

PLAN OF SETTLEMENT

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Secretary Hay's note this morning he had in his desk the summary of the note transmitted from Washington by the Associated Press. CONGRATULATIONS FOR ROOSEVELT.

PARIS, December 27.—Baron D'Estournelles de Constant, the French Deputy who was one of the delegates of France to the international peace conference, and who is a member of the Hague arbitration tribunal, has written a strong congratulatory letter to President Roosevelt on the submission of the Venezuelan arbitration to the Hague court.

Marietta Leaves La Guayra. CARACAS, Dec. 27.—In order to avoid embarrassment through a wrong interpretation being placed on her presence at La Guayra, the United States gunboat Marietta will leave to-morrow for Willemstad, Curacao, where she will remain subject to a call from Minister Bowen.

No Decision as to Blockade. LONDON, December 27.—The foreign office officials say a note from Secretary Hay similar to the notes presented at Rome and Berlin has been received here. Nothing has yet been decided regarding the cessation of the blockade, or the terms of the arbitration protocol.

ARBITRATION PROCEDURE. Our Part That of Good Friend to All Concerned. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 27.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied Powers, Venezuela, and the United States respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies.

ROOSEVELT'S DECLINATION. ROME, Dec. 27.—Ambassador Meyer today presented to the foreign office, President Roosevelt's note on the subject of Venezuelan arbitration. The President says that although he is very gratified at the confidence which the allies have shown in him by choosing him as arbitrator, which position he would have accepted if there were other means of solving the question, he thinks it better to submit the case to the Hague tribunal.

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ONE MAN FATALLY INJURED. Thirteen Persons Less Seriously Hurt. ATLANTA, Ga., December 27.—One white man was fatally injured to-night in the wreck of a College Park blue-line trolley car, which left the track and crashed into a brick building near West End. Several other white people were injured, but not seriously. Six colored passengers also sustained slight injuries. Cannon Forbes, of College Park, was the most seriously hurt, and is believed to be dying. The other white people injured are J. G. Davis, motorman, J. J. Goodrum, College Park, Ware, Atlanta, Edgar P. Cherry, Atlanta, Virgil W. Roberts, East Point, T. B. Eaves, Atlanta, R. M. Wilhott, College Park, D. E. Jones, Atlanta. Body of William Cross Unclaimed. The body of William Cross, the white man who was killed by the trolley car of St. James church, on Fifth street, Friday afternoon, remains at the almshouse unclaimed. The brother of the deceased man viewed the body after which he took his departure, and nothing has been done by the family to prepare it for burial. The body will probably be buried by the city.

Mr. Wesson Improving. Mr. Charles M. Wesson, who has been at the Old Dominion Hospital for several days, by reason of injuries sustained by a bad fall, is recovering and will be out in a comparatively short time.

VERDICT AGAINST GRANT. Coroner's Jury Finds Him Guilty of Murdering Alex. Hogan. Coroner Taylor yesterday held an inquest over the body of Alexander Hogan, the negro who was shot by Lewis Grant Friday afternoon, which resulted in a verdict that Hogan came to his death at the hands of Grant.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. (Chicago Daily News.) Don't try to drown your sorrows in a jug. Dealers who sell bibles say there are great prophets in them. It's a wise clerk who laughs at the proprietor's fool jokes.

Modern Knight. (Puck.) The good knight donned his moleskin pants and a doublet of red velvet. His shoulder cap he padded well. His sword was a rusty cut-throat razor. His sleeveless jacket and his hose, and laced his cleated shoe. "What! Adjust my ankle brace, that I may fearless tread. And belt me round, and settle firm upon my girth, and buckle on my shin guards buckle carefully. And bind my wrists," he said. He took a sack of lemon, straight! He took a sack of lemon, straight! His nose mask tilted to his face. And stood in full array. And breathing joy and liniment. Forth went to join the fray.

A Bears Freak. An extraordinary but well authenticated story of a bear's freak comes from the village of Elmo, Wyo., in the district of Goshute, Russia. The village lies on the fringe of a forest, where it is of frequent occurrence for bears to make prowling excursions both by day and night into the settlements. On Christmas Eve, ten days ago, two young girls, aged, respectively, 5 and 12, were surprised by a huge bear at a short distance from the village. The animal seized and carried off the younger child, while the elder, terror-stricken, fled home and gave the not unusual alarm. Toward sundown, three days later, the bear and her booty were discovered in a dense thicket. The child was perfectly unharmed and reclining in a deep, mossy couch, made for her by the bear. Although naturally delighted to be released from her strange guardianship, the little girl had subsisted fairly well in the nuts and other forest fruits brought to her lair by the bear.

Know His Business. (Chicago News.) After putting her autograph on the hotel register, representing the clerks a package, saying, "Put it in the safe, please; it contains \$10,000 worth of diamonds." "Can't well," replied the general clerk. "I'll see that the safe is robbed in time to get an account of your loss in the morning papers."

A Success. (Life.) Gasman: Well, how does that gas stove work that we put in for you? "You'll find it all right. It's ten minutes after it was lighted there wasn't a trace of oxygen in the room."

ELEGANT AND USEFUL. Cable Company Employees' Present to Manager Corley. The employees of the Cable Company, through a representative committee, presented to Mr. J. G. Corley, the manager of the Cable Company, a handsome gold watch and chain, as a Christmas gift. The gift was accompanied with expressions of good-will from the employees to their superior, which greatly enhanced its value.

The Roberts Family, of Falls City, Neb., are Healthy and Happy—A Rare Sight in These Days. These Days, They Say, "We Think Peruna Is the Greatest Medicine on Earth."

No man is better known in the state of Nebraska than Mr. Carl T. Roberts, contractor and mason. A typical American—active, shrewd and full of business sagacity, he is not only a provider for his family, but a protector. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman he writes, among other things, as follows:

"Our boy, James, had the membranous croup, and after he had recovered he was subject to repeated attacks of lung fever. "Our boy, Charlie, was also subject to attacks of pneumonia and pleurisy. Our third boy, John, was subject to fever and ague (malaria) and liver trouble. "Your remedy, Peruna, cured my boys entirely, and now I have three of the healthiest boys in the State of Nebraska, which I attribute to your medicine. My wife had stomach trouble which Peruna also cured."

SNOW-SLIDE RAZES MINE BUNK-HOUSE. Nine Men Believed to Have Been Killed, and Several Others Injured—Eight Men Uncounted For. UELSON, B. C., December 27.—A snow-slide struck the bunkhouse of the Mollie Gibson mine, ten miles from Lake Kootenay, Christmas night, razing the building. It is believed to have killed nine men and injured several others. The men had retired after holding an impromptu concert. The snowslide came down, crushing the roof and killing the men down the mountain. They were carried from 200 feet to half a mile from the site of the cabin. One man was found in the snow, writing in agony. He died a few moments later. Eight men were taken to the hospital. They are L. E. Eroule, L. M. Hall (assayer), W. R. Murphy, Amstrong; T. Rouse, Silvertown; W. Collins; Nelson; two unknown Italians; George Chip, Chinese cook. Of the men accounted for, J. Campbell is dead; J. M. McLaughlin, shoulder dislocated and leg broken; John A. Bell, arm broken, and a man named McGinnis, slightly hurt.

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