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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.

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 is not, only being 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."

Castro Accepts the Hague. Caracas, Dec. 25.—President Castro has telegraphed from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit all pending matters to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, subject to certain conditions, which include cessation of the blockade and the return to Venezuela of the fleet seized by the allied powers.

President Castro's acceptance has been transmitted to the Washington government from which the proposal emanated.

No Decision Reached. Washington, Dec. 25.—It was stated at the state department today that the president had reached no decision in regard to the invitation of the powers that he arbitrate the Venezuela matter. It is possible that this decision will not be forthcoming for several days. Correspondence is being exchanged daily between the state department and the foreign offices with reference to the invitation.

Secretary Hay was at the white house early today and held a brief conference with the president on the Venezuelan situation.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE ARE STARVING. They Are Located on a High Range and It Is Impossible to Get Food to Them.

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.

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

AN McLEOD CHAMPION.

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 won the first fall by a three-minute hold 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.

THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE ACTION

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

Washington, Dec. 25.—No confirmation could be obtained in Washington tonight 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.

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

EARTHQUAKE IN ASIA.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—According to the latest advices from Andjian, Russian Central Asia, the shocks of earthquake have been reported to have been four or five seismic disturbances daily and a particularly violent series of shocks during the night of December 22 and the day following, set the rolling stock on the railway in motion, resulting in a panic among the railroad men.

Miss Knox Ill.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Miss Rebecca Knox, daughter of the attorney general, who returned from Pittsburgh 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.

St. Louis "Cabbies" Strike.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—The cab and carriage drivers' strike begun at midnight last night for an increase of wages, has extended until now 250 of the 300 drivers in St. Louis are out.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

A Sick Woman Receives Bullets Instead of an Expected Present.

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.

CABLE NEARLY COMPLETE

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

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 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.

OUTWITTED HER MOTHER.

Girl Elopes on Wedding Eve and Marries Another Man.

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 son 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.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Other Occupants of the House of Julius King Have Narrow Escape.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Four persons were burned today in the house of Julius King, of Florence, by prominent pulp miller of the Union Manufacturing Co. The fire gained such headway before it was discovered that Mrs. M. McGowan, King's oldest daughter, and her three children, who were sleeping on the lower floor, were not able to get out and all were burned to death. One of the children, whose body was found close to a window, evidently had made heroic efforts to escape. King and his wife, with a few boarders on an upper floor escaped by jumping out of the windows. One man was seriously burned. It is not known how the fire started.

A Effort at Reconciliation.

London, Dec. 25.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that an outcome of negotiations with the Saxon court the pope has sent a prelate to Genoa to inquire into the circumstances of the flight of the crown princess of Saxony with a view to arranging a reconciliation.

Colored Man Lynched.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 25.—Montgomery Godley, a colored man, was taken from the jail here today and lynched by a mob because after this morning he had been killed Milton Hinkle, a policeman, while the officer was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly negroes.

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.

TARIFF THE VITAL ISSUE

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

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.

OPINIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

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 protection 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 complete monopoly can exist in England. 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."

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John Marx Found Dead.

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BRUTAL THREAT TO KIDNAP.

Citizen of Abbotstown Finds an Odd Christmas Epistle.

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

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KILLED BY A ROBBER.

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

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 aged 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.

WARREN J. BAKER FOR THE FIRST TIME TELLS OF LOOTING OF CATHOLIC CATHEDRALS IN MEXICAN WAR.

Toledo, O., Dec. 25.—The Bee to-day says: "Warren J. Baker, secretary of the Northwestern Ohio Masonic Relief association, today for the first time makes public the secret history of the looting of Catholic cathedrals during the Mexican war, tells how it was done and of the burial of the treasure. His tongue was loosened by a newspaper despatch from Mexico City telling of the discovery of a chest of diamonds, sapphires, rubies, pearls and golden images in the chapel of Las Volcanas college in Mexico City. Mr. Baker's story rivals the mythical tales of Captain Kidd and moreover bears the unmistakable stamp of truth. He says that his father marched from Vera Cruz to Mexico City with General Scott's army during the Mexican war. He and a tent mate, after plotting for weeks, dug their way into some of the richest cathedrals and pillaged them of their fabulous wealth of all sorts of valuable stones, jewels, golden images. For hours they looted, carrying their burdens of precious stones to a hiding place beneath the flag stones in a Cathedral yard. Shortly afterward, Baker's companion died. Baker returned to his home in New York and then went to Hillsdale, Mich. Fifteen years after plundering the cathedrals he confided his story to an intimate friend. The friend wrote to the Mexican government asking 'if there would be any chance of a 'divvy' of the spoils, where it could find a foreign market. The friend wrote to the Mexican government asking 'if there would be any chance of a 'divvy' of the spoils, where it could find a foreign market. The friend wrote to the Mexican government asking 'if there would be any chance of a 'divvy' of the spoils, where it could find a foreign market."

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YACHTING CROESUS' BRIDE.

Met the Millionaire While She Acted as a Vanderbilt Nurse.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—Three years ago, while Miss Dorothy C. Pritchard, of Pottsville, was nursing in the Vanderbilt family, at Newport, R. I., the watering place of New York City, she met Harry P. Smith, who was then a young man, and from the first meeting came their rather romantic wedding here today. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. James T. Satchell, at the home of the bride's father, ex-Chief of Police D. C. Pritchard.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Algona, 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."

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