

FRANCE WILL NOT SIGN PROTOCOL.

Will Break Off Diplomatic Relations With Venezuela Unless M. Secrestat Jr. is Admitted—May be Tariff Retaliation.

Wilmet, Island of Curacao, Feb. 4.—Advises received here from Caracas state that the French government has notified the government of Venezuela that France will not sign the protocol presented by Venezuela for a renewal of diplomatic relations between the two countries unless M. Secrestat Jr. is immediately allowed to land at Lagaira and protect the interests of his father who leased the estates of M. Yanez, the revolutionary leader, whose property was subsequently seized by the Venezuelan government. In case of Venezuela's refusal to grant the demand of the French government France will immediately impose duties on Venezuelan goods which would be disastrous for Venezuela.

BRITISH RE-MOUNT DEPARTMENT.

Major Arthur Lee, Formerly Military Attache at Washington, Makes Some Revelations in the Commons—Times Says Charges of Incompetency Have Never Been Met.

London, Feb. 4.—In the house of commons last evening Maj. Arthur Lee, (conservative) formerly British attaché at the United States army during the Spanish-American war and later British military attaché at Washington, said Great Britain had been offered the services of the chief horse expert of the United States army as adviser in the purchase of American horses for the British army.

The revelation was made during a debate on the remount question, when Maj. Lee said: "The accredited representative of the war office, Col. Wetherby, the attaché at Vienna, was given an opportunity of showing what knowledge he possessed of the resources of the country. In the same way, being military attaché at Washington, was not informed that there was any intention of buying horses in the United States. I learned from the American newspapers that British officers had been sent to buy horses, but I was not informed who they were, nor was I asked to give them such assistance as my position implied I was competent to give. At the time I had the opportunity, through the good will of a high official, of getting the services of the chief horse expert of the United States army as adviser. I called the attention to the war office, but I received no reply."

The whole debate on this question in the house of commons caused wide-spread indignation, which is as evident among the strongest supporters of the government as among the members of the opposition. The ministerial press vigorously charges the war office with incompetency. If nothing worse, and demands a searching inquiry, hinting at the possibility that

NEW RIFLES FOR UTAH GUARDSMEN

Adjutant General Issues Orders in Relation Thereto—Will Replace Old Springfield—Further Election Order.

The following order was issued today from national guard headquarters: Headquarters National Guard of Utah, Adjutant General's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 3, 1902: G. O. No. 2.—It is with pleasure that the announcement is made to the various organizations of the guard that there is now ready for issue on requisition daily approved, the United States Magazine rifle in exchange for the Springfield rifle now in use by the various commands. Before turning in the old Springfield rifles, the commands and ordnance stores appearing in the Springfield rifles, company commanders will see that the rifles are in proper condition. The following named ordnance stores will be returned with the Springfield rifles: Cartridge belts and plates, wiping cloths, bayonets, bayonet scabbards and attachments, screw drivers, eight covers; also all ammunition used with the Springfield rifle. For the benefit of the various organizations it is suggested that the exchange be made with the least possible delay, and commanding officers of all organizations affected by this order will notify the assistant adjutant general when they are ready to turn in the Springfield rifles and ordnance stores mentioned herein, and he will thereupon arrange a date when the inspection will take place.

By order of the commander-in-chief: CHAS. S. BURTON, adjutant general.

The following order was also issued: S. O. No. 2.—The elections designated to take place in S. O. No. 1, C. S., will also include elections to fill any other vacancies that may exist in the commissioned strength of the companies named at the time the elections are held.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief: CHAS. S. BURTON, Adjutant General.

N.W. WOOLGROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Helena, Mont., Feb. 4.—The fifth annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Wool Growers' association was opened this afternoon at the Auditorium. Delegates from five states included within the association, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming, are present, but the attendance is not so large as was anticipated. Exaggerated reports of severely cold weather came in and kept many delegates from the western states away from Helena, although the weather moderated last week and is mild today. Oregon, outside of Montana, has more representatives than any other state included within the association.

Gov. Joseph K. Toole on behalf of the state, welcomed the association to

THE POLICE SQUABBLE.

Effort to Remove Chief Hilton Will Be Renewed Tonight.

LATTER MAY RETALIATE.

Said He is Likely to Decapitate Sheets, Janney and Brown—Will Be an Interesting Session.

Tonight the City Council will again take up for consideration the puzzling question of "How to remove Hilton." That matter seems to be just as much of a "sticker" now as when first brought up, for the two factions don't seem to be getting any nearer together on the proposition at all. It is safe to say that tonight's meeting will eclipse all previous ones in the matter of interest, and will no doubt be attended by a full house of spectators.

It has been reported that Mayor Thompson would yield a point and send in the name of Hilton's proposed successor, but this the Mayor denies, emphatically, holding that there is no vacancy to fill until Hilton is removed, and consequently no reason for appointing a new chief. He seemed to think that one chief was enough to have on his hands at one time.

It is understood that Chief Hilton will ask the Council to remove Sheets, Janney and Brown. Of course, this is denied by him, but his closest friends in this struggle claim that that will be the next move.

The action of the temperance people of the city will be quite a factor in the contest. They are backing Hilton because he has closed the saloons on Sunday, and they fear that his successor, Janney, who is the senior officer, would assume the role of chief during the conflict, and the result would be the saloons would run wide open on Sunday.

The controversy will be brought up this evening on motion of Robertson for a reconsideration of the vote taken last Tuesday night.

DISASTERS TO SHIPPING.

New York, Feb. 4.—The Oak life saving station reports that two of the crew of the ship L. Schep have come ashore, and that the rest of the crew have been taken aboard a wrecking tug which is standing by.

The greater Cavour, aground off Long Beach, is reported to be resting easy and to have withstood the storm well. Another effort to get her off will be made today.

From Forge river it is reported that five masts have come ashore, two with white mast heads, and three with black. These indicate that two barges have gone to pieces in that vicinity. No more bodies have been found up to 10 p. m.

The barge John Crittenden, which broke away from its tug, the J. G. Merritt, in Sunday's storm, has been found at Pine Point, and no one aboard was lost or injured.

THE EUROPE FLOATED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—The British steamship Europe, for London from Philadelphia, left the Erie line steamer Drummond, from Philadelphia for St. Thomas, both of which grounded in the Delaware river during yesterday's gale, were floated early this morning. They were not to be undamaged and both proceeded.

CLAVERDALE STILL UNMOVED.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.—The Atlantic Beach life saving station reports that the condition of the British steamship Claverdale is unchanged today. Wrecking tugs are at work on her, but it is not believed they will be able to float her until most of the 7,000 tons cargo has been removed.

So far no damage has been inflicted on the Claverdale, and being a new boat, she may be able to stand the strain until her cargo is lighter.

The schooner Edith L. Allen of Bath, Maine, which came ashore yesterday morning about 400 feet from where the Claverdale is stranded, is leaking one foot an hour and in bad condition. It is feared she will become a total wreck. The crew is advanced by the life-saving crew that the crew of the schooner was drenched by the lights on the stranded Claverdale, presuming the latter to be at anchor and thus beached their own vessel.

ENCOUNTERED TERRIFIC WEATHER.

Queenstown, Ireland, Feb. 4.—The Cunard liner steamer Uticon, which sailed from Boston Jan. 23 for Liverpool, and which arrived here today, reports having encountered terrific weather on Jan. 25 and Jan. 27. During these two days a blizzard and high seas prevailed, and the vessel was only able to steam one hundred miles a day.

To Increase Judicial Salaries.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Senate passed the bill increasing judicial salaries by a vote of 35 to 21.

The Liberator Reported Sunk.

Colon, Colombia, Feb. 4.—It is reported here that the revolutionary steamer Liberator, (formerly the British steam ship Lush), has been sunk by a Venezuelan gunboat while under repair at Port of Spain.

The report gained circulation yesterday but no confirmation could be obtained. It is said that the steamer has been lying up at Port of Spain for the past few weeks in need of repairs. The fact that the British warship Psyche left here yesterday for Porto Colombia is looked upon here as giving the rumor confirmation.

Gold for Europe.

New York, Feb. 4.—It is announced that the National City bank has engaged \$1,000,000 in gold for export on Thursday. Lazard Freres have engaged \$1,500,000 for export on the same date.

Desperate Thug's Daring Work.

Enters Home of Mrs. C. F. Loomis, Robs Her of \$122, Beats Her Almost to Death With a Revolver and Escapes in the Darkness—No Clue—Police Mystified.

A crime, which ranks among the most daring in the history of the Salt Lake police department was committed at 2 o'clock this morning at the home of Mrs. C. F. Loomis, a widow residing at 322 West Third South street, when a burglar entered the house after picking the lock of the front door, struck Mrs. Loomis on the head with the butt end of a heavy revolver and robbed her of \$122.

Mrs. Loomis' skull is fractured but as there is no concussion of the brain she will recover. She is being attended by Dr. McLean, who says she is in no immediate danger and that there is no necessity of sending her to the hospital. The robber made good his escape and there is absolutely no clue, at this time, as to his identity. The police are working on the case but have little hope of apprehending the murderous thug.

MONEY FOR NOTE.

According to the story of Mrs. Loomis related to a reporter, she was owing \$120 on a note and it was due today. Her son, George Loomis, conducts a cigar store on West Second fourth, and last evening he brought the money home and placed it in a dresser drawer. She told her son that she should have left the money up town in a safe place but he replied that it was safe enough and there was no danger of any one stealing it. The lady was awakened early this morning by hearing a strange noise in an adjoining room and she sat up in bed. She started to get up and call her son, when she received a terrible blow on the left side of the head just above the ear. She called to her son that she was shot and sank back on the bed unconscious and remained in that condition until nearly daylight.

HEARD HIS MOTHER'S CHIEFS.

Hearing his mother's cries, young Loomis rushed into her room and found her lying on the bed in a pool of blood which flowed from the wound in her head. He immediately gave the alarm and called for some neighbors residing in the rear. As soon as assistance could be obtained Dr. McLean was summoned and the police were notified by telephone. Officers were soon on the scene but were unable to learn anything as Mrs. Loomis was still unconscious. Although very weak from the loss of blood, and in a nervous state from the terrible shock she received, the injured woman was able to talk this morning and gave a good account of the affair.

THE WOMAN'S STORY.

"My son read to me for a little while before I retired," said Mrs. Loomis, "and he remained in the sitting room reading after I went to bed. I don't know when he went to bed, and I don't know whether he was alone or not. I remember anything until I awoke shortly before 2 o'clock. I heard a strange noise and I suppose I thought someone was in the house, I don't know what I thought because I was struck so suddenly. I sat up in bed and started to get out to call to George and I had my feet on the floor when I was struck a blow on the head. It flashed through my mind that I was shot and I called to my son and told him I had been shot. After that I don't remember anything until I came to and found myself lying on the bed in a pool of blood."

GOV. TAFT PRAISES WORK OF ARMY

Its Duties in Islands Had Been Arduous, While Its Activity, Skill And Bravery Had Soon Rendered Enemy Tired of Warfare—Tells Story of Luna's Assassination.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Gov. Taft today continued his narrative before the Senate committee on the Philippines concerning conditions in the Philippine archipelago.

Referring to his testimony of yesterday he said he feared that he had given a wrong impression concerning the part the army had played in bringing the insurrection to an end, but if so this was due to the fact that he could not present a correct impression of the whole situation from one point of view. Then, in order to give the army its just dues, he took up and analyzed its work in the islands. He recalled that as soon as Gen. Otis had received reinforcements sufficient for his purposes the Filipino army had broken up and scattered into guerrilla bands. On this point Aguinaldo and Luna had differed, Luna advocating the continuance of the war on the old lines. So sharp was this difference, he said, that Aguinaldo had directed and secured the assassination of Luna, thus leaving the way open for the carrying out of his own plans. He would not, he said, report the incident if it had not been positively reported to him by Gen. Funston. Aguinaldo said that if he did not kill Luna, Luna would kill him. Indeed, the custom was to order a man's death in his absence, and have him killed upon his return. The presence of these guerrilla bands everywhere there being at one time as many as 500 of them. This rendered the war before the army very arduous and the activity, the skill and the bravery of the American troops were such as to soon render the enemy tired of the warfare.

Speaking of the military policy in the Philippines Gov. Taft said: "The war has been all over in these islands and that which remains is a crime against civilization. It is also a crime against the Filipino people to keep up a state of war under the circumstances. They have worn out the right to any treatment but that which is severe and within the laws of war."

Gov. Taft said that the great majority of the people of the islands desire peace and that the insurrectionists were by their acts preventing the mass of the people from settling down and earning a quiet living. Instead of being allowed to do this they were kept under a system of terrorism which should be stopped.

Knoxville Preparing for Schley.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 4.—Admiral and Mrs. Schley will arrive here tonight from Chattanooga in a private car of the Southern Railway, which will on Friday, take them to Washington.

President W. B. Lockyer, of the chamber of commerce, and Col. L. D. Tyson, Capt. W. P. Chamberlain, Edward L. Sanford and R. K. Gibson have gone to Chattanooga to meet the distinguished guests and accompany them to Knoxville. They will be escorted from the depot here to the Imperial hotel by a battalion of the Sixth regiment and a band.

The reception committee, composed of 17 of Knoxville's prominent citizens, will be headed by Geo. F. Milton, editor of the Sentinel, and will formerly welcome Admiral and Mrs. Schley to the city, preceding the ceremonies of tomorrow.

The city's streets are being extensively decorated. Admiral and Mrs. Schley will remain here until Friday morning.

Queensland Parliament Dissolved.

Brisbane, Queensland, Feb. 4.—Parliament has been dissolved and the premier, Robert Philp, has issued an election manifesto, voicing Queensland's dissatisfaction with the result of the Australian federation. The premier criticizes the commonwealth government and declares that it has utterly disappointed the strongest advocates of the union, which many Australians would gladly see dissolved.

GREAT BRITAIN REMAINS FIRM.

Lord Lansdowne Replies to Note of Dr. Kuyper.

THE OFFER IS APPRECIATED

Suggests if Boer Leaders Want to Negotiate, Negotiations Should Take Place in South Africa.

London, Feb. 4.—The British government replied to Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, that if the Boers in the field desire to negotiate for peace, negotiations can be entered into, but only in South Africa. The British government adheres to its intention to not accept the intervention of any foreign power.

The text of the reply of Lord Lansdowne, the British foreign secretary, to the communication of Dr. Kuyper, the premier of the Netherlands, is as follows:

DOCTOR SUMMONED.

When Dr. McLean arrived, which was about 3 o'clock, he at once made an examination of the wound and bandaged it. The physician remained with the injured woman some time after, giving her restoratives and paid her another visit about 10 o'clock this morning. At that time she was resting easily and the pain was subsiding.

OFFICERS MYSTIFIED.

The officers are great puzzled over the case as it has an element of mystery surrounding it. How did the robber know young Loomis took the money home? How did he know that it was placed in the dresser drawer? These are questions the police are asking themselves, but which will probably never be answered. Neither the injured woman nor her son have any theory to advance as to who committed the crime. There is no one, they say, whom they suspect would hang around the place for the purpose of learning where the money was kept.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Larkin Thompson of Huntsville Passes Away Suddenly.

Utah, Feb. 4.—Word has reached this city to the effect that Larkin Thompson, the well known citizen of Huntsville, was found dead in his bed this morning. Mr. Thompson, it is said, went to bed in the heat of health and spirits last night. When he did not appear for breakfast this morning he was called and finally his room was entered with the result stated. Deceased is supposed to have succumbed to heart failure. He was about 55 years of age.

FOLLOWS HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Christina Smith Gives Up Struggle After Long Illness.

Utah, Feb. 4.—Christina Smith, wife of the late James Smith, who died about two weeks ago, followed her husband into the great beyond last night. Her death occurred at her home in Pleasant View. She was a woman of no character, kind and good to all who passed her way and her death therefore is sincerely grieved by a great many people. She leaves six children, who were all very much devoted to her.

The funeral will be held from the Pleasant View meeting house on Thursday at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Smith was 63 years of age.

8300,000 Fire in Dwight, Ill.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 4.—The city of Dwight suffered a \$800,000 fire loss today. The great laboratory of the Keely Institute was completely destroyed together with the Livingston hotel, a brick and stone structure owned by the Keely company. All of the guests escaped without injury. The fire started around the boilers used for heating in the main building. This and the flames spread to the hotel and the fire department by a great effort then succeeded in stopping the fire without much additional loss.

Struck by an Express Train.

Attentown, Pa., Feb. 4.—Jacob Heller, a wealthy farmer and tanner of Lehigh Gap, and Wm. Detrich of Philadelphia, were struck by the "Black Diamond" express train from the Lehigh valley road, near Lehigh Gap, late last night and killed.

Mr. Heller and his companion had stepped out of the way of a train directly in front of the "Black Diamond" which was running at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

OGDEN VISITED BY GAS EXPLOSION

R. G. W. Pintsch Establishment Blown to Atoms—Two Men in General Hospital—Courageous Work of Fire Dept.

[Special to the "News."] Ogden, Feb. 4.—The Rio Grande Western Pintsch gas house, which is situated on lower Twenty-first street, blew up at 12:30 o'clock today as the main feature in one of the most exciting spectacles witnessed here for a long time. The tremendous explosion was heard all over town and within a very few minutes hundreds of people from every part of the city were on the scene and it required the most heroic efforts on the part of the firemen to keep the crowd outside the danger line. No lives were lost, however, but it was due to the merest chance and despite their caution two firemen were badly burned and are now in the hospital.

The first discovery that was made of the oncoming explosion was some fire that were playing very near the tanks and were seen by some workmen who were on the grounds. Realizing the danger of their position they made a hasty retreat and sent in an alarm as quickly as possible. The chemical wagon, driven by Zed Love and accompanied by Assistant Fire Chief Rogers, were the first ones on the scene. They drove within fifteen feet of the burning

tank and as they were getting a stream of water to play on the flames there was a sudden loud roar and the great tank was flying in fragments in every direction. Love and Rogers were so severely burned that it was necessary to take them to the Ogden general hospital. Almost immediately there followed another explosion but not so great as the first one. Three of the tanks were now completely destroyed and another one intact left within a few feet of the flames.

A rope was strung around the premises to hold the crowd away and even the firemen recoiled back to a safe distance and depended upon the water they could throw into the flames. The jar of the explosion was felt all over the city and the windows in the R. G. W. roomhouse, 200 yards away, were shattered into atoms and the brick building in the yard was totally demolished.

The origin of the fire is a profound mystery, and the damage accomplished by it will amount to \$5,000. However, it is almost covered by a blanket insurance.

The firemen were highly commended for their heroic work and the firm in which they acted imminent destruction. This applies particularly to Messrs. Love and Rogers, who calmly went about their duty in the face of the greatest danger.

THE TOWN IS FULL OF ITALIANS.

Ogden the Recipient of a Dove of Italian Section Men and Laborers Who Have Come to Work on the Southern Pacific Cutoff.

[Special to the "News."] Ogden, Utah, Feb. 4.—For the past few days there has been an influx into Ogden of Italian section hands, who have come here expecting to get work on the new Ogden-Luett cut-off for the Southern Pacific. The poor fellows are now obliged to lie around the streets, some of them sleeping on the snow-covered lawn of the Union passenger station. Fortunately each man has his roll of blankets and is therefore able to keep from freezing. These laborers are daily promised by Italian "promoters" here that the work is to begin "tomorrow," and in consequence passengers arriving on incoming trains are obliged to run the gamut of scores of them strung along Twenty-fifth street, and about the railway station. In anticipation of the beginning of this cut-off work, the very empty place along Twenty-fifth street has been located as an Italian saloon, but many of them are now being closed up again because of the delay. How the wandering Italians may fare is questionable.

SENATE.

Washington, Feb. 4.—At the opening of today's session of the Senate Mr. Keam of New Jersey, presented the credentials of John F. Dryden elected to succeed the late Senator Sewell for the unexpired term of six years beginning on March 4, 1901.

Mr. Dryden was escorted by Mr. Keam to the desk of the president pro tem, Mr. Frye, who administered to him the oath of office.

When Senator Dryden had signed the roll he was escorted to his desk which was adorned with a beautiful floral offering from his friends.

A cordial greeting was extended to the new senator by his colleagues on both sides of the chamber.

The annual routine business consideration of the bill providing for an increase of the salaries of United States judges was resumed. Mr. Teller thought there ought to be a general revision of government salaries and he was not prepared to vote for a piecemeal operation. He suggested that the salaries of members of the cabinet ought to be increased.

Mr. Elihu Root, of the cabinet, providing that members of the cabinet be given salaries of \$12,500 a year, but it was laid on the table by a vote of 35 to 21.

HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The debate upon the oleomargarine bill was resumed in the House today immediately after the reading of the Journal. Mr. Tompkins of New York, the first speaker, supported the measure.

He declared that in his opinion the oleomargarine bill was necessary to prevent the practice of fraud upon the public. The bill would not prevent the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine as such.

Mr. Robert M. La Follette, also supported the bill, while his colleague, Mr. Conner, advocated the adoption of the substitute.

Report on Hoers Killed.

London, Feb. 4.—In his weekly report to the war office Lord Kitchener states that for the week ended February 1, 29 boers were killed, 6 wounded, 142 taken prisoners and 48 surrendered.

Minnesota Legislature Convenes.

St. Paul, Feb. 4.—In response to a call by Gov. Van Sant the Minnesota legislature convened in extra session at 11 o'clock today.

Gov. Van Sant's message will be received today and it is thought it will be devoted almost entirely to the tax revision as proposed in the measure mentioned by the tax commission. Mention of the so-called merger proceedings may be made, but the governor will give no advance information of his purposes in that connection.

Standard Oil Dividend.

New York, Feb. 4.—The directors of the Standard Oil company of New York declared a dividend of \$2.10 per share. This is the same as for the corresponding quarter last year and the year before.

Fatal Nitro-Glycerine Explosion.

Washington, Feb. 4.—A premature explosion of nitro-glycerine, carelessly handled by an operative at the Cerberus Manufacturing company plant at Ardwick, Md., nine miles from this city, early today, killed Richard J. Martin, the superintendent, and slightly injured two workmen. The building was slightly damaged but eight tons of material of high explosive strength stored close to the scene of the accident were not disturbed.