temple at Beatrice, Neb. The Padlock Hotel is now on fire. The blaze commenced at 2 o'clock this morning in a drug store basement. Loss estimated at \$200,000. For a time the lack of sufficient water threatened to handicap the fireman, but did not prove serious. The principal losers are: Beatrice National Bank, \$40,000; Masonic Temple, \$35,000; Day's drug store, \$7,000, and a number of minor losses ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000, the latter among tenants of the Masonic Temple. The fire is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion in a coal bin in the basement.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—A special to the Star from Beatrice, Neb., says: Fire broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the basement of Day's drug store, situated in the Masonic Temple block. It was of incendiary origin. The entire Masonic Temple, a three-story business block, was destroyed. The fire was under control at 8 o'clock. The roofs of adjoining buildings caught fire several times, but the flames were put out without serious loss. A defective boiler at the city pumping station added difficulty to the fight. The loss from the fire will aggregate \$150,000, partly insured. This is the third large fire in the city within the last eighteen months. The total loss from the three is more than \$300,000.

A COLLOSAL VENTURE

CAPITALISTS TO CONSTRUCT A COMBINED TUNNEL AND ELEVATED RAILROAD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—New York and Chicago capitalists are said to have joined forces to launch in Chicago one of the most colossal traction ventures, according to the Daily News, the city has known. The scheme is for an underground railroad combined with the new elevated, the cost of the entire project to be from \$51,000,000 to \$55,000,000. The plan comprehends the construction of a tunnel under the downtown streets, making a complete loop of the business section.

WILL NOT MAKE IT

ALL HOPES OF SILVERTOWN REACHING HONOLULU BY CHRISTMAS DISPELLED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—All hope that the cable ship Silvertown will arrive in Honolulu during Christmas Day is dispelled. The following telegram was received from the Associated Press representative on board today: "During the last twenty-four hours 197 knots of the cable have been laid, making a total up to noon of 1,777 knots. A strong southwesterly breeze has somewhat retarded progress."

HILL IN SNOW STORM

BILZARD RAGING IN MONTANA AND PRESIDENT HILL IS EN ROUTE EAST.

ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 22.—A special to the Standard from Havre says a blizzard prevails along the Great Northern from Wagner, Mont., to Williston, North Dakota. President Hill's special, it is feared, will be snowbound on the way East.

MASSACRE IN ALASKA

PELLY RIVER INDIANS ATTACK AND WIPE OUT BAND OF LITTLE SALMON.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—The steamer Amur, which arrived from Skagway today, brought the news of a massacre of the Salmon Indians and the murder of a storekeeper, whose store was looted and burned by the Pelly River Indians. Dispatches from Dawson state that the Little Salmon Indians were on their way out to sell furs when attacked by the Pelly Indians. The Little Salmon were encamped when the Pelly came up with a yell and simultaneously fired their guns. A number of the Little Salmon were slaughtered. The others were followed and killed while they were fleeing for safety. A small number escaped.

PRESIDENT UNDECIDED

His Acceptance or Refusal Will Depend

RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED

A Long Conference Was Held With Secretary Hay Yesterday

PROPOSAL IS SUCH THAT PRESIDENT CAN EITHER ACCEPT OR REFUSE OUTRIGHT—GERMANY PREFERS ROOSEVELT TO THE HAGUE—ITALY SATISFIED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The President and Secretary Hay were in conference sometime this forenoon over the proposals from Germany and Great Britain about the arbitration issues involved in the Venezuelan controversy. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the President is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions the allies have imposed on the arbitration.

Receives Formal Proposals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute have reached Washington. They are in such form that the President can accept or reject the proposition outright. So far, the messages having been received while the President is absent from the White House, he has had no opportunity to consider them, and until he does so his decision cannot be known. For the same reason nothing can be gathered here as to the details of the proposals, and although great interest is felt as to the extent of the limitations which the allies will ask to be placed on the arbitration, curiosity on that point must remain unsatisfied until the President has made up his mind what he shall do. It is known that he is disposed to act with all speed in this matter, for he realizes that the conditions on the blockade line are such that almost any moment an unpleasant incident may occur through the obstinacy of some skipper or from a genuine misunderstanding as to the terms of the blockade that may diminish the chances of a peaceful settlement of the Venezuelan trouble.

Germany Anxious, Too.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Germany is anxious to receive President Roosevelt's acceptance of the formal invitation from Germany and Great Britain to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan controversy. The German Government's preference is very decidedly in favor of arbitration through President Roosevelt, rather than through The Hague tribunal, because it believes the President will reach an early decision, whereas The Hague court would take many months. The officials also insist that it is to the advantage of the United States to have the President decide the matter.

The German steamer Siberia, which sailed from Hamburg for Venezuela yesterday, carried an expert in international law, who will act as counsel for Commodore Scheder in technical legal questions arising during the blockade.

Italy Agreeable.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Italy's reply to the arbitration proposal of Venezuela through Minister Bowen and the Government of the United States, among other things says it would be pleased if the question was settled by the arbitration of President Roosevelt, and adds that if he does not accept, Italy will have no objections to submitting the solution to The Hague tribunal.

Captured Two Boats.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 24.—The British cruiser Tribune tonight captured a sloop and a schooner outside this port.

LIGHT CHRISTMAS MAIL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Not for a long time has there been so light a Christmas mail as there is this season. Last year the two days before Christmas found the postoffice clerks swamped by outgoing and incoming mail. No extra force has had to be put on since the first of the month, when extra men are always hired. Why there is comparatively so little mail puzzles the postoffice officials, for people are evidently buying just as much as usual, if not more, and are probably giving as many presents as in preceding years.

SCHOONER'S ROUGH VOYAGE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—The schooner Western Home, which arrived today, sixteen days from Coos Bay, had one of the hardest trips made by a coaster for many months. When she reached port all hands were worn out with constant service, and the schooner herself was wrecked, weather beaten and leaking freely.

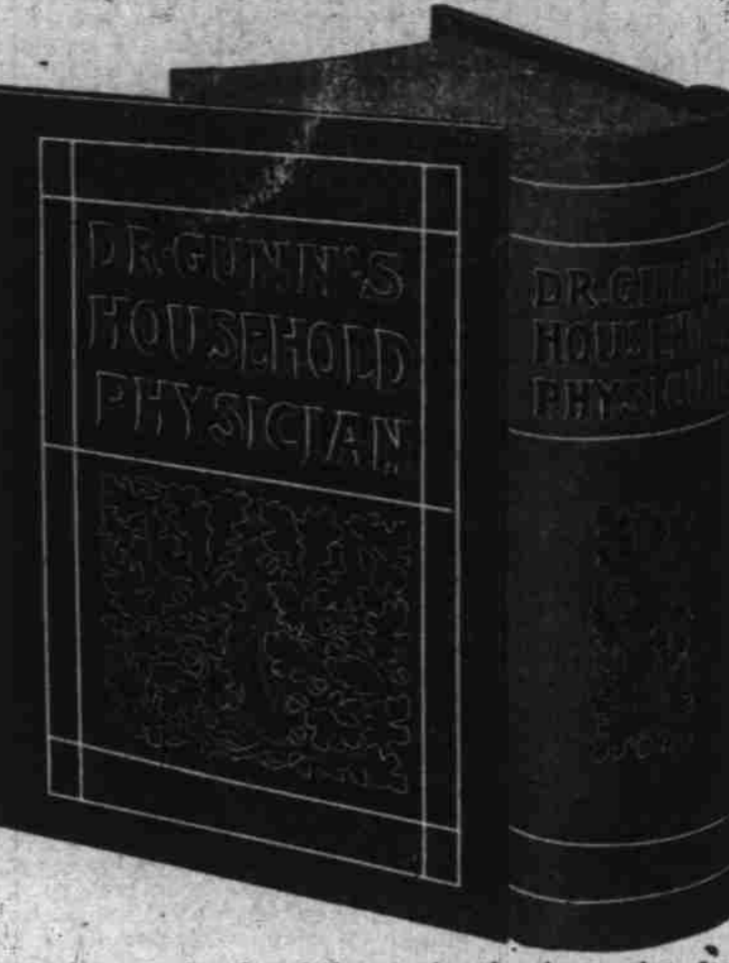
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STRENUOUS BUSINESS METHODS.

As the corner of a Western town was hurrying along the street he was stopped by a friend. "Don't stop me!" he cried, excitedly. "I'm going to hold an inquest." "Where?" inquired the friend. "Who is dead?" "Don't know his name," replied the coroner, rushing along. "But there's a side show just come to town with a mummy." "Great Scott!" exclaimed the friend. "You're not going to hold an inquest on a mummy, are you? Why, that's probably been dead a thousand years or more." "Doesn't make any difference," replied the coroner. "I wasn't elected to office in this town to lose money, and when anything dead comes this way, you bet I get a fee out of it. So come along and I'll put you on the jury."—Brooklyn Eagle.

YOUNG MINISTERS TOLD TO SHUN PRETTY WOMEN.

Before the 13th annual ministerial conference of the Menoite Brethren at Reading, Pa., Rev. W. K. Zeigler read an essay on "The Characteristics of an Applicant for the Ministry." He warned the candidates for the cloth to look to the ministry for the Lord's sake, and not for any other consideration. He should forget the world and its follies. He must forsake pride and leave "pretty women to their own devices." The Rev. W. G. Gehman spoke on the requirements of "The Model Pastor's Wife." She must not have too much tongue; she must love her husband and his work; she must not be jealous, or worldly, or lazy, or untidy, and she must be economical, love children, and be a good housekeeper, vocalist and evangelist.

A Missing Household Word.

Says the Buffalo Times: It was recently in a well known club room and one of those rare occasions for conviviality in which the best of men like to indulge. The party numbered a dozen, all prominent locally and some whose fame is more than local. A good spirit prevailed because none but the best of spirits had been flowing, and the spirit manifested itself in a brilliancy of speech that bubbled from every one present to such an extent that the impromptu toastmaster was chosen to keep it in sub by having each one speak in turn. So up rose Mr. Toastmaster, and, casting his eye about the board, let it rest upon a man, the fountain of whose eloquence was the first to be let loose. "Gentlemen," said the toastmaster, "as becomes the occasion, I will introduce the wittiest man first. Mr. (Pause.) "Gentlemen, I take pleasure in introducing to you one whose name is a household word in Buffalo. (Pause and embarrassment.) "Gentlemen, it affords me great pleasure to introduce a man whose name stands for civic pride and all that is best in this community." (Pause and embarrassment.) "Gentlemen, the man I am about to call upon first is known to me for the past twenty years, and to some of you perhaps longer. I will not dwell upon his qualities, his talents. They have made him famous. You all know to whom I refer. The man whose name rushes to all our lips— (A long pause.) "I refer to the third gentleman to my right," and as the toastmaster sat down amid an uproar he said to his neighbor "I'll be hanged, but his name wouldn't come."