

CASTRO SHORN OF HIS POWER

Vice-President Gomez Forms New Government

RANCOR AGAINST CASTRO

It Is Thought That Attempts Would Be Made to Assassinate Him Should He Return to Venezuela—The New Ministry Named.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 22.—Following the establishment of a new government in Venezuela by Vice-president J. Vicente Gomez, to whom Pres. Castro turned over the presidency on his departure for Europe, it is the belief that Castro is utterly eliminated from the political life of Venezuela.

Gomez has replaced the old ministry, the leader of which was Dr. Jos. E. De Jesus Paul, the minister of foreign affairs, who has been the one figure, outside of Castro himself, in the negotiations that culminated in the ousting of Minister De Reus and the severance of diplomatic relations with Holland.

Not only has Dr. Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education.

The new cabinet is composed as follows: Minister of the interior—Linares Alcantara. Minister of foreign affairs—Gonzales Guzman. Minister of finances—Munoz Tebar.

TORN IN PIECES BY BIG EXPLOSION

Oyster Vessel Destroyed With Loss of \$50,000 and One Man Was Fatally Injured Today.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—C. W. Holman was fatally injured and three other men were seriously hurt today when a gasoline explosion occurred on the oyster boat, Jennie L. Smith, burning her to the water's edge.

GRAFTING ALLEGED

Members of Pittsburg's Finance Committee Arrested.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Seven members of the finance committee of common and select councils of this city were arrested last night on charges of receiving bribes and bribery, and the alleged corruption of other members of council in the passage of various kinds of legislation during the past two years.

The charges are in connection with the establishment of depositories for the funds of the city and it is said a number of persons occupying official positions in local banks will shortly be arrested.

DRIVEN OUT BY SMOKE

Workers on Schenectady Gazette Early This Morning.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The Gazette editorial rooms narrowly escaped destruction by fire at an early hour this morning and the employees were driven out by smoke from a blaze which was confined to the Regal shoe store in the Gazette building.

MORE WITNESSES SPEAK AGAINST KING

They Tell of Dealings With Man Who is Now Charged With Larceny on Many Counts.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Accompanied by his two sons, and faultlessly dressed, with the usual flourish in his coat lapel, Cardenio F. King came into the superior court yesterday and seating himself behind his counsel, prepared to hear more evidence in support of the indictment, charging him with the larceny of more than thirty-one persons of \$25,000 by false representation.

The trial began last Tuesday, and in four days, more than twenty witnesses testified to having financial dealings with King, to sending him money to buy stock, principally by reason of reading his advertisements and, with few exceptions, of never receiving the stock ordered.

At the resumption of the trial today, two mortgages made by King, one of \$12,000 on his real estate in Brookline, dated Nov. 6, 1907, and another for \$5,000 on his personal property, including two automobiles, dated Feb. 9, 1908, were placed in evidence.

The first witness was F. H. Conant of Palmer, a man, a customer, who sent \$500 to King to purchase three shares of American Woolen company, a listed security, and three shares of Ehrman Manufacturing company, an unlisted stock, but advertised extensively by King.

In acknowledging the receipt of the money, the witness said, King wrote him that he (Conant) had made a fine purchase, and that all that King had said about the property was true.

Everett Sitals of Amesbury, a carriage painter, testified that he saw King's advertisement offering a combination sale of three shares of American Woolen preferred and three shares of Ehrman Manufacturing stock, and sent King \$500. He never received any stock.

Nelson J. Sims of Boxboro, a man, left \$300 at King's office to purchase American Woolen stock. He was notified of an overpayment of \$255, which he received, but never obtained the stock. King sent him a present of a book.

J. F. Jenkins of Greenbush, Mass., called at the office in January, 1908, and asked if he could buy some American Woolen, and was told that he could if he did not buy too much. He left \$1,032.50, but never received his stock. Last fall he placed his claim in the hands of Lee Friedman, one of the assignees, and the claim has since been adjusted by the payment of the full amount in cash, and \$46 in addition.

Alfred W. Neale of South Royalton, Mass., ordered on Feb. 23 last twenty five shares of American Woolen common stock and received word that the \$255 which he had sent was an overpayment of \$11.57. He never received the stock nor the overpayment. He wrote to King asking for some advice on how the matter would go, and King replied that he was not a Delphic oracle, that he was a student of finance no prophet.

Mrs. Mary L. Davis, a lodging house keeper in this city, drew \$500 out of the savings bank and ordered five shares of American Sugar. She received word that the stock had been bought and also received \$11.50 overpayment, but never got the stock.

FIGHT DECLARED A DRAW

Jimmy Walsh and Monte Attell Had a 15-Round Contest.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Walsh of Boston and Monte Attell of San Francisco entered the ring at 9:10 p. m., and fought 15 rounds to a draw last night. At the end of the third round Attell had a very slight advantage, but in the fourth Walsh closed Attell's eye with a succession of left jabs. Walsh had the better of this round.

LIPTON ABANDONS CHALLENGE PLANS

And Tells Fife to Destroy The Plans Which Were Drawn For The Challenge Cup.

Glasgow, Dec. 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton today declared his abandonment of the plan to challenge for America's cup in 1909. Designer Fife was ordered to burn the plans drawn for the challenging yacht. The difficulty to come to an agreement with the New York Yacht club regarding certain conditions is said to be the cause. Lipton says he will issue no more challenges unless the New York club modifies the conditions.

INHABITANTS TERRORIZED

By Six Earthquake Shocks Which Were Felt Last Night.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—Virginia City dispatches say that the inhabitants there were terrorized by six earthquake shocks which shook the town last night.

JUST FAILED OF HIS WISH

Bishop Michaud Had Nearly Reached Burlington

WHEN DEATH CAME TO HIM

Head of Roman Catholic Diocese of Vermont Passed Away at Hospital in New York, Only Few Hours After Return from Europe.

New York, Dec. 22.—Right Reverend John Stephen Michaud, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Vermont, died this morning at St. Vincent's hospital, where he had been taken last night following his return from France. Bishop Michaud, who had been ill for some time in France, started for the United States, against the advice of physicians, hoping to reach his home in Burlington before death should overtake him. He was weakened, however, by the long voyage and lived but a few hours after reaching New York yesterday on the steamer Amrika.

Bishop Michaud left for Lourdes, France, some two months ago following physicians had given up all hope of staying the progress of acute Bright's disease from which he was a sufferer, hoping that he might be healed by the complaint by the waters of this miraculous spring. For a time the physician who accompanied the bishop abroad, Dr. A. Sheba of Burlington, tent, but a relapse soon followed.

Feeling that the end was near, the bishop asked to be taken back to Burlington a marked improvement in his health with him to undertake an ocean voyage, but the bishop would not be taken back to Burlington in a wheel-chair and with the early days of the voyage well. On Friday, however, his condition became worse and for a time it seemed as if he would not survive the trip.

Bishop Michaud was 63 years of age, having been born in Burlington on November 24, 1843, the son of Stephen and Catherine (O'Regan) Michaud. He was educated at the Montreal college, St. Joseph's seminary at Troy, N. Y., and at Holy Cross college in Worcester, Mass. He was graduated from the last-named institution in 1873 and subsequently from the seminary at Troy. He was ordained as a priest of the Catholic church on June 7, 1875. After serving in the capacity of priest for nearly twenty years, he was consecrated as bishop of the church on June 23, 1892, and had therefore served sixteen years at the head of the church in Vermont. He had resided that time in Burlington.

FOR ANALYSIS AT HARVARD

Digestive Organs of Catherine Kelleher Sent to Institution.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The chemist at the Harvard medical school yesterday received for examination the digestive organs of Catherine Kelleher, the young daughter of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, who died last September under circumstances that indicated ptomaine poisoning.

MAN'S BODY FOUND; BELIEF OF MURDER

Francis Jones' Remains Found on Lake Quinsigamond Near Shrewsbury, Mass., To-day, With Bullet Wound in Head.

Shrewsbury, Mass., Dec. 22.—The body of a man supposed to be Francis Jones, aged 39, was found dead on the ice on Lake Quinsigamond today. It had a bullet wound in the head. The body had been frozen stiff, and the man had apparently been dead 24 hours. Dr. William T. Ladd, who was out fishing, found the remains. The police believe that a murder was committed and they are working on the case.

BURNED MUCH PROPERTY

Fire in Chelsea, Mass., Last Night Cost About \$15,000.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The second fire of importance in the city of Chelsea since the great conflagration of last April destroyed much valuable property in the extensive yards of the George B. Emery company, importers and dealers in malmagony, Spanish cedar and cancer, last night. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

MONEY AT 4.7 PER CENT.

Chittenden County Trust Company Gets Burlington's Business.

Burlington, Dec. 22.—The board of finance of the city of Burlington met yesterday afternoon and awarded the bids for the loaning of money to the city to next year. Two bids were received. The Burlington Trust company offered to loan sums of \$20,000 at 4.7 per cent. on an amount not exceeding \$120,000 at five per cent. on condition that the bank be made the depository of the city funds. The Chittenden county trust company, on practically the same terms, made a bid of 4.7 per cent. and was awarded the contract to furnish the money. This is a reduction of 1.3 per cent. from the rate charged last year.

TO IMPEACH TESTIMONY OF ANNIS' WIFE

Defense for Thornton Hains Prepares to Put a Witness on the Stand for That Purpose.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 22.—Morrill L. Downs, a member of the Bay-side club, took the stand today in the Hains trial. He swore that Thornton with a cocked revolver in his hand told him, "Stand back." Later he handed Downs a belt buckle in which was a revolver. He denied hearing Capt. Hains say "Annis seduced my wife and had an operation performed on her."

John T. Stevens swore that Capt. Hains fired one shot, then after eight seconds, four more in quick succession.

At the opening of the trial today, Attorney McIntyre said the defense would produce a member of the Bay-side club to swear that Mrs. Annis' testimony of yesterday when she swore she was on the boat at the time of the killing was false. He will swear that Capt. Hains was on the boat and Thornton on the runway leading to it when the shooting began.

LIKELY TO REOPEN BANK

Somersworth Institution Needs \$35,000 to Restore Capital.

Somersworth, N. H., Dec. 22.—The directors and stockholders of the First National Bank of this city, of which Cashier Fred M. Varney is a defaulter, after a week's examination of the books of the institution, confidently believe that the forthcoming statement of National Bank Examiner N. S. Bean which is expected within the next few days, will show no greater shortage than the \$35,000, the amount stated by the late cashier, and it would not be surprising, said a director, if the defalcation would eventually turn out to be a little less than that figure.

Bank Examiner Bean returned here yesterday afternoon from his home in Manchester and immediately resumed his examination of the pass books of depositors and posting them. In his work as receiver he was assisted by Attorney Arthur G. Whittemore of Dover, who, by a vote of the directors, will help him to wind up the affairs of the institution. Mr. Whittemore said that, with \$35,000 of a surplus, \$10,000 of undivided profits and Cashier's Varney's bond of \$20,000 from the American Surety company, \$85,000 would restore the bank's capital. A statement to this effect made to the comptroller at Washington by Receiver Bean brought a telegram from Washington yesterday, which was in substance that, if the affairs of the bank were in no worse condition, the comptroller would give the directors and stockholders a reasonable length of time to make up the deficiency and reopen the bank.

QUINBY'S STAFF

New Hampshire's Next Governor Distributes His Favors.

Laconia, N. H., Dec. 22.—Henry B. Quinby, governor-elect of New Hampshire, announced the members of his staff last night as follows: Adjutant-general: Harry B. Gilley, Manchester; colonel: Elmer L. Tilton, Laconia; Isaac Van Horn, Holderness; George B. Leighton, Dublin; Reginald B. Stevenson, Exeter; W. Robert Brown Berlin; Richard P. Godeff, Antrim; Arthur J. Pierce, Bennington, and Charles C. Goss, Dover.

INVITATIONS TO TAFT

Are Pouring in From All Sides to Visit Them.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 22.—It is expected that President-elect Taft will pay a visit to New Orleans on his way back from Panama. Cities all over the South are inviting him, but it is expected that only Atlanta and Charleston, S. C., are sure of entertaining him.

FILES IN BANKRUPTCY

Former Police Chief Brownell of Burlington Has No Assets.

Burlington, Dec. 22.—Edward F. Brownell, former chief of police in Burlington, today filed a petition in bankruptcy at the office of Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court here. His liabilities are \$2,701.14 and there are no assets.

A DIVORCE GRANTED

To Dora B. Hayes From Myron W. Hayes of Waterbury.

Assistant Judges Wells and Clapp of Washington county court yesterday granted a divorce for intolerable severity to Dora B. Hayes. They also heard the divorce case of Lizzie A. Fay of Woodbury against Walter Fay for intolerable severity.

ELVEN DELINQUENT JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Horace F. Graham, auditor of accounts, has called the attention of State's Attorney Gates to the fact that 11 justices of the peace in Washington county have failed to file with the auditor their returns as to whether or not they have tried any civil cases. The penalty for neglect or failure to make such return is \$100 and Attorney Gates yesterday sent a letter to each of the 11 delinquents advising them to at once file their returns with the state auditor.

TALK OF THE TOWN

A change-bag with some money has been lost by an employee of Sowden & Lyon's store, and the finder is requested to notify the store.

Three combination letter and package boxes which were ordered some time ago were placed in position yesterday by post office employees. One of the boxes was placed at the corner of Maple avenue and North Main street, the second at the corner of North Main and Depot square, and the third at the corner of South Main and Hill streets.

"I'M PINCHED" HE WROTE HER

Thus Did This Man Declare Off His Wedding To-day

TO HIS BRATTLEBORO GIRL

Arthur J. Guyette Is Under Arrest at Springfield, Mass., on the Charge of Being a Deserter from Fort Ethan Allen.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 22.—There is a bride-to-be in Brattleboro, Vt., who will wait some time for the ceremony which shall unite her to Arthur J. Guyette, because Guyette is under arrest in this city on the charge of being a deserter from the government post at Fort Ethan Allen. Guyette, who was arrested last night, was to have been married today to Miss Betta Bean of the Vermont town to the north. Guyette didn't seem to mind his own predicament as much as he was concerned about the state of mind of his fiancée who is waiting for him in Brattleboro.

"I don't mind being sent up," he declared, "but what will the girl do with all her friends at the wedding. I will write her that I am 'pinched' and call the wedding off."

Guyette will be held by the local police for the arrival of a government officer from Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont, to which post he will be taken to attend trial on the charge of deserting the United States army.

MAY SPEND \$25,000

Now Remains to Be Seen if Montpelier Citizens Want to Do So.

The city hall building committee in Montpelier met last night with all the members present except H. J. M. Jones, and authorized the insertion in the warning for the city meeting next spring of a section to see if Montpelier will vote to issue \$25,000 additional for the proposed structure. At the time the plans were completed it was found that the funds available lacked about \$19,000, and it was then decided to wait until the convening of the legislature to get through an enabling act to permit of further taxation to reach the amount desired. This bill has been put through the present session of the legislature. The committee also met last night to close up some of the matters before the departure of C. D. Mather of the committee for the South, where he will spend the winter.

DEATH OF YOUNG MAN

John Peltier, Aged 20, Died Last Evening of Tuberculosis.

John Peltier died at 5:45 o'clock last evening at his home, 6 First street, after a year's illness with tuberculosis. The deceased was 20 years of age and was born in Ottawa, Ont. He is survived by his father, Charles Peltier of this city, one brother, Arthur, and four sisters, Amelia, Alice, Bertha, and Ida who reside in Burlington. A brother and his mother died within a few years of the same disease. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. The funeral services will be held from St. Monica's church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

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PLAINFIELD HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Dr. F. T. Gale Was Overcome by Smoke While Fighting the Flames—Fire Started About the Furnace.

Plainfield, Dec. 22.—The residence of Dr. F. T. Gale was damaged by fire last night and Dr. Gale suffered severely from inhaling smoke while attempting to put out the fire when he discovered it at half past ten o'clock. The flames apparently broke out in the cellar and about the furnace. He tried to extinguish them unaided and failing to do so he fired a revolver several times to awaken the neighbors, later ringing the church bell. The neighbors responded and after considerable work succeeded in putting out the fire, but not until the flames had worked their way into the partitions. In order to get at the fire in the partitions they had to cut holes in the wall, thus adding to the destruction by the fire.

Dr. Gale was rendered unconscious by smoke and fell, being removed to a neighbor's house. He was unconscious for several hours. He is about today, but will not have recovered from the effects of the smoke for several days. Mrs. Gale was ill at the time of the fire and was also removed to the house of a neighbor. The loss on the house is covered by insurance.

HOUSE WAS DAMAGED

A Fire in Residence of C. C. Griswold in Montpelier.

The Montpelier fire department was called yesterday afternoon to fight a stubborn fire in the residence of C. C. Griswold, manager of the Boston Bargain Store in Montpelier and formerly of this city, the property being owned by Mrs. Caroline Wilder and being located on Hubbard street. The fire started from a wood-box behind the kitchen stove. Only a child was in the house at the time, so that the flames got a good start before being discovered. The damage to the building will not exceed \$10,000, and it is covered by insurance, as is the damage to the furnishings of Mr. Griswold.

This is the third time within a few years that Mr. Griswold has met with fire loss in his residence, and each time the cause could not be found. Mr. Griswold was in Barre at the time and his wife was down town in Montpelier. Their little girl was left at home, and she may have played with matches and set fire to the wood in the wood-box.

LOOKING FOR WORK

Sheriff Tracy Wants to Farm Out Inmates of County Jail.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy went yesterday to the southern part of the state to ascertain if he could find any work there for the men now confined in Washington county jail. There is little work for them to do here at this time of the year, and as the law enacted at the present session provides that all persons sentenced for less than one year for minor crimes or misdemeanors shall be confined in county jail, the sheriffs of the state will in future have more prisoners under their charge who might be kept busy. Before the legislative recess, Governor Prouty had a conference with several of the sheriffs about this matter. He is much interested in having the state get as fair a return for its prison labor as possible.

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YEAR'S WORK AT HOSPITAL

Told at Annual Meeting of the Corporation

BEQUEST OF \$2,700 IN VIEW

The Outstanding Bills for the Year Are All Paid With the Exception of \$200—Some Money in the Bank.

The annual meeting of the City hospital corporation was held in the City court room last evening, when reports for the year were made and officers were elected. The year's work at the hospital is summed up in the report of the executive committee which follows:

"The Barre City hospital completed its second corporate year as an institution of the city on December 1st. During the past year it has been quite successful in fulfilling the purpose for which it was established and it enters upon its third year with the promise of being in still greater benefit to our city. In the year just ended, 121 patients have been treated at the hospital. The expenditures have been \$4,154.53, this amount including \$160 for painting the buildings this fall, and \$340.70 paid for improvements and repairs made last year. The only outstanding bills aside from the mortgage on the real estate, amount to \$202.47. There was in the bank Dec. 1, \$129.36, and due from patients on that date \$17.21. There has been collected from patients during the year \$4,099.80. The hospital has also received \$400 from the Hospital Ladies Aid Society as the proceeds from the Hospital ball given early in the year. The balance of the income has been from subscriptions pledged last year, but not paid until this. In addition to their donation of money, the Ladies' Aid contributed a large quantity of food and supplies at the time of the ball, and as the result of a donation day recently contributed much in the way of needed articles of linen, cotton, etc., as well as food and other supplies. Although it has not as yet received it, the hospital is able to report its first bequest, which will amount to approximately \$2,700, the gift of the late Angela French.

There are employed at the hospital a superintendent or matron, four nurses, a cook, laundress and janitor. They occupy rooms in the all of the hospital building. These have never been very sparsely furnished and are useful articles of furniture that would tend to make them more inviting to their occupants would be welcomed. The record of the work of the hospital for the year is given in detail below:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Patients admitted 119, Patients in hospital Dec. 1, 1907 8, Patients treated during year 121, Number of physicians treating cases 16, Number of physicians sending cases 21, Day's board for patients 2,149, Ether operations 64, Deaths 19, Accidents treated 19, Cases of appendicitis 23, Pneumonia 4, Confinements 5, Typhoid fever 10, Hernia 6, 'The balance of the 121 cases being divided between 38 diseases.'

The treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year to have been \$4,644.50. This was expended as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Salaries 8079.07, Supplies 144.34, Coal 300.06, Hospital expenses 770.04, Groceries 394.13, Electric lights 43.18, Gas 25.31, Telephone 30.38, Creamery 214.60, Insurance 36.08, Interest 470.00, Sundries 38.82, Special nurse 20.00, Drugs 139.08, Fruit 6.18, Meats 262.83, Repairs 260.70, Painting 150.00, Dry goods 9.60, Water tax 42.50, Kenyon & Co. 60.37

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Messrs. F. C. Howland, A. G. Fay and R. S. Currier made brief remarks in praise of the good work done by the hospital, and expressed regret that the management was to lose the valuable aid and services of Dr. J. E. McSweeney.

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