

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.

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 \$194,005.

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 memorial be presented to her by the emperor of Japan, said to be 1,000 years old, shall go to the museum of arts, New York.

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, but would be obliged to quarantine everything coming into New York State unless absolutely assured of protection by the Federal 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 Judge Blair to render a decision in Connecticut.

M'KINLEY 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 \$2,948.

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 29,000 employees. 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. The guests got out.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

Bread riots are threatened in blockaded ports of Venezuela.

George Bundabji shot and killed Caroline Mocha 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 Phillips, 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 Charlestown, 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 awelled 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 389 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 in 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 1903.

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 Prosser.

The \$900 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 Corporation 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. Lorey, the "Klondike King," out of \$63,000 in a foot race.

George Griswold, 31 years old, son of John N. A. Griswold, of Newport and New York, was instantly killed by a train on the suburban branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.

Austrian manufacturers have decided to advance the price of shoes 10 per cent on account of the higher cost of leather, which is due to extensive purchases of hides in the European markets by Americans.

Bishop Conaty, rector of the Catholic university at Washington, will probably be recommended for appointment as bishop of Los Angeles.

EARTHQUAKE KILLED THOUSANDS.

MUCH MONEY BURNED.

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

Even the worst of the earlier reports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andijan, Russia, quite underestimates 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 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. Reaped Rich Harvest.

A lone highwayman held up the Redding-Weaverville, California stage as 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. The mail sacks were not molested. Just how much money the highwaymen secured is not known. He took from the passengers about \$120 and two watches, besides some rings and brooches.

DROWNED IN A SWOLLEN RIVER.

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

While attempting to cross Cumberland river near Galveston, Tenn., 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. One of the frightened girls jumped into the water, causing the canoe to capsize and throwing all of the occupants into the river.

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. Senator Hear answered the historic toast "Forefathers' Day." Former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith told of New England men in the presidential cabinet; 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."

Pioneer Lumberman Dead.

George Russell, 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. Freemont Dead.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Freemont, wife of the great "pathfinder," General John C. Freemont, died at Los Angeles, Cal., December 27. For three years before her death Mrs. Freemont 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. The specific charge is \$500.

BUSINESS IS HAMPERED.

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

J. R. Wahlmeyer, 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. Wahlmeyer 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. 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 the want 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 Tribunal, 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 Tagnastoy, E. L. Nobel and Franklin Gaylord.

Count Tolstol, 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 has been lost. The Parthenon was last reported at Novorossisk, November 28, from Taganrog.

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 Good 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.

THE MARKETS.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Table with columns for commodity names and prices. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Hay, etc.

PITTSBURGH.

Table with columns for commodity names and prices. Includes Butter, Eggs, etc.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

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BAITMORE.

Table with columns for commodity names and prices. Includes Flour, Eggs, etc.

PHILADELPHIA.

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NEW YORK.

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LIVE STOCK.

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REVIEW OF TRADE.

Holiday Business Main Feature—Industrial Trade Interrupted by Annual Stock Taking.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Trade and speculation experienced the customary holiday quiet, except in Christmas goods, which sold freely, many packing and shipping departments being still engaged on this class of work, which could not be completed at the specified time. Industrial undertakings are interrupted in many cases by the taking of inventories while other plants are closed because fuel cannot be obtained. Orders still come forward freely, and the new year will open with more business on the books than ever before. Prices of commodities are firmly held by the steady domestic demand, and there is a good export movement of the leading staples. Railway earnings thus far reported for the month of December surpass last year's by 5 per cent, and those of 1900 by 11 1/2 per cent. Quiet condition in the iron and steel industry, unaccompanied by any sign of weakness, testify to the healthy tone and suggest a bright outlook for the coming year. Furnaces and mills will extend the season of idleness beyond the usual time, not because orders are lacking, but in order to accumulate a moderate supply of coke. The situation in regard to shipments from Connellsville has not improved. A very large amount of business will be carried over into next year, probably more than in any previous year. New contracts have been made for coal more slowly of late mainly because of uncertainty as to date of delivery, although there are prospective purchasers who still anticipate better terms in 1905. Foreign pig iron quotations are slightly below domestic quotations, but neither imported nor home-made iron is available for immediate use in large quantities. Independent steel mills claim that they are unable to pay present prices for billets, which cost \$31, or more, for early shipment. Reports from the South show a large increase in production, as compared with any preceding year. The strongest department of this industry appears to be steel bars. New England shoe factories are in full operation and have liberal orders on hand. Quotations are firm. Leather dealings have been restricted less than usual by the holidays, shoe manufacturers coming into the market for large quantities of hemlock sole. An unexpectedly favorable feature has appeared in the market for cotton goods. After a long season of stagnation in its export division, the demand for China suddenly became considerable. Domestic trade is limited to immediate requirements. In woolen goods there is a good demand. Woolen and worsted dress goods are quiet but steady. Failures for the week numbered 209 in the United States, against 250 last year, and 21 in Canada, compared with 23 a year ago.

Bradstreet's says: Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending December 24 aggregated 3,560,485 bushels.