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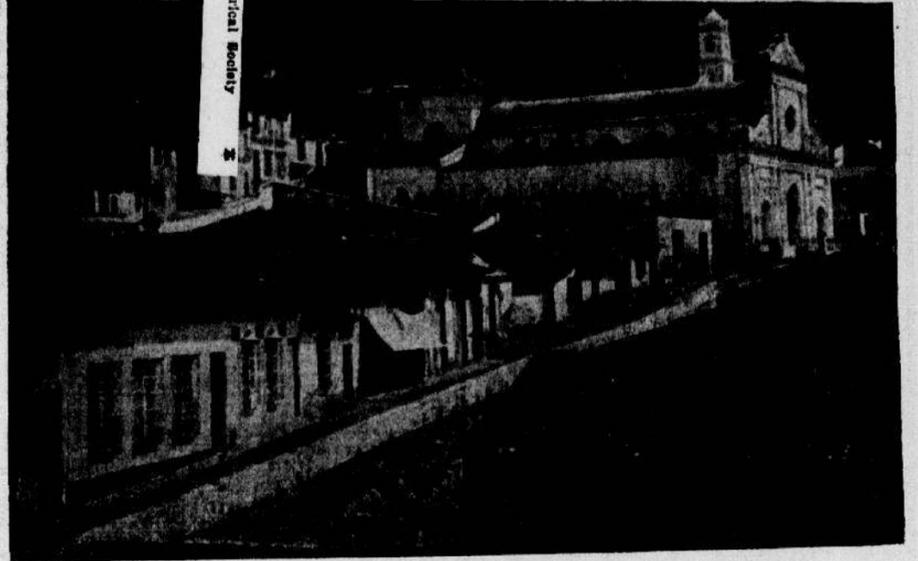
BUTTE, MONTANA, THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 11, 1902.

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BRITISH FLEET SINKS AND CAPTURES CASTRO'S SHIPS



STREET SCENE IN CARACAS, SHOWING CAPITAL ON THE LEFT.



STREET SCENE IN LA GUAYRA, WHERE THE FIGHTING WILL BEGIN.

THOUGH HOSTILITIES HAVE NOT BEEN DECLARED

War Between Germany and Great Britain and Little Venezuela Is On.

ENGLISH WARSHIPS ARE ACTING ON THE OFFENSIVE

House of Commons Has Not Been Officially Informed of Action—All German and British Prisoners Have Been Released—Venezuelan Volunteers Are Arming and Castro Concentrates His Troops at La Guayra.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, Dec. 11.—Minister Bowen at Caracas in a cablegram to the state department today confirms the press reports that all the German and British prisoners have been released.

Situation at La Guayra. La Guayra, Dec. 11.—General Frerer, minister of war, has arrived here with 2,000 troops; 800 men under President Castro's brother are expected here at 10 o'clock.

Only the British cruiser indefatigable is now here. All the other warships have left La Guayra. Minister Haggard and Herr von Pilgrim Baltazzi, it was learned today, left here last night. The former was on board the Retribution and the latter on the Vineta which sailed for Trinidad.

No News in London. London, Dec. 11.—The foreign office at 1 o'clock was without official news from Venezuela. In connection with the reported seizure of the Venezuelan customs the foreign office officials say that arrangements for that step have not been completed. Before any general seizure could occur Germany, Great Britain and other nations would have to come to an agreement for a pro rata division and adjustment of their respective claims similar to that arrived at by the allies in China, except that the La Guayra custom house may possibly have been seized as a purely military measure. Though the seizure of the customs houses will take place eventually it is pointed out that while hostilities are in progress the customs as a fiscal institution are practically valueless.

Two Venezuelan Vessels Sunk. In the house of commons today Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne confirmed the reports of the capture of the Venezuelan vessels at La Guayra and the disablement of a fourth vessel without resistance, and also confirmed the capture of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain, (Continued on Page Three.)

PRESSLEY COULDN'T HAVE INFLICTED WOUND

Physicians Testify on the Stand That It Would Be Impossible for Missoula Man Accused of Wife-Murder to Have Cut His Own Throat in the Manner in Which the Deed Was Done--Box of Pills Containing Belladonna and Morphine Were Found in the Trunk of the Murdered Woman--Pressley Tells His Story.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Missoula, Dec. 11.—Dr. Campau has been on the stand most of the day as one of the star witnesses for the defense in the Pressley murder trial. His testimony was of the strongest in Pressley's favor.

Dr. Campau was the first man to reach the Pressley house after the wounded condition of Mr. and Mrs. Pressley had been discovered. He testified positively that the wound in Pressley's throat could not have been made by the man himself. Dr. Campau declared that it must have been inflicted by someone standing over the wounded man.

Dr. Campau swore that he had found in

Mrs. Pressley's trunk in the house a box of pills which he had analyzed. They contained belladonna and morphine. The doctor declared that Pressley's stupefied condition when found could be traceable only to an opiate such as that contained in the pills. He testified that he believed one of these pills or something of the same nature had been administered to Pressley before the knife wounds were inflicted.

All these points were gone over with great care by the attorneys conducting the examination. Dr. Campau made an excellent witness, his testimony being clear, concise and positive.

Pressley himself was on the stand for several hours yesterday. He said: "On Sunday my wife and myself sat

around the house until 1 o'clock. We then went to the door and she asked me to go and get her some whisky. I went and secured the whisky. I sat on the back step for a while and went in at 6:10 to eat my meal. After eating supper and drinking my coffee I felt drowsy and sleepy. I asked my wife to arrange the bed so I could retire. My wife spread the quilts down at the foot of the bed. I soon went to sleep and thought my wife came to bed with me. Before supper she had stated she intended to kill me. She further stated that she thought more of the man I had discharged than she did of me."

Being questioned in regard to the happenings before retiring, Mr. Pressley said the coffee he drank tasted very peculiar. He also stated that he had tasted something of the same kind since in pills found in Mrs. Pressley's trunk after her death. The effect upon him was the same as the effect produced after drinking the coffee. A box of pills was shown to the jury as evidence.

Speaking of the tragedy, Mr. Pressley told of awakening and finding himself cut in the neck, and his wife in an unconscious condition. He testified to the subsequent events as told by other witnesses. Being asked to identify the razor produced as evidence in the testimony, Mr. Pressley said he never saw the razor before and it was not his. The witness then denied any complicity in the crime which resulted in the death of Mrs. Pressley.

MORE ELECTION CONTEST PETITIONS ARE TO BE FILED

None of the other election contest cases were filed in the office of the clerk of the district court today. The only reason for the delay is the mechanical proposition of writing the petitions. In each case the petition and statement is very long and it is impossible to perform the labor of writing in a short time.

It is stated that another batch of the contests will be filed tomorrow. The papers are now being prepared in the offices of C. P. Connolly and J. Bruce Kremer.

Several will probably be filed at the same time. The allegations in the petitions will vary somewhat, but in the main the same accusations will be made.

Under the law the candidates who were declared defeated have until December 16 to file contests or petitions for a recount. This gives them five more days in which to take before the courts the question of investigating the allegations of fraud. All of the papers will be filed before the time is up.

Since the talk of contests there has been much discussion as to the procedure in the case of the legislative candidates. The

legislature itself is the judge of the claims of persons to membership in that body, but the legislature cannot take the time to conduct a hearing of the case.

In the present instance the method provided by law will be followed. The petitions will be filed with the clerk of the district court. He will name two justices of the peace, who will hear such testimony as the contestant and the contestee care to introduce regarding the casting and counting of votes.

The justices will prepare a transcript of the testimony. This will be sent to the legislature as the true evidence in the cases and upon it the lawmakers will base

their decision as to the rights of the contestants to sit in their midst.

If the present plans are carried out the contests for all of the legislative offices will be filed at the same time, very likely tomorrow. In each the allegations will be almost the same. It is the intention also to file a contest for every county office, though the last of these will probably not be in much before the time limit is up.

There will be much work for the courts in hearing the election contests. The voluminous petitions filed indicate that many points will be brought out at the hearings and that the testimony pro and con will be very long.

MOTHER OF CLARK HEIR BETTER NOW

MRS. W. A. CLARK, JR., IS NOT SO ILL AS WAS FIRST THOUGHT AND WILL GET ALONG NICELY.

Alarming reports were abroad today regarding the condition of Mrs. William A. Clark, Jr., mother of the new Clark heir born a week ago last Monday. It was said that a high fever had set in and that grave fears were entertained for her recovery.

D. D. Campbell, the attending physician, this afternoon denied the reports, though admitting that last week Mrs. Clark did have a slight fever which caused some uneasiness. When questioned by an Inter Mountain reporter this afternoon he said: "Mrs. Clark today is feeling quite well and strong. There are no complications and she is making an excellent recovery. Her condition can be judged from the fact that we ordered mountain trout for her luncheon today. Her little son is doing remarkably well, is perfectly healthy and a fine little boy."

TWELVE HUNDRED BOYS SEARCHING FOR WOMAN

Wife of Professor of State University at Lawrence, Kansas, Has Disappeared.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 11.—The entire body of 1,200 students of the State university, under the direction of the faculty, began an organized search today for Mrs. Marshall A. Barber, wife of Professor Barber, professor of natural history, who disappeared from her home in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Barber, who had been a sufferer from insomnia, left her home yesterday morning. No alarm was felt at her absence until last night.

Mrs. Barber was a Miss Florence Barrett, daughter of a retired Methodist minister, before her marriage a year ago. She graduated from the Kansas university several years ago.

Minto Will Not Resign.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, Dec. 11.—The Hon. Arthur Elliott, M. P., states that so far as he is aware there is no foundation for the report that his brother, Lord Minto, is about to resign the governor generalship of Canada.

FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES PRESENT BILL TO SENATE

Protest Against Joint Statehood of the Indian Territory With Oklahoma—To Pay for the Strike.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, Dec. 11.—When the senate met today Mr. Quay of Pennsylvania presented resolutions adopted by the five civilized tribes of the Indian territory, protesting against joint statehood with Oklahoma.

A bill was passed allowing consul generals, consuls and commercial agents who are not allowed to trade, actual expenses of office rent not exceeding \$1,800 per annum; also a bill refunding certain tonnage taxes on the steamers Santiago de Cuba, Santiago Cienfuegos and Olinda at the port of New York.

Mr. Allison called up the bill to provide for the payment of the expenses and compensation of the anthracite coal strike commission.

NO EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE CASE

DIVORCE SUIT OF EMMA REID VS. JAMES REID DISMISSED BY THE COURT.

When the divorce suit of Emma Reid against James Reid was called in Judge Clancy's court this morning there was no evidence of a prosecution and the judge ordered it dismissed. The complaint was filed several months ago.

To Rule the Swiss. BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Berne, Dec. 11.—Vice President Deucher was today elected president of the Swiss confederation.

AS IF EACH LITTLE LUMP WERE GOLD THEY FIGHT

Boston Poor, Unable to Get Fuel, Jump Coal Yards and Scramble for Bits.

POLICE AND MOBS HAVE BATTLE IN THE STREETS

Men and Women Tumble Over Each Other in Mad Effort to Steal Black Diamonds From Wagon Driven Through the Crowd and Had the Coal Been Worth Its Weight in Gold, Struggle For It Could Not Have Been Madder.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Boston, Dec. 11.—Hundreds of residents of the North End besieged the entrances to the yard of the Metropolitan Coal company on Causeway street, and at one time there was a small sized riot.

When the officers and yard were opened a crowd was gathered in front of the building, and as soon as the company's men began to arrive these people commenced the liveliest kind of a scramble to get inside. So much trouble was caused by them in their fight for a chance to get through the gates that the Metropolitan employees decided to haul a wagonload of coal in bags out of the yard and distribute from the opposite side of the street in order to draw a part of the crowd away. A large wagon was immediately filled and driven outside.

Hardly had the driver pulled up his horses before the crowd was upon his wagon. Men and women pulled one another and fought for a chance to get at the coal.

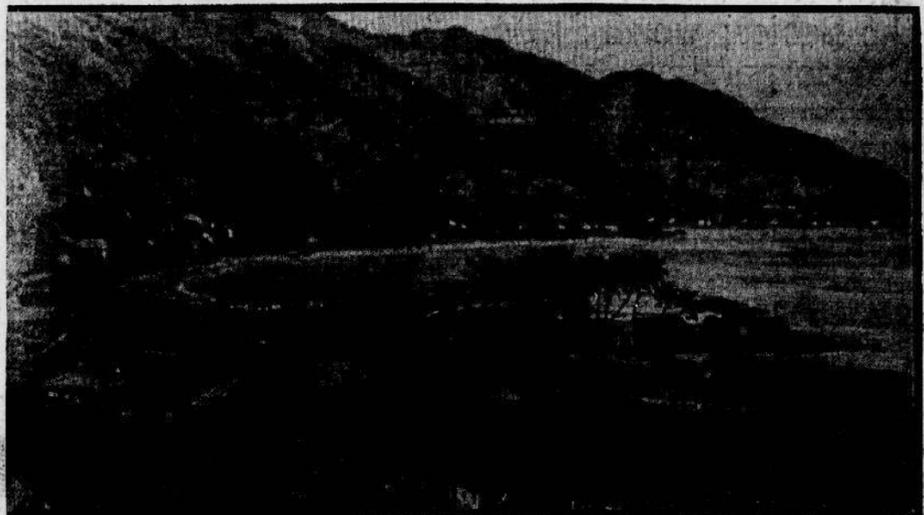
The patrolmen who were on duty at the yard were called upon, and it was only with the greatest difficulty and by using force that they were able to keep the bags from being stolen. One patrolman jumped on the wagon to save the coal and was thrown down and pulled about by the women.

The trouble was checked by the arrival of other patrolmen, and it kept them busy holding down the bags until the wagon was again inside of the gates.

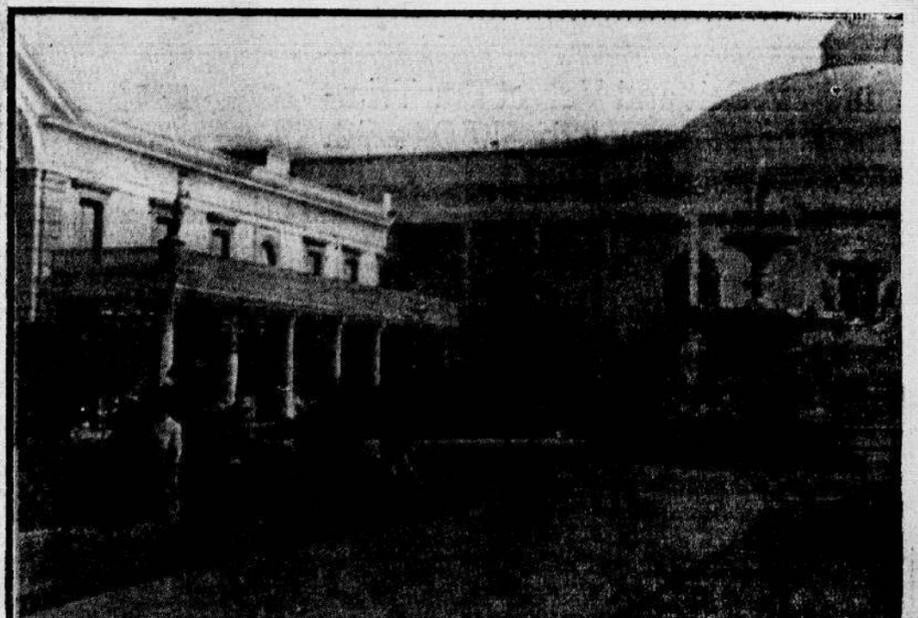
AMERICAN SAILOR IS DEAD

Received Wounds in a Fight With the Police of San Juan, P. R.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 11.—The sailor, Costello of the United States ship Wasp, whom the police shot Monday night in a row between a number of sailors and the police, died today.



THE PORT OF LA GUAYRA, WHERE THE FOREIGN FLEETS ARE ANCHORED.



INTERIOR COURT OF THE CAPITAL OF VENEZUELA AT CARACAS