

### FORTRESS BOMBARDED

#### British and German Cruisers Silence Fort at Puerto Cabello.

#### NO DAMAGE DONE TO THE TOWN

#### Firing Was Preceded By Demand For Satisfaction For Pulling Down British Flag On Merchant Ships—Venezuela Notified of La Guaira Blockade.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 15.—The British cruiser Charybdes and the German cruiser Vineta have bombarded the fortress here. They quickly silenced it. The bombardment lasted for 45 minutes. The fortress is composed of Fort Saiano and the Castle Libertador. After the firing ceased the Charybdes sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished. It is probable that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. While the firing continued there was intense excitement in this port. Every house in town was closed. The cruisers are still here.

The people of Puerto Cabello cannot account for this precipitate action on the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain and Germany intend forcing war upon Venezuela.

The Charybdes and the Vineta arrived here Saturday morning. The captain of the English merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by a mob last Wednesday, visited the English commodore on board the Charybdes and returned an hour later with a detachment of 50 marines, who took charge of the Topaze. The populace was greatly excited at this incident, and raised the cry "To arms," but no incident occurred.

The English commodore then sent a demand to the authorities for immediate satisfaction for having pulled down the British flag from the Topaze, and advised the government that if satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours the fortress and custom house would be bombarded. The authorities on the receipt of this demand sent a message to President Castro asking for instructions.

At 5 o'clock the Charybdes and the Vineta opened fire on the fortress and custom house. The fortress replied, but was soon silenced. No damage was done to the town.

The United States consul went on board the two cruisers and was informed by their commanders that they had come to this port in search of the Venezuelan warships.

#### Notified of Blockade.

Caracas, Dec. 15.—A note from the commanders of the allied Anglo-German fleet which the Venezuelan government refused to receive Friday at La Guaira, was sent Saturday to United States Minister Bowen at Caracas and forwarded by him to the proper government official here. The note is in the name of Great Britain and Germany; it requests all Venezuelan ships, after the lapse of five days, to refrain from sailing from the port of La Guaira until the present difficulties are over.

The statement that Italy, through her legation here, is to demand payment of her claims against Venezuela has been confirmed.

The enlistment of Venezuelan soldiers continues; 2,000 men from the Interior reached Caracas on Saturday. The boycotting of British and German goods continues. It is reported that 90 Germans living in the country have offered to support the Venezuelan government against Germany.

The fact that the people of Venezuela are in absolute ignorance of the designs of the allies upon their country creates a deep and disturbing impression here. The chief officer of President Castro's guard said yesterday: "If there is to be war, let us know, and we will fight. If there is to be only an assault on our coast, where we cannot reach the allies, the only thing left for us to do is to declare that to destroy your debtor's furniture is a strange way to force the payment of his obligation. I believe this situation will soon come within the scope of the Monroe doctrine."

#### ENGLAND CALLS A HALT

#### Fleet in Venezuelan Waters to Cease Hostilities.

London, Dec. 16.—It is declared that the foreign office has notified the commander of the British fleet in Venezuelan waters to cease hostilities pending arbitration of the claims against the South American republic. An expression of a desire for peaceful settlement is known to have been received from the Venezuelan government. This 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 in the house of lords is "now under consideration by the British government." Lord Lansdowne added: "We are greatly indebted to the good offices of the United States minister at Caracas."

In the house of commons yesterday Viscount Cranborne, parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, made a statement relative to the sinking of captured Venezuelan warships. He denied that the British admiral was responsible for the sinking of the ships. The under secretary said his majesty's government had been informed that the German commodore found it necessary to sink two ships, but Great Britain was not responsible for this.

The house was crowded last evening when the Venezuelan matter came up for debate. Henry White, the American charge d'affaires, had a seat in the diplomatic gallery. Mr. Schwann,

after having expressed surprise that the government was anxious for another war after South Africa, complained of the paucity of the information concerning the Venezuelan situation, which has been given to parliament. He said he hoped arbitration would be accepted, because, although President Roosevelt is anxious to act correctly, the situation is full of danger, and the president's hands might be forced by politicians.

Premier Balfour declared that, in so far as the financial claims were concerned, the government was prepared to agree to an arbitration tribunal to assess them equitably. He added also that the United States government had not suggested arbitration. Anglo-German interests in Venezuela had been entrusted to the American minister at Caracas, Mr. Bowen, who, with admirable energy had protected the lives of British and Germans. The premier said he understood that it was for Venezuela, through the United States, that the suggestion for arbitration had come.

#### GENERAL GRANT'S WIDOW DEAD

#### Passed Away at Her Washington Residence From Heart Failure.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wife of President Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11.17 o'clock last night, aged 76 years. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons, who had been summoned here, all being out of the city.

Death came peacefully, the sufferer retaining almost complete consciousness practically to the end. Word has come from Jesse and Ulysses S. Grant, two of the sons, now in California, that they have started on their way to Washington. The other son, General Fred Grant, is in Texas, and he will hasten here as soon as he receives a message telling him of his mother's death. The remains of Mrs. Grant will be deposited in the tomb at Riverside Park, New York, where those of her husband now repose.

Mrs. Grant, whose maiden name was Julia Dent, was born in St. Louis in 1826, and was a daughter of Frederick and Ellen Wrenshall Dent. She was married to General (then Captain) Grant in 1846. During the Civil War Mrs. Grant was with the general much of the time and remained as near as possible to him when he was campaigning. She saw her husband twice inaugurated as president, and accompanied him on his journey around the world. Four children were born to General and Mrs. Grant, three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living.

#### BUILDING COLLAPSED

#### Fifty Men Buried Under Falling Round House at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The weight of ice and snow sent the roof of a round house of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Thirtieth and Arch streets, crashing in upon 50 men shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, injuring 16 so seriously that they were at once hurried to hospitals. The collapse occurred when the place was filled with engine wipers, drivers and firemen. The locomotives were buried under the ruins with the workmen, and the roar of escaping steam and the dense clouds of vapor led many to believe that several men had been scalded to death.

Rescue parties were at once formed and 16 injured men were rescued. Eight were sent to the University Hospital, three were taken to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital and five to the Presbyterian Hospital. Several of the injured men sustained broken limbs. Shortly after the accident and before all of the men were rescued the ruins took fire, but the flames were speedily extinguished.

The improvements the Pennsylvania Railroad is making in West Philadelphia undermined the foundations of the round house, and the weight of the snow and ice further weakened the structure. The roof began falling on the north side and continued clear around the building. The cries of the terrified workmen could be heard above the hissing of the steam. The firemen and police did good service in rescuing the injured. The 17 locomotives caught in the ruins were badly damaged.

#### Maryland's First Touch of Winter.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 16.—Snow, rain and sleet, accompanied by high winds, alternated yesterday and last night and gave to Marylanders the first real winter weather of the season. Reports from all parts of the state indicate that the storm was general. Telegraph and telephone wires have fallen from their icy weight and communication at all points is interrupted. In the cities electric travel has been interfered with. No serious damage has been reported from any section of the state.

#### Rushing Coal to the Cities.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company had over 50 locomotives in service transporting coal to market Saturday and yesterday. The company claims that 75,000 tons were started Saturday night and yesterday and is now on the road. Most of it is destined for the large eastern cities. The motive power of the company has never before been taxed as it is at the present.

#### Died of Hiccoughs.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 16.—After three days of constant hiccoughing, John Reibel, a barber, died. Every effort was made by physicians to alleviate his sufferings, but without avail.

### A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

#### Wednesday, December 10.

Fire in the business section of New Westminster, B. C., yesterday destroyed property valued at \$200,000. Hon. Robert M. Yardley, a prominent member of the Bucks county, Pa., bar, dropped dead at Doylestown yesterday. Four of Philadelphia's public schools were closed yesterday owing to cold class rooms, the supply of coal being exhausted.

According to a ruling by Postmaster General Payne, when women employed in the postal service marry they must again take the oath of office.

The whole force of the New York agricultural department is working to keep the hoof and mouth disease among cattle out of that state.

#### Thursday, December 11.

Harry Price, of Schenectady, N. Y., was struck by a train and instantly killed while picking coal yesterday.

Julia Thornton, 70 years old, was found frozen to death in her room in a Providence, R. I., tenement yesterday.

The telegraph operators on the Norfolk and Western Railroad have been granted a 10 per cent. increase in wages, shorter hours and extra pay for overtime.

The house committee on agriculture today reported to the house a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to wipe out the foot and mouth disease among New England cattle.

#### Friday, December 12.

Andrew Carnegie arrived in New York yesterday from Liverpool on the steamer Oceanic.

Dittmar's Powder Works, near Lakewood, N. J., was wrecked yesterday by an explosion. One employe was injured.

The senate committee on military affairs yesterday acted favorably on a bill retiring General H. C. Merriam as a major general.

President Roosevelt yesterday received a deputation of all religious bodies doing missionary work in Turkey. They claimed their institutions were not treated fairly by the sultan.

#### Saturday, December 13.

Frank Lewis was hanged yesterday at Harlan, Ky., in the presence of 5,000 people, for the murder of Henry Dixon. The building of J. L. Connell & Co., wholesale grocers, at Scranton, Pa., was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, \$125,000.

President Roosevelt has approved the findings of the court-martial which found Lieutenant Owen guilty of financial irregularities.

Harry Pulliam, of Pittsburg, was elected president, secretary and treasurer of the National Base Ball League at New York yesterday.

George W. Simmons, master mechanic of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Pottsville, Pa., was struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad train at Harrisburg yesterday and killed.

#### Monday, December 15.

German societies in New York are trying to obtain a national pension of \$2,000 a year for Mrs. Elise Sigel, the widow of Major General Franz Sigel.

President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to attend the dedication of a monument to commemorate the battle of Manila Bay at San Francisco next May.

Two roe shad, weighing 10 pounds each, having evidently strayed from their southern haunts, were caught in Chesapeake Bay off Tolchester Beach, Md., on Saturday.

Four mills of the American Sheet Steel Company, at Canal Dover, O., were destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Loss, \$1,000,000, including \$750,000 in finished products.

#### Tuesday, December 16.

Sol Hirsh, ex-United States minister to Turkey, died yesterday at Portland, Ore.

The Virginia legislature passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

President Roosevelt yesterday nominated Frank F. Patterson, Sr., to be assistant collector of customs at Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Mary Bond and her two small daughters were burned to death yesterday in a tenement house fire in New York.

The congregation of the Propaganda has proposed to Pope Leo the appointment of Bishop J. E. Quigley, of Buffalo, N. Y., as archbishop of Chicago, to succeed the late Archbishop Feehan.

#### GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.60@2.80; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.85@3. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.20@3.25 per bbl. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 77½¢. Corn was dull; No. 2 yellow, local, 55¢. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 38½¢; lower grades, 34@35¢. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$17.50@18 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$21@22. Live poultry, 12½¢ for hens, and 8@9¢ for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 12¢ for choice fowls, and 10¢ for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 35¢ per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 29¢ per dozen. Potatoes steady; choice, 63@65¢ bushel.

#### Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Cattle were lower; prime steers, \$5.75@6.35; heifers, \$2.25@4.50; cows, \$2.50@4.25; bulls, \$2.75@4.25. Veals 25¢ higher; tops, \$8.75@9.25; common to good, \$5.50@8.50. Hogs active and 10@15¢ higher; heavy, \$5.40@5.55; mixed, \$6.30@6.40; yorkers and pigs, \$5.20@6.25; stags, \$4.75@5.50. Sheep firm; mixed tops, \$3.75@4; culls to good, \$1.75@3.35. Lambs 6¢ higher; tops, \$5.75@5.90; culls to good, \$4.25@5.65; yearlings, \$4.25@4.75; ewes, \$4.25@4.50. East Liberty, Pa., Dec. 15.—Cattle were lower; choice, \$5.75@5.90; prime, \$5.40@5.60; good, \$5@5.30. Hogs were higher; prime heavies, \$6.45@6.50; mediums, \$5.40; heavy yorkers, \$6.30@6.25; light yorkers, \$5.25; pigs, \$6.20@6.25; roughs, \$5@5.10. Sheep were slow; best wethers, \$3.60@4; culls and common, \$1.50@2; choice lambs, \$5.40@5.65; veal calves, \$8@8.50.



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