

GOES TO PINAR DEL RIO

Captain General Weyler Leaves the City of Havana.

RECEIVES A HINT FROM MADRID

Is Informed That Something Must Be Done Before the First of the Year In Order to Prevent Action by Congress on the Cameron Cuban Resolution—A Spanish Victory in Santa Clara Province.

HAVANA, Dec. 23.—Captain General Weyler left Havana at 3 a. m. on board the Spanish cruiser Legazpi, bound for Mariel, north of the military line, across the province of Pinar del Rio, with the intention of resuming personal command of the operations against the insurgents in that part of Cuba.

General Salano reports from Santa Clara that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, in command of the Granada battalion, has had an engagement in that district with a force of insurgents. The general adds that the enemy had over 200 killed and wounded.

The insurgents have lifted the rails and ditched an exploring engine near Yaraquaimas, province of Matanzas, killing a conductor and so seriously injuring the engineer that both his legs had to be amputated. The whereabouts of the fireman is not known.

Weyler to Force the Fighting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Key West special to The World says: General Weyler proposes to take the field in Santa Clara province now, it is learned from Havana, and force the fighting. The captain general is disturbed by reports of insurgent operations in Santa Clara. Besides, a strong hint is said to have reached him from Madrid that something must be done by Jan. 1 to forestall action by congress on the Cameron resolution.

A number of dead bodies of pacificos and four bodies of women were found by the Cubans on Saturday near Alfonso, where a Spanish column had passed. All the huts and dwellings in that section had been burned and the crops destroyed, so the country people have had little left to live on. Many are on the verge of starvation.

The pacificos living on farms near Esterveres were driven from home on Saturday and were forced to go to the town or starve. When they went there, according to reports, they found no provisions awaiting them. With nothing to do nor money to buy food their cases are pitiable. It is said if they go back they will be killed; if they remain they will starve.

Affairs east of the trocha grow worse. The Spanish officials there cannot cope with the insurgent bands in operation in that section, using the hills as their base of operations, and they are confined to the lowlands.

A Spanish on the Situation.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the Spanish embassy here, the Marquis de Novallas, in an interview has declared that but for American interference the Cuban insurrection would have terminated long ago. He is quoted as adding:

"The recognition of the independence of Cuba by the United States will be only the result of a whim. I believe the struggle will terminate before the end of February."

The Soliel says: "If the United States recognizes the independence of Cuba, European opinion will unanimously support Spain against America."

G. A. R. Men Offer Their Services.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 23.—A special dispatch from Newark, Wayne county, says: William B. Vosburgh, post G. A. R. of Newark, unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That this post, consisting of 100 able-bodied men, hereby offer their services to the insurgent army of Cuba to aid them in securing their independence."

Three Powers to Offer Their Services.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A special dispatch from Paris says it is suggested that Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers most interested, offer their services in the Cuban question in order to prevent a conflict between Spain and the United States and to terminate the revolt.

German Warship Sails For Manila.

HONG-KONG, Dec. 23.—The German warship Irene, with Admiral Tirpitz on board, has sailed for Manila under orders from Berlin to protect German subjects and the subjects of other powers in the event of the severe fighting which is anticipated there.

Cuban Mass-meeting in Missouri.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 23.—A mass-meeting, held at the courthouse here, adopted resolutions calling upon Missouri's representatives in congress to support the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence.

Anarchists to Be Set Free.

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 23.—An additional batch of anarchists will be set free during the day. Most of them were condemned to 20 years' imprisonment, and 25 to eight years in prison.

Revolutionary Band Dispersed.

MADRID, Dec. 2.—The Correspondencia asserts that gendarmes have dispersed a small revolutionary band that has been organized near this city.

Queen of Spain Congratulated.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The Galician colony of Cuba has cabled its congratulations to the queen regent on the death of Antonio Madoz.

The Laurada Leaves Madrid.

MADRID, Dec. 23.—The American steam-ship Laurada has returned to Messina.

BIG IRRIGATION VENTURE.

The Company, Schults Wrecked Before Committing Suicide to Be Reorganized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Yakima Investment company of Washington, which Paul Schulz had wrecked before committing suicide, is to be reorganized. A new corporation is to be formed and one of the largest irrigation enterprises of the Pacific coast is once more to be placed upon its feet. A. M. Booth has just returned from Boston where he was acting as attorney for the Safe Deposit and Trust company of this city to consult with approval and is now practically agreed upon by the principal parties.

The property involved is estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 in value. It is located in the Yakima valley, east of the Cascade mountains. Ninety thousand acres of land were bought from the Northern Pacific railroad, and a main canal with ditches with a length of 320 miles were built at a cost of \$700,000. From time to time the land, water and water rights were sold. An issue of \$450,000 in bonds were again secured by mortgage, in which the Safe and Trust company was named as trustee. Hard times came on. Schulz could not raise money to complete his scheme, suit for foreclosure was brought by trustee and receivers were appointed, of whom Schulz was one. Soon after he committed suicide under sensational circumstances.

After a brief interval receivers' certificates to the amount of \$250,000 were issued and it is thought the holders of these and the bondholders who were interested in the reorganization plan, in which the Safe Deposit and Trust company has taken the initiative. London and San Francisco banks and an electric corporation of Boston are also largely concerned as holders of the bonds and certificates.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

Americans Go to Jerusalem to Witness the Advent of Our Lord.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—There are a queer lot of American colonists in ancient Jerusalem, according to United States Consul Wallace. In a report to the state department he says that of 530 citizens residing in Palestine 438 are Jews who are nominally Americans, having stopped in the United States on their way from Russia to Palestine only long enough to take out American papers and passports. Of the other 92, nearly all have come to Jerusalem because of some peculiar religious belief. The one idea that seems to possess them all is that there will be a second advent of our Lord and that this will take place in Jerusalem. Some of them during the period of waiting are suffering for the necessities of life, but are content to endure this privation in the hope of witnessing His coming.

The Spoffordite colony or "overcomers," as they call themselves, have recently been increased by the addition of 117 Swedish Americans, mostly from Chicago. Their leader, Mrs. Spofford claims to be under the direct protection of the Almighty and to possess prophetic powers. They are a peaceful and law-abiding community.

Fought an Imaginary foe.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—Myrtle Gillette, the young woman who was with J. B. Tucker, the wealthy stockman of this city, when he killed himself in the Lindell hotel in St. Louis, Mo., on Aug. 5, has been sent to the city hospital. She was arrested at Twelfth and Main streets while fighting an imaginary foe on the sidewalk and is thought to be insane. Miss Gillette's father is a prosperous stockman at Fredonia, Kan. Tucker met her in Kansas City two years ago. They traveled about the country until Tucker lost his fortune and killed himself. His death unbalanced Miss Gillette's mind and her family has since made her an outcast.

Will Divide the Tilden Estate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The referee in the action brought by the New York, Astor and Lenox libraries, the principal beneficiaries of the will of the late Samuel J. Tilden, against all persons having a legal interest in the estate, to determine whether certain lands shall be sold, determines that the lands, including "Graystone," the residence of the late Mr. Tilden, and 16 other parcels should be sold, and one-half of the proceeds given to plaintiffs and the other half divided between six nephews and nieces of Mr. Tilden.

Mrs. Cecile Franklin Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Cecile Franklin died here from cocaine poison. Whether Mrs. Franklin wanted to end her life, or simply took the drug to alleviate pain is not known. She was dying when her servant found her. A physician was hurriedly summoned and he quickly administered a powerful antidote, but the remedy had no effect. Mrs. Franklin kept the most fashionable boardinghouses in St. Louis.

Will Be a Double Hanging.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—Sheriff Plummer of Newport has been in consultation during the day with Governor Bradley. The latter indicated that he would fix the same day for the execution of both Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling. The final mandates of the court have not as yet reached the governor, but he is already receiving letters by hundreds pleading for mercy for Pearl Bryan's murderers.

Mr. McKinley Is Still in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—President-elect McKinley, who had intended leaving for Canton Monday night, did not do so and is still here. He has enjoyed his rest somewhat, although he did intend to remain one day longer. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley start for Canton via the Pennsylvania road during the night in order to take Christmas dinner with his mother.

Seventeen Hurt in a Wreck.

DANVILLE JUNCTION, Va., Dec. 23.—Train No. 71, on the Grand Trunk railroad, was derailed at a point about 2 miles below the junction and four cars were partially wrecked. Seventeen passengers were hurt, but not seriously. The injured were taken to Boston. The cause of the accident was a broken rail. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS

A Week's Happenings Gathered From All Parts of the State.

MANY ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Former Officials of a Charleston Bank Arrested, Charged With Conspiring to Defraud—Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical College Celebrates Its First Commencement—Other Notes.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—J. Fred Lilienthal and August Bequest, former officials of the German-American Trust and Savings bank, were arrested here, charged with a conspiracy to defraud that institution last May. Lilienthal was president and Bequest cashier of the bank at the time. It is alleged that Lilienthal, as president, drew a check that had been given to him, with fraudulent intent, by Bequest. Both men waived the preliminary examination and gave bond in the sum of \$1,000. The same men have been arrested before on similar charges and cases are now pending against them in the court of sessions.

To Prevent the Cutting of Rates.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 18.—The traffic managers of the Southern, Plant and Central of Georgia railway systems have been in this city all day discussing the rates on fertilizers. Mr. Culp represents the Southern, Mr. Papy the Plant, and Mr. Winburn the Central road. The meeting has been held behind closed doors and nothing has been given out for publication. It is understood that its object is to arrive at a general agreement which will prevent cutting the rates in the future.

Clemson College Commencement.

CLEMSON COLLEGE, S. C., Dec. 21.—The Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college of South Carolina has celebrated its first commencement. The exercises extended over a period of four days. Orations were delivered by 14 members of the graduating class. Diplomas were presented by Senator Tillman.

Lived on Roots and Berries.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 19.—A lad 14 years old, lost on a deer hunt in Carver's bay swamps, in Georgetown county, has just been found. He has had nothing to eat for 15 days except roots and berries and was reduced almost to a skeleton, but will recover.

THE INQUIRY CONTINUED.

Crevasse at Point l'Outre, on the Mississippi River, May Be Repaired.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate committee on commerce continued its inquiry into the necessity of repairing the crevasse at Point l'Outre, on the Mississippi river, having before it Major J. P. Quinn of the corps of engineers in charge of the lower Mississippi river works, and Mr. McHenry of St. Louis, who is the manager of the affairs of the Eads estate.

Manager Quinn stated that while he was not an advocate of the Eads scouring system, he considered the repair of the break as imperative. He said the crevasse was constantly growing and that it might reach a point where it would be impossible for the Eads estate to maintain the channel through the south pass. In that event a lawsuit would probably ensue and the commerce of New Orleans would be bottled up. Major Quinn said that he gave his advice entirely independently of the legal question involved in the contract with the Eads estate to maintain a 25-foot channel.

Mr. McHenry said that the Eads estate would not, on account of its contract, stand in the way of the closure of the crevasse but that the estate did not ask the government to do this work. He said the estate had so far maintained the full supply of water demanded from it, and that for the present no help was needed. He agreed with Major Quinn that the danger was in the growth of the crevasse.

Nominations Sent to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The president has sent the following nominations to the senate: Postmasters: Alfred J. McQuiston, Saltsburg, Pa.; Robert M. Cameron, Belmont, Ia.; Orrin A. Mickel, Woodbine, Ia.; Nettie J. Van-inawagon, Ortonville, Minn.; Charles Trimble, Grenada, Miss.; Miss Felicie Louise Delmas, Scranton, Miss.; William Ault, Warsaw, O. War: Colonel Lieutenant Davis Ferry, Tenth cavalry, to be colonel; Major John Morris Hamilton, First cavalry, to be lieutenant colonel; Major Theodore A. Baldwin, Seventh cavalry, to be lieutenant colonel.

Uprising of Young Turks Feared.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—A dispatch to the Frankfurt Zeitung from Constantinople says that a rising of the young Turks party is feared there. The dispatch also says that 50 young Turkish officials have escaped arrest by fleeing from the city and that a number of officers of high rank have been taken to the Yildiz palace to be tried by courtmartial. At the palace, it is further stated, the usual precautions for the safety of the sultan have been doubled and every suspect approaching the palace is arrested.

Another Lynching in Kentucky.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 22.—James Stone, a negro, was taken from the county jail by a mob at an early hour Monday morning and lynched. After being swung up several shots were fired into his body. This was the third attempt that had been made to lynch him. Stone was charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. J. M. R. Greene of this city, Nov. 24.

A Gas Case to Be Reargued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—In the United States supreme court Chief Justice Fuller has announced a reargument in the Laclede Gas case, involving the franchise of the Laclede Gas company of St. Louis, Mo.

TARHEEL STATE NOTES

Items Collected From All Parts of North Carolina.

INTERESTING, IMPORTANT NEWS

Nine New Lodges of Masons Chartered in the State During the Present Year—Annual Report of the Soldiers' Home Made to the State Board of Public Charities. What It Shows.

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—One night last February a policeman at Edenton attempted to arrest a negro charged with robbing a store. He resisted, and the policeman called for aid from two citizens. Other negroes became enraged and a riot was imminent.

A division of naval reserves from Elizabeth City was sent to Edenton. The negro was put in jail, but his case was not permitted by Judge Timmerlake to go to the jury, but was dismissed. Then the defendant became prosecutor and the officers and citizens were recently tried for assault, convicted and sentenced to jail for from six to 12 months. The matter was laid before Governor Carr, who has just given them a full pardon, upon complete evidence that they had not used undue force in arresting the negro even under such great provocation and that he was not injured.

BIG SUMS FOR MR. BRYAN.

The Nebraska Will Make More Money as a Lecturer Than as a President.

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—Anthony Comstock, manager of the McBees-Bryan combination, passed through this city, and stated that the contract with Bryan had been sold by Mr. McBees at an advance of \$25,000. Mr. McBees, who was here, refused either to confirm or to deny the story. The purchasers are an Atlanta syndicate.

"It has been published that we are to give Mr. Bryan \$50,000 for 50 lectures," said Mr. Comstock, "but the truth about it is that we are to give him a great deal more. It is a great venture, but it will be a great financial success. My principal trouble is to keep the tickets out of the hands of speculators. Only yesterday I received a telegram from a fellow in New Orleans saying that he had just sent \$1,000 for a block of seats. I wired him back that the tickets were on sale at the regular price in New Orleans, and he could get them in the regular way at the regular price. The money has not reached me yet; when it does I shall simply send it back at his expense."

Seaboard Air Line Files Complaint.

RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—The Seaboard Air Line railway, through General Passenger Agent Anderson, has filed before the railway commission further complaint against the Southern States Passenger association, charging that it is not granted by the association the privilege of through rates to Texas and Arkansas and exchange of cars for that connection, and also claiming discrimination from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia points to Texas and Arkansas. The railway commission is asked to carry the matter to the interstate commerce commission.

North Carolina's Tax Rate.

RALEIGH, Dec. 19.—The biennial report of the condition of the state's treasury has just been made by the legislative committee. The cash balance Dec. 1, 1894, was \$903,239; Dec. 1, 1895, \$93,410; and Dec. 1, this year, \$83,353. The aggregate receipts during the two fiscal years were \$2,375,324, while the disbursements aggregated \$2,588,153. The committee says that during the two years the taxable property in the state has decreased \$5,500,000, and that the tax rate must be increased or expenses decreased.

A Deadly Duel in North Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 19.—In Polk county, N. C., just across the line of Spartanburg county, Peter Gibbs and Joe Davis, white farmers, had a quarrel Wednesday. Friday Davis was on his way to Landrum with a load of lumber, when Gibbs asked for a ride. Davis refused, whereupon Gibbs drew a pistol and began shooting. Davis had Winchester on his wagon and used it. The result is that Gibbs is dead and Davis is mortally wounded.

A Bookkeeper Fatally Wounded.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 19.—C. J. Kirk, janitor of the city hall, went to the Singer sewing machine office while in a drunken condition and deliberately shot the bookkeeper through the left shoulder. W. T. Lake is the wounded man's name. He will die in a short while, the attending physicians say. The trouble was about a machine Kirk had brought on the installment plan.

A Noted Stage Owner Dead.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 22.—Edwin T. Clemmons, the most noted of the old stage owners of this state, died at Salem. Before the time of railroads he owned stage lines from Jefferson to Greensboro, Raleigh and the principal towns of the state. He was also owner of the Eagle hotel, in Asheville. He left a large estate.

Condition of the Soldiers' Home.

RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—The annual report of the Soldiers' Home has been made to the state board of public charities. It shows that during the year 92 inmates were received and 11 died. There are now 70 present and 30 on furlough.

Natives of Three States Meet.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 22.—An interstate union of native North and South Carolina and Virginians who now live in the northern and western states, was held at Southern Pines. Several hundred attended.

New Lodges of Masons.

RALEIGH, Dec. 18.—The secretary of the grand lodge of Masons reports that during the present year nine new lodges have been chartered, making the total 391. There are 11,000 members, a gain of 800.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. C. W. Haskell, a Relative of the Vanderbilts, Cremated in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—C. W. Haskell, superintendent of the Savannah mine in Grug Gulch, in Madeira county, has arrived in this city with the remains of his wife, who was burned to death last Thursday night. The body will be placed in a vault here preparatory to sending it to New York city for burial in the Trinity church graveyard.

The lady was a daughter of Dr. Livingston of New York and a relative of the Vanderbilts and Kissams. She was married five years ago in Denver to Mr. Haskell, who is a graduate of the United States Naval academy at Annapolis and was for a number of years connected with government engineering work in various parts of the country.

Mr. Haskell's hands were badly burned in attempting to smother the fire in his wife's clothing. She had placed a candle on a box in the kitchen and had gone to prepare a luncheon for her husband and herself. Her clothing touched the candle and in a moment her clothing was in flames. She ran screaming, out into the yard towards her husband's office, where he was engaged in writing a letter. Seizing a blanket from a bed in the office he ran to his wife's assistance and tried to smother the blaze. He was only partially successful in his effort and only succeeded in extinguishing the flames with a bucket of water. He carried the dying woman into the house and attempted with the remedies at hand to alleviate her agony, but she died 24 hours after the accident.

A FIELD FOR OUR RUBBERS.

United States Consul at Chemnitz Gives Advice to American Manufacturers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—There is a big field in Germany for American rubbers, says United States Consul Monaghan, at Chemnitz, in a report to the state department. At present Russia is supplying most of the rubbers worn in Germany, selling through agencies all over the empire, but neither the Russian nor the German made are as good as the American product, being clumsy and lacking in durability, although it commands the market just now by reason of its lower price.

The consul also submits some statistics to show Germany is building up a large trade at England's expense with New South Wales. He gives a list of the principal German exports to that colony and says they are not nearly as good as our own wares, but with the advantages of cheaper and quicker freights across the Pacific, the United States should certainly have this trade. The Germans, however, have kept their goods up to or above sample, inspect them with great care and employ competent salesmen who can speak several languages and thus continue to extend their trade in all quarters. Circulars are, in Mr. Monaghan's opinion, not worth the paper they are printed on as a means of introducing goods.

Shot His Wife, Son and Self.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—James Preston, aged 43, shot his wife Amanda, aged 37, and the latter's son, William Bryant, aged 19, in the residence of Mrs. Preston's son, 439 East Pearl street. Preston is a farmer at New Richmond, O. His wife left him some time ago and came to this city, taking quarters with her son and making a living at dressmaking. Preston followed his wife and tried to make a reconciliation. He called at the house and a quarrel followed during which he began firing. Preston first shot his wife, then his stepson and then himself. Preston and his wife will die. Preston has a wound in his abdomen. Preston was actuated by motives of jealousy.

Big Cotton Mill For Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—Messrs. Traynor of Chester, Pa., well known cotton mill men, have been in Birmingham for the past few days consulting with the Birmingham Commercial club relative to establishing a mill here. It is proposed to build a \$50,000 cotton mill. The Messrs. Traynor appeared before the officers of the commercial club and the matter was fully discussed. The Traynors showed their willingness to establish in this part of the country, and the proposition finally adopted was that the visitors' 50 cents was to be met with 50 cents down here. This most likely consummates the deal, and Birmingham will get one of the largest mills in the country.

Amnesty For the Armenians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The Russian ambassador M. De Nelldoff, had an hour's audience with the sultan on Saturday, at which he urged the instruction of reforms and the granting of amnesty to imprisoned Armenians. His majesty asserted that the reforms agreed upon by the powers already had been executed and he promised to issue the amnesty decrees in a few days. Subsequently the ambassadors met and exchanged views relative to the new reform proposals to be submitted to the sultan.

Murdered For His Money.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 23.—Alfred Wilson, aged 70, one of the best known residents of Andrew county, was murdered some time during the night by robbers, at Neosho. Wilson was a bachelor of considerable wealth. Some time ago he drew his deposits from the bank and is supposed to have his money deposited in his home. It is not known whether any valuables were secured by the robbers.

A Negro Lynched in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—Joe James, a negro, was lynched at Woodstock during the night. Monday he attempted to assault Fannie Smith, aged 17, while she was on her way to school. The negro was pursued ten miles and brought back and identified by the girl. He confessed and said he wanted to steal the girl's lunch. He was strung up in front of Strecklin's store in Woodstock.

Indians to Collect a Bill.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 23.—A collection of Sioux Indians from Crow Creek agency with White Ghost, their head chief, as chairman, have left here for Washington to collect a bill of about \$200,000 from the government.

TREATY NEARLY READY

General Arbitration Agreement Will Soon Be Signed.

FINAL CORRESPONDENCE PASSED

Cleveland Will Lay the Matter Before the Senate Shortly After the Holiday Recess. The Entente's Expected Effect Upon English and Other European Investments in American Securities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The final correspondence between Great Britain and the United States relating to the arbitration treaty is now being exchanged and will probably be completed in time to enable the president to lay the treaty before the senate after the holiday recess, and there is no doubt that it will be promptly confirmed.

Experts in finance have assured Secretary Olney that the pledge of permanent peace between the two countries will add greatly to the feeling of confidence among financiers in the security of American investments. They anticipate that millions of pounds sterling will be invested in American enterprises which might never have come at all without the treaty. The effect may not be sudden and apparent, but it is believed that the consideration will be a potent one with the British investor that his money can be placed in a country with which the British empire can never be at war. This consideration might turn investments in our direction where all other considerations were equal, or might even turn them in our direction where the interest promised was not quite so large as in a country having no such pledge of peace.

The existence of the treaty is likely to exercise an effect upon the stock market in times of political and diplomatic excitement which will prevent such panics as occurred over the Venezuelan boundary a year ago. The treasury lost at that time more than \$2,000,000 in a single day because of the bare suggestion of the possibility that the United States might go to war with Great Britain. Such a possibility will no longer exist under the treaty of arbitration. European financiers declare that the existence of the treaty will surely attract British and other European capital to this country.

A powerful influence upon the relations of other states is expected to flow from the conclusion of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain. It is hoped that other countries will ask to be admitted to the union, the final result being the disbandment of great standing armies.

BRAZIL TO FILE HER TITLE.

She Claims the Territory Now in Dispute Between England and Brazil.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that it is semi-officially announced that the Brazilian government is in possession of documents of the greatest importance in relation to a part of Guinea which is now in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. These documents, it is stated, give satisfactory proof that the territory in question is properly within the domain of Brazil. It is also declared, on the authority of persons in the confidence of the government, that when the dispute between England and Venezuela is settled, Brazil will formally present her title to the territory and expects to triumph over all claimants.

Brazil's claim to territory in the Guinea began with a dispute over a portion now under arbitration between that country and France. Her claim to adjoining territory in Venezuela is of a more recent date. Brazil was much disturbed the latter part of last year concerning the presence of British troops in the territory in dispute. The English missionaries then in the territory declared it to be neutral until a final adjustment should be arrived at. It appears now that Brazil has extended her claims in Guinea to all the region in the Yauri and Delta rivers. This includes the central goldfields, in which is the famous Callao mine and no less than three towns—Guapatica, El Callao and Tremero. The claim also involves the possession of rich sugar estates and profitable grazing land.

Many Armenians to Be Released.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—The large measure of clemency on the part of the sultan toward Armenians recently referred to will probably bring about the release of 4,000 prisoners and the remittance of all sentenced to death. This has been promised to the patriarch Armenian, but it needs ratification. At a meeting of the ministers, at the request of Mr. Terrill, the United States minister, Hatunoglu Aradari, who was imprisoned at Trebizond, has been released. Nine individuals who surrendered to the government as revolutionists at Aleppo, have also been set at liberty.

Santa Monica Wants the Harbor.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The harbor board has had its first session in the chamber of commerce hall to hear arguments concerning the construction of a deep water harbor, either at Santa Monica or San Pedro. The meeting was presided over by Admiral Walker, a member of the board. A. O. Northell, a representative of the Southern Pacific company, opened the arguments in favor of Santa Monica. The speaker read a letter from Senator Frye, chairman of the senate committee on commerce, favoring Santa Monica.

To Celebrate Christmas Holidays.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The Grain Exchange will be closed next Friday, Saturday and Monday in celebration of the Christmas holidays. The Provisions Exchange will observe next Friday and Saturday of Christmas holidays.

Ex-Congressman Tucker Improving.

LIXINGTON, Va., Dec. 23.—Ex-Congressman John Randolph Tucker passed a favorable light, and his condition is so much improved that his physicians and friends hope for his recovery.