

HOLLAND BEGINS ACTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CASTRO; SEIZES COAST-GUARD SHIP

Dutch Cruiser Tows the Alix Into Williamstad on Saturday

Seizure of Vessel Made Without the Slightest Resistance

Matter is Regarded Merely as a Reprisal Against Castro's Government

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 13.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland came into this port this morning towing the Venezuelan coast-guard ship Alix, with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alix off Puerto Cabello on Saturday. At the time the Alix was lying close in-shore, and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezuelan government had made to fire upon any of the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at top speed toward the coast-guard ship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. This they did without resistance, and no shot came from the Alix. The crew of the Alix was put ashore and the Dutch officer and marines remained on board. The Gelderland finally took the Alix in tow and steamed away with her as a prize.

The seizure of the Alix was in accordance with the plans of the Netherlands government, which instructions were issued to the Dutch warships now in these waters, to make a demonstration of the coast of Venezuela and to capture any Venezuelan ships of war or guard vessels that they might find. The arrival of the Gelderland at Willemstad this morning was greeted with unbounded enthusiasm by those who noticed the cruiser's approach and soon the entire populace was down at the water's edge to welcome the warship towing the first of the enemy's ships, as though from a great conquest.

Naturally the people of Curacao, who have long been clamoring for activity by the Dutch government, are greatly rejoiced over this evidence that Holland has at last begun active measures against Venezuela, but the governor of Curacao, in explaining the incident had this to say, this afternoon:

"The seizure by our warships of coast-guard and war vessels is not to be considered as unfriendly acts against the Venezuelans. It is merely a reprisal against Castro's government, which refuses to give satisfaction for his unfriendly acts toward Holland. The seizure of these vessels will make it impossible for the Venezuelan government to carry troops or ammunition to and from the various ports."

A communication to this effect has been forwarded by the Dutch government to the German minister at Caracas.

It is learned from the officers of the Gelderland that the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerk and the cruiser Frydland are now off La Guayra and that further captures may be expected at any time. These two vessels left on Friday clearing for action, and it was believed at that time that their intention was to make a forcible demonstration at La Guayra. The opinion is held here that in the absence of President Castro the Venezuelan government will not go so far as to fire upon the Dutch warships which, since Venezuela is practically without a navy, virtually hold the Venezuelan ports at their mercy.

CASTRO QUILTS "GAY PAREE" Makes His Position Clear

DESIRES PEACE Woman-Writer of Morning Paper Succeeds in Getting Interview

PARIS, Dec. 13.—President Castro of Venezuela and his party left here today for Cologne, where a consultation of physicians will be held to determine upon the advisability of an operation on the president. If an operation is found necessary Dr. Israel probably will perform it at Berlin.

During his stay in this city Castro kept himself confined to his hotel, refusing to give any statement to newspaper men except through some member of his suite. On the train today, however he granted an interview to a representative of the Temps, saying that as he was leaving France he felt at liberty to receive a journalist. The interview, while guarded, fully confirms the reports published in the Temps by Castro at Santander, to the effect that he is desirous of settling Venezuela's outstanding diplomatic differences and so far as France is concerned, has already made the first steps in that direction. He said, however, that everything for the moment must be subordinated to the restoration of his health and that he would submit to an examination in Germany on which would depend the question of a surgical operation or merely medical treatment. He added that he might return to France.

POLITICAL ECONOMY

Inquiring Child—What is political economy, papa?

Quizzical Parent—Political economy my son, is when a poor man runs for Congress and has all his expenses paid by his friends.

Other incidents that have added to the ill-feeling have been the stoppage of Dutch sailing vessels at sea by the authorities of Venezuela and the storming of the Venezuelan consulate at Willemstad by a mob. Venezuela has made preparations against any act of hostility. The forts at La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Maracaibo have been reinforced with men and munitions, but until Saturday no untoward act had occurred which would give Venezuela an opportunity to answer force with force.

More than a week ago the Dutch warships the Jacob Van Heemskerk, the Frydland and the Gelderland, steamed along the Venezuelan coast from Puerto Cabello to La Guayra at a distance of three thousand yards from the shore. Later the three cruisers went to Maracaibo, where they made a similar demonstration. It is understood that the battleship De Ruyter is now on her way to Willemstad, where she will join the other in continuing the demonstrations against Venezuela.

The Gelderland, which has visited the United States several times, is the vessel which took Paul Kruger, the president of the Transvaal, from South Africa to Marseilles, after the close of the Transvaal's secession in the South African war. She represented the Netherlands government at the Jamestown exposition.

DIPLOMATISTS AWAITING ENDORSEMENT OF SIMON



HATTIEN REVOLUTIONISTS AND PALACE

FOUR INFANTS BURNED TO DEATH WHILE PARENTS LOOK ON POWERLESS TO SAVE

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13.—Sir Wilfrid's fine new touring motor, the gift of Lord Strathcona last year, was one of five automobiles destroyed by fire which broke out in the garage of the Canada Cycle and Motor Co. on Sparks street, this morning. The total loss is about \$30,000, principally on automobiles, which were completely destroyed. The building, which is of stone, was damaged by fire. Sir Wilfrid's car was the finest in the capital and was valued at \$3,000. There was insurance. One of the other automobiles destroyed was owned by T. L. Wilson of Ottawa, and was valued at \$5,000.

A gruesome tragedy occurred near Hawthorne, about eight miles from Ottawa, in Russell County, early this morning, when the four infant children of Mrs. J. Scharf were burned to death in their beds while the frantic father and mother looked on helpless as the house burned. About six o'clock this morning Mr. and Mrs. Scharf left their four children asleep in bed in a second story room and went to the barn, a short distance from the house to milk cows. Shortly afterwards Mr. Scharf looked towards the house and was horrified to see flames breaking out of the

SEVEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF EXPLOSION OF BOMB IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 13.—Two buildings were wrecked, seven persons are believed to have been killed and windows shattered for a block around by the terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley in Wabash Avenue, near Sixteenth street tonight. The wrecked buildings adjoin the Coliseum where the first world Democratic ball, an annual event, against the holding of which this year, much opposition is made, is scheduled to be held tomorrow night. The police are working on the theory that the bomb-thrower designed to frighten people from going to the Coliseum and thus prevent the ball.

The report of the explosion was heard for a mile. The congregation of Grace Episcopal Church, adjoining the Coliseum, and of the Open Church, a block away, and guests of several hotels, rushed to the streets excitedly. A two-story frame building in Wabash Avenue, which adjoined the south wall of the Coliseum Annex, collapsed and caught fire.

AGED MAN KILLED NEAR SALT SPRINGS

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 13.—A very sad accident occurred near Salt Springs Station on the I. C. R. at an early hour this morning, which resulted in the death of a passenger by the name of George Turnbull. The deceased was a passenger on No. 10 train, St. John to Oxford Junction. The accident was not discovered at the time it happened and the remains were found by the section men this morning and taken to Oxford Junction, where an inquest is now being held.

From the evidence it would appear that Mr. Turnbull, who was a former resident of this province, has been lately residing at Providence, Rhode Island, and was going to New Glasgow. He is supposed to have fallen from the train between the baggage and second class cars. However, he was not noticed standing there by any of the train crew. He was a man of 86 years of age. His body was terribly bruised when discovered. His son, who resides in Amherst and is in the employ of Rhodes Curry & Co., has gone to Oxford to look after his father's remains.

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Blast Prematurely Explodes; Ten Killed, Fifty Injured

COLON, Dec. 12.—A giant blast of dynamite, already prepared for firing, was prematurely exploded in the workings at Bas Ochoyo today. Ten men were killed and fifty injured. It may be that others have been killed, for the debris is piled up in all directions. Bas Ochoyo cut is about thirty miles from Colon, and the shock of the explosion was distinctly felt here.

Numerous reports are current as to the cause of the accident, but the official version from Colon, which gives an estimate of ten killed and fifty wounded, says that during the loading of the last hole of the blast the dynamite in the cutting was discharged and the remaining twenty-two tons were exploded by concussion. The holes had not been connected electrically, for the discharge of the blast was set for five o'clock in the afternoon. The last hole was being loaded under the supervision of one of the most efficient powder men in the employ of the commission.

A passenger train had just passed when the explosion occurred, but was not in any way damaged. The majority of the victims are Spaniards. Fisher's train was sent to the scene of the disaster, and one which returned here several hours later brought back the report that forty-five of the injured had been sent to Ancon Hospital. The officials on the train stated that eleven dead had been found, while many others in the gang of a hundred and twenty who were employed in the cut were missing. It was also reported by the trainmen that the explosion was due to a passing steam shovel which hooked the wire leading to the immense charge of dynamite. Whether or not this was the cause of the accident, a steam shovel and crew which happened to be on the scene were practically buried under the mass of rocks and earth thrown up.

Gangs were soon searching for the dead and assisting the wounded. Electric lights were set up and tonight steam shovels are at work removing tons upon tons of debris. Many of the men have been seriously injured, and it is thought some of them fatally.

Tradition has it that the Panama railroad cost one human life for every mile, what with accidents, insurrections and disease and the construction of the canal has not gone along without spilling its toll. There have been a number of accidents in the last two years, chief among which was the premature explosion of dynamite at Pedro Miguel in June, 1907, which resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of a number of others.

DROWNED AT HOLDERVILLE

Hiram Laskey of Holderville, Kings Co., was drowned shortly after one o'clock yesterday afternoon, while crossing the St. John river at that place. Mr. Laskey, who has been a life-long resident of Holderville, is always supposed to be the first to cross the river on the ice, and yesterday afternoon started to walk across to Victoria wharf at Devil's Back.

The ice was not considered to be safe but Mr. Laskey evidently thought it was and started, little thinking that near the further shore there was a spot weakened by the action of the tide and that it would not support his weight.

All went well until he had almost reached the other shore, and then suddenly, and without a moment's warning, the ice gave way beneath him and he was plunged into the cold water of the river. His cries for help were heard by some of the residents in the locality and an attempt was made to rescue him, but owing to the unsafe condition of the ice the rescuers found that they were unable to approach near enough to render him assistance. The unfortunate man made a determined struggle to escape the fate he knew awaited him, but every effort he made to draw himself out of the water was unsuccessful, as the ice would not bear his weight.

Friends on the shore witnessed his struggle for life without being able to render any assistance, and hampers as he was by heavy clothing and becoming benumbed by the icy water, he was forced to give up the struggle and sink.

With all speed possible a boat was procured and dragged as far out as the ice was sufficiently strong to bear the weight, then with axes and poles the men opened a path to the place where Mr. Laskey had gone down.

The body was not recovered for some time, as the ice would not allow the grapping irons to be properly handled.

The remains of the unfortunate man were removed to his home and a telephone message sent to his brother, Melvin Laskey, who resides at 74 Main street, besides his brother, Mr. Laskey is survived by his wife and eight children, a son and seven daughters. Two of the daughters reside in this city. They are Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Ernest Williams.

CAMPAIGN IS GETTING HOT

MONTON, Dec. 13.—The Scott Act campaign is getting hot and the temperance people are very active in Monton. Three meetings in support of the act were held this afternoon and evening and well known temperance advocates from outside counties were among the speakers. Rev. D. Grant, Pictou, a well known Scott Act campaigner, was among the speakers at different meetings today. Rev. H. E. Thomas, of Charlottetown, being another. The Citizens' band was engaged by the temperance people for the afternoon and evening meetings. In addition to temperance sermons in nearly all churches, including St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, a mass meeting was held in the first Baptist Church this afternoon addressed by Rev. I. Grant and Rev. H. E. Thomas and J. T. Hawke with Hon. C. W. Robinson in the chair.

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