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Castro's Plans. It is suspected that President Castro has hitherto had no opportunity of taking up the question of national finances, but that he himself was engaged in suppressing the revolution he sent to Europe the secret delegation referred to, with the view of accomplishing what was regarded as impossible of execution at Caracas. Secrecy was regarded to be imperative in view of President Castro's belief that if it had been known that Venezuela contemplated a new financial settlement he would have been inundated with claims of every description, and the dealings with the bondholders would have presented many more difficulties. The details of the plan, which will be communicated to the state department are carefully guarded, but the Associated Press is in a position to announce that the main feature is a unification of all the outstanding government and government guaranteed loans upon a basis of security much greater than has been hitherto offered. It is strenuously denied that the present movement is due to any desire on the part of Venezuela to spar for time with Great Britain and Germany and in proof of this it is pointed out that the secret mission left Venezuela before her relations with Great Britain and Germany had assumed the present acute aspect. Should the United States government give its moral support, the plan will be submitted to American bankers. The Venezuelan delegation believes that it is not too late to secure the necessary facilities from Europe to bring about a settlement satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Paris, Nov. 28.—The French foreign office has not considered the question of French participation in the British-German naval demonstration against Venezuela, as the French claims are making reasonable progress towards adjustment. The officials here take a favorable view of the British-German plan as being likely to serve the interests of all the powers and at the same time more fully define the real meaning of the Monroe doctrine.

Asphyxiated by Gas. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Albany, N. Y., Nov. 28.—William and Martha Hopeman, aged about 60 years, were found dead in bed in a hotel here today, having been asphyxiated during last night by illuminating gas. They were residents of East Chateaufort and arrived in this city yesterday to meet their two sons and their daughter-in-law, who were to be discharged from the Albany county penitentiary today after having served a term of six months' imprisonment for petty larceny and burglary.

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Newton, Kan., Nov. 28.—Kate Vance, a colored woman, aged 13, died here today. She had a daughter thirty years of age and her husband died at the age of 163. She claimed to have remembered every date of the war of 1861-65.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NAVY

Interesting Facts Concerning the Most Important Branch of the Government.

PROGRESS IN WORK OF IMPROVEMENT

An Era of Training Both in Ship and Marine Service—The Schools of Instruction—New Battleships in Course of Construction—The Vessels That Have Been Sold—Prices Received for Condemned Boats.

MR. KELLY ARRESTED

Speaker of St. Louis House of Delegates Nabbed in Philadelphia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—After eluding arrest for several months, Charles F. Kelly, the former speaker of the St. Louis house of delegates, who is wanted in the western city in connection with the bribery cases unearthed there some time ago, was arrested in this city at 11 o'clock this afternoon. Kelly arrived in New York on the steamer Celtic this morning from Liverpool and had just stepped from the steamer express in the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad here, when he was taken into custody by Detective James Tate, sr., of the detective bureau of this city. He admitted his identity and is now locked up in the Central police station. He will be given a hearing tomorrow by Magistrate Kochersperger and will be held to await requisition papers from the state of Missouri.

The first information the police of this city received that Kelly was on his way here came from Chief of Police Kelly of St. Louis, who sent the following telegram to the local authorities: "Arrest Charles F. Kelly of this city, formerly speaker of house of delegates. May be on Baltimore and Ohio or Pennsylvania train for New York, reaching your city about 1 p. m. Wanted here in bribery case."

Detective Tate was sent to the Pennsylvania station and another man was sent to cover the Baltimore and Ohio depot. Each had a good description of Kelly, which had been sent out from St. Louis some time ago. When Tate reached the station the train had already arrived and passengers were coming through the gate. He then feared he had missed his man and the next moment Tate saw a familiar face in the crowd. He remembered the man as Kelly, whom he had met during the Pan-American exposition.

"Hello, Kelly," said Tate, approaching the St. Louisan. Kelly nodded, looked at Tate and answered the salutation. "Who are you?" asked a young man who accompanied Kelly. "Tate is my name, of the detective bureau," was the reply. "May I ask you who you are?"

"A reporter for a New York paper," replied Kelly's companion, who happened to be a former Philadelphia newspaperman. "Well, I want you, Mr. Kelly," said Tate, and the St. Louis man and his companion were escorted to the city hall across the street from Broad street station.

The St. Louis authorities were immediately notified and a reply was received to hold Kelly until the necessary legal papers arrived. Kelly was crestfallen when he reached the police station. In an interview, he said: "It was on my way back to St. Louis and meant to announce my arrival there Monday and give myself up to answer whatever charges have been laid against me. I had been absent in Europe for several months and spent most of my time in Ireland. On my arrival in New York this morning, I received word that my eleven-year-old boy had died in St. Louis. As soon as I stepped from a steamer it was suggested to me by an old acquaintance that I come to Philadelphia for a few days. I came here and now I find myself under arrest. That's all there is to it."

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By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Paul, Nov. 28.—The Supreme court today, by upholding a decision of the Ramsey county probate court, decided the inheritance tax law to be unconstitutional.

PENSIONS GRANTED.

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SHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

At the close of the last fiscal year there were under construction for the navy, by contract, the following vessels: Eight battle ships, 4 armored cruisers, 9 protected cruisers, 4 monitors, 13 torpedo-boat destroyers, 7 torpedo boats, and 7 submarine torpedo boats. The general progress of work upon these vessels, particularly those of the larger class, has not been found to be satisfactory. The battle ships were, on the 30th of June, 1902, 20 months behind in construction; the armored cruisers from 4 to 15 months; the protected cruisers from 16 to 18 months; the monitors were from 16 to 18 months in arrears.

In the case of the larger vessels the causes assigned for slow progress are the non-delivery of structural material, the inability of subcontractors to obtain a sufficient supply of skilled labor, and in some cases, strikes. Other causes have contributed to the result. The department has recently taken steps to remove, as far as practicable, any grounds of delay over which it can exercise control, and has notified contractors that they will be held to accountability for failure to push over the work of construction with due diligence, if such failure shall occur, and particularly for any delays which may be caused by the contractors being given to private over-public work.

In the case of torpedo boats and the destroyers, the contractors have assigned as an additional reason for delay that the contracts for their construction were so expiring that compliance with them has been well nigh impossible.

VESSELS ACCEPTED.

During the fiscal year the following vessels have been finally accepted: The battleships Alabama, Wisconsin and Illinois; the torpedo boats Bailey, Bagley, Barney, Biddle, Shubrick and Stockton; The torpedo boats Thorpe and Wilkes; and the destroyers Decatur, Perry and Preble have been preliminarily accepted. Between July 1, 1902, and November 1, 1902, the Thornton has been finally accepted; the following vessels preliminarily accepted: The monitor Arkansas, the torpedo-boat destroyers Barry, Chauncey

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ANOTHER FOOT BALL VICTIM.

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