

INSURRECTION IN VENEZUELA

INFURIATED MOB RUNS RIOT AT CARACAS

Movement Directed Against President Castro and Ruling Powers.

Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 16.—The people of Caracas rose to-day against President Castro...

The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them with rejoicing on the Plaza Bolívar.

In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast there have been no demonstrations against the Netherlands. They have all been directed against President Castro and Acting President Gomez.

Further dangerous demonstrations are anticipated. No official act deposing Castro from the presidency of Venezuela has yet been taken, but such a step is expected any moment.

An enormous crowd of the inhabitants of the capital, swelled by people from the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daybreak.

The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly. The offices of the state enterprise, that has enriched itself at the expense of the people, were ransacked and pillaged.

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HOW TO STEAL OPIUM TRAFFIC

RAISING OF POPPIES MUST BE CURTAILED

Mackenzie King Thinks Shanghai Conference Will Do Good Work.

New York, Dec. 16.—The problem of checking the opium traffic was discussed by Mackenzie King, member of the Canadian parliament, who sails for England to-day, to attend the international conference on opium to be held at Shanghai, China, beginning on February 21.

"It is my opinion that the use of opium, in a harmful way, can only be checked by striking direct at the very root, the raising of poppies to so great an extent as to make impossible the spread of their produce as other drugs mere medicine."

"As for the opium traffic in Canada, I have pretty well obliterated it there. Last year there were as many as seven factories on our Pacific coast, fed by the raw product from India.

From them the drug was smuggled into the United States. We passed a law prohibiting its manufacture and sale, and closed them in six months.

PREDICTS BESSEMER STEEL WILL BE USELESS

C. M. Schwab on Industry—Must Change Conditions Before Changing Tariff.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Disagreeing with the public views of Andrew Carnegie on the steel tariff, Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, testified before the House ways and means committee yesterday.

While he practically admitted that the conditions which existed nine years ago would have permitted a reduction in the steel schedule, he said that the cost of the manufacture of steel rails had increased to such an extent that the present conditions must be changed to permit of tariff reduction.

"In five years there will not be a Bessemer steel converting works left in the United States," said Mr. Schwab.

Mr. Schwab predicted that Bessemer steel would be of no use. The same is true of structural steel, as well as rails. "They will be all iron by the year 1940," he said.

"The changes in the process of manufacture improve the quality of the steel," he continued, "but they also increase the cost of production slightly."

Mr. Schwab said he was not in favor of any change in the tariff on steel and steel products. "A moderate change will not make any material difference," he said.

Mr. Schwab stated that the Bethlehem Steel Company, of which he is president, imports all of its iron ore from Cuba.

Frank W. Taussig, professor of political economy at Harvard university, argued that certain raw materials should be admitted free, namely, iron ore, lumber, hemp, flax, cotton and barley.

Robert Gilchrist, representing St. Louis and New York interests, urged that the present duty on ferruginous steel should be removed.

U. S. FLEET AT CEYLON. Colombo Ceylon, Dec. 16.—General R. C. Lawrence, commander of the British troops in Ceylon, entertained Admiral Dorey, of the American fleet, and his staff, at a banquet here yesterday.

Dr. David Paulson, president of the Anti-Chinese League, made this statement yesterday afternoon: "China," he continued, "used twenty-six grains of opium last year for every man, woman and child. The United States used 36 grains. There are at least one million opium users in this country."



ALSO SPANKED. From N. Y. World.

UNDISCOVERED MURDER MYSTERIES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—A report of the police department shows that 156 persons were murdered in Chicago in the year 1936. Of the murders, twenty remain unsolved. In the year 1935, one hundred and ninety-three murders were committed, and this is the highest number recorded.

PREMIER MCBRIDE WILL FILL HIS CABINET

New Minister Expected to be Appointed at Early Date. (From Tuesday's Daily.) Premier McBride is expected within a few days to make an appointment to the vacant portfolio of minister of public works, the portfolio which was created by statute last session.

DISASTROUS TRAIN COLLISION IN FRANCE

Limoges, France, Dec. 16.—Ten persons were killed and fifteen injured in a collision to-day between a passenger train and a freight train in the Pouch tunnel between the town of Brive and Limoges.

WANTS BRAZIL TO REDUCE NAVAL ARMAMENT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Diplomatic circles here are watching with much concern the differences between the Argentine Republic and Brazil whose relations are strained because of the jealousy over naval armaments.

CHRISTMAS GOODS GO UP IN FLAMES

Montreal, Que., Dec. 16.—A fire which broke out at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, did actual damage estimated at \$50,000 to the Birks' building on Phillips square.

Two Montreal Firms Are Heavy Sufferers Through Fire.

The Birks firm occupied the entire ground floor of the building with their show rooms, and about half of this was damaged by water, while the Notman galleries, located in the upper floors, were badly damaged by fire, smoke and water.

ARGENTINA ASSUMING WARLIKE ATTITUDE—JEALOUSY RAMPANT BETWEEN REPUBLICS.

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DYING MILLIONAIRE SETS FIRE TO HIS WEALTH

London, Dec. 15.—A special despatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Peteroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the bank and the bank notes brought to the sickroom.

WARSHIP LAUNCH WITH SEVEN MEN MISSING

St. Pierre, Miq., Dec. 16.—Seven members of the crew of the French warship Admiral Aube, who started for the shore on Monday night are missing, and it is thought all were drowned.

CASTRO CALLS ON CHANCELLOR BUELOW

Berlin, Dec. 15.—President Castro, of Venezuela, who arrived in this city last night from Paris, called this morning on Chancellor BueLOW and Foreign Secretary von Schoen, leaving his cards.

EMPIRE LEAGUE ON AN AUSTRALIAN NAVY

London, Dec. 16.—At the annual meeting yesterday of the Empire League Council the speakers hoped the negotiations between the British government and Australia would result in the acceptance of Mr. Deakin's proposal for the formation of an Australian navy.

H. M. CRUISERS COMING ACROSS PACIFIC

London, Dec. 15.—With a view to showing the British flag on both sides of the American continent, the admiralty has ordered the cruisers Cambrian and Flora detached from the Australian and China squadrons, respectively, for a visit to the southern ports of the Pacific coast of South America.

INSANITY ON INCREASE IN UNITED STATES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—Insanity grows three times as fast in proportion to the increase in population in the United States.

Believed to Have Foundered During Squall Off St. Pierre, Miquelon.

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ASKS FOR ACCOUNTING IN B. C. TIMBER DEAL

St. John, N. B., Dec. 16.—In the equity court on Tuesday next a hearing will be given to the suit by A. S. Puseley of Sussex, against B. W. Fowler and Rufus Pope in connection with timber limit deals in British Columbia.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 16.—The tentative selection of Salt Lake City as the next meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic was confirmed last night by the executive committee on Chaucer's visit to the city.

DEFUNCT SUGAR COMPANY.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Chief Justice Fairbridge yesterday issued a winding-up order in the case of the Ontario Sugar Company of Toronto, which has its factory at Berlin.

PROMINENT ODD FELLOW DEAD.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Judge J. J. Nolan, grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, died at a local hospital yesterday. The cause of death was heart failure following an operation.

PUTZER TO BE PROSECUTED

Roosevelt's Biting Attack on N. Y. World

Says Panama Canal Scandal Needs No Investigation—Message to Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt to-day sent to the senate a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama canal property by the United States, denouncing in strong language charges that there was anything wrong in the acquisition by the United States of the canal property.

"These stories," he continues, "were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called the News, edited by Mr. Delevan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character, and false in every essential particular."

"Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, the World, owned by Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspapers are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody. Unfortunately thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer."

Summarizing the charges made in this connection, the president says: "These statements sometimes appeared in the editorial, sometimes in the news columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals, either unknown or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular, from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part stories originally concocted with a view of passing blackmail. The inventor of the story about Charles P. Taft, for instance, evidently supposed that at some period of the Panama purchase W. H. Taft was secretary of never became secretary of war until long after the whole transaction in question had been closed."

"The inventor of the story about Douglas Robinson has not taken the trouble to find out the fact that Mr. Robinson had not the slightest connection, directly or indirectly of any sort with any phase of the Panama transaction from beginning to end. The men who attacked Mr. Robinson in the matter had not taken the trouble to read the public documents which would have informed them that Mr. Robinson was actively engaged through the department of justice under the then Attorney-General Mr. Knox."

"Now these stories as a matter of fact need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has or can be produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous libels. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson for instance, and in part libels upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who write the criminal and wicked articles from correspondents, or articles in the news columns."

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DUTCH CAPTURE ANOTHER PRIVATEER

WARSHIP TOWS VESSEL INTO WILLEMSTAD

Strict Patrol Will Be Maintained Along Venezuelan Coast.

Willemstad, Dec. 15.—The battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck arrived in the harbor at 8 o'clock morning, towing as a prize the Venezuelan coastguard vessel "23 Mayo." Word of the capture had been received here and a throng of people lined the quay to witness the entrance of the Dutch vessel conducting her capture to the harbor. The flag of the Netherlands had been hoisted to the pole of the captured Venezuelan coastguard vessel, and astern of the Dutch flag the Venezuelan colors. Although the Venezuelan flag was still shown in was in minor contrast to the permanent flying, from the mainmast foremast both of the warship and prize.

"The 23 De Mayo" was captured December 14th at a point a little over 200 miles from the port of the Gulf of Curacao. The battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck observed "23 De Mayo" in the offing, promptly took possession of her prize crew, made up of members of the crew of the Dutch warship, was aboard the "23 De Mayo," assumed command and direction of the guard ship, and raising the Dutch flag at the foremast. At the same time the Venezuelan crew which had been in charge of the "23 De Mayo" was ashore in the small boats of the Dutch ship. The battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck then proceeded back to port, towing the prize.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland here yesterday for the Venezuelan coast. She had on board a most experienced seaman, thoroughly acquainted with the small boats and along the Venezuelan shore.

DIES FROM INJURIES. Aged Clergyman Run Over by Car in Toronto. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Rev. Fice, 78 years old, who was run by a street car last week, died of injuries in the hospital yesterday.

HUGE WATER TANK BURST. St. John, N. B., Dec. 15.—The colossal railway water tank at Yards, holding 100,000 gallons of water, burst with a mighty roar on Sunday. Yesterday morning broken beams and twisted iron hoops marked the spot. The force of the escaping broke the bridge across the dyke and all the windows in the dynamo and steam department of the railway. No one was injured. Nothing of iron bands which held the tank together. The damage is estimated at \$10,000.

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS. London, Dec. 15.—The House of Commons last night concluded the stage of a large number of bills including the Education Bill. This bill will be strongly opposed, considerably amended in the House of Lords. It is not expected that the bill will be able to rise on Saturday.

"DIVINE HEALER" MOBBED. Macomb, Ill., Dec. 15.—Death at a meeting here that the late ident McKinley was an anarchist, he turned more people loose to society than any man in the and that the assassination of McKinley was all right, except that it not happen soon enough, the styled "Divine Healer" Sciatte, escaped personal violence at hands of a mob through intervention of the police. The officers escorted Sciatte to a hotel, and also to a train out of town, following which threatening to do him violence did not leave at once. Sciatte to Quincy, Ill.

WILL FORFEIT LANDS. Saskatchewan Farmers in Arrear Taxes Will Have Land Taken From Them. Regina, Sask., Dec. 15.—The provincial government has taken steps to re-appoint local improvement districts that arrears of taxes are not collected after to-day. On the reforested proceedings are to be against all land under arrears, and persons desiring to reclaim will have charges in this connection.

INDIAN UNREST. Nine Prominent Bengalis Arrested, Charged with Unknown Disturbances. Calcutta, Dec. 15.—By the arrest of the most prominent Bengali and their deportation to an unknown destination, it is believed the authorities have successfully put down the movement. All those arrested are of great prominence, one of them being Mallik, a Calcutta millionaire, an influential society as Dutta is usually called.

YORK LOAN REAL ESTATE. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Toronto of the York Loan Company that \$20,000 has been realized from the sale of real estate of the defunct company this month so far.

"B. C. FRUIT IN LONDON. London, Dec. 15.—The exhibition of fruit opened to-day at the Institute.

CALGARY'S NEW MAYOR. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—Form R. General Superintendent James R. Bevan elected Mayor of Calgary.

INTERNATIONAL CURLING. London, Dec. 15.—It is understood that if there is ice at Lochcubbin the Canadian curlers will play the international series, but falling that the matches will be played in the large permanent ice rink in Glasgow. The visit of the Canadians is being eagerly anticipated by curlers all over the country.

HAYTIENS ARREST FRENCH OFFICER. New York, Dec. 16.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Port au Prince, Hayti, says that while returning from Biscaona after visiting the American minister, Lt. B. Terrell, the American Commander James H. Read, of the cruiser Des Moines, was challenged and arrested by Haytian soldiers. Commander Shipley complained to the Haytian government through Mr. Furness, the American minister of war.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—All Adolph has been elected mayor of Brandon, and S. Woods of Portage la Prairie.

Coffee was first produced in Arabia early in the fifteenth century. It was not imported into England until about 1600.