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(Chicago Tribune.)
What on earth are you doing in here, Tommy? asked his mother, peering into the darkness of the henhouse, whence had been coming for five minutes or more a series of dismal squawking, accompanied by a loud rattling of wings.
"I am trying," said Tommy, who seemed to be doing something with a knotted rope, to fix this rooster so his alarm won't go off before seven o'clock tomorrow morning."

ILL IN THE SOUTH.
J. A. Likely received a telegram yesterday to the effect that his son Gordon Likely is quite ill in Apalachicola, Florida. In response to the telegram Mr. Likely left for the south last evening. Gordon has been there for some time in the employ of Coombs & Co., a large lumber concern.

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VENEZUELA.

Sensational Rumor About United States Intervention.

German Comment on the Situation —Complaint That There is Misrepresentation.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—Signor De Riva has been instructed by his government to present to the government of Venezuela Italy's demand for the immediate payment of \$542,000 to meet the Italian claims arising from former revolutions, in the form of an ultimatum. As it is known that the Venezuelan government cannot pay the amount demanded, the communication to the ministers includes orders to leave Caracas at once. The ultimatum from Italy is couched in stronger terms than those used in the ultimatums presented to Venezuela by Great Britain and Germany. Italy will take part in future demonstrations against Venezuela. The interests of Italy in Venezuela will be placed in the hands of United States Minister Bowen.

REVOLUTIONISTS ACTIVE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Senor Rojas, agent in the island of the Venezuelan revolutionists, according to the Herald's Port of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent, denies the report that they have joined common cause with Castro against the allies. On the contrary, according to reports received, the government troops under Gen. Veluzita have twice been routed by the revolutionists, first at Guara and later at El Chicon, where they were completely routed and fled in disorder. Moreover it is reported from Alta Gracia that General Rolando, at the head of six thousand revolutionists, is marching on Caracas with the object of capturing the city and overthrowing Castro. The rebels in Trinidad believe that if Rolando's movement proves successful he will elect a new president who will treat with England and Germany and thus quickly end the difficulty.

GERMAN COMMENT.
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The foreign office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita Island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur. The foreign office officials allege that a systematic effort apparently is being made to represent Germany as the propelling power in the coercion of Venezuela and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say, the bombardment of the forts at Jorto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the foreign office admitted, and regards as a reservation that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the Topase being a British ship. The German commander participated in the firing as a loyal ally. The German government is not insisting on more severe measures than those originally contemplated, and regards the sinking of the "two diminutive, wholly unseaworthy craft" as an insignificant incident.

Germany and Great Britain are still considering President Castro's arbitration proposition, but the deliberations have not yet reached a stage where the results can be published. The Berlin newspapers today print from Kiel a statement that the German cruisers Ariadne, Amazon and Niobe are again being fitted for departure to Venezuela, but the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed officially that no such orders have been given and that it will depend later upon the demand of the blockade whether additional vessels will be sent.

A YELLOW JOURNAL SCARE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Secretary Hay has called Ambassador Tower at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German government to define for this country exactly what is meant by "peaceful blockade." Although it has not yet been put into public expression the United States government contends that there is no such thing as a peaceful blockade. If a state of war does not exist the Washington government will contend at the proper time that the United States ships must be allowed to pass. The test will come when the H. D. steamer Caracas arrives at the Gulf, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other shipping stations will also demand to go through and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce. If Germany insists on its rights to blockade peaceably and refuses to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convey the American ships through the German and English lines. Admiral Dewey has been told to keep his fleet together. The reason the United States government makes this demand of Germany is because it has in writing, in black and white, the full statement of Germany's intentions to Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The diplomats of that country were shrewd enough to make a verbal statement of intent. The administration is waiting Germany's answer with some anxiety. The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

BALFOUR SAYS IT IS WAR.
LONDON, Dec. 17.—In the course of a long statement in the house of commons today, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a peaceful blockade. A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers.
Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite occurred with reference to the arbitration proposal since his previous statement on the subject.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

No New Cases—Immigrants Not Yet Taken to Island.

First and Second Cabin Passengers Will Probably be Released in a Day or Two.

No further symptoms of smallpox have been found on the quarantined steamer Lake Champlain, though Dr. March, the quarantine physician, to whose vigilance the discovery of the first case was due, is watching with anxious care every person who has been exposed to the contagion.

Everyone on board has been vaccinated, and each day the doctor goes through the whole list, examining each person's progress and watching for the possible development of symptoms of the disease. So far it has been impossible to move any of the immigrants from the ship to Partridge Island, on account of the high wind and the unwillingness of the immigrants to be exposed to the slightest unnecessary risk. When the process of removing the steerage passengers is begun all those who have been accommodated forward of the bridge and have been exposed to the disease will be taken to the island. The tug Neptune yesterday afternoon conveyed to the quarantine ship a couple of tons of potatoes, 1,500 loaves of bread, a large quantity of meat and other things needed by the thousand passengers.

It is probable that the first and second cabin passengers, who have not in any way been exposed, will be released within a day or two, even if the weather meanwhile does not admit of the removal of the immigrants. All have been vaccinated and if the operation is successful the quarantine authorities think that no risk would be run by allowing them to proceed.

The length of the time the ship will be detained in quarantine depends largely upon the weather. As soon as it is possible to remove the immigrants to the island the fumigation of the ship will at once be proceeded with. It is probable that the crew will be kept on board while this is going on, though this has not yet been decided upon. The Champlain has a lot of oranges and other perishable goods for western ports. These things are required for the Christmas trade and the merchants are in communication with the government seeking the shipment of these goods as soon as they are disinfected. The quarantine officials are anxious to accommodate the shipping people and the merchants, but to do anything that shall expose the city to the slightest risk. By taking every precaution it is probable that the ship will be released in a week or two if no further cases break out.

The buildings at the island are not yet in condition to accommodate those who will be sent there. The heating apparatus in the hospital and in the smaller immigration building is all right, and a sufficiently warm room will be provided for the women and children. But if fortune ordains that the men shall get to the island today or tomorrow they will probably catch cold, for the piping in the large immigration building is out of order, and the island staff are working diligently, and today two plumbers went down. It is hoped that the repairs may be finished today.

PERSONAL.

P. A. Macgowan, of Moncton, arrived in St. John today.
W. J. Hennessey, of Calais, is in town.
F. B. Carvell, of Woodstock, is in the city today.
C. E. Phillips, of Halifax, came over on the early train this morning.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cochlan, of Montreal, are guests of W. E. Scully, of West End. Mr. Cochlan is here in connection with the coming cattle shipments.

Capt. C. C. Taylor and Thomas P. Taylor of Sheffield, came to the city yesterday on business. They will conclude the season's business of the Star Line Steamship Co. and probably return home the latter part of this week.
J. A. Likely has received word of the serious illness of his son, Gordon, in Florida, and left last evening. Mrs. Likely was not strong enough to go. Miss Maud Deinstand, daughter of Rev. T. J. Deinstand, who is a nurse in New York, has been sent for to attend him.
Attorney-General Pugsley, who has been in New York for some weeks enjoying a vacation, left yesterday for Quebec.
J. Roy Campbell went to Fredericton last evening.
A. Stanley McLean, formerly clerk of the Dufferin, and wife left last evening by the Maritime express on a trip to Quebec and Montreal.

Miss Lizzie Calson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Dever, North End, returned to St. George yesterday.
John Allen, the energetic president of St. Vincent de Paul conference, who has been confined to his house the past two weeks with a cold, was down town for the first time on Monday.
Charles Magee, president of the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company, Ottawa, who has been in the city several days on business, returned home last evening.
Rev. F. J. Steen, of Montreal, who recently lectured in this city, is seriously ill at his home.
Mrs. Fred K. Smith, of Boston, and sister, Miss Estella Gleason, who has been visiting here, arrived in the State of Maine to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. A. Gleason, of Carmarthen street.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

No Facilities to Land Passengers at Partridge Island,

Nor Keep Them Warm When They Are Able to go Down.

The steamer Lake Champlain lies out in the harbor with about 800 immigrants huddled in her small pox infected steerage and liable to be kept there actively exposed to the contagion of the disease for some days longer. The immediate reason for this state of affairs is the fact that the wind and sea make the towing of hundreds of panic stricken and ignorant foreigners over a mile or two of rough water in a scow a feat so dangerous that even in the face of existing conditions the quarantine officials refuse to take the risk. As long as the present weather conditions continue they must remain on board that ship, while every day's delay means enormous expense to the shipping men and to the government, and great risk to all who are so detained.

But the real reason for this delay is the gross negligence of a government that in face of repeated reports from its officials here, has denied to this port accommodations possessed by every quarantine station on the Atlantic coast. In Halifax, as in every other Canadian station of the kind, wharfage is provided in connection with the quarantine station, so that people from infected ships may be landed at any time without risk to themselves or danger of carrying the contagion to anyone else. St. John is entirely lacking in such facilities.

The blue books show that Dr. March, the present quarantine physician, has repeatedly in his regular reports recommended the erection either of a suitable wharf at Partridge Island for the docking of any kind of ships or the building of a dam or breakwater across the west channel making a harbor at the inner side of the island, where vessels could lie and disembark people or goods safely. But beyond their acknowledgments no attention whatever has been paid to the recommendation. The facilities have been allowed to remain in the present utterly inadequate condition with the result seen in the harbor today. The government takes the risk, the shipping people bear the direct expense largely and the port suffers.

It was with a full knowledge of the government's neglect, and of the conditions existing, that the Telegraph this morning delivered itself of the following highly appropriate witticism: "It looks like an unusually merry Christmas on Partridge Island."

THE STRIKERS WON.

After Six Months Struggle With Telephone Company.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A special to the Tribune from Des Moines, Iowa, says: The strike of the telephone operators of Des Moines, which has been in progress about six months, was settled last night by representatives of the company and of the trade and labor assembly. The telephone girls are to be paid wages fifteen per cent. in excess of the union scale and all of the girls who struck are to be taken back. The company further agrees not to in any way discriminate against the strikers. The injunction suit to restrain the representatives of union labor from boycotting the company is to be dismissed.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Transmitted From China and Japan to Honolulu.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Advice just received from Honolulu say China and Japan are responsible for the cases of plague recently appearing there, says a special to the Chronicle from San Francisco. A number of Japanese on nearby plantations were taken with the plague and died in hospital in Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made but no trace of the germ was discovered. Some of the Japanese food found in the house has been examined and shows a trace of the plague germs, and further examination made of oriental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct. It was learned also that the food stuffs had been imported at San Francisco and reshipped to Honolulu.

A TOWN DESTROYED.

The Result of an Earthquake in Turkestan

ASKABAD, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 16.—The town of Andijan, Ferghana government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake today. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in Numagellan and surrounding villages, and the railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to Andijan. Andijan is a town of Russian Central Asia, 73 miles from Khokand. It had a population of about 20,000.

THIS EVENING.

Van Hoose at the Opera House.
Cello recital at York Theatre.
Lecture in Victoria street F. B. Church by Rev. C. T. Phillips, on What the Deacon Said.
Meeting of Court Martello, I. O. F., for election of officers.
Carpenters' Union meets in Sons of England hall.

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WELL PAID MINERS.

Make Their Little Daughters Work All Night.
SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 16.—When the coal strike commission met Tuesday Chairman Gray opened the proceedings by saying that the commissioners were impressed with the spectacles of the little girls who were before the commission Monday and testified that they worked all night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the legislature of Pennsylvania seriously consider the enactment of a law which will forbid the employment of children at night.
At the suggestion of the commission the statement of the wages of the fathers of two of the girls were presented. One earned more than \$1,000 last year and the other over \$900.

SMALLPOX AT BUCTOUCHE.

A number of students from Buctouche and the vicinity at the Normal School have received letters from their homes asking them to make them serious doubts as to whether they will get home to spend their holidays or not. Smallpox has broken out quite extensively in Buctouche and twenty-nine houses are quarantined and many more are likely to be. The smallpox is not of a serious nature, however, and it is being grappled with by the county board of health.—Gleaner