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INDICATIONS NOW THAT ROOSEVELT WILL ACCEPT

Though Many Are Urging Him to Decline Allies' Offer.

REGARDS THE TASK AS PUBLIC DUTY

He is Determined, However, Not to Be Caught in Diplomatic Trap.

Washington, Dec. 23.—In spite of contrary advice from many parts of the United States President Roosevelt will almost certainly accept the invitation of the powers to act as sole arbitrator of the Venezuelan dispute when the case is presented to him formally. If the powers adhere to their expected intention to insist upon his accordance the only chance that he will decline lies in the character of the agreement upon which the arbitra-

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tion will be proposed. Should the allies impose conditions the president would regard as unjust to Venezuela or if he should be requested to decide points applying to the Monroe doctrine he will decline to act until the terms are modified. The president is determined not to be caught in a diplomatic trap. He regards it as a public duty to accept the task so as to bring an end to the mess as soon as possible. Letters from all sections of the country have been received urging him to decline the allies' offer but his mind is made up regarding the matter and he undoubtedly will be the arbitrator to end the controversy.

AMERICAN STEAMER ENTERS LA-GUAYRA HARBOR.

Caracas, Dec. 23.—The Red "D" liner Caracas safely entered the harbor of La Guayra at 8 o'clock this morning. The mail, freight and passengers were landed at 10 o'clock. The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that throughout her stay at La Guayra she must leave the harbor every night. This measure is regarded as vexatious and causes great expense to the owners of the steamer.

There were five newspaper correspondents on board the Caracas. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune yesterday notified Mr. Schuck, the consul of Great Britain, that the Caracas could enter the port of La Guayra today. The Tribune then sailed for La Guayra, leaving the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan in charge of the blockade. The first act of the commander of the Bausan was to notify the agents of the Red "D" line that the Caracas would not be allowed to land her passengers, mail or freight. The commander of the United States gunboat Marietta, Lieutenant Commander Deichl, the commander of the French cruises Tropic and the United States consul were immediately informed of the stand taken by the Italian commander, whose decision was regarded as violating the terms of the decrees establishing the blockade, which allowed all steamers coming from the United States ten days grace from the date of the establishment of the blockade, December 20, in which to reach Venezuelan ports. Mr. Boulton of Boulton & Co., agents of the line, and all the foreign merchants entered protests against the Italian commander's decision and the commander of the Marietta and the United States consul cabled to Washington for instructions. Meanwhile Lieutenant Commander Deichl, after an hour's conference with the Italian commander, succeeded in convincing him he was wrong in his interpretation of the blockade decrees and finally the captain of the Giovanni Bausan assured Lieutenant Commander Deichl that the Caracas would be allowed to enter the port of La Guayra without hindrance. Mr. Boulton then was notified that the Caracas would have free entry and he cabled to Willemstad, where she was awaiting orders, instructing Captain Woodrick to proceed to La Guayra.

AGED ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY DEAD

London, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all England, died this morning at 8:15 o'clock in the presence of his wife and two sons. The final collapse occurred about 8 o'clock and he was unconscious towards the end. The primate died of old age. The pathetic scene in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of King Edward was one of the earlier indications of his falling strength. Then came the collapse in the house of lords at the conclusion of a vigorous speech in support of the educational bill. He had not left his bed since. He will be buried at Canterbury. The bishop of Winchester is considered likely to be his successor.

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF SULTAN OF MOROCCO

Tangire, Morocco, Dec. 23.—The imperial troops have been totally defeated after a sanguinary battle with the rebels headed by the pretense to the throne. The latter decapitated forty of the sultan's soldiers. Their heads are now ornamenting his tent. Imperial reinforcements have been sent to attempt the capture of Taza, the headquarters of the pretender. Incensed by the success of the rebels the sultan has ordered his soldiers to spare no one, in spite of the advance of the chiefs who counseled him not to indulge in excess.

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POPE BECOMES SUDDENLY ILL; UNABLE TO SPEAK

Temporarily Rendered Speechless During Audience With Cardinals.

Rome, Dec. 23.—While receiving the cardinals and prelates today, the pope suddenly became ill and was incapable of speaking for some time. Directly after the audience was over he was taken from the audience room and carried to his room, where he was put into bed. It was a picturesque scene in the pope's private library at noon today when all the cardinals living in Rome gathered there to present the pontiff with their Christmas greetings. All the visitors wore their gorgeous red robes. A remarkable fact was that with the exception of Cardinal Santo and Cardinal Parochi, all the assembled prelates, many of whom were very old, appeared exceptionally well, animated and full of plans for the future.

Cardinal Santo, a doyen of the sacred college, read the congratulatory address. The pope spoke at some length in reply to the address and expressed keen sorrow at the fact that his jubilee was embittered by painful events, referring evidently to the divorce bill. The pontiff in this connection remarked: "What they want is the fall of Christian order and the reconstruction of the states on the basis of paganism." The pope pleaded for a spread of Christian democracy "on the lines preached by the church to oppose the seditious, socialistic democracy which acknowledges no good." After receiving the apostolic benediction the cardinals withdrew.

VANDERBILT IS SOMEWHAT BETTER

New York, Dec. 24.—The condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt is improved tonight. Dr. Flint issued a bulletin at 11:30 in which he said: "Mr. Vanderbilt's condition is a little more satisfactory this evening. There has been no marked change."

THE CROWN PRINCESS OF SAXONY'S FLIGHT

A Sensation in Austrian and Saxon Royal Circles—Has Taken Refuge at Geneva.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23.—The crown Princess Louise has determined to leave the royal court of her husband forever. As stated in another dispatch divorce proceedings from Crown Prince Frederick may be necessary on account of her announcement of this determination, which the princess announced to her husband early in November, after one of their frequent violent scenes. She also confided her intention to separate herself utterly from the court and "all its wretchedness," to two or three of her intimate friends and discussed with them the impossibility of her longer enduring the artificial etiquette of the court and the "forced companionship of a man who was loathsome to her."

The circumstances of the princess' flight are still obscure here, and no further reliable news is available. The only fact that seems clear is that the king and crown prince know where she is and are in communication with her, but it is learned that she is absolutely intractable.

Dresden is absorbed by the sensation. An instance of the princess' lawless disregard of court manners was her cycling through the streets of Dresden with an American dentist, who at her request taught her to ride a wheel, though the king and crown prince commanded her not to learn. A decree of divorce is talked as a necessary sequence to the princess' reasons for leaving the court forever.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—The crown princess of Saxony is here under the name of Fraulein Von Oben. Her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Prof. Giron are at the same hotel. The archduke has assumed the name of De Buriano. The party is living quietly and proposes to spend Christmas here.

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.

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ing quietly and proposes to spend Christmas here.

Munich, Dec. 23.—Hope is expressed that the crown princess of Saxony will return to her husband. The Bavarian court is endeavoring to effect a reconciliation. Prof. Giron is 24 years old. The princess met him first in Paris. He has a fascinating manner, sparkling black eyes and black hair. He was lately dismissed from the court.

THE WATERSHED QUESTION BEING MUCH DISCUSSED

There are many questions being asked daily about "the intentions of the board of aldermen as regards the watershed at the headwaters of the Swannanoa." It is generally known that the new water line starts near the headwaters of the Swannanoa and that the city must necessarily look after the preservation of the surrounding country, in order to avoid the deplorable effects of a dry river bed.

Many say that the board should have purchased the several hundred acres of watershed before building the pipe line. Further, that the price of the land will now be raised by the owners and the city put to hundreds of dollars of unnecessary expense.

The city has the right to condemn the property it needs and a jury will decide on the price to be paid the owner. The laws of the country are such that one person cannot be the cause of the suffering of several hundred people when there is a remedy.

As to the preservation of the timber lands on the watershed, it will probably be interesting to know that out of several hundred acres of the timber land there is hardly any useful or even desirable timber to be found anywhere. The surrounding hills in the range of the watershed are covered with rocks, and the steep, rugged cliffs afford life to very little vegetation.

If the entire forest was to be hewn down, hardly any effect upon the water supply of the Swannanoa would be felt.

The Swannanoa is a strong mountain stream, and gathers its waters from such a vast territory that it will be able to supply the city adequately the year round.

The new water line could be finished in a very short time if the pipe could be had. Delays of much annoyance have prevented the contractors from completing their work.

GUARD WHO BEAT CONVICT TO DEATH GOES TO PRISON

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—John C. Hardy, sergeant of convict guards at Clarksville, Miss., charged with whipping William Young, a convict, to death, has been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Young was most brutally whipped. Three convicts stood on him to keep him down while Hardy wielded the whip.

Women marry for mushrooms on toast and compromise on potpie.

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A BANK'S WEALTH BURIED UNDER A HILL OF BRICK

Vaults Containing \$300,000 Buried Under Mass of Debris.

BEATRICE MASONIC TEMPLE BURNED

Dynamite Used to Prevent Spread of Flames in the Nebraska Town.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 23.—Three hundred thousand dollars lies buried under a huge mass of debris on the spot where yesterday stood the Beatrice National Bank. Today fire destroyed \$200,000 worth of business property in the heart of the city. The bank was one of the buildings burned and life walls toppled over into the vaults which contained the cash. It is feared that the heat will destroy the buried currency.

The fire first broke out at 2 o'clock this morning in the basement of Day's drug store situated in the Masonic Temple block. The fire was of incendiary origin. The entire temple, a three story business block, was destroyed.

A defective boiler at the pumping station added difficulty to fighting the fire, and later in the day the fire broke out again and its spread was only stopped by the use of dynamite after it had worked great destruction.

Greene Succeeds Partridge

New York, Dec. 23.—Gen. Francis Vinton Greene was today appointed police commissioner in succession to Captain Partridge, whose resignation takes effect on January 1.

It is probably impossible for a man to be on the right side of every question, but he should manage to be on the right side of some of them.

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.

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