

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.

On the part of Venezuela, it is semi-officially understood that President Castro has made known that he is prepared for any eventuality. There is complete silence, however, as to the defensive measures Venezuela is adopting, but there is no indication that she is laying mines or preparing in any way to resist an occupation of La Guayra or Maracaibo.

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, relies largely on the fact that the principal capital is invested in the large Venezuelan ports and would be the heaviest sufferer from any destruction wrought by the Germans.

Money from France, England, Germany and the United States has built up La Guayra, Maracaibo and the other large places and little Venezuelan capital, it is said, is at stake. A German blockade, Venezuelans declare, will prove quite as onerous to American, British and other foreign shipping as it will to the internal interest of Venezuela and these shipping interests are expected to appeal to their several governments.

The presence of the North Atlantic squadron and many other American warships in West Indian waters is the source of much speculation in Germany and Venezuela. The Berlin officials are assured the presence of American ships has nothing to do with Germany's plans against Venezuela, but at Caracas, the presence of American ships in the neighborhood is looked upon

GERMAN CRUISER AT LA GUAYRA

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

An interesting incident occurred early in the day, when the Venezuelan militia ordered went alongside the Vineta at 6 o'clock in the morning, he was not allowed to board her.

Venezuelan officials immediately interpreted the action of the German officers that the cruiser had visited La Guayra on warlike business, in connection with the claims of Germany on the island. But the German officers called on the authorities and explained that the refusal to allow the health officer to board the Vineta was due to the fact that he came alongside the cruiser at too early an hour.

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.

The chief justice and the assistant justices of the supreme court of the United States; the judges of the United States court of appeals; the judges of the court of appeals; the District of Columbia; ex-cabinet members and ex-ministers of the United States.

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

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.

12 m., The regents and secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; the commissioner of fisheries; the civil service commission; the interstate commerce commission; the commission of labor; assistant secretaries of departments; assistant postmaster general; the solicitor general; assistant attorney general; the United States marshal; the commissioner of patents; comptroller of the currency; the heads of bureaus in the several departments; the president of the Columbian Institute for the deaf and dumb.

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

12.35 p. m.—Reception of citizens.

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.

Count Pallavicini won most of the money. Counts John and Joseph Potocki have retired to Russia. Gambling for large amounts of money is illegal in Austria.

TO FREE MISS STONE.

Treasurer of Missionary Society in Communication with Brigands. Constantinople, Dec. 27.—Dispatches from Salonica report that W. W. Post, treasurer of the Missionary society in Constantinople, has established communication with the brigands who hold Miss Ellen M. Stone captive, and hopes that the release of Miss Stone will be accomplished within a fortnight.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

Harrisburg, Dec. 27.—Charters were issued by the department today to the following corporations: The Handkerchief company, Harrisburg; Mikson company, capital, \$20,000, Sandley Bros., Harrisburg; capital, \$1,000, The Westinghouse Family company, Harrisburg; capital, \$5,000, Pittsburg Electric District four company, Harrisburg; capital, \$1,000, The Catin McGee's supply company, Harrisburg; capital, \$100,000, The Bradford Tarpole company, Bradford; capital, \$15,000, The Bank of Home, Home, Washington county; capital, \$60,000, The Pennsylvania Printing and Publishing company, Harrisburg; capital, \$10,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 27.—Arrived: Patricia, Hamburg; Havard, Antwerp; Cleland, Campana; Liverpool; Rotterdam, Rotterdam; Hatteloren, Genoa and Naples; Phenicia, Hamburg; Liverpool—Arrived: Teutonic, New York; Havard—Arrived: Boston, New York; Lizard—Passed: Southwark, New York for Antwerp.

Killed His Brother-in-Law.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 27.—West Beach, a well known local politician, was shot and instantly killed today by Tom Stewart, his brother-in-law. Stewart surrendered to an officer and said he had intended to kill Beach for the reason that he had been arrested for the murder of Stewart's sister. He also says Beach threatened to kill him and his brother.

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 in the afternoon in the United States consulate.

The American flags, flying from three well-kept carriages drawn up outside the American consulate, ably indicated that something unusual was going on inside. The shutters of the consulate were closed. Inside bright lamps were burning and a silken American flag was spread over the table, around which stood the principals, the witnesses and the other persons present at the first ceremony in the marriage of Senator Depew and Miss Palmer.

CARRIE NATION EJECTED.

The Joint Smasher Forcibly Removed from Teachers Convention. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—During the session of the state teachers' association today Carrie Nation, the Kansas "Joint Smasher," attempted to address the teachers.

Going up to the speaker's stand, Mrs. Nation told President Sinclair that she had been requested to speak. The president informed her that he had heard nothing of such a request. Without waiting for an introduction Mrs. Nation advanced to the front of the platform and began to address the teachers in her usual style. She was forcibly removed.

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. He suffered from diabetes, complicated with stomach and heart trouble. Senator Sewell's illness had extended over a period of two years, but his condition was not considered serious until about a year ago.

His constant attention to the duties devolving upon him in his official capacity, resulted, in 1899, in a collapse. A trip to Europe was beneficial and he soon recovered sufficiently to resume his duties. Toward the end of the last session of congress, he developed a complication of diabetes, and, acting on the advice of his physicians, he visited various health resorts in Europe. Upon his return, his condition showing no improvement, Senator Sewell went to Asheville, N. C., where he remained two months. He returned to his home about four weeks ago, and for a few days a slight improvement in his condition was noted. Within the past two weeks a succession of sinking spells greatly weakened him and compelled his physicians to abandon the hope of prolonging his life.

Messages of condolence to the bereaved family came from all parts of the country. Among these was a telegram from President Roosevelt, who had known Senator Sewell for years, and many of the senators and congressmen.

As soon as the death of Senator Sewell was announced, the flags at the city hall, the court house, school houses and at other places were displayed at half-mast, and, by instruction of Mayor Hatch, the bell in the tower of the city hall tolled sixty-seven times, one for each year of the senator's life.

Even before the news became generally known, prominent citizens began to call at the Sewell residence to offer condolence. Among the first was Judge E. A. Armstrong. Following him came Congressman John J. Gardner, Governor Voorhes, United States Senator John Kern and Adjutant General Oliphant. Messages from many prominent men in New Jersey, and from men who had known the senator in public life, were received. The funeral will take place on Tuesday next, but full arrangements will not be completed until tomorrow. The place of interment has not definitely been decided, but probably will be in Colebrook cemetery, seven miles from the city. The senator will have a military funeral. This was decided at a conference between Governor Voorhes, Adjutant General Oliphant and members of the family. A large detachment of the National Guard of New Jersey will be ordered out, but the detail of troops has not yet been decided upon. Adjutant General Oliphant will have charge of the military arrangements.

Services will be held at noon Tuesday at the senator's late residence, to be followed by services in St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which Senator Sewell was a member of the vestry.

General Alger Imposed.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—General Alger's condition tonight is favorable to a complete recovery. No change is noticeable, except that he continues to improve slowly.

Bulgarian Cabinet Resigns.

Sofia, Dec. 27.—The Bulgarian cabinet has resigned. It is understood the new cabinet will include two members of the Stamboloff party.

NELL CROPSEY'S BODY FOUND

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

UNDOUBTEDLY A CASE OF MURDER

The Physician's Report and Verdict of the Coroner's Jury Indicate That the Girl Who Has Been Missing for Five Weeks Was Killed by a Blow Upon the Temple. Young Wilcox Under Arrest and Strong Guard.

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 body was discovered by J. D. Stillman, a fisherman. When found the body was floating face downward. All the wearing apparel was intact. With the exception of some slight discoloration of the face, the body was in a state of good preservation and little decomposition. The body was easily identified as that of Nell Cropsey. The spot where the body was found had been dragged several times since her disappearance, but with no result.

Coroner Fearling summoned a jury of prominent men and called in three of the best physicians of the city to make a thorough and exhaustive autopsy, to learn if there was any sign of violence on the body.

The coroner's jury has been in almost continuous session since the finding of the body, and very much depends on the construction of their verdict as to what will be the fate of young Wilcox, who was the last person in the girl's company before her disappearance.

Great crowds tonight assembled in front of the coroner's office building, where the jury held its session, waiting for the verdict of the jury as to whether the girl met foul play or committed suicide.

Anticipating that trouble may be brewing for young Wilcox, the naval reserves have been ordered out to maintain order and peace, and to see that no violence is offered Wilcox. By order of the mayor, all the barrooms in the city have been closed. Wilcox has been released from the mayor's office, where he has been since his arrest, this afternoon to the county jail for his own protection, and a strong guard has been placed around the jail to see that no violence is offered him.

Report of Physicians. The report made by the physicians who performed the autopsy on Miss Cropsey says:

"The garments showed no marks of violence. The garments were removed and body fully exposed. The epidermis of face and head, together with hair of head were peeled off. The face and head were swollen and reddened. There were no external marks of violence on head, body or face. There was a discoloration of a pinkish hue on the front of head and face with a slight bluish discoloration over the back of the neck and occiput. There were no marks upon the front of neck, except as made by constriction of the throat during the autopsy. An examination of the internal organs showed she was a pure girl.

The stomach upon being opened emitted gas and was found to contain about two ounces of dark fluid and some substance, the solid substance presumed to be undigested food. The appearance of the stomach and other abdominal organs were normal. The lungs were collapsed and free from water. The heart was normal. Upon the section of the scalp all around the head, one inch above the brow, there was found a dark discoloration of the muscular substance. The bone beneath this contusion was discolored slightly blue. There was no other abnormality in any part of the scalp, which was completely dissected. There was no fracture discovered at any point of the cranium. A thorough examination of the brain showed no evidence of violence.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

We, the coroner's jury having been duly sworn by Dr. L. Fearling to inquire what caused the death of Ella M. Cropsey, do hereby report that from the investigation made by three physicians of Elizabeth City and from their opinion and also from our personal observation, that said Ella M. Cropsey came to her death by being struck a blow on the left temple, and by being drowned in the Pasquotank river. We have not yet investigated nor heard any testimony touching as to who inflicted the blow and did the drowning. We are informed that one James Wilcox is charged with same and is now in custody. We recommend an investigation as to his or any one else's probable guilt be had by one or more magistrates in Elizabeth City township, and that said Wilcox be held to await said investigation.

Capitol Commission Meets.

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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, William Benbow, Reading, subject, "The Level of the Student"; essay, 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.

Some very rare volumes of American music books were placed on exhibition in connection with Mr. Warrington's lecture. Tonight there was a concert.

QUIET AT BUENOS AYRES.

Rumors of Revolution Are Unfounded—Police Quell Disturbance. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 27.—Street demonstrations yesterday evening which were suppressed by the police gave rise to certain rumors of a revolutionary movement which had no foundation in fact. Certain streets of Buenos Ayres were occupied tonight by a force of policemen who will prevent further manifestations.

Dr. Alcorca when questioned this evening by the correspondent of the Associated Press on the incident arising from the alleged changing of a word in the protocol by the Chilean minister of foreign affairs, Seno Yanes, replied that he attached no importance to this matter and that he believed everything between the two countries would be satisfactorily arranged tomorrow.

CAPTAIN LEARY DEAD

The Well Known Naval Officer Expires from Heart Trouble—Sketch of His Active Career.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The secretary of the navy this morning received a dispatch from Rear Admiral Johnson, commanding the Boston navy yard, announcing the death of Captain Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., at the Marine hospital, Chelsea, Mass.

It is understood that the cause of death was heart trouble. Captain Leary was held in high regard by his fellow sailors because of the nerve he showed in the presence of two German warships in the harbor of Apia, Samoa, during the stirring trouble which wound up in the tremendous hurricane that wiped out the German and American navies in those waters in 1889. Leary was in command of the Little Adams, a third rate vessel of antique type, and, finding the Germans about to interfere forcibly in support of their own candidate for the Samoan chieftainship, he cleared ship for action, first placing himself in position to command either approach, and forbade any interference. He was not molested and remained at his post until the American squadron, under Admiral Kimberly arrived, when he was sent north in the Adams, thus escaping the great hurricane.

He was a unique figure as the first naval governor of the island of Guam, which he ruled as he would his ship, breaking up immorality by obliging the natives to marry; calling upon the men for a certain amount of work every week, and even prescribing the minimum number of monthly which should be maintained in each locality. He was appointed from Maryland and entered the naval service in 1860. He commanded the San Francisco during the West Indian campaign of the Spanish-American war.

COPPER BREAK CAUSED SUICIDE

Pittsburg Broker Said to Have Lost Money in the Market.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—Winfield S. Arter, a well-known stock broker of this city, shot and killed himself at his home in the East End today. Arter had been despondent for several weeks on account of the loss of money in the market. It is said, of being on the wrong side of the copper market. He was 40 years of age and leaves a widow and children.

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London, Dec. 27.—Robert Hensen, condemned to hang for the murder of Mrs. Mary Van Lieu, also colored, and her child. Hensen set fire to a house and called Mrs. Mary Van Lieu and her child to be burned to death.

Killed During Drunken Row.

Alton, Ill., Dec. 27.—Alexander Gustaf, aged 27 years, was struck on the head with a beer mug by an unknown person at Emma's last night. His skull was fractured and he died this morning. The assault occurred during a drunken row. Gustaf had drawn a knife to defend himself when he was knocked down.

Master of Fort of Philadelphia.

Harrisburg, Dec. 27.—Governor Stone today appointed Samuel A. Johnson, of Philadelphia, harbor master for the port of Philadelphia, vice Joseph H. Klemm, resigned. The appointment is to take effect Jan. 1, 1902. Mr. Klemm was recently appointed a mercantile appraiser.

FATAL WRECK AT PRESTON PARK

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS.

Various Officials of the Road Are Advocated 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. A dividend of three per cent, the first since 1894, was declared.

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. The following is an excerpt from the address:

"We have observed with encouragement and satisfaction the passage in this message to congress in which the declarations are made that 'the true end of every great and free people should be self-respecting peace,' that 'this nation most earnestly desires sincere and cordial friendship with all other nations' and that 'more and more the civilized peoples are realizing the wicked folly of war, and are attaining that condition of just and intelligent regard for the rights of others, which will in the end make world-wide peace possible.'"

"We earnestly desire that these sentiments, so true and timely, may prevail, and that during their administration the public opinion in behalf of rational methods for settling international differences may be fostered and all possible steps be taken to make such methods practical and effective."

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. No others were injured.

The crew of the yard engine barely had time to jump and save their lives. Conductor Knapp's train was held at the Union station one hour on account of the wreck.

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." It was the first time the admiral had been in a public place here since the verdict of the court of inquiry. The house was crowded, and when the admiral appeared he was given an ovation, the applause lasting several minutes.

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.

The raise applies to conductors, brakemen, switchmen, engineers and firemen and was voluntary on the part of the company.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Outing.

Scraper News, Va., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Roosevelt and children and Mrs. Cowles, sister of the president, arrived at Old Point at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the dispatch boat Dolphin. The vessel anchored off the fort, but none of the party saw some boys come up to the landing of the Missouri in the morning on the Dolphin, after which they will return to Washington.

Two Boys Drowned.

Lionsville, Pa., Dec. 27.—Walter and Gerald Boldt, aged 12 and 13 years, respectively, fell through an air hole in the ice on Conasa lake today and were drowned.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

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.

TERRIBLE FLIGHT OF RUNAWAY TRAIN

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.

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 engineer, fireman and two brakemen were the victims of the awful tragedy of the rail. They are:

- MELVIN WHITING, engineer, married, Carbondale.
CHARLES MILLARD, fireman, married, Carbondale.
PATRICK DUFFY, rear brakeman, single, Carbondale.
RICHARD BUDD, head brakeman, single, Carbondale.

Conductor Grant Smith and Flagman Michael R. Walsh, both of Carbondale, were in the caboose during the train's wild run and missed the fate of the rest of the crew by a narrow margin. They jumped when the cars began to pile up. Smith was uninjured, though he suffered from shock. Walsh was less fortunate. He sustained a scalp wound and was severely bruised about the right shoulder.

Eugene Fitzgerald, an eighteen-year-old lad from Sidney, N. Y., who was on the engine "panhandling" his way to his home, had an escape from the same fate, as the engineer and fireman that was miraculous. When the engine left the rails it was thrown around. The force of the lurch pitched him off and cast him down the bank out of harm's way.

The scene of the wreck was a frightful picture of confusion and ruin, only one gondola and the caboose of the train of fifty cars being left intact. The rest were broken and crushed and driven into one another in a heap, reaching fifteen feet high in two or three places.

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.

Escape of the Train. Engine No. 201, a big Cooke Locomotive company "hog" of 100 tons, was at the head of the train in charge of Engineer Melvin Whiting and Fireman Charles Millard. The rest of the crew was made up of Grant Smith, conductor; Richard Budd, head brakeman; Patrick Duffy, middle brakeman and Michael R. Walsh, flagman. Nothing went amiss until Preston was reached. Then it was realized that the train was going at a speed that meant disaster unless checked. When the train flew by Preston station, the engineer saw that the air brake was not much of a factor in controlling the speeding cars, being connected with only eighteen of the gondolas. He called for brakes, tooting the whistle in a manner that made the crew scramble over the cars to set the brakes. When the train's speed increased and it ran down the mountain like a maddened monster, the shriek of the engine whistle rang out like one in awful distress. The train raced madly on filling the crew's minds with terrible thoughts of what the end might be if the flight could not be stayed. The wild night added to the fearful crisis through which the men were passing. The rails were slippery from the ice and snow that fell and the tops of the cars were heaped with snow. The brakemen sought the brakes but could make but the poorest progress. In the meantime the speed of the train wound itself down the mountain like a wriggling snake that wash washing itself to death.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Partly cloudy—Fair Saturday and Sunday; diminishing northwest winds.

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