

ITAIN MAY CLASH WITH VENEZUELA ANY MOMENT. IS EXPECTED THAT BRITISH MINISTER AT CARACAS WILL RECEIVE HIS PASSPORT, AND A CRISIS FOLLOW.

h American Republic, Relying Upon American Backing, Grows Insolent, But a War is Unlikely.

In Downing Street It is Thought the Venezuelan Reliance Upon the Monroe Doctrine in the Present Trouble is Unwarranted, But the Matter Recalls Ex-President Cleveland's Famous Venezuelan Message--The Associated Press Quotes a Prominent British Official, But Does Not Name Him.

London, Sept. 22--The Associated Press in a position to announce that diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela are on the verge of being severed.

Almost any hour may bring the announcement that the British minister at Caracas has been given his passport, with corresponding action towards the Venezuelan representative in London.

The cause of the crisis consists in various differences which have accumulated in Venezuela assuming an angry attitude as to leave nothing that the Venezuelan government intends to force matters to a crucial issue.

That a diplomatic rupture would result hostilities is a contingency thus far scarcely contemplated.

The view of the foreign office is that it is possible to deal satisfactorily with Venezuela in any matter which may come up. An exceptionally prominent official said a representative of the Associated Press:

"We only wish the United States would take over the whole country and then, perhaps, we would get some peace. Of all the disturbances of the last decade, the present seems to be the worst."

"This, combined with the attitude of the nominal government, makes us somewhat indifferent to any action which may take place. The Venezuelans appear inclined to be rather reckless, thanks chiefly to what I presume is the mistaken notion that Washington will protect them from the results of their own folly, however, inimical that might be to the lives and property of British subjects and those of other Europeans."

"As we understand Monroism, Venezuela is quite mistaken in this matter, though apparently, the impression has much to do with her present action."

Washington, Sept. 22--No notice of a strain in the diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela has reached the department of state.

If such is the case, however, the department officials would have no hesitation in ascribing the cause of the threatened rupture to the dispute which has been revived between the two countries over the ownership of Patos, or Goose Island, lying in the Dragon's Mouth between Trinidad and the Venezuelan coast.

BIRTHS.

MACDONALD--At St. John (N. B.) Sept. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. James Macdonald, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DUNHAM-THORNE--At Johnston, Queens county, Sept. 17th, by Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Hannah E. Thorne and Michael Dunham, all of Johnston, Queens county (N. B.).

DEATHS.

McLEOD--At the General Public Hospital, on the 18th inst., Robert McLeod, of Black River, his 82nd year.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

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GARNERING THE VAST HARVEST OF MANITOBA.

Already 2,200,000 Bushels of Wheat Have Been Shipped--A Glance at the Situation.

Winnipeg, Sept. 22--Wheat is going to Lake Superior more rapidly than at any previous period this season. Nevertheless the movement is slow by comparison with that of some former years.

Down to Saturday night last the Canadian Pacific had shipped 2,275 cars of new wheat, or more than 2,200,000 bushels to Fort William, whilst the Canadian Northern has sent to Port Arthur 70 car loads, or about 700,000 bushels.

There is no sign of any blockade. The elevator capacity on the Canadian Pacific west of Winnipeg is 16,500,000 bushels, and morning there were in the elevators only 1,750,000 bushels, including 300,000 of last year's crop.

As fast as the wheat reaches the elevator it is hurried to the lake, the company having an abundance of rolling stock and motive power. Of course there is sure to be a crush towards the close of navigation, but everything indicates that the railways possess ample facilities for satisfactorily handling the crop, huge as it is.

The Canadian Northern, on the other hand, seems to be rather short of equipment. The president of the Armour elevator at Holland, on the Canadian Northern, writes to the Free Press that a blockade already exists there. The elevators are full and threshing has been stopped in consequence.

The weather is fine and cool, and roads are drying after Saturday's rain.

TRAGEDY AT GLACE BAY, C. B.

MALCOLM FRASER, SHOT IN THE EYE BY A DRINKING COMPANION, IS UNCONSCIOUS AND DYING.

Policeman Heard the Pistol, and Detected Two of the Men Carrying the Victim into a Mine's Shack--Prisoner Admits Shooting and is Held.

Glace Bay, C. B., Sept. 19--(Special)--In the rear of the Caledonia mine, near one of the miserable shacks occupied for a moment by the drags of the mining property, was enacted last evening a terrible tragedy.

Three men, Horace Charlton, of Montreal, Thomas Gallant, of Chatham, and Malcolm Fraser, of River du Loup, after a long and a low drinking bout, proceeded homeward.

Shortly after they reached there a pistol was heard, soon followed by the effect of a bullet striking a man in the head. Officer Arch McLean proceeded with his hat toward the spot when he beheld, in the bright moonlight, two men, bearing a helpless and bleeding form into the neighbouring shack.

Charlton, who admitted the shooting, said he shot with effect at the head of Fraser, who went into the house and soon reappeared, armed with a heavy stick.

Gallant, on seeing the man who had been shot, fled in the direction of the shack. Charlton then discharged a second shot, which entered just below the left eye of Fraser, and caused him to fall. He was carried to the shack and there he died.

The prisoner will be committed to the supreme court.

WINNING TICKET IN RESTIGOUCHE.

Chief Commissioner LaBillois Has McLatchey for Running Mate.

This is the Strongest Combination Ever Named in the County, Say Government Supporters, and Cannot Be Sated.

Campbellton, Sept. 19--(Special)--Premier Tvedee, James Reid, M. P., and Chief Commissioner LaBillois are in town today, and it is now announced that the Chief Commissioner will have as his running mate at next election H. F. McLatchey, barrister, of Campbellton.

This is the strongest ticket that ever was formed in Restigouche county, Mr. McLatchey is one of the best known and strongest Liberals in the county.

The acceptance of a position on the government ticket by H. F. McLatchey is a great blow to the opposition in this county and is given in this busy thoroughfare.

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TROOPS OUT; STRIKERS USE DYNAMITE; PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT FADING.

Plant at Scranton Wrecked by Explosives, and Deputy Sheriff and Othe's Shot--Governor Stone Orders the State Guardsmen--Price of Anthracite Soaring.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 22--Sheriff Schaiff, Lackawanna county, tonight telegraphed Governor Stone to send troops to his assistance.

The worst of tonight's outbreak occurred at Archbald. A crowd of 200 strikers, mostly foreigners, ransacked the quarters occupied by the 40 men employed at the Raymond washery of the Ontario & Western Co. while the men were at work, and then meeting with the men as they were returning, drove them back to the refuge of the washery.

The mob then returned to the colliery proper, drove out the engineers, firemen, pump men and guards and took possession of the breakers.

The plant of the Crescent Electric Light Company, which is supplied with water from the breaker, had to be shut down and the whole region around was left in darkness.

In the attack on the breaker two men were shot, one a striker and the other a workman.

Strikers Use Dynamite. Chief Deputy Sheriff McAndrew was attacked and shot at by a mob at Olyphant. The steam pipes of the Pennsylvania Coal Company's colliery at Old Forge were blown up with dynamite tonight. Two colored cooks at the William A. colliery were rescued from a crowd that was threatening to lynch them.

Thirteenth Regiment Out. Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 22--Thirteenth regiment has been ordered out of the headquarters of the regiment is Scranton.

MR. FIELDING WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED.

Stretched His Neck to Catch a Glimpse of Royalty, and Saw His Daughters Instead.

Ottawa, Sept. 18--An amusing story of the finance minister's experiences in London is being told in social circles, based upon the authority of a letter written by Mr. Fielding to a friend in the city. It appears that one day when he managed to slip away from his entertainers and was enjoying himself like an ordinary country gentleman on the top of a country bus, he became conscious of a sudden suspension of traffic, his bus stopped in the midst of the sea of vehicles and he, like the other occupants, strained his neck to catch a glimpse of the royalties in the approaching smart equipage, for which the right of way had been given in this busy thoroughfare.

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2,000 PERISHED IN THE LATEST MARTINIQUE DISASTER.

New York, Sept. 21--The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Koroona arrived today from the West Indies. Among her passengers was Captain Walker McKay, agent for the company in the West Indies.

Captain McKay said: "I was at Port de France, Martinique, Aug. 29, the day of the most recent eruption of Mont Pelee. The explosion was terrific and the rumblings and detonations were continuous for a long time. This eruption, it is estimated, caused the death of 2,000 people and covered an extent of territory 10 times greater than did the great eruption of May."

The natives were abandoning large sections of the country in proximity to the mountain. The government has warned the people to remove their effects to high ground in the interior, in anticipation of a possible tidal wave.

"Martinique, in the northern part, is greatly devastated, but the south is in full blossom and thriving. We are shipping more fruit now than before the eruption. It is a mistake to say that the people are starving and are crowding the fertile parts of the island."

The natives will not go to work as long as they can obtain food for nothing. There is room for all and employment is easily obtained."

Kingstown, St. Vincent, B. W. I., Thursday, Sept. 18--There was an eruption of La Soufriere at midnight last night but no loss of life.

Sussex Exhibition, Open to the Province.

Will open on Monday Evening, Sept. 29; Close on Friday Evening, Oct. 3, 1908.

The best Agricultural display to be held in the Province this year. Stalls provided for Stock, which will be on the grounds from--

Cattle, Sheep and 'wine, 10 a.m. Wednesday to Friday afternoon. Horses - 10 a.m. Thursday to Friday afternoon.

Two Days' Racing, \$1200 in Purses. TUESDAY, SEPT. 30th. WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1st.

240 Class, Trot or Pace, - \$100 00 230 Class, Trot or Pace, - \$300 00 225 Class, - 300 00 Free For All, - 500 00

Special Excursion rates on I. C. R. and Branch Lines For Prize Lists, etc., apply to R. B. BEER, Sec. and Manager.

H. MONTGOMERY CAMPBELL, President.

THE EVILS OF CONSTIPATION.

This dangerous condition causes sick headaches, abdominal pain, flatulency, and all the evils of indigestion. It is a most agreeable and satisfactory remedy, is FERRONNE, which makes the bowels so well regulated that natural and unadvised intestinal, piles, biliousness, and headache disappear at once when Ferronne is used. Recommended and sold by A. Chipman Smith & Co.

No Pills Like Dr. Hamilton's. The pineapple crop in Cuba for 1902 is estimated at nearly 200,000 barrels, holding an aggregate of 14,000,000.

NATURE'S REMEDY FOR ALL SUMMER COMPLAINTS.

It only costs 25 cents to have a child and a safe remedy for all summer complaints, Diarrhoea, Cholera, and Pains. Buy both 'A' and 'B' of Dr. Ogilvie's Compound, which grade only the quality of the fruit which is obtained. It has no sugar and is perfectly pure and of the highest quality of fruit.

Ogilvie's Compound is prepared by the Baird Company, Limited.

The beds of peas in Colorado sometimes include as many as 2,000 acres, and there is one bed exceeding in size 2,500 acres.

HARVESTING WHEAT IN MANITOBA.

All reports are that the weather is most favorable for the conditions under which wheat is being done. The Ogilvie Flour Company, which grade only the quality of the fruit which is obtained. It has no sugar and is perfectly pure and of the highest quality of fruit.

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Child Shot in Chatham.

Chatham, Sept. 22--(Special)--What was nearly a very serious accident occurred here Sunday morning. Little Harold, aged five years, son of Theop. Desbrisay, came across a loaded revolver which was discharged while he was handling it.

The bullet entered somewhere near the stomach. Chloroform was administered and the bullet probed for but was not located. The little fellow is resting quietly and every hope is entertained for his recovery.

IS YOUR NECK LAME?

Does it hurt you to stoop or bend? Have you a heavy load on your back? Do you feel a sharp pain in the neck? Do you feel a sharp pain in the neck? Do you feel a sharp pain in the neck?

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Canadian Made. "Kootenay" Steel Ranges. 30 styles and sizes--\$23 to \$43. Sold by all Enterprising Dealers. The McLARY Mfg Co., St. John, N. B., London, Ont.

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