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THE POWERS' NOTES TO THE PRESIDENT

Formally Asked to Serve as Arbitrator.

NOTES NOT YET RECEIVED

Formal Declaration of War to be Made by the Powers, If Roosevelt Accepts the Blockade May by Called Off at Once.

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 22 .- The notes of Germany and Great Britain formally inviting President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute were handed to the United States Ambassador here and to the United States Charge d'Affaires in London today.

The President Still Averse.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 22 .- President Roosevelt has not accepted the position of arbitrator of the controversy in which the republic of Venezuela is involved with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. In fact, when the official day closed, he had not received, formally or officially a he act as arbitrator of the dispute. These

statements are made on high authority. It can be said that, in response to the suggestions he has received, the President, from the first intimation he had that he was desired as arbitrator of the Venezuelan difficulty has expressed emphatically his judgment that the matters to be arbitrated should be referred to The Hague tribunal. His view of the suggestions made has been conveyed to the European powers together with a strong proposition of his reasons for the views he holds. To this latest phase of the situation, no response of a formal nature has been received.

The President and Secretary Hay had , a long conference today after the former's return from his Virginia trip. They went over carefully the situation as it had developed since Saturday, but it is understood that nothing has arisen during the past forty-eight hours to warrant the President in changing his opinion as to the undesirability of his

United States, it is claimed here, 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. The Monroe doctrine has been acknowledged by two of the greatest powers of Europe, President Roosevelt has been accepted as arbitrator by all the parties concerned and the South American states have been persuaded by events that the Ten Men Brought in From requirements, agreed upon ten days ago, United States is the only power between them and Europe. The only annoying thing to the German government has been the alleged readiness of Americans to suspect Ger-

many of secret designs. The reported extraordinary distrust of Germany has been a painful surprise to the Emperor and to the Cabinet.

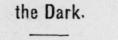
Lieutenant Johnson Arrives

(By the Associated Press.) Caracas, Dec. 22 .- Lieut, Marbury Johnston, attached to the United States cruiser Montgomery, has reported to Minister Bowen as naval attache here, having been landed at La Guaira Saturday by the United States cruiser Albany, which is under instructions to proceed for Mayaquez. Lieut. Johnston will advise Mr. Bowen with respect to naval questions, particularly with respect to the blockade. His arrival here has aroused keen interest.

Declaration of War Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Port of Spain Trinidad, Dec. 22 .- Official announcement is made here that Sir Courtenay Knollys, the acting governor, will issue today a special royal gazette containing a declaration of war against request from the European powers that Venezuela. This act is one of the for-(Continued on Page Five.)

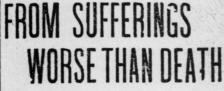
> A TERRIBLE MISTAKE A Dumb Negro Shot Down in



A White Man Near Fremont is Shot and Dangercusly Wounded by

a Negro

(Special to News and Observer.) Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 22 .- A shooting affair of a very distressing nature occurred this morning at Pikeville, about



THREE DAYS OF TORTURE Six Men Went Down in a Collision, Four Died While Drifting in a Helpless Boat, One, Insane, Plunged Into

Wintry Seas.

the Sea. (By the Associated Press.) Boston, Dec. 22 .- Almost crazed from their sufferings, frost bitten and helpless, ten men in a boat were picked up by the schooner Manhassett yesterday forty-five miles off Highland light house. Then for the first time it was learned Louise B. Crary had been in collision, and that they had been sunk off that island on Wednesday evening. The survivors were landed here today.

Of the twenty-one men that made up the two crews, six were carried down when the two vessels sank, four died during the terrible three days' drift in Masachusetts Bay and another became insane and jumped overboard. With no food or water their clothes frozen in solid masses and their boat being steadily driven before a bitter gale out into the Atlantic, it seems remarkable that so many survived. The roster of dead and living follows:

Dead-crew of the Louise B. Crary: J. E. SMITH, mate, Portland, Me. W. H. HOWLAND, engineer. ----, German seaman. HANS DAVID Shanan, New Foundland. AUGUST JOHNSEN, Swede. OLAF BERG, Norwegian. PETER LACHR. South American. Unknown seamon. Crew of the Palma: FRANK BANTA, Finland. EDWARD JERGENSEN, Norway.

ALBERT SPERLING, Philadelphia. Survivors of the Crary: Captain Wm. H. Potter, Orient; Louis Stein, engineer. Survivors of the Palma: Captain J. E. Rawling, South Boston; Svend Reinhart, P. I. lox Lundstrom Fin.

are gathering in groups on Main street or in law offices today, talking about it. There are four other markets in different sections of the city and the public will not suffer, if the Central market keeps closed indefinitely, unless better service is given them than formerly.

The present trouble grows out of the failure of tenants of the City Hall Market to pay the rent and conform to other in what was thought to be an amicable and satisfactory adjustment of differences between the city hall and outside dealers and the Board of Aldermen. In this adjustment the city hall dealers were to pay a fixed rent, past due, and file a bond for further performance by Tuesday of last week. They utterly failed to do either, and Saturday night flatly refused when the chief of police closed them all out in short order. The situation today remains unchanged, except there is a well grounded rumor afloat, that a bid for the whole market, has been put in, by a man of strong financial ability, who will as-

sume the entire supervision and respon sibility for the business, subject to the

city regulations. Yesterday a well dressed gentlemanly stranger, giving his name as Ed. Morgan, of Knoxville, applied for lodging to the police, and was accommodated. He said he was making his way to Danville, but it was raining so bad and he was without funds and needed a rest. This morning that the schools Frank A. Palma and he could not walk. His legs seemed about paralyzed. He says he suffers from heart trouble, and this is one of the evidences of the attack. He does not seem to be downcast at all, and cheerfully says he will be all right in a few days The chief of police is giving the stranger every attention.

THE CHICKAMAUGA PARK.

Report of General Boynton. Healthfulness Work of the Commission

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22 .- In his annual report to the Secretary of War General H. V. Boynton, chairman of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Committee, takes occasion to finlly and officially dispose of the reports which have found currency from time to time, impugning the healthfulness of the park. He says:

"I nview of the sensational reports charging that the park is an unhealthful tract, it is proper to say that during the past year it has been free from serious disease and has fully maintained its long record before the war with Spain, and for the period subsequent to that time, for exceptional healthfulness."

The commissions asks an appropriation of \$40,000 for the coming year stating that hereafter there will be no further necessity for appropriation for the work of es-



His Brother's Hand Stair.cd With His Blood.

DETAILS ARE MEAGRE

It is Stated That the Tragedy Followed a Quarrel Over a Horse. Hiram Wilson Generally Regarded as a Desperate Character

(Special to News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22 .- News was received here today of the killing of State Senator-elect Zeb Wilson, Republican, at Burnsville, in Yancey county, Saturday, by his brother Hiram Wilson. Details are meagre, but from the best that can be learned, the Wilson brothers had a quarrel about a horse, and Hiram pulled his gun and shot his brother, who died almost instantly.

The dead man was chosen at the recent election by the counties of Yancey, Mitchell and Madison, to represent his district in the Senate of the next Legislature, and was highly regarded by his friends and neighbors. Hiram is a distiller, and is generally looked upon as a desperate character. It is said here that he killed a man named Honeycutt several years ago, but was acquitted after trial costing the county about \$5,500. It is not known here whether or not Hiram Wilson has yet been arrested for the killing.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA SUIT.

Hearing is Set For the Thirteenth of Nex, April.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22 .- The United

States Supreme Court today set the case of South Dakota vs North Carolina, involving the validity of railroad bonds guaranteed by the latter State, for hearing on April 13th next.

Sev.nteen Saved From a Wreck.

Afterwards he served for some years on the circuit bench. During recent years he has been engaged in the practice of law at Griffin.

Macon's Railways Combine.

(By the Associated Press.) Macon, Dec. 22 .- The Macon Railway and Light Company today executed a mortgage for \$1,000,000 on all its properties to the North American Trust Company of New York as trustee. This perfects the consolidation of all the street railway lines of Macon. The bonds run for fifty years, with five per cent. gold coupons.

British Steamer in Fiames.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 22 .- The British steamer Straits of Dover, from Savannah for Bremen, passed the Lizard today with flames issuing for twenty feet around her funnel casing. Her load of cotton probably was burning.

Hang d for Criminal Assault.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 22 .- Jerry Kimbrough, convicted of criminal assault upon Mrs. Taylor, of Hanover county, about a month ago, was hanged at Hanover court house today. He confessed the crime.

The Supreme Court Adjourns.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2 .- In accordance with previous notice the United States Supreme Court today adjourned for the Christmas holidays. The court will reconvene on January 5th next.

ONE DEAD, ONE GONE

Rufus Stevenson a Suicide. John Miller, Missing, Believed to be Dead.

(Special to News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 22 .- Rufus Steverson, aged about thirty, was found dead in his room late this afternoon. It is believed that he committed suicide by taking an overdose of either laudanum or morphine. Stevenson and a man named John Miller were together yesterday. The latter has not been seen since, there is some fear on the part of and relatives that he has been either killed or committed suicide. Both men were unmarried and drinking characters.

acceptance of the position of arbitrator.

The acceptance by the powers of the principle of arbitration as applied to the Venezuelan question is a matter of great gratification to the President and his Cabinet. That all the powers have intimated, too, that they would prefer that the President should arbitrate the present dispute than that it should be referred to The Hague tribunal is taken as a notable compliment to the President personally and to his administration. It is the hope of both the President and his advisers, however, that, while there is precedent for his acceptance of the post of arbitrator, the powers will consent to a reference to the controverted matters in the Venezuelan question to the tribunal at The Hague.

The United States is awaiting the reception of formal answers from the allied government to the President's last suggestion that the Venezuelan dispute be referred to The Hague. So far these responses have not come to hand but it is pretty well understood that they will hold out for the arbitration of President Roosevelt himself. Signs point to the President's ultimate acceptance of the trust' though nothing positive is yet known on this point. The State Department has learned that President Castro would welcome the selection of President Roosevelt as arbitrator, and as all the parties interested are united, the pressure will be hard to resist. Opinion varies as to the termination of the blockade of the Venezuelan ports. In some ouarters it is assumed that if President Roosevelt accepts the duty of arbitrator. the allies will call off the blockade at once

On the other hand it is pointed out that custom requires the terms of the arbitration to be gretty accurately defined and this will consume some time pending which the blockade will continue.

It is quite evident from the developments here that Germany is the originator and promoter of the suggestion that President Roosevelt act as arbitrator Great Britain and Italv, it is believed are inclined 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. Indeed, officially, the allies stand on record as supporting the German lead in this matter.

Wilhelm's Voice for Roosevelt

(By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 22 .- The blockade of the Venezuelan coast will continue until a definiate arrangement for arbitration has been reached. Germany is well satisfied if President Roosevelt undertakes the task. His acceptance would be considered a sufficient guarantee that Venezuela would pay if she lost. Asking President Roosevelt to arbitrate was the Emperor's personal suggestion. An in-President of the United States than that Roosevelt's award, the people of the 30 years.

nine miles north of this city, in which a deaf and dumb negro named Coley was seriously wounded. The negro went to the home of Mr. Silas Pike about daybreak on business and the family were not awake, the negro had to make considerable noise to attract attention. Finally, Mr. Addison Pike, a son of Mr. Silas Pike, heard the racket and took his gun with him to the door, where he demanded to know who was knocking. The negro of course did not hear the inquiry and kept knocking very loud. After some time Mr. Pike opened the door and asked who it was at the door and what was wanted. The negro again did not hear and started in at the door to make himself known. Mr. Pike told the negro to stop and when he did not obey Mr. lay the blame of the accident on Mate Pike put the gun to his shoulder and fired, the whole load of shot talking ef- the deck at the time, and who went down fect in the right breast of the negro at with the ship. They are of the opinion close range. The negro, who is very that he thought he could weather the

him in the dark. On Saturday evening, near Fremont, Mr. Perry Barnes was accidentally shot and some of the men killed by the colby a negro, the bullet inflicting a danger- lisions, but others of both crews by ous wound. Mr. Barnes had called the quick work, launched the long boat of the darkey into his home and the negro picked up a pistol found lying on a table, tains of both vessels and thirteen others. and in handling the pistol went off, the There was not a moment for storing ball entering the right side between the ribs, finding lodgment on the left side. had propelled it only a short distance

GUDGER WILL ANSWER SCON.

necessarily fatal.

Fraud, He Declares.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.-Hon. J. M. Gudger, Congressman-elect from the Tenth District, says he will answer Moody's charges in a short time. He says the report about fraudulent voting is entirely without foundation. He says also that Moody's contest will be hurtful to the passage of the Appalachian Park Bill, and that Congress will be slow in appropriatiing millions of dollars to establish a great park, part of which covers a large section inhabited by people who are reported as too dishonest to

hold a fair election. Fire at Dick's Creek Saturday night destroyed Gay Green's barn, together with three horses, several hundred bushels of corn, fodder and much harness

A big suburban hoted is to be built on Swiss Dairy land, a fine property near here.

Brakeman Horribly Mangled.

(Special to News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 22 .- H. R. direct inquiry three or four days ago not Talley, a white brakeman on the Southeliciting a refusal from the President, a ern Railway yards in this city, was killed request has now been made ind irect topight at seven o'clock. Talley was in form. Although Germany is ready to the act of mounting a moving car when submit her case to any importial tribunal he was struck by the railway scales and she would prefer President Roosevelt thrown on the rail. The car passed over for the reason that President Castro is his left side from the ear to stomach, minutes and was conscious till death. The

land; Edward Somerville, Providence, R. I.: Daniel Carlsy, Norway; C. F. Florenzen, Sweden; Vinton, mate. num.

The two schooners, both heavily laden with coal, doubled Cape Codd in company and ran to a strong northwester on Wednesday night. Both captains put their vessels over towards the Cape and Ann shore. When off that island they split tacks and finally both came about at the same time, and unknown to themselves, headed toward each other, the Crary holding north on the port tack and the Palma south on the starboard tack, and therefore having the righ of way.

The survivors today were inclined to Smith of the Crary, who had charge of seriously wounded and may die, was well Palma, but instead the Crary crashed acquainted with Mr. Pike and meant no into the bow of the Palma. The cut was offense, but Mr. Pike did not recognize deep, and it was seen instantly that there was no hope for either vessel. Most of the small boats were smashed Palma, into which clambered the capfood or water in the boat and the rowers My informant, a nephew of Mr. Barnes, from the schooners when the Palma is unable to say whether the wound is went down. Three minutes later the Crary disappeared.

Without food and water, drenched to the skin, spray freezing to their garments, because of the bitter cold the There is No Foundation to Moody's Charges of eleven survivors underwent sufferings indescribable. Four men of the Crary, on Friday, lay down in the bow of the boat and that night they died. Eleven remained up till Saturday night when Frank Banta went insane, and under the delusion that his mother betokened to him he walked into the sea. The others were powerless to restrain him.

Shortly after this the two captains decided that the bodies of the four dead men should be consigned to the deep, and bending over them, Captain Pitter, of the Crary, repeated as much of the burial service as he could remember. Then the strongest of the survivors put the bodies overboard.

In the three days and a half that the men were afloat their boat drifted steadily off shore until at 3 o'clock Sunday morning it was forty-five miles off Highland light. There the lookout on the fishing schooner Manhassett, caught a glimpse oft he boat and within half an hour the ten men were in the cabin of the schooner.

Captain Malone at once crowded on all sails and brought his survivors into Boston.

THE POLICE CLOSE THE MARKET.

An Interesting Fight at Greensboro Reaches a Climax.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22 .- The city market embroglio reached an acute stage

Saturday night, when Chief of Police goers will no doubt be pleased to witness more likely to accept the decision of the terribly mangling him. He lived thirty Scott, under orders from the City Coun- a second production. cil Market Committee, locked up every

tablishing the pork beyond those required for its maintenance and this will not exceed thirty thousand dollars per an-

The commission constructed a great many roads during the year along some of the most interesting lines in the battle field. It has twenty gun carriages ready to place, which will make sixteen confederate battery positions marked on missionary ridge and a total of 270 guns. The State of Ohio has appropriated \$35,-600 for a State monument and twelve regimental and battery monuments on Chattanooga field, and \$30,000 for a monument on Missionary Ridge and for bronze tablets. Maryland has appropriated \$7,-

000 for a regimental and a battery monument on Orchard Knob.

RURAL DELIVERY ROUTES.

Five in Craven and Jones Counties Go Into Effect February First.

(Special to News and Observer.) New Bern, N. C., Dec. 22 .- Congressman Charles R. Thomas says that the Craven and Jones counties Rural Free delivery routes have been ordered to go into effect February 1st, 1903.

The location" of the Craven county rural- free delivery routes are: From New Bern via Bellair, Lima, Jasper and back to New Bern. From Cove to Core Creek road, and, down the Neuse road, through by Per-

fection, and back to Cove. Two routes from Vanceboro. In Jones county, noe route out from

Maysville, and one route out from Trenton.

A Watch for Mr. Harding.

(Special to the News and Observer.) reensboro, N. C., Dec. 22 .- At a meeting of the Hope Fire Company, Mr. W. F. Harding, foreman, was presented a handsome gold watch by the company, Mr. E. E. Griffin, spokesman, making a very apyropriate speeche.

Wake County Lemons.

Wake county is a wonderful county in many respects, but it is breaking the record at this season.

business. They were "fresh from the tree" and were admired by many. These were brought to Raleigh by Mr.

splendid lemons, and are a proof of the splendid climate of Wake county and North Carolina.

NATHAN HALE.

One of the leading theatrical events of the season is Nathan Hale. This strong Revolutionary play will be presented at the Academy of Music tomorrow night by Mr. Howard Kyle and a strong support. It is practically the same company that presented it here last season in such a satisfactory manner. It is a strong high class play and Raleigh theatre-

of The Hague Tribunal. If President deceased was from Roanoke, Va., where stall, put the keys in his pocket, and It is remarkable how many impure Castro evades payment under President he has a wife and child. His age is about turned the lights out. The market is still things a prude can discover that noclosed tight as wax and the proprietors body else can discover.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 22 .- The Prince Line steamer Neapolitan Prince, which arrived today from Naples and other Italian ports, brought seventeen shipwrecked seamen picked up at sea from the Norwekian bark Bayard, bound from Brunswick, Ga., for London with a full cargo of turpentine and rosin. The Bayard was dismasted and in a sinking condition when the Neapolitan Prince took off her crew on December 17. She had experienced terrific weather from the outset of the voyage tremenduous seas boarding her, straining the vessel so that she sprang a leak.

All hands were at the pumps continuously until rescued by the Napolitan Prince. The removal of the Bayard's crew was attended with great difficulty because of the high sea,

The wreck was set on fire when it was abandoned.

Wages.

(Special to News and Observer.) Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 22 .- It is rumored here, though the rumor lacks & Henson, wholesale boots and shoes, and confirmation, that the Atlantic Coast Gillespie, Shields & Company, wholesale Line will, beginning with the new year, hats, seemed doomed. These structures make an increase of 10 per cent in the wages of all employes who now receive \$100 and less per month. Another rumor, is to the effect that the section masters on the Coast Line would demand an increase of 10 per cent could not be confirmed, but it is commonly reported among the employes of the company that the increase would be put into effect on January 1st, notwithstanding the fact that the company officials have issued no circular or statement to that effect up to the present time.

Death of Mr. Amos Rogan.

(Special to News and Observer.) High Point, N. C., Dec. 22 .- Mr. Amos Ragan died at his home on the outskirts of this city this morning. Death was due to a complication of diseases and partly to old age. He had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Ragan was one of the wealthiest citiens of this place and the largest land owner. He leaves a wife and a large number of children to mourn their loss.

The President Returns to Washington.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 22.-President Roosevelt and family arrived in Washington from Rapidan, Va., at 11:25 o'clock today. They were met at the station by Secretary Cortelyou and were driven directly to the White House. The trip from Rapidan was made without noteworthy incident.

Griffin, Ga., Dec. 22 .- Former Governor James S. Boynton died today at his home

GREAT FIRE AT KNOXVILLE.

Three Hundred People are Thrown Out of Work Temporarily,

(By the Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22 .- The scene of this morning's half million dollar fire is tonight but a mass of debris. Brick walls of five of the six burned structures are standing, and here and there groups of firemen are playing streams of water on the smoking ruins. The burned district is triangular in orm, the width of five stores on Gay street and three on Commerce Avenue, leaving the corner building standing. A lucky shifting of the wind was all that saved the six story McTeer block, and the collapse of the Brown Hardware Company building gave Rumor That A. C. L. Will Raise the firemen their chance to stop the flames westward.

First estimates of the less placing it in the neighborhood of one million were made when the stores of McTeer Hood & Company, wholesale clothiers; Haynes were, however, saved.

Three hundred people are thrown out of employment temporarily.

The fire broke out in a four-story building on Commerce avenue, directly opposite the Central Fire station, and occupied by the Knoxville Pants Company, In two hours' time buildings adjoining it on Commerce avenue, occupied by Broyles, McClelan & Lackey, argricultural implement dealers; the David Commission Company; the large establishment of the eorge Brown Hardware Co., on Gay street; the Shankling Grain Co. and the R. H. Catee & Co.'s building on the same streets had been completely destroyed. The six-story building of Mr-Teer, Hood & Co., wholesale clothiers, and the three-story building of the Davis Furniture Co., which were reported burned, withstood the storm of flying embers and were but little damaged. Brandau & Kennedy, retail clothiers; W. T. Newton, jewelers; the Whitle-Spence Trunk Company and other retail stores on Gay street, opposite burning structures, were considerably damaged. The losses officially estimated today

aggregate \$340,000, with \$251,000 insurance

Partial estimates on the losses are as follows:

R. Cattee Company, wholesale liquors, tock and building, \$15,000; Knoxville Pants Company, stock and building, \$40,-000; Broyles, McClellan and Lackey, farming implements, stock and building, \$25,000: Sfipankling Grain Co., stock and building, \$15,000; L. David & Co., stock and building \$40,000; Haynes & Henson, wholesale shoes, \$10.000; McTeer, Hood & Co., wholesale clothing, \$5,000; Davis Furniture oCmpany, stock and buildings, \$4,000; damage to other buildings, \$10,000. All the firms damaged, except the David Commission Company, were insured.

When a man comes home late at night there is nothing more embarrassing than

Yesterday Mr. A. Dughi had Wake county lemons on sale at his place of Lorbacher, who raised them in the open air ten miles from Raleigh. They are

Ex-Governor Boynton Dies. (By the Associated Press.)

in this city, aged 69. Judge Boynton was president of the State Senate when Governor Alexander H. Stephens died in 1883. He succeeded Governor Stephens, serving to find the latchkey won't fit beacuse it until the election of Governor McDaniel. 'is somebody else's door.