

Cloudy tonight. Tomorrow fair, colder; fresh southerly winds.

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## "COLONIZATION IS A CHIMERICAL DREAM"

Senator Tillman Declares Plan to Transport Negroes to Our Far Eastern Possessions Is Impracticable.

South Carolinian Believes Expense Would Be Enormous and the People Taxed to Point of Oppression.

Senator Morgan Entertains Hope of Interesting President, War Department and Congress in Scheme.

"It seems we can never get beyond the penetrating stink of this 'Lily White' and 'Black and Tan' business," said Senator Tillman this morning when he read Senator Morgan's plan of utilizing the Philippines for colonizing the negro.

"It is continually popping up in one form or another. First it is giving the negro his rights, then it is eliminating him from politics, with the educational question, and colonization schemes following close in the rear.

"I tell you none of these plans will ever succeed, that is, from the humanitarian point of view, and the American people will insist upon that being taken under consideration. Now, say that the negroes are taken to the Philippines. There will be the cost of transportation to the Pacific Ocean, of the ocean voyage, of the preparation of some temporary habitation until they are able to provide for themselves, and feeding them until they raise, harvest, and market their first crop.

An Enormous Expense. "If this is all the Government intends to do for them, why the item of expense would be something enormous. It would be necessary to tax the people to the point of oppression. No, sir; all such plans are chimerical dreams of the wildest character.

"Now just suppose such a plan is put into practice by the Government. Possibly with hurrahs, camp-meeting fervor, and promises of paradise, 2,000,000 people might be induced to go to the islands, but then you would have 7,000,000 left. The removal of 2,000,000 negroes is not going to solve the problem. The race breeds so fast that the 2,000,000 gap would be filled in no time, and you still have that great expense on the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

"It's too much like the 'forty-acre and mule' scheme that was suggested at the close of the war. Most of the plans are suggested, I believe, as the result of speeches by negroes who have acquired some education and the gift of gab, like Thomas Fortune, for instance, a blow-hard who goes around lecturing in a high-falutin way. Why he has even made talks advising the negroes to arm and assert themselves."

Senator Morgan's Plans. Senator Morgan entertains hopes of interesting President Roosevelt and the War Department in the plan to have all of the negroes in the United States transported to the Philippine Islands, where they may start a colony of their own. It is said that as a result of Senator Morgan's agitation on this subject the President sent a special envoy, Thomas Fortune, a negro, to the Philippines to look over the islands and make an investigation as to conditions.

Senator Morgan has consulted Secretary Root and Governor Taft several times, and is doing everything possible to further the project.

Senator Morgan now purposes to (Continued on Second Page.)

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The southwestern storm, after reaching the mouth of the Ohio River turned sharply to the northward, and is central this morning over the Michigan peninsula with a considerable increase in intensity. The rain and snow attendant upon this storm have reached the Atlantic coast, and continue in the interior, except in the slope region and the southwest where the weather has cleared.

It is decidedly warmer in the Atlantic States and lower lake region with temperatures from 5 degrees to 20 degrees above the seasonal average.

There will be rain tonight on the south Atlantic coast. In the East and South the weather will be generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

It will be colder tonight in the South Atlantic States with frost or freezing temperatures over the East Gulf States, and colder Wednesday in the lower lake region and the Atlantic States.

On the middle Atlantic coast winds will be brisk south to west. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Sandy Hook to Eastport, and on the Great Lakes.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have brisk to high south to west winds and rain to the Grand Banks.

## THE SUN.

Sun sets today ..... 4:39 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow ..... 7:14 a. m.

## TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today ..... 2:56 p. m.  
High tide today ..... 9:02 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow ..... 3:41 a. m.  
High tide tomorrow ..... 9:35 a. m.

## FAIR WEATHER, WITH EIGHT DEGREES' DROP

Bureau Promises Better Conditions for Tomorrow.

## NO INDICATIONS OF SNOW

Rainfall Has Been Severe in Northern States—Telegraphic Communication Interrupted.

"The rain in Washington and farther north will cease tonight and there will be fair weather with a drop of about 8 degrees in temperature. There are no indications of snow whatever around this city at least."

This was the statement made by the Weather Bureau officials this morning. Within the past twenty-four hours rain and snow have fallen in almost every State east of the Mississippi River. About half an inch of rain fell in Washington, and although the clouds hung low and looked forboding, the weather man declared that there would be no snow here for a day or two, anyhow.

The rain which began to fall yesterday afternoon was not heavy, but it was an incessant one. Late yesterday afternoon and last night a thin layer of ice formed on the streets and made walking dangerous. A number of people fell and received slight injuries, but no serious accidents were reported. The temperature in Washington has been about 45 degrees all day. It is said that there will be a fall of about 10 or more degrees in the temperature by tomorrow morning, and that the mercury will dance between the freezing point and 15 degrees above zero.

Although the storm is not severe in Washington, in cities farther north it is doing a great deal of damage. Rain has fallen harder and longer in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York, and in the mountainous sections of these States heavy snows have occurred. Telegraphic communication between Washington and some of the large Northern cities has been retarded because of the rain and accumulation of sleet. Local telephone users were put to great inconvenience throughout the day.

The rivers in Pennsylvania and upper Maryland are swollen and continue to rise.

## NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL OF MRS. GRANT

Gen. Fred D. Grant Speeding Here From Texas.

Until the arrival of Gen. Fred D. Grant Thursday morning, no arrangements for the burial of his mother, Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, will be made.

So overcome with grief are the relatives of the deceased they have considered no plans whatever, except to announce the interment at the side of the husband in the tomb on Riverside Drive, New York. In fact, the hundreds of messages received from friends and acquaintances over the country have remained unopened.

Gen. Fred D. Grant is now speeding homeward as rapidly as the train will carry him. Before he received the news of his mother's death, Adjutant General Corbin wired him a leave of absence, thus forgoing the delay necessary for such permission. Jesse and Ulysses S., Jr., who left California will arrive here Thursday evening.

The members of the family at home, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris and Miss Rosemary Sartoris, are not seen except by intimate friends. Callers and messages are received by friends looking after the household in the long wait for the sons of Mrs. Grant.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay called the Cabinet and members of the diplomatic corps. Floral remembrances were sent by Mrs. John R. McLean, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, Mrs. Richard Townsend, Miss Townsend, Capt. and Mrs. Charles B. Wheeler.

## BEQUEATHS HER DIAMONDS TO A CHURCH

CHATHAM, N. J., Dec. 16.—The will of Mrs. John Gold, of Chatham, has been offered for probate, and in it she bequeaths her diamonds to be turned over to the trustees of the Chatham Episcopal Mission, to be sold by them, and the proceeds devoted to the purchase of a communion service for the church. The bulk of her property she has left to a sister who lives in the West.

## FUEL FAMINE RELIEVED BY RECEIPT OF COAL

Many Cars Unloaded and Delivered This Morning.

## ADDITIONAL TRACKS USED

Rumored That Reading Company Will in Future Sell Product to Highest Bidder.

It was reported in well informed circles today that the Reading Coal and Iron Company will shortly announce the abandonment of their effort to keep the price of coal down, and their coal will hereafter be sold to the highest bidder.

At the offices of the company in this city, knowledge of any contemplated change in prices was denied. Mr. Lounsbury, the agent, was out of the city. He was summoned to Philadelphia this morning, and is not expected to return until tomorrow. The receipts of coal, the clerk in charge said, were normal this morning, but he did not know the exact number of cars reported in.

There was a more general distribution of coal in the city today than has been possible up to the present time. Practically every car of coal within twenty miles of the city was brought in, and is being unloaded as rapidly as men and carts can haul it away.

Before daylight a gang of section men were at work along the tracks of the Pennsylvania system on Maryland and Virginia Avenues removing the fence that has heretofore inclosed the tracks. As rapidly as this was accomplished the loaded cars were placed on the outside tracks and unloading began.

Many Cars in Position. There were probably 150 cars of coal in position by 8 o'clock. Fully 100 of these cars were loaded with bituminous coal from along the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. There are no anthracite mines along that line. There were also many cars from the independent operators of Pennsylvania among those placed, and it is possible to obtain the teams every ton of coal that is on the rails will be unloaded as soon as it reaches Washington.

Another Advance in Price. The increase in the price of coal from the independent operators is already being felt here. Yesterday an advance to \$10.50 on the rails in this city was announced and this morning the prevailing price for premium coal was \$12 a ton. A limited supply of Reading coal is still available at \$7.25 a ton, but it is practically impossible to obtain a pound of it as orders for it for weeks ahead are already in. The advance in the price of soft coal, as announced yesterday by the mine operators along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to \$6.10 on the rails in this city, has caused a corresponding advance in the retail price. This morning the prevailing quotation was \$8.

Prescriptions for Coal. An amusing feature of the situation developed today when in response to repeated tales of sickness and death one of the dealers adopted a rule that in such instances a ton of coal would only be delivered upon the presentation of a physician's certificate. The idea of a prescription of a ton of coal was somewhat novel, but the dealer was quickly relieved of many troublesome importunities.

Cardinal Gibbons Attends Funeral of Deceased Tea and Coffee Merchant.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—The funeral of Cornelius D. Kenny, the tea and coffee merchant, took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the Cathedral, which was crowded with friends and acquaintances. The clergy and religious orders were largely represented.

Cardinal Gibbons occupied his throne throughout the services, and Bishop Alfred A. Curtis was also in the sanctuary. After reciting the prayers for the dead Father Russell paid a tribute to Mr. Kenny's life and character.

The active pallbearers were the following employees of the C. D. Kenny Company: P. J. Kavanagh, George Heber, John Lansdale, John Schliser, J. Edward Carty, M. E. Swing, John Hartman, and A. W. Cressy.

The honorary pallbearers were James Clark, president of the Drovers and Mechanics' Bank; Michael A. Mullin, Hammond Dugan, Rufus Woods, Frederick B. Beacham, J. Frank Dammann, Columbus Shriver, and Dr. Thomas McCree.

The funeral was in Bonnie Brae Cemetery. The funeral was attended by many of the employees of the C. D. Kenny Company. There were also twelve Sisters of Charity present. Mr. Kenny's sister is a member of that order.

The music, which was Gregorian, was "Serenade by the Cathedral choir. Mrs. Kenny sang "O Christe, Salvator," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," with tenor solo by Mrs. Kenny.

Other songs rendered, including "The Church's Lullaby" and "The Church's Lullaby." The choir sang "The Church's Lullaby" and "The Church's Lullaby."

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## SECRETARY HAY HAS CUBAN TREATY

The Document Presented at State Department Today by Gen. Tasker H. Bliss.

## TO GO BEFORE SENATE

Instrument Said to Provide for 20 Per Cent. Reduction on Certain Articles.

The Cuban reciprocity commercial treaty which was signed in Havana last Thursday was this morning handed to Secretary of State Hay by Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., who was instrumental in obtaining the approval of Cuba to the treaty.

General Bliss, when seen by a representative of The Times, was not willing to make any definite statement as to the details of the treaty, but it is known that it is practically the same as formerly objected to by Cuba when the negotiations were being conducted in this city between the Cuban minister to the United States and Secretary Hay.

"I had to work extremely hard," General Bliss said today, "in getting the signatures of the Cuban officials to the treaty, but finally persuaded the secretary of state and the secretary of the treasury of Cuba to sign for their government."

"The agreement can be put in force at once without further action in this city by Minister Quesada. The State Department officials think the matter has been settled as far as obtaining the approval of Cuba is concerned, and the next step will be action on the part of the United States Senate."

"The instrument provides for certain reductions on the goods of both countries involved."

As the treaty has not yet been submitted to the Senate, it would not be correct to say that it is known, however, that generally speaking, it may be said to provide for a 20 per cent reduction on the tariff charges on Cuban products entering the United States and a similar reduction on American goods going to Cuba.

## APPEALS FOR MONEY TO FIGHT THE TRUSTS

Mr. Hepburn Argues in Behalf of His Bill.

Representative Hepburn appeared before the subcommittee on anti-trust legislation of the House Judiciary Committee this morning in regard to his bill providing for the appropriation of \$500,000 to enable the Attorney General to conduct his prosecutions under the Sherman act.

Mr. Hepburn said he believed there was sufficient legislation at present to curb the evil tendencies of the trusts, and the problem was to secure evidence. To do this money was required by the Attorney General.

It was almost impossible, Mr. Hepburn said, to secure such evidence and it was usually only when the parties to a corporation agreement fell out that the Attorney General was able to gather testimony which could be used. He cited the operations of the meat trust, also various violations of the interstate commerce laws, to support his contention.

Mr. Overstreet, of the committee, asked Mr. Hepburn if he considered the appropriation a continuous remedy, to which he replied that it was not, but was merely designed to relieve the present emergency.

Mr. Hepburn said he had supposed the only way to reach trusts was through the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution or by taxation. He said he knew there would be objections to putting in the hands of any officer a large sum of money, and for that reason in his bill he had inserted limitations.

## COLONEL MOSBY HERE FOR A SHORT STAY

Will Return to Nebraska in Short Time to Prosecute Land Cases.

Col. John S. Mosby, special agent of the Interior Department, who has been investigating land frauds in Nebraska, arrived in Washington last night and will remain here several days attending to matters in the office of the land claims office.

He has not been recalled, but completed his work before the grand jury and will return to Nebraska the latter part of the week. It is announced at the Interior Department this morning that violations regarding fences on public lands will be vigorously prosecuted, and Colonel Mosby will continue the work of securing evidence and pushing prosecutions.

## ENGLAND HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT TO ARBITRATE

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today in regard to Venezuelan affairs, Viscount Curzon, parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, said no attempt had been made to refer the matter in dispute with this country to arbitration.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY'S FAST WEST INDIAN FLEET TO WATCH THE ENGLISH AND GERMAN SHIPS

DR. HERRAN CONFERS WITH SECRETARY HAY

Empowered to Continue Canal Negotiations.

SITUATION IS PROMISING

Charge d'Affaires of Colombian Legation Vested by His Government With Full Authority to Act.

Dr. Herran, charge d'affaires of the Colombian legation, had a short conference with Secretary Hay this morning regarding the continuance of negotiations with this country for a canal treaty. Dr. Herran explained to a Washington Times reporter that the Colombian government has empowered him to continue the negotiations. The Colombian government informed Minister Hart at Bogota of Mr. Herran's authority, and this information was communicated to Secretary Hay.

"Negotiations are now in progress," said Mr. Herran, "and pending their conclusion I cannot talk about the situation, but it looks very promising."

Concha Returning. Dr. Herran volunteered the information that Mr. Concha is returning to Colombia, having sailed on the Altic from New York Saturday. The fact that Mr. Concha has left this country for Colombia, together with the knowledge that Dr. Herran has been authorized to proceed with the canal negotiations, is accepted here as a sure indication that the Colombian minister has been recalled, and that in the near future Dr. Herran will be announced as his successor.

Speaking of the report that Colombia and Nicaragua are on the verge of war, he said: "That cannot be, because Colombia has withdrawn 5,000 troops from the Isthmus to the interior, and she would never do that if war with Nicaragua threatened, besides the army is being reduced, and has already been cut down from nearly 100,000 to 50,000. I certainly have had no reports from Colombia indicating any probable trouble with Nicaragua."

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Another move in the fight of the packers against the temporary injunction secured by the United States prohibiting them from combining in restraint of trade and from uniting to manipulate prices of cattle and dressed beef, was begun today in Judge Grosscup's court.

Arguments were heard on the demurrer filed by the packers to the bill of injunction submitted by the Government in May. Points of law are chiefly involved, and the evidence against the packers will not be brought out at this hearing.

If the demurrer is overruled, it is probable that the attorneys for the packers will fail to answer the bill, and will allow a decree to be entered against them. This would give them an opportunity to appeal the case, and carry it up to the United States Court of Appeals for a hearing of the evidence, and for the real contest on the basis of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Should the demurrer be sustained the Government would have an opportunity to amend the facts.

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Evans looks for a reduction of 25 per cent in the export business. At the German consulate figures were obtained showing that the packers' exports to Germany for ten months of this year have been 150,545,975 pounds, valued at \$14,429,572.

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## ANOTHER MOVE IN BEEF TRUST FIGHT

Hearing on Demurrer Filed by Packers.

ARGUING CASE IN COURT

Packers, if They Lose Issue, to Carry Case Higher—Points of Law Involved.

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## New Orders From Navy Department Seem to Have a Most Significant Bearing on South American Situation.

Not Probable That Squadron Will Be Sent Direct to La Guaira for Fear of Friction With the European Powers.

Likely That Strong Force Will Spend Christmas Holiday Season From December 19 to 29 at Trinidad.

A change has been made in the arrangements of the Navy Department to provide for a distribution of the ships of Admiral Dewey's West Indian fleet during the Christmas recreation period. This change may be regarded as having a significant bearing on the Venezuelan situation.

The understanding that Admiral Dewey would determine the program of distribution for the holidays will not be carried into effect, the department having decided to direct the distribution itself.

It was learned at the department today that a telegram would be sent to Admiral Dewey in the next few days telling him where to send each contingent of his fleet for the holiday period.

Truth in Reports. This indicates that there is truth in the reports that the Administration is considering the advisability of sending war vessels to Venezuela and its vicinity.

From what is known, however, it is not probable that a squadron will be sent to La Guaira, as that might cause friction with Germany and England, but it is likely that a strong force will be ordered to spend the holiday season, which will extend from December 19 to December 29, at Trinidad or some other place within short sailing distance of the Venezuela coast.

CABINET DISCUSSES VENEZUELAN TROUBLE

All interest here today in the Venezuelan situation centers in the Cabinet meeting which assembled at 11 o'clock. Secretary Hay went to the executive office with a portfolio full of papers concerning the condition of affairs in the perturbed republic.

In spite of the feeling here that the allies have gone too far in their coercive measures against Venezuela, the opinion prevails in official circles that the President and his advisers will decide at today's conference that no occasion has yet arisen for the interposition of this Government.

The President is understood to be of that opinion, but as some of his advisers are inclined to think that Germany and England should be asked to explain certain operations by their naval forces, in apparent violation of the assurances given to the United States as to the character and scope of the coercion to be applied, he may be persuaded to take some action.

It seems to be assured, however, that should he authorize the sending of representations to Berlin and London, the ostentatious wedge will be a mild form of inquiry.

The interference of the United States is regarded as a delicate matter that must be undertaken with the greatest caution, and so managed as not to give offense to Germany and England, if such a thing is possible.

The States Department is without news from Venezuela today. The latest dispatches from Minister Bowen came yesterday morning.

BRITISH CONSTRUCTING REDOUBTS IN SAN FELICO

PARIS, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the "Matin" from Caracas of yesterday's date says the British are constructing redoubts in San Felico. All is quiet at La Guaira. The troops have been withdrawn from the town and posted in the surrounding mountains.