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their mother's critical condition and

urging them to come at once to Wash-

Mrs. Grant spent last summer at Co

bourg, Ont., but her condition at that

time was far from good. She was taken quite ill in October, and, on the ad-

vice of her physicians there, was hur-

special car, arriving there on the 17th

of that month. She had been confined

to her bed most of the time since, al

though on several occasions she had been out of doors once or twice.

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## Births, Marriages, Deaths.

DIED. FRIENDSHIP-In this city, on Dec. 14,

1902, Charlie, only son of Mrs. Annie Walker, aged 18 years. Funeral from the family residence, Mr. George C. Walker's, corner Richmond and Regent streets, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 2:30 o'clock; service at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodland Ceme-

COOMBS-In this city, on Dec. 14, 1902, William, the beloved husband of Mary

Coombs, aged 74 years. Funeral from his late residence, No. 6 Chester street, London South, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 2:30 p.m.; service at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please

accept this intimation. GREEN-On Saturday morning, Dec. 13, 1902, Eliza, widow of the late Henry Green, aged 88 years.

Funeral private. McLAREN-On \_\_\_\_ay, Dec. 14, 1902, Mary, the relict of the late Robert McLaren, aged 66 years.

Funeral from her son-in-law's residence, Mr. Edward Dann, lot 9, con. 13. London Township, on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 1:30 p.m.; service at 1 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this

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Venezuela, Showing Coast Line and Interior; the Capital, Caracas,



River and the use of both banks of the River Cuyuni. The country is governed by a president with a two-year term, assisted and elected by a fed-eral council appointed by the con-revolution and political explosion ever gress. Congress consists of a senate since the adoption of the constitution elected by the federal states, and a in 1858. There have been revolutions house of representatives elected by the people. In ordinary times there is an army of 3,600 and a national militia of and eight revolutions between 1870 and

and have prospered unusually during the past year. The country has been revolution and political explosion ever

machinery, and left the Margarita in

troops, and ordered the few sailors on

chain and towed her outside the har

At the same time the sailors of the

British cruiser Retribution boarded the General Crespo and Tutumo, and

obliged their crews to lower the Vene-

Carlton County Council decided to submit a draft bylaw to the various

Venezuelans made no resistance.

saw them sunk with dynamite.

crews.

dependent.

It is a fact that the Retribution re

turned alone a few hours later to La

to have conducted them either to Cur-

complains that the German sailors ate

the meals prepared on board the cap-

NEW COMPLICATIONS.

Caracas, Dec. 13.-A new complica-

tion has arisen. It is feared that Italy

will deliver a memorandum asking for

the same treatment as demanded by

Great Britain and Germany. Up to the

present moment it is impossible to ob-

tain definite information on this mat-

ter, but the Italian legation denies the

delivery of any ultimatum.

dock in this disabled condition.

#### to the cruisers Vineta and Falke, went on board the Margarita, formerly the MRS. U. S. GRANT torpedo boat Rayo, which was given to Venezuela by Ecuador, and, revolver in hand, compelled the men who were occupied in repairing her to abandon the ship. The German sailors smashed the torpedo tubes, the compass and the

Ex-President's Widow Died on The Germans afterwards boarded the Ossun, a freight steamer belonging to Sunday at Washington. a Frenchman and chartered by the Government for transportation of

#### board to quit the vessel, which they did without making any resistance. The German sailors cut the anchor WAS STRICKEN AT COBOURG.ONT

Had Firm Belief in Her Husband's Destiny-Toiled for Bare Living-Realized Her Dream.

townships providing for the construc-Washington, Dec. 14. - Mrs. Julia sharp wind. Dent Grant, widow of the late Gen. U. S. Grant, died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock tonight. Death The British blue jackets then cut was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant the vessels loose from their anchors, and towed them outside the harbor. having suffered for many years from valvular disease of the heart, which snow. The Venezuelan crews were allowed to was aggravated by a severe attack Lyons, Dec. 13.—A heavy snowstorm and return to the shore. At 2 o'clock in the morning the British cruiser Retribution towed the General Crespo and the Tuhumo farther out, and the Vene-Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, is two feet on the level. zuelan vessels have not been seen was the only one of her children with her at the hour of her death, her since. The Government asserts that the soldiers at the fort at La Guaira

three sons, who had been summoned all being out of the city. Mrs. Grant of late years had been Guaira, and it was impossible for her her daughter, Mrs. Sartoris, whose marriage in the White House gave In Sandy F acoa or Trinidad. The Government every American a sort of paternal interest in her. tured steamers for the Venezuelan

his destiny to be great so firm as his the winter. wife. She was born in Missouri, where her father, Judge Dent, was a prominent man. Her brother was Grant's classmate at West Point and Julia Dent met her future husband through the friendship of the two one. Judge Dent opposed the mar-Grant saved young Dent's life

President Castro has taken up a new 1848. attitude. Strong in Venezuela's rights. They went to live in Sackett's Harbor, then moved to Detroit Their eldest son, Gen. Frederick D. Grant, was born while Mrs. Grant was at more than 50 craft riding out the storm. he has ordered that reprisals are to cease, and yet he gave instructions that all the property of the British phone company should be returned. years later, Ulysses, the second son, The Government will still retain the was born. The other children are control of the La Guaira Railway, Nellie (Mrs. Sartoris), and Jesse. but its administration will be left in-HAD A HARD STRUGGLE.

Grant left the army in 1854, and re-Patriotic demonstrations took place turned to Missouri, poor, discouraged, and without prospects. Judge Dent again yesterday and again today. Venezuelans have decided to boycott gave the Grants a farm of 60 acres, all goods manufactured in Germany now famous as "Hardscrabble." toiled hard for a bare living. Then UNDER THE U. S. FLAG. Grant went into the real estate office of his wife's cousin in St. Louis. The British legation here will be re-Poverty still haunted them. It was opened tonight under the American only Mrs. Grant's faith in her husdag by W. W. Russell, secretary

band's character that kept them both the American legation. The British and German colleges here, which were boycotted, have closed their doors, The University of Caracas is also Then Grant went to work in Galena closed. Priests are preaching for war, The statement that Italy, through Life was still a hard scrabble her legation here is to demand payment of her claims against Venezuela

in his brother's tannery for \$500 a year. living. Mrs. Grant was still the slave of household drudgery. IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

Then came the war and Grant's chance. Through all the rise that led her husband at last to the White House, his wife was unchanged in spirit and character. The simple gen-tlewoman, who adapted herself to "Hardscrabble," had no trouble to fill the post of "first lady in the land." "My life in the White House," she writes in her memoirs of Grant, "was a bright and beautiful dream. We were unmeasurably happy. It was such that I wished it might last forever except that it would have prevented others from enjoying the same privilege.

Of the grandchildren, her namesake, Julia Dent Grant, daughter of Gen. Frederick D. Grant, is married to Prince Cantacuzene of Russia. MRS, GRANT'S LAST ILLNESS.

Mrs. Grant had been suffering from severe attack of bronchitis for some time, and then valvular disease of the heart, together with kidney complications, developed, and the gravest apprehensions of the outcome. A sud-den change for the worse in her condition occurred late Friday night, and she grew worse Saturday. Telegrams sent to Mrs. Grant's sons. Gen. Fred D. Grant, commander of the department of Texas; Ulysses S. Grant, The German contingent, belonging and Neville was honorably acquisted. were in Chicago, notifying them of

Blizzard Weather Prevailing in New York State.

FIERCE STORM

# PASSED AWAY TRAVEL IS GREATLY IMPEDED

Great Suffering From Lack of Coal at Many Points-Snow Two Feet Deep.

New York, Dec. 14.-The State of New York, from north to south, is covered with snow, and, in many sections, blizzard weather prevails, adding to the discomfort occasioned by the shortage of coal. In New York City and vicinity a fine snow, the kind that usually stays, was falling all day, accompanied by a

On the elevated roads, electric trains were not run regularly, but the steam trains and the surface cars were able to handle the traffic. The weather got colder towards night, and the weather bureau predicted gales, with rain, sleet and

of bronchitis. Her age, 75 years, pre- gale from the northwest has raged here vented her rallying from the attacks. all day. The snow at 10 o'clock tonight

COAL FAMINE NEAR. Sandy Hill, N. Y., Dec. 13.-A blizzard has raged all day in this section of the state. The thermometer hovers about one of the most charming figures in zero. A coal famine is threatened and Washington society. With her lived in some villages no coal can be procured

In Sandy Hill, Glen's Falls and Fort Edward it is proposed to hold union ser-Gen. Grant had no other believer in vices in one church during the rest of

SWEEPING CAPE COD. Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Dec. 13.-The snowstorm which struck here yesterday increased last night, and today a blizzard is sweeping across Cape Cod. The wind cadets. Their engagement was a long is blowing a furious gale from the north-

west, and the snow is blinding. in the war in Mexico and the oppoed on the flats, are being battered by the seas. Both will probably go to pieces

> STORM-TOSSED ON LAKE. Detroit, Dec. 13.-The sidewheel steamer City of Cleveland arrived here tonight after the roughest trip in her history. It took 24 hours to make the run from Cleveland, ordinarily made in seven

hours. NEW ENGLAND SUFFERS. Boston, Dec. 13 .- The severe snowstorm today, with its accompanying low temperature, probably brought directly, as well as indirectly, more physical suffering to the inhabitants of New England than any similar disturbance that has ocfrom despair, Mrs. Grant did all the curred in this section since its settlehousework and cared for the four ment. It completely stalled in the harbors of Vineyard Haven and Bass River, as well as under the lee of Cape Cod. 50 vessels of all descriptions, loaded with over 60,000 tons of coal, both hard and soft. This fuel is all destined for Boston and other nearby ports. On land the storm had but little effect.

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# about 60,000. Roman Catholicism is 1889. PUERTO CABELLO BOMBARDED FOR INSULT TO BRITISH FLAG

Allied Fleet Destroyed the here to give the British commodore ample satisfaction. Fortress.

The Commander of Castle Libertador

Taken Prisoner--President Castro

Is Obstinate.

dispatch from Willemstad, Curacoa, dated Dec. 14, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Anglo-German warships are blocking La Guaira, The steamer Yucatan was warned by the British cruiser Indefatigable not

to enter La Guaira, and returned to The Venezuelan Government has de-The Venezuelan Government has de-clined the offer of a loan, made by a Britain and Germany. It requests all German banker of Caracas, to settle the claims against !t.

THE BOMBARDMENT. Puerto Cabello, Dec. 13.-The British cruiser Charybdis, and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The fire was returned, but after a bombardment of 45 minutes, the bello by the British cruiser Charybdis Venezuelan guns were silenced. The and fortress is composed of Fort Solane and the Castle Libertador. After ment. In spite of the preventive the firing ceased the Charybdis sent measures taken by the police of Puerto marines to occupy the castie. The Cabello trouble is feared there. fortress was almost demolished. probable that only a tew persons were injured by the shelling. commander of Castle Libertador has

been taken prisoner. The cruisers are CAUSE OF THE ATTACK. The captain of the British merchant the mob here last Wednesday, visited the American commodore on board Charybdis and lodged a protest against the violation of his ship. The British captain returned an hour later with a detachment of 50 marines, who

took charge of the Topaze.

The populace were greatly excited at this incident, and raised the cry, "To but there was no disorder. The British commodore then sent a message to the authorities at Puerto Cabello, demanding immediate satisfaction for the action of the mob in

having HAULED DOWN THE BRITISH FLAG

from the Topaze, saying that if this newspapers are beginning to satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours, at 5 o'clock the fortress and over-hastily. the custom house would be bombard-

On the receipt of this demand the authorities sent a message to President Castro asking for instructions, A committee of merchants of Puerto Cabello approached the American consul here, petitioning him to intervene. The con-sul visited the chuisers, but he could obtain no alteration in the decison of the allies. At a quarter before 5 a reply was received from President Castro, who authorized the chief official

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TOO LATE. Before this answer could be com-

municated to the American consul, the hour stipulated for its receipt had arrived; the cruisers immediately opened re on the fortress. The fire was reurned from Fort Solona and Castle Libertador. While the fire continued. there was intense excitement in this port. Every house in town was closed. The people of Puerto Cabello cannot account for this precipitate action (1 the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain | tion of 350 miles of good roads under and Germany intend forcing war upon the Ontario Government

The British marines purpose to make | zuelan flag and leave the vessels. The use of the cannon in Castle Liberta-dor. No damage was done to the town.

A JOINT NOTE. Caracas, Saturday, Dec. 13.-A note from the commanders of the allied Anglo-German fleet, which the Vene-zuelan Government refused to receive yesterday at La Guaira, was sent today to United States Minister Bowen Caracas, and forwarded by him to the proper Government official here. Venezuelan ships, after the elapse of five days, to refrain from sailing from the port of La Guaira, until the present difficulties are over. People are asking by what right Great Britain and Germany coerce Venezuela without declaring a blockade

THE NEWS AT CARACAS. The news of the shelling of the fortress and custom house at Puerto Cathe German cruiser Vineta reached Caracas at a late hour to-

GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. London, Dec. 15 .- The news that the The first shots have been fired in Venezuela has awakened the most apathetic of the critics to the gravity of the situation, which is developing in that country, and the demands that the and German railways and British tele-Government present the official papers steamer Topaze, which was seized by in the matter to Parliament are now most insistent. It is understood that the papers will be issued today or

Wednesday at the latest. Most of the morning newspapers consider that the bombardment of the fortress at Puerto Cabello puts all likelihood of arbitration or any pacific settlement of the difficulty entirely out of the question, and they begin to entire.y and in Great Britain. talk seriously of the difficulty of enforcing payment of the demands should President Castro decide to defy the powers and retire to the interior of the country. Realizing that a prolonged blockade or hostilities would endanger the interests and probably the lives of foreign residents of Venezuela, many

GERMANY'S POSITION.

Berlin, Dec. 13.-The foreign office here tonight had not received a proposition to arbitrate through any channel. While it is said that Germany's claims are regarded as so clear and well-grounded, and that it is not easy to see how anything is left to arbitrate, still it is again reported that such a proposal would be taken into consideration if adequate reasons were presented. The statement that United States had given Germany and Great Britain its consent to the landing of troops in Venezuela is incorrect, because such a landing has not been

### the subject of negotiation. THE VENEZUELAN SIDE How the Vessels at La Guaira Were

Captured

Caracas, Dec. 13.-The following details of the capture of the Venezuelan vessels at La Guaira Tuesday by the Anglo-German forces have reached here. At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon thirteen boats, manned by 240 British and German scamen, and towed by two steam launches, without giving any notification of their intention to the Venezuelan authorities, entered the

# TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Speaker Brodeur, of the House of

Commons, is at Ottawa, arranging his

estimates for the next session of Par-

has been confirmed.

Special prayers were offered in Anglican Churches at Toronto Sunday for the recovery of the Archbishop of Centerbury.

Claude J. Grundy, formerly book-keeper and collector for Thomas Mills & Sons, coal dealers, Hamilton, was on Saturday adjudged not guilty on the charge of stealing money and stamps from his employers. Grundy went into the witness box on his own behalf and explained how he came by the money and stamps.

A bylaw for the Town of Owen Sound to purchase the electric light and gas plants, also exemption from taxes and free water for ten years for a linseed oil industry, were voted on there Saturday and carried. Robert Neville was tried at Hamilton

Saturday charged with attempting impersonation on the day the liquor harbor of La Guaira and proceeded to act vote was taken. The evidence given was of a contradictory nature,