

WILL SUBMIT TO HAGUE TRIBUNAL

CASTRO'S TERMS.

Notifies Washington of Acceptance of Arbitration—Names Return of His Fleet as Condition.

President Castro, of Venezuela, has telegraphed from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit all pending differences 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.

Thousands of Cattle Starving. Thousands of cattle are reported to be starving on the range in Northwestern Colorado.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

President Roosevelt received from Berlin and London the official reports to arbitrate trouble with Venezuela. The ladies of the cabinet presented Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt with a gold meshed purse as their joint Christmas gift.

The Costa Rican legation warns the public against the Loteria de la Beneficencia, alleged to be operating at Carillo.

First Lieutenant James F. Edwards, assistant surgeon in the regular army, has been relieved from duty in the Philippines and assigned to the department of Missouri.

According to Senator Burrows, of Michigan, it cannot be known until after January 8 whether or not the Cuban reciprocity treaty now before the Senate will be ratified.

A new oil painting of President Roosevelt now decorates the private dining room at the White House.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in session at Washington granted charters to the following chapters: University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago, University of Kansas, Virginia Military Institute and the Colorado School of Mines.

Commander Thomas B. Howard, now on duty at the Naval Academy, has been selected to command the Monitor Nevada, which is to go into commission about February 1 next.

Miss Rebecca Knox, daughter of the attorney general, will go in a few days to California to be one of the party of her uncle, Dr. Knox, which will sail from San Francisco January 3 for Japan and China.

Adjutant General Corbin received a cable message from General Davis Manila saying that Captain Robert McGregor, corps of engineers, died in the Manila hospital on the 20th instant of acute appendicitis.

Commander John E. Roiler, former commander of the old gunboat Monocacy, has reached this country from the Asiatic station, having been ordered home by Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the station.

Secretary Root decided that it was impracticable for General Chaffee, General Smith and other officers to go to Manila to testify before the Glenn court-martial, as the purposes of the investigation can be fully served by securing their depositions.

There are 35 vacancies in the grade of assistant surgeon in the army and little prospect of filling them. The next examination to be held in Washington will occur some time in April, and an examination is now being conducted in the Philippines to fill some of the places.

England and Germany have made protest to the United States against what they declare to be the failure to maintain "an open door" in the Philippines. The case in point involves the export duty of \$7.50 a ton on Manila hemp and fiber, which is imposed upon the product shipped to England and Germany, but which is remitted on that which is sent to the United States.

BAR UNWELCOME CHINESE.

Bertillon's Famous System of Identification to Be Used by Treasury Department.

Bertillon famous system for the identification of criminals will be utilized by the United States government in the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws, and after its adoption there will be an end to the system of substitution generally adopted by clever Chinese labor providers.

MRS. GRANT'S WILL FILED.

Left Her Children an Estate Worth \$194,065.

The will of Mrs. Ulysses Grant was filed in Washington, D. C. The estate is to be divided into four equal portions. It also provides that a memento presented to her by the emperor of Japan, said to be 1,000 years old, shall go to the museum of arts, New York.

DECISION FOR RAILROADERS.

Dauphin County Court Reverses the Decision of Alderman.

The Dauphin county (Pa.) court heard argument on the appeals taken from the judgment of a Harrisburg alderman in the suits brought by railroad employes whose wages had been attached in West Virginia to recover the amount so attached from the persons who assigned claims to the West Virginia agency for the purpose of having the same collected in that state.

WILL INVADE GERMANY.

Plans to Repeat English Success in Land of Kaiser.

Privy Councillor Rathenau, one of the leading German financiers and political economists, has resigned his position as chairman of the directory of the Allgemeine Electricitats Gesellschaft to devote all his energies to the formation of a German electrical trust, which shall have among its primary objects the elimination of American competition in this branch of industry.

WILL DEMAND MORE WAGES.

Coal Operators Have no Reason to Refuse, Says Ryan.

W. D. Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, in a statement says that the miners of the United States will make a demand for a material increase in wages at the National convention, at Indianapolis, on January 19.

Ties Up New York Subway.

Four hundred employes of the American bridge works at Trenton, N. J., did not report for work December 23 because one of their number was discharged for refusing to work overtime without extra pay.

SULTAN'S ARMY WAS DEMORALIZED

ROUTED BY PRETENDER.

Two Thousand Moorish Imperial Soldiers Killed or Wounded in Battle of Taza.

The complete rout at Taza of the Moorish imperial army by rebels under the leadership of the pretender to the throne, which was reported December 23, has been officially confirmed. The imperial forces abandoned their guns, rifles, ammunition, tents and beasts of burden and fled precipitately to Fez.

NEW YORKERS FEARFUL.

Governor Odell Threatens a General Quarantine of Cattle.

Governor Odell, of New York, has protested against the removal of quarantine on Connecticut cattle. Secretary Wilson received a telegram from him saying that the New York authorities wished to act in harmony with the National government.

FAIR FIGHT NOT ILLEGAL.

Capital and Labor Have Equal Rights to Combine.

The court of appeals at St. Louis, Mo., granted an injunction to prevent the Master Plumbers' Association from refusing to sell supplies to Joseph E. Walsh because he is not a member, but refused to dissolve the association, as Walsh had asked.

McKINLEY MEMORIAL LEAGUE.

Patriotic Movement in Memory of the Late President Launched.

The Carnation League of America is the name of a new patriotic movement proposed to the trustees of the McKinley National Memorial association. The idea originates with Louis G. Reynolds, a business man of Dayton, O., and it will be submitted to the trustees at their coming meeting in Washington.

Trigg Company in a Receivership.

The William Trigg Shipbuilding Company, of Richmond, Va., was placed in the hands of a receiver upon a bill filed by S. H. Hawes & Co., coal dealers, for \$2,048.

Wages Advanced.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company posted a notice announcing a voluntary increase dating from January 1, 1905, of 8 per cent to their 20,000 employes. The advance will add \$1,600,000 annually to the payroll.

Turned Out in Sleeping Garb.

The Maxon block, containing a hotel and an adjoining building also used as a hotel at Schenectady, N. Y., was burned out.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Bread riots are threatened in blockaded ports of Venezuela.

George Bundahl shot and killed Caroline Moehn at Crookston, Minn. Cold is pinching people in Philadelphia and New York and fuel famine impends.

Natural gas has been discovered 13 miles west of Douglas, Wyoming, in an oil well.

Negro and his wife were lynched near Greenwood, S. C., for killing their employer.

Operator blames the dispatcher for causing the Grand Trunk railway wreck in Canada.

American Economic Association discussed powers of interstate commerce commission.

East Liverpool, O., mayor will leave his office in the spring, so he can devote his time to horses.

Henry Phipps, Jr., sent check for \$10,000 as Christmas present for Education Alliance of New York.

Greenville (Ill.) contractor took strange aversion of pretty bride and twice attempted to kill himself.

Dow Academy, at Franconia, N. H., named for the late Moses A. Dow, of Charleston, Mass., has burned.

Three sailors from ship frozen in Lake Erie crept over the ice to secure aid for imprisoned comrades.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt have planned unusual number of official society functions during the season.

Humbert family en route from Madrid to Paris as prisoners were hooted by French crowds at the frontier.

W. L. Elkins, of Philadelphia, has decided to build a home for orphan daughters of Masons costing \$1,000,000.

Dr. Arthur Flint, in New York, announced that Cornelius Vanderbilt, who is ill with typhoid fever, will recover.

John Doyle, a wealthy mine owner, of San Francisco, Cal., has been missing for two weeks. Foul play is suspected.

Commander Schroeder, U. S. N., governor of the island of Guam, reports island in need of financial assistance.

Lake Superior ore regions this year swelled production by 7,000,000 tons to 28,000,000, the most notable record in history.

The residence of Walter Legally at Cuero, Tex., was destroyed by fire and Mrs. Legally and two small children are dead.

The Cornell university register shows 2,968 students, a gain of 176 over last year, and 380 instructors, an increase of 20.

Prof. Jacob Forney, of the Alabama State university, was accidentally killed at Springville, Ala., while shooting sparrows with a parlor rifle.

General Francis Vinton Green was appointed police commissioner of New York city in succession to Colonel Partridge, whose resignation takes effect January 1.

The general council of Louisville, Ky., has appropriated \$100,000, with which a site for the \$250,000 Carnegie library will be purchased.

President Donovan, of the Troy (N. Y.) Steel Production Company, announced the sale of the company to the United States Steel Corporation.

Nearly all the independent coke concerns of the Connellsville region will meet the wage advance of the Frick Company, adding \$1,300,000 to the pay of 1905.

Sophia Mintus and Mattie Leslie were fatally hurt at St. Joseph, Mo., by jumping from windows of Chase & Son's candy factory while the building was on fire.

District Judge Booth, at Salt Lake City, Utah, refused a new trial in the cases of James Lynch and R. L. King, under sentence of death for the murder of Colonel Prowse.

The 8,000 railway freight handlers of Chicago, whose strike last summer interfered with the industries of that city for three days, are preparing to demand more pay.

The Marconi station at Glace Bay, N. S., continues to maintain daily communication with Cornwall, with constantly increasing efficiency and facility.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of New York, is back of a scheme to build an underground railroad and an elevated railroad in Chicago at a cost of \$55,000,000.

While setting out apple trees David H. Dix, a farmer, residing near Victor, Fayette county, West Virginia, found an old locust wagon hub, in which was \$10,000 in gold and silver.

News has reached Seattle, Wash., that John H. Rouse starved to death in the wilds of Central Bolivia in June, 1900, while on an exploring trip. But one man out of a party of 30 escaped.

Reports that the Pennsylvania railroad has bought a controlling interest in Brooklyn Rapid Transit and that proposals had been made for the absorption of the Cambria Steel Company by the United States Steel Corporation were officially denied.

The governor of Indiana has issued a requisition on the governor of Arkansas for George Ryan and J. H. Ashmore, indicted at Petersburg, Ind., on a charge of helping swindle Frank C. Loney, the "Klondike King," out of \$63,000 in foot race.

EARTHQUAKE KILLED THOUSANDS.

MUCH MONEY BURNED.

Andijan, Russia, Seismic Disturbance Proves Far More Disastrous Than at First Reported.

Even worst of the earlier reports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan, Russia, quite underestimate the appalling loss of life. A telegram from the scene of the catastrophe December 23 puts the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 4,000. Already 800 corpses had been disinterred from the ruins. The work of excavation progresses slowly. The state treasury, containing 5,000,000 roubles is in the ruins, and excavations to get the money are carried on under the supervision of a strong cordon of police.

HIGHWAYMEN IN CALIFORNIA.

Single-Handed Held Up a Coach.

A lone highwayman held up the Redding-Weaverville, California stage on the big four-horse outfit was climbing the steep grade near the divide, four miles above Shaasta. With an exceedingly small revolver the highwayman compelled seven passengers to donate their coin and valuables and the driver to hand over the Wells Fargo strong boxes.

DROWNED IN A SWOLLEN RIVER.

Canoe Upset by a Girl. Two Companions Met Their Deaths.

While attempting to cross Cumberland river, near Gainesboro, Tenn., in a canoe, Miss Verdi Rich, Miss Mattie Rose and Walter Rich were drowned, while Rufus Bailey and Alfred Crowder had narrow escapes. The canoe was overcrowded, and when the current of the swollen stream struck it the frail craft swerved and rocked.

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

New England Society of Pennsylvania Celebrates Event.

The New England Society of Pennsylvania observed "Forefathers' Day" December 22 by giving the annual dinner at Horticultural hall, Philadelphia. 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.

Pioneer Lumberman Dead.

George Russel, probably the oldest lumber merchant in the United States, died at his country home in Merchantville, N. J., at the age of 93. For 70 years he had been actively engaged in the lumber business and was formerly interested in building the first steam saw mill in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. J. C. Fremont Dead.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, wife of the great "pathfinder," General John C. Fremont, died at Los Angeles, Cal., December 27. For three years before her death Mrs. Fremont had been extremely feeble as the result of a fall, in which she suffered a dislocation of the hip. During that time the accident had prevented her from walking.

Will Protect the Negroes.

Governor Longino, of Mississippi, issued a proclamation offering \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person who forces a negro to leave any of the counties of Lincoln, Amite, Franklin or Pike.

Accuses the Treasurer.

Francis J. Meeker, of the Newark, N. J., Firemen's Relief association, was arrested charged by Assistant Fire Chief William C. Astley, president of the association, with embezzlement.

BUSINESS IS HAMPERED.

Coal Scarce in the Northwest—More Than 100,000 Tons Needed to Meet the Demand.

J. R. Wahlmeier, representing the chamber of commerce at St. Paul, Minn., is in the East trying to arrange a deal whereby the people of the northwest may secure coal to meet the urgent demands for fuel in that section. Mr. Wahlmeier says that the situation in the northwest is serious. The people have the money to pay for fuel at reasonable rates, but are unable to get it. "In the district contiguous to St. Paul the demand for fuel was never greater than at the present time. If it is possible to arrange for the shipment the amount of coal required for immediate use is upwards of 100,000 tons. The recent strike in the east is directly responsible for the scarcity of coal in the northwestern states this winter. When the anthracite mines were shut down and the great cry for fuel was raised among the industrial consumers in the east all the coal obtainable was shipped in that direction. The northwest was entirely forgotten and despite most strenuous efforts on the part of the people in that district it was utterly impossible to induce the railroads and coal companies in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio to fill the orders. The business was diverted almost exclusively to the east. By the time the demand from that section had been filled and the anthracite strike ended, the lake navigation had closed for the season. With the lake traffic ended there were little hopes for getting coal in the northwest. About that time the great freight congestions in all parts of the country were confronting the railroads, and any appeal to them proved absolutely fruitless. As a result the shipments to the northwest ceased entirely, and little hope remains for getting the traffic diverted in that direction for the rest of the winter. Business in most of the big cities where industrial interests dominate is now at a standstill for lack of coal. The plants have been shut down, and the prospects for resumption in the near future are decidedly discouraging. In fact, the coal shortage is so great that residence fuel is equally as much in demand, and unless an arrangement can be made to secure shipments of coal there will be considerable suffering among the people during the winter."

CABLE FLASHES.

The Imperial Diet resembled at Tokyo, Japan. The House of Representatives was immediately dissolved by imperial orders. Elections have been fixed for February.

The courts at Paris, France, have awarded Mrs. Viola Falconer, an American, \$400 damages against Redfern, the dressmaker, for unjustifiable arrest and the seizure of goods for a bill.

Several alleged anarchists, who were refused admission into the United States, have arrived at Genoa, Italy, on the way to their homes. They have been placed under police surveillance.

The Tribune, at Rome, Italy, says the Pope has ordered the archbishop of Manila to excommunicate all persons who endeavor to promote the creation of a national church in the Philippines.

The appointment of Vice Admiral Cervera, who surrendered to the American fleet off Santiago de Cuba, to the post of chief of staff of the Spanish navy has been published in the official gazette.

The third annual meeting of the Russian Young Men's Christian association was held at St. Petersburg. Among those present were Prince Plato Obolensky, Senator Taganstej, E. L. Nobei and Franklin Gaylord.

Count Tolstoj, at St. Petersburg, Russia, has sent a personal appeal to the papers asking them, in view of his advanced age and illness, not to publish any further reports of his condition, as they cause him pain.

A bomb filled with scrap iron was exploded, supposedly by anarchists, at the entrance to St. Peter's cathedral, Geneva, Switzerland. It was so clumsily placed that it only slightly shattered the door.

It is reported from Constantinople that the Greek steamer Parthenon, having on board a crew of 22 men and six passengers have been lost. The Parthenon was last reported at Novrossisk, November 28, from Tagnaron.

The police at Paris, France, seized the papers of Jean de la Mar, manager of the Klondike Mining Company. He is suspected of irregular proceedings. The company is a Paris concern, and all the parties interested are Frenchmen.

Governor Taft's energetic expressions looking to the suppression of ladronism in the Philippines have produced unusual activity. Numerous municipal presidents in the provinces of Cavite and Rizal are assisting the native constabulary in running down the bandits.

A dispatch from Seoul says that when the Korean cabinet was reconstructed Yi was appointed minister of the treasury, in compliance with the wish of Russia, but on Japan protesting against the appointment, Yi boarded a Russian gunboat and has determined to remain on board, pending a clearance of the situation.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, November 25, on board the armored cruiser God Hope, landed at Durban, Natal, and received a warm welcome from large crowds of people.

Advices from Kingston, Jamaica, reports large numbers of Haitian exiles are preparing to return to Haiti under the amnesty decree which, it is expected, will shortly be issued. The leaders who fought for Firmin believe that a period of peace will follow General Nord's election to the presidency.

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