

The Blames Railroad

General Alban Protests Against Panama Line Transporting Liberal Troops

Interior of Colombia Reported Quiet and Domestic Peace Prospects Good

But War Cloud With Venezuela Seems Gradually to Thicken

Colon, Colombia, Dec. 7.—Gen. Alban, the Colombian commander, returned here early this morning on the British cruiser Tribune from Bogota del Toro and went to Panama at 8 a.m.

A Colombian soldier who bayoneted a steward of the Tribune at Bogota del Toro, was brought to Colon and will be imprisoned at Panama for 30 days.

Many British claims for damages sustained at Bogota del Toro and elsewhere are being presented to the government.

The Colombian commander, Gen. Alban, received the following telegram from Bogota, the capital of the republic: "The country proclaims you the savior of the republic by virtue of your recent admirable triumphs."

Gen. Alban informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the authorities at Bogota notified him some days ago that all diplomatic relations between Venezuela and Colombia had been severed, thus confirming previous advices on the same subject.

Gen. Alban says he has 10,000 men in the Taohira district under Gen. Gonzalo Valencia. Colombia has a smaller force at San Cristobal under Gen. Castro.

Gen. Alban lays all the blame for the recent isthmian events on the Panama railroad. He says that the criminal bringing the enemy from Las Cascaidas to the gates of Colon, allowing the Liberal soldiers to subsequently pay their fares for the journey. The general has formally protested against this action and a law suit will follow. He further declares that the railroad's subsequent refusal to convey government troops along the line to the scene of the engagements greatly intensified the offense committed.

Gen. Alban declares that the interior of Colombia is all but quiet and that the prospects of peace throughout the republic are now very bright.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC WRECK. Engineer Killed and Fireman Injured in Oregon Accident.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7.—The Southern Pacific express which left San Francisco yesterday morning, and was wrecked here at 7:30 o'clock tonight, was wrecked near Salem this p.m. The engineer was killed and the fireman seriously injured.

CANADIAN SCHOONER LOST. Barko of Lunenburg, N. S., Lost Off Spanish Coast.

London, Dec. 7.—The British schooner Barko, Capt. Keeple, from Alicante for St. Johns, was reported on shore off Piana Island near Cape Verde, and became a wreck. The Barko registered 20 tons, and was built in 1880. She was owned by J. B. McDonald.

ROSSLAND CIVIC ELECTIONS. J. E. Clute, Jr., Nominated a Candidate for Mayorship.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 7.—At a representative meeting of the property owners last night, John S. Clute, Jr., was nominated as the candidate for mayorship on a citizens ticket. Mr. Clute is a well known lawyer and has served on the board of the council, having been chairman of the Finance and other important committees.

ROSSLAND OUTPUT. Ore Shipments For the Week Just Ended.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 7.—The output of ore from the Rossland camp for the week ending tonight was 3,700 tons, divided as follows: Le Roi, 3,700 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 1,500 tons; Rossland Great Western, 380 tons. The total output for the year to date is 270,000 tons. The shortage of cars militated strongly against the expected increase in shipments.

STAMBULOFF'S ASSASSIN. Arrest of Man Suspected of Murdering Former Bulgarian Premier.

London, Dec. 7.—The Vienna correspondent of the Central News Agency writes that the arrest at Sofia, after violent resistance, of a man named Hajju, who is alleged to be a friend of the former Premier Stambuloff. The police have been on the lookout for Hajju ever since the murder of Mr. Stambuloff, but he has only just returned to the city. Hajju emptied two revolvers at his captors, but none of the bullets took effect.

FIGHT FOR CHILD. Small Girl Taken From Mother Has Now Disappeared.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—C. H. South, secretary of the S. F. C., recently secured legal possession of the little daughter of Mrs. Nagle, the evidence satisfying the Police Magistrate that the child was being neglected owing to the wrong habits of the mother. A home was found for the child. She became attached to the family, but on being told that she would have to leave them for another home she disappeared. It is believed that the mother has spirited the child away to Seattle. The S. F. C. will again take the case into its courts.

MARRIED BY WIRE. But First Week of the Honeymoon Will Be Somewhat Lonesome.

Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 7.—Miss Maude Wilcutt stood in the telegraph office last night and became the bride of Dr. J. W. Simpson. The ceremony was witnessed by a few relatives. They were married by wire, the questions were asked from the Texas end by a justice of the peace, and were answered by Miss Wilcutt. Miss Wilcutt at present is teaching school in Butler County. She and Dr. Simpson recently met while traveling. The operator and newspaper acquaintances were the Bowling Green witnesses to the marriage. Mrs. Simpson will leave next week for Texas to join her husband.

FROZEN TO DEATH. Winnipeg Hotel-keeper Found Dead in Frozen Pool—Drownings.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7.—Peter L. Wampler, one of the best known of Winnipeg's hotel men, was found dead this morning. Drowned while walking from the Royal Hotel while in delirium last night, and fell into a pool of water, where he was found frozen to death.

Word was brought in today of two Indians being drowned at Bloodvein river, one Englishman at Commissioner Island, and two Eskimos missing. They are supposed to have been drowned. No names given.

The ice on the lake is very thin, and open water can still be seen in some parts. The funeral of the late Dean O'Meara takes place on Monday afternoon. It will be one of the largest in the history of the city.

Jos. B. Moore, of this city, has placed \$1,100,000 of five per cent. 30 year gold bonds in England. This means that the project of Gulf and Manitoba railroad from Duluth to Kansas City, a distance of 700 miles, will be constructed.

MINERS' MEETING. Decision of Amalgamated Unions at Nanaimo, Vancouver and Extension.

Nanaimo, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting of the miners here today it was decided to amalgamate the unions of Alexandria, Extension and Nanaimo. Owing to the disagreeable weather the meeting was presided over by Mr. Ralph Smith, who was not large. The union to amalgamate was carried by 181 to 29.

Miss Perdue Drinks Poison

Westminster Lady Takes an Overdose of Oil of Cedar.

Mrs. F. R. Glover Chases a Burglar—Civic Elections Create Interest.

From Our Own Correspondent. New Westminster, Dec. 7.—The sudden death of Ellen Perdue about 1 o'clock this morning was today's sensation.

The young woman, who was just 21, recently arrived in Ontario to keep house for four brothers who live here. Though out of robust health, it is supposed this was her motive in taking an overdose of oil of cedar, but whether it was an over-dose or taken in mistake for Jamaica ginger, will never be known, though the inquest may shed light on the subject on Monday.

The residence of F. R. Glover, city clerk, was broken into last evening and a number of small valuables taken. The thief's operations were interrupted by the unexpected return of Mrs. Glover, who was returning from a party with her children, none being about at the time she entered the rascal, a well-dressed individual.

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PHILIPPINE TRADE. Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—A comparative statement of the commerce of the Philippine islands for the fiscal year 1901 and 1900, prepared in the division of Insular Affairs for the War department, shows that the total value of merchandise imported during the fiscal year 1901 was \$30,274,406, as against \$29,439,494 in 1900, an increase of \$834,912. The total value of merchandise exported during the fiscal year 1901 was \$23,214,948, as against \$21,700,000 in 1900, an increase of \$1,514,948.

The value of the value-of-exports from the United States was \$2,855,985, an increase of 72.4 per cent. over the previous year, and the value of imports was \$9,956,145, increase of 76.3 per cent. over Germany, \$2,135,252, increase of 76.5 per cent. over France, \$1,683,028, increase of 24.6 per cent. over the United States was \$2,670,021, a decrease of 27 per cent. over the United States, \$1,934,256, increase 12.3 per cent.; France, \$1,934,256, increase 88.9 per cent.

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USUAL ENDING. Negro Arrested Charged With Crime Lynched by Mob.

Lake Charles, La., Dec. 7.—Saul Poydras, a negro who cut off Deputy Sheriff C. W. Richard and wife yesterday with a razor on Thursday night, was arrested yesterday near Wald, 24 miles east of this city. Poydras was brought here and the officers were about to lodge him in the parish prison, when a mob overpowered the guards, took charge of the prisoner and hanged him to an electric light pole a few rods from the court house. The lynching occurred about 2 o'clock this morning.

GRANBY SMELTER. Amount of Ore Treated in Works During the Week.

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Barrister And Judge

Chief Justice Strong Charged With Assault By an Ottawa Lawyer.

Bodies of Miss Blair and Mr. Harper Recovered From the River.

Lapline the Montreal Murderer Will Be Hanged Next Friday.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Mr. R. I. Wicksteed, a local barrister, has laid a charge of assault against Sir Henry Strong, Chief Justice of the Supreme court. He says Sir Henry used violent language to him and threatened him.

It is stated that the government has experienced difficulty over officers for the Mounted Rifles, some of the chosen are not satisfied with the rank given them.

The Board of Judges, which has been hearing appeals of the Ottawa electric and other companies has followed the decision of the Toronto board and holds that the properties must be assessed on the "scrap iron" basis.

The bodies of Miss Blair and H. A. Harper were found this morning in the Ottawa river, a few feet from where the drowning accident occurred last night. A search party was organized by Commissioner Sherwood and their efforts were rewarded about 9 o'clock. The bodies were recovered in the city from New York Avenue. Mr. Harper will be buried at Barrie, where he was born. Miss Blair's body will be interred at Beechwood cemetery on Monday.

Cabinet today decided the law must take its course in the case of Lapline, the Montreal murderer. He will be hanged next Friday.

The population of Quebec province is 1,645,772, compared with 1,488,332 in 1891. The first bulletin issued this year by the census department was 1,620,974.

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CHICAGO'S ANARCHISTS. Cheers by Big Meeting For Murder of McKinley.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—President McKinley's assassin was cheered publicly in Chicago last night. Abraham Leask, the leader of the "Free Society," and editor of the "Free Society," declared that he did not condemn the assassin's act. He said that as to personal merit he took a second place to Croggins. The confession of Isaac was accompanied by a scene of intense excitement. It was the climax of the night on Socialism vs. Anarchy, and came when the audience of over 1,000 had been aroused thoroughly by wild oratorical denunciations of "Hurr" and "Croggins" about a man in the gallery, swinging his hat above his head. Hisses and jeers, yells and applause and cat-calls came from all parts of the house. The crowd rose to its feet and a riot was only averted by the prompt action of the chairman.

LIVERPOOL EXCHANGE. Fire extinguished After Hard Work by Firemen.

Liverpool, Dec. 6.—The fire in the Liverpool Exchange buildings, which broke out this morning as the result of an explosion, was subdued after two and a half hours' work by the firemen. The Chamber of Commerce officers and the Exchange news room were chiefly affected. The damage considerable.

A case involving every cent that the British Yukon company, otherwise the White Pass & Yukon route, has taken in its freight and passenger rates since the company commenced business in 1898, will shortly be brought before the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and will in turn go through the different courts to the highest court in the land, the Imperial Privy Council. In a few days a writ will be issued against the British Yukon company, under which name the White Pass & Yukon route is incorporated in Canada, for the purpose of testing the legal position of the shippers of goods and the passengers who have paid fares on the road since it commenced business. The stand taken by the claimants, who include some of the largest shippers to the Yukon, is that the company under its charter from the Dominion government were compelled to have their rates approved by the Governor-General-in-Council. This approval, according to the claimants, was given from Ottawa, and published in the press and subsequently verified, was not obtained by the company, and, in fact, they did not forward their schedules of freight and passenger rates to the department of railways until this year. When they did so, the schedules were returned by the Minister of Railways, according to press despatches, and officials of the company are now in Ottawa trying to adjust the matter. Under these circumstances the claimants hold that they are entitled to the return of their fares and freight money and damages. It is contended by those seeking the return of passenger money that the rates according to press despatches, and officials of the company are now in Ottawa trying to adjust the matter. Under these circumstances the claimants hold that they are entitled to the return of their fares and freight money and damages. 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