

## SOUTH AMERICA CAUSES ALARM.

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### EXCITEMENT HIGH IN VENEZUELA.

Should the Situation Continue Critical, the Gunboat Machias Will Be Dispatched to Bocas del Toro.—The Insurgents, Who Occupy Provision Island, Are Commanded by a Nicaraguan.

Washington (Special).—The latest development in the Venezuelan-Colombian situation, viz., the withdrawal of the exequaturs of all the Colombian consuls in Venezuela, has increased the feeling of officials here that relations between the two countries are still of a very serious character. In diplomatic circles especially the condition existing between these two republics is viewed with alarm, though their representatives here are without any recent information that will throw light on the situation. The withdrawal of the exequaturs of consuls is a decided demonstration of unfriendliness to the country they represent any business. Such action usually accompanies a declaration of war or a state of hostilities. In the present instance it follows the withdrawal of the Colombian minister, Dr. Rico, from Caracas to Bogota. The latter's departure followed a stormy scene in the Venezuelan cabinet as a result of an effort of President Castro to give Dr. Rico his passports. Dr. Rico's subsequent leaving was entirely voluntary, but he felt that the situation between the two countries was so serious that it was preferable to communicate with his own government in person rather than through the mails.

The officials of the legations of the countries interested continue hopeful that war may be averted. The Colombians say that the people of both republics are opposed to any war and that the present troubles are due to the machinations of individuals with personal ends in view. The navy department has been advised of the sailing of the battleship Iowa from Acapulco, Mexico, for Panama, where she has been dispatched to look out for American interests during the revolutionary troubles on the Isthmus.

### SHARP FIGHT IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Colonel Gracias, Two Officers and Fifty Rebels Killed in a Battle.

Manila (By Cable).—Later accounts of the recent engagement in Batangas Province between Capt. H. C. Hale, with a detachment of the Twentieth Infantry, with the insurgent leader, Gonzales, show that it was more important than it was first considered. Many deserters and renegades were seen and heard giving commands in English. Colonel Gracias, two officers and fifty men were killed after an engagement lasting three hours.

Everything points to the early capture or surrender of Miguel Malvar, the insurgent leader. When either event occurs everything will be favorable to the establishment of permanent peace. It is in the plans of the military authorities, as a first step toward reducing the force, to make two departments instead of four, which would result in a considerable saving. The headquarters of one department would be Manila and of the other Iloilo. Each day shows an increasing number of surrenders and captures in all the disaffected districts.

### PLOW MANUFACTURERS WILLING.

The \$50,000,000 Trust Will Soon Be a Reality.

Chicago (Special).—Nearly 30 plow manufacturers of the United States were in session here discussing plans for a consolidation of all the plow interests in the country. After the meeting it was announced that the proposed consolidation is practically assured and that about \$50,000,000 will be represented in the organization. The New York Guarantee and Trust Company has made a proposition to the plow manufacturers to engineer the deal, and a large majority of them, it is said, have signified a willingness to enter the combine.

### No One Starving in Texas.

Dallas Texas (Special).—Advices to the News show that the reports of the drought in Zapata county have been much exaggerated. Representative Seabury, who represents Zapata county in the Legislature, has letters from friends in various parts of the county advising him that the reports of people starving to death are unfounded. There has been no suffering, for while some have not made sufficient crops for their own subsistence, the better classes are willing and able to sustain the less fortunate. This is being done, rendering outside aid unnecessary, Representative Seabury says.

### Accident After a Wreck.

Phoenixville, Pa. (Special).—A north bound passenger train on the Schuylkill Valley Railroad collided with a freight train at Spring City, near here. A number of persons were slightly injured and several cars were wrecked. One of the freight cars was loaded with cans of oil, which exploded, setting fire to the train. The Spring City and Royersford fire departments extinguished the flames. While the wreckage was being removed from the track one of the cars slipped from the derrick, killing George Graham, of Spring City, and injuring three others.

### Masked Robber on a Wheel.

Sydney, N. S. W. (By Cable).—A masked cyclist held up the White Cliff-Hicania mail coach, wounded a passenger, secured the mails and opals valued at £1400 (\$7000) and escaped.

### Suppression of a Play.

Havana (Special).—Civil Governor Nunez has suppressed a French play, translated into Spanish, which had been presented at the Pavet Theatre by a Spanish company. The play is entitled "Pork Kings; or, Uncle Sam." Senator Nunez describes it as "an insult to American womanhood." La Lucha protesting against the production in the strongest terms, says: "This play consists of vile and useless malevolence, which is heaped upon the entire American nation instead of a small group."

## SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

Vice-President Roosevelt was an attraction at the Minnesota State Fair in Minneapolis. He made an address at the fair and was banqueted at night. H. Burr Cossell was nominated for Congress by the Republicans to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Congressman Brosius.

George Carter was held for the grand jury in Norfolk, Va., on the charge of attempting a criminal assault on Mrs. Ella Jeffries.

Miss Louise Taylor, a daughter of the Confederate General "Dick" Taylor, died at her home in Pass Christian, Miss. A passenger train collided with a freight on the Schuylkill Valley Railroad, near Spring City, Phoenixville, Pa.

General MacArthur, with his chief of staff, called on the adjutant-general in Washington to pay his respects.

Thomas Brightwell was murdered Friday night in Appomattox county, Va., by Lottie Robertson, a colored girl.

Head Admiral Sampson is reported to be in the city well at Lake Sunapee as he had been for the past six months.

Milton Evans was shot and fatally wounded in a street duel with John Cunningham in Shelbyville, Ind.

Israel M. McClaister, who was acting as peacemaker in a fight at Picketon, O., was stabbed to death.

Henry Lane, who came from Lumburg to Richmond, Va., met his long-lost sister there by chance.

A mob of negroes in Southwest Virginia followed a party of white bent on lynching a negro who had probably fatally wounded a white man, and the negroes became so threatening that a sheriff's posse had to follow and disarm the negroes.

In a collision between two ferryboats running between Philadelphia and Camden, N. J., there was a panic among the passengers, but no one was injured. One boat was badly damaged.

A party of five young men and women, out rowing on the bay, near Exmore, Va., were thrown into deep water by the capsizing of their boat and barely escaped with their lives.

Large sums of money are being transferred to the sub-treasuries at New Orleans, Chicago and St. Louis for use in moving the crops.

General Ludlow's body will be cremated and the ashes buried at the Ludlow home on Long Island.

Vice-President Roosevelt was entertained in Chicago and reviewed the naval militia of that city.

Thomas Brightwell is said to have been murdered near Springs Mills, Campbell county, W. Va.

Work was begun at Newport News on the armored cruisers Maryland and West Virginia.

Two men were killed at Krebs Station, Pa., by the explosion of a powder mill.

Simon was fatally injured at Evansville, Ind., by falling from a balloon.

Chinese Minister Wu continues the lion of society at Narragansett Pier.

John Deehart was killed at Rossmayne, Pa., by a train.

In Bronx Borough, Manhattan, Lenhard Merget shot and wounded Mrs. Frank Schinwell and attempted to shoot her husband and her ten-year-old daughter. Jealousy was the motive.

Adolph Osterloh, for 20 years the German consul in Richmond, Va., died at his home in that city. He was a native of Bremen, Germany, and went to Richmond in 1866.

### Foreign.

Munir Bey, the Turkish ambassador to France, returned to Paris and held a fete in honor of the Sultan, whereupon he was ordered to leave France immediately. Turkish troops are rioting because they have not been paid. Disorders and military uprisings are reported in Albania and Macedonia.

Marie Josephine Eastwick, of Philadelphia, had a preliminary hearing in the Guild Hall Police Court in London, on the charge of forging a railway certificate of the value of £100,000.

Prince Chun and his suite left Switzerland for Berlin, Emperor William having decided to waive the ceremony of kneeling or prostrating themselves in the imperial presence.

Dr. Krause, former governor of Johannesburg and a prominent official of the Transvaal government, has been arrested in London on a charge of high treason.

The French representatives of Constantinople went on an excursion to avoid participation in the exercises in honor of the Sultan's birthday.

Many laborers are being discharged from the coal mines and industrial establishments in Germany, owing to declining business.

Interference by Russian agents with the British trade routes between India and Eastern Persia is stirring up the British. The London Times says the British government must speedily decide whether Russia is to be allowed to establish itself on the Persian gulf.

The French naval demonstration at Dumbell, which the Czar will witness, will be on a grand scale, 39 warships taking part in the maneuvers. Extraordinary precautions are being taken to insure the Czar's safety during his stay in France.

The Liberals in Colombia hold various towns and districts in Colombia, but avoid engaging the government forces. While Colombia has troops on the Venezuelan and Ecuadorian frontiers, the numbers reported are exaggerated.

La Savoie, a new ship of the Transatlantic Line, started from Havre for New York. She will bring over a number of French journalists.

Lord Salisbury's family are anxious for him to retire from office, but the Unionists are opposed to the step.

Andrew Carnegie has given £10,000 to build a town hall at Motherwell, Scotland.

Foreign ministers in China negotiating peace relations with China are anxious that the protocol be signed so that they may return home.

### Financial.

The First National Bank of Chicago has \$74,000,000 deposits and the shares are 367 bid.

The value of Mexican imports were \$55,000,000, and the value of exports was \$84,000,000.

The gross tonnage of United States railways has increased 80 per cent. in the last ten years.

Exports of wheat since July 1 have been 37,286,000 bushels, as compared with 27,888,000 bushels in the same period of last year.

## STRIKERS PARADE IN PITTSBURG.

Many Thousands Strong in Celebration of Labor Day.

### THE INTEREST WAS NEVER SO GREAT

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Pittsburg (Special).—Pittsburg was given over Labor Day to the sons of toil, who paraded the streets 18,000 strong in celebration of Labor Day.

The interest, owing to the Amalgamated strike, was never as great here as this year, and in the procession were workmen from almost every trade in this great industrial center.

The parade started about 11 o'clock and was in four divisions. The first division was made up of the Amalgamated strikers, with President T. J. Shaffer in command. It was one of the largest divisions, and the strikers were greeted with enthusiasm all along the route.

A feature of the parade was a long line of industrial exhibits, illustrating the active workings of trades and manufacturing business.

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President Shaffer said in part: "We look about and see that the original command to humanity, 'By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy bread' is still true; but many men are unable to earn their bread, despite the fact that they are willing to do so. There are times when they are not permitted to fulfill the command. They cannot earn their bread because they are not properly remunerated for their toil."

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## LIFE-BOATS IN USE IN STREETS.

Estimated Loss of \$1,000,000 by a Cloudburst in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland (Special).—With the breaking of dawn Sunday morning the residents of Cleveland looked upon a scene of devastation caused by a raging flood. While the entire city was more or less affected, the great volume of water vented its anger over miles of the eastern portion of the city and caused an amount of damage approximating \$1,000,000.

From about 5 o'clock in the morning until 7 in the evening there was a precipitation of 4.28 inches. This exceeds all previous records, the nearest approach being in 1870, when from 7:35 a. m. on July 10 to 6:15 p. m. on July 11 it rained 3.86 inches.

The overflow was caused by a terrific rain that commenced to fall shortly after 2 o'clock, turned into a cloudburst between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock and then continued with great force until nearly 10 o'clock. The storm, according to the weather officials, was the heaviest that has visited Cleveland since the establishment of the Government bureau in this city, over 40 years ago.

That no lives were lost is little short of a miracle, as the stories of thrilling escapes from the water in several of the principal residence streets of the city are told.

The surging waters spread over an area in the East End nearly eight miles long and a mile and a half wide.

This extended from Woodland Hills avenue to East Cleveland and back to East Madison avenue. Great volumes of water poured over from Doan and Giddings brooks down Quincy street, swamped Vienna street, rushed over Cedar avenue back over on East Prospect street, rushed like a mill race down Lincoln avenue to Euclid avenue and then on the Glen Park Place, where houses were undermined as though built of straw and almost incredible damage was done to streets and property.

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## GOVERNOR WOOD RETURNS TO CUBA.

Constitutional Convention Has Concluded Its Important Work.

### THE TALES OF DISCONTENT DENIED.

General Wood Expressed Satisfaction With the Work of the Convention.—In His Opinion, It Will Be Seven or Eight Months Before the Cuban Government Can Assume Complete Control of the Island.

Washington (Special).—Gen. Leonard Wood, Governor of Cuba, passed through Washington en route for his post of duty.

"I was forced to leave Havana," he said, "about two months ago on account of my health. I had a severe attack of typhoid fever, but two months on the coast of Maine has braced me up wonderfully, and I feel quite like another man."

"We are ready to turn over the government of Cuba to the Cubans whenever they are ready to receive it," he continued, discussing the political situation of the island. "I suppose it will be seven or eight months at least before the government is organized. They will have to prepare for the first election, and after it is held an interval of nearly four months will elapse before the second election is held, and after that comes the organization of the government. As far as the United States is concerned, we are ready to turn over the government at any time."

"I think the Cubans are very well satisfied with the condition of affairs, in spite of rumors which we hear from time to time of discontent. They elected their own constitutional convention and the convention adopted the constitution for the island, and I see no room for complaint."

"While the island may not have gotten on its feet, so to speak, from the war, it has in a measure recovered. Last year the sugar crop was about 260,000 tons, while this year it will be more than 600,000 tons, or more than double that of the preceding year. Little progress has been made in refitting the sugar mills where the machinery was destroyed during the war, as the mills which kept running are able to grind all the cane at present. The other mills will be refitted as the necessity arises. The people are to a certain degree prosperous, and I feel sure that good times are in store for the island. Considering all the people have passed through in the past four years, they are very well off, and the conditions of affairs will continue to improve."

### PRINCE CHUN ON HIS DIGNITY.

Would Rather Die Than Go to Berlin Under Present Conditions.

Berlin (By Cable).—It is now very doubtful, according to a dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Basel, Switzerland, whether Prince Chun will come to Berlin to make formal apology for the murder of Baron von Ketteler. Members of the expiatory mission says:

"Under present conditions, we can never go to Berlin. We would rather die than accept them."

It appears that they object particularly to Prince Chun's attendants prostrating themselves before Emperor William, inasmuch as this is a special honor reserved for the Emperor of China, and would involve a recognition of the Kaiser's equality.

The following information is given regarding Prince Chun's speech to the German Emperor. Prince Chun intended to say:

"The Chinese government regrets that Baron von Ketteler was killed; but the Berlin government dictated the following form: 'The Chinese government begs pardon for the murder of the German minister, Baron von Ketteler.'"

The Chinese in Basel are trying to give the case international importance by emphasizing the fact that one of the dignitaries selected for prostration was made a baronet by Queen Victoria while another has the cross of the Legion of Honor.

### NO ONE WILL GET REWARD.

Detectives Who Worked on Bullion Cases Will Be Compensated.

San Francisco (Special).—President Ralston of the Selby Smelting Works, announces that the reward of \$25,000 which was offered for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves who stole \$380,000 worth of gold bullion on the night of August 5 will not be paid as such, though the detectives and others who were instrumental in recovering the treasure and sending the robber, John Winters, to jail will be liberally compensated for their services.

Winters was under arrest when the reward offer was made, and President Ralston says his conviction was expected. The company, however, thought he had accomplices, and feared also that the gold had been taken out of the country. For these reasons the offer of the big reward was made.

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