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CASTRO'S FORCES ARE NOW MASSING AT LA GUAIRA.

London Hears That Fighting is Proceeding in the Streets.

EFFORT TO SEIZE CASTRO

Marines Said to Have Been Landed for This Purpose--Reported Friction Between the Allies--This Government Will Hold Aloof.

FORTIFYING PUERTO CABELLO. By the Associated Press. London, Dec. 11.--A dispatch to the Daily Mail, from Willemstad, island of Curacao, dated December 11, says: 'The Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have seized and imprisoned the British and German consuls there, as well as other Britons and Germans, and have taken possession of their property. The authorities also seized a British steamer, which discharged a cargo of coal at Puerto Cabello; this vessel was unable to escape, owing to a breakdown in her machinery. The American consul at Puerto Cabello attempted to intervene, but he was disregarded.'

Venezuelan Troops Arrive.

(By the Associated Press.) La Guaira, Venezuela, Dec. 11.--General Ferrera, the Minister of War, has arrived here with two thousand troops. Eight hundred men, under President Castro's brother, are expected here at ten o'clock. Only the British cruiser indefatigable is now here. She is at anchor in the middle of the harbor. All the other warships have left La Guaira. Minister Haggard and Herr von Pilgrim-Paltazzi, it was learned today, left here last night. The former was on board the Retribution, and the latter on the Vineta, which sailed for Trinidad.

Our Policy is Non-Interference.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.--Minister Bowen, at Caracas, in a cablegram to the State Department, dated today, confirms the press reports that all the German and British prisoners have been released.

This was the only advice that came to the State Department as to the situation in Venezuela, but it was welcome, for the officials felt that by releasing these civilians President Castro had diminished greatly the most dangerous factor in the problem. Had he insisted on retaining them in jail, the allies must have dispatched a force to the capital of Venezuela and war outright would have ensued. As it is, the officials here prefer to regard the status as not one of war, providing the allies adhere to their original program of a "peaceful blockade," perhaps followed by the temporary seizure of Venezuelan custom houses.

Details of the sinking of Venezuela's navy by the allied naval forces are awaited with interest here, and the officials could not but express their regret and surprise that it had been found necessary to proceed to such extremes. Nothing has yet occurred to induce the State Department to change the policy of non-interference which it has adopted. The President is showing particular interest in the situation and called Secretary Hay from his regular Thursday diplomatic reception to confer respecting Venezuela.

The chairman of the two Congressional committees charged with the care of foreign affairs also called at the State Department during the forenoon to talk over the Venezuelan developments.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, expressed regret that England and Germany had destroyed, by breaking up or sinking the vessels of the Venezuelan war fleet. There have been no orders issued to any of our naval vessels to go to Venezuelan ports and it is not intended to issue such orders unless an emergency should arise as the presence of foreign men of war in such cases as this is apt to cause useless friction. There is, of course, always danger that the attempt of an American vessel to pass the "peaceful blockade" may in the end call for the appearance of American men of war upon the scene.

Tension Between the Allies.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris Dec. 11.--A lengthy official dispatch has been received at the Foreign Office here from Caracas saying that the boats of the German warships in seizing the vessels supposed to belong to Venezuela also captured a French merchant steamer the Ossun. These advices reached here so late today that the officials were unable to say what steps would be taken in the matter, but it is believed that unless the Germans promptly rectify the mistake and release the Ossun, representations on the subject will be made to Germany. This is also taken to indicate the delicate state of the situation

and the possibilities of international complications beyond those involving Venezuela alone.

The Ossun was owned by a Frenchman who used her in the coastwise trade of South America. About eight months ago, the Ossun was seized by the forces of President Castro on the ground that the step was a military necessity, and the Venezuelan flag was hoisted on board the steamer.

The advices from Caracas further indicate that some tension is arising between the German and British naval commanders over the methods of enforcing the demands. The German authorities insist on decisive action and the advices received show that they have landed a small German force, besides seizing the ships. The British commander desires to proceed slower and more in accordance with the usual course of diplomacy. As a result of this friction some of the leading diplomatic representatives at Caracas have reported that it is not likely that the British will participate in the seizure of the customs houses. If this is borne out the officials here consider that the joint character of the operations will be considerably interrupted.

An Effort to Capture Castro.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 11.--The Central News says it is reported in the lobby of the House of Commons this afternoon that the allies have landed blue-jackets at La Guaira for the purpose of effecting (Continued on Page Five.)

HANGS ON THE TICKET HE VOTED.

If not Democratic Vick's Appointment Follows.

Roosevelt's Reported Decision Waits to Take Depositions in South Dakota Suit--Jeath of John B. Hussey.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.--Senator Simmons said the statement in the Washington dispatch which appeared in yesterday's Charlotte Observer to the effect that he would explain the action of the North Carolina Democratic delegation in requesting the Postmaster General to appoint a white man postmaster at Wilson misrepresented him. He said in all he had said about the publication in the Star he had made it clear, he thought, that he had no explanations to make and that what he had at one time intended to say would not be an explanation, but an attack upon the position of the administration if the Star article correctly stated the position of the administration. That this position was right is shown by the fact that the explanations have come from the other side, making the remarks he had intended to submit unnecessary.

Judge Robinson, of Goldsboro, called on the President today and talked about the Wilson postmaster ship. We learn that the President told the judge that if it was not shown conclusively that Vick voted the Democratic ticket a commission would be issued to him immediately. Saturday A. D. Watts, as commissioner, will take the depositions of Representative Burke, of South Dakota, and ex-Senator Marion Butler in the South Dakota suit. Ex-Chief Justice Shepherd, ex-Judge Merrimon and Hon. Geo. Rountree represent North Carolina, and are expected to be present. Hon. Wheeler H. Peckham, of New York, and ex-Gov. Russell represent South Dakota. It is expected they will be on hand.

Representative Claude Kitchin today introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish to North Carolina, on the application of her Secretary of State, all muster rolls of Confederate soldiers, pay-rolls and other records of North Carolina Confederates. It is understood that Chairman Hull, of the House Military Committee, favors this resolution, and that it will pass.

HUSSEY FOUND DEAD ON TRAIN.

The dead body of John B. Hussey was found in a sleeping car berth on a Southern train from Atlanta on its arrival here this morning. Hussey was a North Carolinian, having been editor of the Statesville Landmark and Greensboro Patriot. At one time he was reading clerk of the State Senate. Of late years he has been a Republican and was an inspector of rural free delivery routes at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and children, who live in this city. The body will be cremated Saturday in accordance with the request of the deceased. He was 58 years old.

Senator Simmons today introduced a bill providing for an additional judge for the circuit of which North Carolina is a part. Judges Simonton and Goff have strongly recommended an additional judge.

Claude Bernard called on the President today. It is not known what his mission was, as he did not register at the hotel.

I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, is here looking after the postoffice there. It is said that Collector Duncan is here in Meekins' interest.

Wreck on the Alleghany.

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11.--The Buffalo and Oil City Express, on the Alleghany Valley road, was wrecked tonight near Brilliant Station. Three trainmen are reported fatally hurt and twenty-five passengers injured, more or less seriously.

NEW WITNESS RISES AGAINST WILCOX.

Identity of This Woman Wrapped in Mystery.

Will Swear She Saw Wilcox and Nell Together Within Fifteen Minutes of the Supposed Murder.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.--W. H. Cropsey, the father of Nell Cropsey, for whose murder James Wilcox shortly will be tried a second time, in Hertford, N. C., passed through Norfolk en route to his home in Elizabeth City, N. C., from a visit to New York, where he had consulted his brother, Andrew J. Cropsey, one of the lawyers for the prosecution. Mr. Cropsey declared that he had become possessed of some additional evidence against Wilcox, which would be introduced at the new trial. This evidence will be given by a woman who will swear that she saw Wilcox and Nell Cropsey together within fifteen minutes of the time at which the girl's death has been fixed. Mr. Cropsey refused to divulge the name of this new witness.

TO ELEVATE THE NEGRO.

Cleveland Speaks at a Meeting in Aid of the Berean School.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.--Former President Cleveland presided tonight at a public meeting in aid of the Berean Manual Training School, an institution which aims to give members of the negro race the benefits of an industrial education. The meeting was attended by prominent jurists, educators and business men. Mr. Cleveland was the principal speaker and Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Institute, also made an address. The institution was established less than two years ago and has an enrollment of 200 students.

Mr. Cleveland is personally interested in the school and in accepting the invitation to attend the meeting, he said: "I regard the object which the meeting is called to promote so beneficent and so important to the advancement of a mass of our citizenship, greatly in need of improvement and care, that I have considered it my duty to comply with the request to preside at the meeting." The colored population of this city is 60,000, increasing at the rate of 10,000 a year, and tonight's meeting was held for the purpose of interesting the people of Philadelphia particularly and of the country generally in their education.

Mr. Cleveland's address was, in part, as follows: "It is foolish for us to blind our eyes to the fact that more should be done to improve the condition of our negro population."

"No one who has given the subject deliberate thought can doubt that if we are to be just and fair towards our colored fellow citizens, and if they are to be more completely made self-respecting, useful, and safe members of our body politic, they must be taught to do something more than to hew wood and draw water."

"I believe that the exigency can only be adequately met through the instrumentality of well-equipped manual training and industrial schools, conducted either independently or in connection with ordinary educational institutions. I am convinced that good citizenship, and orderly, contented life, and a proper conception of civic virtue and obligations is almost certain to grow out of a fair chance to earn an honest, hopeful livelihood and a satisfied sense of protection and considerate treatment."

"The objects of our assemblage tonight are to learn the details of the work done by manual training and industrial school located here in the city of Philadelphia, and to extend to it our aid and encouragement."

Thanks to Raleigh

A letter has been received by Mr. W. A. Cooper, from Mrs. J. B. Boone, wife of the general manager of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, thanking the citizens for the Thanksgiving box sent them, which is as follows:

"Dear Sir: The box from the citizens of Raleigh gotten up by you or through your influence was received Saturday afternoon. We find it a most excellent box. We thank you and the citizens for your kind interest in our work. Will you be so kind as to send me the value of the box so it can be acknowledged in Charity and Children next week. The Watson boys were very proud of their suits of clothes. Love to Nine, tell her to come to see us."

"Yours truly, 'MRS. J. B. BOONE.'"

Visiting the Druggists

Mr. F. W. Hancock, of Oxford, the secretary of the State Board of Pharmacists, was in the city yesterday. Since the meeting of the board here, Mr. Hancock has visited many places in the State in order to investigate, by direction of the board, into the compliance with the laws with regard to pharmacists.

Henderson, N. C., Dec. 10.--The Henderson knitting mills were sold this morning (December 10th). Mr. D. Y. Cooper bought them at \$12,000.

TWO GIRLS VANISH FROM HOME.

Vain Search by County and City Officers.

A Mystery That Baffles the Sleuths of Buncombe--The Girls but Thirteen and Fourteen Years Old.

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 11.--Two pretty young girls, Bonnie Jones, thirteen years old, and Lethia Kuykendall, fourteen, have disappeared from their homes and every effort to trace their whereabouts has been futile. The town and surrounding county has been thoroughly searched by both city and county officers, but no clue whatever to the missing girls has been obtained. Half a dozen moonshiners, with their still, were captured yesterday, and are in jail here.

COAL BARON WOULDN'T TELL.

Asked Price Received for His Coal--Judge Gray and Father O'Donnell Agree.

(By the Associated Press.) Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11.--The representatives of the miners during the course of today's proceedings before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission called one of the independent operators to the witness stand to tell the exact price he received for his coal, and the mine owner refused. The operator was J. L. Crawford, president of the People's Coal Company, which operates the Oxford colliery, in Scranton. The request for him to take the stand came as a surprise. The Oxford colliery, during the strike, managed to get enough men to operate the plant, and for one month, according to Mr. Crawford, his company received \$20 a ton for its coal. Objection was raised to the miners' lawyers trying to get him to tell what he received from the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company for his product, but witness said it was 65 per cent. of the railroad's selling price. Mr. Crawford said he got about \$2.50 a ton for his coal. The miners announced that they would close their case on Saturday and thus gave notice to the other side to be ready to proceed with their testimony.

The companies' attorneys announced that they may have to ask for a short recess in order to properly prepare their case. Judge Gray, for the commission, in reply, said he hoped there would be no interruption in the proceedings. Nearly the entire day was taken up in hearing witnesses who had some specific complaint to make, among other things the price paid per mine car and the size of the cars. Two witnesses, employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, testified that before the strike of 1900 the men, when they worked received 94 cents a car and that the strike was ended by the company agreeing to give the men an increase in wages of ten per cent., 2 1/2 in cash, and the other 7 1/2 per cent. to be considered in the reduction of the price of powder instead of receiving the increase they now get 3 cents a car less, or 91 cents. They did not know why it was reduced.

Father O'Donnell, of Olyphant, who testified that there was no lawlessness where he was stationed, was asked by Judge Gray: "Do you believe in boycotts?" The witness replied that he believed he had a right not to deal or associate with a person who did something that he did not like or was contrary to his interests. "I go along with you that far," said the chairman. "How much further would you go? For instance, have you a right to boycott me if I should deal or associate with such a person?" "No, sir; neither would I commit violence."

"That is right; we draw the line at the same point."

A COLORED REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Alabama Negroes Meet to Form One--Booker Washington not Present.

(By the Associated Press.) Selma, Ala., Dec. 11.--Negroes from every portion of the State met here today to form a colored Republican party. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the action of President Roosevelt in recognizing the "Lily White" branch of the party in Alabama. An address was issued to the negroes of the State advising them to appear at the Democratic meeting to allow them to register next week, when the registration books of the State will be open for the last time. Booker T. Washington, who had been expected to take part in the meeting, was not present.

Prominent Men Sue for a Dog.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 11.--There was a dog suit tried before Esquire Wolfe today in which prominent men figured. It was an action of claim and delivery brought in the name of Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway; J. M. Fisher, an English capitalist, and R. J. Johnson, a Philadelphia multi-millionaire, joint owners of extensive game preserves at Friendship, and of the bird dog. The dog was sold to those parties by a young son of Mr. McFarland, the defendant, without his knowledge, and getting loose had gone back home. When the manager went to bring him back the lady of the house refused to give him

up, and the suit was brought for possession, value being placed at \$25. The case was settled today to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, and Spencer, Fisher and Johnson will keep the dog. So ended the chapter.

Sanitarium for Consumptives.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.--The American Public Health Association today concurred in a resolution recommended by the executive committee in favor of a national consumption sanitarium. The resolution asking for the abolition of quarantine was reported back by the executive committee with a recommendation that it was not expedient to adopt it at this time. The recommendation was approved.

The association refused to approve the resolution asking the Federal government to employ sanitarians and persons in the building of the Isthmian canal so that the health of those engaged in the work of construction would be preserved.

Wreck on the R. A. and S.

(Special to News and Observer.) High Point, N. C., Dec. 11.--A wreck occurred today of the local mail train on the Randleman, Asheboro and Southern Railroad, near Glenola. A broken rod on the engine was the cause of the wreck. Both sides of the engine were damaged. Fireman Benjamin Ridge had his arm broken. Other members of the crew escaped unhurt.

COLORED BANK FAILS Only one in North Carolina in Bankruptcy.

Charles F. Dunn, Colored, of Kinston, Adjudicated a Bankrupt and the Bank is in Receiver's Hands.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Kinston, N. C., Dec. 11.--The colored Dime Savings Bank here has gone into bankruptcy. Charles F. Dunn, colored, its proprietor, has been adjudicated a bankrupt, a paper to that effect being received from Mr. L. J. Moore, of New Bern, referee in bankruptcy for Eastern Carolina, and appointing Mr. G. V. Cowper, an attorney here, as trustee of the property. He has given the \$1,000 bond required and has taken possession of the property. The first meeting of the creditors will be on December 23.

The case has been long contested. On June 4th a petition was heard before Referee Moore and Dunn contended that he was solvent, filing an answer to the petition. This left the matter in litigation until Dunn recently withdrew his answer giving consent to being adjudicated a bankrupt. Since the petition was filed on June 4th by the creditors, part of the property has been foreclosed under mortgage. The creditors will claim that property sold after the date of their petition was not a legal sale. It is thought that this will occasion further litigation in the matter.

Lad Strangled in Central Park.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 11.--The body of the lad found in Central Park late last night was identified today as that of Recas M. Kruch, the eleven-year-old son of a well-to-do tailor. After an examination of the body, the police expressed the belief that the boy was murdered. Nine wounds, evidently made by finger nails, were found on the throat and there were other evidences that he had been strangled. Mr. Kruch said his son often sold papers after school. The body was found on the Fifth avenue side of the Park in a bridge path near Eighty-fifth street, a fashionable neighborhood.

Post-Offices Advanced.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.--The Post-office Department has advanced 158 fourth-class postoffices to the Presidential class, to take effect January 1. They include the following: North Carolina--Albemarle, Mount Olive and Roxboro.

Four Men are Killed.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 11.--Four men were killed in No. 2 slope of the Kingston Coal Company this evening.

Mexico Deplores Venezuela's Course.

(By the Associated Press.) Mexico City, Dec. 10.--El Imparcial, organ of the Liberal party, and in many cases speaking unofficially for the administration, deplores the conduct of Venezuela in not having made her credit good with Germany and Great Britain, thus provoking armed intervention. El Imparcial says it never can sufficiently deplore that Spanish-American countries should give reasons for acts of hostility on the part of powerful European nations. The failure to comply with its obligations by one of these Spanish-American peoples bring discredit on all Latin America. These countries should not presume on their weakness and the guarantees of the Monroe Doctrine to avoid religiously meeting their international obligations.

THE BAPTISTS SHOW THEIR FAITH BY THEIR DEEDS.

Splendid Reports From the Mission Field. All Obligations Met.

CASH FOR THE ORPHANAGE

Announcement That it is in Debt Quickly Brings a Contribution--Committee Named by Dr. Marsi--Women's Excellent Work--Concert at Conservatory of Music.

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 11.--The Baptist Convention was largely attended today and the session was a very interesting one. Probably the most interesting feature was the report of Rev. Livingston Johnston, Corresponding Secretary of the Mission Board. At 4 o'clock the convention adjourned to attend a complimentary concert at the Southern Conservatory of Music, given for the benefit of the visitors. Tonight Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, one of the leaders of the Baptist denomination in the South, and secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, made his report and delivered an address on "Foreign Missions."

When the convention met this morning Dr. R. H. Marsh, of Oxford, for the twelfth time elected president, was in the chair. He announced as a committee on the orphanage the following: Messrs. R. W. Winston, A. C. Barron, J. R. Richardson, J. Q. Adams, S. F. Conrad, J. L. Wifflerman, F. M. Jordan and T. Dixon.

New pastors who have moved into the State since the last convention were then introduced to the convention and welcomed. They were as follows: Rev. B. W. N. Simms, of Waynesville; Rev. Joseph Fleming, of Sampson; Rev. C. J. Thompson, pastor-elect of the First Baptist church, Durham.

The report of Rev. Livingston Johnston, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, was a long one and showed the wonderful work done in the State during the year past. A year ago the secretary started out with the determination of organizing the mission work on a better basis and in this special effort he has been successful. The report showed that work had been done in 52 of the associations by more than one hundred missionaries. These missionaries report 2,222 conversions, 1,176 baptisms, and the organization of twenty-five new churches. The year began with a debt of over \$300 and to provide for this debt and keep the work going it was necessary to raise over \$25,000. After the report had been read Secretary Johnston stated that if the convention would raise \$250 it would meet all of the obligations of the year. Dr. J. D. Harham, of Henderson, was called to the front and with witty remarks and an appeal to the convention the amount was raised within a few minutes. This amount raised for each mission object was read and it showed that there had been a larger increase in contributions for foreign missions than for any other object. The report showed that the Baptist denomination is in fine shape for aggressive work during the incoming year.

The reports of Rev. T. Neil Johnston, Sunday School Field Secretary, and Mr. Baxter Durham, who has charge of the Baptist Book Store, both showed a fine year's work.

Another report that was listened to with marked attention and interest was that of the Home and Foreign Mission Board. The board included in its report a report of the splendid work done by Woman's Central Committee, under Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, of Raleigh. The report of the convention treasurer was also appended. This showed the funds of the convention to be in very satisfactory shape.

Judge R. W. Winston, of this city, submitted the report of Thomasville Orphanage. He spoke of the great and noble work being done at the institution, one of the best forms of applied Christianity. The grounds and buildings are valued at fifty thousand dollars. The orphanage was opened on a small scale in 1881. There are now 217 orphans being cared for and 23 more are promised admittance in the next thirty days. Judge Winston said that if asked what great North Carolinian he would rather be, living or dead, he would answer unhesitatingly, Jack Mills, the big-hearted founder of the orphanage system in old North Carolina State.

Other talks were made by Rev. J. B. Boone, General Manager of the Orphanage, and Rev. R. L. Patton, of High Point. It was seen that the orphanage was in debt and a collection was taken which amounted to \$300.

At this point in the proceedings of the day's work Prof. Gilmore Ward Bryant, principal of the Conservatory of Music, appeared before the convention and extended a cordial invitation to all ministerial and lay delegates and the visitors in general to attend a complimentary concert to be given at any hour that would suit the convention. The invitation was accepted with thanks and the convention decided that it would be best to have the concert this afternoon at 4 o'clock. This was agreed upon and the hour named, adjournment was taken and (Continued on Page Five.)