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ARBITRATORS MAY BE APPOINTED

Is Probable That President Roosevelt Will Act in the Venezuelan Affair.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE CABINET

All Members Save Secretary Moody Are Present—Certain Members of the Cabinet Object to the Hague Tribunal—They Have No Desire to Submit the Monroe Doctrine to the Arbitration of Any Non-American Tribunal—President May Appoint Arbitrators.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The cabinet meeting today was prolonged to more than two hours. All the members were present except Secretary Moody, who is out of the city.

Secretary Hay brought to the meeting practically nothing new relative to the situation. No response has been received to the president's original suggestion to the members that they accept the reference of the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of the Hague tribunal, and no formal request has been received that the president act as arbitrator of the difficulty.

VENEZUELAN AFFAIR A PALTRY QUARREL

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Believes It to Be a Case for Arbitration.

London, Dec. 23.—Speaking at Dunfermline, tonight, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said there was no excuse for the government in having allowed Britain to "glide" into the position in Venezuela.

The "Calvo Doctrine." It is stated that the crucial point to come before the arbitration is the famous "Calvo doctrine." This doctrine was laid down by the greatest of Latin-American international lawyers and for very many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American republics, and denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in the affairs of another.

Some members of the cabinet are opposed to referring the matter to the Hague tribunal. They have no desire to submit the Monroe doctrine to the arbitration of any non-American tribunal, and, excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague, they very much prefer that if this doctrine is to be the subject of arbitration, it is to be even by a tribunal in which the American influence shall pass on it.

Important Communication. London, Dec. 23.—An important and lengthy communication dealing with the British views of the arbitration—Venezuelan dispute—was made by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. White, this evening. It was transmitted immediately to Washington by Mr. White.

KILLED BY AN ENGINE

Frank Stine, of East Stroudsburg, Meets Instant Death.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Just as he was about to step off the Lackawanna railroad track to go to his home but a few yards away at an early hour today, Frank Stine, aged 40 years, of East Stroudsburg, was struck and almost instantly killed by a hill engine, coming down tender first, at the Samba bridge, just above that town.

DEWEY AT PORTO RICO

Public and Private Buildings of San Juan Decorated in His Honor.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 23.—Admiral Dewey arrived here on board the Mayflower at 8:30 this morning. Thousands of people thronged the wharf and the city and public and private buildings were decorated with flags and the forts fired a salute.

LAW EXAMINERS MEET

Preliminary and Final Sessions to Be Held in June and December.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The recently appointed state board of law examiners met today in the office of Chairman Samuel Dickson and it was announced that the Supreme court had approved the appointment of the following assistant examiners: James L. Meredith, William R. Fisher, Philadelphia; Thomas S. Brown, Pittsburg; John M. Harris, Scranton; Paul A. Kunkel, Harrisburg; Charles L. McCoschan, in this city, was elected secretary and treasurer.

BIGGAR TRIAL ENDED

Taking of the Testimony Concluded Yesterday at Freehold.

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 23.—The taking of testimony in the Laura Biggar trial was concluded today and the lawyers for both sides began summing up. Miss Biggar again went on the stand at the opening of the proceedings today.

MOROCCAN TROOPS DEFEATED

Sultan's Soldiers Decapitated by Pretender to the Throne.

Tangiers, Morocco, Dec. 23.—The imperial troops have been defeated after a hard-fought battle with the rebels, headed by the pretender to the throne. The pretender decapitated forty of the sultan's soldiers. Their heads are now ornamenting his tent. Imperial reinforcements have been sent to attempt the capture of Taza, the headquarters of the pretender.

Jersey Central Elections

New York, Dec. 23.—The directors of the Central Railroad of New Jersey elected W. G. Besler vice-president of the company and the meeting held here today.

Execution of Mrs. Edwards Delayed

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Counsel for Mrs. Kate Edwards, the Berks county murderess, made application to Governor Stone today to delay fixing the date for the woman's execution until after the meeting of the board of pardons in January, at which application will again be made for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment. The governor granted the application.

Fire in an Opera House

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 23.—Fire broke out in Elliott's opera house at Hickory, N. C., today, did damage estimated at \$20,000; insurance, \$20,000. The origin of the fire is attributed by some to an incendiary, while others claim that it was due to firecrackers.

CHARGES AGAINST CLAYTON

Senator Penrose Forwards President Evidence Against Ambassador.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, today forwarded to President Roosevelt some evidence bearing on the charges made last winter against Ambassador Clayton, the representative of the United States in Mexico. The new evidence is in the form of affidavits that Ambassador Clayton is the owner of certain specified shares in the Carmen Mining company, a Philadelphia corporation, doing a mining business in Mexico.

EFFECTUAL BLOCKADE

Puerto Cabello Closed Against All Vessels—Cargo Discharged at La Guayra.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 23.—This port has been effectively blockaded since yesterday. The blockade is being enforced against vessels of all nationalities. Caracas, Dec. 23.—The port of Coro, which is surrounded on the island side by the revolutionists, is not blockaded. In Caracas this fact is believed to mean that the British and German fleets are working in harmony with the revolutionists and not blockading Coro in order to allow the free entrance of Dutch schooners from Caracas bringing arms and ammunition to the rebels.

MOTHER'S PLEADINGS IN VAIN

The letter of the princess to her mother brought the archduchess immediately to Dresden.

The princess replied, according to one of her confidantes, that she would see nothing of "that beast, that the tulle of her hands, and that she could not bear to see them spoiled by the 'hypocrites of the court.'"

THE KID EXONERATED

New York, Dec. 23.—Norman Selby, the pugilist, known as "Kid McCoy," has been exonerated from the charge of stealing a \$1,000 bill from David Lamar.

SUICIDE OF NATHAN WHIPPLE

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Nathaniel Whipple, son of Colonel Whipple, U. S. A., the chief paymaster in the Philippines, committed suicide here today.

TUG BLOWN UP

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—While towing the barge Maple in the southern branch of the Elizabeth river to-night, the tug Leiza Massie blew up and killed three of her crew, badly injured another of her crew, broke the leg of a man on the barge and sank.

Mrs. Balanza Arrested

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Balanza, said to be the mistress of Romaine D'Aurignac, who was arrested with other members of the Humbert family in Madrid last Saturday, was taken into custody upon her arrival here from France.

SAXONY'S SCANDAL

The Crown Princess Is at Geneva with a French Tutor, Under Name of Von Oben.

DIVORCE FOR PRINCE IS TO FOLLOW

Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, Brother of Princess Louise, and a Viennese Woman Are with Her and Prof. Giron at Swiss Hotel—All Have Assumed Names and Are Living Quietly—Flight Was Premeditated. A Companion with Large, Bright Eyes.

Geneva, Dec. 23.—The crown princess of Saxony is here under the name of Fraulin von Oben. Her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Prof. Giron are at the same hotel. The Archduke has assumed the name of De Buriano. The party are living quietly and propose to spend Christmas here.

FIRST ORE AT BUFFALO

A Consignment from Upper Lake Ports Arrives at Lackawanna Mills.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—The Lackawanna steel company, the largest independent steel manufacturing concern in the world, received its first consignment of ore from upper lake ports today. The steamer Moses Taylor, with 6,200 tons of ore steamed up the new ship canal to the steel company's new plant and anchored at the unloading dock. Its arrival was marked by rejoicing.

BIG TRACTION DEAL

Control of the United Power and Transportation Co., Sold to the Inter-State Railway.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Announcement was made today that control of the United Power and Transportation company has been sold to the Inter-State Railway company at \$75 a share, payable in forty year collateral trust gold coupon bonds, to be issued by the Inter-State Railway company.

SOUVENIR DOLLARS ON SALE

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—The 50,000 souvenir gold dollars coined for the Louisiana purchase exposition were delivered to the fair officials today and placed on sale.

MAY REFUSE MRS. DALY'S PETITION

Harrisburg, Dec. 23.—The attorney general's department today furnished insurance Commissioner Durham with a written opinion advising him not to grant the petition of Mrs. Amanda Daly of Philadelphia to revoke the license of the Travelers' insurance company, of Hartford, Conn., to transact business in Pennsylvania.

HEIR TO MILLIONS III

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—Clark Ball, manager of J. J. Jeffries, today posted a forfeit of \$1,000 which he will pay if he fails to appear for the fight with Munroe secured the decision and \$250 here last Saturday night by staying four rounds with the champion. The bout may take place here this week.

CLARK BALL PUTS UP FORFEIT

Is Not Satisfied That Jeffries Cannot Defeat Munroe.

DEATHS OF A DAY

Albion, Pa., Dec. 23.—Rev. Abraham R. Horne, D. D., died suddenly today of heart failure. He made an address at the Christmas festivities at Soldiersville last evening and became ill on his way home. Dr. Horne was 68 years of age, and was ordained a Lutheran clergyman in 1838.

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Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—Mrs. W. A. Clark Jr., daughter-in-law of Senator Clark, of Montana, and mother of the newly born heir to the Clark millions, is not expected to live. Six physicians were in consultation at her bedside to-day and a noted specialist is coming from Denver on a special train.

TWO MILLS BURNED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—Two large mills of the Roper Lumber company with several hundred thousand feet of lumber, were destroyed to-night.

PENSIONS GRANTED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Pensions granted: John Deakins of Luzerne; 49; Theodore Koch, Wilkes-Barre, 2.

INQUIRY IS INTERRUPTED

Jesse Lewisohn Refuses to Testify in Gambling Cases.

New York, Dec. 23.—The inquiry instituted by District Attorney Jerome, and which was interrupted by the refusal of Jesse Lewisohn to answer certain questions, was resumed today before Justice Wyatt. One witness was examined who did not plead constitutional rights.

RIGHTS FOR EVERYBODY

Decision of Judge Bland, of the Court of Appeals, at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—"Capitalists have a right to do as they please with their money, so long as they do not become public charges. A man without capital may labor or refuse to labor, so long as he keeps out of the poor house. Capitalists have the right to combine capital in productive enterprises and by lawful competition drive individual producers and smaller ones out of business. Laborers and artisans have the right to form unions and fight this competition of capitalists by lawful means."

CATTLE QUARANTINE HAS BEEN RAISED

No Foot and Mouth Disease in Connecticut—Danger of Spread Decreased.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Wilson this afternoon received the following telegram from Governor Odell, of New York:

SUMATRA WRAPPERS SEIZED

Tobacco Smugglers on the St. George Lose 1,600 Pounds.

New York, Dec. 23.—On board the steamer St. George, which arrived from Antwerp on December 19, and is now lying at Hoboken, custom house inspectors tonight seized 1,600 pounds of Sumatra wrapper tobacco, valued at \$2 per pound, which had been smuggled into the country.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY IS III

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RATIFICATION IS TO BE ASKED

President Roosevelt Will Send in a Special Message on the Cuban Treaty.

WOULD HASTEN THE NEW NAVAL STATIONS

Conclusion of Reciprocity Negotiations Necessary to Clear Way for Fulfilling Other Terms of Platt Amendment—Establishment of Bases on the Island Imperative to Maintain Our Supremacy in South and Central American Waters.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt will send a special message to congress immediately after the holiday recess, urging prompt action on the Cuban reciprocity treaty and the legislation needed to carry the treaty into effect. The president is not in any doubt as to the course of the senate, but he proposes to make it clear what kind of legislation he would like to give the treaty due force when ratified.

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