

PRESIDENT ASKED TO BE ARBITRATOR

Formal Notes from the Powers Are Handed to the United States Ambassador.

MR. ROOSEVELT NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED

In an informal way, however, the President has been notified that the European powers desire that he should undertake to act as arbitrator of points at issue between them and Venezuela—President favors the Hague, but will shrink no responsibility in case the powers insist.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The notes of Great Britain and Germany, formally inviting President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute, were handed to the United States ambassador here and to the United States charge d'affaires in London today.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. In fact, when the official day closed he had not received, formally or officially, a request from the European powers that he act as arbitrator of the dispute. These statements are made on the highest authority.

In an informal manner, the president has been notified that the European powers intimately concerned in the present South American difficulty desire that he should undertake the responsibility of acting as arbitrator of the points at issue between them and Venezuela. Thus far they merely have been taking "soundings," with a view probably of ascertaining how he would receive a formal proffer to act as arbitrator. The president, so soon as he received the first intimation that he was desired as arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy, expressed emphatically his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to the Hague tribunal. His view of the suggestions made has been conveyed to the European powers, together with a strong presentation of his reasons for the view he holds. No response of a formal nature to these representations has been received.

The president and Secretary Hay had a long conference today, after the former's return from his Virginia trip. They carefully went over the situation as it had developed since Sunday, and it is understood that nothing has arisen in the past forty-eight hours to warrant the president in changing his position as to the undesirability of his acceptance of the position of arbitrator. So far as can be learned, no specific reasons have been advanced by the European powers for objecting to a reference of the Venezuelan questions to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. It is held by the administration that the tribunal at The Hague was constituted to arbitrate just such controversies as that which has arisen between Venezuela and the powers and that it would be desirable from every viewpoint that the present dispute should go to The Hague tribunal for adjudication. How strong the objections are which Great Britain, Germany and Italy may have to a reference of the Venezuelan difficulty to The Hague tribunal is not known to the administration at this time. Even the nature of the objections, if any there be, is not known. The negotiations looking to the selection of an arbitrator have not progressed sufficiently yet to develop such objections as the powers may have.

The President Gratified.

The acceptance by the powers of the principle of arbitration as applied to the Venezuelan question is a matter of great gratification to the president and his cabinet. That all the powers have intimated, too, that they would prefer the president should arbitrate the present dispute is taken as a notable compliment to the president personally and to his administration. It is the hope of the president and his advisers, however, that while there is precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator, the powers will consent to a reference of the controversial matters in the Venezuelan question to the tribunal at The Hague.

While it is recognized by the president's closest advisers and by the president himself, that some unpleasant possibilities exist in the performance of the duties of arbitrator of the pending Venezuelan difficulty, his friends assert that he will shrink no responsibility that he may deem his duty to undertake, but will accept, if the powers should insist on it, though he is very reluctant to do so.

Dr. Lorenz in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Dr. Adolph Lorenz reached Boston today. In the afternoon he held a clinic at the children's hospital, treating several cases of diphtheria. Dr. Lorenz will give a second clinic tomorrow for the benefit of the surgeons of New England not residing in Boston.

Killed His Son-in-Law.

Easton, Dec. 22.—Frank Schmidt, of Allentown, aged 62 years, shot and killed his son-in-law, John Grigan, aged 25, tonight, and then killed himself.

Pennsylvania Franchise Signed.

Scranton, Dec. 22.—Mayor Low signed the Pennsylvania railroad franchise to-day.

ROY AT GOULDSBORO.

A Sneak Ransacks the Home of Mr. A. Lewis Jones.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Dec. 22.—During the absence of the parties, a thief broke into the home of A. Lewis Jones, of this place, and stole himself to all the various articles of value which he could find about. Among these were missed a brand new suit of clothes, which Mr. Jones had not yet worn; a mackintosh, an overcoat, a check, a set of silver teaspoons marked with the initials S. B. S., knives and forks, jewelry, including a Masonic pin, scissors, ladies' and gentlemen's wearing apparel, etc.

Having acquired all the "portable property" it was possible for him to carry, the thief proceeded to eat a square meal, in order to fortify his constitution and to stimulate his physical energies for a rapid journey from Gouldsboro. A pair of old stockings, covered with straw and hayseed, was found, which causes suspicion to point to a tramp who had been known to sleep in a nearby barn over night.

The house in which Mr. Jones resides belongs to Mrs. Susan Heller, who is at present absent on a visit. Her portion of the building was also entered, but it is not known yet what articles were taken. Mr. Jones was working at Mr. Egan's when the robbery occurred, while Mrs. Jones was at Moscow nursing her grandson, who lately had broken his leg.

"FOREFATHERS" DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

Annual Dinner of the New England Society of Pennsylvania—Distinguished Speakers Present.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—The New England society of Pennsylvania observed "Forefathers' Day" by giving the usual annual dinner to-night at Horticultural hall. Assistant United States Attorney General James M. Beck, president of the society, acted as toastmaster, and he was surrounded by a large circle of distinguished natives of New England and other states.

Senator Hoar answered the historic toast "Forefathers' Day." Former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith told of New England men in presidential cabinets; Senator Foster, of Washington, responded to the toast "New England in the West"; Senator Platt, of Connecticut, spoke on "New England in the Senate," and Congressman Littlefield of "New England in the House."

THE WIRELESS MESSAGE.

Lord Minto and Signor Marconi Receive Replies to Telegrams Sent to King Edward.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—The king's reply to Lord Minto's message sent by wireless telegraphy, was received today by cable as follows: "London, Dec. 22, 1902. 'I am much interested by the wireless message which you have sent me and am delighted at the success of Signor Marconi's invention which brings Britain and Canada into still closer connection.' (Signed) 'Edward, R.'"

Gloucester, N. S., Dec. 22.—To his wireless message, transmitted from Canada to King Edward VII, Marconi has received the following reply, signed by Lord Knollys, the king's private secretary: "I have had the honor of submitting your telegram to the king and I am commended to congratulate you sincerely upon the successful issue of your endeavors to develop your most important invention. The king has been much interested in your experiments, as he remembered that the initial ones were commenced by you on the royal yacht Osborne in 1888." (Signed) "Knollys, Private Secretary."

MR. VANDERBILT BETTER.

But will Continue to Be Critically Ill for a Week.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 22.—The usual early evening consultation of the physicians, who are attending Cornelius Vanderbilt, was not held tonight. Dr. Flint said he thought no bulletins would be posted before tomorrow.

Fatal Play With a Revolver.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 22.—While playing with a revolver, Anna Lynch, aged 19 years, fatally shot her brother Edward, aged 3 years, at their home in this city today.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. James S. Boynton died today at his home in this city, aged 69 years. Judge Boynton was president of the state senate when Governor Alexander H. Stephens died in 1883. He succeeded Governor Stephens, serving until the election of Governor McDaniel. Afterwards he served for some years on the state bench.

London, Dec. 22.—The Very Rev. William Richard Wood Stephens, dean of Winchester, is dead.

ASBURY PARK ACCEPTS MR. BRADLEY'S OFFER.

The City Council Votes to Purchase the Beach and Sewers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 22.—The Asbury Park city council tonight voted to accept James A. Bradley's amended offer to sell the beach and sewers to the city. The council also voted to issue \$300,000 worth of thirty year three and one-half per cent. bonds. This will have to be approved of by a vote of taxpayers, which will be held on January 12 and 13.

The only condition was that Ocean avenue shall be widened by twenty-five feet, making a boulevard 100 feet wide. A committee was appointed to have the legislature pass any acts that may be needed to enlarge the city's powers.

AMERICAN LEAGUE MEETS

A Committee Appointed to Meet Representatives of the National League on January 5.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 22.—By juggling the constitution of the American league, the annual meeting of that organization, held here today, was made a "special" meeting, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting in New York some time during the month of January.

The principal business transacted today was the appointment of a committee to meet the National league committee at Cincinnati, on January 5, to confer on peace terms between the two base ball organizations. The question was quickly disposed of, however, by the adoption of a resolution giving President Johnson absolute power to appoint his own committee or be the sole representative of the league at the joint meeting, with full power to act for the American league.

President Johnson thought it would be the better plan to have a committee meet the National league representatives at the conference and so decided.

The committee appointed is composed of President Johnson, Charles A. Conkley, of Chicago; Henry Killilea, of Boston, and Charles Somers, of Cleveland. Mr. Johnson, in explaining the reason for naming a fourth committee member, when the general understanding was that the committee should be composed of only three of the American league magnates, said that there was no limit to the number that could be appointed and that he had appointed Mr. Killilea as the fourth member because of his knowledge of law.

No action was taken regarding the placing of a team in Pittsburg. C. J. Pedder and F. A. Eagle, representing the Pittsburg syndicate, attended the meeting to present their claims. Mr. Somers, of Cleveland, who acted as sponsor for Pedder and Eagle, presented a statement as to the offer of the Pittsburgers who are after the club. This proposition included the sale of the Detroit franchise. S. M. Angus, president of the Detroit club, however, refused to part with his club, at least unless he could recover all he has spent on it, and no offers to the present time, he says, will cover what he asks.

"I have my price," said Mr. Angus, "but I figure it will have to be at least \$75,000 to cover my expenses since I took hold of the club. If I can get \$100,000 I might consider it, but so far that is much more than I have been offered."

When seen after the meeting, Pedder and Eagle said they were not discouraged by any means and were still confident that an American league team would be seen in Pittsburg next year.

The report that Tom Loftus, of Washington, was to go to New York to have charge of the American league team in the latter city, was denied by President Postol, of Washington.

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock.

MAY SELL LIQUOR C. O. D.

Federal Court Overrules Decision of the Supreme Court of Iowa.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Judge McPherson, of the Federal court, handed down today an opinion in the case of the United States vs. the Adams Express company, in which the corporation was indicted for carrying on the business of a retail dealer without having paid the special tax as required by law. The Federal court in its opinion holds that the express company is only an agent of the vendors in carrying liquor and collecting and returning money. As this company did not sell liquors, it was not engaged in the business of a liquor dealer. The court in this opinion has overruled the decision of the Supreme court of Iowa.

The packages of liquor were sent by a liquor house at Dallas, Ill., to parties at Birmingham, Iowa, c. o. d. The express company was indicted, the government claiming title was transferred to the company when it received c. o. d. packages.

WARRANT FOR "KID."

The Pugilist Is Charged by David Lamar with Grand Larceny.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Titus, of the New York Detective bureau, sent out an order today for the arrest of Frank Soble, a pugilist, known as "Kid" McCoy, on the charge of grand larceny. The complaint in the case is David Lamar, a broker, who says that he went to McCoy's drinking place Saturday night and gave McCoy a one hundred dollar bill, telling him to keep it until the party occupied drinking, when the charges were to be deducted and change given.

According to Lamar, McCoy declared later that it was only a twenty dollar bill he had received. After the dispute the police allege McCoy could not be found.

Hanged for Assault.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Jerry Kinabrough, convicted of criminal assault on Mrs. Taylor, of Hanover county, about a month ago, was hanged at Hanover county house today. He confessed the crime.

TWO BOATS ARE SUNK

Fatal Results of Collision Between Schooners, Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Grary.

ELEVEN OF A CREW OF TWENTY-ONE PERISH

Two Boats Loaded with Coal Meet in Massachusetts Bay—Of the Crew of Twenty-one Men Only Ten Are Saved—The Survivors Undergo Terrible Sufferings in an Open Boat.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Almost crazed from their sufferings, frost bitten and helpless, ten men in a boat were picked up by schooner Manassett yesterday, forty-five miles off Highland light. Then, for the first time, it was learned that the schooner Louise B. Grary and the schooner Frank A. Palmer had been in collision and that they had been sunk off Thatcher's Island on Wednesday evening.

The survivors were landed here today. Of the twenty-one men that made up the two crews, six were carried down when the two vessels sank, four died during the terrible three days' drift in Massachusetts bay and another became insane and jumped overboard.

With no food or water, their clothes frozen in solid masses, and the boat frozen steadily driven before a bitter gale out into the Atlantic, it seems remarkable that so many survived.

The two schooners, both heavily laden with coal, doubled Cape Cod in company and ran into a strong northwester on Wednesday night. Both captains put their vessels over towards the schooner when the Palmer went down. They split tracks and finally both came about at the same time, and unknown to themselves headed toward each other, and the collision followed.

Rate of the Crary Blamed.

The survivors to-day were inclined to lay the blame of the accident on Mate Smith, of the Crary, who had charge of the deck at the time, and who went down with the ship. They are of the opinion that, but for the thoughtless weather the Palmer, but instead the Crary crashed into the bow of the Palmer. The cut was deep and it was seen instantly that there was no hope for either vessel. Most of the small boats were smashed and some of the men killed by the collision, but others were rescued by quick work.

The long boat of the Palmer, which clambered the captains of both vessels and thirteen others. There was not a moment for storing food or water in the boat and the rowers had to propel it only a short distance from the schooner when the Palmer went down. Three minutes later the Crary disappeared.

Without food and water, drenched to the skin, spray frozen to their garments because of the bitter cold, the fifteen survivors underwent sufferings indescribable. When the Crary went down Friday lay down in the bow of the boat and that night they died. Eleven remained up till Saturday night, when Frank Banta went insane and under the delusion that his mother beckoned to him, he walked into the sea. The other were powerless to restrain him. Shortly after this the two captains decided that the bodies of the four men should be consigned to the deep and bending over them, Captain Potter, of the Crary repeated as much of the burial service as he could remember. Then the strongest of the survivors put the bodies overboard.

In the three days and a half that the men were afloat, their boat drifted steadily off shore until at 8 o'clock Sunday morning it was 45 miles off Highland light. Then the lookout on the fishing schooner Manassett caught sight of the boat and within an hour the ten men were in the cabin of the schooner. Captain Malone at once crowded on all sail and brought the survivors into Boston.

BLACKMAILERS AT WORK.

They Send 2,000 Letters to Bloomington Residents.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 22.—The local postoffice is in receipt of 2,000 letters from a New York collection agency, addressed to residents here, each one of which letters contains a claim for \$1.20, said to be due for the purchase of jewelry. A suit is threatened in case of non-remittance.

RUNAWAY LOGS.

Nearly 5,000 Feet of Lumber Floating Towards Chesapeake Bay.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 22.—Nearly five thousand saw logs, belonging to W. Wright's Sons, got away today and are now on their way down the Susquehanna river to Chesapeake bay. The logs came into the river out of Pine creek. The boom in the river had been lifted a week ago because of the presence of the ice, leaving nothing with which to catch the timber.

WILDES BREAKS DOWN.

Junior Commander on Asiatic Station Ordered Home.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—Rear-Admiral Frank Wildes, the junior squadron commander on the Asiatic station, has been pronounced unfit for service by a board of medical survey, and, having been ordered home, sails next Friday.

Captain Sperry has been temporarily assigned to the command of the southern squadron.

Rapid Run on Lake Shore.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Toledo, O., Dec. 22.—The Twentieth Century, a speeded of criminal assault on Mrs. Taylor, of Hanover county, about a month ago, was hanged at Hanover county house today. He confessed the crime.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—The following Pennsylvania postmasters were appointed today: Christopher Lascruce, county 48, W. Hinton; Reddy, Forest county; Margaret Hilling.

LAURA BIGGAR'S TRIAL.

The Defendant Explains Why the Alleged Marriage Was Kept Secret.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 22.—Further testimony in the trial of Laura Biggar was given by Miss Biggar today and the defense then rested. Miss Biggar, cross-examined by Mr. Wilson, counsel for the state, said that she had kept her marriage a secret because Mr. Bennett had asked her to do so. She said she had employed Mollie Deskin as her maid and had discharged her about a year ago.

The witness said she had always been a dutiful and faithful wife to Mr. Bennett. Dr. Hendrick was recalled.

Ex-Sheriff Smock, of Freehold, called in rebuttal by the state, said that in October, 1901, Bennett introduced the defendant and went on the stand. She testified as to Miss Biggar's conduct in certain instances. Dr. Colin McDougall, of New York, testified that in November, 1901, Mr. Bennett was suffering from dropsy and other troubles and was not in good physical condition.

The defense said, after several witnesses had testified on the point, that it was willing to admit that Mr. Bennett often had spoken of the defendant as Miss Biggar.

Dr. Colin McDougall, of New York, testified that he had attended Mr. Bennett for fifteen years. His testimony tended to show that Mr. Bennett was not the father of Laura Biggar's child.

On cross-examination, Dr. McDougall said that he had a claim against the estate for \$15,450 for medical services. The testimony of Dr. Frederick A. Lyons, surgeon to the New York fire department, was similar to that of Dr. McDougall. Dr. Hendrick was recalled to the stand when Dr. Lyons was excused. He contradicted Dr. McDougall's testimony.

William J. Keogh, for five years a partner with Mr. Bennett in the theatrical business, testified that it was impossible for Mr. Bennett to have been in Hoboken on the day on which it is claimed he married Miss Biggar. Mr. Keogh's records show, he said, that on that night Mr. Bennett was in the State of New Jersey.

P. J. McNulty swore that not long before Mr. Bennett died Miss Biggar told him that if Mr. Bennett left no will she would receive nothing. The state then rested, and Miss Biggar was called in rebuttal by the testimony given by Dr. McDougall. Miss Biggar is to go on the stand again tomorrow, when it is expected the case will close.

KNOXVILLE'S BIG FIRE.

Three Hundred People Are Thrown Out of Employment Temporarily by the Conflagration.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The scene of this morning's half million dollar fire is tonight but a mass of debris. Brick walls of five of the six burned structures are standing. The burned district is triangular in shape, with a width of five stores on Gay street and three on Commerce avenue, leaving the corner building standing.

A lucky shifting of the wind was all that saved the six story McLeer block from collapse. The Brown Hotel, a warehouse company's building gave the firemen their chance to stop the progress of the flames westward.

First estimates of the loss, placing it in the neighborhood of one million dollars were made when the store of McLeer, Hood & Co., wholesale clothiers; Haynes & Henson, wholesale boots and shoes, and Gillespie, Shields & Co., wholesale hats, seemed doomed. These structures, however, were saved.

SHEANDOAH MINES FLOODED.

Disaster to Reading Collieries Will Further Curtail Shipments.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—At the office of the Reading company today it was announced that four of the company's collieries in the Schuylkill region are flooded. The Knekerhook, Ellangowan and Marble Hill workings, near Shenandoah, and the Good Spring colliery, at Minersville, are idle as a result of the recent heavy rains. Work in several other operations is seriously handicapped. The accumulation of water in the lower levels necessitating the removal of the mines and compelling a temporary suspension of mining.

The company's officials were unable to say when work would be resumed. They stated, however, that the pumps are kept constantly operating to reduce the amount of the surplus water, and hope within a few days to bring about normal conditions.

PLUCKY ENGINEER.

William Zigafoos Thrown from His Engine Climbs on Again and Stops Train.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 22.—A peculiar accident occurred on the Lehigh Valley railroad near White Haven at midnight last night. A freight train running at a good rate of speed parted and then came together again with a great crash. Another freight train going in the opposite direction was passing at the time when one of the colliding cars reared up, swayed from the track and tore the cab from the locomotive.

The engineer, William Zigafoos, and the fireman, James Brader, were hurled from their seats in the cab. The engineer was thrown up on the side of a hill, but he did not lose his presence of mind. He knew the throttle was wide open and as the engine was going up a steep grade he had no difficulty in catching up to it and climbing on board succeeded in shutting off the steam and bringing the train to a standstill. Fireman Brader escaped with slight injuries.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 22.—Arrived: Steamer St. Louis, Southampton. Plymouth-Sailed: Steamer Graf Waldersee, from Hamburg, New York. Cherbourg-Arrived: Steamer Deutschland, New York via Plymouth for Hamburg and proceeded. Liverpool-Arrived: Steamer Georgia, New York. Umbria, New York. Naples-Arrived: Steamer Phoenixia, New York for Genoa. Bremen-Arrived: Steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Naples-Sailed: Steamer Palatia, New York.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—William Hinkle, of Scranton, has been granted a pension of \$5.

CUBAN TREATY TO BE SENT TO SENATE

DYNAMITERS AT WORK.

Unknown Parties Attempt to Destroy a Slavish Boarding House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—Unknown parties attempted to dynamite a Slavish boarding house at Springfield, Pa., last evening. The building was partially wrecked but the fourteen occupants escaped unhurt. The men are employed at the American Glue works and it is alleged that the motive that inspired the throwing of the dynamite was revenge, a number of foreigners having taken the places of other workmen at lower wages.

On October 20, the big plant of the company was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$100,000 and on the following Friday a smaller plant, which had been opened after the destruction of the large factory was burned. Both of these fires are believed to have been incendiary in origin. The same perpetrators are suspected of being responsible for last night's explosion.

The occupants of the boarding house were so terrified by the explosion that they refused to return to the house last night.

FRANCE AGITATED BY THE HUMBERT FAMILY

Extradition Proceedings Against the Accused Are Being Pushed Rapidly.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The extradition proceedings against the Humbert family, who were arrested in Madrid Saturday, are being pushed rapidly. The public awaits anxiously the return to Paris of the fugitives. Not since France was shaken by the Dreyfus affair has the country been so intensely interested as it is by the developments in this case. For the moment the Venezuelan troubles have become obscured and French newspapers are devoting their energies to elaborate presentations of the celebrated case. Some papers assert that the arrest of the Humberts is only a prelude to even more sensational developments, which involve personages in the foremost rank of political, judicial and social affairs.

The indications are that the Dreyfus matter will be again dragged before the public and that there will be a renewal of the animosities of the anti-Semitic discussion. Deputy Gauthier has taken the initiative in asserting that relatives of Dreyfus are among the heaviest creditors of the Humberts, and that this alleged fact exercised an important influence in the highest governmental quarters during the Dreyfus trial. Veiled allusions have been made to some of the men most prominent in public life, some newspapers even going so far as to name those alleged to figure directly or indirectly in the affair.

When the chamber of deputies resumes its session the Humbert question probably will become one of the chief elements in political discussion. The matter has excited ministries and it caused a recent sensational tumult in the chamber. Plans have been formulated for the return of the Humbert party to Paris, and a number of the best men in the department have been detailed to conduct the prisoners across the frontier. The utmost precaution will be taken to prevent their escape and guard against the possibility of any of them committing suicide.

A preliminary motion was made this afternoon on behalf of Mrs. Humbert's daughter asking for her provisional release and committal to the custody of her grandmother, but this motion was refused by the court.

THE CONNECTICUT QUARANTINE RAISED.

Investigation Fails to Reveal Cases of the Foot and Mouth Disease.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—The quarantine against Connecticut, owing to the epidemic of foot and mouth disease in New England, was removed formally today by an order issued by Secretary Wilson. The order takes immediate effect and permits cattle, sheep and other farm stock to be shipped out of the state without restriction. A most rigid investigation by a corps of experts working under the personal direction of Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, has failed to reveal the existence of a single case of the disease in Connecticut.

The quarantine remains in full force as to the other states prescribed in the order issued Nov. 27 last. The advice received by the department of agriculture shows that up to date 51 cattle have been killed on account of the epidemic, and that greater progress toward the eradication of the disease will be made now that good weather prevails in the inhabited states.

Best Speed Record.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 22.—The best record of long sustained speed on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh was made this morning by a Pennsylvania special in a run from Crestline, O., to this city. The distance is 131 miles and was made in 123 minutes, including four stops.

WEATHER FORECAST.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Local data for Dec. 22, 1902. Highest temperature.....46 degrees. Lowest temperature.....40 degrees. Relative humidity.....71 per cent. 8 P. M.70 per cent. Precipitation, 24 hours ended 3 P. M. trace.

WEATHER FORECAST.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: East—era Pennsylvania—Fair, cooler; Tuesday, Wednesday, cloudy; possible rain or snow; light to fresh north winds.

President Decides That the Consolidation of the House on the Subject Won't Be Necessary.

RECIPROCITY SCHEME WILL NOW TRIUMPH

The Senate Opponents Give Up the Fight Against the Measure—Members Who Led the Battle Against the Bill Last Spring Have Thrown Up Their Hands—They Are Willing That the Administration Shall Secure by Treaty What They Were Unwilling to Grant Through Legislation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt has let it be known that, before he reached his decision to send the Cuban reciprocity treaty to the senate and not to the house, he consulted freely the leaders of the house and the members of the cabinet. After mature consideration, it was determined that it was unnecessary to send the Cuban treaty to the house, notwithstanding the fact that it affected revenues of the government.

Precedents were looked up carefully. It was found that previous reciprocity treaties had been sent directly to the senate for ratification. This was notably true of the New Foundland treaty, which is regarded as being on all fours with the Cuban treaty. No objection ever was raised to the consideration by the senate alone of the treaty. It can be said to have been the policy of the president, when the Cuban treaty shall have been ratified by the senate, to send a message to both branches of congress, with a recommendation for such enabling legislation as will make the treaty operative. This will afford the house full opportunity to do its stamp with its approval, and its individuality in the negotiations for reciprocity with Cuba.

There is little doubt about its early ratification by the senate. Senator Burrows and Senator Elkins, who led the fight against the reciprocity bill last spring, have thrown up their hands. Both of them are willing now that the administration shall secure by treaty what they were unwilling to grant through direct legislation. They say that a treaty is not so harmful as a bill because it