

ARE READY FOR THE BLOCAD

Castro Defies Holland and Prepares to Meet Warlike Attempts by Placing Artillery in Position.

POSTS HIS MILITARY MEN

Venezuela's Principal Approach to Caracas to be Defended and Preparations Made For a Long Siege.

CARACAS, Nov. 13.—With the placing in position of mountain artillery at various strategic positions about La Guaira, so as to prevent any attempted landing from Holland's warships if they come to Venezuela with hostile intent, President Castro has now completed his preparations for the defense of Venezuela's principal seaport and gateway to Caracas.

Wide Preparations. Not only have the Venezuelan army and navy made preparations for a blockade, but also the merchants of both La Guaira and Caracas. All the salt in La Guaira and the entire stock of flour have been acquired and unusually large importations of rice and other provisions have been received from Europe by the principal importers who instructed their European connections to make heavy shipments if they were convinced, after making an investigation, that Holland meant business.

Crisis is Shown. Merchants of La Guaira received their greatest shock, and at the same time confirmed their belief that affairs were coming to a crisis, when, on Wednesday, the collector of customs issued an order to merchants that by the 31st, the date set by the Netherlands government for revocation of Castro's trans-shipment decree, they would be compelled to remove all of their merchandise from the custom house and pay all duties. Stagnation in all lines of trade has been the result of the present uncertainty and great losses will develop during the period of expectancy.

REGISTER-LEADER BUYS THE TRIBUNE

Register and Leader Secures Possession of Afternoon Daily and Will Run It.

DES MOINES, Nov. 13.—The Des Moines Daily Tribune, a democratic daily, run by George Huffman and F. G. Rinehart, was sold to the Register and Leader yesterday. The Register and Leader will take possession December 1, and change the politics of the paper to republican and issue a daily evening edition. They expect to spend \$50,000 in establishing the paper. The new paper is to be printed in the Register and Leader building. The Tribune has 12,000 subscribers, but the consideration of the sale is not known.

CORNELL SQUAD IS IN CHICAGO

Full of Ginger and Confidence the Cornell Football Team Arrives For Contest.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Full of ginger and confidence the Cornell football squad arrived today for tomorrow's contest with the Chicago University. There are thirty players, four coaches and the trainer in the party.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Over half a million shares were traded in during the first hour and prices in many issues made new high records for the year. Western houses were aggressive buyers. London bought 50,000 shares, most of which was Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Steel Common. Government bonds unchanged. Other bonds strong.

RUN OVER BY A HORSEBACK RIDER

James Edwards Clifford Seriously Injured While Going to a Fire at His Son's House.

CARMI, Ill., Nov. 13.—James Edwards Clifford, aged 73 years, died today from injuries received in a fire last night. He took a bucket to help put out a blaze at the home of his son half a mile away. A neighbor on horseback not seeing Clifford, ran over him.

FATAL WRECK AT SPRINGFIELD

Two Were Killed, Three Engines Smashed and Several Freight Cars Demolished at Junction.

THE ENGINE JUMPED

Accident Place at the Junction of the Wabash and Alton Roads Between Freight and Switch Engine.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 13.—Two men were killed and three engines were smashed and five freight cars were demolished by a collision this morning between a freight train and a switch engine, at the junction of the Wabash and the Alton roads. William Snape, the fireman; and Chas. Wolf, the brakeman, are dead, and John Williams, a fireman, was fatally injured.

The freight was a double header. The switch engine was hauling ten cars of coal. Snape was thrown twenty-feet into a fence. Williams was found some distance away. The three engines jumped and escaped uninjured.

HIGH PRELATES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Arriving in Chicago to Take Part in the Missionary Congress Next Sunday.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—High prelates of the Catholic church are today arriving for the Catholic missionary congress which begins Monday. Among today's arrivals were Archbishop McEvray, Bishop Hennessy, Bishop Kenney, Father Vaughn, Father Doyle. The congress will formally open Sunday with solemn pontifical mass at the Holy Name Cathedral.

COMING MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Roosevelt Will Leave the Tariff to Taft But Urges All Former Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—President Roosevelt has completed a large section of his annual message to congress. Following his comment upon the election, which he will continue as a full endorsement of his administration, he will reiterate his former and yet unfulfilled recommendations contained in preceding messages. He will pass the tariff issue with the mere mention that it will be the first great matter handled under President Taft.

It can be stated that the President will send what will be recognized as a "characteristic" message. That tells the story pretty well. The fact that it is his last congressional session, and that it will only be a short session, will in no wise cause the President to hesitate in asking for all the things he wants.

With the tariff taken off, President Roosevelt will present the case of those various reform measures he has been pressing in the past. The list will include:

Amendment to Sherman Law. Practical and effective amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law, with the view of establishing some government supervision of the great industrial corporations as the interstate commission maintains over the railroads.

Some considerable extension of the powers of the interstate commission, in the matter of controlling rates, especially the power to prevent a rate or schedule of rates taking effect until after the commission shall have had opportunity to examine and determine its prima facie reasonableness.

Liberal appropriation for the continued enforcement of the uniform railroad accounting provision of the Hepburn Act.

Passage of the government employees' liability act.

Increase of the naval establishment by the construction of two new battleships at least, and probably a renewal of the request for four.

Provision for establishment of forest reserve in the Appalachian region. Inauguration of an effective federal control over the water powers of the country, with a view to preventing their monopolization by private interests and to assure that power shall be sold at reasonable rates.

Internal waterways improvement and development.

Campaign fund publicity.



The Next Great Problem to Be Solved—The Cabinet Question.

STATEMENTS IN GUNNESS CASE

Smith Asserts He Did Not Want to Convict a Man For Murder of a Person Not Dead.

REMARK CAUSED TALK

Prosecution Accepts the Challenge of the Defense to Prove the Death of Mrs. Belle Guinness.

LA PORTE, Nov. 13.—The statement of the defense was begun today following the statement of the prosecution which is completed. The prosecution's acceptance of the challenge of the defense to prove the death of Mrs. Guinness is causing deep interest. Smith's statement he did not want to convict a man for the murder of a person not dead is causing much comment.

At the Lamphere trial the court today announced a session Saturday and predicted it would continue two weeks. Dr. C. S. Mack, coroner of a Porte county, was the first witness and testified he took charge of the bodies on the afternoon of the fire and that four bodies were lying under the debris and the cellar floor badly burned and a hole was in the forehead of one child. He described the mutilated condition of the bodies. The witness identified the bones removed from the bodies.

Dr. Mackon on the stand for the state offered the coroner's verdict in the Guinness case in evidence. Attorney Worden for the defense entered strong objection declaring the verdict was immaterial. The prosecutor was prepared fully as to this objection, reading authorities on this point. The judge ruled the verdict would be admitted.

On cross examination Mack said he was unable positively to identify the bones as being human. Dr. Wilcox who assisted in the autopsy, was summoned. He gave a general description of the bodies. The testimony was of a professional nature.

Tax Levy Fixed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 13.—The state tax commissioners last evening fixed a state tax rate at fifty cents on the hundred dollars assessed value. The rate is the same as last year. The tax levy has been fixed at \$6,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is for revenue fund and \$1,000,000 for the school fund.

Mrs. Reed a Physical Wreck.

DENVER, Nov. 13.—Mrs. Allen Reed is described by those who saw her a pitiable wreck and her physician declared she may die any time. He says she has taken a drug to lessen the pain of a malady from which she has suffered a number of years.

TO INVESTIGATE COUNTRY LIFE

Commission Appointed by President Roosevelt to Leave Washington Next Week to Visit Educational Centers.

HOLD COLLEGE MEETING

Itinerary Includes Omaha, Minneapolis, Madison, Champaign, Texas and the Pacific Coast and Other States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The commission on country life which was appointed by Roosevelt is to leave Washington next week to visit several of the educational centers of the west to obtain information of the condition of western country life. It is proposed to hold the meetings principally in the agricultural colleges. The itinerary includes Omaha on Dec. 9 and 10; Minneapolis, 11; Madison, 12; and Champaign on the 14. The other states to be visited include Texas, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Washington and Oregon.

SHORT ON CASH; GAVE PROPERTY

Delegate to the Baptist Missionary Convention Started Gift Giving by Offering Watch.

DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 13.—Weeping because he could not give cash, due to the hard times, an old man, a delegate to the Texas Baptist's Missionary convention this morning gave his gold watch to help raise a debt of \$45,000 on the Texas University. Instantly the other delegates followed his lead, and jewelry, stock, farm products and even household goods were offered for the fund.

ACCIDENTS IN ONE YEAR.

Were 3764 Killed and 63,989 Injured—Few Passengers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—There were 3764 persons killed and 63,989 injured in railroad catastrophes in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30 last, according to statistics of the interstate commerce commission, published Thursday. In the three months ended June 30 there were 591 killed and 13,098 injured, a decrease of 1752 from the preceding quarter. The thirteen passengers killed in the quarter, however, is the smallest number ever recorded in the United States.

Use The Gate City want column. Telephone in your wants if you are not down town. More people read Gate City wants than ever before.

CHINA EMPEROR PASSED AWAY

Died This Morning After a Lingerling Illness, Having Been Mentally Irresponsible For a Long Time.

DOWAGER EMPRESS ILL

News of the Emperor's Death Caused Great Excitement in the Empire—Washington and Financial Circles Notified.

PEKIN, Nov. 13.—Kuang Hsu, the Emperor, died at the imperial palace this morning after an illness of many months. The details were not made public and the death is still denied by some of the government officials fearing the effect by reason of the serious illness of the Dowager Empress, the virtual ruler. The Emperor was 37 years old, suffered from nephritis, complicated diabetes and sciatica. He was long known to have been mentally irresponsible. He succeeded the throne in 1875, on the death of his cousin Tung Chin. His health failed ten years ago, then the dowager Empress assumed practical control. The Emperor left no children.

The news of the death of Emperor Kuang Hsu continued to spread throughout China today. It caused great excitement.

Washington Notified.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—A cablegram was received from the United States minister at Peking, to the state department confirming the news of the Emperor's death.

Financial Circles Get News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Wade Gardner, an agent for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, received a cable this morning saying that the Emperor of China is dead. No details were given and the situation throughout the empire is quiet.

Prince Chun, a brother of the Emperor, was made regent son Pu Mei, a heir presumptive according to two imperial edicts issued after the announcement of the death of the emperor. The edicts are construed as a confirmation of the death, though high officials at the palace declared at 4:30 the emperor was living.

It is reported the Emperor's nephew, Prince Pu Yi, three year old son of his brother, Prince Chun, was secretly crowned emperor. The report cannot be verified. The Dowager Empress is reported favorable to the succession of Yi because it gives her an opportunity of continuing her grip on the throne. Prince Pu Lun is also mentioned he is the favorite of the foreign residents of the empire on account of his acquaintance with the Occidental European customs. Pu Lun was Chinese commissioner to the St. Louis exposition.

YOUNG NELSON WRITING BOOK

World's Light Weight Champion Says He Has Literary Guys Skinned All to Gain.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—"The life battle in the career of Battling Nelson, the world's light weight champion," is the title of a book being completed by the Dane. Discussing the autobiography, Nelson says writing a book is compared to fighting. He says: "I can reel off stuff as fast as any key can pound it. That's the way all of the real literary guys do. I can skin 'em all to Crin, any of these waiskered ruy, when it comes to handing the real stuff fast."

He relates his experiences in the ring, recounting the three times he was seriously hurt in a fight with Canole who gave him an awful right hook on the liver, the second when young Corbett knocked him down snapping a rib square off, the third in the seventeenth round with Gans in the September fight when the negro landed on his kidneys. Nelson says: "That punish hurt so I bent over backwards and couldn't straighten up for several minutes. The way to win fights is to just dead sure you are going to win, then let the other fellow know how you feel. I had Gans scared in the last fight."

Two Men Asphyxiated.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Two men were asphyxiated and a dozen others overcome by gas in a rooming house here today. A gas jet in the room was left open.

WOMAN FORMS MURDER PLOT

Enters Into a Compact and Pays Part of Blood Money to Pretend-ed Assassin as Police Arrive.

TO MURDER HER MOTHER

Mother Had Money and Life Insurance Valued at \$5,800—Daughter Paid \$100 to the Supposed Slugg.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Miss Mae L. Otis, aged 36, was arrested here last night, charged by the police with having instigated a plot to murder her mother, Mrs. Sarah Otis, aged 57. According to the police the mother was to have arrived in Chicago from Mauston, Wis., next Saturday, and a private detective, supposed by Miss Otis to be a "slugger" had been employed to help her. Instead of promoting the scheme the detective notified the police. The mother is said to have money and life insurance together worth \$5,800.

The woman's movements have been watched by the police for several days. Some time ago she called on a private detective agency and explained her plans. It was arranged between the agency and the police to carry on the plans, and Detective Mackay was introduced as a "slugger" from Pittsburgh.

Last night Mackay met Miss Otis and according to him, she paid him \$100 on account and gave him a promissory note for \$2,400 more. Just as Mackay received the money at Miss Otis' home the police, who had been concealed there, stepped out and took the woman into custody. It was found she had considerable money in her possession. This, she explained, she had drawn out of a bank to be used to pay the expenses of the detective. When locked up, the police say, the woman confessed the plot and expressed chagrin at its failure. It is believed she is demented.

Examining May Otis.

The detectives today closely examined May Otis, who was arrested last night after it is alleged she had offered to pay \$2,500 for the murder of her mother. If the woman shows any signs of mental weakness it is said a mental examination will be held. If she seems rational a charge of inciting a crime will be placed against her. A conspiracy charge is not to be entered, it is said, because under the statute all parties in the conspiracy must share alike. The man who was to receive the money to commit the crime was City Detective Mackey, sent by the police to get evidence. The other private detective is Stolman.

Mrs. Otis in Poor Health.

Mrs. Sarah Otis, mother of May Otis, at Mauston, Wis., advised daughter's plight by phone. She denied her daughter had arranged for her return tomorrow night. She explains May is in poor health and believed her mind is affected. The mother is expected home tonight.

LEWIS IS AFTER MITCHELL'S PLACE

Wants to Push Mitchell Out of the Position of Second Vice President.

DENVER, Nov. 13.—The convention of the Federation of Labor was flooded with resolutions today, the delegates realizing it the last day they are to be introduced. The resolutions dealt with every topic in which labor is interested, many referring directly to Samuel Gompers' recent campaign in favor of Bryan. Various committees are scheduled to report today but the reports were few. Most of the committees were in unfinished sessions. New complications in the fight between President Lewis of the Mine Workers, and ex-President Mitchell, were created today when it was reported Lewis would carry the fight against Mitchell into the convention, becoming a candidate for Mitchell's place as second vice president of the Federation. Gompers received a letter from Bryan thanking him for support during the recent campaign. Raymond Robbins, speaking for Gompers, advised the Federation members to formulate a political policy.

Arrange Wrestling Match.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Frank Gotch and Hackenschmidt, the Russian lion met here today and shook hands and began negotiations for another match. It will probably take place in March.