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**THE PRESIDENT
UNWILLING TO ACT
AS ARBITRATOR**

Request of European Powers
Places Him in a Difficult
Position.

THEY DO NOT WISH
HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Blockade of Venezuelan Ports
to Be Continued Until All
Questions Are Settled.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt is evidently placed in a difficult position by the expressed wish of the European powers coercing Venezuela, that he act as sole arbitrator of their differences. He is very much averse to undertaking the settlement of the momentous question. He believes the dispute rightly belongs to the Hague tribunal which was created especially for such purposes. The European powers involved came back at him today with a polite insistence that

he serve in the capacity of arbitrator and showed they are distinctly unfavorable to the proposition that the Venezuelan dispute be referred to the Hague. The president will therefore, if no other course is available to secure a settlement of the dispute, consent to become arbitrator.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It is quite evident from the developments that Germany is the originator and promoter of the suggestion that President Roosevelt act as arbitrator. Great Britain and Italy it is believed incline toward arbitration by the Hague tribunal, but of course they would not indicate any preference officially in the matter. If President Roosevelt gave the faintest intimation of accepting the charge. The allies stand on record as supporting the Germany lead in this matter.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The small man cruiser Superber, whose reconstruction has just been finished, has been ordered to join Commodore Schroder's squadron in Venezuelan waters. She will sail from Wilhelm Haven in two or three days. The Superber, besides her own complement, takes 75 men to man the Restaurador, captured by the Germans from Venezuela.

The blockade of the Venezuelan coast will continue until a definite arrangement has been reached.

Asking President Roosevelt to arbitrate was the emperor's suggestion. An indirect inquiry three or four days ago not eliciting a refusal from the president a request has now been made in direct form.

Although Germany is ready to submit her cases to any impartial tribunal she would prefer President Roosevelt for the reason that President Castro is more likely to accept the decision of the president of the United States than that of the Hague tribunal.

If President Castro evades payment under President Roosevelt's award the people of the United States, it is claimed, would with positive pleasure see the allies compel him to pay up. The United States is considered here as emerging from the affair with all credit.

**1200 CHILDREN
EXPECTED AT
THE ELKS' TREE**

In the Auditorium, Next Saturday Afternoon— System to Be Followed.

The Elks have their Christmas preparations well under way, and from the many avenues opened to the public through which money is coming, there should be an abundant supply of cash on hand when the purchases for the big tree are made.

It is expected that 1,200 children will be present. Judging from the liberal advertising being done in various ways by the lodge, it is almost a certainty that the biggest Christmas ever given to the poor in Asheville will be the result.

At almost every drug store and many of the business houses are to be seen little red boxes that bear a complete description of what they are for. They are money boxes into which the public is supposed to place money, any denomination, which will be used in the Christmas work.

It will be well for children who expect to be favored by Santa Claus at the Elks' tree Saturday afternoon, to apply early to the heads of the Flower Mission or the kindergartens and get what is called a "duplicate ticket" which will admit the bearer to the entertainment. Each ticket held by the children is a duplicate of another held by the Elks' Christmas committee. This form was adopted to avoid the misfortune of not having every needy and deserving child supplied with a present.

It is to be hoped that the generosity of the lodge will not be imposed upon. The tree is given for the benefit of the poor exclusively.


The fact that each duplicate ticket must be signed by the heads of kindergartens and the Flower Mission is a safe precaution against unscrupulous persons.

The duplicate ticket will enable a systematic distribution of the 1,200 presents. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged all adults to help defray the expenses of lighting and heating the Auditorium, where the tree will be given. All children will be admitted free. Contributions can be left at Dr. Jordan's office, 3 and 4 Drummor block. The Christmas tree will be seen at 5 o'clock p. m.

**Telegrams Sent By Air Route
Across the Atlantic Ocean**

The Marconi System in Full Operation Between Canada and England.

London, Dec. 22.—The newspapers here today devote much attention to the achievements of Marconi, in transmitting wireless messages across the ocean. Several of these messages have been received since yesterday morning. The second edition of the Times today



GUGLIELMO MARCONI.

prints the text of a message received from the Canadian government as follows:

"Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The government of Canada through the Times desires to congratulate the British people on achievements by Marconi of the greatest feat of modern science has yet achieved. (Signed) "CARTWRIGHT, Acting Premier."

The representatives of Marconi say they have been receiving trans-Atlantic messages for a week. They add that the message to King Edward and others came through without a hitch and practically instantaneous.

It is calculated that the company will be able to handle 1,000 words per hour.

Marconi's own statement of the success of his experiments he sent to the press as follows, under date of Gloucester, N. S., December 21:

"I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England. (Continued on page six.)

**TO CROSS QUESTION
NON-UNION MINERS**

Seranton, Dec. 22.—Mitchell left today for Spring Valley, Illinois, to spend Christmas with his family. John J. Murphy and Assistant Counsel Darrow are making careful extracts from the testimony of the non-union miners for cross-examination of those witnesses. He promises some sensational developments.

**KILLED HIS SON-IN-LAW
AND THEN HIMSELF**

Easton, Pa., Dec. 20.—Frank Schmit, a laborer aged 62, tonight shot and instantly killed his son-in-law, John Girgan. He then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The shooting took place in the street and was witnessed by a number of people. The tragedy was the result of a family quarrel.

**INSTANTLY KILLED
BY 400-POUND STONE**

James Buchanan was killed near Bakersville last Saturday by being struck on the head with a 400-pound rock.

Mr. Buchanan was working at his mica mine when a large stone struck him, killing him instantly. Persons working near by found the body soon after the accident.

**Leather Goods
AT COST**

We are selling our entire line of leather goods at cost. Pocket Books, Card Cases, Purse, Cigar Cases. Now is the time to make your Christmas selections.

Pfafflin's Drug Store,
Patton Ave. and Church St.

**NEW LAMPS
(DELAYED)**

Placed on sale to-day
for the first time.....

SPECIAL PRICES

J. H. LAW,
35 Patton Ave.

**THE BIGGAR CONSPIRACY
TRIAL NEAR A CLOSE**

Freehold, Dec. 22.—Today's testimony in the Laura Biggar conspiracy trial was the worst of the trial, but notwithstanding the indecent character of the testimony, many women sat the session out unabashed. The judge ignored their presence, but had several small boys ejected from the court room. The prosecution devoted all of today's session to trying to convince the jury of the bad character of Miss Biggar, notwithstanding her claim that she was the faithful wife of the dead millionaire, Bennett. At the close of Miss Biggar's testimony on resuming her seat she fainted, but soon recovered. The testimony of Josie Lane, an inmate of the Hendrick sanitarium when Miss Biggar was there, was very damaging. Mollie Deskin, a former maid of Miss Biggar, gave testimony as to disgraceful conduct of the actress. Miss Biggar was recalled and emphatically denied the testimony of both women. The case will probably go to the jury tomorrow.

**A SERIOUS RIOT
NARROWLY AVERTED**

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—A serious riot among discharged soldiers returning from Manila on the transport Thomas was narrowly averted December 5, when the ship was two days out from Nagasaki. A sergeant belonging to the guards was set upon and badly beaten because he would not supply the soldiers with whiskey. After the sergeant escaped the discharged soldiers threatened to whip out the company detained to guard over them. A serious riot was only prevented by several officers jumping in with drawn revolvers and overawing the mutineers. The ring leaders of ninety of the men were placed under arrest.

**CATHOLIC KNIGHTS'
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The St. Lawrence branch of the Catholic Knights of America held its annual election of officers Sunday evening.

The officers elected are: Father Marlon, spiritual director; Dr. Paul Paquin, president; A. Brandt, vice-president; J. E. Sugas, recording secretary; A. F. Felthaus, treasurer; Hugh Morrison, sergeant at arms; A. A. Theobald, trustee for three years.

The ague doesn't leave a man when it gives him the shake

**The Handsomest
Place**

On Montford avenue can be bought at a bargain on account of the owners having decided to leave town. The house has all modern improvements and the grounds are the handsomest, for their size, in the city. Let us show it to you.

H. F. Grant & Son,
REAL ESTATE AGENTS,
48 Patton Avenue.

**For Carving the
Christmas Turkey**

You must have a good set of carvers—the knife with a good, keen blade, that will cut smoothly the noble fowl. We have a large number of handsome sets—real good, serviceable ones, for

\$1.25 to \$12.00

Can you think of anything more suitable for a Christmas gift?

Asheville Hardware Co.
On the Square
Phone 87 Asheville

**Spectacles
Opera Glasses
Field Glasses
Lorgnettes**

Everyone of these articles would be acceptable gifts to mother, sister, wife or sweetheart. Don't fail to see them in our window. If it's spectacles you want, will change the lens to fit after Christmas. These make

SPLendid
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

**McKee The...
Optician**
54 Patton Avenue

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

As usual, there will be special services at Trinity Episcopal church and St. Lawrence Catholic church on Christmas day. Both churches will probably be elaborately decorated. The program at St. Lawrence's, however, has not yet been arranged.

At Trinity there will be special services at which it is probable that Bishop Horner will assist the rector, Rev. McNeely DuBose. There will be holy communion at 8 a. m. and morning prayer and holy communion at 11 a. m.

Members of all congregations are cordially invited.

As Friday is St. Stephen's day, holy communion will be held at 11 a. m. and the usual afternoon service at 4:30.

Saturday is St. John's day and holy communion will be at 11 a. m.

SALOONS TO CLOSE

Father Marion is endeavoring to have all the saloons and hotel wine rooms to remain closed throughout Christmas day. The following have agreed to do so irrespective of whether the others do so or not:

Berkeley wine room, John O'Donnell, C. B. McIntyre, Pat Carr, Fred Ward, Bonanza Wine and Liqueur company, Pat McIntyre, James H. Loughran and Laural Valley.

Earnest work is being done by a number to have all the saloons closed on Thursday.

**Leather
Goods**

Our stock of leather bags, purses and pocketbooks comprise only the most perfect articles of the kind that we could find.

**Every Piece
is Reliable**

And the prices are low for the value.

**ARTHUR M. FIELD
Company,**
Leading Jewelers,
Cor. Church St. and Patton Ave

**PETRIE
The Tailor**
Phone 347:

Come and inspect my line of Imported and Domestic Suitings before buying elsewhere. Gentlemen's Riding, Breeches and Livery a Specialty.

GENTLEMEN

Sometimes take a practical view of things and give their wives Christmas presents of value. Boyce's Perfect Steel Ranges are leaders in this line. We also have Coal Vases, Fire Sets, Andirons, etc., all very acceptable at this season.

W. A. Boyce
11 South Court Square.

For Sale Or Exchange.

A beautiful modern country home near Bingham school. House 9 rooms, 10 acres of land in high state of cultivation. Will sell or exchange for city property. We are offering splendid value on two business properties on Patton Avenue and Main street. These are all choice values.

**Natt Atkinson & Sons Co.,
Real Estate Dealers.**

Just Received

A car load of Flower Pots, and owing to delay in shipment from factory will sell at greatly reduced prices. If interested call at once as they are bound to go. The I X L Department Store, 23 Patton Avenue. Phone 107.

To close out the brand White Knight cigars, in boxes of 25, 50 cents per box. Blomberg's.

A box 25 Robert Burns cigars will make a nice present.—At Blomberg's, Patton Avenue.

A BARGAIN.

The manufacturers of the celebrated White Knight Cigars have placed on sale at my store, 200 boxes of their high grade cigars to be sold at 85 cents per box. A box of these excellent cigars will be a very acceptable present on Christmas day. This supply will not last long, so buy today. J. B. Wells, Tobacconist, 14 Patton Avenue. Mail orders 90 cents per box.

N. B.—These cigars are put up in a special box for the Christmas trade. 31 Biltmore Firewood. Phone 700.

\$500,000 KNOXVILLE FIRE

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The worst fire which has ravaged the business portion of this city since the disastrous million dollar conflagration of 1897 broke out at 1:30 on Commerce Avenue this morning in a four-story building.

Conservative insurance men say the loss will be between four and five hundred thousand. Other estimates place it much higher.

H B M'FALL DEAD

Henry B. McFall of this city died at Henrietta last Friday and the interment was conducted there Sunday. He was a resident of this place and a relative of J. R. McFall.

Choice Lots

**On Charlotte Street
For Sale.**

Opposite the Manor and Albemarle Park property. The owner has heretofore refused to sell these desirable lots, but we can now name a very reasonable price, either as a whole or divided into four lots. Total frontage 252 feet; depth 194 feet.

Wilkie & LaBarbe
SOLE AGENTS.
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ON THE SQUARE.
See our line of fireworks.

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is of interest to every one.

Whitlock's
41 Patton Avenue.

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more left of those
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HANDWORK DOLLS.**

You get them only at
HESTON'S
Phone 183. 28 S. Main.

For Sale or Rent

Large boarding house unfurnished, "The Brexton," No. 11 Starnes Avenue, \$50.00 per month; recently painted; good condition.

For Sale: Beautiful Suburban house, with 60 acres of land water and sewerage.

Aston, Rawls & Co
18 1/2 South Main street.

COLD CREAM

Fresh cold cream, fine for skin and complexion, 15 and 25c per jar.

HOLIDAY PERFUME.

We offer a choice assortment of holiday perfumes and sachet powders. They are of the best quality, daintily boxed and very reasonably priced.

Grant's Pharmacy
Grant's No. 24 cures cold, 25c.