

## People to Resist to the Utmost Declares Venezuelan Minister.

### Doesn't Look on Blockade as Meaning a State of War—Gastro Threatened on Land by Revolutionists.

CARACAS, Dec. 24.—Lopez Baralt, minister of foreign affairs, today said he had not been informed of a declaration of war by Great Britain.

Venezuela does not regard the existing blockade as tantamount to a state of war, he said, but the country is prepared to resist to the utmost.

Willemstadt, Island of Curacao, Dec. 23, (by boat from La Guaira).—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has not longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring him to General Matos, the only chief capable of dealing with the matter.

The rebels have regained courage. The government, with the armistice of 10 days, which ends tomorrow, has 3,600 men at Barquisimeto, and 2,500 at Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads. The leaders, Damos Antonio, Guvax Urbanos and Penaloza, with 2,500 men, will march via Guatiriz; Antonio Fernandez and Crespo Torres, with 2,500 more, have left Camanagua, and General Rolando, with 2,500 troops, will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tacacas.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous. Attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government's resources have vanished. The president's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists. General Matos will leave Curacao shortly.

La Guaira, Dec. 24.—The Dutch steamer Prins Willem II from New York Dec. 5, arrived off La Guaira this morning 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.

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

There is much indignation among the people of La Guaira with Signor De Riva and Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, respectively former Italian minister and German charge d'affaires at Caracas, who are considered responsible for the shelling of the forts at Puerto Cabello. The envoys promenaded daily on the beach at La Guaira and it is

feared they may be the object of some demonstration.

At Caracas everything is quiet. President Castro left here this morning for La Victoria. He is expected to return to the capital this morning.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The president and Secretary Hay were in conference for some time this afternoon over the proposals from Great Britain and Germany that the president arbitrate the issues involved in the Venezuelan controversy. They went over the communications very thoroughly, considering the subject from every view point. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the president is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions the allies have imposed on the arbitration.

If any conclusion was reached at the conference between the president and his 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 reporters who called on him that there was no news to be given out on the subject tonight.

Caracas, Dec. 24.—The Red D. line steamer is cruising today before La Guaira. She will sail at 5 o'clock. The steamer Merida, belonging to the same line left Willemstadt, Curacao, last night for Maracaibo. She will attempt to ascertain whether the blockade is effective.

## ANOTHER WRECK ON THE I. C. R.

### Brakeman Walter Clarke of Moncton Killed.

#### Engine and Five Cars of Night Freight off the Track at Dorchester Station.

Another bad wreck occurred on the I. C. R. this morning at 5:20 o'clock. This time the accident occurred at Dorchester station and the wrecked train was the night freight leaving Moncton for Truro at 2:40 this morning. The run off occurred at the second switch below Dorchester station, about 200 yards east of the depot. The engine and five cars left the rails and are badly dented. The engine plunged into a small pond of water, created by the recent thaw and laid over on its side. The engine and cars went off on the left side of the track. In the engine at the time were driver Jas. McAuley, fireman Al. Chapman and forward brakeman Walter Clarke, all Moncton men. The driver and fireman, it seems, jumped, or were thrown from the cab, but brakeman Clarke was buried in the mud and water with the wrecked engine.

Con. Thos. Coffey was in charge of the train and Mr. Charles Clark was rear brakeman. The van did not leave the rails, but Con. Coffey received a slight cut in the face as the result of being thrown against the cab, or some obstacle as the train came to such a sudden standstill.

One of the detailed box cars was broken into and the other four were badly smashed up. The engine is said to be very little damaged except right at the switch where the run-off occurred.

For some time after the accident no trace of the unfortunate brakeman could be found, but after diligent working around the wrecked engine the men learned the horrible fate of their comrade. They found him buried under the engine, but up to nine o'clock those at work at the wreck had not been able to get the body out.

Brakeman Clark was well known among railway men. He was about 35 years of age and has been braking on the I. C. R. about fifteen years. He leaves a widow and had only been married about four or five months. Times, Dec. 23.

## A PROMISING MINE ON THE TAXIS RIVER.

Knowing that Mr. W. T. Chestnut had been out with Mr. Griffin of Green Hill deer hunting the Gleaner man called to see him and get what information he could in reference to the reported opening of a mine in the Taxis river country by the Carnegie people.

Four years ago, said Mr. Chestnut, Mr. Griffin showed me some of this ore and said he would like to have some one take hold of it. I knew nothing of mining and did not care to invest the amount of money required to open it up. Last year I drew Mr. H. F. Waugh's attention to it, but nothing was done about it, until last spring Mr. Griffin sent some samples to the government mineralogist at Ottawa. His report was that the ore is what is known as zencite and carried a large percentage of lead and silver and some gold.

This fall while hunting moose with the Carnegie party one of them became greatly interested in the ledge and took some samples of the ore back to the United States with him. These samples were just knocked off the ledge with an axe and the best of it could not be got at in this way.

About two weeks ago Mr. Griffin received from Mr. Carnegie a substantial check and order to have the ground at once surveyed and claim filed in the Crown Land office.

Mr. Carnegie also gave instruction to have the ledge opened up and further said that if the rock continued as good below as it was on top to let him know at once and he would come and buy.

Mr. Griffin employed Mr. Malone of Stanley, the well known surveyor, and he acted under orders from the Crown Land office has surveyed the area. Mr. Griffin now intends to go to work at once with dynamite and open up a good piece of the ledge and report to Mr. Carnegie. Mr. Chestnut further stated that Mr. Griffin used up three sticks of dynamite (all he had) and found the rock at least twice as rich as the samples Mr. Carnegie took away.

One or two small samples of the ore can be seen at the store of R. C. Chestnut, but this is from the old lot of samples taken from the top of the ledge and not nearly as rich as the newer one taken farther down, but still will give a good idea of the appearance of the ore. The claim is on the lumber lands of the Wm. Richards Co., 27 miles from Stanley, and the ledge crosses the portage road on the top of a hardwood ridge two miles north of Taxis river. A piece of the ledge can be seen along the ridge for a half mile or more and there is enough of it in sight to furnish work for a large plant for 25 years. It is rather remarkable that no one ever noticed the ore before, as it is very bright and the Miramichi portage runs directly over it, and Lynch, Welch and Richard Co. teams have been hauling over it for 25 years.—Frederick Gleaner Dec. 18.

## A sufferer From Backache

Mr. W. Gilroy, general merchant, Blenheim, Ont., states:—I am rather enthusiastic in the praise of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and believe I have good reason to be. For several years I was a great sufferer from kidney disease, and had pains in my back almost constantly. I often wonder now why I did not succeed in obtaining more than slight temporary relief.

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Some Epigrams.  
Some epigrams have been culled from the utterances of great men in British public life. Andrew Carnegie said, "Queen Victoria transformed Great Britain into a crowned republic, a nation in which the will of the people is the supreme law." Prime minister Balfour declared that the "educational system of England is chaotic and behind the age." The bishop of Manchester said that "this is a reading age, but how many people read the Bible?" "Plenty of porridge and milk will do more for the physique of a nation than the most up to date physical drill" is attributed to Professor Laurie of Edinburgh university.

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They Wanted Blood.  
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When this was noised abroad, every one determined to witness the novel sight, and as a result there were several hundred persons in front of the lions' cage when the performance began. At a signal from the owner the courageous villager entered the cage and stood watching the lions. They, however, took not the slightest notice of him, and after the fifteen minutes had expired he left the cage. As he did so a storm of hisses greeted him, and the next moment such an uproar arose that the owner summoned the police and the entertainment came to an end. The fact was the people expected that the lions would attack the villager and they were disappointed because no blood had been shed.

"Yet it is exceedingly probable," says a French writer, "that if one of the lions had escaped from the cage this bloodthirsty crowd would have been terrified almost to death."

Substitute For Quinine.  
You think you are bilious. Well, I should think you would be! What did you expect your stomach and liver could stand? You ought to be thankful that you got off with simply being bilious. The wonder is that you have any stomach or liver left at all, says Medical Talk.

What would I advise? Well, in order to stir up your liver a little and give you a slight gymnastic exercise I would advise you to go and find the doctor who gave you 100 grains of quinine and give him a good licking. Hit him with your hands. Don't hit with a club or shoot him. Just use your open hand. After you have done this right I would quit using tobacco, if not entirely at least nearly so, say a little after supper each day. Use no alcoholic stimulants of any sort. Let your diet be simple and plain. Avoid excesses. Avoid everything fried during the hot season. Eat much fruit. Drink much water. Take long nights' sleep. Behave yourself. Keep away from the doctors.

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