

OMAHA MAN ROBBED

Wisconsin Bandits Drug Bree and Leave Him to Fress.

LIES UNCONSCIOUS FOR TWO WHOLE DAYS

Comes to Himself in Raging Snowstorm and Finds Money Gone.

CRAWLS MILES ON HANDS AND KNEES

Finally Reaches Railway, Where Section Men Give Succor.

FEET ARE BADLY FROZEN WHEN FOUND

Strangers Entice Him to Lonely Spot on Plea of Selling Sheep, Then They Bind, Rob and Leave Him.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—A. H. Bree, employed by the Flato Commission company of South Omaha, was found lying on a railroad cut west of town yesterday morning.

His feet were badly frozen and he had been without food since Sunday noon. He was taken to the state hospital at Rock Springs, where both legs will probably be amputated.

Bree tells an almost incredible story, but his appearance certainly bears out his statement. He says he arrived in Rawlins Friday from his home in South Omaha. Sunday he met three men who said they had a bunch of sheep three miles from town that they would sell cheap.

Bree accompanied them to the place, but the sheep were not to be found. One of the men suggested they sit down on a rock, eat a lunch and rest and he would continue the search for the flock. Bree assented and remembers nothing that occurred after the partook of the lunch.

He regained consciousness during the snow storm of Tuesday night. His feet were so badly frozen that he could not stand and he was almost fainted. With the lights of the town as a guide he started to crawl the three miles. All night he kept up the small-like pace over the snow-covered ground, his hands and knees torn and bleeding. At daylight he reached the railroad cut and was seen by the section men who brought him in.

When Bree went out on the prairie with the three strangers he carried \$250 in his pocket but when he awoke from his long sleep the money was gone. The authorities are satisfied the strangers doped Bree, stole the money and left him on the prairie to die. There is not a single clue to the identity of the would-be murderers.

HEAR BLACK FRANCHISE CASE

Circuit Court Listens to Plea to Invalidate Constitution of Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 28.—The case brought on behalf of colored complainants to restrain the State Board of Canvassers from issuing certificates of election to members of congress elected in the last election and invalidate the new Virginia constitution began in the United States circuit court this afternoon.

Mr. Wise opened for the complainants. His contention that the constitution was vitiated by the refusal of the members of the committee to take the oath led the chief justice to ask if the convention was not a convention de facto. To the argument that the complainants were without remedy as to certain matters, the chief justice asked if Virginia did not have a supreme court.

One of Mr. Wise's main contentions was that the convention had no power to proclaim the constitution. Mr. Christian, in his reply for the commonwealth, devoted himself largely to the question of the right of proclamation, combatting Mr. Wise's contention.

IOWA'S GOVERNOR TO SPEAK

Will Attend National Reciprocity Convention at Detroit Next Month.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Reciprocity, primarily with Cuba and with Canada, and eventually with the whole civilized world, is the result aimed at by the National Nonpartisan Reciprocity league, which will tomorrow send out over 1,000 invitations to its annual convention to be held in Detroit on December 10 and 11.

Governors of all the north and midwestern states are invited to the convention. The convention, as are also the Canadian cabinet and many members of the Canadian Parliament. Boards of Trade and similar organizations all over the middle west are expected to be represented and the plans of the reciprocity league, which at first contemplated a small gathering of possibly 200 delegates, have grown within the last week or so to look for a meeting of three or four times that number.

SNOW STORM IS GENERAL

States of Kansas, Illinois and Wisconsin Share Fall with Nebraska.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 28.—Reports from Kansas counties say that the rain, which fell all day, has turned into a heavy storm of sleet and snow. In the central part of the state nearly two inches of snow has fallen. It is the first general snow of the winter.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Nov. 28.—Snow began to fall this evening and reached a depth of three inches before midnight. The indications are that the storm will last all night. Reports from adjoining counties show that the storm is widespread.

LACROSSE, Wis., Nov. 28.—It is snowing in western Wisconsin tonight. This is the first heavy snowfall of the season.

LORENZ IS NOW DOCTOR

Northwestern University Gives Vienna Surgeon Doctorate of Laws.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Prof. Adolf Lorenz by Northwestern university tonight.

The ceremony, which was held in the new Art and Science building, was witnessed by the university faculty and several hundred invited guests.

WORD ISSUES AN ULTIMATUM

Demanding the Invalidation of the Election of Certain Members of Haytian Chamber.

PORT AU PRINCE, Nov. 28.—General Alexis Nord, who was war minister of the province, issued an ultimatum to the government. He demanded the invalidation of the election of certain members of the Haytian Chamber. He also demanded the resignation of the president of the Chamber, M. Firmin, the self-exiled leader of the recent rebellion.

If the Chamber refuses to cancel the election of these deputies the outbreak of another civil war is probable. The general opinion is that the Chamber will reject the general demand. Preparations are being made to defend Port au Prince, in view of the possibility that General Nord will attack it.

On General Nord's entry into St. Marc he was received by the army and the population with cries of "Long live General Nord, president of Hayti." His candidacy for the presidency is gaining ground here.

Several attempts to hold a meeting of the Chamber have failed, it being impossible to obtain a quorum. The followers of Callistene Fouchard, formerly minister of finance and now an aspirant for the presidency, and Desobry Zonguier, president of the Chamber, are divided and appear to be powerless to resist General Nord.

SUGAR LEADS TO SOUR WORDS

Russia and Britain Exchange Views and May Go to Hague Court.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—It is officially announced that Great Britain is the only power that has replied to the Russian note regarding the sugar conference. Great Britain's reply hoped that the Russian government would still signify its adherence to the Brussels convention, but if not Great Britain would be compelled to impose retaliatory duty on Russian sugar, other goods that the international commission decided that a sugar quota exists in Russia.

The Russian government has replied declaring that such action would be an infringement of the Anglo-Russian commercial treaty of 1850, which it did not take part in the Brussels conference because it wished to assure itself full freedom to adopt domestic measures for the regulation of the Russian sugar industry.

Furthermore, it would regard an infringement of the Anglo-Saxon commercial treaty as a dangerous precedent for the regulated development of international relations between friendly nations.

The reply concludes by offering to submit the question to arbitration, other goods than the Hague arbitration court.

TURKS TORTURE MACEDONIANS

Hang Them from Ceiling by Heels to Force Betrayal of Secrets.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Mail advices from Constantinople, under date of November 24, say:

"In view of all denials the ports of adopting barbarous methods in crushing the Macedonian peasants. The winter has set in and the danger from revolutionary bands is over, yet the Turkish authorities seem to think the time has come to act.

"In the face of promises of free pardon to those who have returned to their homes, Christian villagers have been shockingly tortured to make them betray alleged concealed arms, or give information regarding the working of the Macedonian rebellions. The bastinado has been frequently employed until the victims were crippled for life, their feet being beaten to a pulp by Turkish soldiers. Peasants were also hung by their heels to the ceiling and boiling hot eggs put in their cran pits. Even priests were not spared, while the troops openly plundered the peasants, who are being driven to despair."

COBDEN CLUB FOR FREE TRADE

Halting Cry of Old Days Renewed at the Annual Banquet in London.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The annual banquet of the Cobden club, which was held last evening, resolved itself into a great demonstration of the liberal leader, Lord Spencer, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and others, against the government's protectionist tendencies in general and the sugar convention in particular. This sounding anew of the liberal war cry of "free trade" has provoked much newspaper comment. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman declared that the liberal party would oppose by every means in their power the bills giving effect to the sugar convention. A conservative paper this morning points out that of the 325 members of the Cobden club 243 are foreigners domiciled abroad whilst of the remainder many are foreigners residing here and therefore, the club is in no way representative of British opinion.

CALLS WHITE TO ORDER

Berlin Paper Contrasts Treatment of Roumanian Jews and American Negroes.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The Kreuss Zeitung, a liberal newspaper, in its recent issue regarding the treatment of Hebrews in Roumania, says it is to be recommended that the ambassador remove the beam from his own eye before removing the mote from his neighbor's.

The Roumanian Jews, says the paper, are far better situated than the American negroes. They are not treated with the same contempt and do not suffer from lynch law. Neither are Jewish funeral processions in Roumania mobbed as in New York and Chicago.

MOUNT PELEE AGAIN VIOLENT

Mail Steamer Which Passes Island Brings News of State of Volcano.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Nov. 28.—The Royal Mail steamer Yare, which arrived here today, passed Mount Pelee, island of Martinique, during Wednesday morning and reports that the volcano was then erupting violently.

Language Notes Continue.

BARCELONA, Nov. 28.—The riots which took place here yesterday as an outcome of the publication of decrees restricting the use of the Italian language were reviewed today. The goddamns received volleys of stones and at first were compelled to retire, but eventually forced their way into the university and arrested a number of students.

WESTERN RAILROADS WAR

Rock Island Wants More Immigrant Traffic Given to It.

OTHER LINES OBJECT TO THE DEMAND

Meeting in Chicago Falls to Settle Difficulty or Get Arbitration Accepted and So Appoints Investigation Committee.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Present indications point to a war among western lines over the immigrant traffic.

The traffic men of the passenger departments of the western lines today met Mr. Wadleigh and Mr. McLeod of the Western Passenger association in an effort to reach a settlement. The meeting was called because of the impression that arbitration could be brought about on the lines interested could be induced to dip a leg deeper into their pockets and give the Rock Island the recognition for its El Paso line which Mr. Sebastian thinks it should have.

It is understood that the Rock Island is standing out for 10 per cent of the revenue between Kansas City and El Paso, but all its officials except Mr. Sebastian are said to be willing to leave the matter to arbitration.

When the conference met it found that the Southern Pacific was willing to submit to arbitration, and some of the lines did not care to contribute a sufficient amount of their present shares to make up the percentage demanded. The Santa Fe is also said to be adverse to arbitration.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Sebastian, passenger traffic manager of the Rock Island; George T. Nicholson of the Santa Fe and E. O. McCormick of the Southern Pacific, who were instructed to try to reach a common basis, and report to the advisory committee of the bureau.

LAKES ARE NOT COMPETITORS

One of the Reasons Why Freight on Grain Out of Chicago is Higher.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Official notice of an increase of five cents per hundred pounds in the freight tariff on grain from Chicago to New York was filed with the Interstate Commerce commission today.

The new grain freight basis, which will be observed by the lines outbound out of Chicago and other points in the territory east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio, is 20 cents per hundredweight. This increase in the grain schedule usually follows the closing of navigation on the Great Lakes.

This tariff applies to the domestic rate on grain and grain products. The export rate is advanced from 15 cents to 17 1/2 cents, except that the rate on export grain consigned to a vessel is advanced from 13 1/2 to 15 cents. The new tariff will be effective December 1.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota and his son Ralph arrived today and are at the Normand.

Congressman Connor, wife and son, of Denison, Ia., arrived tonight and have taken apartments for the winter at the Hamilton. J. D. Richards of Waterloo, Ia., secretary to Speaker Henderson, arrived tonight.

Harry C. Brome of Omaha is in the city stopping at the New Willard.

PAYMASTER MAY BE PROMOTED

President Roosevelt Overrules Report that Naval Officer is Unsound.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The president today settled the long pending case of John Clyde Sullivan, paymaster of the navy, by disapproving the adverse findings of the board which examined him for promotion.

The officer was recently restored to the navy by an act of congress, and when examined for promotion was reported to be mentally, morally, physically and professionally unfit for such advancement. The president's action leaves his present status unchanged.

Quezada Hopetal for Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—During a brief call on the president today by Minister Quezada of Cuba, there was some incidental reference to proper reciprocity treaty between the United States and the island. Minister Quezada hopes there will be some tangible results on the subject in a short time. The minister's object in calling on the president was primarily for the purpose of informing him of the project.

Havana showed that the disorders growing out of the strike had terminated and that quiet had been restored.

Appointments Not Considered.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The president has given no consideration to the personnel of the Isthmian canal commission. He told Senator Cullum of Illinois today that until the pending negotiations with Colombia were finished and the government ascertained exactly "what was what," he would not consider the matter of appointments on the commission.

Transfer Cable Soundings.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The formal transfer of the soundings and surveys of Nero, to be used in the construction of the Pacific cable, occurred today in the presence of Rear Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment, the manager of the Washington office of the Postal Telegraph company, receiving them for the cable company.

American Corsets the Vogue.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—"American corsets rule this market," says United States Consul Mahin, reporting to the State department from Nottingham, England, on popular wear in England. He says so popular have American styles become that French makers are compelled to get their patterns from the United States.

SULTAN IS AGAIN WARLIKE

Sends a Challenge to Soldiers Which is Likely to Be Accepted.

MANILA, Nov. 28.—The sultan of Bacoled, after professing friendship for America, has written a letter to Captain Fershing at Camp Vicars, in which he calls Americans "hogs, hogs, who eat hogs," and challenges them to fight. It is probable that Captain Fershing will be ordered to take a column to Bacoled. The military men, however, doubt whether the sultan will really fight. Consul Mahin, however, says he has been stationed in Samar island, was killed last Tuesday by a band of bandits. The reports regarding his death are meager and indicate that Hendryx was attacked by a superior force of bandits. His detachment of constabulary was routed and Hendryx with one soldier was surrounded and killed.

Taft and Guidi Negotiate.

MANILA, Nov. 28.—Governor Taft and Archbishop Guidi have commenced the negotiations for the settlement of the pending questions between the church and the state and have agreed to hold at least three sessions weekly until a conclusion has been reached. Governor Taft will give a dinner in honor of Mgr. Guidi next Monday.

WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Rural Mail Carriers Appointed and Other News in Postal Department.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The postoffices at Pirodole, Clark county, Ia., have been ordered discontinued. The following Iowa rural free delivery letter carriers have been appointed: Frimghar, regulars, William H. Brown, Willard H. Easton; substitutes, E. G. Robinson, Charles McCann. Sergeant Bluff, regular, E. N. Hall; substitute, Edmund C. Holder. Auburn, regular, Walter E. Sylvester; substitute, George F. Sylvester. Sioux Rapids, regulars, Charles F. Collins and Ed Gleason; substitutes, George W. Collins and Hattie Gleason. Blencoe, regular, F. A. West; substitute, Will Hounds. Pierson, regular, Aaron Culler; substitute, Willis Culler. Missouri River, regular, Peter F. Witt and H. D. Cleaver; substitutes, Theodore Witt and T. E. Powell. Odebolt, regular, A. B. Harding; substitute, Charles Harding.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Jacob E. Evans, Greenwood, Platte county, vice E. M. White, resigned. Iowa—Jacob Fisch, Granville, Sioux county. Wyoming—Mary Fuller, Walcott, Carbon county.

A. W. Maben, superintendent of the free delivery, today gave out a statement regarding mail collected and delivered by the rural free delivery service in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1902, with daily averages per route. There are \$413 rural free delivery routes in the United States and 248,201.21 pieces of mail were delivered and collected during the year. In Nebraska there are 266 routes, which handled 9,553,897 pieces; daily average, 149 pieces per route. South Dakota has fifty-three, which handled 1,775,978 pieces; daily average, 102 pieces per route. In Wyoming there are five routes, which handled 167,148 pieces last year; daily average, 106 pieces per route.

A voucher for \$10,000 was sent today from the Indian bureau to Agent Mathewson of the United States postoffice at Nebraska to make the annual payment to the Winnebagoes.

Secretary Shaw today decided to purchase the site offered by Jesse Converse for the public building at Laramie, Wyo. This would be the largest building in the United States and 248,201.21 pieces of mail were delivered and collected during the year.

COLORADO CENTENARIAN DIES

Mexican Veteran and Old Stockman Passes Away at Hundred and Eight.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Nov. 28.—Isaac Van Brimer died at his home near Gray Creek today, aged 108 years. He was a veteran of the Mexican war and scouted with Kit Carson. He has been a resident of the county for fifty years and at one time was a prominent stockman.

George Van Brimer, superintendent of the Colorado Fuel and Iron works of Pueblo, is his son.

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 28.—General Jose Maria Chavez, for many years a prominent figure in the history of New Mexico, and whose family contains many of the leading citizens of the territory, is dead at his home at Albuquerque, aged 101.

NEGROES PRAISE ROOSEVELT

Express Pleasure at Chief Executive's Broad and Philanthropic Letter.

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 28.—At today's session of the African Methodist church conference, representing 75,000 colored people, strong resolutions were adopted expressing profound pleasure at what is termed President Roosevelt's "broad and philanthropic letter on the appointment of Dr. Crum of Charleston," and heartily commending his attitude toward the negroes. Bishop Walters and others prominent in the conference spoke in support.

The conference also passed a resolution commending the attack John S. Wise is making on the new constitution of Virginia.

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"The Cunarder, Sylvia, which sails tomorrow for Liverpool, was booked to take 664 cattle and 750 sheep; Sagamore, sailing Sunday for Liverpool, 600 cattle, and 1,081 sheep; and Columbus, sailing Monday, 600 cattle and 1,200 sheep. Other bookings of livestock for steamers leaving here within the next ten days are as follows: Englishman, Liverpool, 351 cattle; Marlon, Liverpool, 300 cattle; Ulfonia, Liverpool, 545 cattle; Ansonia, Liverpool, 450 cattle, and 1,000 sheep; Kingstonian, 230 cattle, and 1,500 sheep; Virginia, London, 425 cattle. The shipments figure up more than \$45,000 in freight."

Cattle were being loaded on two ocean liners tonight. The British government has been asked by cable whether these cattle will be allowed to land at British ports, being informed at the same time that the cattle are either western or Canadian and in good condition. The steamers will not sail until an answer to the cablegram is received.

Some Animals Exempt.

J. A. Hathaway, one of the largest exporters of cattle in the country, who controls several stock yards, among them that at Watertown and Brighton, considers the order of the secretary of agriculture forbidding the exportation of cattle from New England a serious blow to dealers in live stock.

Tonight he said:

"Within the last few days I have received 500 cattle and 500 sheep. They are all in sound condition. As soon as I learned of the order I communicated with the Washington officials to find out what could be done about moving these cattle across the Swift & Co. took similar action. Our efforts proved successful, for tonight we received word that that portion of the stock on hand could be moved immediately. Darrington and I went out to see the Swift & Co. Watertown yard, and the Swift & Co. at Somerville were inspected and found all right. Tonight they were shipped here and placed on steamers, which will sail tomorrow.

"I believe these shipments to Europe will be the last for some time from New England, but at least until conditions change. Certainly none of the exporters can make a move in this direction until the restrictions have been taken off."

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NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The Journal of Commerce tomorrow will say that the cargo was quite generally expressed by representatives of transatlantic lines here that the closing of the port of Boston for cattle for export would result in a portion of that traffic coming to New York, though to what extent they were not prepared to say. Many inquiries were being made for tonnage from New York.

Practically all the live stock carrying lines have contracts with cattle shippers. These lines can probably handle more cattle than the contracts call for, but it is possible that the demand for tonnage may prove greater than the available supply.

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HITS CATTLE FEEDERS HARD

Closing of Port of Boston Shuts Out Christmas Trade with London.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The action of the Department of Agriculture in closing the port of Boston to export cattle has caused a commotion in every cattle feeding state in the country. At this season of year, cattle feeders to Boston for the holiday trade in England. Stockers in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Wyoming are hought up early in the summer and fed on the farms of the central west and New York and are crowded to Boston and Portland late in November and early in December for the English holiday markets. The Christmas beef of London raises on the ranges of the west and is fattened especially in the cornbelt for this trade and is crowded into New England ports at this season of the year for direct transport to England. The reason that Boston and Portland are selected for this particular branch of the export trade is that the New England ports afford better facilities in November and December than any other ports. The latter ports are crowded with other goods, notably grain, cotton and manufactures in the fall and winter months and that cattle, requiring a great deal of space, are not desired.

By closing the port of Boston at this time the secretary of agriculture has cut off the principal port of export for English Christmas beef and very naturally protests are being made by the shippers from Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and in fact, from every state where cattle are bred or fattened. But the secretary says that the order is absolutely necessary to the stamping out of the hoof and mouth disease, which is epidemic in New England. He claims that the order has worked a hardship to some, but he will not recede from his position because stringent regulations are absolutely essential.

London is Worried.

BOSTON, Nov. 28.—The cattle bureau of the State Board of Agriculture up to today had received about 100 individual reports of the presence of the foot and mouth contagion which has caused the secretary of agriculture to prohibit the exportation of cattle from Boston and to establish a quarantine of cattle, sweep and swine in New England.

It was stated that all reports received here from localities within seventy-five miles of Boston. The closing of the Brighton stock yards, the principal ones in New England, by the State Board of Agriculture will cause an interruption to traffic, which under ordinary circumstances averages 500 to 700 head of cattle a day. Dr. Samuel E. Bennett, inspector of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, said:

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday; Colder in East Portion; Sunday Fair.

Hour.	Temp.	Hour.	Temp.
5 a. m.	31	1 p. m.	40
6 a. m.	31	2 p. m.	41
7 a. m.	32	3 p. m.	43
8 a. m.	32	4 p. m.	43
9 a. m.	34	5 p. m.	39
10 a. m.	34	6 p. m.	38
11 a. m.	35	7 p. m.	33
12 m.	35	8 p. m.	32
		9 p. m.	32

Four Men Obtain Many Acres of Valuable Minnesota Iron Lands.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 28.—Judge Lochren in the United States district court today decided that F. W. Eaton and his associates are entitled to the forty-eight acres of the famous Acton tract, situated near Ely, Minn.

This section is right in the iron belt and the decision makes the successful litigants millionaires as the United States supreme court six months ago confirmed their title to 820 acres in the same section. The litigation has continued more than a dozen years.

In the case decided today the Midway Iron company is the defeated litigant. Associated with Eaton are R. H. Fogan and Leonard Merritt of Duluth and D. J. Lonstater of Milwaukee.

TROUBLE IS AVERTED

Venezuela Comes to Terms with Government of Great Britain.

WILL MEET ALL LEGITIMATE CLAIMS

Details of Agreement Kept Secret Until American Authorities Report.

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT CONSULTED

Roosevelt Notified Before Final Action is Taken in Europe.

CASTRO SENDS SECRET COMMISSION

Delegates Negotiate in England Owing to Strained Relations with European Ministers at Caracas During Revolution.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Important steps were taken in London today to satisfy all the diplomatic claims by powers and bondholders against Venezuela. It is maintained that it is the contemplation of a meeting with approval German and Great Britain will have no cause to take the vigorous steps now contemplated.

The details of the suggested settlement have not been communicated to the European governments as yet.

Their gist will first be made known to the United States government, probably tomorrow. The medium of such communication is one of the most important Anglo-American bankers.

Venezuela's propositions were mentioned to Mr. Choate today, but pending the result of the direct representations at Washington no action will be taken by the embassy toward suggesting that Venezuela be given time to submit its proposals.

The new development in the position, which is regarded as hourly growing more serious, is due to the arrival in Europe of a secret delegation from the Venezuelan government empowered to deal with the outstanding liabilities of that republic. Until a suitable plan could be arranged it was considered inadvisable to deal with the foreign ministers at Caracas, with whom relations have become so strained. Such a plan has now, in the belief of the delegation, been arrived at, and, unofficially, through an Anglo-American banker, the attitude of the United States will be ascertained. The State department will also be put in a position to judge of the value of Venezuela's offer and good faith in the matter.

It is explained that President Castro has hitherto had no opportunity of taking up the question of national finances, but was engaged in suppressing the revolution he sent to Europe the secret delegation referred to, with the view of accomplishing what was regarded as impossible of execution at Caracas. Secrecy was regarded as imperative in view of President Castro's belief that if it became known that Venezuela contemplated a new financial settlement he would be inundated with claims of every description and the dealings with the bondholders would present many difficulties. The details of the plan which will be communicated to the State department are carefully guarded, but the main feature is a unification of the outstanding government and government-guaranteed American bankers.

It is strenuously denied that the present movement is due to any desire of Venezuela to "spare for time" with Great Britain and Germany, and in proof of this it is pointed out that the secret commission to Venezuela before its relations with Great Britain and Germany had assumed the present aspect.

Should the United States give its moral support the plan will be submitted to American bankers.

The Venezuelan delegation believes that it is not too late to secure the necessary facilities from Europe to bring about a settlement satisfactory to all concerned.

Colombians Are Defeated.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 28.—The Colombian invaders under General Garbarra and Espirito Morales, after several defeats, were obliged to retreat from the front on November 25. They left numerous prisoners in the hands of the Venezuelan troops, among them being the chief of staff, Bricano, who was abandoned in a wounded condition, and a quantity of ammunition. The revolutionaries in Caracas are still relying sick at Willemstadt, Caracas.

FIGHT DEADLY PISTOL DUEL

Two Men at Armourdale, Kansas, Lose Their Lives on Account of a Girl.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 28.—At Armourdale, Kan., near here today, Ernest Damm and Charles W. Tucker, packing house employes, fought a pistol duel over Mable Randall, a waitress.

Damm was mortally wounded, but before he died he shot Tucker twice, fatally wounding him. Tucker is still alive.

Tucker had met Damm and the girl on the street and without warning fired two shots at him, the wounded man returning the fire as he lay on the ground.

COLD WAVE STRIKES WYOMING

Thermometer Gets Down to Fifteen Below Zero in Western Part.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Wyoming is in the grasp of a cold wave tonight, and in some sections snow has been falling. The temperature at Evanston, in the extreme western portion, fell to 15 degrees below zero at 3 o'clock tonight, and Green River, Rock Springs, Rawlins and Laramie report temperatures of from zero to 10 below. It was quite cold in Cheyenne and the eastern portion at 4 o'clock, but the temperature had become warmer at 9 o'clock.

KANSAS METHUSALEH DEAD

Leaves Daughter Aged Ninety When Dying at Hundred and Twenty-Three.

NEWTON, Kan., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Kate Vance, a colored woman of this city, died last night, aged 123 years. Mrs. Vance leaves a daughter aged 90. Her husband died at 105.

She distinctly remembered Jefferson's administration and the war of 1812.

TRAIN SMASH KILLS TWO

Six Other Persons Are Seriously Injured and Cars Are Demolished.

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 28.—An unidentified man was killed and seven trainmen seriously injured in a collision of Northern Pacific freight trains today.

William Brewer is expected to die. Twenty cars were demolished.

CHILDREN DIE IN FLAMES

Three Little Ones Caught in Burning House Succumb to Their Injuries.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 28.—Three children of Morris Bresler, died tonight at City hospital from burns received at their home during the day.

The mother left them at home alone and when she returned the house was in flames.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Nov. 28.

At New York—Arrived: Phoenicia, from Genoa.

At Queenstown—Arrived: Lucania, from New York. Sailed: Merion, from Liverpool, for Boston.

At Liverpool—Arrived: Cymric, from New York. Sailed: Rovic, for New York.

At Havre—Sailed: Corinthian, for St. John.

At Havre—Arrived: Numantha, from Tacoma. San Francisco, etc., for Hamburg.

CREW OF SHIP MAY BE SAFE

Nothing Definite Known, However, of Fate of Steamer Bannockburn.

MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—News from various sources here today from the missing steamer Bannockburn has inspired the hope that its crew of twenty men may be ashore somewhere on the mainland north of Michicoupen lake. While some doubt still exists the company's representatives are confident that the crew escaped, although Bannockburn is believed to be a wreck.

The first news came in the form of a telegram from Chicago, stating that Bannockburn was ashore on the mainland north of Michicoupen lake. There was great rejoicing here and at Kingston, where most of the crew had been. A later dispatch from Sault Ste. Marie cast some doubt on the news from Chicago. It was stated that the steamer Bannockburn had passed within four miles of the island, but saw nothing of the wreck. It was pointed out by the steamship officials, however, that while the Sault Ste. Marie dispatch stated that Bannockburn was not ashore on the island, the other advice were to the effect that the boat was ashore on the mainland, directly north of the island. It would be possible for a vessel to pass to the south of the island without sighting the wreck. A later message from the Chicago agents of the company stated that the wreck had been sighted by the Canadian steamer Germanic.

CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS

French Deputies and Senators Must Resign from Municipal Council.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—After a heated debate the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon adopted by a show of hands and proposal to modify the law governing membership of the chamber, making deputies and senators incompetent as municipal councillors in Paris. Two months are allowed present members to resign their seats on the council.

The government remained neutral, but its supporters voted for the measure which is directed against the national deputies.