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NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—M. H. Nickerson has been elected to the local house of assembly for Shelburne, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas Robertson. Andrew Robertson was nominated by the liberal convention, and he was endorsed by Hon. W. S. Fielding. M. H. Nickerson of Cape Island was nominated as an independent liberal and he was elected today with a majority of nearly 300.

NILE RESERVOIR OPENED.

ASSAUAN, Egypt, Dec. 10.—The great Nile reservoir and dam were opened today in the presence of the Khedive, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Lord Cromer, the British agent and consul general in Egypt, and Lady Cromer, the ministers and many other distinguished persons.

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DIED.

GRAHAM—In this city, on Dec. 10th, Henry Crawford Graham, infant son of George and the late Sarah Graham, aged four months and 21 days.

CUNNINGHAM—In this city, Dec. 9th, Robert Cunningham, aged 72 years.

Funeral on Friday at 2:30 p. m. from his late residence, Crown street. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

The effects of the coal strike are felt most by those who had nothing to do with the trouble. No doubt some of the miners and their families are suffering, but a fund was contributed for their benefit, and they at least can get coal at a reasonable figure. The worst of their trouble was in the warm weather. So far as the owners of the mines are concerned, they can always live in luxury. But all over the country, in the great cities, all through the winter, the very poor will suffer keenly because of the scarcity of coal. They are paying the penalty for a strike, in the beginning or ending of which they had no voice. The evidence brought out before the anthracite commission shows that the miners have not been well treated by some of the operators, and no doubt much room for improvement in their condition will be discovered before the enquiry is ended. Doubtless some illustrations of ill-advised action by the union will also appear. For none will contend that unions are infallible any more than combinations of employers. But the question that is most frequently asked by those not directly interested is whether there will be a benefit derived from the strike and the subsequent proceedings proportionate to the amount of loss and suffering entailed upon the people of the country at large. Of course there is the obvious suggestion that the occurrence of such a strike in the future should be made impossible, but if any man has a workable plan of prevention it has not yet been given to the world. Human society is stumbling dimly onward toward a better state, but the problem of a right adjustment of the relations between capital and labor is still very far from solution.

The unfortunate part of the present trouble in the coal mines is that when the men struck the effect was most keenly felt by those in their own sphere of life. The rich could get along all right; the poor, never very far from suffering, received the blow. We can but hope that it is not in vain, and that in some way, not now clear to us, the ultimate result will be for the good of all the toiling millions.

ANNALS OF THE POOR.

The amount of poverty and suffering in great cities is appalling when one learns of the extent to which assistance is rendered. In its annual report the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor states that during the year ending May 1st, 1902, it helped no less than 10,707 families in Brooklyn. It will be noted that the number indicates families—not individuals. The association, which was organized in 1843, makes no distinction of race or creed, renders help at once, and at the same time investigates each case to prevent imposture. When one thinks of over ten thousand families in one city, or a number of persons nearly equalling the total population of St. John, receiving aid of some sort from a charitable body during a single year in one city, the thought is indeed startling. The Brooklyn association will have a much more busy winter this year, because of the high price of coal and provisions.

The theory that a man must become a member of a union before he is permitted to earn a living is not one that commends itself to a free people. The individual liberty under which one set of men are free to unite themselves together ought to extend as well to those who prefer to stay out of the union. Any action taken to force a man into a union is as much an act of tyranny as would be the discharge of a man because he belonged to a union. The best way for a union to earn and hold public favor is to avoid as far as possible any action which would suggest that it is overstepping the boundaries of reason and fairplay.

The Times-Democrat of New Orleans has received from its correspondents final reports on the cotton crop of 1902. The answers state that the phenomenal lateness of frost resulted in a substantial addition to the crops and that farmers have sold pretty freely in order to discharge their pressing obligations. It is disposed to hold the remnants of the reports, as a whole, point to a slight increase over the yield of 1901. The total crop this year for the state is estimated at 11,000,000 bales.

The Montreal Transcript sends this complimentary to the Chatham Advance: The Chatham Advance editor talks swelled head, but he ought to know a little better, because he has for years past been afflicted with the largest head and the least brains of any New Brunswick politician.

VENEZUELA.

Marines Land at La Guayra to Seize Customs.

U. S. Consul Will Protect British and German Interests.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Venezuelan government communication is issued here stating that President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms against Germany and Great Britain.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 10.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas at 8 o'clock last night, when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guayra. Violent speeches were delivered at various points.

The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed the mob then moved on to the German legation, shouting "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts were made to force the doors, but the latter retreated before the mob. M. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who had been ill in bed for the past two months, and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the German consulate and to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstrators.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 10.—The combined Anglo-German fleet is entering this harbor and the first vessels are not 300 feet from the customs house. The landing of marines has begun.

CAPTURE OF VENEZUELA NAVY.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—The Venezuelan fleet was captured yesterday by ten German and four British cutters. They went alongside the Venezuelan vessels and ordered them to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the Venezuelan fleet in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the vessels, which were undergoing repairs, were broken up.

The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor, and at two o'clock this morning the General Crespo, Autumo and Margarita were sunk. In view of the protest made by the French charge d'affaires, M. Queveaux, who notified the commodore of the allied fleet that the Ossun is the property of a Frenchman.

At ten o'clock last evening 130 German sailors were landed and proceeded to Cardonal, a suburb of La Guayra, in which is situated the residence of the German consul, Lents, whom with his family they escorted back to La Guayra and placed on the warship Vineta. On their way back to this port the German sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers, but no collision took place.

At five o'clock this morning a landing party of 30 British seamen went to the British consulate and conducted the British consul, R. Schunck, and his family on board the Retribution. The German and British residents at La Guayra have also been arrested, with the exception of Messrs. Fieldwick, Prince and Le Page, the English directors of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their houses and who were today rescued by the allied forces and taken on board the Retribution.

No one here can explain the action of the allied powers in taking action without giving Venezuela time to reply to the note.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Quall arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The German cruiser Panther left this morning in the direction of Curapano, and the German cruiser Fluke has sailed for Puerto Cabello on a search for the remainder of the Venezuelan fleet. It is believed that the "British cruiser" is preferable to her way to the Venezuelan port of Guanta, the port of Barcelona, where of the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador is now lying.

Troops are expected here from Caracas, as the government is credited with the intention of repulsing any attack by the allied forces.

All the banks and stores here are closed. Great excitement prevails in the population fears that the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessels tonight.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 10.—The commander of the Charybdis sent an order and thirty men with a letter to the captain of the Bolivar, informing him that he must leave the harbor of Port of Spain without British permission. He further intimated that resistance would be useless, whereupon Lieut. Hurtado, on behalf of the captain of the Bolivar, who was absent, surrendered, and the commander of the Charybdis placed a crew aboard the Bolivar. The officers of the Venezuelan gunboat accepted an offer to land here.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The naval plans of Germany and Great Britain provide for the patrolling of the Venezuelan coast by launches in order to prevent smuggling and for the blockade of the Venezuelan ports where the customs houses have not been taken over. In order to prevent vessels avoiding the ports occupied by the allies.

Official suggestions supplied to the German newspapers and to the English correspondents here, lay stress on the fact that the United States has undertaken to safeguard diplomatically the German and British residents in Venezuela until the dispute is settled. Consequently any affront offered to the resident Germans and Britishers which is not in accordance with international usage, such as an arbitrary arrest, will be an affront to the United States and would cause that power to protest. It is this consideration which makes the German foreign office doubt the reported arrests at Caracas.

The foreign office tonight is still without any official advice from La Guayra of more recent date than Monday night, though the newspapers have received telegrams dated Tuesday.

The German government's reply to President Castro's complaint that the ultimatum were delivered irregularly on a holiday at the private residence of the Venezuelan foreign minister, is that President Castro was informed that the ultimatum might be expected and Germany and Great Britain being unwilling to delay action any longer, the ultimatum was presented Sunday at the foreign minister's private house, as his office was closed on that day.

VENEZUELA PROTESTS.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Venezuelan government communication to its representative here protests that Great Britain and Germany, acting in concert, have committed an act of hostility in a manner as arbitrary as it is unprecedented by the seizure of Venezuelan vessels lying at La Guayra. The communication says that indignation in Venezuela is at its highest pitch and the government is resorting to justifiable reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the railways and other undertakings belonging to them. At the same time, adds the communication, President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms. He has decreed a general amnesty for all political offenses and has ordered the restitution of the confiscated property of Venezuelan citizens.

CAPTURE AND BLOCKADE.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Charybdis seized the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar in this harbor last night. She landed the Bolivar's officers here while the British sloop Alert took the crew of the captured gunboat to the port of Guayra, on the Venezuelan coast opposite to the island of Trinidad.

The British torpedo boat destroyer, Quall, has sailed with instruction to capture the Venezuelan war vessel now engaged in blockading the mouth of the Orinoco.

The entire coast of Venezuela from the Orinoco River to La Guayra will be blockaded from today by British warships, while the Venezuelan coast from La Guayra to the Colombian frontier will be blockaded by German war vessels.

UNCLE SAM'S PART.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Minister Bowen at Caracas, has cabled the state department confirmation of the Associated Press report that the British minister and the German charge d'affaires, withdrew from Caracas yesterday after presenting an ultimatum.

Before they left these officials requested Mr. Bowen to take charge of the interests of their countries in Venezuela. This request will be granted as there is no warrant for a declaration in such of the U. S. legation at Caracas will extend protection to the British and German residents.

ITALY ACTS.

ROME, Dec. 10.—The government has instructed the commander of the Italian third-class cruiser, Giovanni Bausan, which arrived at La Guayra yesterday to fully protect Italian subjects in Venezuela; to take them aboard or if necessary to land blue jackets for their protection.

BRITISH AND GERMAN ARREST.

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 10.—The excitement was still intense at Caracas when at ten o'clock at night the government ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents. One hour later 205 persons of prominent in the social and commercial life of the city, were crowded together in the police station. All the British residents were arrested, except Albert Cherry, of the Venezuela British-owned central railway, and Mr. Wallace manager of the telephone company, who escaped to a place of safety.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German Consul Valentine Blohm and Herr Knoop, manager of the German Central Railway. Herr Simms, chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police near Bolivar Square and also arrested. Amid cries of "Death to the Germans," and "Down with the foreigners," the police directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the hotel Klindt and the German Club, vociferating and offering insults. The Belgian charge d'affaires, F. J. S. Goffart, was arrested by mistake for a German, because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the police station but was released ten minutes later.

On learning of these incidents U. S. Minister Bowen and Secretary Russell went at once to see President Castro and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, M. von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician and Consul Valentine Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of the Venezuelan government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio. The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to Labarra and on the German Central Railway from Caracas to Valencia. The populace is still intensely excited and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

ELECTION DECLARED VOID.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The St. James division protested election case came to a sudden end this morning when Chief Justice Tait and Judge Lorangette intimated that they did not require to hear any more evidence, but had sufficient on which to declare the election void. The prosecution asked for delay until Friday to decide as to what should be done towards asking for the personal disqualification of the parties concerned in the frauds. This the court granted.

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BOARD OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

The December meeting of the Board of Associated Charities was held yesterday, President Fisher in the chair. Mrs. Hall reported that 35 applications for information or help had been made during last month. Of these 25 were requests from affiliated churches and societies for information concerning applicants to them. All these cases were investigated. Out of fifteen who applied for work, other than domestic, ten had been supplied with employment. There was also difficulty in finding places for all who desired domestic service, but in one or two cases applicants had not gone to the places to which they were sent, and where they were sure of employment. Ten applicants for relief were assisted through some one of the charitable agencies. The case of one child who was neglected by his parents was brought to the attention of the Alms House Commissioners, who took care of him. Several churches and some private individuals have taken advantage of the opportunity to purchase coal for the poor on the terms arranged by the Associated Charities committee. Much the largest quantity has been distributed by the W. C. T. U.

P. E. ISLAND ELECTIONS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—The result of the two by elections for the Prince Edward Island legislature on Tuesday was not known till today, owing to the storm and impassable roads. Full returns show that both districts are elected by a small majority. This reduces the ministerial party in the house to 20 and gives the opposition 10.

Both districts were held by liberals before. Cardigan district, Kings Co., was open owing to the death of Hon.

Malcolm McDonald and he is now succeeded by Lawyer Morson of Charlottetown. The other district, West River, was held by Farquharson, once the liberal premier, and now member of the house of commons, who resigned a year ago and whose seat has since been vacant.

THE TWO SOULS OF ALCOHOL AND MORPHINE

(From London, Eng., Times and Opinion.) A recent remarkable discovery in medicine which has been found to annihilate the appetite for alcoholic drinks and all drugs, even in the most hopeless case, is attracting a good deal of attention among those interested in temperance work. The medicine is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless and absolutely free from narcotics. It leaves no evil after-effects and can be carried in the pocket and taken in absolute privacy, thus dispensing with the publicity, loss of time and expense of an institute treatment.

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Full particulars regarding this medicine can be obtained by writing to Mr. Dixon, No. 81 Wilketts street, Toronto, Canada.

ELECT OFFICERS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association was held tonight. W. B. Arthur was elected president. The new vice president for New Brunswick is Henry Thomas. The treasurer's statement shows an increase in the funds of \$2,602. The total resources now amount to \$24,606. The membership is 518.