

BLOCKADE IS RAISED

Foreign Warships Sail Away From Venezuelan Ports.

GRAT REJOICING AMONG ALL CLASSES

Merchant Vessels at Once Take Advantage of Freedom—The Government Takes Immediate Steps to Crush the Revolution.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Feb. 16.—The blockade has been officially raised. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune, the only warship here, sent in a letter to the British consul, announcing, and the Tribune left for Trinidad.

There is great rejoicing among all classes here at the end of the Venezuelan blockade. Many sailing vessels have been lying in this port with cargoes for Venezuelan ports. They are sailing today. A number of steamers are pending for the same destinations. A great amount of coffee is awaiting transportation from Venezuela to the United States. No one is apparently more glad at the raising of the blockade than those on board the blockading squadron.

The news received from all the Venezuelan ports, except Coro and Higuayote, is that the foreign warships have been ordered away. The government immediately on receiving the news that the blockade had been raised took military measures and sent troops in all directions to crush the revolution without giving the rebels a moment's respite.

VENEZUELA'S PAYMENTS.

The Toll on Customs Receipts to Begin on April 1.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—In further explanation of the articles of the protocols signed by Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies here the following addendum was prepared and is signed by all of the negotiators: "Our interpretation of the protocols was and is that the 30 per cent of the total income of the customs receipts of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello shall be paid to be set apart on the 1st day of March, 1903, and continue to be set apart through the said month and that the first payment will be due not the 1st of March, but the 1st of April, 1903."

This percentage will be set aside and retained in the Venezuelan treasury until the Hague tribunal shall decide whether it shall be distributed without preference among the claimant nations or whether the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive preferential payments.

A MILLION DUPES.

Books of Swindling Turf Concerns Make Strange Revelations. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The police have discovered that the operations of the "big rich quick" concerns ruled Saturday were many times as widespread as they had thought. Though only a few months in business the men who were arrested had managed to build up a business that was practically unlimited.

Not less than 1,000,000 clients and correspondents were on the books of the several companies raided. If the estimate of the police, who have gone through the ledgers and mailing lists, is correct, Detective Sergeant McConnell, who worked up the case and led the raids, said that a careful inspection of the books convinced him that there were more than 1,000,000 names. Fully 20,000 ministers—clergymen, priests and men in religious work—are in the mailing lists of the concerns. They had paid many thousands of dollars into the coffers of the Nassau street houses, if the books are to be believed.

Schoolteacher's Brave Act. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 18.—Miss Mary Martin, teacher in the New Caldwell school at Thayer, Ill., by her bravery and presence of mind in a fire which despoiled the school saved the lives of fifty of her little pupils. With the fire at its height she cut off by a beam of the stairway cut off by a beam. Miss Martin dropped her pupils one by one out of the second story window to the ground. After the last of the children had been rescued the plucky instructor swung herself over the window ledge and dropped to safety.

A Great Wireless Station. NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 18.—The government will shortly erect the greatest wireless telegraph station in the world at Cape Henry. The Marconi system will not be used, but Commander Clinton S. Austin of the Norfolk navy yard says messages will be sent across the ocean. The principal use of the station will be to communicate with war vessels at sea. Tampa, Key West and Key Boreaux and northern navy yards. The poles will be 200 feet high.

Bad Checks to Churches. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Robert "Smolder, Jr.," a mythical check signer, as perpetrated what he may have intended as a joke on the pastors of four Brooklyn churches. The joke was in the form of checks for \$5,000 drawn on the First National bank, at the foot of Broadway, in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. Bravely the churches' checks have turned out worthless. Plymouth church was one of the victims.

Boothkeepers Coming to Their Senses. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—The department of the interior has been advised by a meeting of the Boothkeepers with Peter Verigin, their leader, and the agents of the department at Swan River and Yorkton, at which it was resolved to become British citizens and Canadians. The Boothkeepers also decided to take out their patents for homesteads.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

A heat wave has struck Australia and is burning up vegetation.

An American schooner was held up by a Honduras gunboat and searched. Miss Roosevelt and Miss Root were guests of honor at the New Orleans carnival.

A Syracuse (N. Y.) man celebrated his eighty-second birthday by giving a reception to 150 widows.

King Edward VII., accompanied by Queen Alexandra, opened parliament. His speech was an optimistic one.

The case of Potter, the Schoenectady millman who had a fight with the labor union, is to be taken to the court of appeals.

Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Bremen dock laborers go on strike. The condition of Prince Christian of Saxony was pronounced much worse.

President Palma of Cuba signed the naval coaling station agreement with the United States.

The Southern Pacific overland limited was ditched in Nevada. Two passengers were seriously hurt, five others injured.

Two passenger trains were stuck in the snow in Kansas, one on the Kansas and Southwestern and the other on the Santa Fe.

The mother of Everett Coffin, injured in the Park avenue tunnel disaster in New York city, sued the Central railroad for \$500,000.

Wesleyan university received \$25,000 from Charles Scott and his son of Philadelphia. A laboratory costing \$100,000, memorial to John D. Scott, will be built.

Monday, Feb. 16.

The Detroit Sulphite Fiber works were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$100,000 and is covered by insurance.

The strike of the carders and ring spinners at the Dover (N. H.) cotton mills has assumed a more serious aspect.

Ambassador Choate returned to London from his tour through the countries of the eastern Mediterranean and Egypt.

The New York and Florida express of the Southern railway ran into an open switch near Washington. The fireman and engineer were killed.

A mass meeting of 10,000 Macedonians was held at Sofia, Bulgaria, to protest against the action of the government in dissolving the Macedonian committees in Bulgaria.

Saturday, Feb. 14.

Part of the Argentine navy department building at Buenos Ayres was burned; loss, \$800,000.

The French chamber of deputies suspended its session in an uproar growing out of the Humbert case charges.

The First National bank of Asbury Park, N. J., has been closed by direction of the comptroller of the currency.

The H. C. Frick Coke company has arranged to vaccinate its 50,000 employees and their families, 300,000 persons in all, at a cost of \$10,000 for vaccine alone.

Friday, Feb. 13.

A British gunboat has captured three pirate vessels in the Red sea.

Dr. Randall Davidson was enthroned as archbishop of Canterbury.

American contributions for the relief of starving Swedes amount to more than \$23,000.

The coal mines in Hocking and Sunday Creek valleys, O., were shut down for lack of cars.

The Gloucester fishing schooner Annie Wesley, with a crew of fourteen, is believed to have been lost.

The Pollak-Viray quick telegraph system is said to have averaged 50,000 words an hour in a test at Berlin.

Thursday, Feb. 12.

Salt Lake City, Utah, was visited by a \$500,000 fire.

The trial of the noted Humbert family for alleged libel of a banker was begun in Paris.

Advices from Guatemala announced that the entire republic had been declared a state of siege.

A snowslide on the Northern Pacific road in Montana broke a trestle and swept a freight train into a gulch.

It is estimated that the wheat harvest of South Australia will amount to an exportable surplus of 130,530 tons.

Strike Hearing Ended.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—The anthracite coal strike commission, after being in public session for more than three months, closed its open hearings with an all day argument by Clarence S. Darrow in behalf of the miners. The commission will meet in secret in Washington next Thursday and begin the consideration of its award. It is expected that by the end of this month the arbitrators will be ready to make their announcement. If an increase in wages is determined upon, the increase is to date from the first of last November, the commission having decided upon that date on Oct. 31.

State Prize For Triplets.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 17.—Guy W. Stimpson, representative in the legislature from Butte, has introduced a resolution to appropriate \$3,000 for the benefit of triplets recently born to the wife of Stephen Murphy, a miner. Mr. Stimpson's resolution explains that the purpose of the appropriation is to give proper recognition to the patriotic and praiseworthy result and to demonstrate to the world that the aspersions cast on Butte and the statement that nothing could be raised there is without reason, and also for the purpose of encouraging the industry.

Half a Million For Charities.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Albert Pfaff, who decorated and furnished most of the great transatlantic liners of the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd companies, has died. He bequeathed about \$500,000 to various charities.



CHEAP FODDER STORAGE.

An Idea That Should Be Tested by All Farmers Who Have a Big Supply of Stover.

Stover requires comparatively tight storage room to keep it in until wanted for feed. Stacked in a windy country before it can settle or become compact it is liable to become scattered to the four winds. A very satisfactory method, according to a writer in Ohio Farmer, is to build up a rail pen, putting in a board floor, and run the stuff into it, packing down as close as possible. When filled, cover over with matched roof boards, a tarpaulin,



STOVER CRIB AND SELF-FEEDER.

slough grass or anything that will turn the rain. As the material packs very close of itself and is very impervious to rain, it will keep well. Another method described and illustrated by the same writer combines cheapness with the "self-feeder" idea. The crib is made of the slat fencing or cribbing as used by the farmers in the west when their crops are larger than their crib room. The slatting is made usually in five and six-foot widths and two ties put up, making the combined height from ten to 12 feet. A floor of boards is put in and the bottom tier of slatting fastened to the supporting posts five or six inches from the floor boards, which should project two or three feet outside the slatting. The cattle will pick up clean all the feed they will pull out through the space between the boards and slatting. When no more can be reached by the cattle, the space around the bottom can be filled by the attendant of the stock with an iron rod sharpened and bent into a hook at the end.

Why They Tatoo. Strange Belief of Women in the Laughlan Islands, Near New Guinea. In several islands of the Indo-Pacific region, says Prof. Thilenius, who has been closely studying the subject for some months, the belief prevails that persons who are tattooed have a much better chance of getting safely into the next world than those who are not tattooed, says the New York Herald.

As a typical example, he cites the case of the women in the Laughlan islands, a small group east of the southern end of New Guinea. These women tattoo the greater part of their bodies with angled designs, but never fail to tattoo concentric circles on their legs. They believe that between the Laughlan islands and the island of Vatun, in the Trobriand group, to which their souls should go, there is a great snake over which they must pass. The snake asks each soul for her tattooing, and the soul takes it off and gives it to the snake, who covers itself with it. The snake then becomes broad and flat, and the soul passes over it as over a bridge.

If, however, the soul is not tattooed, the snake shrinks, and the soul falls into the sea and cannot reach the blessed sanctuary in Vatun. Moreover, worse still, these wretched souls are straightway changed into fish.

This strange belief has prevailed in the Laughlan islands for a long time, and there is no evidence that it is dying out.

ACTIVE VOLCANO IN UTAH.

Small Crater Recently Discovered by Prospector in Salt Lake Region. What appears to be a partly active volcano crater has just been discovered by George McNamee and several other prospectors, at a point about 20 miles north of Moab and two miles east of where Salt Wash crosses Salt valley, and about six miles south of Richardson post office, reports the Salt Lake Tribune.

On a high mesa the prospectors discovered steam or smoke rising some distance from where they were and on investigation found that it rose from a hole in the solid sandstone formation. The orifice is oblong, about three feet in width and six feet long.

A strong current of warm air carrying some vapor arises, but seems to have little or no gaseous smell. The sides of the hole are very black and sooty. A rock thrown in apparently falls a long distance. The prospectors working in that section will make further investigation.

This section has been prospected over for a number of years, and cattle and sheepmen have ridden over it for the past 25 years without discovering the crater. The prospectors who visited it say they would not have found it but for seeing the steam arise, as it is a place that would be unlikely to be passed. It appears to be an old volcano vent that has been lying dormant for years and is just beginning to show signs of activity.

Marrage in Turkistan. The Russian government has set about regulating the age at which girls shall marry in Turkistan. It has been customary for Mohammedan girls to marry between the ages of 10 and 12 years, but orders have been issued now that no Mohammedan shall marry under 14. The Tartar and Turcoman chiefs are much incensed, as all seek to obtain brides as young as possible. Russian officials report that 75 per cent of the girls who marry under 12 die before they are 20.

Scarceness for Electric Poles. So many cases of troublesome short circuiting of electric wires have occurred recently by owls, crows, hawks, eagles, etc., lighting on wires, that the Electrical Review suggests the expediency of putting scarecrows on top of the poles.

WATCHING CRABS FOR MARKET.

Ingenuous Method by Which Large Numbers Are Procured from a Maryland River.

Those who crab for market on the Choptank river, Maryland, have an ingenious method of catching crabs in quantities, says Country Life in America. A rope about the thickness of a clothesline, several hundred feet long, is kept coiled in a keg. The closer the cover the more pleasant the sail with the fisherman to the crabbing grounds, for at intervals of two feet along the entire length of the rope he has untwisted it and inserted between the stands short pieces of snilted eels. The torsion of the stands holds them tightly in place. Each end of the rope has a keg buoy attached, together with a heavy stone. Arriving at the favored place, usually on oyster beds, he throws a keg overboard and pays out his highly scented rope as he sails. When the other end is reached he anchors it with another stone, and throws out another buoy. After lowering his sail he waits a few minutes, then takes his stand on the bow of his boat. Alongside of him is his landing net, with a handle six feet long. He raises the buoy and stone, and hand over hand pulls his boat along the line. When a crab, clinging to its refreshment, comes in sight he seizes his net, dashes it under the crab, and flings it into the boat. The wary crab may loosen his hold and dive for the bottom, but such is the fisherman's dexterity that his net is swifter than the crab. One seldom gets away. Several hundreds of crabs are often taken at each overhauling of the rope. When he has caught all he wants, he packs them in barrels and sells them to local dealers, who ships them to market.

IMPORT WORMS FOR BIRDS.

A Chicago Dealer Receives Large Quantities from an Old German in New Jersey.

Chicago is obliged to import its meal worms from New Jersey. The worm most valued from a commercial standpoint is the small, inch and a half long specimen known as the meal worm, usually found in flour mills and kindred places. It is sold at all bird stores as a dessert or piece de resistance for the family canary or parrot. The retail price for meal worms is 25 cents per hundred, and large quantities are sold, says the Chicago Tribune. A man who sells a large number of meal worms at his bird store in State street each year says that the supply used to come from various mills around the country, the mill boys being tempted by liberal rewards to put in their noon hours prying around behind the loose boards of the mill exhuming the worms and sending them to Chicago.

But now the dealer receives all his supply from an old German down in New Jersey, who runs a sort of meal worm ranch. This man breeds the worms and ships them when they are fully grown and of proper weight and color. He has a building fixed up to resemble an old mill, full of loose boards and with flour and meal plentifully sprinkled around. The unsuspecting worms are led to believe that they are boarding in a real mill until such time as they are fat enough to cause a canary bird's heart to dilate with joy. Then they are ruthlessly seized, packed into tins, and sent to market.

AN ELECTRIC EYE-OPENER.

Novel Alarm Apparatus That Has Been Invented by a Southern Man.

There is in Mobile a gentleman who in the past has been in the habit of oversleeping in the morning hours, and as his business requires that he come down street early, it is essential that he should awaken at a certain hour. Time after time he came late to his business, in spite of alarm clocks and other appliances to get his eyes opened at the proper time. One morning recently he entered the office on time to the minute. The others in the office expressed great surprise at this unusual event, and asked the whyfore of it, reports the Mobile Register.

"I determined that this business of sleeping when I should be awake had to stop, so I called in an electrician and he fixed me up a few things. I have it so arranged that at the hour set a light flashes in my eyes. If this is not successful, and I do not get up and throw the switch, a mosquito bar and the frame falls on me. If I still slumber and sleep a gong like the one used on the patrol wagon goes off. Should I fail to notice these things, there is over my bed a bucket filled with water, having a small nozzle attached, and a ratchet releases a stop, so that a stream of water is squirted into my face. When I sleep through all these it will be time to order my coffin."

LITTLE BIT OF HOLLAND.

The Busy Fishermen and Their "Vrows" of Volendam Who Catch Guilders of Tourists.

The inhabitants daily dress in their Sunday best, to catch the "guilders" of unsuspecting tourists; but along the dyke, in the single street of Volendam, one sees the fishermen and their good "vrows," not in holiday attire, but dressed for their vocation, precisely as Volendam fishermen have been clothed for centuries past, says Four-Track News. The men wear tight-fitting jackets, buttoned to short, full breeches, wooden shoes, and a shock of straight, thick hair, clipped by their good dames around the edge of a bowl, in the good old-fashioned way. The women are busy as ants in a heap of sand, wasting not a moment of time, knitting their long woolen stockings as they chatter along the bustling street in their shoes of wood, and short striped skirts with padded hips, their heads surmounted by clean white caps of characteristic cut.

The tiny houses, the narrow street, everything is so compact that one easily imagines he is in a doll's village, while the prodigious men and stalwart women recall the childhood's wonderment, when our gaze first rested upon the illustrations as we turned the pages of "Gulliver's Travels."

ALPINE HOTEL NOTICE.

American tourists abroad often comment upon the literal translation into English of notices in foreign languages. The well-meant efforts of landlords and others to convey in the language of the visitor, the meaning of the native, often produced laughable results. A Washington citizen found this notice posted in his room in an Alpine hotel: "Mistere, the venerable voyagers are earnestly requested not to take clothes of the bed to see the sun rise for the color changes."

HIS SWORD IN THE WAY.

A recently appointed second lieutenant in the army on his first public appearance at one of the president's receptions had some difficulty with his sword and tripped over it several times while he was in the line. It got between his legs and dangled about in a most perplexing way. "Young man," said Maj. Gen. Corbin, in a most kindly manner, "that thing you are wearing is a sword, not a hurdle."

WORKING TIME IN BRITAIN.

At present the proportion of working time is smaller in Britain than in any other nation. The assertion is true alike in respect of agriculture, of industry, of shopkeeping, of commerce and of the professions.

OSTRICH LOGIC.

"When I can't see danger there is no danger." That's the logic of the ostrich which hides its head and exposes its body to the hunter. There are not a few people who seem to have gone to the ostrich to learn logic. The most dangerous enemies of humanity are the enemies which can't be seen, the disease breeding microbes which infect the blood. It is harder to get the microbes out of the blood than to keep it out, but Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does both, by purifying the blood and then keeping it pure.

If there are eruptions on the skin, boils, pimples, sores or other signs of impure blood, use Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which will purify the blood and cure the eruptions which come from it.

"My blood was all out of order, and I had to go to the doctor," writes Mrs. James R. Moss, New London, Conn. "He gave me medicine which helped me for a short time. In the winter of '89 I got worse than I had ever been. My tonsils were enlarged and my neck swollen all out of shape; my throat was sore and I could not eat. My husband was in the doctor's office, but he gave me no encouragement. He helped me a little, but it did not last long. He attended me for twelve months, when I heard of a lady whose condition was like mine, who was taking your medicine and was getting well. So I secured some of the medicine and began taking it. In one week I was able to eat my usual food. When I began taking the medicine I could sit up only a few minutes at a time, and I could rest or sleep only a little while at a time. My blood was so sore at times I could not even swallow sweet milk, and my tonsils were full of little eating sores. My left side was swollen out of shape and I could not have got my breath. The doctor said I would not get well, but three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, three bottles of his Peppermint Cure for Dr. Pierce's Catarrh Remedy and the use of salt water did the work and cured me."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and its consequences.

The people who talk about money being the root of all evil are those who haven't any.

HER HEART LIKE A WOLFPUP SPRING—Mrs. James Bridgley, Police Island, Ont., says: "I was for five years afflicted with dyspepsia, constipation, heart disease and nervous prostration. I cured the heart trouble with Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and the other ailments van-ished like mist. Had relief in half an hour after the first dose."—14 Sold by C. A. Klein.

The fool is often so supercilious as not to be on speaking terms with his own opportunities.

BURY LIPS—and a clear complexion, the pride of woman. Have you lost these charms through torrid liver, constipation, biliousness, or nervousness? Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills will restore them to you—40 little "Rabies" in a vial, 10 cents. Act like a charm. Never gripe—15 Sold by C. A. Klein.

Wagg—"Why do so many Germans commit suicide?" Wagg—Despondency, my boy. They are always looking for the worst."

SALT RHEUM, TETTER, ECZEMA—These distressing skin diseases relieved by one application—Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for all eruptions of the skin. Dr. Casson, Wilkesbarre, says: "For nine years I was disfigured with Tetter on my hands. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cured it." 35 cents.—16 Sold by C. A. Klein.

The man who preaches economy generally expects his wife to do all the practicing.

Americans are known as a dyspeptic people. The extent of this disease may be inferred from the multitude of so called "medicines" offered as a remedy. They are often in tablet form and have no value except as palliatives of the immediate effects of dyspepsia. The man who used them may feel better but is surely getting worse. They do not touch the real cause of the disease. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a medicine specially prepared to cure diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. It is not made to give temporary relief but to effect permanent cure. In ninety-eight cases out of every hundred it cures perfectly and permanently.

It has cost Dr. Pierce \$25,000 to give away in the last year the copies of his People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, which have been applied for. This book of 1008 pages is sent free on receipt of 21 cent stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

When a man makes a fool of himself the women take it as a matter of course.

A VETERAN'S STORY.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh of the bladder for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents.—13 Sold by C. A. Klein.

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