

VENEZUELAN REBELS ARE ACTIVE

Reply to Castro's Request to Aid Him in Repelling the Foreign Invader by Referring Him to Matos and Are Ready to March Upon Caracas Now and Overthrow the President.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 24.—(By boat from La Guayra.)—The revolutionists strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's request that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring him to General Matos their only chief capable of dealing with the matter.
The rebels have regained courage. The government which signed with them an armistice of 10 days which ends tomorrow, has 3,600 men at Barquisimeto and 2,500 near Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.
The revolutionists have planned a march

on Caracas by three roads. The leaders, Ramos, Antonio Guevara, Urbaneta and Penaloza, with 2,500 men will march via Guitere; Antonio Fernandez, Osio and Crespo Torrez, with 2,500 more have left Camana, and General Kolando, with 2,500 troops, will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucucos.
The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous; attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government's resources have vanished. The president's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists.
General Matos will leave Curacao shortly.

BRITISH ANXIOUS FOR HIM TO ACT

BELIEVE ROOSEVELT IS THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN BE THE ARBITRATOR IN THE CASE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
London, Dec. 24.—The decision of President Roosevelt respecting Venezuelan arbitration has been awaited with keen interest in England.
The cogency of the objections urged by the leading American journals is not denied, but there has been a sincere preference for Mr. Roosevelt as the arbitrator. The old Tory Morning Post proposed the president's name in advance of even the quickwitted German emperor, and the suggestion has been received with a chorus of acclamation by the English press. There are no ulterior motives. This English preference is based upon respect for the president's character and recognition of his unique fitness for the duties of an arbitrator in a case where a guarantee for payment of award is urgently needed, but may be dispensed with, if he consents to act.
The English press is regaining its sobriety of judgment respecting Germany. Mr. Kipling's outbreak is generally condemned and the German emperor is beginning to have something like justice for his evident desire to maintain the friendliest possible relations with the United States. The British solicitude for the maintenance and preservation of the Monroe doctrine seems overwrought when two powerful European governments have virtually recognized it and deliberately nominated the American president as arbitrator.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY CONFINED TO BED

ACUTE ATTACK OF LUMBAGO HAS LAID UP THE HERO OF SAN-TIAGO—NOT SERIOUS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley is ill, suffering from an acute



ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

attack of lumbago. His condition, however, is not at all serious, though the attack will confine him to his bed for a few days.

WANTED.

We would like to ask, through the columns of your paper, if there is any person who has used Green's August Flower for the cure of Indigestion, Dyspepsia and Liver Troubles that has not been cured—and we also mean their results, such as sour stomach, nervous dyspepsia, headaches, despondent feelings, sleeplessness—in fact, any trouble connected with the stomach or liver? This medicine has been sold for many years in all civilized countries, and we wish to correspond with you and send you one of our books free of cost. We have never known of its failing. If so, something more serious is the matter with you. Regular size, 75 cents. At all druggists. G. G. Green, Woodbury, N. J.
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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Butte will be held at the office of said bank in Butte, Montana, on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. The object of the meeting is the election of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
E. B. WEIRICK, Cashier.
Dated Butte, Montana, December 12, 1902.

CHRISTMAS MAIL IS LIGHT

And They Seem to Be Buying as Many Presents as Ever, Too.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Dec. 24.—Not for a long time has there been so light a Christmas mail as there is this season. Last year, the two days before Christmas found the postoffice officials, for people are evidently incoming mail. No extra force has had to be put on since the first of the month, when extra men are always hired.
Why there is comparatively so little mail this year is something of a puzzle to the postoffice officials for people are evidently buying just as much as usual, if not more, and are probably giving as many presents as in preceding years.

AT DEATH'S DOOR HE LIES

While the Commission He Coveted Has Just Been Signed by Odell.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Dec. 24.—A commission as first lieutenant of the Twelfth regiment, national guards, signed by Governor Odell, has been received for Cornelius Vanderbilt by Col. George R. Dyer from Albany.
Mr. Vanderbilt only two days before he was taken ill, passed an exceptionally high examination before the brigade board for the position to which he had been elected from the grade of second lieutenant some weeks previous.
Meet me at the P'ister.

TO COMBINE ALL THE FARMERS

National Society of Equity of America Is to Be Incorporated at Indianapolis Today—Wish to Get the Agriculturists Together and Fix Upon a Price for Foodstuffs They Raise.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—The National Society of Equity of America will be incorporated today. It has been incorporated after months of correspondence between all parts of the country. The objects as stated are:
First—To promote and encourage organization and co-operation among farmers, stockmen, horticulturists, gardeners and men of kindred vocations by the establishment of a national society with branches and local societies as may be necessary to carry out such objects.
Second—To obtain profitably prices for all products of farm and garden and orchard.
Third—To encourage the building and maintenance of elevators, cold storage houses, etc., in the principal market cities, or all the localities where necessary so that farm products may be held for advantageous prices.
Fourth—To encourage prohibition of the adulteration of food and the marketing of the same.
Fifth—To secure legislation in the interest of agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising and gardening.
Sixth—To secure stable rates of transportation.
Seventh—To open up new markets and enlarge old ones.
Eighth—To secure new seeds, grain,

vegetables, etc., from countries and disseminate the same with a view to improving crops and giving a greater variety.
Ninth—To report crops and conditions and make the reports in this and foreign countries so that farmers may operate intelligently in planting and marketing.
Tenth—To encourage the establishment of institutions of learning, so that farmers and their sons and daughters may be educated in scientific farming and for the general advancement of agriculture.
Eleventh—To encourage the improvement of highways.
Twelfth—To encourage the irrigation of land.
Thirteenth—To promote social intercourse.
Fourteenth—To encourage the settlement of disputes without recourse to law.
Fifteenth—To establish similar societies in foreign countries.
The officers are: President, J. A. Everitt, Indianapolis; vice president, S. R. Williams, Fort Worth, Texas; secretary, A. D. McKinney, Indianapolis; treasurer, Hiram W. Miller, Indianapolis; organizer, Sid Conger, Shelbyville, Ind.
President Everitt said last night: "We expect to organize the millions engaged in agriculture. Once the price is fixed the price will remain for the year."
Meet me at the P'ister.

KIPLING'S POEM ON BRITISH AGGRESSION

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
London, Dec. 24.—Rudyard Kipling, in a signed poem in the Times this week, protests strongly against the action of Great Britain and Germany in Venezuela. The poem says:
"The banked oars fell an hundred strong,
And banked and thrashed and ground,
But bitter was the rowers' song
As they brought the war boat round.
"Last night ye swore our voyage was done,
But seaward still we go,
And ye tell us now of a secret vow
Ye have made with an open foe.
"There was never a shame in Christendom
They laid not to our door;
And ye say we must take the winter sea
And sail with them once more.

"Look South—the gale is scarce o'er past
That stripped and laid us down
When we stood forth, but they stood fast,
And prayed to see us down.
"The dead they mocked are scarcely cold
Our wounds are bleeding yet;
And ye tell us now that our strength is sold
To help them press for a debt.
"In sight of peace from the narrow seas
O'er half the world to run
With a cheated crew to league anew
With the Goth and the shameless Hun."
The poem has excited considerable comment in the British press.
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STRETCH HIS NECK TO SECURE A WORD

BUT SLASHED MAN DIES WITHOUT AN ANTE-MORTEM STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS STEPSON.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—In an attempt to relieve the pressure on the brain and restore a dying man to consciousness in order to secure an ante-mortem statement, physicians last night stretched the neck of William F. Hackett, whose throat had been slashed by his stepson in a quarrel at their home. The last effort failed. Hackett died.
The most strenuous efforts were made to rally the dying man for a final interval of consciousness, wherein he might make a statement. The physician adjusted a stretching apparatus to his head, drawing it away from the shoulders. This was done to relieve the pressure of the blood clot on the spinal cord and let the brain revive temporarily. The weights were put on and for hours, the doctors watched for some indications that reason was returning. At times a flicker of life seemed to come to the face, but it faded again before anything had been spoken. Turn by turn, the doctors watched until there was no longer any hope that the patient could be revived.

HOUSE DYNAMITED AND MONEY TAKEN

WHILE FLOYD WAS KILLED AND HIS WIFE AND A SERVANT BADLY HURT—BURGLARS AGAIN.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Manning, W. Va., Dec. 24.—The residence of Robert Floyd, two miles north of here, was blown up by dynamite by robbers last night.
Mr. Floyd was immediately killed and Mrs. Floyd and a servant girl severely injured. The house was demolished. One thousand dollars, which it is said Floyd had in the house, is missing.

TEN ARE SHOT BY ONE FOOL WITH A GUN

Absentminded Gentleman at a Turkey Shoot Pulls the Trigger on a Group of His Friends.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
St. Louis, Dec. 24.—A special to the Republic from Alto Pass, Ill., says 10 men were shot by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Mastin Batson at a turkey shooting match at Phillip creek, four miles west of here. Abe Horton received 23 shots in the head and face and is more seriously wounded than the others. Several shots struck James Brooks, a boy, in the neck, cutting the flesh away almost to the jugular vein.
The others who received less serious injuries in the face were Henry Kraft, Norman Rushing, Harry Briggs, John Burns and John C. Rippes. They were standing 25 yards from Batson when the accident occurred. He was resting his gun on his arm and forgetting it was cocked, pulled the trigger.
Batson will not be arrested.

TO USE 15,000 GOOD MEN

Big Buffalo Concern Receives Its First Consignment of Ore.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Buffalo, Dec. 24.—The Lackawanna Steel company, the largest independent steel manufacturing concern in the world, received its first consignment of ore from upper lake points today.
The arrival of the steamer Moses Taylor, with 6,200 tons of ore, marked the opening of the plant, and was made the occasion for a noisy celebration along the water front.
The Lackawanna company has a capital stock of \$40,000,000, and will employ 15,000 men.
Notice to Stockholders.
Butte, Montana, December 13, 1902.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Silver Bow National Bank of Butte City will be held Tuesday, January 13, 1903, at 4 o'clock p. m. at the banking house of said bank, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.
Respectfully,
FAYETTE HARRINGTON,
Cashier.
Meet me at the P'ister.

FEELING HIS WAY IN THE DARKNESS ON THE CLIFFS

While Below the Sea Roars on the Cruel Rocks, Ancient Lighthouse Keeper Falls Down to His Death.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Capt. John McKenna, keeper of the lighthouse at Lime Point, on the Marin county shore of the Golden Gate, was killed last night by falling over a 20-foot cliff situated near the government property, of which he had charge. He spent the evening in this city and crossed the bay to Sausalito on a late boat. He started to walk the distance to the lighthouse in the dark and his way led alongside a steep embankment at the base of which is a mass of rocks and stones.
He is supposed to have made a misstep in the darkness and to have fallen head-first among the boulders. His skull was badly fractured and death must have resulted almost instantly.

BOY'S PRANK ENDS IN DEATH

Sleep Crashes Into School House and Young Romse Gets His Death.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Dec. 24.—Twelve-year-old Rudolph Romse is dead, at Hamptonburg, says a dispatch to the Herald from Middletown, N. Y., through a companion's prank. Young Romse was coasting down a hill, when John Houston, a schoolmate of his own age, seized him by the leg with the intention of rolling him off the sled and seeing him flounder in the snow.
As young Houston seized Romse's leg, the sled was swerved from its course, crashing into a corner of the schoolhouse and hurling Romse against the building so violently as to cause internal hemorrhage and death.

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BUST OF LINCOLN IN EVERY SCHOOL

UNKNOWN ADMIRER OF HONEST ABE IS GOING TO PUT THEM ALL OVER NEW YORK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Dec. 24.—An anonymous admirer of Abraham Lincoln is going to place busts of the great war president in every public school in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.
The offer was made to the board of education through Commissioner O'Brien and was accepted. Mr. O'Brien would not give the name of the person who is to make the gift. The busts are to be designed by Wilson McDonald, the sculptor, and are to be as large as the bust of Washington in the meeting room of the board of education.
Before being placed in the schools they are to be submitted to three well-known artists as experts.

LITTLE BITS BY TELEGRAPH

Tiny Items of News of the World Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Lewis' Widow Dead.
London, Dec. 24.—The death is announced of Mrs. Lewis, widow of George Henry Lewis.

A Defective Flue.
Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 24.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad has been totally destroyed by fire, which is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

Low Signs Fatal Sheet.
New York, Dec. 24.—Mayor Low has signed the tunnel franchise for the New York and New Jersey company authorizing the commencement of work on the New York side at once.

Reyes Is Out of It.
Mexico City, Dec. 24.—General Reyes, minister of war, has resigned. This is considered a move of far reaching political significance, as it leaves Senator M. Limantour, minister of finance, alone in the race for the presidency of the republic.

Found Not Guilty.
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Benjamin C. Joler, former confidential clerk of the Wear Commission company, and Charles C. McNeill of Sioux City, who have jointly been on trial before Judge Brentana during the last 10 days on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the commission company, were found not guilty by the jury yesterday.

On Our Alaskan Trade.
London, Dec. 24.—F. C. Wade contributes to the Empire Review a good tempered article on the Alaskan-Yukon boundary dispute, presenting the Canadian side of the controversy with ability and fairness, and laying stress upon assertions that the American trade with the Yukon region

Dr. German THE DENTIST, Has Resumed Practice. 114 1-2 NORTH MAIN.

is declining and that the tidewater towns of Skagway and Dyea are not benefited, but ruined by the existing arrangements.

Nothing Doing.
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Every gambler in Juneau, Douglas and Skagway has been indicted this session at Juneau, and as a result not a card has been turned on either side of Gastineau channel for the past two weeks in a gambling game.

For the British Forts.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.—The China Mail liner Moyne, due from Liverpool and the Orient, is bringing considerable naval stores for the Esquimalt station, including a large nine-ton gun for the new battery being established at Signal Hill.

Want to Kill Cuba.
Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 24.—The Michigan Manufacturers' association at a meeting yesterday, adopted a resolution protesting against the ratification of any treaty with Cuba, which reduces the present tariff on sugar.

Isn't to Be Built.
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.—J. R. Warner, storekeeper at Iliamna Bay, Alaska, for the Trans-Alaska company, who is here en route to Iowa to spend the winter, sent the project to build a railroad from Iliamna to Yukon river has been abandoned.

Gray-Hitt Nuptials.
New York, Dec. 24.—The marriage was celebrated in St. Bartholomew's church yesterday of Edna Romyne Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clinton Gray of the New York court of appeals, and John S. Hitt, second secretary of the United States embassy in Berlin and son of Representative Hitt.

They Had Their Nerve.
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 24.—Safe crackers entered the postoffice of Leroy last night and \$1,000 in money, stamps and registered letters were secured. Then proceeding to Saybrook, eight miles north, the robbers demolished the jail, using a telephone pole as a battering ram. The gang then escaped with a stolen horse and buggy.

Divine Sarah Again.
Paris, Dec. 24.—Sarah Bernhardt, playing at her own theater, last night added a fresh branch to her many laurels by the creation of the title role in "The-origine De Mericourt," a new play by Paul Hervu, which deals with the career of a now forgotten woman, who, beginning as a courtesan became a prominent personage during the reign of terror, and ended in a lunatic's cell. The action shifts from Vienna to Paris, and a number of stirring scenes of the revolution are re-nacted with much realism. The play ends in the Salt Petre asylum, where the mad woman evokes the phantoms of the celebrities whose heads she saw fall under the guillotine.

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