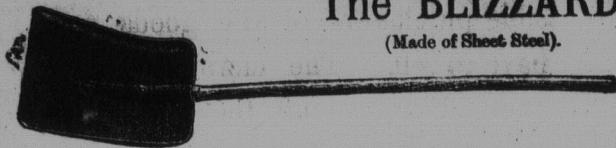


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MAY RESULT IN WAR.

Germany and United States May
Clash Over Venezuelan Affairs.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Commenting on the London Times statement from Washington that persons of considerable importance in official circles there profess to believe that war between the United States and Germany is inevitable, the St. James Gazette, though it does not believe that such a disaster will be allowed to occur over a dispute in regard to the debts of Venezuela to Germany, says that if it does, there can be no doubt that English sympathies will be with America. At the same time the St. James Gazette expresses the hope that the United States will not allow such states as Venezuela to gain the impression that they can reckon on the protection of Monroism if they chose to repudiate their obligations to Europe.

A DANGEROUS FRESHET.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 30.—The rain which has fallen almost incessantly since Saturday evening, has resulted in a dangerous freshet in the Schuylkill river and today the water of that stream is fifteen and one-half feet above normal. All of the big industrial plants along the Schuylkill at Manayunk and Norristown, near here, are flooded and work has been suspended.

The county bridge at Port Kennedy, Pa., has been wrecked by the flood and the tracks of the Philadelphia and Reading railway at Spring Mill, about 8 miles from here, are submerged. Traffic, however, has not yet been seriously handicapped. In this city the river is out of its banks near the B. and O. railroad station, the water having backed out to 24th street, the first thoroughfare east of the station. Cellars of dwellings are flooded and many residents along the river early today sought safe quarters. The Mischickon drive, through Fairmont park, which runs along the Schuylkill river for miles, is under water.

THE DEATH ROLL.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 30.—Dr. John Bell, the highest ranking Knight of Pythias in the world and one of the best known Pythians in Southern Michigan, is dead here. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity throughout the state, and was elected major general of the uniform rank, K. O. P., of the world, in 1898. He was once major of the city of Benton Harbor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Frank H. Peavy, the Minneapolis elevator man, died at the auditorium annex this morning. Mr. Peavy was stricken with pneumonia several days ago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Eugene Carter, known throughout the country over as one of the greatest billiard players of the last decade, is dying at his home in this city. He is attacked with a complication of pulmonary troubles.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS WIN.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 29.—(via Haytian cable).—General Lysandro Mendoza (the president elect of the state of Carabobo), who rebelled against President Castro, marched on La Victoria and was said to have been defeated, and who was later reported to have escaped to the neighborhood of Juan De Los Moros, is now said to have reached Villa De Cura, in the state of Miranda, where he was routed by the government troops. In company with a small number of followers he escaped and reached La Puerta, where he was again overtaken and again defeated. Accompanied by only 40 men General Mendoza passed Ortiz in the state of Guayrico, Dec. 24. He was proceeding in the direction of Mountains considered to be almost inaccessible.

BRUTALLY ASSAULTED.

CHARLEMONT, Mass., Dec. 29.—Henry M. Warner, 61 years of age, and a former deputy sheriff, was the victim of a fearful and probably fatal assault about midnight last night and Edward Smith, a negro employed by Warner for many years, is locked up in Greenfield to await the result of the state in which it is claimed he inflicted. The affair took place in Mr. Warner's back kitchen and in endeavoring to separate the men, Mrs. Warner was also knocked down and badly bruised. She managed to regain her feet and with two other women who were in the house, ran, shaking in driving snow storm to the nearest neighbors.

WEAVERS OUT ON STRIKE.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 30.—Asserting that they have been paid less than other workmen, employed on the same class of goods elsewhere, and being unable to obtain a conference with the agent of the company, 220 weavers at the cotton mills here struck today. As the strikers have the sanction of their national organization, it is feared that the entire mill force of the city, numbering 3,500 to 3,800 will become involved if a settlement is not speedily reached.

AN EIGHT DAYS' FIRE.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 30.—Fire which has been burning in the forward hold of the Shalmo since December 22 has been extinguished. When the fire was discovered the vessel returned to this port, whence she had sailed for the Orient but a few days previous. The damage to the cargo, chiefly cotton, is estimated at \$100,000.

TWELVE REPORTED KILLED

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 30.—A wreck reported to have occurred forty miles east of this place on the B. & O. Twelve or more are reported killed.

PULLMAN CAR QUARANTINED

Caused Considerable Excitement for a Time Today.

The Pullman car attached to the Boston express was in quarantine when the train pulled into the depot today. The car was locked at Fairville to the consternation of its passengers, in consequence of a telegram received by the local board of health this morning from McAdam.

The message was from a man named Johnston, who asked the board of health to have an ambulance ready on arrival of the train. The health officials naturally assumed the requirement was for an infectious disease and issued an order to have the car locked at Fairville.

On arrival here the board of health inspector and a physician met the car, which when boarded was found to contain a man in a critical condition from consumption. His brother, who accompanied him, under the impression that the health board here had charge of the emergency ambulance, had telegraphed.

The sick man is James Johnston, a moulder, who has been living in Boston. His home is at 42 Broad street.

PERSONAL.

Scott E. Morrill, who was in Boston on a business trip, arrived today to attend the funeral of his father.

Fred Stone, and Waldow Stone, sons, and Mrs. Thompson, sister of the late Mrs. J. R. Stone, arrived today on the Boston train.

E. H. McAlpine, K. C., has returned from Fredericton.

Gen. Supt. Osborne of the C. P. R., is now in Montreal in connection with business regarding the appropriations for next year's work.

James Ryan, formerly of Kings County, and now of Cranbrook, B. C., who has been in the city for several days, left this morning on a visit to friends in Sussex.

Harbor Inspector O'Brien is confined to his house through illness.

BAXTER-LEE.

At the residence of Joseph Henderson, Fairville, on Thursday evening last, Warren Hastings Baxter, son of William Baxter, and Miss Sarah Lee, daughter of the late William Lee, were united in marriage. The ceremony, which was a very quiet one, was performed in the presence of only a few immediate friends of the parties by the Rev. W. T. K. Thompson.

After the ceremony luncheon was served and Mr. and Mrs. Baxter left for a short visit to Sussex. Upon their return they will reside at Fairville. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

PROBATE COURT.

In the probate court today Edward McGuligan was removed as administrator in the McGuligan estate and John L. Carleton appointed in his stead.

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Mrs. Fanny Cullinan were granted to M. J. Cullinan. The estate consists of \$1,700 personal. J. R. Armstrong, proctor.

In the circuit court the case of McLeod v. Curry was postponed until Jan. 3.

A LIBEL SUIT.

J. R. Armstrong, K. C., has been retained by Mayor Daniel to enter an action against the Daily Telegraph Publishing Co. for libel. The damages which will be asked could not be learned by the Star this morning, but it is said that the amount will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

An editorial which appeared in the Telegraph on the morning of Dec. 25th inst., is the cause of the impending suit.

THE LIQUOR VOTE.

Toronto Telegram Draws a Lesson From the Election in Brandon.

Toronto Telegram: Whiskey will stand by its political friends and throttle its political enemies.

Whiskey muzzed its forces to crush Hugh John Macdonald in Brandon. Prohibition labored to find excuses for opposing the candidate who had given the prohibitionists what they demanded, and supporting the theatrical prohibitionists who had never done anything for the cause.

The Sifton banquet in the pavilion a year ago attracted J. J. MacLaren, K. C., and another prominent member of the Dominion Alliance to the table. Where two brewers were also seated. Scores of the alleged prohibitionists assisted Mr. MacLaren to rejoice over the victory of Hon. Clifford Sifton, "a life-long prohibitionist." The brewers rejoiced with their fellow-guests in the election of this "life-long prohibitionist," whose victory was accepted as a tribute to the power of the liquor interest, which rallied in Brandon to defeat the only Canadian politician who ever placed a prohibitory law on the statute book.

Prohibitionists pass resolutions, but they do not mark ballots. The liquor interest is a power, prohibition sentiment is at zero mark in politics. Prohibition could only be forced into prominence in politics by the sincerity of adherents who can learn to vote for their issue at the polls.

KNOW THEM BY THEIR MUGS.

"They tell me," remarked the man with the furrowed brow, "that you barbers are very proficient in the study of physiognomy."

"That's right," replied the barber. "We can generally size up a man by his mug."—Philadelphia Record.

BLAMING THE MAN, OF COURSE.

She—Do you remember how you said when you were courting me that if I would marry you I would have nothing to do all my days but sit about and look pretty? And how different it is now!

He—Well, it isn't my fault if you can't look pretty any more.

CHINA VIOLATING PROTOCOL.

Arms and Ammunition Being Distributed and Arsenal Enlarged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Charles F. Gammon, superintendent of Colporteurs Fort Ann Bible Society in Northern China, writes to the society concerning the present situation in the Chinese empire, as follows:

While at Shanghai, I observed that the government was openly violating the provisions of the protocol. The great empire would shake off European domination. Thousands of boatloads of small arms and ammunition were passing weekly up the Yang Tze Kiang and the arsenals were being enlarged and worked day and night. Charges of explosives were being received and the dowager empress had issued instructions to all officials to recruit the army, and also to inform her as to the fighting strength of each division and the time required to concentrate the forces at a given point. There were and are many other unpromising features which weighed heavily upon the minds of those interested. I must believe that the end is not yet, and that within ten years, and possibly five, a war will ensue.

For centuries China has been making repeated attempts to expel the foreigner, each time profiting by past experiences, each time with more power and success, each time better equipped and better planned. She is now preparing as never before, buying vast quantities of superior weapons and reorganizing her armies on a correct basis, therefore, the next attempt will be gigantic in force and terrible in execution. It will result in an universal upheaval and the final dismemberment of this empire at a terrible cost.

TO BLOCK CONSOLIDATION.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 30.—A special from Helena says Governor Toole is actively preparing for the conference of northwestern governors to be held in this city to decide upon plans to block the proposed consolidation of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington roads.

The meeting will be merely a conference at which the governors will endeavor to formulate a plan for united action.

A TOTAL LOSS.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 30.—The schooner Minnie A. Caine, which went on the Smith Island rocks during the storm Thursday will probably be a total loss. She is well up on the beach, fifteen feet above water at low tide, and in the midst of boulders, though a portion of the vessel is sinking into the sand, her bottom is filled with holes and the keel is gone. A tug will leave today for the scene of the wreck to bring the equipment saved to this city.

ROWING REGATTA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—It is believed that the next national rowing regatta will be held on Lake Quinsigamond, near Worcester, Mass. Julius D. Mahr, of the Metropolitan Rowing club, is authority for the statement that Wachusetts Boat Club had signed its intention to copy for the regatta at the annual meeting of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen to be held next March, and that many of the local and eastern oarsmen are in favor of the plan.

WRECKAGE FLOATING ASHORE.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 29.—Advices from Neah Bay say that a large amount of wreckage is being found on the beach south of Cape Flattery, among which is a broken row-boat, several oars and life preservers, hatchets, broken doors and a quantity of boards, probably belonging to the deckhouse of some vessel. Bedding was also found on various parts of the beach.

From information at hand, no clue is furnished by these findings, though it is thought that the wreckage was part of the collier Mattewan.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The war office has received a despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Johannesburg, saying that the British prisoners captured when the Boers successfully rushed Col. Firmans camp at Zeefontein, Dec. 24, have been liberated and returned to their homes.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—In the Church of England churches today was observed as a day of special intercession for the speedy ending of the war in South Africa.

SAID HE LOOTED.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—General Baron Yamaguchi, who commanded the Japanese troops in China, has resigned the command of the fifth division of the Japanese army. The general's action was due to the fact that public charges of looting had been brought against him.

MORE RAIN TO COME.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—Strong winds and gales of variable direction; unsettled with rain. Tuesday, still unsettled, occasional rains or snow.

WHAT SHE WANTED TO KNOW.

(Chicago News.)
She (after the engagement)—Why did you happen to fall in love with poor little insignificant me.

He—Oh—because you are not like the other girls, for one reason!

She—D—did the other girls all refuse you?

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