

MONTGOMERIE IS CRITICIZED

For Permitting Dutch Steamer to Pass the Blockade

IS REGARDED IN CARACAS

As a Discrimination Against the American Steamers By the British

ITALIAN COMMANDER OBJECTED BUT BRITISH COMMODORE INSISTED—BOWEN PRESENTS RECOMMENDATIONS—CASTRO WILL ANSWER TODAY.

CARACAS, Dec. 30.—United States Minister Bowen has received the information that the Dutch steamer, Prinz Mauritz, has entered certain Venezuelan ports, blockaded by the fleet, and discharged her cargo. Permission for the Dutch steamer to do this was obtained from Commodore Montgomery of the British cruiser Charybdis.

The Italian, cruiser Giovanni Rausan ordered the Prinz Mauritz away from port, but Commodore Montgomery ordered that she continue to discharge her cargo.

In Caracas this is held to be a discrimination against the American steamers and the British Commodore's action has been criticized.

This afternoon, United States Minister Bowen called upon President Castro and referred to him the recommendations that the issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the International Peace Court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received tomorrow.

The Rebels Suffer Defeat.

Caracas, Dec. 30.—Barquisimeto, the Capital of the State of Lara, which for some time has been in the possession of the Venezuelan revolutionists, has been captured by the Government forces. The towns of San Carlos and Tiziquillo have also been recaptured by the Government.

The revolutionists at Barquisimeto evacuated that town after losing 113 men killed and 325 wounded by hard fighting in the streets and suburbs for two days.

Now it transpires that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was for the purpose of conducting personally and by telegraph the operations of his force at Barquisimeto. This victory for the Government has been a most severe blow for the revolutionists.

Germans Threaten To Shoot.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Wilhelmstadt, Curacao, dated yesterday, says: "The postmaster of Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to the German merchants, the German cruiser Falke threatens, in consequence, to bombard the town."

To Increase the Navy.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Naval budget for 1903 provides for the laying down immediately of two battleships, one armored cruiser, two small cruisers and twelve torpedo boats.

INGRATITUDE OF MINERS

A RAILWAY REPRESENTATIVE CITES PRESENT COAL CONDITIONS AS AN INSTANCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The expressed belief of representatives of the coal carrying companies and of coal dealers is that for the next three days the coal situation will be acute all over the country. A representative of the coal department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad said:

"The strikers clamored for public sentiment while they were on strike, and through public sentiment they got contributions from all over the country to support them while in idleness. Now the public can scramble for coal as it likes or do without, as far as the miners care."

GOLD IN ALABAMA

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RICH DISCOVERY CAUSES FLURRY IN WALL STREET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Something of a flurry has been caused in Wall street, says the World, by the formal announcement that gold has been discovered in Alabama in sufficient quantities to make the mining of it profitable. There was more of a flurry when it was announced that none of the stock was on sale.

For more than two years the land has been worked secretly. A 20-stamp mill was erected without even the knowledge of the natives. Chance led to the discovery of the vein of ore. A company was formed, and the stock was bought up by New York, Philadelphia and Washington capitalists, before the news became public.

The value of the ore has been averaging \$36 a ton for the past sixty days, and another 20-stamp mill is going up. The mine is twenty miles from Anniston, Ala., and seventy miles from Birmingham. The ledge of ore runs for a mile and a half northeast and southwest. The pay streak varies in width from two feet to four feet.

MAJOR KINNEY NOT GUILTY

GREAT CENTRAL PROMOTER ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT CHARGE AT ROSEBURG, OR.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 30.—The case of the City of Roseburg vs. Major L. D. Kinney, charged with creating a disturbance by assaulting Dr. E. Du

Gas at the office of the Hotel McClellan last Saturday evening attracted considerable attention in Recorder West's court yesterday. Five jurors were selected and the case was in progress all day, going to the jury at 5 p. m. The jury deliberated upon the evidence three hours before reaching a decision. All were in favor of acquittal except Rodgers, a horse doctor, who attempted to hang the jury, but was at last induced to abide with the majority. The trial was more a farce than anything else, as public sentiment was with Major Kinney, and the contradictory evidence given by Du Gas, the prosecuting witness, created a ripple of amusement in the court room. The case was vigorously prosecuted by three attorneys, Hon. C. A. Scholbrede, the attorney for the Great Central, appeared for the defense.

A CONFERENCE OF OPERATORS

Of Anthracite Coal Fields Held in Philadelphia

TO ARRANGE TESTIMONY

Of Mine Workers Side For Presentation to Commission Tuesday

NON-UNION MEN WILL SUBMIT MORE TESTIMONY—UNION PACIFIC SHOPS STRIKERS' COMMITTEE HELD CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT BURT.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—A conference of the anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here today to arrange for the presentation of the 'Mineworkers' side of the strike controversy to the Commission when that body convenes here next Tuesday. The conference was called by Simon P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, counsel for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

After the conference had adjourned Wolverton gave out the following statement: "The testimony on the part of the non-union miners is not yet completed. On Tuesday, when the Commission sits, the non-union men's counsel will submit further testimony, which will probably consume a day or two, when the operators will open and proceed with the evidence which will be presented by the companies. The presentation of the operator's side of the case will consume ten days or two weeks, perhaps more."

Settlement Is Anticipated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The committee of labor men who came here to confer with the officials of the Union Pacific Railroad with a view to settling the strike in the shops of the company at Omaha, had a preliminary conference with President Burt of that company today. Several of the grievances were talked of, but the whole matter simmered down eventually to the introduction of piece work by President Burt, which caused the strike. After a general talk the conference was adjourned to Friday, when it is believed a settlement will be reached.

Want Coal on Free List.

Boston, Dec. 30.—At a meeting in Faneuil Hall today the American Free Trade League adopted a resolution asking Congress to place coal and beef on the free list.

Not Intended To Consolidate.

New York, Dec. 30.—J. P. Morgan & Company denied that it was intended to consolidate the Erie, Lehigh Valley and the Reading Railroads.

COMPANY D NOW AHEAD

WOODBURN NATIONAL GUARD TEAM BEATS EUGENE SCORES.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 30.—Company D, Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., competitive shoot was held at the company range yesterday afternoon. Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Poorman being the acting inspector. The boys did remarkably well, and are, so far, ahead in the competition. Grant's Page and Rosenberg companies not yet being heard from.

In yesterday's shoot for the company prize of \$10 and regimental badge, Amos Beach and Albert Van Cleave each made a score of 23 out of a possible 25. The team shoot for the regimental cup resulted in 99 out of a possible 125 points. The range was 200 yards. Until the Woodburn shoot the Eugene company was the highest, with a score of 97.

The Woodburn team is composed of Roy Kelsey, Albert Van Cleave, Gus Guerin, Fred Branigan and Amos Beach.

SCANDAL IN OHIO CITY

CHARGES OF CRUELTY MADE AGAINST THE MANAGEMENT OF TOLEDO HOSPITAL.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 30.—The first official acknowledgment of the repeated charges of cruelty to the neglect of smallpox patients at the Toledo Contagious Disease Hospital was made today, when the board of police commissioners subpoenaed witnesses for the purpose of making a public investigation. It is charged by various experts that several persons suffering with smallpox were struck by nurses; that they were neglected, and in their delirium allowed to wander about in the snow, clad in thin raiment; that they were miserably fed, even when their convalescent condition would permit of substantial food. The charges were first preferred by Dr. S. L. P. Cook, and his son, the latter a medical student. Both were patients at the pesthouse.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Sultan's Troops Abandon Fortress Razeme

AND RETURN IN DISORDER

Pretender Is Negotiating With Tribes Near Fez for Assistance

IMPERIAL TROOPS OF CHINA AND MOHAMMEDANS THREATEN TO ATTACK PEKIN, ROUTE THE FOREIGNERS, AND UPHOLD EMPRESS DOWAGER.

MADRID, Spain, Dec. 30.—Telegrams received here from Tangier say the Sultan's troops have abandoned the Fortress of Razeme, close to Fez. The pretender is negotiating with the tribes in the immediate vicinity of Fez to assist him in his advancement. The Spanish Minister at Tangier reports the situation as serious.

Return in Disorder.

London, Dec. 30.—The Tangier correspondent of the Times says that the remnants of the routed Imperial army returned to Fez in a deplorable condition.

Pekin Is Threatened.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 30.—The military officer from Kan Su Province reports that all the Imperial troops enlisted in Kan Su together with the majority of the Mohammedans there, are only awaiting Tung Puh Shiang's signal to march on Pekin, expel the foreigners and uphold the Empress Dowager.

Missionaries Are Warned.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—The missionaries in the Shan Pa region have been officially notified to be prepared to leave if necessary.

Driven To Cannibalism.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 30.—Advice received here from New Guinea states that the natives there have brutally murdered two European prospectors and many other persons. It is feared that the drought has caused the natives to resort to cannibalism. Thousands are starving or subsisting on roots. Twenty-five natives were recently killed in a tribal fight.

BIG BANK MERGER

NATIONAL BROADWAY, SEVENTH NATIONAL AND MERCANTILE NATIONAL CONSOLIDATE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Times, referring to a proposed consolidation of the National Broadway Bank, the Seventh National Bank and the Mercantile National Bank, under the last named title, says negotiations with a view to the combination have been in progress for some time.

The National banking law requires that 65-2-3 per cent of the capital stock of a bank must agree to a proposition of this kind before it can be carried through. The consent of at least this proportion of the stock of each of the three banks has been secured, so there is no danger of the plan being defeated by any vote of the stockholders. It is believed by those in touch with the situation that the formal consolidation can be effected within the next sixty days, although the necessary time may be longer.

Each of the banks concerned in this deal is a very old institution. The Seventh National is the oldest, it having been established in 1833. The bank was apparently prosperous until June 28, 1901, when, after a run, the bank's doors were closed. The institution was reorganized by Edwin Gould and others and reopened its doors on November 12, 1901, with Mr. Gould as president.

STEEL ROAD A SUCCESS

RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS MADE BY AUTOMOBILISTS IN NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Automobilists for some days past have been watching the effect in time of snow on the experimental steel road put down recently in Murray street, between Broadway and Church streets, by the Automobile Club of America. Their observation tends to show that the steel rails are a great benefit to teams drawing heavy loads up the grade, as the horses do not slip so much as on the granite blocks, and go easier as soon as the truck wheels strike the rails. A number of drivers of heavy trucks, when asked their opinion of the new road, expressed themselves strongly in favor of it and as wanting more like it.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT

HARRY MONROE, SERVING SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY, ELOPED FOUR YEARS AGO.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 30.—Harry Monroe, escaped convict, professional hold-up man and bank robber, spent last night in a cell at the state penitentiary, where he was landed yesterday by Guard Carson, who went to New Mexico to receive him from the officers who arrested him a few weeks ago. Monroe was held for extradition, and a requisition was asked for by Warden Carson, granted by the Governor of Washington and honored by the Governor of New Mexico. Monroe robbed a Seattle jewelry store of \$6,000 worth of goods in daylight. He was arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary, whither he was brought. Four years ago he and a friend succeeded in cutting the light wires at the prison and by the use of the dead wires scaled the walls and escaped. Convict Denison helped turn the trick, but held

his liberty a short time. He was promptly captured and returned to the prison. Monroe evaded all officers who were put on his trail, and for four years succeeded in robbing banks and holding up men all over the Rocky Mountain region. It is said that he has helped in ten bank robberies since his escape. He is a young man, but a professional "bad man," and one of the smoothest individuals ever incarcerated in the prison at this place. He will now have about six years' time to serve.

RICHARDS ASSISTANT SELECTED WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—John F. Pimple, of Carrollton, Ohio, has been selected as Assistant Commissioner of the Land Office to succeed ex-Governor W. A. Richards, who has been elected to succeed Binger Hermann, of Oregon, as Commissioner.

COLLISION IN PENNSYLVANIA

Results in the Death of an Engineer

AND INJURY OF A SCORE

Wreck Was Caused by Misunderstanding of Train Orders

CORONER'S JURY IN ONTARIO HOLDS WANSTEAD WRECK DUE TO WRONG ORDERS—RESPONSIBILITY NOT AGREED UPON. BRIDGE DESTROYED.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 30.—In a head-end collision on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Middlesex, tonight, the engineer of a passenger train, Newell Daugherty, of the Erie, was killed; four persons were seriously injured, and almost a score hurt. The wreck was caused through a misunderstanding of orders. Both engines were demolished and are lying on their sides in the ditch, while the express, baggage and smoking cars are badly wrecked.

Operators Too Young.

Wyoming, Ontario, Dec. 30.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the wreck at Wanstead, last Friday night, brought in a verdict tonight. The verdict states that the collision was due to wrong orders. The responsibility is not agreed upon between Operator Carson and Despatcher Kerr. The Grand Trunk Railway Company, so says the verdict, could have avoided the accident by having more experienced operators. Froyer, the operator at Kings Court, is but 18 years old.

Bridge Knocked Out.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 30.—A 100-foot bridge at Madison on the Great Northern, was taken out by a snow slide on Thursday night. The bridge had just been rebuilt. All trains will run over the Northern Pacific track from Seattle.

SMALLPOX AT NEWPORT

CAUSES GREAT SCARE AMONG THE SMART SET AT THAT PLACE.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 30.—Newport had a scare yesterday when the Board of Health reported a case of smallpox. Efforts were made to suppress the facts, but later it was announced that the woman was dead and had been buried a few hours later in the potter's field. The young woman was Mrs. Viola MacGregor, who, with her husband and child, left Portland, Or., two weeks ago, and after stopping in New York a day, had come to Newport, arriving about a week ago. The woman had been ill nearly all the time she had been here, but had been unattended by a physician. She did not seem to be seriously ill until Sunday night, when a physician was called. The Board of Health officials are of opinion that the disease must have been developed several days before.

DEPRESSION IN GERMANY

HAMBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONDEMNNS AGRARIAN DEMANDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Hamburg Chamber of Commerce has published its annual report of the commercial situation in Germany. It comments with regret on the continuance of a condition of economic depression, condemns the protectionist demands of the agrarians and asserts being gravely accounted by the uncertainty prevailing in regard to the future of commercial treaties. In concluding its review of the situation, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, the Chamber addresses an energetic appeal to the German press to refrain from attacks on Great Britain and urges that in an economic respect and especially in regard to her colonies, Great Britain must continue to be the model which Germany should strive to imitate.

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OREGON EXCHANGES

Dredger for Snake River.

Charles Green, of Olds Ferry, states that an Eastern company will install a \$10,000 dredger on Snake river, near the ferry early in the spring for the purpose of raising the fine river gold. Mr. Green has made several locations for the company and now has under control 1,000 acres. The boat will be purchased in Portland and the machinery will come from the East.—Huntington Herald.

To Develop Resources.

(Union Republican.) Our great timber resources are to be developed in the immediate future. Messrs. E. E. Anderson and H. C. Hansen, experienced lumbermen, were in the city a few days ago. These gentlemen and associates have a considerable tract of timber in the Catherine Creek district, east of Union, and expect to erect a mill there in the near future, and engage in the lumber business on quite an extensive scale. Lumber industries of this kind mean a great deal for Grande Ronde valley, and especially the City of Union, which will naturally be the source of supplies. The location of these mills will be near the line of the proposed Union Railroad.

New Town Opposite Crystal.

It is reported that there is soon to be a new town in this part of the Snake valley, as a direct result of the Dead Ox canal, says the Huntington Herald. It is said a new town named Oxford is to be laid out on the bench covered by the new canal. The site is directly opposite Crystal siding and a ferry is talked of to give easy access

to the siding, which will be the shipping point. Ontario is much exercised over the matter, and is arranging to put a steel bridge across the Malheur river to draw the people of that end to that place and also to get in touch with Willow Creek.

Almost a Fatal Encounter.

Recorder: Jack McKenzie, a well-known resident of Summerville, had an encounter with a vicious bear a few days since that narrowly escaped ending in a tragedy. Mr. McKenzie was engaged in choring around the premises, and entered an outbuilding, when the belligerent swine made a sudden and vicious attack. The animal did not belong on the place and McKenzie was taken so unexpectedly that for a time it seemed that he must fall a victim to the vicious animal. After being knocked down a number of times and having his clothes almost torn off his body, receiving numerous bruises in the meantime, he got hold of a pitchfork and succeeded in putting the animal to flight.

Took Her Own Life.

Walla Walla Herald: Word comes from Flora that Miss Alice Ready, a young lady living about eight miles from that place, committed suicide last Monday by shooting herself with a 32-calibre rifle. Her parents were absent at the time, having left her in good health and apparently in the best of spirits. On their return they found her dead. A note was found, written in the girl's own handwriting, containing this brief sentence: "Death comes to us all but sooner." The girl had placed the muzzle of the gun to her heart and pushed the trigger with a stick of wood.