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ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Notwithstanding the persistent and strenuous efforts of President Roosevelt the senate of the United States has declined to accept and ratify the arbitration treaties as originally written and submitted. The senate, reserving to itself the prerogative of the constitution, has amended these treaties, which action President Roosevelt has criticized and declared to be a rejection of the treaties. So be it.

In connection with the proposed ratification of these arbitration treaties was, as pointed out in several articles and editorials in the Caucasian, an insidious conspiracy, involving the collection, through the Hague tribunal, of millions of money, being claims created during the era of reconstruction of the Southern States of the Confederacy and which these States had repudiated as being fraudulent. However, these claims have been aggregated into the hands of a combine of moneyed sharks by whom these fraudulent claims would have been revived and forced to settlement under some of the words and terms of construction of these arbitration treaties.

It is true President Roosevelt has declared that the suspicious aroused was not well founded and that the United States would resent the enforcement of such arbitrary decision, if rendered through the Hague, through which principles of the constitution and the rights of the several States were involved, but no intelligent citizen will concede that the United States could have receded from the endorsement of a compact without, perhaps, becoming involved in complications which would lead to a war with the nations who, with the United States, were bound by the construction and the decision which would evolve from the Hague where the government would have one representative.

As was pointed out by the Caucasian, this insidious conspiracy had been hatched long years ago and its consummation was expected to culminate successfully by degrees. Under the terms and wording of the treaties it would have been possible to have Venezuela one or more of the States of the South in the enforced collection of these fraudulent and repudiated claims. In this contention there was involved the national dignity, a number of national independence, since a court of foreigners, who, perhaps, would have insisted on the pound of flesh, regardless of the effects of the cutting and the blood-letting. Among the prominent men listed in opposition to the ratification of these arbitration treaties was Senator Teller of Colorado, a Northern man who, in intellect, in his sense of national honor and integrity, in his love of country is the equal of the president. These treaties were amended, as they should have been, since through these documents, prepared by the most skillful diplomats in statecraft, there was lurking apparently an insidious menace which doubtless would have led to the most undesirable complication and entanglements with foreign countries.

The action of the United States senate in amending the treaties is commendable in the highest degree.

GORED BY BULL.

Young Man Thrown Down by Animal and Horribly Wounded. St. Paul, Feb. 14.—At an amateur bull fight in the Arena bull ring Sunday afternoon, organized by a number of young Mexican clerks for the benefit of charity, Refugio Hernandez was gored by a bull and may die. The young man was in the act of putting the head of the bull's shoulder in the horn of the bull caught in his clothing and he was thrown to the ground. Before he could rise or his colleagues could attract the attention of the bull away from him, the animal forced him through the groin and inflicted a terrible wound. He was taken to a hospital and the doctors say he will likely die.

ONE HOUR SESSION.

During That Time Considerable Work Done. Austin, Feb. 14.—The house today in session for one hour. The session was held in the afternoon. The session was held in the afternoon. The session was held in the afternoon.

BATTLE HOUSE BLAZE.

Another Hotel and Several Establishments Sustained Losses Also. Mobile, Feb. 14.—The fire starting at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night in the Battle House, Mobile's leading hotel, was under control at daylight Monday morning. The Battle House is a total loss, as are also the following: Commercial hotel, adjoining on Royal street, loss \$30,000; and Graham Printing company, \$30,000; Rosenfeld Tailoring company, \$10,000; Gulf City Pressing club, \$1400; J. C. Hench, tailor, \$5000; John W. Schieble, insurance, \$3000; W. M. Provost, wood and coal, \$500; Galliard, Johnston & Co., wood and coal, \$500.

Many offices on St. Francis street opposite the Battle House were flooded. Chief Price and Fireman Frank McManon were slightly injured during the progress of the fire. The Battle House loss is total; estimated at \$300,000, with insurance of \$150,000. Other losses will foot up \$100,000, partially insured. The origin of the fire has not been placed.

THROWN INTO PANIC.

Fire Causes Excitement Among Sixteen Italian Families. New York, Feb. 14.—Sixteen Italian families, with many small children, were thrown into a panic by a fire early Monday in a five-story tenement house at 267 First avenue in Harlem. The flames, starting in the cellar, worked their way into the four upper stories of the building before they were discovered, cutting off all means of exit for the tenants except they took the fire escapes. Descending to the second story, several panic-stricken women hurled their youngest children to the crowds on the ground. Policemen caught many of the youngsters and carried them to a place of safety. More than 150 persons were made homeless and the tenement was ruined. One woman was reported missing.

GORGES FORMING.

It is Feared Final Breakup Will Be Worst of Years. Cincinnati, Feb. 14.—The sudden drop in temperature brought the river ice to a stand, gorges forming at a number of points. Ice moved slow all day Sunday, crushing everything before it, and the new freeze only postponed what river men believe will be the worst final breakup of the river in many years. The damage is already estimated at from \$100,000 to \$250,000. In addition to the losses already incurred, vessels and other property valued at more than \$500,000 are in serious danger of total destruction. Full crews are on board all steamers and steam is kept up in readiness for whatever may happen. The ice is so heavy that ordinary methods are of slight avail.

FELL SWIFTLY.

A Drop of Twenty-five Degrees in One Hour at Nashville. Nashville, Feb. 14.—Nashville was in the grasp of another blizzard Monday, worse than the one through which she has just passed. The mercury fell twenty-five degrees in one hour Sunday afternoon and Monday morning at 6 o'clock registered 4 degrees above. Sunday night at 7 o'clock snow began to fall and Monday morning the ground was covered to a depth of about three inches. The blizzard was general throughout this section of Tennessee, and dispatches to the Banner said there was great suffering among livestock and losses would be heavy.

HEAVY SNOW AT BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 14.—A heavy snowstorm prevailed here Monday. Up to 8 o'clock two inches had fallen. It is feared all kinds of railroad traffic will be badly hampered. A stiff north wind blew.

WALKED OUT AGAIN.

Two Hundred Wounded Are in the Hospital at Loda. Warsaw, Feb. 14.—Advices from Loda say that a number of men returned work Monday, but that after a couple of hours they again walked out. The situation is quiet.

NO LETTING UP.

Russians Continue to Fire at Portions of Oyama's Army. Tokio, Feb. 14.—Russians continued to bombard portions of Field Marshal Oyama's center and right on Saturday last. They also continue construction of defensive works on their right to the southwest of Yen Tapan, where they are erecting an emplacement for a battery of twenty-four guns.

PURCHASES TWO.

London Times States Russia Has Secured Couple of Vessels. London, Feb. 14.—The Times prints the statement that the Hamburg-American Steamship company's steamship Deutschland, and Hamburg arm to be sold to Russia for \$3,500,000 and \$2,000,000 respectively.

GERMAN STEAMER SEIZED.

Tokyo, Feb. 14.—The German ship Paros, bound for Vladivostok, was seized off Hokkaido. Her cargo consisted of shipbuilding materials and food stuffs.

OLD RIVER MAN DIES.

Memphis, Feb. 14.—Captain James Lee, president of the Lee Line Packet company, and one of the most widely known rivermen south of St. Louis, died at his home here, aged seventy-two. Captain Lee became identified with river interests in 1873 with his father and has been largely engaged in the business since that time.

COLDEST EVER KNOWN IS SURELY SEVERE.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory Have Severest Weather.

FIVE PEOPLE FROZEN.

Numbers of Cattle in the Chickasaw Nation Have Succumbed, and in Western Kansas Gale Stamped Hundreds.

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory were in the strenuous grasp of the most severe cold wave Monday in twenty years. Train service was demoralized. In Oklahoma at different points five persons—negroes and Indians—have been frozen to death. Loss to stock in western Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory has been the greatest in a score of years. The coldest point in Kansas was Salina, where the mercury dropped to 31 degrees below zero. In this city the temperature reported by the weather bureau was 22 below. On the plains of western Kansas hundreds of herds of cattle were stampeded by the fierce gale. In Oklahoma and Indian Territory the weather was the coldest on record, reaching 10 degrees below zero. The supply of coal is short and fear is expressed that many of the poorer Indians will succumb. Cattlemen in the Chickasaw nation report many cattle frozen to death.

The cold wave extended to western Arkansas. Fort Smith reported 8 below zero. Telegraph wires in all directions were demoralized.

EXCHANGED SHOTS.

Burglars and a Citizen Have a Warm Engagement. New York, Feb. 14.—Burglars discovered in a West Thirty-fourth street lunch room early Monday exchanged shots with a citizen who discovered them and after a brief fire on their flight by a patron of the Herald Square hotel, who shot from the window of his room on one of the upper floors and nearly hit a policeman. Among the belated spectators about Herald square the shooting aroused considerable excitement, but the robbers escaped, taking along 28 cents as the result of their venture.

SNOW FOLLOWS RAIN.

Plows Were Necessary in Order to Clear Off Traction Tracks. Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 14.—From midnight to 8 o'clock Monday morning eight inches of snow fell in this city. The snow followed the incessant drizzling rain which continued throughout Sunday and the early hours of Sunday night. This was the heaviest snow experienced here possibly since 1886. Traffic was almost impossible Monday morning and street car schedules deranged. Snow plows were necessary to open tracks on all car lines before traction traffic could be resumed. The damage to wires is slight. The temperature Monday morning at 8 o'clock was above zero.

CHICAGO'S COLDEST.

Blowing Wind From the Northwest Added to the Frigidity. Chicago, Feb. 14.—Monday was the coldest day of the winter in Chicago. At 7 o'clock in the morning the government thermometer recorded 19 degrees below zero, a fall of twenty-three degrees in twelve hours. At 8 p. m. the mercury stood at 18 below. The intense cold was accompanied by a high wind from the northwest. Snow ceased falling early Sunday night and the sky was clear Monday. Street traffic was not interrupted, but incoming trains on steam railroads were from one to nine hours late.

OVERSPREAD COUNTRY.

From Six to Twenty-Six Degrees Below Zero Range of Temperature. Louisville, Feb. 14.—A remarkably severe cold wave overspreads the entire country Monday. The temperatures in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys ranged from 6 to 26 degrees below zero. The snow extended into Arkansas and Northern Texas and east to the Gulf. Rain or snow or both have fallen since Saturday over the entire southern half of the country. The precipitation being closely followed by freezing weather and the cold wave, which has reached as far south as Texas and the lower Mississippi valley.

ICE AT MOBILE.

Monday One of the Worst in History of Southern Alabama. Mobile, Feb. 14.—Following an unusually warm day, early Sunday night rain began falling and heavy winds prevailed. At dawn Monday the thermometer marked 32 and it steadily grew colder. Ice formed on the sidewalks and doorknobs. The day will go on record as one of the worst in the history of this section. There was a slight fall of snow, the first since 1890. Rivers are still booming and on account of high water all trains are out of three. Trains southbound over the Mobile and Ohio have been delayed over the Southern and reached Mobile several hours late.

BROKE ALL RECORDS.

Des Moines, Ia., Reports Twenty-Six Degrees Below on Monday. Des Moines, Feb. 14.—The mercury broke all records here Monday. The thermometer registered 26 below zero after a piercing cold extending over fifty-six hours. Owing to the long duration of extreme and steady cold such suffering is reported in company offices and poor and charitable institutions.

IS SURELY SEVERE.

Third Blizzard the Most Terrible of the Winter.

FEARFUL FRIGIDITY.

At Amarillo, Tex., the Lowest Drop in the Temperature, Ten Degrees Below Zero, Was Recorded Sunday.

Dallas, Feb. 14.—The third and worst blizzard of the winter is prevailing over Texas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. At Amarillo Sunday it was 10 degrees below zero, while at Eagle Pass, in extreme southwest Texas, and at Corpus Christi the weather is the coldest in five years. The minimum at this city Sunday was 7 above zero. There have been heavy losses of stock. Dispatches indicate there will be fully 20 per cent.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory report death from the terrible cold. The blizzard has covered intense suffering. Many persons are out of fuel and the supply in several cities is well exhausted. San Antonio reports snow on Sunday. Advisers from Houston state that in twenty-five dead cattle were seen along the railroad, having been frozen to death. At Galveston, at midnight Sunday night, the mercury had dropped to 22 degrees. At Terrell it went down to 10. Nearly every water pipe was reported frozen in several Texas cities. Reports similar to the foregoing come also from New Mexico and Colorado and from practically every point between here and St. Louis or Kansas City.

Severe delays to traffic have been caused. These are due, not alone to drifts on the railroad tracks, but to sleets of snow, and, in some instances, it has been necessary to operate "double header" trains. Small domestic stock, such as calves and pigs not fully protected, have been frozen to death in considerable numbers in some localities. Birds frozen and still clinging to their perch are not infrequent sights.

ICE GORGES BREAK.

One Steamboat Sinks and Great Number of Barges Torn Loose. Cincinnati, Feb. 14.—Half a million dollars' worth of river property was placed in jeopardy, one steamer was sunk, another carried down the river in the ice 150 barges torn loose and sent down the river and several other steamers seriously damaged Sunday from the breakup of the ice gorges at this point in the Ohio. The gorge at North Bend broke first, causing some damage when the ice in the local harbor passed out. Soon afterwards the gorge at the Lovington waterworks broke, sending tons of ice rushing towards this city. The crews of all boats in the harbor and extra men, who had been employed for the emergency, were on duty all night and a full head of steam was kept up on all steamers.

Denver, Feb. 14.—Reports of intense cold, accompanied in sections by snow-fall, were received at the office of the local weather bureau Sunday night from Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. In southern Colorado and northern New Mexico the worst storm broke Sunday night. In New Mexico patches from Trinidad to Mexico the storm reached the proportions of a blizzard and great damage to stock is reported. Railroad men report the prairies along the line of the Colorado and Southern strewn with the carcasses of dead sheep and cattle.

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SNOW AT MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Feb. 14.—After a brief respite from the rigorous weather conditions that prevailed in this region last week, Memphis Sunday experienced a drop of twenty-five degrees in temperature and tonight the thermometer registers sixteen above, with a cold wind from the north swirling a mantle of snow over the city.

PEACEFUL SABBATH.

There Was Not the Slightest Demonstration at St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—The anticipated renewal of trouble among the workmen Sunday was not realized. Neither strikers nor students made the slightest attempt to demonstrate, and throughout the day the city presented a normal appearance. The emperor's creation of a joint commission of masters and workmen, chosen by themselves, to investigate the causes of discontent among the laborers, has made an exceedingly good impression, being considered definite evidence of the government's purpose to compel some of the rapacious masters who have paid starvation wages, to do justice to their employees.

MORE SHELLING.

Russians Seem to Have Extended Their Defensive Operations. Tokio, Feb. 14.—Japanese Manchurian headquarters telegraphs that a company of Russian soldiers attacked Waitson on Friday and were repulsed. The Russian batteries on the west of the Tat mountain shelled Putsovo on Friday. A company of Russians attacked Luchientun early Saturday morning and were repulsed. The Russian artillery then slowly shelled Luchientun and vicinity. The Russians have continued their defensive works and seem to have extended their right along the railway to Suotangshan, which is about a mile and a quarter east of Mantapu.

BATTLE HOUSE BURNED.

One of the Most Noted Southern Hotels Destroyed by Fire.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 14.—The Battle House, one of the oldest and most noted hotels in the south, caught fire Sunday night and was entirely consumed. The fire broke out on the fifth floor and many of the occupants of rooms on that floor lost all their effects, some of them not having time to get on their clothes. One gentleman, wife and child made their escape down the fire escape to the first story gallery and were taken to a place of safety by firemen.

At 10:40 o'clock fire was discovered in several rooms used for storage purposes over the kitchen in the north wing of the hotel. The indications were that the fire had been burning some time. The cook, who discovered it, lost no time notifying Night Clerk R. L. Cherry, who turned the annunciator connected with a fire alarm in every room. About the same time box 13, at Royal and St. Francis streets, was put up by the police and all the central division from Mobile fire department responded. Notwithstanding the promptness with which the fire department responded and activity they displayed in getting in leads of hose to the building, the fire had taken a firm hold of the northeast wing and defied efforts to subdue it.

Some of the guests on the fifth floor were awakened by the smoke which filled the corridors a moment before the hotel alarm was turned in and they gathered in the corridors shouting fire. The simultaneous alarm, coupled with the shouting of bell boys in all parts of the house, sent without delay from the office, brought out every one of the 147 guests rapidly and the upper stories of the hotel were emptied in five and a half minutes. Too much credit cannot be given Joseph Parks and Bernard Constantino, elevator boys, who stuck to their posts until they were half choked with smoke and Parks had been burned on the face and hands. The four occupants of rooms aroused in the hotel by the smoke were Mr. and W. J. Kilduff of Mobile, who occupied rooms on the fifth floor. They made their escape in their night clothes and barefooted. The occupant of the next room, a drummer from Pennsylvania, ran down the steps into the office without a vestige of clothing on. He was suffering terribly from nervousness and was taken to a drug store for treatment. One of the first incidents to disturb the celebrity with the guests to get out of the upper rooms was the noise of Bridget Collins, a chambermaid, who was suffering from nervousness and had to be removed by force. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of water were being poured into the building, but the fire gradually ate its way along the roof and the fifth story until it went into the extreme south end of the building. At 2:30 Monday morning the fire was not under control, but was still confined to their building, and a down-pour of rain set in. Loss on Battle House will be \$250,000.

OKLAHOMA HORROR.

Father's Head Blown Off, Mother and Daughter Killed, House Set Fire. Guthrie, Feb. 14.—Two miles east of Marshall, this county, James Estes, becoming a maniac, attempted to kill his son, who escaped, killed his wife and daughter, the latter twenty years old, set his house on fire and blew his head off with a gun. Waking up Lawrence, the son, saw his father standing over him with a lighted lamp in one hand and a stick of stowewood in the other. The son knocked his father backward. The latter ran, yelling: "Don't you follow me or I'll kill you." Going into his sister's room he found her bleeding and dying. He found his mother dead in her room. The father ran through the house scattering hot coals. Young Est ran to a neighbor's for help. As he left the house he saw his father throw the lamp in a stove, and soon the house was a mass of flames. The father then took his life. The bodies of the wife and daughter were burned to a crisp. Estes was well-to-do and the family popular. Another son, George, is attending school here.

FLYER WRECKED.

Engineer Phelps of Denison Killed, His Body Badly Mangled. Parsons, Kan., Feb. 14.—Missouri, Kansas and Texas fast passenger train No. 1, from Kansas City to Oklahoma City, was wrecked at Moran water tank early Sunday. The train was running as a double header on account of the heavy snow, and the water tank of the tank had formed a heavy coat of ice upon the rails, which derailed the first engine, causing the second engine, two baggage cars and mail car to pile up. Engineer C. W. Phelps of Denison, Tex., who was on the first engine, was killed, his body being badly mangled. None of the passengers were hurt.

DAYLIGHT RAID.

Dallas, Feb. 14.—Saturday afternoon the chief of police and some officers raided an alleged gambling house. Thirty-five arrests were made, including a Chinaman and a negro. Twenty-five entered pleas of guilty and all finally released.

LOOKING FOR LOCATION.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Feb. 13.—A large party of Iowa and Missouri farmers arrived in town with a view of locating at some point in this section after making a thorough investigation of the claims of the coast country.

LEFT FOR NEW YORK.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt and party left here Monday morning in a special train over the Pennsylvania road for a two days' visit to New York.

DEATH RATE DECREASED.

City of Mexico, Feb. 14.—During 1904 there were 18,429 deaths here, 658 less than in 1903.

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A JUDGMENT. No. 9457—In the First Judicial District Court, held in and for Caddo Parish, Louisiana: Mrs. Louise V. Boney vs. Wimbeck Boney.

In this case, by reason of the law and the evidence being in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant, and by further reason of the default of the defendant, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff, Mrs. Louise V. Boney, do have and recover judgment against the defendant, her husband, Wimbeck Boney, dissolving the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between them. She is hereby authorized to carry on the business in her own name for her own use and benefit, and to acquire and hold both real and personal property separate and apart from her husband for her separate use and benefit. This done, read and signed on this 4th day of January, 1905. T. F. BELL, Judge. Endorsed: Filed January 14, 1905. J. H. LEVY, Deputy Clerk. A true copy. F. A. LEONARD, Clerk. January 15, 1905.

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