

# DUTCH SEIZE VESSEL

## Venezuelan Ship Towed into Port

### PRIZE CARRIED DUTCH FLAG

The Gelderland Steams Into the Harbor of Williamstad Towing the Venezuelan Coastguard Ship Alex Flying the Dutch Flag and Sporting a Dutch Crew.

Williamstad, Island of Curacao, Special.—The Dutch cruiser Gelderland came into this port Sunday morning towing the Venezuela coast-guard ship Alex with the Dutch flag flying and a Dutch crew on board. The Gelderland captured the Alex off Puerto Cabello on Saturday. At that time the Alex was lying close inshore and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezuelan government had made to fire upon any of the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at full speed towards the guard ship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. No shots came from the Alex on land.

The crew of the Alex was put ashore and the Dutch officer and marines remained on board, the Gelderland finally taking the Alex in tow and steaming away with her prize.

The seizure of the Alex was in accordance with the plans of the Holland government when instructions were issued to the three Dutch warships now in these waters to make a demonstration off the coast of Venezuela and to capture any Venezuelan ships of war of guard vessels that they might find.

The people of Curacao are greatly rejoiced. The Governor of Curacao said:

"The capture of our warships of coast guards and war vessels is not to be considered an unfriendly act against the Venezuelans. It is merely a reprisal against Castro's government which refuses to give satisfaction for his unfriendly acts toward Holland."

It is learned from the officers of the Gelderland that the battleship Jacob Van Hemskerk and the cruiser Friesland are now off La Guayra and that further captures may be expected at any time.

### Taft's View of McKimley.

New York, Special.—President-elect William H. Taft, speaking Sunday night at the dedication of a McKinley memorial organ in Metropolitan Temple, told to the audience the story of his official association with the late President, and declared with reference to the Philippine Islands that the policy laid down by Mr. McKinley in 1900 had been the policy of the present as it will be the policy of his own administration in the White House. Mr. Taft will remain here until Thursday, when he leaves for Augusta, Ga., to spend the five weeks preceding his proposed departure to the Panama canal.

### American Railway Company Asks For a Charter.

Hawkinsville, Ga., Special.—Charter was applied for by a local attorney on behalf of interested parties for a charter for "The American Railway Company," which proposes building a line from Abbeville, Ga., to Winchester, in Macon county, Ga., via Hawkinsville and Grovania. The proposed road will traverse one of the richest farming sections of the State. It will tap the Seaboard at Abbeville and the Gulf line at Hawkinsville. Work will begin at once, it is stated.

### Crooked Wisconsin Banker Sentenced

Milwaukee, Wis., Special.—John F. Schulte, aged 38, former paying teller of the First National Bank of Racine, was sentenced to five years at Fort Leavenworth by Judge Quarles. Schulte embezzled \$15,000, pleaded guilty and asked for leniency. Five years is the minimum penalty. Schulte was arrested at Cleveland on July 7.

### Mail Carrier Badly Hurt.

Spartanburg, Special.—Jesse L. Wood, a well known letter carrier, was thrown from his buggy early Sunday morning and seriously injured. The horse Mr. Wood was driving took fright on east Main street, just in front of the First Presbyterian church. He was thrown violently to the sidewalk and knocked unconscious. When taken to his home it was discovered that three of his ribs had been broken and one of his shoulders terribly injured. He is threatened with pneumonia, which makes his condition trebly worse.

### Ohio Congressman Critically Ill.

Wooster, O., Special.—The man found unconscious in the chair car of a Pennsylvania westbound train here Sunday and taken to a local hospital was later identified as Congressman Grant E. Mouser, of the Marion, O., district. Physicians declare he is suffering from uraemic poisoning and acute congestion of the kidneys.

# ARE HOSTILE TO CASTRO

## Decree of Acting President Gomez Placing Venezuela in a State of Defense Brings Forth a Big Demonstration Against Castro.

Caracas, Venezuela, By Cable.—The news of the capture of the Venezuelan coast-guard ship Alex by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland last Saturday became known in Caracas Monday morning. A big crowd at once assembled in the plaza bolivar and demonstrated in support of the government.

A decree issued by Acting President Gomez places the republic in a state of defense.

A crowd of citizens, including a large number of students, went to the office of El Constitucional, the organ of President Castro, and indulged in a demonstration. The feeling of this crowd was plainly hostile to Castro and to the steps taken by Gomez. A pitched battle ensued between the employees of the paper and the crowd on the streets. Many shots were exchanged, and the fighting lasted for five minutes. Several men were wounded and one has since died. The police were summoned and when they appeared on the scene armed with rifles the crowd dispersed.

The captain of the Alex, who came ashore at Puerto Cabello, has sent up to Caracas the communication he received from the Dutch officer who came on board the Gelderland. The note is as follows: On Board the Cruiser Gelderland, Dec. 12th.

"Her Majesty, the Queen of Holland, has given orders for her warships temporarily to sequester and embargo all Venezuelan government vessels. This is a retaliatory measure. We demand that you lower your flag and surrender your ship and your persons to the commander of the Gelderland. All resistance will be useless. If you resist the result will be the loss of your vessel and death to many of you."

"SECOND LIEUTENANT BOINAR. Acting President Gomez issued a decree in which he relates the capture of the Alex, after which he declares:

"I consider these acts a true invasion of Venezuelan territory and an aggression against the Venezuelan government. They constitute a grave offense. The national sovereignty is threatened, and the territorial integrity, honor and dignity of the fatherland is in danger."

"I decree the nation in a state of defense, and consequently the Executive assumes and will exercise the extraordinary faculties conferred upon him by section VIII of article LXXX of the Venezuelan constitution."

The news that Venezuela had been placed in a state of national defense against Holland ran through the city like wildfire, and in a few moments there was an enormous crowd in front of the Yellow House, the Executive mansion, to greet Acting President Gomez.

Speeches were made demanding that all political prisoners be set at liberty and that the existing government monopolies be abolished. The threatened danger from without had a double effect on the people; they demanded measures of protection, but at the same time they insisted upon the termination of one of the most unpopular curses of the Castro administration, the maintenance of government monopolies in the necessities of life.

Foreign Minister Paul replied on behalf of the acting President. He exhorted the people to trust Gomez to solve the difficult problem confronting Venezuela today, and to help him carry his burden of tremendous responsibility.

The hostile demonstration at the offices of El Constitucional is an evidence of the unpopularity of President Castro.

### Bill to Condemn Land at Cape Henry.

Washington, Special.—The acquisition by condemnation of 1,280 acres of land at Cape Henry, Va., for fortification and coast defense purposes is the object of a bill introduced by Representative Maynard, of Virginia. This purchase was recommended in the annual report of the Secretary of War twenty-two years ago.

### The Squadron Preparing to Leave For Guantanamo.

Norfolk, Special.—The battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron, with Rear Admiral Arnold aboard, arrived in Hampton Roads Monday, where the warships that will go to Guantanamo for target practice and then to Havana for the inauguration of President Gomez, will rendezvous. The Maine will be joined in Hampton Roads Wednesday by the cruiser North Carolina and later by the Montana, both now here. Other vessels to come here are the Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Chester, Salem and Birmingham.

### Government's Profit on Small Coins.

Washington, Special.—The government made a profit during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1908, of \$10,541,371 on the coinage of silver and nickel and one cent bronze pieces. This represents the difference between the price paid by the government for the metals and their coinage value. Director of the Mint Frank A. Leach, gives these figures in his annual report.

# THE N. C. CONFERENCE

## Interesting Session Held at Durham Winds up With the Reading of the Appointments.

Durham, Special.—The session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, closed here Monday afternoon with the reading of the appointments. The next session will be held at Raleigh.

### Raleigh District.

R. B. John, Presiding Elder. Raleigh—Edenton Street, F. M. Shamburger; J. O. Guthrie, supernumerary; Central, L. B. Jones; Jenkins Memorial and Apex, J. H. Bufaloe; Epworth, P. D. Woodall. Cary—J. D. Pegram. Clayton—G. B. Starling. Smithfield—J. M. Culbreth. Selma and Princeton—W. H. Puckett.

Kenly—C. B. Culbreth. Zebulon—A. D. Wilcox. Millbrook—G. T. Simmons. Youngsville—D. B. Parker. Franklinton—N. E. Coltrane. Louisburg—F. A. Bishop. Tar River—G. W. Starling. Granville—C. W. Robinson. Oxford—L. S. Massey. Oxford Circuit—A. S. Barnes. Director Correspondence Schools—J. L. Cummings. Raleigh Christian Advocate—T. N. Ivey, editor. Methodist Orphanage—J. N. Cole, Supr.

### Durham District.

J. B. Hurley, Presiding Elder. Durham—Trinity, G. T. Adams; Memorial, M. Bradshaw; Carr church, J. A. Dailly; Branson, J. C. Foney Duval; Mangum, H. E. Spence; West Durham, W. F. Constable. Durham Circuit—G. W. Fisher. Chapel Hill—W. R. Revall. Hillsboro—N. M. MacFarland. Mount Tabor—J. B. Thompson. Leasburg—N. C. Yearby. Roxboro—J. A. Hornaday. Milton—W. T. Usry. Vanceville—C. B. Ross. Polham and Shady Grove—S. S. Nicks.

Burlington—E. M. Saipes. Burlington Circuit—C. O. Durant. East Burlington, Graham and Haw River—C. T. Vickers. Alamance—C. M. Lance. Trinity College—J. C. Kilgo, president. Trinity Park School—H. M. North, headmaster. Student in Trinity College—T. G. Vickers. Secretary in Trinity Y. M. C. A.—P. A. Barnett. Professor in Trinity Park High School—W. A. Stanbury. Conference Sunday school secretary—W. B. Reed.

### Fayetteville District.

J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder. Fayetteville—Hay Street, L. E. Thompson. Fayetteville Circuit—A. L. Ormand. Hope Mills—T. H. Sutton. Colesburg—N. M. McDonald. Sampson Circuit—N. H. Guyton. Bladen—O. W. Doub. Buckhorn—E. R. Welch. Dunn—A. J. Parker. Duke—J. M. Daniel. Newton Grove—J. J. Porter. Pittsboro—R. A. Royall. Haw River—L. M. Chafin. Goldston—J. W. Hovle. Cauley—H. M. Eure. Elate—E. N. Harrison. Sanford—R. W. Bailey. Jonesboro—L. H. Joyner. Lillington—W. C. Martin. Selzer City—E. B. Craven.

### Rockingham District.

W. H. Moore, Presiding Elder. Rockingham—J. E. Underwood. Pockrell—J. M. Ashby. Richmond—A. J. Groves. Mount Gilead—J. A. Lee. Pekin—N. L. Seabolt. Troy—T. J. Da'lev. Montgomery—Suppld by G. H. Givens. Aberdeen and Biscoe—D. N. Cavi.

### Hamlet District.

Hamlet—H. A. Humble. Laurel Hill—D. A. Watkins. St. John and Gibson—L. L. Nash. Laurinburg—N. H. D. Wilson. Raeford—J. W. Bradley. Maxton and Caledonia—A. P. Tyer. Red Springs—S. A. Cotton. Rowland—S. B. McCall. Lumberton—E. M. Hoyle. Elizabeth—F. D. Nobitt. Robeson—C. W. Smith. East Robeson—W. A. Jenkins. Agent of North Carolina College—Facid McWhorter.

### Wilmington District.

W. L. Cunningham, Presiding Elder. Wilmington—Grace, T. A. Smoot. Fifth Street, K. D. Holmes; Blader Street, W. E. Hocutt; Trinity, W. L. Rexford. Scott's Hill—C. T. Rogers. New River—T. J. Browning. Onslow—J. T. Stanford. Swansboro—W. E. Brown. Jacksonville and Richards—J. C. Wheeler. Kenansville—J. M. Lowder. Burgaw—J. J. Baker. Magnolia—Y. E. Wright.

### Clinton District.

Clinton—W. E. Merritt. Whiteville and Vineland—D. C. Goddie. Chadburn and Bolton—C. E. Vale. Coahburn—Suppld by F. M. Eare. Carver's Creek—J. M. Marlowe (suppld). Mount Tabor—L. E. Sawyer. Shallotte—Suppld by G. C. Ellers. Town Creek—Suppld by T. H. Bane. Southport—G. D. Langston.

### Washington District.

A. McCullen, Presiding Elder. Washington—M. T. Plyler. Bath—F. E. Dixon. Aurora—C. R. Canipe. Swan Quarter—W. F. Sandford. Mattamuskeet—R. R. Grant. Fairfield—J. L. Rumley. Greenville—J. H. Shore. Vanceboro—Suppld by E. D. Dodd. Ayden—J. B. Bridges. Farmville—W. A. Forbes. Robersonville—Suppld by J. C. Reynolds.

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R. F. Bumpass, Presiding Elder. Bethel—J. W. Autrey. Rocky Mount—D. H. Tuttle. South Rocky Mount and Marvin—H. E. Tripp. Springhope and Mount Pleasant—B. E. Stanfield. Stanhope—H. P. Reid. Elm City—R. E. Hunt. Wilson—G. F. Smith. Stantonsburg—J. W. Martin. Freemont—B. H. Black. Pinetop—H. E. Lacey. State Organizer Anti-Saloon League—R. L. Davis. Missionary Secretary—R. H. Willis. Nashville—E. G. Sell.

### Newbern District.

R. F. Bumpass, Presiding Elder. Newbern—Centenary, R. C. Beaman. Goldsboro—St. Paul's, E. H. Davis; St. John, J. H. Frizzle. Goldsboro Circuit—J. M. Carraway. Mount Olive and Faison—E. E. Rice. Mount Olive Circuit—R. F. Taylor. La Grange—J. J. Boone. Hockertown—M. D. Giles. Snow Hill—G. B. Perry. Kinston—F. D. Swindell. Dover—M. W. Dargan. Grifton—L. B. Pattishall. Bridgeton—J. M. Wright. Jones—Phillip Greening. Pamlico—F. T. Fulcher. Oriental—G. B. Webster. Carylet—A. A. Futrell. Morehead City—L. P. Howard. Beaufort—J. H. McCracken. Atlantic—F. S. Jenkins. Straits—W. J. Watson. Ocracoke and Portsmouth—R. D. Daniels.

### Warrenton District.

W. S. Rone, Presiding Elder. Warrenton—W. W. Resc. Warren—E. C. Thompson. Ridgeway—B. C. Aldridge. Henderson—First church, R. C. Craven. North and South Henderson—Suppld by W. B. Humble. Littleton—B. H. Broome. Weldon—S. E. Merce. Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary—W. A. Piland. Roanoke—J. T. Draper. Enfield and Halifax—J. E. Holden. Eatonton and Whitakers—W. Y. Everton. Scotland Neck—C. A. Jones. Hobbocod—W. F. Galloway. Williamston and Hamilton—C. L. Reed.

Garysburg—D. L. Eardhardt. Northampton—J. C. Humble. Rich Square—W. F. Craven. Conway—S. T. Moyle. Murfreesboro—L. B. Singleton. Hargettsville—J. P. Pate. Bertie—J. C. Johnson. Littleton Female College—J. M. Rhodes, president. Elizabeth City District. J. H. Hall, Presiding Elder. Elizabeth City—First church, J. D. Bunday; City Road, W. E. McRae. Pasquotank—J. Y. Old. Camden—C. P. Jerome. Moyoek—S. J. Kilpatrick. Currituck—F. M. Jackson. North Gates—G. P. Robeson. Gates—Rufus Bradley. Perquimans—J. H. M. Giles. Hertford—T. A. Sikes. Edenton—J. W. Potter. Chowan—William Towe. Plymouth—J. E. Martin. Roper—J. M. Fenson. Tautog and Bellhaven—W. F. Jones. Columbia—A. W. Priece. Dare—R. A. Byron. Roanoke Island—W. H. Brown. Kitty Hawk—Suppld by J. M. Watson. Kennekeet—Suppld by R. L. Beasley. Hatteras—W. E. Trotman. Transferred—N. M. Watson to the Holston Conference; W. O. Routh, and F. S. Love to the Western North Carolina Conference; L. E. Bridges to the Florida Conference.

### To Beautify the City of Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—With W. T. Roney president and Miss Isabelle Brown treasurer, a new organization to be known as the Salisbury Civic League was formed. The object of the new organization is to beautify the city by improving lawns, streets, sidewalks, planting shade trees and improving the appearance of the city in other ways. A number of leading citizens, including Mayor A. H. Boyden, have joined the league, and its work will be vigorously prosecuted.

### Greensboro Revenue Agency to Be Discontinued.

Greensboro, N. C., Special.—January 1st, the day that State prohibition goes into effect, the office of the United States revenue agent here will be discontinued. North Carolina and Virginia will be divided into two divisions, with a portion of each State in each division, with headquarters at Richmond, under Revenue Agent W. H. Chapman, and at Asheville, under Revenue Agent H. B. Sams.

### Male servants in the Argentine.

Male servants in the Argentine capital get 66 cents to \$2.50 a day and female help 49 cents to \$1.12.

# HOLT'S SLAYER CAUGHT

## Well-Known Citizens of Durham Taken into Custody For Assassination of Engineer Fred Holt.

Durham, N. C., Special.—The arrest of Reuben Barbee here for the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt last week, almost demoralized the lay visitors to the Methodist Conference and in a few minutes the news had spread all over the city.

Barbee was arrested Friday afternoon by a policeman for being drunk and that circumstance started the story of his connection with the crime. As a matter of fact, this step had been contemplated several days with accumulating evidence tending to show unfavorably against the Durham man. Barbee himself has exhibited an interest in the crime, not altogether characteristic, and this week said he had found the murderer who he designated as Robert Golden, a colored helper at the coal chute. Reuben mentioned the single-barreled gun as evidence and said he wanted but little more evidence to cinch the reward. There are other stories that in his cups he has said he has killed four men and followed none to the grave. That record is supposed to be true, but Barbee never suffered for any crime.

The circumstances upon which the arrest was made are these: Barbee has been for years at loggerheads with the Southern Railway; he lives in the coal chute vicinity; he has a grudge against M. Greenberg, whose house was fired into the night of the Holt murder, and the officers have had no other theory than that the same man did both; he has done some talking; two negroes are giving testimony that they saw him come out from the coal chute the night of the murder and that he had a gun in his hands. Upon this testimony the arrest was made by Sheriff Harward and Detective Ashburn.

### Banner Must Serve His Term.

Raleigh, Special.—According to a ruling just made by the Supreme Court finding no error in the trial below Lute Banner, a former member of the State Legislature, postmaster of his town and internal revenue officer, Watauga county, must serve his sentence of 30 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Ambrose Cline, whom he shot down as he was passing his store on the opposite side of the street without the least warning to Cline of his intention. The plea in the trial below was insanity, but the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Clark writing the opinion, declares that there was no evidence of insanity in the trial and expresses the view that Banner was lucky to avoid conviction of murder in the first degree, thereby escaping the gallows.

### Decrease is Comparatively Small.

Raleigh, Special.—Corporation Clerk Wilson, of the office of the Secretary of State, made up his report on corporations, which shows that during the twelve months which ended November 30th last year there were 839 charters granted, while this year, up to November 30th, the number was 763. This shows a falling off this year of 76, which is a capital showing. The largest charter went to the Raleigh Light and Power Company, the amount being \$3,750,000.

### Falling off Shown in Tobacco Reports.

Raleigh, Special.—The November report of the sale of loose leaf tobacco in the warehouses of North Carolina to the State Department of Agriculture show 17,831,000 pounds for November compared with 41,291,239 for October. Winston-Salem leads with 5,122,249 pounds; Wilson second, 1,869,017; Mount Airy, third, 1,470,643. Forty-one markets reported.

### News of the State.

D. A. Lynch, assistant manager of the Davidson football team for the past season, has been elected manager for next year, season of 1909.

Editor H. B. Varner, of Lexington, and the party of nine young ladies who won a free trip to Northern cities in a voting contest, are now in New York and are having a big time doing that city.

The Champion Fibre Company, of Canton, is building a large boarding house at Sunburst preparatory to beginning work there with a large crew of hands. The force now at work at Hornbuckle will be transferred to that place.

It is learned that High Point's public building will commence to take shape some time next spring. The appropriation calls for \$75,000 and High Point stands close to head on the list for appropriations to be passed upon.

Mr. W. E. Shepherd, railway agent at Mooresville, has resigned his position and will leave in a short time for the West.

### Two Die of Ptomaine Poison.

Westchester, Pa., Special.—Two members of the family of George VanHorn, of Mendocino, Chester county, are dead, and three others are ill as the result of ptomaine poisoning, caused by sausage procured from a local grocery store. John VanHorn, eight years old, died Thursday, and his sister, Mabel, 16 years old, passed away Thursday night. Both suffered intense agony. They were buried Friday.

Charles Wydham, the actor, in private life Sir Charles Wydham, dubbed knight on dramatic considerations, who served as a surgeon all through our Civil War and visited this country several times later on, has bounced into the controversy over the comparative merits of American and English oratory. He says in a flat-footed and not very courteous way: "It must be remembered that Americans are always talking. They imitate fluency with their mother's milk. I do not consider, however, that there is anything like the same proportion of really good public speakers in America as in England."

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