

DUMA'S HEAD QUITS SEAT AND RESIGNS

Scenes of Excitement In Chamber

VIOLENT SPEECHES

Rightists Insisting on Apology From Socialist, President Resigns

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—During the course of an exciting session of the duma, this afternoon, Nikolai A. Kholmakov, the president of the duma, quitted the chamber and wrote his resignation. Late tonight there was still much uncertainty as to his position, for he did not present his resignation to the chancery of the duma, where it was declared that the incident might be regarded as closed. Possibly, therefore, he reconsidered his decision to resign.

Scenes of excitement arose over the discussion in the House of the government bill to grant a credit of \$50,000 for the benefit of the employees of the prison administration, who were victims of outrages while on duty or of their families. The employees were killed. The Socialists and Laborites hotly denounced the administration and the inhuman methods of torture applied to political prisoners.

Sixty Took Consumption

Deputy Rosanoff, in a specially violent speech, asserted that as a result of the rigorous rule, sixty per cent of the prisoners develop consumption. The Rightist deputies protested against this, whereupon M. Rosanoff declared that the Rightists possessed less honor than Russian convicts on the eve of execution.

Owing to a stampede by the offended deputies, President Kholmakov called upon M. Rosanoff to withdraw this expression. M. Rosanoff did so to the accompaniment of the Rightists, who followed him in a body and went to the president's room, where they insisted that M. Rosanoff must apologize. Thereupon M. Kholmakov wrote his resignation and left the chamber. Prince Volkonsky, in charge of the duma, the credit was finally adopted.

ASSISTED TO PORT IN LEAKING STATE

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 16.—The schooner Rosa Mueller of Boothbay, Capt. Spencer, laden with coal and bound from New York for Bucksport, rounded the end of the cape this afternoon in a leaking condition and was assisted into port by the life savers of the Wood End station. The vessel sprung a leak on the way around the cape today, and Captain Spencer did not dare to keep on across the bay. He landed here and telephoned to Boston for assistance.

The Rosa Mueller is a regular visitor to the port of St. John.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 16.—The tentative selection of Salt Lake City at the next meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic was confirmed last night by the executive committee which has been investigating the accommodations afforded by the city.

RIFLES

- WINCHESTER 22, 30, 303, 32, 33, 35, 38-55, 40-72, 405, 44, 45, 70, 45-90
- AUTOMATIC, 32, 35, 351
- MARLIN, 30, 38-55, 44-40, 45-70
- SAVAGE, 303, 38-55

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Castro Casts Doubt on Stories

NO WAR DECLARATION

Holland's Aggression Would Be Outrage Under the Circumstances

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—President Castro of Venezuela maintains his composure in the face of alarming reports published here regarding the disturbances in that country. When despatches were shown him today, saying that the people of Caracas have arisen against him, burned pictures and statues of him in the public squares and attacked a number of buildings, including the stores of stores of his warment and heretics and that several persons have been killed, Castro, after having one of his party translated these into Spanish, said quietly:

"I don't believe it. I had despatches from Caracas this morning, but they mentioned nothing of the kind."

President Castro was asked for an expression of his views regarding Holland's seizure of Venezuelan ships, but he answered:

"I am in Germany in a private capacity. He referred the correspondent to Señor Veloz-Gottico, the Venezuelan charge d'affaires, whom he authorized to talk for him. The charge then made the following statement:

"In reply to your question, I doubt what has been published in regard to Holland's aggression, because no declaration of war has been made, nor has a blockade been announced, and none established. Therefore, the seizure of small Venezuelan vessels by sheer force cannot be described other than as an act of piracy, unworthy any enlightened civilized country."

"On the other hand, such a seizure would jeopardize the arrangements which Venezuela has proposed to Holland through confidential agents and would even have a worse effect, inasmuch as Venezuela, in making payments due to Holland, takes for that purpose a portion of the prescribed thirty per cent of the customs receipts. Thus Holland's action might place Venezuela in a position of being unable to continue payment, which also would jeopardize the interests of other nations. Holland is in the wrong in the difficulty between that country and Venezuela, and she is still more involved through the attitude which the Dutch government recently has adopted."

"In view of this state of the case the Venezuelan government has informed the diplomatic corps at Caracas of these facts and is waiting before taking any further steps."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Through American Consul Cheney at Caracas, the state department received its first official information of the striking events in Caracas Monday.

The dispatch was very brief, giving few details and confirming in part the Associated Press despatches of the happenings in that city.

ST. JOHN MAN WEDS

ANNAPOLIS, N. S., Dec. 16.—The Baptist church here was today the scene of a very interesting event, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Lulu Clarke Bishop to Bayard Marshall Armstrong, the popular representative of T. Estabrook, Son, of St. John, N. B. The bride was very pretty, attired in a brown costume with hat and shoes, and "looked charming." They were unattended. The church was very prettily decorated for the occasion by friends of the bride among whom she is very popular, and presented a very nice appearance.

Local benevolent societies, already taxed to their utmost capacity, recoiled from facing a situation appalling to an extent never before experienced in the history of St. John. Civic officials, daily besieged by increasing hordes of starving aliens, turn from the problem in desperation, while from every quarter come the cry of "inadequate means to deal properly in the matter's disposal."

To unemployed foreigners attempting to reach their homes can be traced the chief cause of the dissatisfaction. They have swarmed in from all parts of the Dominion and have chiefly succeeded in aggravating the conditions already obtaining in the city.

Comes as Surprise

To the average citizen impressed for the most part at the present time in the mystic of Christmas shopping the tale of who comes pretty much in the way of a surprise. Pursuing the even tenor of his way he necessarily comes but little in contact with the distress, and it is only from those whose business brings them face to face with the actual conditions existing that a thorough understanding may be obtained.

Mayor Bullock is visited every day by ten or twelve requiring immediate assistance. When seen by The Sun last night he voiced the general opinion expressed by the community of the situation but was unable to state that the city contemplated action in the matter.

Mrs. Hall, secretary of the Associated Charities, said that the conditions were becoming so acute that something must immediately be done to cope with them. "I am at my wits' end," said she, "and positively do not know which way to turn. We are absolutely unable to begin to relieve the deserving distress, the demands upon our resources are daily increasing and the end is difficult to realize unless the city can be induced

CASTRO REMAINS CALM IN FACE OF ALARMING REPORTS FROM VENEZUELA



GENERAL VIEW OF CARACAS, VENEZUELA. THE BATTLESHIP JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK AND THE GELDERLAND.

ARMY OF STARVING ALIENS HERE; LOCAL ORDERS POWERLESS

Situation Daily Becoming More Alarming by New Arrivals

Unemployed Foreigners Attempting to Reach Their Homes the Cause

Swarm In from All Parts of the Dominion; Mayor Will Likely Act

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths and 8,000,000 injured, is the accident record in the United States during the past year, according to the bulletin on accidents issued today by the Bureau of Labor.

Of those employed in factories and workshops, it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.48 deaths per 1000 employees.

The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of the working man is neglected, though many and far-reaching improvements have been introduced in factory practice during the last decade. It is pointed out that the possibilities for accident prevention have been clearly demonstrated in the experience of foreign countries.

"Granting," the bulletin states, "that the underlying conditions in European countries are often quite different and that many of our industrial accidents may be the result of ignorance, reckless indifference or carelessness, the fact remains that an immense amount of human life is wasted and a vast amount of injury is done to health and strength, with resulting physical impairment which has a very considerable economic value to the nation as a whole."

It is stated that it should not be impossible to avert at least one-third and perhaps one-half of the accidents by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection, legislation and control.

CONSTANTINE, Algeria, Dec. 17.—In a rear-end collision between a passenger and a freight train in the El Achir tunnel today, several persons were killed and injured. Details are lacking.

to take prompt and effective steps in the matter.

Dr. Addy of the St. George's Society stated that he had tried on several occasions to connect with the mayor to the end that a wood yard or something of that nature be undertaken by the corporation. He had been unable to, however, and the matter was not further advanced with him. It had been a week ago. He still continued to be visited each day by large numbers of the unemployed, but was unable in adequate manner to relieve their distress. He holds that the council should interest itself immediately in the matter.

Salvation Army officials state that the "Zechens" at their command are quite inadequate to keep pace with the growing demands put upon them. The shelters are filled every night to overflowing, and last night thirty-five slept on the floors of the corridor. Without improvement the situation can no longer be properly met. The Army, too, proposes to go to the council in the matter.

DRAWS THEM PAY; DECAMPS

But Miner Is Caught at Vanceboro

Cumberland Conservative Ar- rested on a Perjury Charge

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 16.—Readers of The Sun will remember that on polling day J. P. Atherton, Liberal organizer, and F. L. Blair were arrested on the instance of one Albert Collins on the charge of bribery and corruption.

At the preliminary examination before Justice Davis, who had issued the warrants, T. Rogers, acting for the prosecution, stated sufficient evidence had not been furnished to proceed with the cases. Messrs. Logan and Ralston, acting for the prisoner, made a strong plea to have the persons who laid the information placed on the stand, so that it could be ascertained on what grounds Messrs. Blair and Atherton were arrested. Mr. Rogers objected to this procedure, and Justice Davis upheld the view taken by Mr. Rogers.

Collins Arrested

This morning on the information of J. P. Atherton, Collins was arrested on the charge of perjury, the trial taking place this afternoon before C. E. Casey, J. P. B. C. Corey, acting for the crown, and T. S. Rogers, K. C., for the defense. J. Alder Davis, who issued the warrant for Mr. Atherton's arrest and Mr. Atherton were examined.

During Mr. Atherton's examination, Mr. Rogers asked for an adjournment in order that he might procure data on which to cross-examine Mr. Atherton. The adjournment was granted until Friday at 1:30 p. m. Collins was released on \$4,000 bail, himself \$2,000 and two sureties of \$1,000 each. The information was in the usual form and states that on the 28th day of the said Albert Collins did commit perjury with intent to defraud, to wit: that he was the victor of J. P. Atherton, etc. The case is attracting considerable interest.

Accused by Stranger

At Springhill yesterday a young lad named Cecil McMonnahan was going to the office of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company to draw his wages when he was accosted by a man who presented him with the orders purporting to be signed by Ernest Graves and Edward Gregory asking the paymaster to pay the wages of those two men to the bearer. The boy presented the order and drew the pay of Graves amounting to \$215 and that of Gregory, amounting to \$220. He met the man at the post office and paid him the money, receiving a quarter for his trouble. Later in the day it became known that the orders were forged, but as the boy did not know the man there was trouble experienced in locating him.

Manager Cowans at once placed the case in the hands of J. L. Ralston, of Amherst who happened to be in Springhill at the time. On his return to Amherst Mr. Ralston placed the case in the hands of Constable Simpson, who proceeded to Springhill at once. He had evidence enough in hand to identify the man as Roy F. Newell, who was discharged from the company's employ a few weeks ago. He procured a photograph of Newell which the young lad identified as the man who presented the money. It was found that Newell and his wife had driven to the Junction yesterday and had remained there until 9 o'clock last evening. Simpson at once set busy on the wires with the result that Newell was being held at that place, pending further instructions from local authorities.

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BANK LOOTED OF \$85,000.00 CLOSES DOORS

Cashier Placed Under Arrest

BIG DEFALCATION

First National Bank of Somers. Worth N. H. Victi- mized

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Dec. 16.—The doors of the First National Bank of this city were closed today, following the discovery of a shortage, placed at \$85,000, and Fred M. Varney, the cashier of the bank, was arrested on a charge of being a defaulter.

After his arrest, according to a statement made by W. W. Roberts, president of the bank, Varney made a confession, admitting that he had taken a large sum from the bank which had been loaned in operating. He said also that he alone was responsible for the defalcation, which had been accumulating for the last six years. Varney was given a hearing here late this afternoon before United States Commissioner Burns P. Hodgman of Concord. He pleaded not guilty and furnished bail of \$10,000 for his appearance before the United States district court at Portsmouth the third Tuesday in March. His bondsmen were John T. W. Ham, a business man of Dover and uncle of the cashier, and Dr. John E. Willis of Somersworth.

Varney is 39 years old. He is married and has one child, a son of ten years. He has been a resident of Somersworth for eleven years and was one of the prominent young men of the city. He was a member of many fraternal organizations and had served the city two years as city treasurer. A new treasurer was chosen three years ago, when the city election resulted in the resignation of Varney. He received a salary of \$2,500 from the bank out of which he was required to pay two assistants. It was known to his friends that he was deeply interested in the stock market, but it is said that there was nothing to show that he was involved beyond his means in any transactions.

TELLS STORY OF SHOOTING

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The account of the slaying of Wm. E. Annie, a publisher, as he sat in his cab-hood and died only in hissing and howling, was told by Wm. E. Halms, who made part of the record today in the trial of Thornton J. Halms, a magazine writer, charged with being a principal in the slaying of Annie last August at Bayville, N. Y.

Tracing the movements of the principals in the tragedy with the aid of miniature iron figures and models of the boat and boat-hook, Edwin Andrews, a yacht club member, showed under examination how the arm captain stood on the yacht club's float, held aloft the obscuring boom and sail of Annie's boat and shot the outboard as he sat at the tiller.

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