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**TO END BLOCKADE OF THE PORTS OF VENEZUELA**  
Diplomatic Step by Secretary Hay Now That Dispute is to Go to Hague Tribunal.  
**TRUCE TO BE MADE WITH THE ALLIES**  
Minister Bowen to Be Summoned to Washington for This Purpose.

Washington, Dec. 26.—With the agreement of the parties interested to refer the Venezuelan troubles to the Hague tribunal Secretary Hay has already undertaken the diplomatic steps to secure the raising of the blockade and the resumption of diplomatic relations between Venezuela and the powers. The absence of representatives of the allies from Caracas is an embarrassment which will tend to delay settlement and Hay has sought to overcome it by suggesting to the allies that they instruct their ambassadors in Washington to arrange the preliminary protocol here with the representative of Venezuela.

None of the allies will permit its diplomatic agent who recently withdrew from Caracas to return there, while Castro declines to agree to the ultimatum presented to him upon the severance of diplomatic relations and it is therefore out of the question for any of the allies to treat with the Venezuelan government. Hay has also endorsed to the allies and to Venezuela the recent suggestion cabled by Minister Bowen that he come to Washington and endeavor to arrange a truce. The chances are regarded as favorable to an agreement by Venezuela and the allies that the preliminaries be arranged here. Should the protocol for resumption of diplomatic relations and raising the blockade be signed here the representatives of the allies will be instructed to return to Caracas and they could with propriety then enter upon the negotiations of the protocol defining the character and scope of the arbitration. They are now on board the warships in Venezuelan waters and it would only take them a short while to return to Caracas.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—A semi-official note published today says: "As in the case of the Italian note, the British and German notes on Venezuela, presented December 23, declare that if President Roosevelt does not accept the post of arbitrator, the powers would be prepared, subject to certain reservations, to submit the matter to The Hague tribunal."

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Venezuelan question was discussed at the cabinet meeting today. Secretary Hay reported on the results of his cable correspondence with the governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas in accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay President Castro of Venezuela was reported to have agreed to submit the differences between his government and the powers to the arbitration of The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the question to arbitration, but, while they had expressed preference for arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague. The presentation of the case met with the hearty approval of the members of the cabinet.

**ARRESTED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY**  
Two Men Who When Searched Had Many Bogus Half Dollars.

Chief of Police Fullam early last evening arrested two young men, who gave their names as Henry Smith and Oscar Pressley, for attempting to pass counterfeit money. It seems that they entered the store of J. B. Swartzberg & Son on South Main street to buy an overcoat. They agreed to take one giving as payment \$1.50 in three 50 cent pieces. The search also revealed the fact that one of them had a pistol upon his person.

"I just wish I could find the fellow that gave me this stuff," said one. "I would just fix him. I tell you I would." But it seems that each told a different tale as to where he obtained his money. An officer stated that it is the worst counterfeit he has ever seen.

They will probably be given a hearing before United States Commissioner Ware today.

**JOHN M'CALL OF MARION TAKES HIS OWN LIFE**  
Unexplained Suicide of a Hard Working Young Man.

Marion, N. C., Dec. 26.—About three o'clock this afternoon John McCall shot and killed himself in Thomas' barroom. He was a quiet hard-working young man the son of Samuel McCall. He had told others during the day that he was intending to kill himself. The cause for the rash act is unknown, not so far has there appeared any reason for it.

**MRS GRANT'S WILL**  
Left an Estate Valued at \$234,065 to Her Four Children.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The will of the late widow of General Grant was filed for probate this afternoon. The estate is valued at \$234,065. General F. D. Grant is executor. The will directs that the estate be divided equally among the four children of the deceased.

**A WORD OF THANKS.**  
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**INTENSE COLD SETTLES OVER ALL THE LAND**  
With Accompaniment of Snow in Portions of the Middle West.

**COAL SCARCITY ADDS TO SUFFERING**

Washington, Dec. 26.—Reports from all parts of the country are that today has broken the record of the year in intense cold. Zero temperatures occurred during the night and early morning in many parts of the west. There were heavy falls of snow in Ohio and all the lower lake regions, the high winds causing the snow to drift and impeding railway traffic.

Throughout the south the lowest temperatures of the year for that section were recorded for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this evening. In many cities in the north, including New York and New England towns, the suffering was intensified by the scarcity and high price of coal.

**COLDEST DAY IN ATLANTA.**  
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—This was the coldest day of the winter in this city and vicinity. The mercury reached 18 degrees above zero during the night, and has moderated but little today.

Jacksonville, Fla., reports 38 above and Savannah 34. Freezing temperature extends as far south as a line running east and west through the central portion of the cotton belt.

**BELOW ZERO IN IOWA.**  
Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 26.—The cold weather record of the season was broken this morning when the official report showed seven degrees below. This is the coldest day of the year. A high wind has prevailed and much suffering has been reported owing to the extreme scarcity of fuel.

**BELOW ZERO AND COAL SCARCE**  
Kansas City, Dec. 26.—Advices received today indicate severe weather throughout Kansas and Missouri. Hutchinson, Kan., reports the coldest weather in years, the thermometer at that point registering five below zero. At Atchison five below is recorded. At Mexico, Mo., a coal famine confronts the people of that section.

**FIFTEEN CORPSES FOUND IN WRECK**  
Unexpected Discovery in Debris of the Wrecked Train at Trinidad.

Denver, Dec. 26.—By a collision of freight trains on the Colorado Southern road near Trinidad Christmas evening it is known that thirty lives were lost. The first reports gave only six fatalities but it is now learned that a large number of coal miners were beating their way to Trinidad on one of the trains. Fifteen corpses were dug out today and one miner was barely alive. He died shortly after.

**SWINGING SIGNS TO BE REMOVED?**  
Aldermen Take Up the Question—Interest to Be Paid on City Bonds.

On account of the holidays the board of aldermen met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock instead of at 7:30 in the evening as usual. The first matter brought to the attention of the board was the request of Judge George A. Shuford of the school board and Superintendent Tighe that heating apparatus be installed in the new West End school and the Bailey street school, particularly the latter. No action was taken, partly on account of a lack of funds. Another reason is that it is the opinion of the board that the school bonds issued provide for the equipment, as well as the building, of the new school house.

Charles E. Waddell requested the

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**THREE FIREMEN PERISHED IN ARBUCKLES FIRE**  
They Were Buried Beneath the Walls of the Loflyl Building

**BATTALION CHIEF AMONG THE DEAD**

New York, Dec. 26.—In the fire which burned the Arbuttle sugar refining plant factories in Brooklyn this morning, three firemen were killed, two were badly injured and \$450,000 of property was destroyed. The list of dead and injured is as follows:

Dead: Michael O'Toole, fireman of engine company No. 55, on water tower; Thomas Jeffries, fireman, water tower No. 6, crushed out of recognition; Battalion Chief Thomas Coppinger of 23d battalion, skull fractured, arm and leg broken.

Injured: Thomas McCarthy, fireman, engine company No. 68, on water tower, right leg fractured and right hip crushed; William McCoolley, citizen, skull crushed.

The dead and injured were all members of the company in charge of water tower No. 6, which Battalion Chief Coppinger has assumed charge of. It had been drawn directly under one of the walls. Suddenly the wall was seen to bulge, and before the men could move it crashed directly down upon them. The firemen were buried beneath it, and the water tower and ladders were smashed to pieces.

**BRYAN IN MEXICO**  
Mexico City, Dec. 26.—William J. Bryan, who has just arrived here, is being shown much attention by the government officials and members of the American colony. It is stated that he is to have an audience with Diaz and the minister of finance tomorrow.

**RECTORY AT MORGANTON DESTROYED BY FIRE**  
The Church Near by Had a Narrow Escape from the Flames.

Morganton, N. C., Dec. 26.—Between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon the rectory of the Episcopal church here was burned, the building being almost entirely destroyed. There was a high wind and for a time it seemed that the church, which is near, could not be saved. The furniture from the rectory was saved, but was badly damaged.

**CHAMBERLAIN SPEAKS IN SOUTH AFRICA**  
Pleads That Equality Be Accorded to Boers by Britons.

Durban, Dec. 26.—Joseph Chamberlain was the guest of honor at a luncheon here today. He said that the late war decided that the British must be paramount. He urged his hearers to do nothing to revive ancient animosity, but to accord to the Boers equality and ask them frankly to take the hand of the British.

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