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THE TROUBLE IN VENEZUELA.

The situation in Venezuela is serious and embarrassing. England has not felt good toward us since the celebrated message of Mr. Cleveland touching the Venezuelan boundary. England was arranging to "swipe" a large block of territory just then and failed signally. Now she seems bent on obtaining money, and whether she will be balked by the United States awaits to be seen.

On this occasion England has gone into a triple alliance. She has associated with her Germany and Italy. To understand the situation we will state that Venezuela has had a rebellion going on, and during the war English, German and Italian interests are said to have suffered.

These powers made a demand each for compensation in damages, and without any arbitration of the claims to ascertain the justice or injustice of them England began to enforce her claim, herself assuming to fix its amount. Germany followed suit, then Italy. To say that the demand has been made and is being enforced much in the manner in which a certain Mr. Jesse James used to enforce his demands on banks and railway trains, is putting it in its proper form.

But it is not so much the few millions these powers are demanding, as their combined determination to make Uncle Sam show his hand, which has brought about this situation. The Monroe Doctrine seems to be understood to mean entirely and totally different things. It is woefully misunderstood we think, whether willfully or from ignorance we cannot say, but the European powers do not seem to want to understand it. The Doctrine is simple, it enunciates one great leading principle, and that is that no European power shall acquire any territory on the western hemisphere she did not own at the date the doctrine was announced.

This does not prevent any of those powers from acquiring money nor from enforcing demands for it upon any of the countries of North or South America. The simultaneous pouncing of these three great powers upon Venezuela, one of the weakest countries of South America, is therefore significant. To us it looks as if it were intended as a warning to Uncle Sam to keep hands off. If he refuses, these three great nations will we suppose, send his navy to the bottom of the sea, just as they sent the few little toy ships owned by Venezuela. They have chosen this occasion and this time to make clear the Monroe Doctrine. They have concluded it is opportune. America has rendered herself persona non grata by her invasion of English and German markets. Italy holds the old grudge of the killing of Italians in New Orleans and squelch the mafia society, and they are all spilling for a chance at us. We are growing too large any way and a reef must be taken in our sails. Since the Spanish war we imagine ourselves somebody they doubtless think, and we must have some of the conceit taken out of us, so now is the chance. Again, they don't feel afraid of him, they are therefore going to do a good many things to strain our patience. True, they entrusted their interests in Venezuela to our Consul, but that was only a smart move to lull us to sleep. It is hardly possible that we will allow them to go too far. Of course the case is one for arbitration, but they seem determined not to allow it to be arbitrated, they have bombarded a town, they have seized and sunken the Venezuelan navy, when in fact they told us they only intended a peaceable blockade. All this has not gone to relieve the situation. Its seriousness is felt in Wall Street, its force has affected the nation, and while it is to be hoped no complications will arise which cannot be settled without disturbing our commerce, still the situation is not reassuring. Mr. Roosevelt is a poor man to deal with such a crisis and the business men know it. Grover Cleveland, as much as we dislike many of his other acts, was sound on this question, and were he in the White House the questions arising would now be in a course of arbitration, instead of where they are.

THE MESSAGE.

"A calm and careful reading of President Roosevelt's message can only excite in the breast of his intelligent friends—those who have loved and admired him in the past—a feeling of pity. Even his political beneficiaries will strain their intellects in indoring it, for, in the language of those strenuous people before whom he loves to pose, it is seven pounds lighter than a straw hat."

The above is all the New York Sun had to say of the recent message of the President. It may be interesting to know that the Sun is one of the most Republican of Republican newspapers in New York, that it is thought to be the most ably edited paper in New York and that it has always been a staunch supporter of the President. To have given voice therefore to the above, and to embody in it all it had to say about the message is a bit of irony the President must have felt if he reads the Sun, as deeply and as keenly as any criticism that could have been made.

We are indebted to Senator Thomas S. Martin for an official copy of the Congressional Directory of the second session of the 57th Congress.

WATTERSON AND GARVIN.

A Minnesota Democratic Journal, the Kimball Graphic says: "Mr. Cleveland labored with New Jersey—and it went Republican. Mr. Bryan delivered scores of speeches in Nebraska and Colorado—and they went Republican. Mr. Hill deluged New York with speech—and it went Republican. Mr. Gorman made a powerful speech in Maryland—and it went Republican. Mr. Col. Watterson carried Kentucky, and a country doctor named Garvin captured the State ticket for the Democrats. For a special ticket for 1904 is Watterson and Garvin."

Strictly speaking, Col. Watterson did not carry Kentucky and Kentucky did not have to carry Col. Watterson, someone unfriendly to Watterson, yesterday. A State goes Democratic that is because of blindness. When it goes Republican that is because of illuminated intellect. Mr. Cleveland had nothing to do with New Jersey's going Republican, and Col. Watterson nothing to do with Kentucky's going Democratic, so those who love Mr. Cleveland think this is said to shield Cleveland by them for it is known that if he had nothing to do with carrying his own State into that column he has had much to do with carrying other States.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature with great promptness and that wisdom which has for some time characterized it, has passed a bill prohibiting children of 12 years and under from working in factories. This will be a great boon to the children as soon as we get any factories for them to work in. In the mean time dear little souls, they can run the streets in idleness, and when the factories are built, which would endanger their precious little lives, they can run in the streets then also.

The body is in a tangle about the length of the holiday recess. Before the day of free passes passed away this tangle was always easily worked out.

Mr. Churchman's automobile bill has passed the Senate. It is said to have been going at the rate of 60 miles an hour when it passed.

Mr. Folks offered a bill to increase taxation to 35 cents on the \$100 for State purposes. It seems impossible for some folks to let well enough alone.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 15. The determination of Senator Beveridge and a little clique of republican senators, of whom he is the mouthpiece, to obstruct the passage of the Omnibus Territorial bill was again made evident on last Thursday when the measure came up for discussion in the Senate. That a considerable majority of the members of the Senate are in opposition to the territories to statehood, in accordance with the pledges of the national platform of both parties is also evident from the tactics which the opposition is adopting and their anxiety to prevent a test vote on the bill. Senator Quay, who is champion of the cause of the territories, has charged the opposition with obstruction measures. Their statement that sufficient time had not been allowed for the discussion of the measure he charged with the statement that the subject had been under discussion for fifty years. Many months ago the House passed the bill and the Senate Territorial Committee had postponed making its report until the last possible moment. In conclusion Mr. Quay said, "If the republican party can lie to the people about one plank in its platform it can lie about all." Finally, however, the Pennsylvania Senator permitted the bill to go over until 2 o'clock today when it will become a regular order of business. It is evident that if the Senate ever gets an opportunity to vote squarely on the measure it will pass by a large majority.

Since the death of Hon. Thomas B. Reed, it has become known that he was in Washington for the purpose of sounding congressional sentiment with a view to his anticipated candidacy as Wall Street's choice in the next national election. Mr. Reed's name should be given into consideration as he should be given to understand that any further evidence of reluctance would be followed by the landing of United States troops on Cuban soil and the entry of United States gunboats into Havana harbor, say these bellicose advisors of the President. Colombia should be treated in the same "hot" spirit of apron. If she does not promptly accept the proposals of Secretary Hay as remuneration for the zone of land through which the canal will pass she should be harassed and made to do it at the fustles of American guns. These same advisors gently but none the less effectively intimate that, with the glory of a few victories behind him, Mr. Roosevelt would become the idol of the American people and nothing could stay his way. Meanwhile, whatever Mr. Roosevelt may himself think of these suggestions it is evident that he is making every effort towards "Preparedness for war" and the general tendency of his administration is bellicose.

A change, almost as ludicrous as it is serious, has taken place in the House in the past week and the chances of defeat and a trial legislation are now nil. No sooner had Representative Jenkins been appointed chairman of the Judiciary Committee than there developed on his part an intense jealousy of Representative Littlefield, whose anti-trust bill had gained him considerable prominence. This jealousy was encouraged by the "conservative" members of the committee and meantime the "conservative" republican senators acquiesced Mr. Jenkins with the fact that no drastic remedy for trust evils would be enacted by them. Now, Mr. Jenkins has appointed a sub-committee to draft a trust bill which shall meet the approval of the Senate, and which means that it shall be ineffectual in accomplishing its pretended purpose as is the famous Sherman law. In this connection it may be said that the prospect of a deadlock in the Senate, as a result of Senator Quay's fight for the admission of the territories, it halted with joy by many republican senators who see therein a prospect of defeating all trust legislation because of "lack of time."

John Bell a student at Washington and Lee University, son of Dr. S. H. Bell, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is improving.

Thirty Thousand Acres. The sale of about 30,000 acres of wild lands in Bath and Highland counties, Va., and in Pocahontas county, Va., has been effected during the past few days through James C. Lightner and H. M. Lockridge, Mr. R. S. Turk, of Staunton, is the purchaser. The land has an abundance of timber and mineral. The Chesapeake and Western railway, it will be remembered, was surveyed some time ago from Staunton, Va., to the head of the Potomac river, in the State of Maryland. The survey ran directly through this land. This being a large tract of land it might be built, and the Highland people are again hugging fast to their old hopes for the railroad. About 25,000 acres of this land was taken from the tract known as the Wilson Survey, which contained in all about 55,000 acres. This takes the largest tract of land for sale in Western Virginia. The remainder of the Wilson tract is the property of Davis & Elkins and Colonel John T. McGraw, of West Virginia, and if the Wilson bill is passed a fight, a lively one, will ensue. They will probably make the light—Richmond Dispatch.

Pocahontas County (W. Va.) Items. A great many lots have been sold by Messrs. Arbogast, Dratton and Mohr, owners of the site of a new town called Barton, between Durbin and Traveler's Repose. Mrs. Russell Silva has been taken to Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment for rheumatism. E. M. Arbogast has positively declined to be a candidate again for the office of Mayor of Marlinton, a position he now holds. A new railroad will be built up Stamping Creek to the head of Cranberry river to remove the lumber from a large tract of land recently purchased by a lumber syndicate at that point. Frank Clemmer and others of Staunton, have recently sold a tract of 1,328 acres on the head of Williams river to E. D. Campbell of Penn., for \$13,200. Hon. Jacob Yost made the sale.

Wild Turkeys Tamed. Garnet Z. and Willie Warner who live in Chestnut Plains on Dry Run, in Pendleton county, marketed 32 tame turkeys here last week, the lot weighing 459 pounds. By nature these turkeys were wild. Two years ago a nest, full of eggs were found in the yard of the Warners. They were taken out under a tame turkey, and by constantly watching and handling the young turkeys they became quite tame. This was the way the Warners came by the stock, and from year to year they keep a few that they may not get out of.

The lot raised this year was very fine, resembling in many particulars the wild variety.—Highland Recorder.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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KILLED ON SIEG'S HILL.

Saul E. Harper Killed There Thursday. Other Accidents at Same Place.

Death of Mr. Saul E. Harper, the young Crabbottom farmer, which occurred near Churchville Thursday evening, was the cause of great sorrow throughout the county. Mr. Harper had gone to Staunton for a load of merchandise, and, while descending the Sieg Hill, just beyond Churchville fell from his wagon and became entangled in the double track in such a way that his head dragged the ground. It is not known whether his team ran or not, but, when found, the animals were at the foot of the hill and the driver, the unfortunate man was not dead, but, passed away soon after being taken to the village. The remains were brought to Crabbottom for interment yesterday.

Mr. Harper was 38 years of age, and was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Grogg, by whom he had six children, four now living. Less than a year ago he was married the second time, his bride being Mrs. Mollie Patterson, nee Arbogast, who also survives him.

The sad death of this young man calls to mind a remarkable fact: During a period of years covering an average life time, although hundreds of heavily freighted wagons have annually gone and returned, braving all the weather conditions known to a rigorous climate, only four serious accidents to teamsters have occurred—two of them being fatal.

PETER WAYBRIGHT'S DEATH. On the 13th of April, 1883, Mr. Peter Waybright, an old and respected citizen, also of Crabbottom, fell from his wagon near Pinckneyville—a suburb of Staunton—and was instantly killed by the wheels passing over his head. The other two cases were those of Messrs. A. J. Terry and A. J. Patterson, both of whom were seriously injured that they were almost unrecognizable. The accidents to these two occurred at different times, on the Sieg Hill, where Mr. Harper was killed yesterday.

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Commissioner's Sale OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

In pursuance of authority vested in the undersigned commissioner by virtue of a decree entered in the circuit court of Augusta county, Virginia, on the 2nd day of December, 1902, in the cause of Irvine, J. O. vs. McCutchan's J. O. heirs, he will proceed to sell in front of the Court House in Staunton, Virginia, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1903, at 12 o'clock M., the following real estate situated in Pastures District, Augusta county, Virginia, to-wit: 1—Tract of 38 acres of land, more or less. 2—Tract of 21 acres of land, more or less. 3—Tract of 33 acres of land, more or less. 4—Tract of 1,007 acres of land, more or less. 5—Tract of 76 acres, 2 roads and 10 poles, more or less, and a tract of road of land, and also the title which J. O. McCutchan had in a tract of 21 acres and 3 roads conveyed to him by the Commonweath; all of the above tracts being mountain land possessed by and to be sold by the lot. TERMS OF SALE—Sufficient cash on day of sale to pay the costs of suit and the residue in three equal installments upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, the purchaser to pay the interest from day of sale at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, waiving the home-pledge exemption, and the title to the property to be retained until the purchase money is paid and the sale is confirmed. CHARLES M. EAST, Commissioner.

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