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ENGLAND'S EVIDENCE

ASKED FOR BY THE VENEZUELA COMMISSION.

All Parties to the Dispute Court-ously Requested to Submit Evidence Without Abandonment of Former Assumed Rights—Militia Order Denied.

Asked For Evidence.

The Venezuelan Commission has invited the Governments of Great Britain and Venezuela to submit to it all the evidence in their possession to further the work of the commission and to be represented before it by attorneys, all of this with the reservation that such representation and appearance shall not be deemed an abandonment of any rights or position heretofore assumed. It has done this in order that the progress of the commission may not be said to be ex parte; that the truth may appear and that time may be saved in the inquiry with which the commission is charged. The invitation is in the shape of a letter to Secretary Olney who has made response, saying that he has transmitted a copy of the commission's views to the two governments.

It cannot be said that the commission is confident of a favorable response from both parties to the boundary controversy although the courteous terms in which the suggestion is couched and the wide latitude of reservation permitted each party that may respond in the open spirit which characterizes the invitation leads to the natural hope that it will be accepted.

### NO ORDERS TO MILITIA.

War Department Makes a Denial of the Report from Florida.

A flat denial is given at the War Department to the report from Florida that the department has requested the Governor of Florida to put the militia in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. In the first place, it is said, the President has no authority to make such a request, and in the next place there is no emergency to justify such action.

### TO BE HELD IN ST. LOUIS.

The Populist National Convention to Occur July 22.

A meeting of the executive committee was unexpectedly called late Saturday night to consider some new propositions presented by the Business Men's League of St. Louis. After discussing them for some time, the committee decided to hold the national convention in St. Louis on July 22.

### She Was Desperate.

Mrs. Lucy Clemens, who has as a lover a railway man of Fort Worth, Texas, committed suicide and left a letter which revealed the details of a horrible murder committed several months ago. She charged the man who was her lover and a woman on whose husband's life there was \$2,500 insurance, conspired to and did murder by poisoning the woman's husband. The man then married the murdered man's widow and collected the insurance money. This drove Mrs. Clemens to desperation and she killed herself after having written letters exposing the crime. Officers are investigating the case.

### Miser Burned to Death.

Celia Harrison, age unknown, demented and peculiar, who lived alone in a squallid hut at Lyons, had her clothing take fire while asleep. She rushed into the street, where passersby extinguished the flames. She died in great agony in a few hours. She was a miser and leaves several thousand dollars to one son, Francis.

### Condemns Its Attitude.

The London Globe, in an article condemning the attitude of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, says:

"The English people will not stand much more from any body of these gentlemen, whom we credit with no more exalted sentiment than a wish to stand well with their Irish constituents, and they may very easily find themselves face to face with a situation that could only be called appalling."

### Arms for the Cubans.

Col. Naderwill, a prominent Chicago lawyer, arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., from Tampa, Fla., says the gun store and military armories there were raided Friday night and several hundred stand of arms and much ammunition was secured, which was taken on a strange steamer to Cuba. He says another similar expedition has been arranged.

### Fearfully Cut with a Razor.

Tim Connors, aged about 14, went suddenly insane at Lyons and slashed Patrick, an older brother, with a razor in a horrible manner. The latter will recover. Connors' youthful associates say his insanity is the result of cigarette smoking. He will be sent to an asylum.

### Pacific Railroad Debts.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads has decided to begin business next Monday preparatory to framing plans for adjustments of the debts of the Central and Union Pacific to the Government.

### To Name Another Bishop.

The announcement of Dr. O'Gorman's appointment as Bishop of Sioux Falls is expected to be followed at an early date by the appointment of a Bishop for Sacramento, Cal. This will complete the appointments to the vacant bishoprics in the United States.

### Terrible Slaughter Reported.

According to information collected by the embassies at Constantinople, 3,000 Armenians were killed at Orfali December 28 and 29, and at Bredjik, Roumkale and Djibre 603 were killed.

### GEN. COMPOS SUSPENDED.

Spanish Government Puts a New Man in His Place in Cuba.

The Cabinet at Madrid has unanimously decided to supersede Capt. Gen. Martinez de Campos and Lieut. Gen. Arderius, owing to differences which exist between them and the political parties in Cuba. Gen. Marin Polavieja and Gen. Pando, who are now in command of Spanish troops in the province of Santiago de Cuba, will replace Gens. Campos and Arderius.

Gen. Polavieja, who will succeed Campos, is commander of the Spanish Sixth Army Corps and has had much experience in Cuba, where his name seems to be hated and feared by the insurgents. It has been claimed by the Cubans when previous rumors of Polavieja's appointment to succeed Campos have been circulated, that his appointment would drive many residents of the island into the insurgent ranks who had hitherto refrained from joining owing to the confidence that Campos would adhere strictly to all the rules of warfare in his operations against the insurgents.

Capt. Gen. Campos, talking over the situation with a friend is reported to have said: "I have done the best I could under the circumstances and nobody but myself has a full knowledge of the difficulties I have labored under. Had I been successful, there would have been nothing but praise. I have been unsuccessful and there is nothing but blame. This is the way of the world and I do not complain."

### ENLISTING MEN FOR THE CONGO

Belgian Government Getting Recruits in the United States.

A Washington special says: Recruits for service in Africa under the flag of Belgium are being enlisted in this city under the eyes of, but unknown to, the State Department. Capt. Marietta and Col. Unkles of the Belgian army are in Washington securing men to enlist for the independent states of the Congo, and although working in the utmost secrecy, they have already made a number of enlistments. It is in violation of international laws and treaty for a foreign power to gain recruits in the United States. There are numerous precedents in which this Government has affirmed its right to prohibit such enlistments. Gen. Cushing, attorney general during Pierce's administration, rendered what has been considered one of the ablest opinions on international law, and in it he said: "The attempt by one government to enlist troops in the territory of another without the latter's consent is a just cause for war."

### Three Killed in a Family Row.

Joe P. Dove, wife and seven grown sons and daughters, live on a farm near Jongsboro, Tenn. The man and wife had lived together for thirty years peaceably, when divorce proceedings were entered by the woman. The court granted the divorce, but ordered the property equally divided between them. All the family were present when the commissioners arrived to divide the property. A fight started between two of the boys and all were engaged in it within a few minutes, revolvers being used. A young daughter was killed and the father and one son named Will were fatally wounded.

### Dentist Had to Walk.

Dr. G. T. Eberts, a dentist at Holt, Mo., kissed the wife of a prominent citizen of that place while filling her teeth and narrowly escaped the vengeance of two scores of citizens, who chased him down the main street. Cooler heads prevailed and Eberts was given ten minutes to leave town. He begged to be allowed to wait for a train, but this privilege was denied.

### Jumped Through a Window.

Masked robbers entered the Missouri Pacific depot at Falls City, Neb., and with drawn revolvers held up four passengers and the agent. The valuables of all were taken. The agent was ordered to open the safe. He jumped through the window and escaped, being fired at repeatedly. A posse failed to capture the highwaymen.

### Broker Chaseman Found Guilty.

The jury in the trial of E. R. Chaseman, of the New York stock brokerage firm of More & Schley, who refused to answer the questions of the Senate Sugar Investigating Committee, after being out all night, returned a verdict of guilty. The case undoubtedly will be carried to the United States Supreme court.

### Schools of Perry Are Closed.

The city superintendent of public schools, as a last resort, to prevent mixed schools in Perry, Oklahoma, ordered every school closed until some compromise could be made so that all parties will be satisfied. Officers seated several colored children in the high school under protest from teachers and superintendent.

### Mr. Bayard Returns Thanks.

The foreign office at London has received a note from the United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, saying he has been instructed by his Government to tender thanks to Great Britain for the kind offices of the latter toward Americans in the Transvaal.

### Sentenced at Madison.

In the Federal court at Madison, Wisconsin, Jefferson Townsend of Clark County was convicted of passing counterfeit money and sentenced to two years in Waupun. Harley Johnson was given 18 months at Waupun for robbing the post-office at Cable, Wis.

### She Cannot Be a Notary.

The Supreme Court held that a woman in Ohio cannot serve as a notary public, the constitution requiring such office to be held by an elector. Nellie G. Robinson, Cincinnati, brought the suit to compel the late Governor to appoint her.

### Gathers at Spithhead.

The flying squadron which assembled Tuesday rendezvoused at Spithhead. It is reported that its destination after leaving Bangtry Bay, Ireland, will be the Bermudas.

### Notorious German Judge Dead.

Judge Bransweller, who was the severest judge in Berlin in political trials, is dead. He had recently become insane and had been in confinement.

### Women's Peace Movement.

Mrs. Charles Henrotin, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has issued a circular letter to all club

presidents, asking them to bring forward the consideration of a peace movement in Europe and this country. The ultimate hope is to have a convention of the Christian powers in 1907, with a view to establishing an international court of arbitration. Many club presidents have already acted in accordance with the letter.

### MAY BE WAR OVER CUBA.

That Said to Be the Goal of England's Flying Squadron.

Gov. Mitchell, at the request of the War Department in Washington, has ordered Adjt. Gen. Houston to see that the Florida militia be placed in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice. It is stated as coming from the executive office that the Washington authorities have reason to believe that a deal is pending between Spain and Great Britain for the sale of Cuba to the latter, that the United States is preparing to resist the transfer of the island and that the flying squadron is coming to American waters to be ready for the war with the United States that will inevitably follow the attempted cession of Cuba. Dispatches from various cities in Florida report that the troops are gathering and that the war fever is higher now than the day after President Cleveland's Venezuelan message.

"If the British flying squadron should come over to American waters it would not astonish me," said Rear Admiral Belknap, retired, at his home.

"I wrote Admiral Bunce, at Hampton roads, three days ago that it would not surprise me in the least if the flying squadron should be first heard from at La Guayra.

"From the moment it was announced that the squadron was to be commissioned I made up my mind that its destination was American.

### DUN & CO.'S REVIEW.

The Business World as Seen for the Past Week.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Speculation in products was not very active, and wheat was practically unchanged, though Atlantic exports for two weeks, flour included as wheat, have been 4,488,190 bushels, against 4,273,125 last year. Western receipts still make short crop predictions ridiculous, amounting for two weeks of January to 5,431,976 bushels, against 2,559,123 last year. Cotton receipts were also liberal and exports about five times last year's.

Cotton receipts indicate a yield neither as small as Mr. Neil's reiterated estimate of 6,500,000 bales, nor as large as the 7,000,000 bales estimated by others. The price declined an eighth, with accounts of narrower demand by spinners abroad and declining prices for goods in this country. Cotton goods are not notably lower. There has been somewhat more demand but not enough to keep most of the mills running full.

Failures for the past week have been much larger in magnitude, numbering 395 in the United States against 373 last year, and 81 in Canada, against 60 last year.

### Harrison Admits It.

Ex-President Harrison announced that he and Mrs. Dimmock are engaged to be married. The marriage will not take place until after Lent. It is understood that the step was not taken by Gen. Harrison without consulting his children, of whom he is very fond. Mrs. Dimmock is 45 years of age, tall and a strikingly handsome brunette.

### Two Car Cleaners Killed.

As a number of women car cleaners were walking along the track of the New York Central in New York Friday, an express train passed them, drowning the noise of an approaching light engine on another track. It ran them down, killing two, and fatally injuring two others.

### Made His Trip Profitable.

George Leonard reached Boston with \$488 in his pocket and with numerous credentials to prove that he had worked his way across the continent from San Francisco since December 26, leaving there penniless. His experience, he claims, was on a wage of \$2.50.

### 40,000 in Need.

Starvation threatens some 40,000 persons at Fortune Bay, N. F., owing to the failure of the frozen herring fisheries. The Government will take vigorous measures to relieve the distress.

### Burn More Bibles.

Mayor San Miguel has seized and caused to be burned in the public square of the city of Lima, Peru, all the Bibles and stock of the agent of the American Bible Society.

### Kentucky Distilleries Fail.

The Old Judge Distilling Company has made an assignment. It is thought to be a bad break. All the whisky in bond is pledged to banks as collateral for loans.

### Frank Lawler Dead.

Ex-Congressman Frank Lawler of Chicago, a unique figure in local and national politics, died Friday afternoon.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle: Stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.35. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.80 to \$3.90. Grain: Wheat, 40c to 42c; corn, 15c to 18c; oats, 11c to 13c; rye, 18c to 20c; flax, 70c; hay, \$5.50 to \$5.50; butter, 15c to 18c; eggs, 12c to 15c.
Chicago—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.20 to \$4.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.00. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.80 to \$4.07 1/2. Grain: Wheat, No. 2 spring, 58 1/2c to 59 1/2c; No. 2 red, 63 1/2c to 63 3/4c; corn, No. 2, 26 1/2c; oats, No. 2, 18 1/2c to 19 1/2c; rye, No. 2, 38c; flax, No. 1, 92c; timothy, \$3.85.
Kansas City—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.00 to \$4.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$3.75. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.75 to \$3.95. Sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.00.
South Omaha—Cattle: Beef steers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.60. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.70 to \$3.80.
St. Paul—Cattle: Beef steers, \$2.40 to \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.05 to \$2.75. Hogs: Prices ranging from \$3.40 to \$3.60. Sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00.
Minneapolis—Wheat: January, 59 1/2c; May, 59 1/2c; No. 1 hard, on track, 59 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, 56 1/2c; No. 2 Northern, 54 1/2c.

# IT GOES TO CHICAGO.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO MEET JULY 7.

World's Fair City Wins on the Twenty-ninth Ballot—St. Louis Defeated by Two Votes—Gotham Gives the Lake City Her Strength.

Location Is Named.

The Democratic national convention will be held in Chicago July 7. This conclusion was reached by the committee in session at Washington after twenty-nine ballots had been taken and the struggle had gone on until well toward midnight. Starting in with but six votes, Chicago steadily gained in favor until she won the prize. At one time the number of votes cast for her was but four. Nevertheless her fitness in location won the fight for her. "It was a pure question of geography," said one of the most prominent Eastern Democrats and a member



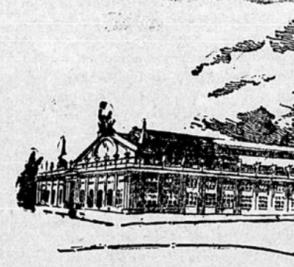
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of the committee. There was no bluster, no unbecoming speech-making, no noise of any sort in favor of Chicago, says a Washington correspondent. She won the fight purely upon her merits, and after the individual prejudices of the members in favor of other cities had given way.

The detailed vote on the final ballot by States was:

Chicago—Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, District of Columbia, Alaska.
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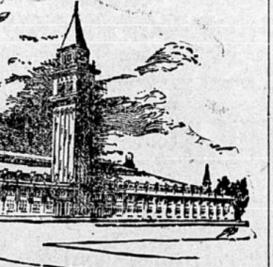
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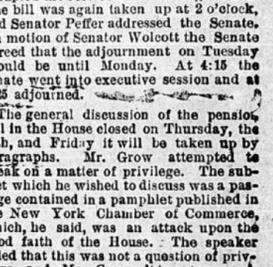
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