



THE BOMBARDMENT OF PORTO CABELLO

THE NAVAL RESERVE MEN WERE ENGAGED

Praise for the Newfoundlanders—President Confers with Secretary Hay Regarding Arbitration.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Eighty members of the Newfoundland naval reserve are included among the crew of the British cruiser Charley, which recently bombarded the forts at Porto Cabello, Venezuela. It has been officially reported here that the Newfoundlanders made an excellent showing, both in gunnery and in the landing parties.

La Guayra, Vene., Dec. 24.—The Dutch steamer Prinz Willem II., from New York, arrived off La Guayra today, but owing to difficulties with the blockading squadron, and to the refusal of her agent to pay the port charges, she left without communicating with the shore. The only official attention thus far given here to the Venezuelan blockade is the announcement of the post office department, that mail boats leaving Bordeaux and Marseilles will cease to touch at La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Oranjestad, and that correspondence for Venezuela will be carried to Port De France, Martinique, pending the blockade.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The President and Secretary Hay were in conference for some time today over the proposals from Great Britain and Germany, that the President arbitrate the issues involved in the Venezuelan claims controversy. They went over the communications very thoroughly, considering the subject from every viewpoint. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the President is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions which have been imposed on the arbitrator. If any conclusion was reached at the conference outside the blockade line, the secretary of state, the fact was not made public.

Inquirers at the White House regarding the President's intentions were referred to Secretary Hay, and the latter sent word to newspaper representatives who called on him, that there was no news to be given out on the subject tonight.

La Guayra, Dec. 26.—The Swedish barque Frammas, from Cardiff, with 475 tons of coal for the La Guayra-Caracas railroad, a British concern, arrived off this port yesterday and was ordered to remain outside the blockade line. The day orders were conveyed to the captain of the barque to leave. This step was taken because the coal was considered contraband of war. The vessel was not seized, as the left Cardiff before the trouble with Venezuela began. The captain of the Frammas is awaiting orders from his consignees.

The Dutch consul here has asked for and obtained permission of the commander of the British cruiser Tribune to send a schooner to Los Roques, a group of small islands about 120 miles north of here, where the charcoal burners who trade with La Guayra are at present without provisions or water, their sloops having been seized by the blockaders. The schooner must carry a flag of truce. She can only take provisions to the left, and will remove all the inhabitants of Los Roques to Willemstad, Curacao, and then return here.

Three schooners were captured this morning; the total number of craft taken by the blockade is now 20.

Powers Unanimous. Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt will not be arbitrator for Venezuelan controversy; the whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjustment to The Hague tribunal. Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting today.

The Venezuela question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the net results of his cable correspondence with London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas. In accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by the President, through Secretary Hay, President Castro was reported to have agreed to submit the differences between his government and European powers to arbitration of tribunal at The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague. The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the members of the cabinet.

No intimation is given of conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro's consent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt, practically without conditions, but the suggestion is

made that one, and perhaps two, of the other powers involved, propose some conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the President and be undertaken the responsibility of determining the question. It is understood that some money must pass, but it is also known that the amount of cash to be secured of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been supposed.

It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangement to that end has yet been made.

Press Opinions. London, Dec. 22.—Except by the opponents of the government, who view it as a virtual defeat, and as discrediting the ministry, the latest phase of the Venezuelan trouble has been welcomed very favorably. Arbitration by President Roosevelt had been anticipated as a desirable issue from a different business, and his decision, which is regarded as final, has caused keen disappointment. It is foreseen that even if satisfactory conditions for the submission of the disputes to The Hague can be arranged, this method will entail endless and wise details, with no assurance that at the end President Castro will be in power, or Venezuela in the mood to abide by the decision of The Hague. In short, the element of guarantee which would have accompanied President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator is now lacking. At the same time, it is readily admitted that from the United States point of view, President Roosevelt has acted wisely in declining to act. The foregoing represents the general drift of newspaper comment. The only paper which really welcomes the decision to refer the Venezuelan matter to The Hague, is the Radical Daily News, which seeks a chance of making arbitration once more a reputable theory.

WATCHED BY OFFICERS. Police Will Report on Actions of the Crown Princess of Saxony.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Dresden says: "King George of Saxony sent several of the highest police officials to Geneva to observe and report on the actions of the fugitive Crown Princess. Her divorce is regarded as impossible, and she is being closely watched. She entertains stringent religious scruples on the subject. The Protestant clergy, however, hope Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a divorce. The Crown Princess of Saxony beat the Crown Princess, according to an editorial statement in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin. The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the Princess, who is of a cheerful pleasure-seeking disposition. The Crown Prince loved to torment her. Among the writers forbidden to write about her were Tolstoy, Zola, and Nietzsche. One day the Crown Prince saw her reading one of Nietzsche's works. He jerked the book from her hands and tore it to pieces. Prof. Giron is described as an idealist of the extreme type. It is related that his family once considered the question of confining him in an asylum because he refused a legacy on grounds of delicacy of feeling."

KEPT SECRET. No Information Given as to What Prison the Humber Will Occupy.

Paris, Dec. 24.—As a result of the conference between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Vale, complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert family, arrested in Madrid, December 20th, but precaution has been taken not to disclose what prison the fugitives will occupy, as a popular demonstration is feared.

M. Henion, the chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors, and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected that they will occupy special cars with the prisoners, whose arrival in Paris is awaited with interest. The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution.

TRAFFIC THROUGH CANALS. Enormous Increase of Business During Present Year Compared With 1901.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 28.—The greatest volume of commerce in the history of the greatest ship canals of the world is shown by the completed statistics of traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie canal, between Chicago and Ontario, for the present year, which amounted to 35,961,146 tons, exceeding 1901 by 7,558,981 tons.

HAVE REACHED DURBAN. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain Warmly Welcomed on Landing From Cruiser Good Hope.

Durban, Dec. 28.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, on November 25th, on board the armored cruiser Good Hope, landed here at 10.30 this morning. They received a warm welcome from large crowds of people.

CHIEF OF TRIBE DEAD. Peshawar, Punjab, Dec. 26.—Hadda Mullah, who caused so many outbreaks on the northwest frontier of India, died on December 22nd.

SINGLE TAXERS AND GRAND TRUNK

WANT ROAD BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT

Protest Against Aid to Private Company—Minister's Gown Causes Trouble in Church.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Single Tax Association of Toronto, has sent a letter to members of the government protesting against the granting of any further aid to private corporations, mentioning in this case the Grand Trunk Pacific, which the association asks should be constructed as a national work.

There is a rift in the Dominion Methodist church over Minister Dr. Ross wearing a gown in the pulpit. The innovation commenced yesterday. John Brouse, representing the dissenters, walked out of the church, and says he will remain out. Dr. Ross says he will continue to wear his gown.

Life Saver Dead. (Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 26.—Capt. Andrews, well known as the "Blind Life Saver," died at the hospital on Wednesday night of paralysis after a few days illness. The deceased during active life was instrumental in saving sixty persons from drowning, mostly in Toronto Bay. For this he received medals from all parts of the world.

Winnipeg Clearings. Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 24th were: Clearings, \$3,007,107; balance, \$477,913; for the corresponding week in 1901 the clearings were \$3,425,474; and balance, \$437,529; for the same time in 1900: Clearings, \$1,984,804; balance, 207,730.

COAL SHORTAGE. Quantity Sold to Families in the Pottery District Will Be Limited.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company in order to increase the supply of anthracite coal in New York and Philadelphia, has purchased orders for no family in this section be permitted to purchase more than a ton of coal at a time. All employees of the company have been limited to one ton a month.

SHOES GO UP. Austrian Manufacturers Advance the Prices Ten Per Cent.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—The Austrian manufacturers have decided to advance the price of shoes ten per cent, on account of the higher cost of leather. They claim this step is due to the extensive purchases in the European markets by Americans who have practically cleaned out the continental stocks. The Austrians also profess to see increased demand for the European shoe industry from America, owing to the United States government refunding 90 per cent of the tariff on the raw article when manufactured and exported. They complain this procedure is greatly facilitated by Secretary Shaw's order admitting proof of identity by simple declaration instead of by affidavit.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS. People of Andjan Refuse to Leave the Stricken City.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—While full details of the recent earthquake disaster at Andjan, Russian Central Asia, are not obtainable owing to the lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point and thousands of persons are homeless. One section of the city has been completely destroyed. Only one cotton gin and one saw are standing. The first shock drove the inhabitants generally indoors, otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater. The people of the stricken city are accepting the situation stoically. Notwithstanding the offers of free transportation, they are remaining in the vicinity of the city, which will be rebuilt. A substantial start has been made in the collection of a relief fund.

To Relieve Suffering. St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Red Cross Society in Russia, Central Asia, has organized relief, and has contributed \$17,500 to the relief fund.

ROBBERS USED DYNAMITE. Dug a Hole Through Stone Vault and Blew Up Treasure Chest.

Superior, Neb., Dec. 26.—The state bank of Weeber, Kansas, seven miles south of here, has been dynamited and robbed of \$1,500 in cash. The robbers dug a hole through the stone vault large enough to admit a man and blew open the steel chest which contained the money. They then escaped.

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PATROL FIRE. Three Men Killed and Two Badly Injured—Public Library.

New York, Dec. 26.—In a fire which shot through five factories in the river front district of Brooklyn, after one o'clock this morning, three firemen were killed, two women injured and more than \$300,000 damage was done.

City Hall Destroyed. Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 26.—In place of Marlboro's city hall, a fire which swept through that structure today left a heap of ruins. Against the broken walls is piled a mass of debris which includes the entire property of the city's public library. The total loss is estimated from \$300,000 to \$500,000. There were 25,000 volumes in the library which was one of the best in the state outside those in the largest cities.

Forbes Awarded Fluct at the Close of the Seventh Round. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—The championship bantam contest between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Frank Nell, of San Francisco, last night, ended in an unsatisfactory manner in the seventh round. Nell claimed that he had been hit below the belt and danced against the ropes for a second and they fell to the floor. He was carried to his corner, and while in the ring was examined by the physicians. They stated they could see no evidence of a foul, but would give a positive decision in an hour. Referee Smith reserved his decision pending the report of the club's physicians. The fight was divided as to whether or not a foul blow was struck.

Nell made a brave battle for seven rounds and took much punishment. Forbes proved to be a general in the ring, and constantly jolted his opponent. It was only in the rushes and fierce fighting that Nell wanted showing. At the finish Nell claimed to be in great pain, but outside of the alleged injury he showed little punishment. At the end of one hour the physicians decided that Nell had no head injury, but a blow. Referee Smith then declared Forbes the winner of the contest.

GALE AND LOSS OF LIFE. Several Boats Wrecked and Nineteen Men Drowned—Killed By Falling Tiles.

Copenhagen, Dec. 26.—The worst gale of many years visited Denmark on Christmas night and this morning, and has done enormous damage to property and shipping. The gale has wrecked or wrecked off Elsinore and eight persons were lost. Eleven men of the crew, including Captain Tobiasen, were drowned in the wreck of the Norwegian barque "S. Peter," which went ashore at Seav. The ferry which was a total wreck, and her cargo is washing ashore.

Another Report. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A head-on collision on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk railway took place late last night. It was between the Pacific express for Chicago and a freight train. Thirty-two are reported killed and forty injured.

THE QUEEN'S DINNER. Six Hundred Widows and Eight Hundred Children Entertained in London.

London, Dec. 27.—Queen Alexandra's dinner this afternoon to the widows and children of those killed in the South African war formed the most striking demonstration in London of the observance of Christmas. Long before the festivities began crowds gathered in the streets adjacent to the Alexandra Trust building, which was gaily decorated without and within.

About six hundred widows and eight hundred children partook of the Queen's Christmas fare. The bright clothing of the children formed a pleasant contrast to their mothers' widow weeds.

Inside the building there were military bands on each floor, while Highland pipers, Punch and Judy shows, theatrical shows, performers from the music halls, and tables full of toys, crackers and special chocolates, boxes from the Queen, all gave vivid color and meaning to the celebration.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who received the guests in behalf of the Queen, was kept busy helping children up the steps to the relief of the mothers who had brought families larger than they could carry.

After many turkeys and plum puddings had been consumed, Sir Thomas read the following message from the Queen: "Pray convey the expression of my very best wishes to all my guests at the Alexandra Trust, and may they spend a very happy day, and may God help and bless them throughout the coming year."

In the course of his speech greeting the Queen's guests, Sir Thomas said: "I feel certain all of you will ever treasure the recollection of to-day's gathering as a token of the Queen's high regard and womanly solicitude for those whose best and dearest laid down their lives for King and country. She has taken the keenest possible interest in every detail of the arrangements for your entertainment. Not the smallest item was decided on without her supervision. The dinner may, and I hope will, be taken as a Queenly lesson which ought to be forever remembered, that those who have suffered in behalf of their country should not be forgotten."

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SOHOONERS MISSING. It Is Feared They Have Foundered With Crews of Fourteen Men.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The steamer Magnificent returned here today from her search for three schooners, which have been missing since the gales. The crew of one schooner was landed yesterday to Boulogne. The Magnificent failed to find the crews of the other vessels. It is believed that they foundered and that 14 persons have been drowned.

MANY PERISHED IN RAILWAY WRECK

COLLISION BETWEEN EXPRESS AND FREIGHT

A Disaster on the Sarnia Branch of the Grand Trunk—The Smoker Telescoped.

Wanstead, Ont., Dec. 27.—An awful collision occurred here shortly after 10 o'clock last night, between a fast Pacific express and an eastbound freight on the Grand Trunk.

The express was behind time, and was going at a high rate of speed. The freight was running slowly, and was to have taken the switch to allow the express to pass. Apparently neither engineers saw danger ahead to avoid the accident, for the two engines came together near the west switch with a frightful crash, overturning into the ditch.

The baggage and express cars telescoped into the smoker with appalling results. The wreck was complete, and it is thought that hardly a single passenger in the smoker escaped injury or death. The other cars of the express remained on the track.

As soon as the accident occurred word was sent to London for doctors, who were soon on the scene, and the work of removing the dead and injured was then proceeded with. Engineer Gillies, of Sarnia tunnel, and his fireman, name not yet known, of the express, are among the killed. The remainder of the crew among the passengers. Twenty-four persons are thought to have been killed and eighteen injured.

Blame the Agent. Montreal, Dec. 27.—The Grand Trunk railway officials have received a report that twenty-five persons were killed and thirty injured. They state that the accident was caused by the agent at Watford station, east of Wanstead, failing to hold the Pacific express, as per dispatcher's orders.

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BOER OFFER ACCEPTED. Mr. Chamberlain Says They Will Assist British in Southland—Speech at Durban.

Durban, Dec. 27.—The speeches made by Mr. Chamberlain in the course of the reception functions on landing here from the cruiser Good Hope were notable for their strong tone of conciliation, and as expressing his confidence in Lord Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa.

Bearing in mind seemingly the rumors that his visit would lead to the displacement of Lord Milner, Mr. Chamberlain declared his belief that his visit would have the effect of strengthening Lord Milner's hands, whom he hoped would be as great in conciliation as he had been in the maintenance of the rights of the Empire.

Referring to the war, the colonial secretary said the Dutch and British had fought in courageous rivalry. Between the two races, not kindred in origin or nature, such a struggle for supremacy had been inevitable. From that struggle two proud and kindred races would grow in mutual respect, appreciation and lasting friendship.

"Victor and vanquished," said Mr. Chamberlain, "bravely played their parts. We seem to glory in our triumph. The enemy need fear no humiliations in their defeat, let us see as Britons worthy of them that the issue lies. We hold out our hand and ask them to take it, without thought of the past, but frankly, and in the spirit in which it is offered."

Mr. Chamberlain eloquently elaborated his theme and was loudly cheered. He announced incidentally the acceptance of the Boer offer to fight in Southland.

WILL ASK FOR AID. Canadian Northern to Apply at Next Session of Parliament—Destructive Fire—The Referendum.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, stated today that the company would apply for aid for its transcontinental line at the next session of parliament. The company has not yet decided what aid will be asked for, but it is understood that no land grant is expected. In repeating his former statement, that no negotiations were going on between the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Mann said: "There is no doubt that the issue will be decided by the next session of parliament."

Four or five men arrested for personating at the recent vote on the Liquor Act were fined \$50 and costs or six months in the Central prison this morning in the police court.

Judge McDougall sentenced John Brady alias Perkins to two years in the Central prison, and to be given 30 lashes with the "cat" before his release. The charge was indecent assault on a 6-year-old child.

Ald. Daniel Lamb has entered the mayoralty lists as a candidate against Howland and Robinson. Latest returns from the recent vote on the Liquor Act received by T. S. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, are: For the act, 194,700; against, 101,234; majority for, 93,466.

Twenty thousand dollars' damage at Boak's planing mill, just outside the city limits, at the north end of Howland avenue. The mill was full of new machinery, which was all destroyed, with a large stock of doors and sashes.

BUILDING A KITE. Dr. Bell Corrects Statement Regarding His Experiments.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who had returned to Washington from his summer home in Cape Breton, N. S., to-night made the following statement in connection with reports that he has invented a flying machine: "The newspapers have been premature in announcing that I have been at work upon a flying machine. I have not any flying machine at all, and have not been trying to make one. I am of course interested in the problem, and have come to the conclusion that a properly constructed flying machine should be capable of being flown as a kite or anchored to the ground, and that conversely a properly constructed kite should be capable of use as a flying machine if provided with suitable means of propulsion."

My experiments have been in their object the building of a kite of solid construction, capable of carrying up in a good breeze a weight equivalent to that of a man and engine, and so formed that it could be suitable for use as the body of a flying machine, and with supports on surfaces so arranged that when the kite is cut loose it will come down gently and steadily, and land uninjured. I have necessarily accomplished this, but do not care at the present time to make public the details of construction."

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DEAD. San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Associate Justice Jackson Temple, of the Supreme court of California, died at his home here in Massachusetts on August 15th, 1852. He was a California native, a lawyer serving with distinction at the close of the District and Superior court, he was three times elected to the Supreme bench.

APPROACH OF THE DAY OF BATTLE

GOVERNMENT'S ORDER AFFECTS CANDIDATES

One in South Ward Has Already Resigned—Field as It Stands at Present.

The message issued by the provincial secretary which, as announced in these columns, affects Ald. Williams and ex-Ald. Hall in their candidacies for municipal honors, has already removed one competitor from the field. Mr. Hall, who was nominated by the trades and labor council to bear their colors in the South Ward, has already resigned, and is not in the list of contestants, and if Ald. Williams decides to bow to the mandate there will be a hole in the Central Ward field.

The resignation of ex-Ald. Hall leaves the following three of the four nominated by the trades and labor council some time ago: W. F. Fullerton and Ed. Bragg in North Ward and George Parker in South Ward. Unless another candidate is appointed by the labor organization to take the place of Mr. Hall, Candidate Parker will be their sole representative in this electoral division against the present representatives, Ald. Vincent, Barnard and Cameron. Of course other candidates may take the field before the nomination day.

In Centre Ward the trio now on the aldermanic board have expressed their intentions of again coming out. These are Ald. Worthington, Williams and Yates. In view of the order of the provincial secretary it is impossible to state whether all will face the electorate, but the candidacies of Aids. Yates and Worthington are assured. In North Ward Aid. McCandless's entry into the mayoralty arena leaves four candidates, besides the present representative, candidate, which is likely, the quartette being Aids. Grahame and Kinsman and Messrs. Bragg and Fullerton from the trades and labor council.

New aspirants—dark horses—may make their appearance at the last moment, but their time is limited if they want to get into campaign condition. It is now quite certain that the number of candidates will not fall out to the extent that has been expected. Both aspirants are strong men, and the running will be close. The electors have for a long time desired to see a man like Aid. McCandless in the field against the present incumbents, and the mayoralty chair, and that desire is now gratified.

The battle for school trustee will be fought out by six candidates, the present three, Trustees Hall, Jay and Huggert, and Mrs. McGregor, T. H. Twigg and W. McKay. This list also may be increased. Last year there was a large batch of candidates, and the election was one of the liveliest in local history. Those desiring to qualify as householders and licenseholders have only a few days left in which to make the necessary declaration. As will be seen in the advertisement the assessor's office in the city hall will be open in the evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock to-night, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

BUNK HOUSE BURIED. One Man Killed and Another Had His Leg Broken.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 26.—Word reached this city this afternoon that a snow-storm on Christmas night carried away a bunk house of the Mollie Gibson mine. There were 19 men sleeping in the house at the time, in which one, J. Campbell, is known to be dead. D. McLaughlin had his shoulder and leg broken and eight others are buried.

A party of 18, with a doctor, went up from Nelson this evening, but nothing will be known until to-morrow as to the condition of the missing men. J. Labelle, who was the only survivor to reach the city yesterday, says that there is little hope of saving the missing men. Nine of the men are out of the slide and supposed to be safe in the tunnel.

TAKEN TO CANTERBURY. Remains of the Late Dr. Temple Removed From His Home.

London, Dec. 26.—The remains of Dr. Temple, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, were removed this afternoon from the Archbishop's palace at Lambeth to Canterbury for interment there to-morrow. There was no display. The body was taken to the railroad station in a simple pair horse hearse, followed by two carriages, containing relatives of the deceased. A surprised choir sang an anthem at the station as the coffin was placed on board the train.

GOT TEN YEARS. New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, the private detective, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas A. Fish, the banker, on September 27th, was today sentenced to the state prison for ten years.