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## GERMANY INSISTS UPON ALEMENITY

### Is Willing to Agree to Arbitration After Cash Payment of Her Claim Has Been Made.

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAY ACCEPT TASK

### Confidence Has Grown in Government Circles During the Past Twenty-four Hours That President Will Undertake Arbitration—Italy Desires That Her Claims Shall Be Considered on an Equality with Those of the Other Powers—France Favors the Hague Tribunal.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger publishes today the following statement, which was evidently inspired by the foreign office:

"The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim of 17,000,000 bolivars, which must be paid immediately in case before arbitration is begun."

The paper adds that it is understood here that President Roosevelt's undertaking to arbitrate involves a guarantee for the payment of the sum to be awarded.

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Rome, Dec. 25.—The only conditions which Italy has attached to her acceptance of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulties are that all points in the dispute shall be submitted to the arbitrators, so that no questions shall be left undecided, and that Italian claims must be considered on an equality with those of the other powers.

France favors the Hague.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Baron D'Estournelles de Constant has written to Foreign Minister Delcasse notifying him that the writer will interpellate the government on the re-assembling of the chamber concerning the disregard of article 27 of The Hague convention shown by the allied powers in coercing Venezuela.

In his letter Baron D'Estournelles strongly supports the contention of the United States that the Venezuelan trouble should be referred to The Hague court. After pointing out that the present treaty of arbitration contemplated by article 27, the writer says:

"The conflict exists between Venezuela and several of the signatories to The Hague convention and the formal obligation that France and the twenty-five other powers signed at the conference has not only been ignored, but we observe a systematic interdiction of The Hague court of arbitration by the European governments. An explanation has become necessary. It cannot be objected to by the allied powers that Venezuela took no part in the conference, and as she is asking for arbitration, an occasion exists for reminding the powers of the obligation they signed and ratified. Nor can the reply be made that states unlike individuals are free not to observe their engagements and that moral obligations exist only for individuals or for the weak, as this point of view is precisely contrary to the principle that The Hague conference sought to secure."

## AN MLEOD CHAMPION.

### Catch-as-Catch-Can Expert Gets the Better of Tom Jenkins.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 25.—Dan McLeod won the championship of America at catch-as-catch-can wrestling in Mechanics' hall before 1,100 people this afternoon by getting the better of Tom Jenkins. Jenkins was a bad leg, caused by blood poisoning and the pain caused by the points of a brass buckle of a leather bandage entering the flesh of his leg made him quit in the third bout.

Jenkins won the first fall by a three-minute Nelson in 19 minutes and McLeod got the second in 24 minutes on a crotch and half Nelson hold. The match was fast from the start, McLeod being on the aggressive almost all the time.

In order to protect the injured part, Jenkins had a leather bandage with a steel strip down the front of the shin, fastened with brass buckles. Two of these were broken in the early part of the match and the brass points dug into his flesh until the pain was unbearable and he was afraid of further blood poisoning. He had wrestled twenty minutes in the third bout when he told McLeod the condition he was in and Jenkins was willing to quit and call the match a draw or go on wrestling. McLeod insisted on continuing, but Jenkins manager refused to let the big fellow go on, and forfeited the match.

## CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

### A Sick Woman Receives Bullets Instead of an Expected Present.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Kansas City, Dec. 25.—William P. Hollenbeck today shot his wife three times as she lay in bed, drove his 17-year-old daughter into the street at the point of a revolver and then shot and killed himself, at their home here. The wife is seriously wounded.

Hollenbeck and his wife quarreled repeatedly of late and recently separated by mutual agreement. He was to have been tried in police court tomorrow on the charge of mistreating her, and he tried today to effect a reconciliation. Failing in this, he locked the doors of the apartment, and, with the remark, "Here's a Christmas present for you," shot his wife as she raised herself in bed to receive the expected gift. He then turned the weapon upon his step-daughter, who managed to unlock a door and escape, after which he sent a bullet into his own heart and died instantly.

## TARIFF THE VITAL ISSUE

### Senator Vest who is to Retire from Public Life, Talks of the Political Future.

## OPINIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

### He Believes That the So-Called Sherman Anti-Trust Law is Ineffective. Best Remedy is to Take Away Favors—The Weakness of the Anti-Trust Measure—Unable to Predict Regarding the Presidency.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 25.—A Washington special to the New York Times says: On the eve of his retirement from public life, after a long career of honorable and useful public service, Senator Vest, of Missouri, is in a position to discuss affairs of state and legislative policy with sole relation to his country's welfare. A Democrat of profound convictions, he believes that in the Democratic party reposes the Republic's hope of permanency and greatness. But removed from the thought of preference for himself, he has no need to let party considerations give color to his utterances. Said the senator:

"The greatest menace that threatens this country today is in combinations of capital to control the output and distribution of a commodity. That sufficient capital can be combined to control a commodity in this country, it is declared that it can be done in any industry. This is false, absolutely. There are in England a number of trusts which control the supply of certain articles of commerce, but none of these articles is a great necessary of life of general production."

The English monopolies are possible because the articles they control are of such limited production that they have been able to gain possession of the sources of supply. In this country, however, a great staple of commerce where competition is open to the world.

Tariff "Mutuality of Greed."

This being the case, it seems very clear that monopolies in commercial staples are possible in the United States, and that the protective tariff is convicted of responsibility. The first step, then, in an honest policy is to remove the protection the tariff gives to monopoly and force it into world competition.

The tariff, however, does not take this step. The protective tariff is an independent mutuality of greed. Let an attempt be made to remove the protection from a commodity, and the industry that feeds on protection will cry out in pain. Like a flock of English sparrows that comes noisily to the scene on the removal of a certain article of commerce, the protection brood will join in a chorus of protest against any change in existing conditions.

When the present tariff was under consideration in the house of representatives Mr. Dingler, the accredited author of the measure which he championed, and I am sure, his high, but declared the schedules were fixed as a basis from which to negotiate. I know that the schedules are now held sacred and their continuance is demanded by the interests that have glutted on them.

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## WHITE CHRISTMAS IS CELEBRATED

### Observance of the Season of Peace and Good Cheer in This and in Other Lands.

## FESTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### The President and Cabinet Officers Observe the Day—King and Queen of England at Sandringham—Unusually Cold and Clear in London. Emperor William Distributes Coin to Servants—The Imperial Family Lights Trees—in Rome.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Snow, which began falling late last night, gave Washington a genuine Christmas appearance today. Public and private business was practically entirely suspended. Interest centered in the happenings at the white house. Early in the morning the president and all members of his family repaired to the library, where presents were exchanged, and the many boxes and packages which had come from out of town opened. There were a large number of callers, and many gifts in the shape of foodstuffs were received. Soon after breakfast the president, Theodore, Jr., and Lieutenant Ferguson from the Rough Riders, who is a house guest, took a long horseback ride, returning in time to join the rest of the family at luncheon with Commander and Mrs. Cowles.

At the homes of the cabinet officers the day was observed, while among the embassies and legations elaborate preparations had been made for the celebration. Tonight the president entertained a number of friends at a dinner, which was given in the newly finished state dining room.

Celebration in London.

London, Dec. 25.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra spent the day at Sandringham, this being the first Christmas their majesties have spent at their favorite residence since their accession. The royal family, including the Prince of Wales, Princess Victoria, the Duchess of Fife and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark attended an early service at Sandringham church, which was beautifully decorated. The king afterwards personally directed the annual distribution of beef and game to the employees and tenants on the Sandringham estate.

London and the south of England generally enjoyed an unusually clear and cold Christmas. A severe gale swept the north coast of Great Britain today and caused considerable damage to shipping and water-front property on the Clyde and the Tyne.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Emperor William spent Christmas in his usual way. His majesty took a walk this afternoon in the Sans Souci park and distributed bright gold pieces, fresh from the mint, among the gardeners and watchmen.

After dinner at 6 o'clock, Christmas trees were lighted in the shell hall of the new palace. All the children of the imperial family were present and each had his or her own tree, of a size proportionate to the age of the child.

In Rome.

Rome, Dec. 25.—All fashionable Rome wound up Christmas day at the American embassy, where an unusually elegant dance. Among the Americans present were General and Mrs. Cloris of Washington; Miss Carow, sister-in-law of President Roosevelt; the St. Louis Fair commission; Mr. J. M. Little, of New York; John Mason Little, of Boston; and Mr. Chapin, of New York.

Among the Christmas felicitations exchanged by the pope today were greetings from the Emperor Francis Joseph and the kings of Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Saxony.

New York, Dec. 25.—New York enjoyed a "white Christmas" this year. Very early in the morning snow began falling and by the time people were awake the ground was thickly covered.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Ambassador and Mrs. Porter gave a Christmas dinner today, among the guests being Admiral and Mrs. Knutz and Commander and Mrs. Barber.

YACHTING CROESUS' BRIDE.

Met the Millionaire While She Acted as a Vanderbilt Nurse.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—Three years ago, while Miss Croesus, of Pottsville, was nursing in the Vanderbilt family, at Newport, R. I., the watering place of New York City's 60, she met Harry P. Smith, who is now a millionaire. She was then a young girl, and he was a young man. They were married last year.

Mr. Smith is a member of the New York Yacht club and also of the Eastern Yacht club, and he and his bride will, later on, take a cruise in his handsome yacht, the Adrianna.

## KILLED BY A ROBBER.

### Cold-Blooded Murder of Christian C. Rauck, a Lancaster Farmer.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 25.—Christian C. Rauck, aged 25, a farmer residing with his father, Benjamin Rauck, near Paradise, this county, early this morning was murdered in a peculiarly cold-blooded manner. About 1 o'clock young Rauck went out to the barn to get the incubator in his henry. As he was returning to the house he noticed that the cellar door was open. Thinking it had been left open by accident, he started to close it. As he stooped in doing so he saw a man in the cellar. At the same moment, and without a word, the intruder shot him in the abdomen from a 28-caliber revolver, and then fled. Rauck fell, mortally wounded, but recovering himself staggered into the house, where at the time his mother lay dying from apoplexy. His father left her bedside to go to the assistance of his son, who had swooned in the hall, his fallen lantern threatening a conflagration.

A physician was hastily summoned, but two hours later the young man died. He was conscious for some time before death, and related the circumstances of the shooting, but owing to the darkness could not describe his cowardly assassin. The latter left no clue to his identity. Snow had obliterated his footprints by the time pursuit began.

## TWO POOL ROOM VICTIMS ARE DEAD

### William Helwig and Joe Kenney Expire—Four More Are Liable to Die at Any Moment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—William Helwig and Joe Kenney, both of Hot Springs, victims of yesterday's pool room explosion, died during the night. Thus far these are the only fatalities recorded, although four more of the victims are likely to die. These are C. R. Donnelly, Chicago; William Metzger, 18 years of age, Hot Springs; Thomas O'Leary, engineer, Arlington hotel, Hot Springs, and W. S. McInerney, Louisville, Ky.

The explosion wrought dreadful havoc to the pool room, which was located in the rear of the Park Exchange. The house stands on Central avenue, in the heart of the city. When the explosion occurred, the pool room was crowded with people and all went down in a mass of wreckage. R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the club, had both legs and both wrists broken. The bones were set last night and today it is believed he will recover. J. C. Burch, of Chicago, sustained a broken leg and is seriously injured. Benjamin Murray, the driver of a gasoline tank wagon, who was arrested, charged with criminal negligence, made a statement this morning. He says he made a connection from his wagon to the gasoline tank in the cellar under the pool room. Upon entering the cellar, he found twenty or thirty gallons of gasoline overflowed in a large pool on the floor. Fearing an explosion, he rushed to an open window and closed it. He says the door was then opened by a negro porter and the gas coming into contact with the lighted cigars in the pool room, ignited and the explosion followed. Murray was blown against the side of the cellar, but escaped with slight injury. A portion of the injured are receiving the best treatment. The large force of physicians who have volunteered their services and are looking after the wants of the unfortunate victims, Charles Walker, the partner of Mr. Chambers, said today that the wrecked portion of the building will be rebuilt.

## BRUTAL THREAT TO KIDNAP.

### Citizen of Abbotstown Finds an Odd Christmas Epistle.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hanover, Pa., Dec. 25.—Abbotstown, Adams county, has a most interesting story of a Christmas letter. The notorious Cudaly abductor. He left this elegant little note in an envelope in front of Allen March's fine home on Hanover street, yesterday:

On the 25 April your brother-in-law, Mr. Miller kidnaped his son and bore him off. One of your children is going to be kidnaped, but if you will put a certain sum of money at a place I will tell you to-night all right if you don't it will be a sorry Christmas for you now don't go and publish this keep it secret and do as we tell you and all will be well. We want money.

Mr. March has no clue to the writer's identity; but the new law, passed since the Cudaly abduction, would easily send the fellow, if apprehended, to prison, whether he attempted to carry out his threat or not.

## Five Hundred Sheep Burned.

### Omaha, Dec. 25.—The sheep barns of the Union Stock Yards company at South Omaha burned today together with 500 sheep entangled in a loss of \$200,000. An effort was made to drive out the 500 sheep, but 500 of them ran back into the fire and were consumed.

## Murder and Suicide.

### Algonia, Ia., Dec. 25.—Henry Adams killed his wife with a shotgun today and then blew his own brains out. The couple had been quarrelling for six months. They leave two young children.

## Mr. Vanderbilt's Condition.

### New York, Dec. 25.—O bulletin issue tonight by the physicians in attendance on Cornelius Vanderbilt reads: "Mr. Vanderbilt has in good day, holding the improvement he has made."

## WEATHER FORECAST.

### Washington, Dec. 25.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern and Pennsylvania—Fair, colder Friday; Saturday fair, continued cold; fresh; to brisk northwest wind.

## CABLE NEARLY COMPLETE

### The Eventful Trip of the Silvertown Will End Today—Honolulu Is Prepared to Celebrate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

On Board Cable Ship Silvertown, Dec. 25, via San Francisco.—The eventful trip of the Cable Ship Silvertown will be completed Friday, making the first link in the trans-Pacific cable will be laid. In making the Honolulu connection the cable will be buoyed thirty-five miles from the shore end and spliced. During the past twenty-four hours 25 knots have been laid, making a total of 2,109 knots from San Francisco. A strong northeast wind is blowing, making the sea rough and a landing impossible until calmer weather. Not a single calm day has prevailed during the voyage from San Francisco, but a succession of strong winds and rough seas.

Honolulu, Dec. 17, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—The Honolulu chamber of commerce, the Merchants' association, builders' and traders' exchange and other bodies are preparing to celebrate the arrival of the cable ship Silvertown, establishing communication between here and San Francisco. There will be a general holiday and a large public meeting will be held. The Honolulu office of the company from the landing at Weikiki is nearly finished.

## OUTWITTED HER MOTHER.

### Girl Elopes on Wedding Eve and Marries Another Man.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 25.—Daisy B. Koons, of Philadelphia, outwitted her mother, her friends and her long-time fiance on Tuesday evening by eloping over the Delaware line and wedding the man of her heart here in the parsonage of the Union Methodist Episcopal church. His name is Morris A. Harrington and he is a clerk in the jewelry department of the Wanamaker establishment in the Quaker City. "The first night of the honeymoon were passed in trying to locate the bride's mother of the bride, who arrived on the early morning train to demand an explanation of the clergyman who had performed the ceremony.

He stated that the girl had given her age as 20 years and the young man as 21. This being over the age required by law he had no hesitation in marrying them. Mrs. Koons then began to pay her respects to the newly married couple. "The girl, raising to their defense, was told that the girl had been married to another on Christmas eve and that all the arrangements for the wedding and reception had been made. Every effort at reconciliation failed. The mother left for her home at noon. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Harrington will return to Philadelphia and open a home of their own.

## DR. LORENZ INTERVIEWED

### The Great Austrian Surgeon Denies That He Has Made Fabulous Sums in America.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 25.—Dr. Adolph Lorenz, who returned to his city from Boston to-day, while discussing his visit to this country said in an interview to-night:

"There is one thing I want to say and that is in regard to finance. I see it reported that I made in this country \$100,000. Now as a matter of fact, I got one fee of \$20,000 in Chicago, and in the four months I have been here I have earned just \$30,000. My practice at home in four months is worth that."

"I have seen a number of private patients in each of the cities I have visited, but as you Americans say in no instance have they more than paid the freight."

As a matter of fact, it has been the physicians of the various cities who have profited by my visits. They at first, Mr. Lorenz said, I am glad they did, but you see I remained only two, three, four or perhaps five days. During that time I was working in the hospitals in the clinics. The private patients began to come in and they were operated upon by the local surgeons, who had witnessed my clinics. But I am glad I came. The trip has been the crowning success of my life. My trip has been successful ethically, but not materially."

Dr. Lorenz spoke gratefully of the hospitality he had received at the hands of the Americans.

## TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

### Situation is Serious—Many Tribes Wavering in Loyalty.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 25.—The correspondent of the Times at Fez, Morocco, says the situation there, as having become very serious, owing to a large increase in the number of the pretender's followers, whom the government troops are too weak to attack. Reinforcements amounting to 12,000 men, he says, will leave here tomorrow and an additional force of irregular cavalry has been called out.

Many tribes not already in rebellion are wavering and are ready to join the rebels in the event of a serious government defeat.

John Marx Found Dead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 25.—John Marx was found dead on the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks at Pittston today. He was a miner and during the strike his house was blown up with dynamite. It was thought he was run down while making on the track but his family think he may have been the victim of foul play and the authorities are investigating.

## THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE ACTION

### The Presence of a Blockading Fleet on the Venezuelan Coast a Menace to Peace.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 25.—No confirmation could be obtained in Washington to-night of the report coming from Caracas that the proposition had been made to President Castro that all pending differences between Venezuela and the European governments having claims against her to be submitted to arbitration of The Hague tribunal. Secretary Hay had received when the dispatch reached Washington and no other official of the state department was able to give any information on the subject. It is known that only two days ago President Roosevelt had not indicated whether or not to accept the proposal of the allies to act as arbitrator or to urge again that the question should go to The Hague. If, as stated, the suggestion, has come from Washington that the matter should be arbitrated at The Hague, that contention probably was echoed at the long conference the president had with Secretary Hay yesterday afternoon when the two officials were together for some time considering the proposals from the allies that the president take up the question of the arbitration.

No matter by whom the matter is arbitrated, either by the president or by The Hague tribunal, the feeling here is strong that the United States government, if the occasion arises, will insist that the existing blockade be called off while the arbitration is in progress. The presence of the blockading fleet along the Venezuelan coast is sure to be a menace to peaceful conditions, and difficulties of various kinds may arise at any time through the arbitrary action of some of the commanders of the ships of the allied fleets, or to the impetuosity of some skipper who may attempt to run the blockade. But the greatest objection to a continuance of the blockade pending arbitration would be the loss to American shipping interests, which this government does not believe should be tolerated.

## WARSHIPS USE SEARCHLIGHTS.

### Forty Vessels Now Detained by Blockaders at La Guayra.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilmington, Curacao, Dec. 25.—The American Red "D" line steamer Caracas has brought the remainder of her cargo here.

The warships of the allied powers are using searchlights to watch the coast of Venezuela.

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## THOUSANDS OF CATTLE ARE STARVING.

### They Are Located on a High Range and It Is Impossible to Get Food to Them.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Denver, Dec. 25.—Thousands of cattle are reported to be starving on the range in northwestern Colorado. The humane society appealed to the owners to rescue their stock, and they have replied that they are powerless to do so.

The cattle are snowed in on the high range in Routt and Rio Blanco counties, without pasture and without water. It is impossible to get food to them and equally impossible to drive them into suitable winter quarters.

## WAGE INCREASE FOR 12,000.

### Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 25.—Employees of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad have been granted a 7 per cent increase in wages, effective December 1. The company employs about 12,000 men, almost all of whom will benefit by the raise.

## St. Louis "Cabbies' Strike.

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## Colored Man Lynched.

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## Miss Knox Ill.

### Washington, Dec. 25.—Miss Rebecca Knox, daughter of the attorney general, who returned from Pittsburg for Christmas, is quite ill at her parents' home on K street. Miss Knox, who was to have started for California on Saturday to join her aunt and uncle in a trip to Japan, has been obliged to give up the journey.

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