

THE DAY'S SUMMARY.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, December 23.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Fair Wednesday and Thursday with colder weather in the interior; fresh north to east winds, becoming variable.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. December 23, 1902. Sun rises 7:24. Moon sets 12:14. High tide 4:56. Low tide 12:43.

RICHMOND.

President L. T. Myers appointed receiver of the W. R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company reorganization to be effected. Local banks felt no uneasiness, and are protected against any danger.

VIRGINIA.

The Little Massie blows up in Elizabeth City, three killed and several badly injured. John C. Horn, victim of the Newport News "sweat-box," was cruelly gagged yesterday because he refused to work in the chain-gang.

GENERAL.

New York stock market closes lower, but declines is gradual and in good order. Trading very dull on Chicago grain pits easier. Fifty thousand dollar fire in Hickory, N. C., destroying operation in New York City.

ATTACKED BY A HORSE.

Manover Trucker Has His Skull Fractured—Condition Serious. Harry Brown, a negro trucker from Manover county, met with a most remarkable accident yesterday afternoon, which may result fatally.

SIGMA ALPHA EPISILON.

Monument to Be Erected Over Grave of Order's Founder. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 23.—The final session of the biennial convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was held here to-day.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS.

A Board of Arbitrators, if He Undertakes Venezuelan Charge.

THE FAMOUS CALVO DOCTRINE

This Will Be Crucial Point of the Arbitration.

CABINET VIEWS ON SITUATION

Objection to Referring Matter to Hague Tribunal—Opposition to Submitting the Monroe Doctrine to the Arbitration of Any Non-American Tribunal—Conviction That an Inordinate Length of Time Will Be Consumed if Issue is Taken Before the Hague Court—Important Communication from Lord Lansdowne on British View.

WASHINGTON, December 23.—The Cabinet spent the entire time of the meeting to-day in the discussion of the Venezuelan situation. Views for and against the President's acceptance of the invitation to arbitrate were discussed.

Secretary Hay brought to the meeting practically nothing new relating to the situation. No response had been received to the President's original suggestion to the Powers that they consent to the reference of the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal.

Board of Arbitrators.

It is understood that the President's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a Board of Arbitrators. It is stated that the crucial point to come before the arbitration is the famous "Calvo doctrine." This doctrine, which was laid down by the great of Latin-American international lawyers, and for many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects, where the courts of the country are open to his application for justice.

Cabinet Views.

It is known that now some members of the Cabinet are opposed to referring the matter to The Hague tribunal for these reasons: In the first place, they do not desire to submit the Monroe doctrine to the arbitration of any non-American tribunal, not even excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague. They very much prefer that if the dispute is to be the subject of arbitration, it should be brought in incidentally, American influences shall pass upon it.

Britain's Position.

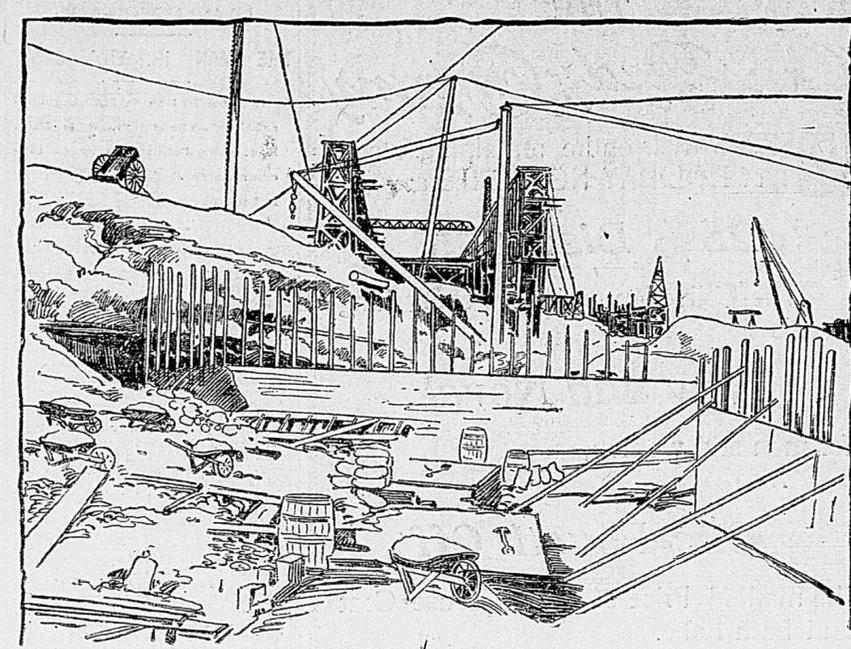
LONDON, December 23.—An important view of the British cabinet in connection with the Venezuelan dispute, was made by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. White, this evening. It was transmitted immediately to Lord Lansdowne.

Red D Line Steamer Stopped.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, December 23.—The Red D Line steamer Caracas safely entered the harbor at LaGuayra at 8 o'clock this morning. The mail, freight and passengers of the Caracas were landed at 10 o'clock.

Protests Effective.

Mr. Boulton, of Boulton & Co., agents of the line, and all the foreign merchants, entered protests against the Italian commander's decision. Meanwhile Lieutenant-Commander Diehl of the Marletta, after an hour's conference with the Italian commander, succeeded in convincing him he was wrong in his interpretation of the blockade decrees, and finally the captain of the Giovanni Bausan assured Lieutenant-Commander Diehl that the Caracas would not be allowed to enter the port of LaGuayra without hindrance.



"The launching basin is in a few days of completion, and work on it will not be stopped," said Mr. L. T. Myers, receiver of the Trigg yards, last night. The view shown above is from a photograph taken by a Dispatch artist about two months ago, when the work was not so far advanced.

TRIGG SHIP-YARDS SAFE.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS IN COURT CONTRACTS ON HAND.

Mr. Myers, the Receiver, Says Work Will Not Be Curtailed in Any Department. Receivership Precipitated by a Number of Anxious Supply Creditors of the Concern. Work Enough to Keep Force of 1,500 Busy Until the Latter Part of Next Spring.

Summary.

The W. R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company was placed in the hands of a receiver early yesterday afternoon. Mr. L. T. Myers, vice-president and acting president, was named as receiver by Judge Grinnan, in the Chancery Court of Richmond.

Last night, a few hours after he had been appointed receiver for the W. R. Trigg Company, Mr. Lillburn T. Myers gave to the press the following typewritten statement: "The principal cause of the company's embarrassment, which, however, we hope is only temporary, is the loss sustained on the contract for torpedo-boats and destroyers, which, from causes beyond the company's control, amounted to a very large figure.

Million First Mortgage. The Trigg has outstanding \$1,000,000 first mortgage bonds, placed with the Commercial Trust Company of Philadelphia on June 1, 1901, maturing in June, 1921. This issue consists of 1,000 bonds of \$1,000 each, at 5 per cent. The second mortgage bonds, amounting to \$1,000,000, were executed to the Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company of this city, as trustee.

Amount Invested. "The amount of money which has been invested in real estate, buildings, and machinery is about \$1,500,000, and the plant has been pronounced by experts one of the best equipped in the United States. "The company has outstanding \$1,000,000 each of first and second mortgage bonds, \$750,000 of preferred stock, and \$1,150,000 of common stock, which is widely distributed, the larger portion of all being held in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington.

No Curtailment of Work. "In the meantime no curtailment of the work in any of the departments is contemplated. "A meeting of a large portion of the non-resident creditors has already been held, and a committee appointed to act in sympathy with the reorganization plan. The chairman of this committee, Mr. R. G. Bickford, representing over eighty per cent of all the creditors, is in town, and a meeting of all Richmond creditors has been called at the company's office, at 11 o'clock A. M. Wednesday (to-day), when Mr. Bickford and the officers of the company will make a full statement of the company's affairs. It is hoped and believed that with such a large percentage of the creditors already in favor of a reorganization, it can be promptly effected, and the receiver dismissed, leaving the company in a stronger position than ever before in its history.

List of Liens Filed. Creditors who have filed liens for supply (CONTINUED ON SEVENTH PAGE.)

NO PAPER FRIDAY. The employees of the Dispatch will be given holiday to-morrow. Therefore, we shall issue no paper Friday morning.

LASHED WITH A WHIP. More Punishment For J. G. Horn, the "Sweat-Box" Victim. PRISONER CLAIMED TO BE ILL. And Refused to Work on the Newport News Chain-gang. A KIND MINISTER INTERFERED. The Ill-Used Man Was Finally Released on a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Will Institute Suit Against the Town—Lawyers Have Been Engaged—Screams of the Man Could Be Heard a Considerable Distance While He Was Being Flogged—The Lash Drew Blood and Made Great Welts—An Official Investigation to Follow.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 23. (Special.)—John G. Horn, the printer, who was arrested soon after his arrival in the city, incarcerated in jail, put in the chain-gang, thrust into a sweat-box, and forgotten for seven hours until he almost died, had another eventful day, in which a thrashing with a black-snake whip and subsequently his liberty on habeas corpus proceedings figured. The next step will be a suit against the city for damages, lawyers having been engaged to assist him in his action.

He Showed Grit. Again this morning Horn refused to go out on the street to work with the chain-gang, claiming to be ill and at the same time protesting his innocence of any crime. He was warned by Superintendent of Streets Morris that he would be flogged this time if he did not go to work. The man had plenty of grit and quietly refused to do as ordered. The lash was laid ten times across his bare back, the whip raising big welts and bringing the blood. Superintendent Morris directed the procedure and Guard Edwards applied the lash.

Could Hear Him from Afar. The man's screams could be heard for some distance. Councilman Frankfort and others protested against such brutal punishment, but there was no discontinuance of the blows, and the prisoner was told that unless he went to work in the afternoon, he would be given fifteen more stripes on his back. During the thrashing, Horn's hands were cuffed and tied above his head.

The Minister Helped Him. In the meantime the Rev. T. Benton Hill learned of the action of the Superintendent of Streets and applied for a writ of habeas corpus, the action being brought in his name by Captain C. C. Berkeley and G. H. McAllister, attorneys. Judge Morris granted the writ and Horn was released. He was in conference with his attorneys all the afternoon, and it is stated that he will enter suit on the ground that he was illegally detained by the city and forced to work with the chain-gang. The plea will also be offered that Horn was a State prisoner, and the city had no right to use him.

Local Banks Not Affected. One of the leading financiers of the city said last night, in speaking of the receivership: "Considering the vast banking capital of Richmond and the magnitude of this enterprise, the Richmond banking institutions hold very few claims against the shipbuilding company. It is astounding how little it owes local banks. I am in position to say that the indebtedness to Richmond institutions is not one-third of what is due Northern creditors. "As to what is due here, the Richmond banks feel entirely comfortable. Most of it is secured by assignment of contracts, and will be paid from the funds reserved by the government. Therefore, our local institutions are well protected, and cannot suffer appreciably. "The fact is," this gentleman continued, "the Richmond banks have understood all along that the supply and labor claims would be ahead of them for general loans, and have given the Trigg Company no extended line of credit. They have been very conservative and now have no cause for uneasiness."

JUDGMENT AGAINST INSURANCE COMPANIES. One of the Latter a Richmond Company—Alleged Violation of a State Law. KNOXVILLE, TENN., December 23.—In a suit in the Chancery Court at judgment rendered this afternoon, Judge C. G. Davis, against the Orient Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.; the Manchester Insurance Company, of England; and the Phoenix Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, and the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Richmond, Va., for certain amounts of insurance, plus 20 per cent penalty, under a State law which makes it an additional burden on insurance companies unless they settle losses within sixty days' time after a fire. The insurance companies will appeal and attack the constitutionality which makes them liable for the penalty.

OFFICERS USED PISTOLS. Otherwise There Would Have Been Trouble on the Tonnage. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 23. (Special.)—Only a few men on guard on the United States transport Thomas, prevented several soldiers from taking charge of the vessel during her voyage from Manila. The vessel was 1,077 men, who had been selected for discharge because of their incurability. Guarding them was Company H, of the Second Infantry.

DYNAMITE IN GENEVA. Explosion of Bomb Damages Cathedral—Outrage Attributed to Anarchists. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, Dec. 23.—A dynamite cartridge was exploded at the entrance of St. Peter's Cathedral last night. The doorway was damaged, but not seriously. The outrage is supposed to have been perpetrated by an anarchist. The damage, it became known later in the day, was caused by the explosion of a bomb filled with scrap-iron. The explosion was very violent, and except for the clumsy manner in which the bomb was placed, the damage to the cathedral undoubtedly would have been serious. Windows of neighboring houses were shattered, and an inmate of an adjacent house was thrown out of his bed.

MEXICAN CIGARETTE DEALS. American-English Syndicate Purchase Three Large Factories. MEXICO CITY, December 23.—It is now practically assured that the American-English syndicate, which includes London and Chicago, will purchase three large cigarette factories in this city. A deposit of \$20,000 gold, to guarantee the trade, has been made. The companies to be taken over by the Americans are the Buena Vista, with a capital stock of \$1,750,000; the third is a private concern. The total amount of the deal is some \$11,000,000 silver. The purchasing company will be known as the Mexican Tobacco Corporation, and rumor ascribes to the syndicate the purpose of buying up all the important cigarette enterprises in the country. Government action to prevent a total absorption of the industry by foreigners is rumored.

BOY KILLS FARMER. Latter Some Years Ago Killed the Boy's Father. SHERMAN, TEX., December 23.—Everett Fairless, aged 15, to-day shot and killed Thomas Barker, a farmer. Barker some years ago killed the father of young Fairless, and was tried for murder and acquitted. When the killing occurred to-day, Barker was driving to the city with his wife.