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VENEZUELA BREAKS OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND AND REJECTS GERMAN ULTIMATUM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Alvin Smith, United States consult at Port of Spain, Trinidad, cables to the state department that the Venezuelan legation there has been closed.

The importance of the dispatch lies in the indication that Venezuela has broken off diplomatic relations with Great Britain.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced that President Castro in his reply to the German ultimatum has rejected every point proposed. This is regarded as rendering war almost a certainty.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—The foreign office has received no news from Venezuela since yesterday. A landing in force is not considered probable under any circumstances. The naval commanders are authorized to blockade the coast only.

Any proposition that Minister Bowen might make on behalf of President Castro would be received in good spirit out of regard for the channel of transmission, but no proposition of arbitration has as yet been received.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The semi-official St. James Gazette learns that England would accept arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute upon the following terms:

First—That President Castra deposit $30,000 as evidence of good faith.

Second—That an arbitrator be appointed to control the Venezuelan customs during negotiations. Germany's attitude, states the paper, is unknown.

ROME, Dec. 13.—Many Italians having claims against the Venezuelan government are using their utmost endeavors to induce the government to join the allied forces of Great Britain and Germany and compel their payment.

LOWEST PRICE STORE IN SPOKANE FOR GOOD GOODS.

WHITEHOUSE DRY GOODS CO
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Sale of Ladies' Kid Gloves

Our regular $1.25 real kid glove; all colors, including black and white; two-clasp and overseam; these gloves are fully guaranteed in every way and are kept in repair free of charge; regular price, $1.25; sale price today and this evening, a pair..... 98c

Sale of Men's Smoking Jackets and Bath Robes at ACTUAL COST.

Our line of bath robes and smoking jackets have been selling very rapidly and in some sizes we have only one or two sizes left. The entire stock on sale at just cost prices to close them out.

$20.00	quality	for . .	$12.50
10.00	"	" . . .	6.00
9.00	"	" . . .	5.00
8.00	"	" . . .	4.75
7.50	"	" . . .	4.50
6.00	"	" . . .	4.00
5.00	"	" . . .	3.50

Extra specials in ladies' and children's hosiery and underwear—some lots in which some of the sizes have been partly or completely sold out.

Ladies' heavy ribbed cotton vests and pants, soft fleece lined; colors, ecru and gray; worth 50c garment; on special sale at..... 29c

Ladies' fine ribbed part wool and cotton vests and pants, silk finished; regular price, 75c each; special sale price..... 59c

Ladies' "Onetta" union suits, cotton fleece lined; color, natural gray; these suits come buttoned either down front or across bust; regular price $1.00 suit; special sale price..... 69c

Children's heavy cotton fleece lined underwear, in gray, tan, blue; worth 50c garment; special sale price, each..... 29c

Ladies' and children's fine all wool cashmere hose; extra good quality; double sole, heel and toe and warranted fast black; regular price everywhere 35c pair; special sale price..... 23c

TO ANNEX CANADA TO UNITED STATES

The movement for the political union of the United States and Canada is being taken up afresh by the National Continental Union league, and criculars advocating the plan are being received in Spokane. This league was organized in July, 1900, in New York, with the following officers:

President, Paul Dana; vice presidents and directors, Andrew H. Green, W. Bourke Cochran, Darwin R. James, George H. Hoadly, John Woodward, Edward P. Brown, Silas P. Dutcher, John D. Kelly, John C. McGuire, Francis Wayland Glen, ex-M. P., Edward Lauterbach; treasurer, Silas B. Dutcher; secretary and general manager, Francis Wayland Glen; counsel, George Hoadley and Edward Lauterbach.

Declarations are now being sent all over the United States and Canada for the purpose of obtaining signatures.

AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA AGREE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—It is officially announced today that Russia and Austria have reached an agreement to maintain a status quo in Macedonia and the Balkans.

STRIKE RIOT.

MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 13.—A serious conflict is in progress in the streets between the gendarmes and the striking dockmen.

The fight started after 3000 union deckers and sailors had met and voted to continue the strike.

THE BASEBALL WAR IS RAGING MERRILY

"These California fellows have created quite a stir in baseball circles by their attempt to have Seattle and Portland join them, but the balance of the Northwest league will fight them to a finish if need be." So spoke President W. V. Garrett of the Spokane ball club this morning.

"The outcome of the coast fight," he continued, "will be that Jack Marshall will lose his franchise. It appears to be only a scheme of Marshall's to get Lucas mixed up. Marshall has long been after the presidency. An all-coast league is a possibility in the future, but it is not feasible at this time. The management of the Portland team is not in good standing with the patrons of the game in that city and this fight I believe to be more than anything else. It is the same trouble that always comes up between seasons.

"Harris is the whole punk down in California, and, as he controls the stock of all the teams now in that league, he only allows them enough to play even on the season. Portland would look nice traveling 800 miles five months of the season under their own expense.

"Yes, sir, we will put teams in both Seattle and Portland if they want to jump and sooner or later those fellows will quit. Mark my prediction: When Harris gets back to San Francisco the whole thing will blow over."

WALLA WALLA WANTS MODERN RACE TRACK

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 13.—A meeting is being held at the courthouse today for the purpose of forming plans to secure an up-to-date race track and fair grounds for Walla Walla.

"Stormy weather has interfered somewhat with the committee's work, but on the whole the sale of stock has been gratifying," said one of the promoters this morning. "Business men are showing their appreciation of the scheme by taking as much stock as they conveniently can and farmers interested in the county's holding an annual fair and races are subscribing liberally. Altogether the outlook for Walla Walla's having one of the finest race courses and fair grounds in the state is very bright.

FRAUD.

Charges of a sensational nature are brought against Charles D. Wilson, who is accused by his children of practicing fraud in the estate of Virginia Wilson, who died in February, 1888.

It is alleged that the father has assumed authority over the estate and used the property as he desired and it is claimed that Wilson has misappropriated a great portion of the estate.

The case will be contested and the children, who are under age, will be represented by an appointee by the court. There is an estate amounting to nearly $45,000 involved in this suit.

RESUME SOON.

The resumption of work on the Tom Thumb mine in Republic, closed down awaiting the arrival of the railway to the smelter, is only a matter of a few weeks.

The officials of the company say that there is nothing in the statement that the railway people are delaying the building of the road and that the reason that the two short miles of track to the smelter is not already laid is the heavy rock work necessary to get a good roadbed.

GRAIN SHIPS CRUSHED BY ICE IN THE DANUBE

VIENNA, Dec. 13.—Three hundred vessels in the lower Danube have been crushed or sunk by immense blocks of ice, which fill the river. All were loaded with grain and the loss will reach several millions. Four hundred other vessels are endangered, although no loss of life is reported.

The grain vessels were nearly all waiting for the thawing of the ice to get to their docks at different points on the river when the ice descended upon them.

NOME NEWS.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—The steamer Nome City arrived this morning from Alaska, bringing the overland Nome mail from St. Michaels.

She reports a terrific hurricane at Valdez on December 2, which wrecked several buildings, including the complete destruction of the courthouse and the loss of all court records.

Charles Ingenbrand, a baker of San Francisco, while in a fit of insanity, cut his throat and tore out his windpipe at St. Michaels on November 17.

No news was heard of the missing steamers, General Siglin and Dawson City, and without doubt the vessels are lost with all aboard.

No. 2, eastbound on the Northern Pacific, was five hours late today, the delay being caused by the derailment of a few cars on a freight on the west end. Nobody was injured.

CIGARETTES ALLEGED CAUSE RIDPATH FIRE

Employes of the Bradley Machinery company scout the idea that the Ridpath fire originated in the machinery company's cellar.

"Look here," said one of the clerks this morning, leading the way to the charred and crumbling office. "You see that air chute," pointing above. "Well, the clerks and the men in the hotel office sit around that air chute with their feet on the sills at night and throw their lighted cigarettes into it. The bookkeeper's desk, usually piled high with loose papers, stood directly below the shaft.

"One of the window lights at the bottom of the shaft becoming broken, these lighted cigarettes would fall directly on the desk.

"Another thing," continued the clerk, "the hotel people every week or so allowed the water to run over in the toilet and down upon us. That electric socket," indicating one just below the office ceiling, "was just above a big file of papers, and if the current was short-circuited by water trickling dow n from above, those papers would surely catch fire."

Mr. Bradley, manager of the company, made the pleasant discovery that instead of being entirely destroyed, many of the valuable drawings were found to be unharmed. There were about 2000 drawings and their cost ran from $100 to $150 each.

Mr. Bradley will open up an establishment elsewhere.

The insurance people have not yet posted guards over the insured places, and only one policeman and such of the clerks as choose gratuitously to do so are watching the entrances to the stores and the hotel.

GRISCOM GOES TO JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Formal announcement is made by the state department this afternoon of the appointment of Minister Griscom, now representing the United States at Persia, to be minister to Japan.

Consul General Pearson at Teheran, Persia, formerly congressman from North Carolina, is made minister to Persia to succeed Griscom.

President Roosevelt today promised to be present at the formal dedication of the St. Louis exposition, April 30 next year.

DYING.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The bishop of London today appealed to the public to offer prayers for the recovery of the archbishop of Canterbury, who passed a restless night and is reported slowly sinking.

EXCLUDED.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Henley regatta committee today decided to exclude all foreign crews from future regattas. This will shut out the American college crews and prevent the international contests that have been a feature of recent year meets.

BIG WINTER IMMIGRATION.

"It is a startling thing," said E. F. Graves this morning, "the amount of immigration going on at this time to this locality.

"It is a difficult thing to get a man to give up his home and seek another in the winter, but that is just what is being done and on a considerable scale.

"You see," Mr. Graves explained, "all the settlers located in the spring have written their friends and it is these who are seeking firesides in the west.

"Any locality within driving distance of Spokane is the favorite with the new people, who, to the extent of 75 per cent, come from the central states.

"We are actually having more trouble to find good locations at any reasonable figure than we are to find purchasers.

"The district between Cheney and Davenport is a hot favorite with all and good places there are mostly taken. The new buyers are after lands which will raise garden vegetables as well as wheat."

One Dollar buys this India Stool

It is golden finished oak, has shaped slat seat and a well braced base. A practical, inexpensive present.

325-27-29 RIVERSIDE

FURNITURE DRAPERIES CARPETS BEDDING
THE GROTE-RANKIN COMPANY.
SPOKANE WASH.

326-28-30 SPRAGUE.

NEW PROCESS FOR LOW-GRADE COPPER

"If the statement of Edmund B. Kirby is true that a new process for concentrating low-grade copper ores which will obviate the expensive roasting has been successfully tested at the War Eagle properties, it means a practical revolution in the copper ores," said Mr. Walker of the brokerage firm of Reddin-Jackson in the Rookery today.

"There are hundreds of properties in the Rossland district," continued Mr. Walker, "which would pay excellently to work upon the invention of a less expensive concentrator.

"The ores in this district are pyrites and silica with a large amount of sulphur, and any ore bodies with like components would be amenable to this process. Instead of the low grades being neglected, they will, under the new concentration method, become the leaders."

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A resolution passed the house today, fixing Sunday, February 8, as the day to eulogize the late Senator Sewell of New Jersey.

In committee of the whole the house took up the consideration of executive and judicial appropriations.

San Francisco. — Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable company, with several prominent bystanders, was knocked down by the hucking of a hawser which was being used to draw the end of the new Pacific cable ashore. Several minor accidents also served to mar the day.

MAD MULLAH NOT DEAD AS REPORTED

BERGERA, East Africa, Dec. 13.—Proof that the Mad Mullah is not dead was received here today in a letter received from him, in which he offers to cease his opposition to the British provided that Great Britain cedes to him an open port and allows him to import firearms and munitions of war.

The Mad Mullah was reported recently to have been stabbed by a follower as he knelt in prayer.

POLICE NOTES.

Lawrence Arthur and Jesse and Harvey Lewis were arraigned in the policecourt on the charge of violating the cigarette ordinance. Jesse Lewis was sentenced to 24 hours in jail, Harvey Lewis was discharged and the case against Lawrence Arthur was dismissed.

Maud Williams and Ruth Clifford failed to appear in the police court when their names were called and their bonds of $10 each were declared forfeited.

Sam Balf, by his attorney, N. E. Nuzum, entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of vagrancy and his case was continued until December 16.

J. C. Longblien was convicted in the police court today on the charge of drunkenness and, as it was shown that when he is under the influence of liquor he is quarrelsome, he was fined $50 and costs.

Frank Powers was fined $5 and costs on his plea of guilty of drunkenness.

PHILIPPINE MASCOT HUNTING FOR FOLKS

A young man of more than ordinary interest is in the city today. He gives his name as Arthur Jones and carries letters showing that he had served two years in the Philippines, not as a regularly enlisted soldier, as he is now but 17 years old, but as a mascot with one of the Kansas volunteer regiments. While in the islands he was wounded a number of times, one ball entering his throat on the left side and coming out under his right ear, completely depriving him of both speech and hearing. Another ball struck him in the head, making an indentation in the skull, and another fractured the knee joint in one leg. With all these wounds, however, he is able to get around and make his wants known.

The lad's home when he went away was at Ottawa, Kan. During his absence, however, the family moved to some point in the west and on his return he found no one to whom he could go. His experience in the army had served him a good turn in making him self reliant and he at once set out to find his parents.

No one could tell him where they went and he is now on a search for them, obtaining means as he goes through the generosity of the public. He left Spokane for Cheney this morning.

Don't Forget the Hardware Man When Shopping for Christmas

Look over this list

Flexible Flier Sleds
Union Hardware Skates
Striking Bags, Foot Balls
Boxing Gloves
Rifles, Jack Knives
Safety Razors-Star and Gem
Andirons and Fire Sets
Chafing Dishes
Five O'clock Tea Kettles
Carving Sets
"Rogers" Silver Ware

Holley, Mason, Marks & Co.

J. J. HILL ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—In an interview here today James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, unequivocally announces his intention to retire from active business. He is quoted as saying that this will be done as quickly as conditions will permit.

Mr. Hill says: "I am not worn out, but must step aside for younger men. My sons must take up my burden."

DIVORCES.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13.—Five hundred and five divorces have been granted up to date this year. Twenty-two hundred and two marriage licenses have been issued. In 90 per cent of the cases for divorce the women are the plaintiffs. Desertion and failure to provide are the dominating causes.

NEW TARIFF RATE.

A new tariff rate has gone into effect on the Coeur d'Alene branch and the saw mills at Coeur d'Alene City and Post Falls are especially benefitted thereby. Heretofore they have only had a through rate to points on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern and disposed of the most of their surplus product in the Dakotas and Burlington territory. The new rate over the O. R. & N. lets them into Kansas, Wyoming and all Union Pacific territory. The rate for lumber over the O. R. & N. from these two points is from 45 to 60 cents to Nebraska points; to Kansas points, 50 to 60 cents, and to Wyoming, 40 to 50 cents.

IRRIGATION.

The recent agitation regarding irrigation has created an interest in the question which is rapidly extending to the eastern states. The Spokane Valley Land & Water company is receiving numerous inquiries for large tracts of land, and the indications are that during the coming season many eastern farmers will locate along the Spokane valley tributary to this city.

SPECIAL SALE.

Closing out my large stock of pianos in order to engage in another business. Don't miss this chance to get a piano at a price you will never be able to duplicate; easy terms. August Meyer, 919 Riverside ave.

GAMBLING RAIDS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Wholesale gambling raids were made here today. The mayor, exasperated by the collusion of police with gamblers, personally gave the order that every house be pulled. Scores of arrests followed. The mayor announces that he will drive out the Chinese lotteries forever and will close all games tight as a drum.

SEATTLE BOODLERS.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—The supreme court grand jury was called today to investigate the charges of boodling and grafting made against various city officials.

W. C. Berg, of the former law firm of Berg & Esterly, has taken up headquarters in Connell, the firm dissolving. H. M. Esterly will continue the office.

THIEVES LOOT BURNED HOTEL

The Ridpath hotel was looted some time last night of everything of value, fancy dresses, jewelry and in fact everything that was not too bulky or badly damaged has disappeared. Clerk Armstrong says the job must have been done during the night, notwithstanding the vigilance of the officers who were stationed at both entrances. George Foster is one of the heaviest losers and his rooms were ransacked completely.

How the thieves effected an entrance is a mystery, as policemen were stationed at both entrances.

DESERTER BURIED.

William Bentz Bromall, the deserter who was shot in the back at Fort Wright yesterday while making a break for liberty, was buried this afternoon.

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