

The second election for representatives in the lower house of the Montana legislature from Yellowstone county has resulted in another tie. Before each candidate received 738 votes. This time each got 575. C. C. Beaver is the Republican candidate and S. E. Morse the Democrat. A third election will be held.

George Khuntz, a painter, was killed by falling from a courthouse roof at Peru, Ind.

John McFarland fell into a vat of boiling water at Swift's packing house at Houston, Tex., and was fatally burned.

Gas trouble in the Beaumont (Tex.) oil field is again prevalent, and a number of men are being "knocked out" daily.

Whit, Chenault, a prominent citizen of Gonzales, Tex., was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of killing a Mexican tenant.

Contract has been let for a water system and an electric light plant at Sweetwater, Tex., to be completed within six months.

The Southern Pacific's million-bushel elevator at Galveston, Tex., has been completed, and will be put into service at once.

At Conway, Ark., Frank Dukes cut W. T. Piercy and seriously injured him. Dukes, who is 18 years old, was in Piercy's store swearing and Piercy was correcting him.

Judge Phillips at Cleveland held Mayor Johnson's tax bureau to be illegal.

The steamer Minnetonka of Duluth, Minn., coal laden from England to Boston, is in distress 900 miles off Halifax.

Justice of the Peace F. A. Truman, E. A. Maxfield, his client, and former Constable Philip Becht of Cleveland have been indicted on a charge of bribery.

Loyous J. Schmidtbauer of Milwaukee, who was married to Miss Anna V. Faust of that city in San Antonio, Texas, died the day following the ceremony.

Senator Jones of Arkansas offered a resolution in the senate calling for immediate consideration of the charges by William E. Hearst that the railroads are violating the interstate commerce law.

George D. Reynolds, recent Republican nominee in the Twelfth Missouri congressional district, has begun contest proceedings against James J. Butler, alleging fraudulent voting in the recent election.

President Larry of the Lincoln Memorial university at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., announces he has secured from Northern sources an endowment of \$300,000 for that institution and a number of scholarships. The beneficiaries are not made known. The Lincoln Memorial university was founded largely through the efforts of Gen. O. K. Howard. It is for the mountain people.

A car heavily loaded with lumber on May's siding, near Wetmore, on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, ran away down a steep grade at Bradford, Pa., and crashed into a doubleheader freight going east. The lumber on the car shoved forward and pinned both engineers in the wreck, killing them instantly and injuring three others. The dead engineers are James Murphy of Kane, Pa., and Charles Dieffenbach of Erie, Pa.

Sitting in snow with back against a sleigh, Mrs. William E. Moore, quartermaster's steward, was found dead at L'Anse, Mich. The woman lived alone on the bay shore, her husband being in the woods near Duluth.

Joseph Jhanek pleaded guilty at Wausau, Wis., to the charge of assault and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. His victim was the 15-year-old daughter of Charles Schialis, a saloonkeeper near Athens.

The French authorities have become convinced that the death of Mrs. Ellen Gore was accidental and have decided to drop the case entirely against Dr. Rydzewski.

Denny Sheriff Richard Stone of Eagle Pass, Tex., had his throat cut by Bill Ford, whom he tried to arrest. Desperately wounded as he was, the officer captured Ford. Stone is likely to die.

The new Episcopal church at Angleton, Tex., replacing the one destroyed in the great storm of 1900, was dedicated by Bishop Kinsolving, assisted by a number of clergymen from different towns in the coast country.

Minister Hart at Bogota has cabled the state department at Washington that a recent government decree provides for a progressive reduction of 10 per cent monthly in the export duties of Colombia, beginning Jan. 1.

Former Police Captain Daniel C. Morahan, who was dismissed by Police Commissioner Partridge, was placed on trial in New York charged with accepting bribes, in return for which it is alleged he refrained from enforcing the law against disorderly houses in his precinct.

Edward Hasser has been arrested at United States officials at Canton, N. Y., on the charge of falsely representing himself as a government employe.

Philip Nagel was convicted at Upper Merion, Ohio, of the murder of his wife, William Wade.

ROOSEVELT IS NATIONS' CHOICE

Great Britain, Germany and Venezuela Select Him to Arbitrate.

STATESMEN DISLIKE THE MOVE

Men of Affairs at Washington Feel It Simply Means European Monarchs Are Making a Collection Agency of the United States.

In the name of Venezuela President Castro has signified acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

President Roosevelt practically agreed to act as arbitrator to the Venezuela dispute when he sent word to the European countries concerned saying that he was unwilling to act as arbitrator, but would do so if they insisted upon it. They have insisted upon it, and the understanding is that when the president returns to Washington he will be confronted with the actual necessity of redeeming the implied pledge he made.

Position is Delicate.

The situation is the cause of great anxiety to public men at Washington, and there is good ground for the belief that if the president does consent to act as arbitrator it will be against the strongly expressed opinions of his secretary of state, John Hay.

The anxiety which is felt arises from the belief that if the president assumes to act as arbitrator he will be forced to provide a means of executing his own decree. This in turn would seem to involve coercive action in the part of the United States. In other words, it is felt that Venezuela has no resources at all now except its customs revenues. They must be seized by someone and divided into shares, a part going to supply the hungry cormorants, who call themselves the government of Venezuela, and the remainder being distributed among the European money lenders.

Reject The Hague Tribunal.

President Roosevelt desired to have the whole dispute submitted to The Hague tribunal, and it is said he would have been successful in this except for two things. One was that The Hague tribunal could reach merely a finding of facts, and some way of collecting the claim would still have to be adopted. The other difficulty lay in the fact that both Great Britain and Germany have laid great stress upon certain alleged diplomatic insults which constitute an offense against the dignity of nations, not entirely within the jurisdiction of The Hague court.

Castro for Roosevelt.

President Castro, it is understood, has communicated his belief through Minister Bowen that The Hague court, being essentially a European tribunal dominated by the great powers, it could not be expected to give a fair hearing to the case of a little South American republic afflicted with a chronic case of revolutions. In fact, it is intimated that President Castro has declared he would not accept any other arbitrator except the president of the United States.

Doesn't Desire to Act.

President Roosevelt sent to the European governments a strong letter through Secretary Hay, clearly indicating that he did not desire to act as arbitrator and asking the foreign governments merely as an act of friendliness to the United States not to press the matter. This identical note, for such it was, did not specifically say the president would consent to act if the blockading nations insisted upon it, but the inference was so strong as to be almost irresistible.

Will Stop Blockade.

From the tone of the dispatches received...

delivered by diplomats at Washington. It seems probable that Great Britain and Germany have announced that they will withdraw their forces and abandon their alleged peaceful blockade provided President Roosevelt consents to act as arbitrator. If he does not consent they say there will be nothing left for them to do but to seize the customs houses and administer the revenues for their own benefit.

This puts an awkward responsibility upon the president, because if he declines to act the disturbance of commerce with Venezuela continues indefinitely, and besides that there is always the possibility of a clash resulting in the loss of life.

Fear Diplomatic Blunder.

On the other hand, many of the president's warmest friends and admirers believe it would be a great diplomatic blunder for the United States to take a hand in the Venezuelan difficulty in any way except to prevent, by force if necessary, any violation of the Monroe doctrine.

It is pointed out—and the president will be bombarded with such statements—that he cannot fail to decide in favor of the European governments, only the amount of the actual claims being in dispute. President Castro has admitted that he owes the money, or some of it, but pleads that he is unable to pay on account of the drain of the recent revolution, which came dangerously near landing him outside the breastworks.

Savors of Collection Agency.

As the customs revenues are the mainstay of the country that must be seized for the time being at least, and hence it is feared that the president ultimately would put this country in the position of being merely the collection agent for Europe. This, of course, would destroy our influence in Latin-America.

Members of the cabinet, who are opposed to the president acting as arbitrator, say that if he does consent, he will sooner or later be forced to do the thing which Great Britain and Germany are now doing, which is to seize the only available revenue of the country. This would mean, it is



Uncle Sam—"That's a Live Wire, Gentlemen!"

seized by someone and divided into shares, a part going to supply the hungry cormorants, who call themselves the government of Venezuela, and the remainder being distributed among the European money lenders.

Church Census Shows Ninety Per Cent Believe in Christianity.

Rockford, Ill., dispatch: The good people of Rockford believe they may claim rightfully that their city is the most religious city of this country if not of the world. A church census read from the various pulpits shows that out of 8,368 families reported 90 per cent expressed a belief in Christianity and a church preference. The Zion Swedish Lutheran congregation, according to the returns, is believed to be the largest of that denomination in America, 847 families claiming it as a house of worship. The returns indicate a population of 35,067, a gain of 4,000 since the federal census of 1900.

INDIANAPOLIS A LABOR CENTER

Officials of Three Great Unions Make City Their Headquarters.

Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: After Jan. 1 this city will be the labor headquarters of over 500,000 union workers in America. The greatest of these is the united mine workers, whose president is John Mitchell. Secretary Wilson says that the United Mine workers are now 300,000 strong. The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America will move its headquarters from Philadelphia to this city. The membership is 160,000. The International Typographical union, which has its international headquarters in this city, has a membership of 43,000.

Analyzes Football.

Minneapolis, Minn., special: President Northrup of the University of Minnesota, in analyzing the influences of football in education, finds that it stimulates manhood, but discourages study.

Student Kills Himself.

Ottumwa, Ia., special: Because he thought he had failed to pass his examinations Everett Harman of Malcolm, a student at the Iowa Wesleyan university, committed suicide. He cut his throat with a razor.

To Deport Chinaman.

New York, special: United States Commissioner Benedict has ordered the deportation of twelve Chinamen who could not show that they arrived in the United States before the passage of the exclusion act.

feared, a protectorate, either temporary or permanent. Many conservative men look upon this contingency as one to be avoided.

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A lovely breakfast is quickly prepared from Mrs. Austin's Pancake flour.

A clear conscience can bear any trouble.

A Lighthouse Lighthouse.

The most extraordinary of all British lighthouses is to be found on Arnish rock, Stornoway bay—a rock which is separated from the island of Lewis by a channel over 500 feet wide. On this rock a conical beacon is erected, and on its summit a lantern is fixed, from which, night after night, shines a light which is seen by the fishermen far and wide. The way in which the lighthouse is illuminated is this: On the island of Lewis is a lighthouse, and from a window in the tower a stream of light is projected onto a mirror in the lantern on the summit of Arnish rock. The consequence is that, to all intents and purposes, a lighthouse exists which has neither lantern nor lighthouse keeper.

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A material that can be carved may be made out of peeled potatoes, which are prepared for this purpose by being first blackened for thirty-six hours in eight parts of sulphuric acid to one hundred of water; it is next dried with blotting-paper, and then pressed. The French now manufacture pipes, in close imitation, it is said, of meerschaum, from this novel substance. A heavy pressure gives a material so hard that good billiard balls in imitation of ivory can be made from it.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 oz., while all the other kinds contain but 12 oz. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

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Wm. F. Hayles of Augusta, Ga., writes that he arrived home one night about 10 o'clock and found his wife dangerously ill from sore throat, and that she almost choked to death on being awakened. He requested his daughter to rub her mother's neck and chest with Wizard Oil, while he hastened for the doctor. "On my return," says Mr. Hayles, "I found my wife sitting up and as well as ever. She has never had any trouble of this kind since and I really believe Wizard Oil saved her life. I would advise everyone to keep it in his home."

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Women should not fail to profit by the experiences of these women; just as surely as they were cured of the troubles enumerated in their letters, just so certainly will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure others who suffer from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, irregular and painful menstruation, nervous excitability, and nervous prostration; remember that it is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that is curing women, and don't allow any druggist to sell you anything else in its place.

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