

WILL REQUIRE SATISFACTION

Official Announcement as To England's Course in Venezuela.

TO BLOCKADE PORTS

But Will Not Land British Troops or Occupy Territory.

London, Dec. 15.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made by Great Britain to refer the dispute with Venezuela to arbitration.

In the house of lords today Foreign Secretary Lansdowne said if the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect further coercive measures would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany, and it had been decided to resort to the blockade of the ports. It was not intended to land a British force and still less to occupy Venezuelan territory.

Outlook Not Bright

At the foreign office this evening it was said many difficulties have arisen in the way of arriving at a basis of what can be arbitrated in the Venezuelan matter and what can be otherwise settled. The outlook for a pacific settlement of the dispute is not particularly bright.

Italy Makes Her Intentions Known.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Italian ambassador today called at the state department and advised Secretary Hay that Italy had joined the allies in the operations against Venezuela. He requested that Bowen assume charge of Italian interests in Venezuela and the secretary granted this request subject to the approval of Venezuela. Italy enters the combination on the same plane as to abstention from territorial seizures as Germany and Great Britain.

Hay Wants to Hear

Failing to hear from Europe as to Bowen's proposal to arbitrate Venezuelan troubles, Hay today addressed telegrams to the ambassadors at London, Berlin and Rome, instructing them to call the matter again to the attention of the governments to which they are accredited, with a view to securing an early expression of opinion from them.

Simple Proposition to Arbitrate

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Minister Bowen's communication to Germany through the United States government in behalf of President Castro was received here yesterday. It was a simple proposal to arbitrate the question in dispute and not accompanied by any conditions.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The German government has not yet replied to Castro's offer of arbitration, being still in correspondence with the British government on the subject.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The South and Central American diplomatic representatives here are in a state of anxiety that finds expression in frequent calls at the state department for information. No less than six ministers were among Secretary Hay's visitors yesterday, although this was not diplomatic reception day. Secretary Hay was in conference at the White House for a short time with the president yesterday regarding Venezuelan affairs. Senator Cullom and Representative Hitt, the heads of the two committees on foreign affairs of congress, also saw the president, but it was stated that little attention was given to Venezuela.

Talk of Peace at London.

Meantime the most important news was from London, and was to the effect that there was reason to believe that orders will be or have been sent to the British commander in Venezuelan waters to take no further aggressive action at present, pending a decision being arrived at on the proposal for arbitration. This peace offer came in the form of a proposal through the United States government to submit the claims of British and German subjects to arbitration, which Lord Lansdowne announced later in the day in the house of lords is "now under consideration by the British government."

Venezuela's Reply to John Bull.

The same cable stated that Lansdowne said that since the parliamentary paper giving the Venezuelan correspondence had been issued the government had received from Minister Haggard a cable summary of what purports to be Venezuela's reply to the British ultimatum. Therein Venezuela

IMMENSE GAIN IN RATE ADVANCE

Shown in the Freight Change Inquisition Before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Investigation into the advance in freight rates on grain and grain products, dressed meats and provisions from the Mississippi river to Chicago, etc., to New York and eastern points, governed by the New York rate, was begun today by the interstate commerce commission. The testimony showed that \$400,000 revenue would be added to the profits of one road alone by the contemplated increase. It was claimed the advances were justified by the increased cost of operation.

MACEDONIAN WORKMEN ARE KILLED BY TURKISH GUARDS

Sofia, Dec. 16.—Advices from the frontier say 24 Macedonian workmen returning to their own country have been killed by the Turkish frontier guards near Dubniza.

It complains that no reparation was offered by Great Britain for the landing of marines or for the conduct of the British authorities of Trinidad. This dispatch closed with saying Venezuela represented that as her treasury was exhausted it was impossible for the government to meet its debts for the moment, but directly peace was declared it would not be necessary to remind the Venezuelan government of its obligations.

Remarks on the Monroe Doctrine.

Among senators and representatives mention was made of the Venezuelan question with President Roosevelt. The situation is regarded as serious, but it is not generally believed likely that the United States will become involved in the controversy. The senate committee on foreign relations made a declaration of the Monroe doctrine when the agitation over the Schomburg line in Venezuela was intense. The report was unanimous, and although the senate never took any action on any of the report, it was declared that the action of the committee was a notice to foreign nations, and was sufficiently effective without any vote of the senate.

WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT

Parliamentary Paper That Lets Some Light on the Difficulty.

London, Dec. 16.—A parliamentary paper giving the correspondents relating to Venezuelan affairs was issued yesterday afternoon. It begins with a memorandum which, after recounting the existing causes of complaint against Venezuela, including the seizures of British ships and the protestation against the Venezuelan consul at Trinidad exacting improper fees for collecting custom dues for Venezuela in Trinidad, of which "no notice was taken by Venezuela," says: "Besides these specific outrages and grounds for complaint there are causes in which British subjects and companies have large claims against Venezuela. The Venezuelan government declined to accept the explanations and assurances of his majesty's government in regard to the Ban Righ as in any way modifying the situation.

"As a result the position of his majesty's legation at Caracas is rendered quite impracticable for diplomatic purposes, as all representations, protests and remonstrances now remain disregarded and unacknowledged." On Aug. 1 the British minister, Haggard, notified Lord Lansdowne that he had personally presented to the acting foreign minister a note recording his formal protest against the "intolerable conduct of the Venezuelan government," stating that unless prompt compensation was paid to the injured persons he would take the necessary steps to exact reparation.

Haggard concludes: "The minister accepted the note quietly. His final remark was that they were 'used to these communications.' I said that might be the case, but not from England." Haggard on Aug. 4 informed Lord Lansdowne that the Venezuelan foreign minister has definitely stated that "until the Ban Righ matter is settled satisfactorily to the interests of both nations the Venezuelan government cannot entertain any question on a different subject."

Haggard, on Nov. 17, told Lord Lansdowne that the Venezuelan government had reiterated that it considered the Ban Righ question and the facilities afforded the revolutionaries by the authorities at Trinidad to be all-important and would express some desire for arriving at an understanding on the subject, adding that Venezuela "therefore appeals to the sense of fairness of the British government."

ROCKEFELLER GIVES MILLION TO UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The contribution of \$1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago was announced this afternoon.

Death of Martin J. Owen.

Bloomington, Ills., Dec. 16.—Martin J. Owen, a farmer and Republican politician, died Saturday, aged 74. His son, Wesley H. Owen, is representative-elect from this district. Owen served during the civil war as a sergeant in the Ninety-fourth Illinois volunteer infantry.

PAY MEN FAIR WAGES

Or Get Out of Business, One Principle Judge Gray Is Committed To.

IMPORTANT SESSION OF THE BOARD

That Is Investigating the Anthracite Troubles—Rulings Favor the United Mine Workers.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 16.—The mine workers, after occupying nineteen days in presenting about 160 witnesses, practically closed their case before the anthracite coal strike commission yesterday afternoon. The afternoon session was one of the most important sittings the commission has yet held, because the question of whether the close relationship of the coal-carrying roads with the mining companies shall figure in the commission's effort to adjust the controversy came squarely before the arbitrators.

Decision of Judge Gray.

The decision of the commission, if Chairman Gray's remarks can be so called, was briefly this: That the commission in a general way is adverse to widening the scope of the investigation beyond the terms of the submissions of the miners and the operators; that in carrying on the investigation it assumes that the coal companies can afford to pay fair wages; that if the coal companies in presenting their side of the case maintain that they cannot afford to give an increase in wages, then the commission will hear what the miners have to say on the ability of the companies to do so, and that if a business cannot pay fair wages the employer ought to get out of it.

Miners Depend on This Evidence.

These points were brought out during the two hours consumed by the miners' lawyers reading documentary evidence, to the whole of which the coal companies entered specific and general objections. The mine workers depended a great deal on the evidence they had to show that the coal-carrying roads control the coal companies and that the roads charge exorbitant and discriminating freight rates, thus greatly decreasing the revenues of the mining properties.

LLOYD STARTS HIS READING

With the Purpose of Proving That Rates for Coal Carrying Are Exorbitant.

After Judge Gray had said, in reply to a remark by Darrow, that the commission would be adverse to widening the scope of the investigation, Darrow said: "Still, I take it that the commission's authority is a little broader than that to inquire into the conditions here, and anything that would tend to the permanent settlement of this matter. I rather inferred that the commission would want to know something about freights and about the connection between the roads and the mine owners. I think it also has direct bearing upon this case. At least one company has pleaded directly that they cannot afford to pay any more wages."

Lloyd, for the miners, then read a syllabus of the documents he had to present, which were numerous and voluminous, extracted from legislative and congressional reports, etc. The first paper Lloyd started to read was an extract from the first annual report of the bureau of statistics of labor and agriculture of Pennsylvania. Wolverton objected to the reading, because it was too remote and had no bearing on the issues.

Lloyd was, however, permitted to proceed. He submitted five points in evidence, as follows: The ownership by certain railroads of extensive mining properties in the anthracite fields; that men who are directors in one mining company are members of boards of directors of other railroads and mining companies; joint resistance of the coal-carrying railroads to the individual operators building an independent road to carry their product at reasonable rates; the community of interests of the coal-carrying railroads and their mining companies; constant acquisition of additional unmined coal by the coal-carrying railroads.

This brought Lloyd up to the point where he wanted to show the exorbitant freight rates charged by the companies and a specific objection was promptly entered by Wolverton. Two of the commissioners had temporarily left the court room and Chairman Gray hesitated to make a ruling on the objection, and asked Lloyd to read something else for the time being. At this suggestion Lloyd began to present evidence relating to the profits of the coal-carrying roads and the mining companies. He was instantly stopped by Wolverton, and then ensued a long colloquy over the question whether the freight rates and the profits of the two classes of companies could be properly heard by the commission.

Chairman Gray did not think so, but in this colloquy said that if an employer could not pay a fair wage he should quit business. Lloyd seemed to be satisfied with this view, and in his remarks to the commission said he would go no further; that the principle thus laid down by the commission would be welcomed by the workingmen of the country and set a precedent. If that principle is carried out no employer in the country could, when his prof-

THEY SIMPLY WON'T REMAIN QUIET

Leader of Holiness Sect Arrested and Jailed For Disturbing the Peace.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 16.—The meetings of women disciples of the Metropolitan Holiness church, of Chicago, held on the public streets of this city, caused riot calls to be sent to the police station and alarmed hundreds of persons. Orders were issued by the police for the disciples to hold more quiet meetings, but they refused to do so, and Sunday afternoon Mrs. Emma Leopold, their leader, was arrested and taken to jail on the charge of disturbing the peace.

At the jail Mrs. Leopold begged to be released, and soon after being placed in a cell was joined by five others, who remained for several hours, refusing to leave. It was with difficulty that the five other women were removed from the cell. Outside the jail building they fell on their knees and prayed and sang. Meetings will be held regardless of police orders.

SEQUEL OF AN ELOPEMENT

Didn't Live Together for a Month and in Three Months They Are Divorced.

Bellefonte, Ills., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Marjorie Needles Donovan, daughter of Judge H. M. Needles, a prominent attorney, was granted a divorce from Captain Kenneth Donovan Saturday on grounds of drunkenness. Miss Needles and Captain Donovan eloped to Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 14 last. They lived together until Oct. 8, when they parted. Captain Donovan is a native of Ireland. He went to South Africa during the early part of the Boer war, and was a captain of a company of his countrymen fighting in behalf of the Boers.

After the war he would not return to Ireland for fear of trial for treason. He came to the United States and located in Memphis, where he met Miss Needles while she was visiting there. The suit was filed several days ago, but was not placed on the issue docket until after the decree was granted.

WILL NOT BREAK HIS WILL

Relatives Hungry for "Dead Men's Shoes" Defeated by a Novel Scheme by a Nebraskaan.

Falls City, Neb., Dec. 16.—Disgusted by the bickerings and importunities of a horde of relatives, who insisted that he divide a legacy of \$40,000 among them, Benjamin W. Gist, a young farmer of this vicinity, drew the money from the bank in \$5,000 lots and gave it away to the poor. Gist owns a good farm and other property. The \$40,000 was left him by an uncle. As he was already well-to-do a lot of cousins and other relatives talked of contesting his uncle's will to get a share of the legacy.

Gist says he intended to divide the money among his relatives, but they disgusted him. Finally he went to the bank, drew out \$5,000 in gold, and drove through the streets distributing \$5, \$10 and \$20 pieces to the poor. The deserving and undeserving fared alike. He saved many a poor family from want and brightened many a home.

Reports of Damage Counting In.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 16.—Heavy rains have caused all streams to overflow, and reports of damage are coming in. Travel in several parts of the county is entirely cut off.

West Liberty, Ky., Dec. 16.—The

Licking river is rising rapidly. No mail has reached here in four days on account of the high water.

Adopts a Grown Man.

Dublin, Ind., Dec. 16.—Mrs. J. S. Slick, an Indiana woman, and the widow of Judge Slick, who was once on the bench of the Forty-first Indiana circuit and later a member of the Washburn circuit bar, has adopted Dr. Woodruff, a practicing osteopath, who formerly resided at Huntington. Mrs. Slick is 50 years old and Dr. Woodruff is 35. Mrs. Slick went into court and asked for authority to adopt him. The two have gone to California. Judge Slick was afflicted with paralysis for ten years. He died at Washburn three years ago. Dr. Woodruff was one of his physicians. The two were very close friends.

Bright Boy at Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 16.—A 15-year-old boy has entered the University of Michigan as a sophomore. The boy is Lawrence Cameron Hull, Jr., son of a former Detroit, Lawrence O. Hull, who was principal of the Central high school, preceding Bliss. This youth is the second student in the history of the university who entered before the age limit of 16 years.

Steele Is Out of Politics.

Wabash, Ind., Dec. 16.—It is announced on the authority of one of the closest friends of Major George W. Steele, representative from this district, where he has served for almost twenty years, that with the expiration of his term next March he will retire from active political life.

Indians on the Warpath.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—A dispatch to The Times from Dawson says that a band of 200 Indians has taken the warpath between Little Salmon and the Pelley river. Two murders are reported to have been committed and a store burned.

FLOOD IN THE WINTER

Heavy Rains Playing Havoc with Railway Time South of Mason's and Dixon's Line.

WATER SURROUNDS MANY HOMES

Their Occupants Being Imprisoned—Property Suffers, but No Loss of Life Reported.

Louisville, Dec. 16.—Heavy rains in the valley of the Mississippi, which have continued in some instances since last Thursday, have sent many streams out of their banks with consequent damage to railroad and other property. No loss of life has occurred as far as known. Washouts are reported on the Illinois Central below Memphis, and on its Kentucky line in the vicinity of Paducah, and on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis near Paducah. The tracks of the Louisville and Nashville are covered in various places between Hopkinsville and Nortonville, Ky., but up to this time the road-bed remains intact. The town of Graecy, Ky., is submerged, with four feet of water flowing through the main street. An unofficial report says that nearly a foot of water has fallen in Paducah in four days.

Water Surrounds the Houses.

Earlington, Ky., Dec. 16.—The heavy rain has flooded the country and covered the tracks of the Louisville and Nashville railroad in several places between Hopkinsville and Nortonville. The water is so high at the little town of Mannington, a few miles from Nortonville, that the people cannot get out of their houses without aid. The track of the Illinois Central railroad is washed away in several places, and that company is running trains via Paducah and over the Louisville and Nashville.

Heavy Washouts Reported.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 16.—Heavy washouts are reported on both the Illinois Central and Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad below here. Trains are annulled on this division of the latter road until washouts can be repaired, and the train from the south over the Illinois Central, due at noon yesterday, was six hours late on account of washouts below Memphis. A special train was started out of Fulton on the fast passenger line to accommodate the loudness between there and Louisville. Since last Thursday nearly a foot of rain has fallen here.

Many Houses Are Flooded.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 16.—Rain has been falling here continuously for the better part of three days, and Little river is higher than for many years. The water reaches up Ninth street as far as Main, and is rapidly rising. Many houses are flooded and the Illinois Central railroad is covered for a considerable distance.

Mud River Out of Its Banks.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 16.—It has been raining steadily here for thirty hours. Mud river is out of its bank. Police creek, which runs through the town, is overflowing. Several bridges have been washed away.

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ILLINOIS BANK ROBBED OF \$3,000

Gang Cuts Telegraph Wires to Prevent Alarm and Escapes on a Hand Car.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 16.—The bank at Clarence, Ford county, was opened by robbers last night and \$3,000 taken. The gang cut the telegraph wires to prevent the alarm being sent to neighboring towns. Citizens were awakened by the explosion and chased the thieves, but they escaped on a hand car.

GEN. SAINT FAIX COLON SEEKS U. S. PROTECTION

Port au Prince, Dec. 16.—Gen. Saint Faix Colon, minister of the interior and opponent of Gen. Nord in the contest for the presidency, has sought refuge in the United States legation. There has been much firing in the city and a state of great excitement prevails.

FITZGERALD WAS MURDERED

What an Eye-Witness Says of the Slaying in Guatemala of a Michigan Man.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 16.—William Fitzgerald, of this city, whose son, William A. Fitzgerald, was killed in Guatemala on Nov. 29 by the son of United States Minister Hunter, has received letters from friends of the boy saying he was murdered in a cowardly manner. The letters hint that the slaying is being protected and will be acquitted because of the friendliness of Guatemala to Minister Hunter. The letter telling of the killing: "Mr. Bailey was talking to your son in exulting tones, at the same time having in his hand a revolver, partially drawn from his pocket. Hunter, Jr., stepped behind your son and fired twice into the back of his head and then, as he fell, two more shots into his body as he lay dying on the ground. * * * I was within a hundred yards of the place. I saw Hunter and Bailey leave the park, running, with revolvers in their hands. I went to the body of your son and saw no revolver near him, but was informed that later the police found one in his belt. * * * "The doctors who made the autopsy say that he was killed from behind. Bailey borrowed a revolver that morning from a Kentucky friend, and undoubtedly did so to use it. The case was one of premeditated murder, and yet such is the condition of justice in this country that unless the murderers are taken to the United States for trial the investigation will be a farce."

HAD AN EYE TO BUSINESS

Did This Young Woman, Who Halts a Wedding to Save an Agent's Commission.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 16.—When Miss Bessie Chartrand, of St. Louis, arrived here according to agreement to be married to Mark Smith, a solicitor for a life insurance company, and who recently moved to Terre Haute from Owensboro, Ills., she and Smith joked about an agreement that each was to take out a life insurance policy. Miss Chartrand was told that solicitors were not paid a commission on policies written on the lives of their wives. She called a halt on the plan to be married at once and insisted that the policy be written.

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FIEND MANIAC RUNSAMUCK

Gets Out of Bed Early and Starts in With a Razor.

SEVERS MAN'S HEAD

Dangerously Wounds His Mother and Sister and Shoots Himself.

La Peer, Mich., Dec. 16.—John Best, aged 28, and single, early this morning arose from his bed and ran amuck through the house, cutting Jasper Clegg's head nearly off with a razor, dangerously wounding his own mother, wounding his sister, and then shot himself dead.

Clegg was 60 years old and boarded at the Best home.

Had Been in Asylum.

Best was committed to an insane asylum about a year ago, but six months later was discharged as cured.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECK

ON THE ERIE RAILROAD

Cleveland, Dec. 16.—A passenger train on the Erie road was derailed at Newburg today. The engineer and fireman were badly hurt. The road officials state that none of the passengers was injured.

Chicago May Get the Zoo.

Elgin, Ills., Dec. 16.—The Lincoln park zoo, in Chicago, may have an addition to its animal collection unless the city of Elgin will build a fireproof building to house the animals that from time to time have been presented by G. P. Lord. Lord has already given the city a park and a number of animals, and has more to donate if the town will appropriate sufficient money to build a suitable building. Unless this is done Lord says that he will probably send the collection to Chicago. He is now holding two fine California condors, a tribe that is almost extinct.

Loss of Life in the Lakes.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Three hundred and eighty-seven lives were lost in wrecks and otherwise on the lakes during the season just closed. Thirty-six ships of all kinds were lost, against fifty-one in 1901, 45 in 1900, and 42 in 1899. The aggregate value of the boats is \$806,500. The year was anything but profitable to the marine insurance companies. They took in about \$2,000,000 and paid out nearly as much in losses of all kinds and expenses.

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