

GERMAN WARSHIPS NEAR VENEZUELA

It Is Evident That a Naval Demonstration Will Soon Be Made by Germany.

FIRST MOVE WILL BE BLOCKADE OF PORTS

In Case of War an Effort Will Be Made to Starve Out the Venezuelans by Shutting Off Means of Obtaining Food Supply—Venezuela Hopes to Enlist Sympathy of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The gathering of German warships in the vicinity of Venezuela, and the presence in the same locality of many American, British, French and other foreign warships is directing attention to the imminence of the naval demonstration Germany is about to make against Venezuela.

The answer of this government was entirely satisfactory. It is asserted, however, that there is any ulterior purpose to establish a German coaling station on Venezuelan soil.

On the part of Venezuela, it is semi-officially understood that President Castro has made known that he is prepared for any emergency.

Venezuela Desires Our Sympathy. There appears also to be much reliance on the part of Venezuela in the sentiment and sympathy which can be aroused within the United States by an European invader is actually operating on American soil and Venezuela issues a declaration of war, Venezuela, it is understood, also relies largely on the fact that the British capital is invested in the large Venezuelan ports and would be the heaviest sufferer from any destruction wrought by the Germans.

Another possible means of settlement is through the diplomatic offices of a prominent Venezuelan official now on foreign service who has been summoned by cable to return to Caracas, probably for the purpose of going on a special mission to Germany.

GERMAN CRUISER AT LA GUAYRA

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 27.—The German cruiser Vineta, anchored at La Guayra today.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S NEW YEAR RECEPTION

Guests Will Be Welcomed at 11 O'Clock a. m.—Reception of Citizens at 12.35.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The program of the president's New Year's reception is as follows:

The president will receive at 11 a. m. the members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps.

At 11.25 a. m., Senators and representatives, and delegates in congress; the commissioners and judicial officers of the District of Columbia.

At 11.40 a. m., officers of the army; officers of the navy; officers of the Marine corps; commanding general and general staff of the militia of the District of Columbia.

At 12.15 p. m.—Associated Veterans of the war of 1818-17; the Grand Army of the Republic; the military order of the United States; the United Veterans' union; Spanish War veterans; the members of the Oldest Inhabitants' association of the District of Columbia.

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EMPEROR EXPELS GAMBLERS.

Noblemen Concerned in \$500,000 Game Expelled from Austria.

Vienna, Dec. 27.—Emperor Francis Joseph has ordered the expulsion from Austria of the principals in the bacarat game of Dec. 21, when, at the Vienna Jockey club, Count Potocki lost \$500,000 during three hours' playing.

TO FREE MISS STONE.

Treasurer of Missionary Society in Communication with Brigands.

SENATOR DEPEW'S MARRIAGE.

Civil Service. Yesterday Two Religious Ceremonies Today.

Nice, Dec. 2.—The civil ceremony of the marriage of Senator Chauncey M. Depew and Miss Palmer took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the United States consulate.

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SENATOR SEWELL DEAD

New Jersey Statesman Passes Away After an Illness of Two Years Duration.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 27.—Senator William J. Sewell died at his home here at 9.29 a. m. today.

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Girl's Remains Discovered Floating in the River Near Her Home.

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Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 27.—Five weeks of mystery and speculation as to the fate of Miss Nellie Cropsey, terminated today at 10 o'clock, when the body of the missing girl was found floating in the river, opposite her father's home.

The coroner's jury has been in almost continuous session since the finding of the body, and the verdict of the jury was that the girl was killed by a blow upon the temple.

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THE MUSIC TEACHERS MEET AT READING

An Interesting Programme of Exercises Yesterday.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 27.—Today's programme of the State Music Teachers' association included:

Essay, "The Level of the Student," by Enoch W. Pearson, Philadelphia, director of music in public schools, Philadelphia, subject, "Public School Music as a Basis for Private Instrumental Instruction"; round table talks; piano—"Mechanical Adjustments for the Player," Chairman Franklin E. Crosson, Philadelphia; voice—"Criticism, Feeling and Expression, Handel's Arias as Studies," Chairman H. S. Kirkland, Philadelphia; lecture, James Warrington, Philadelphia, "Music in the Earlier Period of American History—1620-1820," with a vocal illustration by the choir.

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FATAL WRECK AT PRESTON PARK

Various Officials of the Road Are Advised by Vacancy Caused by Death of Mr. Brooks.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The directors of the Pennsylvania company, which includes the Pennsylvania railroad here today elected E. B. Taylor, general superintendent of transportation, to the office of fourth vice president, Joseph Wood, third vice president was advanced to the office of second vice president and J. J. Turner, fourth vice president, succeeds Mr. Wood. Mr. Taylor will have charge of the treasury and accounting department; Mr. Wood will be in charge of the traffic department and Mr. Turner in charge of transportation and real estate. James McCrea, vice president, assumes charge of the law department in addition to his other duties.

AMERICAN FRIENDS ADDRESS PRESIDENT

They Are Very Much Pleased That His Address Advocates Peace.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The committee appointed by the American Friends peace conference to prepare a message to President Roosevelt, today mailed a copy of the address to the white house.

WRECK ON THE ERIE.

Fireman John Rosney of Fort Jervis Is Instantly Killed—Two Locomotives Badly Shattered.

Honesdale, Dec. 27.—As a result of a head-on collision between a coal train from Fort Jervis, which was entering the Erie yard at East Honesdale, and the yard engine, at 6 o'clock this morning, John Rosney, of Fort Jervis, fireman of the coal train, was instantly killed, and both locomotives were badly wrecked.

SCHLEY RECEIVES AN OVATION

His Appearance at a Washington Theatre Evokes Applause.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Admiral Schley and ex-Secretary of Navy Hobart occupied a box at the new National theatre tonight to witness James K. Hackett act in "Don Caesar's Return."

INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT.

Six Hundred Employes of Pittsburg, Bessemer and Erie Are Happy.

Greenville, Pa., Dec. 27.—Six hundred employes of the Pittsburg, Bessemer and Erie railroad have been notified of an increase of ten per cent. in wages commencing Jan. 1.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 27.—David Hayman, brother of A. Hayman, and formerly a well known theatrical manager, died here today from pneumonia.

Four Men Lose Their Lives in a Smashup on the Ontario & Western Railroad.

A Coal Train Becomes Unmanageable While Descending the Hill Between Preston Park and Starlight and After a Fearful Run Jumps the Track—Engine and Cars Are Transformed Into a Shapeless Mass of Debris in a Twinkling. Melvin Whiting, Charles Millard, Richard Budd and Patrick Duffy Are Killed—Miraculous Escape of Eugene Fitzgerald.

TERRIBLE FLIGHT OF RUNAWAY TRAIN

The worst wreck and the greatest sacrifice of human life on the Scranton division of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad, since it was opened over a dozen years ago, took place about 6.30 yesterday morning, when a runaway coal train left the rails while descending the hill between Preston Park and Starlight, N. Y., piling itself into a mountain of debris and burying four men under it.

The train getting beyond control was the primary cause of the wreck. A broken flange, a strip about eighteen inches, on the forward wheel of the engine was what derailed the train. The wild speed of the runaway, swaying to and fro down the mountain, was too great a strain on the strength of the engine wheels. The weakest part gave, derailing the train while going at the awful speed of seventy or seventy-five miles an hour.

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