

Rain tonight; clearing Sunday. Increasing northeasterly, shifting to northwesterly, winds.

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## VENEZUELAN FORCES IN PUERTO CABELLO

### Report of Its Capture by Revolutionists Unfounded.

### WORD FROM COMMANDER NICKELS

### U. S. S. Topeka Sails for Curacao to Secure Coal Supply.

### A GERMAN SHIP ON GUARD

### Inference of Perfect Harmony Between the Two Governments Regarding Affairs of Disrupted Republic—Minister Bowen Reports Effective Blockade at Ciudad Bolivar.

The revolutionists in Venezuela are not in possession of Puerto Cabello. A dispatch from Commander Nickels, of the Topeka, replying to an inquiry from the Navy Department, as to a report that the city is held by the revolutionists, is as follows:

"No, everything is quiet at Puerto Cabello. Will sail for Curacao for coal and supplies tonight. German man-of-war remains here during my absence."

A plain inference to be drawn from the above dispatch is that there is a perfect understanding between the Germans and Americans as to Venezuela, and that each is guarding the interests of the other.

A morning dispatch dated at Berlin would indicate almost the opposite, at least that Germany did not appreciate the liberal policy of this Government.

This morning the arrival of the Topeka at Curacao and of the Cincinnati at La Guaira is reported to the Navy Department.

United States Minister Bowen, at Caracas, has cabled the State Department that he has reliable information that there is no blockade of the ports of Caracas, Ciego Colorado, and Guaira. At Ciudad Bolivar, however, the blockade is effective.

Mr. Bowen reports that the Government troops have shown great courtesy to non-combatants in the Orinoco region and that the revolutionists have been equally magnanimous at Ciudad Bolivar, where food supplies are plenty.

### AGUINALDO MAY COME ON A LECTURE TOUR

### War Department Asked If He Would Be Allowed to Visit United States.

Aguinaldo may come to the United States on a lecture tour. Since his release by the Americans at the time of the promulgation of the amnesty proclamation he has been living quietly in Cavite province, and has been studying the English language to prepare himself for a visit to the United States.

A letter was received at the War Department today from a well-known anti-imperialist, inquiring if Aguinaldo will be permitted to come to this country on a lecture tour. The officials of the War Department are of the opinion that should they desire to do so, they cannot prevent Aguinaldo from visiting the United States, as he was included in the terms of the amnesty proclamation, and has enjoyed absolute freedom since his pardon, July 4.

Without discussing the subject the War Department has replied by inclosing a copy of the amnesty proclamation to the writer to explain Aguinaldo's present status.

### THREE BADLY BURNED IN TENEMENT

### Narrow Escape From Death in New York Fire.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Three people were more or less seriously burned in a fire in the six-story tenement house at 240 Cherry Street shortly before noon today. The fire started in the second floor. The injured:

Sabina Bonarrium, nineteen years old, burned about the body.

Rachel Bonarrium, nine months, burned about the head.

Julius Bonarrium, burned about body. The cause of the fire is unknown. The property damage was small.

### Transport Relief in From Manila.

### The War Department is advised of the arrival of the transport Relief at San Francisco from Manila, Philippine Islands, with the following military passengers: Colonel Hall, Adjutant General's Department; Major McComb, Artillery Corps; Captain Brown, Quartermaster's Department; Captains Swaine and Jackson, First Infantry; Hoyle and Miller, Twenty-sixth Infantry; McCall, Edmondson, Davies, and Branch, and Lieutenant Vose, Medical Department; Cotton, Artillery Corps; Harris, Second Infantry; New, Philippine Scouts; Contract Surgeons Seager, Lindsay, McEvoy, Many, Jackson, Stoney, Sears, Slevens, Porter, Hogue, McSwain, Wyche, Chase, Graham, Minter, and Weisenberg, and fourteen casuals.

### Visiting at Harper's Ferry.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, chief clerk in the office of the United States Attorney for the District, left the city yesterday for Harper's Ferry to visit friends. She for the District, left the city yesterday will return next week.

## WASHINGTON MAN MEETS WITH HORRIBLE DEATH

### Charles Shreve's Mangled Body Found at Railroad Crossing.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Charles Shreve, of Washington, D. C., met with a horrible death about three miles south of here at an early hour this morning.

His mangled remains were found at Delaware and Hudson Railroad crossing, known as the Dry Bridge Crossing. His identity was proved by letters on his person, and the names on his fashionable wearing apparel. A watch, but no money was found on the remains.

Coroner McCarty has instituted an inquest. Shreve is believed to have fallen from, or was struck by one of the midnight trains.

## AUTOMOBILIST UNDER ASSUMED NAME FINED

### A Prominent Official Called Himself "John Brown."

Scorched Down Sixteenth Street and Over Curb into Lafayette Square. Guilty of Trespass.

John Brown was the name on the back of an information filed in the Police Court today charging trespass.

The alleged John Brown forfeited \$5. It is said that if he had appeared in court he would have been recognized as a prominent official of the District of Columbia, and that his name was not John Brown.

The facts surrounding the arrest and forfeiture were ascertained after much prodding. The gentleman is an enthusiastic automobilist. Last night he came down Sixteenth Street at so merry a clip that he could not make the turn into H, and dashed over the curb and sidewalk into Lafayette Park, plowing up flowers, shrubbery and grass, and barely missing collision with several persons seated there for an airing. Luckily neither the machine nor its occupants were damaged, though the accident created quite a stir among residents of the neighborhood.

## WORK ON WHITE HOUSE IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

### New Office Building Roofed, and Inside Taking Shape.

### OLD STAIRCASE DISAPPEARS

### Imposing Stone Steps From Main Floor to Basement Transform the Interior.

### Foundations of a New Terrace Laid on the East Front.

Work on the White House renovation, and the erection of the office building for the use of the President at the west end of the Executive Mansion, is progressing rapidly. The latter structure is now under roof, and the tinners are at work. Next week the interior finishing will be begun.

In the mansion proper the plasterers have finished a large portion of their work on the first floor rooms. At the west end of the building, a new canopy ceiling has been completed in the private dining room, and the ceiling of the enlarged state dining room, adjoining to the south, has been given the whitening coat. The former "Red Corridor" is also undergoing the attention of the plasterers and designers, and a considerable portion of the ceiling has been smoothed. In the great East Room the plasterers have finished the first or rough coat of the ceiling, and are busied elsewhere while this is drying.

Old Staircase Gone.

In the hallway where the stairs formerly led up to the Cabinet room and President's office on the second floor, the old wooden staircase has been entirely removed. In their place have been installed an imposing flight of stone steps running from the main floor to the basement, with niches on either side for statuary. From the end of the main long corridor a balcony-like opening will overlook the staircase. The brilliancy of the scene at the winter receptions can be imagined as one will stand at this point of vantage and see through a doorway the guests passing up and down the steps.

This large hallway readily transforms the Executive Mansion into a residence of the English basement type, leaving the entire main floor free from dangerous draughts in cold weather. While the limitations of the old building prevented the erection of an imposing balustrade, the new staircase will be handsome in its massiveness.

Out of doors laborers and concrete workers have been digging and filling in for the foundations of the new "terrace," which will be the counterpart of the original structure at the west end of the mansion, on which the greenhouse formerly stood. The frame and glass work of those structures has been torn away completely and the terrace there will be restored to what it was originally intended to be.

The new terrace on the east end will be finished off at its extremity by a porte-cochere at the edge of the circular driveway now completed in the rough from Executive Avenue.

## BOY SHOTS MAN WHO WAS BEATING HIS MOTHER

### North Carolina Lad Uses His Gun With Good Effect.

### WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 15.—G. W. Bunday, while unmercifully beating Mrs. E. A. Spires, his boardinghouse keeper, in this city, was shot by her ten-year-old son.

### The wound is not serious, the ball having struck his head and passed around the skull, instead of fracturing it.

### Bunday was drinking, and assaulted the woman with a hatchet, badly wounding her about the head, face, and shoulders.

### It was while he was beating her, the lad shot him. Bunday was bound over to the superior court. Mrs. Spires was sent to the hospital. Her injuries are very serious.

### The brave boy, who probably saved his mother's life by firing the pistol when he did, was commended for his gallantry by the court and dismissed.

### Plot to Assassinate Kaiser.

### BERLIN, Aug. 15.—The police are greatly excited over some unsigned letters which have been found on a criminal in court at Frankfurt. The letters contain information concerning a plot to assassinate the Kaiser during his stay at Hamburg.

## CANDIDATES FEELING STRAIN OF WAITING

### Dismayed by Delay in Naming Commissioner.

### ANXIOUS FOR A SETTLEMENT

No Credence Placed in Mention of Secretary Cortelyou's Name as Taking Sides or Seeking Information Secretly—Marylanders May Take a Hand.

Interest in the filling of the vacant District Commissionership continues in an unabated, though somewhat fretful, manner, as the friends of the candidates anxiously await the decision which all confidently expect will bring success to the man they favor.

The uncertainty attending the whole situation has occasioned unrest among all those concerned, as they realize the probable futility of further efforts at this late date. It is safe to predict that the end of the contest, no matter who is chosen, will be greeted with a considerable feeling of satisfaction that the incident is closed.

Taking No Part in Contest.

The mention of Secretary Cortelyou's name as one who is participating in the struggle between the rival candidates is thoroughly discredited by those acquainted with his record as the President's right hand man. His position on every matter of official business, whether of slight or great importance, is known to be a strictly impartial one, and the present instance is no exception.

Mr. Cortelyou's presence in Washington at the present time is in a private capacity and entirely in connection with the arrangements for the President's coming trips to New England and later to the Northwest. Mr. Loeb, at Oyster Bay, is "acting secretary," and is in charge of all official business now before the President. Those in a position to know feel assured that Mr. Cortelyou is not only taking no part in the contest personally but that he has not been deputed by the President to make any inquiry whatever concerning any candidates.

## The Maryland Rumor

### A Rumor has Gained Circulation to the Effect that the Maryland Republicans have Taken a Hand in the Contest, and Intended to be.

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## SUITS FILED AGAINST FORTY RAILWAY LINES

### Interstate Commerce Commission Begins Fight.

### DISCRIMINATION IS ALLEGED

Wilmington Paying More for Freight Than Norfolk and Richmond—Nearly Every Company in the South and Mississippi Valley Defendant.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today filed its suits in the United States Court at Wilmington, N. C., against forty railroads, to compel them to respect the order of the Commission preventing discrimination against Wilmington, in favor of Norfolk and Richmond.

The suit grows out of proceedings brought by the Wilmington Tariff Association before the Commission to prevent such discrimination. Rates from St. Louis, Chicago, East St. Louis, and other Western points were much lower to Norfolk and Richmond than to Wilmington. The Commission sat in Wilmington and took a great deal of evidence in the case. It found that the rates from Cincinnati and Louisville to Norfolk were much lower than those from St. Louis and Chicago to Norfolk.

The rates from Cincinnati and Louisville to Wilmington appeared to be just. It was decided that the basis of rates, from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, and Louisville to Norfolk, and the rates from Cincinnati and Louisville to Wilmington would be a fair basis on which to compute just rates from Chicago and St. Louis to Wilmington. The conclusion of the Commission was as follows:

## Findings of the Commission.

"It is our conclusion that the defendant carriers should cease and desist from maintaining and enforcing the present relations of class rates to Wilmington and Norfolk from St. Louis and East St. Louis and Chicago, and from charging and demanding more than relatively reasonable and just charges to Wilmington from such points of shipment, which are herein found and determined to be 125 per cent of the rates contemporaneously in force from East St. Louis to Norfolk, and which will result from applying relations of rates substantially similar to those in effect from Cincinnati or Louisville to Wilmington and Norfolk.

"The same ruling applies to commodity rates which are greater than would be found upon such percentage basis, and will apply as a limitation upon all commodity rates. Placing the rates upon such percentage basis apparently obviates a specific requirement that the proportional rate to Norfolk or Richmond from St. Louis or Chicago on Wilmington traffic should not exceed the local or straight rate under the official classification from St. Louis or Chicago to Norfolk or Richmond, but if in any instance this may not be the case, the traffic should contain a definite notation to that effect."

On railroads, which include the Southern Railway, the Seaboard Air Line, and the Atlantic Coast Line, and practically every other road of any importance in the Mississippi Valley and the Southern States, ignored the order.

As the Commission has no legal machinery to enforce its order, the matter was taken into the Federal courts. District Attorney Harry Skinner, of Raleigh, N. C., filed a bill in equity today in the United States Court at Wilmington.

## DUKE VLADIMIROVITCH ARRIVES IN CHICAGO

### Says His Visit to the United States is Purely One of Pleasure.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—His royal highness Duke Boris Vladimirovitch, of Russia, arrived in Chicago from Omaha eight hours late. The royal party consists of six Russians, five of whom represent departments of the monarchy.

Conditions of his government the duke declined to discuss or refer to beyond saying that everything was keeping pace with modern progress and that his country was keeping abreast of the times. He declares that his visit to the United States was purely one of pleasure.

The party leaves here Sunday afternoon for Niagara Falls, after which it is intended to pay President Roosevelt a visit at Oyster Bay.

## TO SECURE WATER POWER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Syndicate of New York and Boston Buying Properties.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Aug. 16.—Wallace D. Lovell, representing a syndicate of New York and Boston street railway promoters who now control many lines in southeastern New Hampshire, stated this morning that he had secured a number of valuable water powers in northern New Hampshire.

It is his purpose to develop these water privileges to generate electricity for lighting and heating mountain hotels, and to connect them with the trolley lines. He said these railways would be operated six months in the year.

## The Castellanes Coming.

### PARIS, Aug. 16.—Count and Countess Boni de Castellane will go to America on August 20, the Du Luynes accompanying them as their guests. Count Boni will return to Paris in the autumn, in time for Parliament, but the Countess will remain in America until next January.

## Kossuth Dangerously Ill.

### VIENNA, Aug. 15.—Francis Kossuth, the leader of the extreme left in the Hungarian Chamber of Deputies, is dangerously ill. Kossuth is the son of Louis Kossuth, the famous ex-governor of Hungary.

## GENERAL TORRANCE OFF FOR GETTYSBURG

### Will Hold Religious Service at Battlefield.

### QUARTERS FOR VETERANS

Problem of Accommodation for Poor Soldiers a Serious One—The Government Printing Office—Commissioner Ware Planning a Reception.

Gen. Eli Torrance, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, left the city this afternoon, accompanied by his staff. They go direct to Gettysburg, where they will hold a religious service tomorrow on the famous battlefield. They will return to Washington early Monday morning to conclude their arrangements with the local committee.

This morning the entire staff accompanied Quartermaster General Charles Burrows to the new building of the Government Printing Office, where so many of the veterans will be quartered. Only the three upper floors of that building will be ready in time for the encampment, but a thousand men can be quartered on each of these floors. The entire party were delighted with the building. General Burrows said that he was formerly in the publishing business, but that he had never seen or dreamed of such a printing office.

Lodging the Veterans.

General Burrows further stated that the lodging of the veterans was a most serious proposition. Already 4,000 have applied for free quarters and by the last of September, the time when all applications must be in, it is believed that they will be called upon to provide for at least 10,000 men. It is desired not to resort to tents if possible, as the attendant exposure would seriously affect the old men.

Harrison Dingman, a department commander of the Department of the Potomac, has been appointed a special aide in charge of the housing of the veterans. He will open head-quarters at

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## ENGLAND'S WARSHIPS REVIEWED BY THE KING

### Dressed as an Admiral His Majesty Witnesses the Display.

### THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS

### Cloudless Day, and Maneuvers of Fleet Last Two Hours Amid the Booming of Cannon and Shouts of a Delighted Throng.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The King of England, aboard the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, reviewed England's fleet of warships assembled at Portsmouth this afternoon. Up one line of vessels and down another, four times, passed his majesty's yacht, while in its wake followed the Irene, the Osborn, the Alberta, and the Echantment, bearing the members of Parliament, government officers, representatives of Europe's reigning families, members of the London embassies, and other favored guests.

No Haze Interrupts View.

The weather for the review was of the finest. The morning dawned clear, with a cloudless sky and with not a vestige of haze to interrupt the view from the shore, where the thousands

## GEN. HENRY B. STODDARD ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

### Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of United States.

Gen. Henry Bates Stoddard, of Bryan, Tex., most eminent grand master of the grand encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States, is in Washington for a few days, and officially visited Columbia Commandery, No. 2, yesterday evening. There were present on that occasion, in addition to a large attendance of the members of that commandery, Sir Knights George E. Corson, grand commander of this jurisdiction; Alexander McKenzie, deputy grand commander; Bennett A. Allen, grand captain-general; Harrison Dingman, past grand commander, and representatives from Washington and Potomac commanderies.

Sir Knight Stoddard is the guest of Judge Frank H. Thomas, of Cleveland Park, who is the grand junior warden of the grand encampment.

Funeral of Spiritualist Marsh.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—It has been decided that the funeral of Luther R. Marsh, the spiritualist and one-time prominent lawyer, who died in Middletown, N. Y., yesterday afternoon, will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The body will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Marsh died after an illness of three weeks, at the home of his former spiritualist medium, the late Mrs. Clarissa J. Huyler, where he had lived since he gave up his residence in this city. He was eighty-nine years old.

## UNIQUE METHOD TO AID THE STRIKING MINERS

### Chicago's Workmen to Shower Coins in Transparent Coffers on Labor Day.

### CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—The showering of coins into large transparent coffers for the striking coal miners of the anthracite coal regions will be a unique feature of the Labor Day parade.

Placed in different divisions of the long column of workers and mounted on wagons will be six glass receptacles, each six feet in length, three feet wide and two feet deep. Up from the center of each vessel will be stretched along its entire length a high canvas wall, bearing on either side the appeal: "Help the starving miners."

With this arrangement coins may be thrown from any distance so as to strike the canvas and drop in heaps. Through the glass sides may be seen the piles of money as they rise layer upon layer. To prevent coins from being scattered along the streets, slide-pieces, hopper-shaped, will extend out from the edges to catch the money that glances from the canvas and direct it into the central piles.

When the procession has reached a point opposite the reviewing stand, on the Auditorium Hotel balcony, the shining depositories will be lined up so that the marchers may toss their contributions in as they tramp by.

Major Strong and May Yobe in Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—Major Putnam Bradley Strong and May Yobe arrived at the Hotel Meurice here this morning, and took a suite of private apartments. They refused to see any reporters.

## MITCHELL ARRAIGNS MINE OPERATORS

### THE SAN FRANCISCO COMING TO NORFOLK

### After Repairs She May Be Sent to Central America.

Orders will be issued at the Navy Department within a few days detaching the San Francisco from the European station and sending her to the Norfolk yard for quick repairs. She is now at Havre, France.

It is the intention of the department managers, who may relieve some ship of the North Atlantic squadron needed badly in the Caribbean during the continuation of revolutionary troubles.

## PLEASED WITH ORDER TO CABLE NEWS OF DEATH

### Friends of Enlisted Men Comment Favorably.

### President's Plan Does Away With Unjust Discrimination Against Privates, It is Said.

President Roosevelt's action in re-establishing the system of cable reports of the death of enlisted men is the subject of much favorable comment here today, particularly among the friends of the army's rank and file.

It was the custom up to the disbanding of the volunteer army to report deaths of all ranks in the Philippines by cable. Afterward only death of officers came by wire, while friends and the families of the enlisted men waited in anxiety for at least a month and more often two.

This was felt to be an unjust discrimination against the private, not only in the matter of rank, but against him as a regular opposed to a volunteer. The plea for the change was economy. It is doubtful, however, whether the cost of the extra labor heaped upon the War Department by soldiers' relatives, who have been for months without news from the front, did not more than offset the cable tolls.

## WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 16.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, today openly charged the operators with an intention of creating trouble at some point in this region by opening a washery or colliery, with a view of bringing out the troops and then, under their protection of starting up generally the larger collieries. This move, however, will be met by the miners' organization which will concentrate its power to prevent trouble.

## Operators Seek Trouble.

### President Mitchell spoke of the new plan of the operators without reservation, and declared that the plan of incitation to trouble will signify fail. His said:

"The operators are trying to cause a disturbance of such magnitude as to bring out troops. I have no doubt about the matter. The plan is not a new one. The same thing was done in the Debs strike in Chicago, when the men were employed by the railroad companies to burn cars. I shall meet this plan of the operators. Strictest peace will be the watchword of our men, who will see to it that there must be no violations of the law."

## Will Open the Mines.

The determination of Frederick Warnke, the owner of Duryea washery, to resume operations despite the threatening attitude of the strikers and force the county and State authorities to protect him, will, it is believed by the authorities here, result in the bringing of troops to this region before the end of next week.

Mr. Warnke was this morning hurrying along repairs upon his washery and expects to have it ready for running on Tuesday morning. He says he has the men to work it and the fifteen to twenty guards necessary to patrol it, and that he expects the sheriff to prevent any attack of the mob. If the sheriff can not then be stated he will demand the State troops.

## No Settlement in Sight.

President Mitchell leaves this afternoon. He says his departure is without special significance, and that he is going only to visit his family in Spring Valley. The fact that he had a hasty conference yesterday with the three district presidents and refused to give out the cause of the conference, and his unexpected departure today, arouses again among the strikers the hope that a settlement is close at hand. The operators continue to say they know of no indication of a settlement, unless the mine workers are ready to return to work.

## Sheriffs Guard Property.

DURYEA, Pa., Aug. 16.—No attempt was made this morning to resume operations at the Warnke washery, where four men were wounded in a fight Thursday, and conservative opinion tends to the belief that there will be no resumption until the middle of next week. The washery was practically deserted this morning, but for five deputy sheriffs, who were guarding the property, and a few strikers, who hung around within observing distance in order to note any attempt at beginning work.

## All Trains Watched.

All trains are being watched here and in Pittston, as it is said, that more men will soon be brought here to help open up the Warnke. Fred Warnke's assertion that he intends to start up his washery again despite the failure of Thursday's attempt, gives rise to the belief here that Duryea is to be the focus point in the endeavor of the operators to begin operations. Along this line of belief, and it has not yet been contradicted, it is said that the operators, knowing the violent disposition of the Lithuanians and Slavs here, hope to bring on sufficient trouble to render the calling out of the troops here necessary.

## Troops Not Necessary.

Under the protection of the National Guard the operators would then be able to open all the large collieries in the neighborhood without fear of molestation.

Officers of the miners' organization are going among their fellows today counseling peace. Sheriff Jacobs says that he has the situation well in hand and that he does not think it will be necessary to call the troops unless the foreign element becomes too violent.

## Big Money Involved.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 16.—Orders confirming master's report in the mortgage foreclosure suit of the Central Trust Company against United States Flour Milling Company was filed in chancery today. Eight million dollars were involved. The trust company gets about \$2,000,000 from the sale of the property. State Senator Cronin, as counsel, gets a fee of \$17,000, one of the biggest in the history of the State.

## Says They Are Purposely Trying to Create Trouble.

### WARNKE WASHERY STAYS CLOSED

### Foreign Element Found Difficult to Keep in Line of Peace.

### A CRISIS IS FAST NEARING

### The President of Mine Workers' Union Charges That Same Tactics Were Used in the Debs Strike—Pleads for Peace Among the Strikers as Means of Victory.

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