

LITTLE VENEZUELA WILL HAVE TO FACE BOTH

Great Britain and Germany Are Making Ready to Enforce the Joint Claims.

BALFOUR SAYS FINAL NOTE HAS BEEN SENT

German-British Ultimatum Has Been Presented at Caracas and It Is Now Up to Castro—Unjustifiable Interference With British Subjects and Interests Charged by Premier of Great Britain and Germany is Backing Him Up.

London, Dec. 8.—Premier Balfour announced today that an ultimatum had been sent to Venezuela and that in the event of a satisfactory reply not being received the British and German governments would take measures to enforce British and German claims against that country.

Mr. Balfour, when questioned on the Venezuelan situation by the liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, said: "For the past two years we have had grave cause for complaint on various occasions of unjustifiable interference by the Venezuelan government with the liberty and property of British subjects. No effort has been spared by the British government to obtain an amicable settlement, but in none of them has satisfactory explanations been forthcoming. Latterly the representations of the British minister have been practically unnoticed. There are also cases in which British subjects and companies have large claims. We have been asked to take action in conjunction with the German government, which has large claims against Venezuela.

"A final communication has been made to the Venezuelan government by the British minister and the German charge d'affaires. If no satisfactory reply is received the governments have decided to take such measures as are necessary to enforce their claims."

Replying to a supplementary question Mr. Balfour said he understood the communication to Venezuela was neither joint nor identical.

Germans Are Ready.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The German-British ultimatum to Venezuela was presented at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Caracas.

CHINOOK WINDS IN YELLOWSTONE VALE

NOT NEARLY SO COLD AS IT WAS AND THAT COLD WAVE SEEMS TO HAVE FIZZLED.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Billings, Dec. 8.—Eastern Montana's cold wave fizzled out soon after its appearance here yesterday. Last night was quite cold, while yesterday to degrees below zero was registered in this city and in the country adjacent. Today a chinook has put in an appearance and a thaw is on. Preceding and accompanying the cold wave came a heavy fall of snow, which made traveling hard, but was of infinite benefit to the stock and sheep interests.

Freezing weather prevailed for several weeks before the sudden fall of temperature Saturday night. This froze up the streams and shut off the water supply of the sheep and cattle. The snow, however, came at a most opportune time, furnishing the stock with a substitute for water.

And Fifteen Below.

Glendive, Dec. 8.—Yesterday the temperature fell to 25 degrees below zero, but today it has started climbing again and this afternoon is more than 15 degrees above the zero point. A chinook seems at hand.

Fifteen Above Zero.

Miles City, Dec. 8.—Fifteen degrees below zero was the lowest point registered in the cold wave of Saturday night and yesterday at this place. Today the weather has moderated materially and the storm seems to have passed. The snowfall was hailed with delight by the cattle and sheepmen.

LAY OFF UNTIL DEAD IS BURIED

LABORER TELLS OF QUEER CUSTOM WHEN BEFORE THE SCANTON COMMISSIONERS.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 8.—President Mitchell of the Miners' union was not present at the hearings of the strike commission today, having gone to New York to attend the meeting of the Civic Federation. The first witness was James Gallagher, an A. Markle employe, who was on the stand Saturday. He said it used to be the custom of the Markle employes to keep \$5 for the family of a man killed in the mine and the men working would lay off till the dead man was buried. The Markle attorneys made compact with the workmen, by which they would pay \$50 and the men remain at work. He said the size of the mine cars had steadily been increased, but the wages paid had been raised.

Frank Rea, a practical miner, employed in the Markle mines, was then examined on conditions under which the men are working. It was mostly of a technical character.

RUTH LA BONTA ARRAYED BEFORE M'CLERNAN

Alleged Slayer of Dr. Cayley Comes Unconcernedly Into the Presence of the Law, Stylishly Dressed and Apparently Not at All Worried or Worn by the Flight and Consequent Anxiety--Will Answer to Formal Charge Saturday--Accompanied by Under Sheriff McGuigan, She Walks to Court From Jail Unnoticed in Crowded Streets.

Madame Ruth LaBonta, who has asserted that she inflicted mortal wounds on Dr. H. A. Cayley during a struggle in her apartments, will answer to the charge of killing the physician before Judge McClernan Saturday morning. She will be called upon to plead at that time.

But few people saw Madame LaBonta on her first public appearance since she was brought back from San Francisco to answer to the charge of causing the death of the doctor. She was taken to the courtroom, but was absent from the county jail only about 15 minutes. Under Sheriff McGuigan conducted the fair prisoner.

No particular attention was given the officer and the trim little feminine figure, all in black, as they emerged from the rear of the jail and walked swiftly down Quartz street. There was no evidence of prisoner and officer. A stranger would have thought the two acquaintances, walking along together.

Though visibly nervous and embarrassed, Madame LaBonta, or Eva Hart, as she admitted a few moments later, was smiling as she entered the room. The smile was somewhat tremulous, but was clearly visible from behind the heavy black veil.

Few Saw Her Enter.

But few persons were in the courtroom when the woman in one of the most noted cases in the history of the city entered. Nearly all of those who turned their eyes upon the swiftly moving figure in black were attorneys. Two other women were in the room—elderly witnesses in probate cases. Evidently they did not recognize the third of their sex, for their glances were of only momentary curiosity.

In the rear of the room sat Edward Booth, the attorney for Madame LaBonta. His client immediately took a seat beside him, thus removing her from the immediate vicinity of other persons in the room. An animated discussion followed.

During the talk with her lawyer Madame LaBonta glanced nervously about the courtroom, searching each face a moment, then turning her eyes to the next. From the top of her black and tastefully decorated hat to the soles of her neat patent-leather boots she was stylishly and well dressed. Every article of wearing apparel was black, but of fine material.

Fair features were visible through the

heavy black veil, but each smile exhibited lines probably not due to age. The cheeks were rosy, as though from the walk to the courtroom and the excitement under which the woman labored. One leg was thrown over the other and a nervous movement of the foot not touching the floor indicated the agitation of its owner.

While scrutinizing those in the room,

and in turn submitting to a general series of glances from the men about her, Madame LaBonta gave close attention to the conversation in which she was engaged with Mr. Booth. Their words were spoken in whispers, and it is not known what was said.

She Was Emphatic.

At one point the fair prisoner pro-

nounced an emphatic "No," at the same time making a decisive gesture with head and arm. The word was spoken in such a loud tone that it was heard by all in the room turned, even the judge got up for a moment. The conversation continued without interruption until the case was called.

"If the case is reached," said Mr. Booth, "I will be present." "We have received the information and will request that the court be adjourned some later day for the pleading."

"Saturday morning?" queried the judge. "That is all right, your Honor," replied Mr. Booth.

With these few words the noted case was disposed of for the time being. The under sheriff arose, after the madame had had another word with her attorney. Then the prisoner turned and followed the officer.

A Swish of Skirts.

There was a swish of trailing skirts, a flash of bright auburn hair in a setting of somber colors and the slight figure vanished from the room to be escorted back to the quarters of the matron in the county jail.

As the young woman swept down the aisle by them one of the two elderly women in the courtroom glanced at her keenly. She turned and surveyed the retreating figure from head to foot, evidently having become cognizant of the identity of the visitor. No particular feeling was expressed in the hurried glances, but curiosity was strongly evident in the scrutiny, which continued until the younger woman had left the room.

She Is Not Worn.

Aside from the sombre garments she affects, the ordeal of the serious case in which she is involved seems to have had little effect on Madame LaBonta. She moved about with all of the animation of youth and vivacity of a young woman who had not a thought of trouble.

Interest in the proceedings was plainly evident in her face and actions. She watched closely every move that was made by attorneys in cases being heard while she waited. Nothing seemed to escape her, and the evidently intelligent manner in which she followed the proceedings indicated that she could give a good account of what occurred.



MADAME RUTH LA BONTA.

HOUSE'S TRIBUTE TO MR. REED

"Forceful Ability, Intrinsic Worth, Strength of Character," Are Some of the Terms Applied to the Ex-Speaker of the Body--Mr. Sherman of New York Introduces Resolutions--Adjourns.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house today paid a remarkable tribute to the memory of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

His death created a profound impression and there was a universal desire among the members that the house show a signal mark of respect to his memory. For the house to take action on the death of a former member had only three precedents in its history, namely on the occasions of the death of Benton, Blaine and Alexander Stephens, when the house adopted resolutions and adjourned out of respect to their memories.

It was decided to follow these precedents in the case of Mr. Reed. The chaplain at the opening of the session paid a feeling reference to the death of the ex-speaker. No business was transacted beyond the formal reading of two messages from the president and an arrangement to postpone the special order for today, the London dock bill, until tomorrow. Mr. Sherman of New York, then, amid profound silence, arose and in a few feeling remarks offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the following minutes be spread upon the record of the house of representatives: 'Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed died in Washington, December 7, 1902. For 22 years he had been a member of this house; for six years its speaker.

This service terminated with the Fifty-fifth congress. Within this chamber the scene of his life's greatest activities were laid. Here he rendered services to his country which placed him in the front rank of American statesmanship. Here he exhibited characteristics which compelled respect and won admiration. Forceful ability, intrinsic worth, strength of character brought him popular fame and congressional leadership. In him depth and breadth of intellect, with a full and well-rounded development had produced a giant who towered above his fellows and impressed them with his power and wisdom.

"A distinguished statesman, a lofty patriot, a cultured scholar and incisive writer, an unmatched debater, a master of logic, wit and satire; the most famous of the world's parliamentarians, the great and representative citizen, has gone into history.

"Resolved, that in honor of the distinguished dead the house now adjourns."

When the reading of the resolutions had been concluded ex-Speaker Henderson asked if there was any objection to their present consideration. The silence remained unbroken.

The resolutions were then unanimously adopted, and accordingly, at 12:15, the speaker declared the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Reed.

SHERIFF WHO CAUGHT ROBBERS IS IN CITY

M. W. Potter of Red Lodge registered last night at the Butte and left this morning for home. It was a modest signature on the register and a modest-appearing man who did the registering. One would not take him for the crack desperado hunter of eastern Montana, but that is the reputation he bears, and no man is more feared by the famous Hole-in-the-Wall gang than this same M. W. Potter.

Mr. Potter is sheriff of Carbon county. He has held the office several terms, during which he has proven a terror to lawbreakers and a boon to stockmen who have suffered in the past from the depredations of the rustlers who live along the Montana-Wyoming boundary line. Known as an absolutely fearless officer and possessing a most accurate knowledge of the trails, topography and characteristics of the whole region, Mr. Potter is a man

who is a power for law and order in a county that needs just such a man.

His most recent exploit is the chase after the men who held up and robbed the "Stockgrowers' bank at Bridger" of \$2,338 last Tuesday. He, with a posse of three men, made a long, hard ride after the robbers and arrested three men suspected of the crime a few miles from Red Lodge on Thursday.

"We feel sure," said Mr. Potter, while in Butte, "that the men arrested are the ones we want. Two of them have been identified by the cashier of the bank, Mr. Trumbo, who was the man held up, and there is other corroborative testimony to bear out his evidence. The men are not particularly bright, but appear to be thorough criminals. I think there will be no trouble in convicting them, though the money stolen has not yet been found. The men will come up for preliminary examination before the justice of the peace in Red Lodge on Tuesday."

Warned by the President.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Albert B. Anderson, United States judge for the District of Indiana. Second secretary of the embassy at Rome, Leonard M. Thomas of Pennsylvania.

Prince Oscar Injured.

Ploen, Prussia, Dec. 8.—Prince Oscar, Emperor William's fifth son, has sustained a slight fracture of the collar bone through falling from a horizontal bar. The injury will not interfere with his studies.

WHAT IS DOING OVER IN HAWAII

Among Other Things, Wu Ting Fang En Route Home, Breaks Loose With an Interview Regarding Chinese Exclusion, in Which He Interprets the Law Is Harmful to Bona Fide Travelers.

Honolulu, Dec. 2.—Land Commissioner E. S. Boyd is about to offer a tract of about 4,500 acres of public land for sale on this island. It is to be offered at auction at an upset price of \$2 per acre. The purchasers are to be required to keep the land free of the Lantana weed and to make improvements.

The territorial senate received today and adopted a report of its special committee on the department of public works approving the message of President Dole, he having asked for the removal of Superintendent Boyd and made grave charges against him. This, with the removal of Auditor Austin, already accomplished, is thought to complete the removal of officials as a result of the recent scandals.

Chinese Minister Wu Ting Fang arrived in Honolulu last night as a through passenger to China, on the steamship Hong Kong Maru. While here he met many of the locally prominent Chinese and had some severe comments to make on the way that the exclusion act is endangered here. "In an interview in the Pacific Advertiser," he said, "I find that business men here complain bitterly of the way in which the exclusion act is carried out here. Of course, their business has suffered through the cutting out of laborers, but they do not complain of this so much as of the outrageous way in which

the immigration authorities treat merchants, students and bona fide travelers.

"As an instance I mention a young man of 16 who came here to secure an education. He had proper papers, but was quizzed in many ways by the authorities and of course the boy was not able to answer all questions. He was held and after \$400 had been spent in trying to land him, an appeal was made to me. After a good deal of trouble, he was allowed to land.

"You interpret the exclusion act in such a way that students are put to an enormous expense in trying to land. You make it hard for Chinese travelers. The sooner this is put a stop to the better. If you wish to keep out the laborers well and good, but do not put such difficulties in the way of merchants and travelers."

The minister said that he attributed the things of which he complained to over zeal on the part of officials.

The United States district attorney, J. A. Breckons, Captain Williamson and Major Davis of the local military staff, have received from Washington authorizations to negotiate for a site for a military post in Honolulu.

Fifty-four Japanese were returned to their native land today via the Hong Kong maru as rejected immigrants, owing to their being afflicted with trachoma, a contagious disease of the eyes.

HE HAS THE MONEY FOR THE POSTOFFICE

John S. Dutton of the First National bank has been appointed disbursing agent by the government in connection with the new federal building, which will be built during the winter and early spring.

Mr. Dutton has had \$20,000 placed at his command. The money has not yet arrived, but when it comes will be placed in the First National bank. It will be paid out as wages for work done on the building and foundation and for such

tools as may be needed by the stone masons and carpenters.

Work on the building will only go on when the weather is good, and for this reason little will be done during the winter months except the marshaling of material. By the time of the advent of good weather the workmen will be able to go right forward in the erection of the post-office, as everything will be at hand for use.

CASE AGAINST MR. LUFKIN NOT MADE

MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONVICT ALLEGED ASSAILANT OF J. MICHAELS.

No case has yet been made against C. R. Lufkin, who was arrested Saturday night charged with assault on James Michaels. An investigation is being made by the police and the county attorney in an endeavor to ascertain whether or not there is sufficient evidence to warrant the issuance of a complaint. Both men are employes of the Skelton Merchants' patrol force.

London, Dec. 8.—The king of Portugal today concluded his visit to England and started homeward.

TULANE UNIVERSITY GETS BULK OF IT

NEW ORLEANS MILLIONAIRE LEAVES MOST OF HIS MONEY TO BE USED BY THE COLLEGE.

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—The will of A. C. Hutchinson, the millionaire president of Morgan's Louisiana & Texas railroads, who died yesterday, was probated today. Among the bequests are annuities to his sisters, Mrs. H. A. Scarles of Jersey City and Isabella Hutchinson of New York, Seneca hospital, Houston and St. Annis hospital. The bulk of the estate goes to Tulane university.

ROSEBUD BOARD LIE BEHIND THE BARS FOR CONTEMPT

County Commissioners Remanded for Alleged Efforts to Prevent a Trial.

SAID TO BE TRYING TO STOP THE INVESTIGATION

Election Frauds and Efforts to Trace Down Guilty in Same Leads to Unique Situation—All Arises Over Alleged Effort on Part of Heinze Men to 'Import' Voters Into the County During the Elections Held in November.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Forsyth, Dec. 8.—Rosebud county has the unique distinction of paying its entire board of county commissioners and the clerk of the board in jail. They are there on the order of Roderick McKrae, justice of the peace, for contempt of court. The justice committed them Saturday, imposing a fine of \$100 each for each of the commissioners and \$50 for the clerk, and sentencing all hands to stay in jail 24 hours. The sentence is prolonged for non-payment of the fine, but strenuous efforts are being made to get the men out on a habeas corpus. Judge Lewis of the district court is at Miles City and the habeas corpus proceedings were begun before him today.

The situation is the result of a bold attempt to prevent cases of election frauds coming up for preliminary examination. The chairman of the board of commissioners is Thomas Alexander, who is the business partner of J. S. Hopkins, state senator-elect and a Heinze man. Before Justice McKrae the election cases, charging illegal registration, were to come up. Last week the county commissioners summoned McKrae before them, took his docket away from him and arbitrarily declared the office vacant.

McKrae was advised that the commissioners had exceeded their authority. He went ahead Friday and bound over three of the Heinze "imports," but could not reach two others, who, it is said, have jumped their bail. Of course he had to hold court without a docket. Saturday he demanded his docket of the commissioners. They refused, and hence his judgment against them for contempt.

BACK TO SWEDEN TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

ALL THE SCANDINAVIANS WHO CAN AFFORD GO HOME TO THE FATHERLAND FOR XMAS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The annual exodus from the northwest and middle west of Scandinavians who returned to the motherland for the Christmas holidays is unusually heavy this year. A special train that left Chicago for New York today carried 600 of these excursionists to Norway and Sweden. The train which was elaborately decorated with flags of the United States and of Norway and Sweden, carried a brass band. Practically all of the excursionist will return to the United States and a large number of them have arranged to bring kinsmen with them on the return trip.

Local railroad agents report that while some of the business mentioned in the foregoing Associated Press dispatch came from Montana points little of it originated in Butte. "We have a considerable and a prosperous Scandinavian colony in Butte," said one of the agents this morning, "and some members of it are going to or coming from the old country all the time. There has been no unusual increase in this business of late, but I understand that a considerable Scandinavian travel is taking place this winter from Northern and Eastern Montana where there are many members of the Scandinavian races. They all have participated in the general prosperity that exists in the country and are making trips to the fatherland."

SAY THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN THE FACTS

COMMUNICATION TO SENATE FROM THE PEOPLE OF OKLAHOMA WHO WANT TO BE A STATE.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Washington, Dec. 8.—After routine business in the senate today Mr. Quay (Pennsylvania) sent to the desk and had read the resolutions adopted by the Indian territory executive committee on territorial legislation in opposition to the steeple bill, combining Oklahoma and Indian territory, expressing sympathy for Oklahoma in her efforts to secure statehood, appealing for some form of local self-government, such as is provided for what is known as the Moon bill and denouncing certain people who, it is charged, have misrepresented the desires of the citizens of the Indian territory with regard to joint statehood with Oklahoma.

Mr. Penrose, Pennsylvania, called up the immigration bill.

May Be Several Casualties.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—An explosion at 2 o'clock in the basement of a five-story building at Nos. 62 and 64 Canal street, occupied by the Marshall & Hirschart Machine company and Schneider & Trenkamp Stove company, has enveloped the structure in flames and threatens other property. It is feared that several lives were lost.