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VENEZUELA IS GARRISONING HER PORTS; THE FRENCH FLEET READY TO POUNCE

President Castro Gives Evidence That He Will Resist Attempt of France to Compel Apology---Diplomats Indignant at Treatment of Taigny.

Willemstadt, Curacoa, Jan. 20. — The Venezuelan Government is actively engaged in garrisoning the ports of the republic and in furnishing the troops with supplies.

According to advices received here the general public in Venezuela received the news of the rupture of diplomatic relations between Venezuela and France with the utmost indifference, but diplomatic circles at Caracas are indignant at the action of the Venezuelan Government in not allowing M. Taigny, the retiring French charge d'affaires, to return to the shore after he had gone on board the French Line steamer Martinique at La Guaira, Jan. 14, in order to obtain his correspondence.

The Venezuelan Government is considering a project for laying a cable between La Guaira and Porto Rico.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21. — Convinced of the sincerity of the assurances received from France regarding her loyalty to the Monroe Doctrine and all that it involves, the Washington Government has given the Paris Government a free hand in the execution of its programme for the solution of the Venezuelan problem.

The whereabouts of the French ships remains a mystery. It is assumed, however, that they are in daily touch with the ministry of marine at Paris, and are awaiting an opportune moment to take such action as their instructions may provide for.

Castro Picks Out a Good Time to Defy France.

CONSUMPTIVES WILL BE BARRED

Board of Health Will Prevent Any More Being Received at the Hospital.

The board of health, which meets this afternoon, will take up a very important matter in connection with the care of consumptives at Victoria Hospital.

It has practically been decided to put through a resolution forbidding the hospital receiving any more consumptives into the contagious wards of the institution.

Under the health act the board has the power to take this action, and the trust dare not disobey it, even if they were so inclined, which, of course, they are not.

The trouble has been that in the past consumptives have been kept in the same wards with diphtheria patients, no other accommodation being available for the tuberculosis patients.

A couple of days ago the trust decided to fit up the lower floor of the old administration building as a temporary sanatorium for consumptives. Since that time, however, the trustees have changed their minds, and have now agreed that it will be better to fit up the upper floor or attic of the administration building. In this place will be quartered all the consumptives at present in the hospital, and after the board of health passes the resolution prohibiting receiving any further consumptive patients coming in, no more can be received, so that when the present patients are discharged, no new ones will have to be taken care of.

It is pointed out that Toronto, Hamilton and other cities prohibit the receiving of consumptives in the general hospitals.

It is felt that this move will hurry on the work of providing a sanatorium to take care of consumptives, and it is not improbable that the city will be asked to lend a hand to the scheme which is now afoot to establish such an institution in Westminster, where consumptives could be properly treated.

THIRD FUNERAL IN MONTH

Severe Affliction of Mr. Wm. West and Family, South London.

The funeral of Edna May Clarke, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Clarke, of Thedford, was held on Saturday afternoon from the residence of the child's grandfather, Mr. Wm. West, of 47 Craig street, South London. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

This was the third funeral from Mr. West's in less than a month. About Christmas, Mr. West's sister, Mrs. Jones, died in California, and the remains were brought to this city for interment, the funeral taking place from the Craig street home. About the same time Mrs. Clarke, who is a daughter of Mr. West, came to London to spend the holiday with her father, bringing with her Edna May, aged 3 years, and the baby, aged 9 months. The latter became ill three weeks ago and died, and an attack of pneumonia resulted fatally to the other child on Thursday.

Mr. West and family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Navigating at Kingston.

Kingston, Jan. 21. — The steamer New Island Wanderer made her trip from Cape Vincent this morning, and returned this afternoon via the foot of Wolfe Island. Practically no ice was encountered, except at the entrance to the Kingston harbor.

SHE KNEW TASTE OF ALE, SO SHE DID

But Despite Expert Witness Court Dismissed Case Against Coursey.

The Courseys, John and Charles, father and son, respectively, were this morning in the police court on trial for selling liquor without a license.

The spectators' box was filled to its utmost capacity, and the cases were interesting.

Clara Crystler, who had been remanded for vagrancy, was one of the chief witnesses for the prosecution.

The charge against Charles Coursey was dismissed, there being considerable doubt afforded by the evidence as to when the alleged offense was committed. Several witnesses for the defense swore that Coursey had distributed among some workmen who had helped him fix up his dancing hall a keg of beer. They swore that this was two weeks before Christmas, notwithstanding the fact that the young girl was positive that she received ale on the Friday before Christmas. The tonsil varnish that the men had received was the genuine article, but that which Clara had taken was likely to be Murray's ale, which is said to be non-intoxicating. She had had four drinks and they hadn't even fizzed. This fact led the magistrate to believe that she had been drinking soft stuff. Clara knew what she had though.

"Are you sure that you were drinking ale?" asked Mr. Judd, counsel for the defendant.

"Of course, I am," said the witness.

"Was it Carling's or Labatt's?"

"It was ale. That's all I know. Guess I know ale when I drink it."

Clara was quite flippant in the box.

In John Coursey's case, a judgment was not given, the court reserving decision until Wedensday next.

The Courseys were admonished not to act in the future as they had in the past. They had been sailing very close to the law, and they should benefit by the charges that had been laid against them, and preclude any possibility of such charges being repeated by strictly observing the law.

James C. Parks, an East London merchant, this morning charged Wm. J. Green with using abusive language to him. The case was enlarged till Thursday morning, the defense not having had time to prepare. Mr. Judd appeared for Mr. Green, who pleaded not guilty.

The case of assault preferred against Ellen Snell by Sarah Lee was adjourned till tomorrow morning. It is not unlikely that this matter will be settled out of court. It seems that, according to their own statements, the women are both very much to blame.

The booze fraternity seem to be taking a ride on the sprinkling cart. But very few have lately appeared in the police court, there being none at all this morning.

GIVE ALL A SLICE

Suggestion of Agent Regarding the Insurance on City Hall.

Since it was announced that the city intends to increase the insurance on the city hall, numerous applications have been received from wideawake insurance agents who desire to get a finger in the pie. One of these gentlemen suggested today, in a letter to Ald. Forristal, chairman of No. 1 committee, that the insurance should be divided between all the local agents. This does not appear to be a bad plan, since it is recognized that if tenders were called for, all would be the same as far as price and regulation go.

ASK AID OF ALICE

Belgians Want Her Help to Save a Condemned Countryman.

Antwerp, Jan. 22.—A committee of prominent Belgians appointed to seek the release by the Turkish Government of Edward Joris, the Belgian condemned to death by a native court at Constantinople for alleged participation in the attempt to assassinate the Sultan, last July, has decided to send a petition to Miss Alice Roosevelt asking her to interest President Roosevelt, in the hope that he might personally intervene in behalf of Joris.

MONEY FOR JAP MILLS

English Millions to Exploit Nippon's Industries.

San Francisco, Jan. 22. — Shizuo Kondo, a Japanese capitalist, has arrived here from London on his way to Japan. The Chronicle says that Kondo has secured $7,000,000 paid-up capital in England, which is to be invested in mills and machinery under the management of an Anglo-Japanese corporation. After effecting a combination of the steel and iron works of Japan, the manufacture of celluloid and silk will be taken up as the capital of the international corporation permits.

TORONTO AIDS REBELS

Socialists Collect to Buy Arms for Russ Workingmen.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—To aid the fund to buy arms for self-defense by the Russian workingmen was the object of a collection taken up at a meeting of Socialists in the Labor Temple yesterday. The meeting was in connection with the international celebration, held in all parts of the world, of "The first anniversary of 'Bloody Sunday,' the eventful day, when hundreds of Russian workmen were slaughtered by the Cossacks of capitalism in St. Petersburg," and the chief speaker was William Mailly, editor of the Toledo Socialist.

Robbed the Mails.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Seven United States mail boxes located in different parts of the city were smashed open, and their contents taken, today.

Can Float the Bavarian.

Quebec, Jan. 21. — John T. Boyd, consulting marine engineer and surveyor, of Philadelphia, and Capt. Saunders, marine and ship surveyor, of New York, paid a visit to the Bavarian.

Messrs. Boyd and Saunders feel satisfied with her safety, during the balance of the winter months, and are confident that the steamer can be floated next spring.

Brant Tories Elected.

Brantford, Jan. 21. — South Brant Conservatives had their annual meeting yesterday afternoon. It was well attended.

Montreal Elects.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Up to 11 o'clock the aldermanic nominations, which close this afternoon, indicate the election of fifteen aldermen by acclamation. There will be contests for 25 seats, as well as one for the mayoralty, between Ald. E. Kerse and W. E. Doran.

Ohio's Governor Ill.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Despite the reports of his secretary and physician, Governor John M. Pattison is critically ill. His family is suppressing the news of his condition and his friends are alarmed. Today it was reported that in addition to lung trouble the governor has typhoid fever.

BIG SHIP PILES UP ON ROCKS.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 22. — One more of the big fleet of carriers has found her doom on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The King David, which sailed from Salinas Cruz about 110 days ago, and which had been given up for lost by the underwriters for some time past, piled up on Bajo Point above Neotka Sound on the 13th of December last. The crew did not perish at the time the vessel struck, all of them getting ashore safely and making temporary preparations for their protection until the arrival of a ship or of some settlers that would liberate them from their position.

On the fifteenth day their long vigilance was rewarded, as their signals were descried by Captain Townsend, of the Queen City, bound on her long trip from Victoria to Cape Scott. It did not take Captain Townsend long to get his boats over the side and off to the rescue of the shipwrecked mariners. Unfortunately, succor to the poor fellows, although timely, proved almost too late, as one of their number, a sailmaker named Donald McLeod, succumbed to illness, presumably the result of exposure, on the day following his rescue.

Probes Living Brain

Philadelphia, Jan. 22. — Just as a dentist searches for the root of a broken tooth, Dr. W. W. Keen, chief surgeon at the Jefferson Hospital, today, after a magnet failed to do its work, thrust a pair of forceps into the brain of a living man and twisted them about until they seized a piece of steel for which the surgeon was seeking. He tightened his grip upon the handles, and then with a strong, slow pull, drew out a sliver of steel three inches long, bent on one end into the shape of a fish-hook. The patient will recover.

LONDON GETS A TASTE OF JUNE WEATHER IN MIDWINTER

Sixty Degrees Above Zero Was Registered on Sunday, and No Trace of Winter Left.

Summer weather in January!

This is what Londoners have been enjoying for two days now. If you take a look in the florist's window you can hypnotize yourself into the belief that you are reveling in the balmy pleasures of June.

Such weather has "the oldest inhabitant" beaten so badly he cannot scare up another winter which even resembled the present one. People just out from England are writing home that Kipling didn't know what he was talking about when he wrote "Our Lady of the Snows." On the hillsides and lawns the grass, not as yet withered by the chill breath of Old Boreas, springs fresh and green. And in the river districts hundreds, yes, thousands, of crows hold parliamentary sittings and discuss the weather from an ornithological standpoint.

In the city the coal man has a "lone, lorn," look on his face, after the manner of Mrs. Gummidge, while the thrifty housewife shuts off the damper and figures how much she has saved on fuel this year. Fur-lined overcoats are at a discount and waterproofs are all the rage.

Instead of dirty sidewalks, clean, rain-washed granolithics greet the eye everywhere. But the roads — ah, the roads! And the crossings! Such crossings can be met with nowhere else in Canada except it be in that town of mud—Chatham. Surely the board of works can read a lesson for the year from the present dirty crossings.

Local physicians claim that despite the popular theory of much sickness during a mild winter, there is considerably less sickness in London than during any winter for many years. Thus the iconoclastic weather man is smashing theories as well as idealistic winters.

Certainly there are but very few cases of diphtheria in the city, and comparatively few cases of other diseases. The one case of smallpox here was brought to London from Kincardine.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the thermometer registered 60° above zero in the shade. Today it is considerably lower, yet the weather is very mild. On Saturday night rain fell for several hours, sending the mercury up in the bulb, and yesterday the citizens were treated to a shower, during the progress of which the sun shone with a warmth experienced only as a rule in the good old summer time.

Sleet and Frost Headed This Way

Washington, Jan. 22. — The warm wave of the last few days is fast breaking up under the influence of an area of high pressure and cold weather that is moving eastward over the Mississippi Valley, according to reports to the weather bureau. Another cause is the fact that heavy and general rain has set in over the regions of high temperature. In the East Gulf States the rain is attended by thunderstorms of the usual summer type.

Cold wave warnings have been issued for the lower lake region and the Upper Ohio Valley.

Chicago Cut Off.

New York, Jan. 22. — Telegraphic communication with Chicago was cut off this morning. The service up to that time had been slow owing to the storms. At 10:30 wires were working as far west as Toledo. Just before communication with Chicago was lost, the news was received that a terrific sleet-storm was doing much damage within a radius of 70 miles of Chicago. It was also reported that the storm was moving eastward by way of Canada and the Northern States.

ABOLISH COUNTY COUNCILS

Auld, M. P. P., Says Work Could Be Handled by Municipal Bodies.

Amherstburg, Jan. 22.—John Auld, M. P. P., South Essex, favors the abolition of county councils. The chief business now transacted by the county councils is equalization of assessment, and in many cases this has to be done by special commission. The entire work could be handled by municipal councils within the county, and the taxpayer saved great expense.

To Attend the Funeral.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22. — Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. C. S. Hyman, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, and Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick leave for Montreal tomorrow to attend the funeral of the late Raymond Prefontaine.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Colder.

Toronto, Jan. 21—8 p.m.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 64 below—60 below; Atlin, 48 below—36 below; Victoria, 28—44; Calgary, 32 below—10 below; Battleford, 8 below—4 below; Qu'Appelle, 24 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 10 below—4 below—Port Arthur, 10—12; Toronto, 40—56; Ottawa, 24—48; Montreal, 36—44; Quebec, 28—36; Halifax, 10—44.

FORECASTS.

Monday, Jan. 22—8 a.m.

Today—Occasional rain, with strong winds and local snow.

Tomorrow—Colder.

WEATHER NOTES.

A depression is moving very slowly, causing very mild conditions from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, while over the western portion of Canada the weather is very cold.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 48°; lowest, 28° above. Sunday: Highest, 60°; lowest, 46.5° above.

KING HAS AN ANNIVERSARY

Flags Are Flying and Bells Ringing Throughout Kingdom.

London, Jan. 22.—The fifth anniversary of the accession of King Edward is being celebrated throughout the United Kingdom with salutes, flag flying and bell ringing. The King and Queen, who are now at Windsor Castle, attended the annual memorial service today in honor of the late Queen Victoria, which was held in the Frogmore mausoleum.

MORE SMALLPOX

Case Develops at Mount Brydges—London Patient Doing Well.

A case of smallpox has developed at Mount Brydges, and is being cared for by a senior student from the London Medical College, who is anxious to secure the experience It has not as yet been learned where the disease came from.

The London patient is progressing favorably.

The G. T. P. Tenders.

Montreal, Jan. 21. — Specifications are prepared and tenders will be invited in a few days by the Grand Trunk Pacific Company for the section that runs from Touchwood Hills to Edmonton. With this additional amount under contract the company will have more than a thousand miles under actual construction by the time spring opens.

Dan Gallery Elected.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—As a result of the municipal nominations on Saturday, Ald. Henry A. Ekers and W. A. Doran are in the field for the mayoralty. Twenty-one aldermen, among them Mr. Daniel Gallery, ex-M. P., were elected by acclamation.

Acetylene Plant Exploded And Two Men Injured

Accident at St. John's Methodist Church After the Evening Service.

As a result of an explosion of the acetylene lighting plant of St. John's Methodist Church on the Proof Line road, London Township, last evening, two men were injured, one of them quite seriously. They are:

W. R. Westlake, 55 years of age, an energetic member of the church;

Charles Nethercott, 21 years old, son of the pastor.

The usual Sunday evening service was over, the congregation had left the church, and the members of the Epworth League had assembled in the lecture room, which is in the basement of the building.

The lights in the room gradually grew dimmer and dimmer. Something was wrong with the lighting plant, situated in a cement shed quite a distance to the rear of the church. Mr. Westlake usually attended to the plant. He understood its workings. Young Nethercott, however, was to have looked after it last night, so when the lights went low he started, with a lantern for the shed. Leaving the lantern some distance from the shed, Nethercott opened the door, but could not discern the cause of the trouble, although he noticed an unusual noise coming from the plant. He went for Mr. Westlake, who fully understood the apparatus. Mr. Westlake took the lantern over to the shed and attempted to peer into the building, but no sooner had he reached the door than the gas came in contact with the lantern and caused an explosion which could be heard quite a distance in every direction. The tank was completely demolished, but the fact of the door being open saved the shed from destruction. Both men were thrown to the ground, and it seems wonderful, in view of their proximity to the explosion, that they were not killed. Indeed, the residents of the neighborhood, who had all, by this time, arrived on the scene, thought Westlake and Nethercot were fatally hurt.

Mr. Westlake's left arm was fractured in two places between the wrist and the elbow, and the muscles of the left leg were torn. His face, hands and ears were painfully burned, and he sustained a bad cut over his left eye.

Mr. Nethercott, other than a burned face and hands, received no serious injury. His hair was burned close to the scalp and his clothes were ruined. Nethercott will be around again in a few days. Westlake will recover.

The affair caused the greatest excitement in the community. Had the tank not been placed at a distance from the church the results would likely have been very serious—perhaps resulting in the destruction of the church and the loss of some lives.

Dr. McNeill, of Arva, was quickly at the scene, and attended the injured men. He summoned Dr. J. D. Balfour, of this city, who drove to the church.

Mr. Westlake will be laid up for some time, but young Nethercott will be around again very shortly.

The congregation of St. John's is rather elated at the fact that the plant had been removed from the church. Until quite recently the apparatus was in the edifice, but it was decided to place it in a shed in the rear to prevent possible damage by explosion.

PERSIANS IN LINE FOR AN ASSEMBLY

The Merchants and Priests Have Demanded a Constitutional Government.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—A constitutional government for Persia, according to advices from Teheran received here, is to be the outcome of the sudden exodus of a thousand merchants and Mullah priests from the Persian capital as a protest against the Shah's Government. The insurgents proceeded to the village of Shah-Abo-Ul-Azin, where the Shah presided over a representative assembly elected by the mullahs, merchants and landowners. The assembly will be called the "House of Justice," and exercise administrative and legislative powers. The equality of all before the law will be proclaimed. It is expected that the assembly will demand the dismissal of M. J. Naus, the Belgian minister of customs and posts, and the Belgian employes of the customs.

NEARLY A HUNDRED

North Oxford Lady Had Almost Reached the Century Mark.

Ingersoll, Jan. 22.—Helen Kerr, relict of the late James Park, is dead in North Oxford in her 100th year. Had she lived until March she would have been a centenarian. Up to three years ago, when she met with an accident from which she has been confined to her bed ever since, Mrs. Park was able to perform many household duties. Deceased was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, came to Canada in 1840, and settled in Scarboro Township. She came with her husband to North Oxford in 1848, and settled on the farm on which she died.

ENGINEER IS TICKLED

Mr. Graydon Likes the Way Breakwater Is Withstanding Flood.

City Engineer Graydon is very much pleased with the manner in which the new breakwater is withstanding the present flood. The water has made but very little impression on the wall, and had the flood been delayed until the usual time in the spring it is doubtful if any of the earth would have been washed away.

It is the intention to seed down the earth and plant many trees on the breakwater this spring, so that the water will find it difficult to tamper with the filling in flood time.

Already Parks Commissioner Pearce is locating the trees to plant. They will be for the most part of the variety known as Carolina poplars, and are said to be so prolific they will mat the wall solidly together within a couple of years.

TORIES GAIN TWO AND FEEL BETTER

Two Scottish Seats Turn Out Liberals — Labor Scores Another Notable Win.

London, Jan. 21.—The following is a summary of the political situation at midnight:

Total seats	670
Elections held	480
Liberals elected	247
Unionists	114
Laborites	41
Nationalists	78

In the last House for same seats:

Liberals	105
Unionists	290
Laborites	12
Nationalists	73

London, Jan. 21. — Saturday night's returns include two Conservative gains, Both were scored in Scotland. In St. Andrew's burghs a Liberal majority of 26 was changed into a Conservative majority of 36. In Ayr burghs, where voting took place Friday, though the returns were not in till Saturday night, a Liberal majority of 104 in the bye-election of 1904 was changed to a Conservative majority of 264.

These, with three gains announced Saturday morning hopefully are looked upon by Unionists as rifts in the clouds. The total Unionist gains are now nine; Liberal, 139, and Labor, 39, with nearly one-third of the House to be elected this week.

Two more ministers have been returned, Lloyd George, one of the leading cabinet ministers, has increased his majority in Carnarvon from 286 to 1,224. He expects to bring a solid Liberal Wales. The returns thus far justify his anticipation.

The other minister is L. V. Harcourt, son of the late Sir William Harcourt.

Labor scored one of the most notable victories in the contest in Dartford, Kent. Sir Hart Dyke had represented the riding for twenty years, with majorities over 1,000, and was at one time a minister. He was defeated by Rowlands, a Labor candidate, by 2,804. Among the fallen is Balfour Browne, who promised to give his Dumfriesshire seat to A. J. Balfour if he re-

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Lt.-Col. MacPherson Gone.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Lieut.-Col. John MacPherson, treasurer of the D. R. A., died here yesterday. He was 76 years of age, and was connected with the militia department for many years.

Panic in Hotel.

Chicago, Jan. 21. — A panic among the guests of the Windmere Hotel followed the explosion today of a steam boiler in the basement. An engineer was killed, and a guest injured.

RED SUNDAY REVENGE COLLAPSES; ST. PETERSBURG GRIPPED BY TROOPS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22, 11:50 a.m.—The frequent patrols in all the streets today are marching at wide intervals in "bomb formation." This is almost the only indication that today is the anniversary of Red Sunday. The stores are all open and the ordinary life of the city is proceeding as usual. Up to 11 o'clock no trouble of any kind had been reported. Bands of workmen were encountered occasionally proceeding from one factory region to another, sometimes chanting a revolutionary chorus, but otherwise they were orderly. The authorities, fearing a students' demonstration at their favorite rallying place in front of the Kazan Cathedral, posted a heavy force of Cossacks and mounted gendarmes in the courtyards of the neighboring buildings, and patroled that section with especial vigilance. The streets were crowded with persons attending to their ordinary occupations, but many of them wore bands of crepe on their arms, silent signs of sympathy with the revolutionary cause