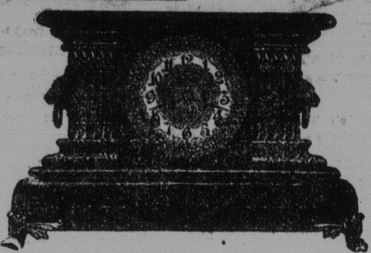


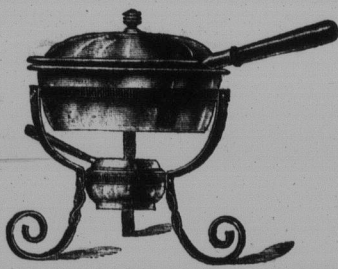
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VENEZUELA.

There is no Intention to Land Forces,

But Germany Will Demand an Apology as Well as Payment.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.—Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to U. S. Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There will be no effort on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuela coast as against merchant ships.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Aside from the financial claims mentioned in her ultimatum Germany expects some form of apology from Venezuela for the diplomatic insults which the foreign office says are more serious and more gross than those of which Great Britain complains. The foreign office officials point out that Premier Balfour's remark yesterday evening in the British house of commons about Germany having other than financial claims must be understood as applying to diplomatic reparations for these insults and not to a material indemnity, like money or territory.

The foreign office is again calling attention to the suspicions in the United States lest Germany effect a landing in Venezuela. It says a refutation of such suspicions ought to be perceived in the slender forces at the disposition of Germany. There are scarcely three hundred men who could be spared from the squadron, not a sufficient number to take La Guayra, let alone form an expedition into the interior.

It is not settled whether the notification of the commencement of the blockade will occur in Berlin and London simultaneously or take the form of a communication between the two commanders of the squadrons and the Venezuelans. The notification will apparently be delayed a day or two. The officials say the reply to Venezuela's arbitration proposal has not yet been sent. The foreign office is still exchanging views on the subject with London. Although the foreign office does not give the least hint of the character of Germany's reply, it seems certain that arbitration will not be accepted, although the refusal may be accompanied by fresh suggestions. It was announced from Caracas last night that the blockade of La Guayra, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan government December 13, went into effect yesterday. It was added that the blockade applied only to Venezuelan vessels.

ITALY'S PART.
ROME, Dec. 18.—Instructions have been sent to Signor Deriva, the Italian minister to Venezuela, who is on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan, at La Guayra, to be guided by circumstances and the best measures to take, always, however, bearing in mind the agreement with Germany and Great Britain and the necessity for uniformity of action. The Italian government considers that the Giovanni Bausan, Elba and Agordat are sufficient to co-operate in the tri-partite blockade of Venezuela.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Gen. Wagner Swaine, who has been ill for some time at his residence, was reported tonight to be very low.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 17.—The court of appeals has granted James Howard a new trial. Howard is under sentence of life imprisonment for the Goetz murder.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 17.—Dr. Thomas Pell, president of St. John's College, announced to the students today that the eighteen students who participated in the boxing fracas on Saturday night had been indefinitely suspended.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 17.—Death is only the question of a few hours for former Attorney General Hosea M. Knowlton. From the change from the worse, which came yesterday afternoon, there has been no rally and through last night and today every indication was that of ebbing life.

VIVE LA FRANCE.

NICE, Dec. 18.—The duels following the Lombard challenge of the Italian fencing champions Vega and Pessina to the French champions Merignac and Kirchoffer, were fought here this morning and resulted in both the Italians being wounded. The wounds are not dangerous.

PREMIERS HUNG UP.

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—The prime ministers will not meet before tomorrow. Only three members of the conference arrived this morning, Hon. Messrs. Roblin, Winnipeg; Fugles, St. John, N. B.; and Anderson. The others are expected by the Intercolonial, which is five hours late. They will not reach Quebec before six o'clock tonight.

NOT A POPULAR MOVEMENT.

Eight or ten days ago the board of health passed a resolution giving an opportunity for free vaccination to anyone who desired to have the operation performed. There are in the city many who have not been vaccinated for some years, and it was hoped that some of these would take advantage of the opportunity offered. The movement, however, does not appear to be taking a very strong hold upon popular favor for as yet no one has applied for vaccination. The board of health would like all who have not been vaccinated to have it done now.

BY FORCE OF ARMS A BLUE OUTLOOK.

Board of Health Resists Landing of Champlain's Passengers.

Incensed at Action of Quarantine Officials in Landing Passengers Yesterday—Some Taken to Island Today.

The civic board of health is deeply incensed at what its members term the arrogant conduct of the Dominion quarantine officials in allowing any of the passengers from the infected steamer Lake Champlain to land in the city without the board's permission. As a result the board has declared war and today had marshaled its forces under Chief Clarke to repel by force of arms if necessary any attempt of the quarantine officials or the shipping people to land another passenger from that ship unless the formal permission of the local board of health was asked and granted.

Yesterday afternoon the first and second cabin passengers of the Lake Champlain were landed at Sand Point and forwarded to their destinations, mostly in the west. It had been the intention to send them by the C. P. R. but yesterday afternoon the United States immigration inspector notified the C. P. R. officials that if one of the passengers from the Lake Champlain were allowed on the train going west it would be held up at Vancouver and days. Naturally the C. P. R. had to refuse to carry them, so arrangements were made with the I. C. R., by which the much worried people were allowed to leave on the Quebec express.

The local board of health justly considered that their consent should have been asked before these people were landed within its limits. Hearing last evening a report that some steerage passengers who had not been directly in contact with the disease were also to be landed and allowed to proceed to their destinations today the board met last night to deal with the matter. Great indignation was expressed at the action of the quarantine officials and the following resolution was passed:

"No person, whether passenger, master, officer, seaman, or other employee on board any vessel which has a case of smallpox or other infectious or contagious disease on board, or has had a case of such infectious or contagious disease on board, after leaving its port of departure, shall be permitted to land within the City or County of St. John, except at Partridge Island, until permitted to do so by the Local Board of Health of the City and County of St. John."

To prevent the landing of any more of the Lake Champlain passengers, the board of health today had Chief Clarke, Deputy Jenkins, some of the police force and several of their own men over at Sand Point and on other wharves ready to resist by force, if necessary, any attempt at such procedure without their consent. However there was nothing for them to do, as no such attempt was made.

The steerage passengers, who were forward of the bridge, were this afternoon removed from the ship in Jewett's big scow and taken to Partridge Island. The shipping people are very anxious to land thirty of the steerage passengers, who, all through the voyage have been in the after part of the ship, and in no contact with the disease. They have asked consent of the immigration officials who are in communication now with Washington regarding the matter. Permission was asked this morning of the board of health and that body will meet this afternoon to decide the matter.

ST. JOHN ALL RIGHT.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Montreal correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle takes exception to the report sent out from Ottawa to the effect that he cabled the information that the Canadian cattle via St. John had been prohibited. As a matter of fact, his message was to entirely the opposite effect, and was designed to offset any reports which might have gone from New York stating that the St. John route had been put under the ban.

THE McLEOD WHARF.

What's the Matter With the Board of Works?

The ways of the board of works, said a citizen this morning, are past finding out. That body decided to appoint C. J. Stackhouse, son of Ald. Stackhouse, to inspect the timber construction at the McLeod. After deciding that an inspector was necessary and appointing Mr. Stackhouse, they decided that he should be paid the munificent sum of \$2.50 per day, which is no doubt less than some of the workmen are getting.

But while it may be all right from the aldermanic standpoint and in accordance with the tradition to appoint an alderman's son to office, the salary offered did not appeal to Mr. Stackhouse as something to make him get rich quick. He was at work on the repairs to the ferry steamer Western Extension, and concluded to stay there.

There arose a new complication. Theoretically there is no inspector on the McLeod wharf, because there has been no meeting of the board of works to appoint one in the place of Mr. Stackhouse. But actually there is an inspector, Mr. Macaulay, who does the work and draws the pay. No doubt he is a competent inspector, but the board of works was not called to sanction the appointment. It's like the Connolly dredge affair. Nobody knows what's what or who's who.

No Hope of Relief From Coal Famine.

Anthracite Production Never is Equal to the Demand in Winter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Officials of the Reading Railroad Company hold out no hope of relief this winter from the present anthracite stringency, despite the efforts on the part of the company to mine and ship to its full capacity. "Under normal conditions," said one of the officials, "anthracite production never is equal to the demand during the winter months, and the Reading and all the other anthracite companies have been obliged to draw upon the stock at various storage points to help out the demands of the trade. This year there is not a pound of coal at any of these storage points and consumers are dependent entirely upon the daily output of the mines. Practically all of the company's collieries are in operation.

AGAINST THE TRUSTS.

Half a Million Voted to Enforce the Sherman Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Bartlett, a Georgia Democrat, during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill in the house today unexpectedly and without warning sprang an amendment to appropriate \$250,000 to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law and to direct the attorney general to proceed to the prosecution of all violators of the law. Although such a provision was plainly amenable to a point of order, not a single member on either side of the house raised objection. Both sides wheeled into line and all agreed that some such action was advisable. Some of the republicans, however, raised objection to the looseness of the language of the amendment and Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, offered as a substitute for it the language of the bill he introduced on the opening day of the session to appropriate \$500,000 for the enforcement of the law. This was further strengthened to make the amendment immediately available, and, as amended, the substitute was agreed to without division. The legislative bill was passed practically as it came from the committee, except for the comment.

JOHN MITCHELL

Believes Strike is in Fair Way Toward a Settlement.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, stopped in Buffalo tonight for an hour en route from his home in Spring Valley, Ill., to Scranton. He was given quite an ovation in the dining room of the hotel. One of the guests in the crowd surrounding Mr. Mitchell asked him:

"What do you believe is the cause of the prolongation of the trouble between the miners and the operators and the cause of their inability to come to terms?"

"Principally the sincerity of some of the captains of industry," he replied. "I believe that Mr. Baer and some of the coal barons are sincere and mean everything they say, but they have the wrong ideas and principles and it is next to impossible to get them to acknowledge the facts. Baer, in my opinion, is an honest man and lives according to his principles. The strike, I believe, is now in a fair way toward a settlement."

CURED CLUB FOOT.

Wonderful Work of Dr. Lorenz in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since his arrival in New York operated on a club-foot. The patient was a four year old girl. Dr. Lorenz kneaded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty. Then he deftly moulded it into its proper form, and announced that the operation was completed, and a plaster case was fitted on the foot. The doctor said that the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk.

REV. JAMES GRAHAM.

Rev. James Graham of Montreal will preach twice in this city on Sunday next, in Queen Square church at the morning service, and in Centenary in the evening. Mr. Graham is the minister of St. James' Methodist church, Montreal, and is visiting the maritime provinces in the interest of the effort to relieve his church of its heavy financial liabilities. He has been at Halifax, Yarmouth, Sydney and other points in Nova Scotia.

Furness liner London City, which left Halifax Tuesday for St. John, put back there yesterday with her pumps disabled. She will probably leave tomorrow.

A. R. Cobb of Wolfville, N. S., who has been attending the Boston Institute of Technology, is in St. John on his way home for the Christmas holidays.

The British parliament was prorogued today. The King's speech made reference to the Venezuelan affair and to South Africa.

Thirty-three cars of cattle for the Alcides arrived last night. They are being loaded today.

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