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## CALCUTTA POLICE KEPT ON ALERT

Attempt to Communicate With Prisoners in Alifare Jail Discovered

Calcutta, Dec. 2.—The Calcutta police have been actively engaged in the investigation of an extraordinary attempt to communicate with prisoners in Alifare jail. A kite was flown over the prison, where it dropped. As it happened it fell into the hands of the jail authorities, who found thereon a message intended for the prisoners connected with the bomb conspiracy. For some days before his execution, Khudiram Bose was engaged in writing a bulky autobiography. On the night before his execution he put this in an envelope, directed to Babu Kalidas Bose, wakil of Mousterpur, and handed it to the jail authorities, with the request that after his execution it might be handed to the wakil who was his counsel. The wakil has applied for it, and correspondence is going on between him and the jail authorities. The curious announcement is made that Babu Kalidas Bose, out of sheer curiosity, has preserved in a bottle a quantity of ashes collected from Khudiram's funeral pyre, not because he sympathized with his crime, but because it might enable the scientists or alchemists to detect something in it that would tend to make the Anarchist a pinch of the ashes, but "as that would savor of sympathy with anarchy Babu Kalidas has stubbornly refused such requests."

Swadesh meetings are still being held in Beadon-square, Calcutta, but they are comparatively quiet affairs, and show a gradual decline in the number of students attending. On a recent occasion the speakers referred to the main object of the swadesh movement, as the Lancashire mills, ascribing it to the swadesh movement, and the recent house-arrests and prosecutions were supposed to be in connection with the swadesh movement. The speaker, Moulvie Abul Kasim, alleged that the main object of the swadesh movement, as the Lancashire mills, ascribing it to the swadesh movement, and the recent house-arrests and prosecutions were supposed to be in connection with the swadesh movement. The speaker, Moulvie Abul Kasim, alleged that the main object of the swadesh movement, as the Lancashire mills, ascribing it to the swadesh movement, and the recent house-arrests and prosecutions were supposed to be in connection with the swadesh movement.

Mr. Harriman's Health.  
New York, Dec. 23.—E. H. Harriman's secretary, Albert C. Wells, again denied tonight that the physical condition of the financier was serious. During the few days that Mr. Harriman has remained at home in conse-

quence of what was described as a slight illness attack, there have been rumors that he was quite sick. It is said that Mr. Harriman is only awaiting himself of the brief holiday respite from office routine.

In Grip of Winter.  
Plattsburg, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Upper New York state, and particularly the Adirondack region, is in the grip of one of the most severe cold spells it has ever experienced so early in the winter. The mercury at Lake Placid registered 22 degrees below today, while at Upper Chateaugay lake it stood at 19 below and at other nearby points from 12 to 18 below. Up-state farmers whose wheat has been dry for months, and who have been depending upon the streams for their water supply, are suffering greatly. Farmers at Eltenburg have been forced to drive five miles for water.

## A FRENCH STATESMAN

M. Pelletan, the Most Absent-Minded of French Politicians

Paris, Dec. 23.—Of all the modern French politicians of note none is more absent-minded than M. Pelletan. And none is a harder worker. M. Pelletan, who was for many years on the staff of a morning paper, has never got out of the habit of working late at night, and his wife, knowing this never allows him to go away without packing a little foot-warmer in his bag, so that M. Pelletan shall not catch cold when he is working late. At recent Congress at Dijon M. Pelletan was the guest of a prominent citizen of Mustarville. He arrived late and unpacked the contents of his bag and put them on the mantelpiece, having only just the time to change his coat and rush off to the Congress. On his return M. Pelletan had some three hours' writing to do. He took his foot-warmer from the mantelpiece, bed packed it and his other belongings into his bag, so as not to have any more when he woke. Next day, after M. Pelletan's departure, his host wrote his article, and before going to bed packed it and his other belongings into his bag, so as not to have any more when he woke. Next day, after M. Pelletan's departure, his host wrote his article, and before going to bed packed it and his other belongings into his bag, so as not to have any more when he woke.

Value of Canada's Crops.  
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Postal Revenue Large.  
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended March 31 shows a net surplus of \$1,082,801, the best showing in the history of the Canadian postoffice. This surplus is in spite of a very large expansion in the postal service, including the establishment of 446 new postoffices. It is estimated that 398,011,000 letters were posted in Canada in the twelve months ending March 31, an increase over the previous year of \$1,912,000.

## ROLE OF CASTRO IS SHAKEN OFF

Acting President Gomez in Venezuela Appoints Entirely New Ministry

## POPULAR VOICE OBEYED

Member of Castro's Suite Denies Army and Navy Equipment Story

Port of Spain, Dec. 21.—President Vincente Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new cabinet in Venezuela. He replaced the old ministry, the leader of which was Dr. Jose de Paula, the foreign minister, who has been named as the minister of Education. The new cabinet is composed of the following: Minister of interior, Linares Alcántara; minister of foreign affairs, Gonzales Guinaud; minister of Finance, Munoz Tebar; minister of war, Gen. Olivarez; minister of fomento (public works), Gen. Carabano Ojeda; minister of public instruction, Dr. Maldonado.

Not only has Dr. Paula disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now working in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his political position as minister of education. Gen. Diego Forjan, the minister of war, who also was war minister in the cabinet of Acting President Gomez in 1906, has been superseded by Gen. Oliver, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

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The establishment of a new government in Venezuela was expected from day to day, and it is probable that it will be accomplished in the near future. The anti-Castro campaign, which began at Caracas and other places in Venezuela, called for the arrest of public works employees. Before leaving, Castro, claiming Vice-President Gomez his successor, said to the nation: "Surround me with your arms, and in the fulfillment of his mission, I will be myself, and you will have done your duty." In the same proclamation, President Castro declared that he would be taken as a farewell message: "The Venezuelan nation is already on the road to prosperity and greatness because of the strict fulfillment of obligations and the sound collection of revenues, and because of the state of peace which we enjoy, and which it is your duty to maintain, that my work may endure."

## BEYOND RESTRAINT

Ever since then events have moved swiftly in Venezuela, and on Dec. 14th the people of Caracas, unable longer to restrain their passion, arose against Castro. They tore down his own statues and pictures of the president and burned them in the public square. While some buildings and property were wrecked, and the city applied the torch, sweeping through the city and gathering strength and fury with every new act of violence. It was not until the evening of Dec. 14th that the government declared that Castro's rule had ended. The position of acting president was far from secure. It was brought forcibly to mind that the must either withdraw from that office or cast aside the United States and France as president of the republic. Castro's ministers who were still trying to force the Castro rule upon the people. Apparently he chose the latter course. He first declared that he was in a state of defence, thereby securing control of the army, and then appointed a new cabinet, the members of which represent a diversity of factions.

On several other occasions when Castro has turned over the government to the United States, the United States predicted that Gomez would succeed Castro as president of the republic. He had many supporters from those who were in favor of his candidacy being Gen. Arango, the former minister of war, who worked earnestly to place Gomez in power. While some buildings and property were wrecked, and the city applied the torch, sweeping through the city and gathering strength and fury with every new act of violence. It was not until the evening of Dec. 14th that the government declared that Castro's rule had ended. The position of acting president was far from secure. It was brought forcibly to mind that the must either withdraw from that office or cast aside the United States and France as president of the republic. Castro's ministers who were still trying to force the Castro rule upon the people. Apparently he chose the latter course. He first declared that he was in a state of defence, thereby securing control of the army, and then appointed a new cabinet, the members of which represent a diversity of factions.

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## R. S. SARGENT, HAZELTON, B. C.

Hudson Bay Boat Wrecked  
Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company has received information that the company's barque Stork, recently reported from London as overdue from James Bay, was wrecked at Limboon shoals in Hudson's Bay. The crew and passengers were saved and are all well at Moose Factory. The captain of the Stork has reached the railway line, and is now proceeding to London.

DEATH.  
WULFFSOHN.—Yesterday, December 18, the wife of Johann Wulffsohn of a son.

DEATH.  
DOW.—At the Jubilee hospital on the morning of December 1, of stomach cancer, Anna, beloved wife of Herbert Dow, machinist.

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