

PROMPT REPLY.

Great Britain. Will Accept Castro's Proposition FOR ARBITRATION

And a Solution of the Difficulty is Near.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Dec. 19.—Great Britain has sent a reply to the United States regarding the suggestion that the Venezuelan question be arbitrated.

The reply it is believed will bring about a satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs, in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

Events here are dependent upon the receipt, through the United States state department, of the answers of the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela. Should they be favorable, the Venezuelan government strongly desires that a conference of the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the United States then be held in Washington and that Mr. Bowen leave La Guaira Dec. 23 for the United States on board the Red D line steamer Caracas, which is due to reach New York Dec. 29. Mr. Bowen will meet the ambassadors in Washington. No meeting to discuss terms of settlement is to be held on Venezuelan soil.

TRUE BILL AGAINST LYNCH.

Irish M. P. to be Tried for High Treason in Fighting for the Boers.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

London, Dec. 19.—The grand jury has returned a true bill in the case of Col. Lynch charged with high treason. It is the first case of this kind in 62 years. The trial is expected to begin Jan. 28th.

[Col. Lynch, is an Irish journalist, long resident of Paris, who commanded a corps of his fellow countrymen against the British in South Africa, and during his career there, was elected to the British House of Commons by an Irish constituency. He was arrested some months ago on arriving in England to take possession of his seat.]

AWFUL DISASTER.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, Dec. 19.—A despatch from St. Petersburg says that one thousand per-

sons were killed by the earthquake, Dec. 16, at Andijan. They were mostly natives.

THE SCHOOLS.

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tions by Florence O'Brien, Genie O'Leary, Eva Carten, Lily O'Brien, Kathleen McCluskey and Eldie O'Brien. Rev. Father Carney briefly addressed the pupils at the close.

In Grades 2 and 3, taught by Miss Reid, the programme carried out consisted of recitations by Cecil Gallagher, Mollie Barry, Harry O'Brien. Frank Tonar, Dorothy Doohan, and a song and and chorals by Leon Dolan, Frank Tonar, John Carten and Willie Barnes, a song and chorus, by seven little girls, and a duet by Kathleen Gallagher and Mollie Barry. The pupils were examined on the work of the term and made a good showing. Rev. Father Carney conducting the examination in reading.

In Sister Constance's department, grades 5 and 6, there was an examination of the work of the term, after which a short program of Christmas exercises was carried out. It consisted of choruses by the school and recitations by Mary O'Neill and Nellie Burns. The Christmas drawings on the blackboard reflected much credit on the pupils.

At the Brunswick Street School, taught by Sister Clare, there was an examination of the ordinary work of the term, and a recitation by Frank Gallagher. The pupils acquitted themselves well and the visitors were much pleased.

Charlotte Street School.

The closing exercises of the Charlotte Street School, always attract numerous visitors and today was no exception. Among those who spent part of the forenoon visiting the different departments were Rev. Canon Roberts, Rev. Dean Partridge, R. B. Wallace, Mrs. W. G. Clarke, Mrs. L. C. Macnutt, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges, Mrs. W. Fisher, Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt, Mrs. E. Jack, Mrs. C. Barn, Mrs. R. B. Wallace, Mrs. Partridge and others.

The primary department taught by Miss McAdam was the centre of attraction, and the exercises carried out by her pupils were most interesting and creditable. The school room was very tastefully decorated with evergreens, and the blackboards were filled with pretty Christmas drawings, the work of the pupils. Miss May McAdam presided very acceptably at the piano, and a splendid musical and literary programme was carried out by the pupils. It consisted of recitations, songs and dialogues, and all who took part did themselves credit. Perhaps the most interesting feature was a dialogue by the school, in which Jack Harrison and Lucy Morrison took prominent parts.

In the departments taught by Principal Mills and Misses Taylor, Thompson and Williamson the examinations consisted of a review of the ordinary work of the term. The visitors were much pleased at the splendid showing made and Principal Mills and his staff came in for many compliments.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION.

Little Ones of Miss Margaret Nicholson's Private School Greatly Pleased Spectators.

Miss Margaret Nicholson's private school closed for the holidays on Thursday morning, the 18th. The room was very bright and pretty. A most interesting programme was carried out by the

children. A soldier march was prettily executed, at the close of which the children formed in line at the back of the room, saluted and with caps off sang "God Save the King." This was loudly applauded.

Miss Dorothy Phair read a Christmas story entitled "A Double Christmas Present." Her rendering of this and also a recitation "Telephoning to Santa Claus," called forth admiring comment. Miss Manjire Peters recited very sweetly "The Rainbow Sisters" at the close of a color lesson.

A novel idea was a huge red stocking which was filled with toys and books for children less fortunate than themselves, and a Christmas tree stocked with gifts made by the children for friends and relatives.

At the close of the programme Santa arrived and distributed the presents and gave each child a stocking as a reward for their thoughtfulness.

Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. West, Mrs. Allen Randolph, Mrs. J. H. Hawthorn, Mrs. C. H. Hall, Mrs. R. P. Foster, Mrs. R. B. H. Phillips, Mrs. T. A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Edgecombe, Mrs. Wm. Maunsel, Mrs. W. B. Phair, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Miss Hogg, Mrs. (Prof.) Jack and Dr. Bridges. The school reopens on the first Monday in January.

NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Winnipeg, Dec., 19.—Thos. W. Brown, a former clerk, in poor circumstances, has been left a fortune of \$225,000 in England.

Our Big Guns.

The pair of ob-lete cannon mounted on the river bank below Parliament Square yesterday are attracting much attention, and are quite an addition to the locality. One of the guns is stamped with the figures of 1807 and is supposed to have been manufactured in that year. It is said that they were at one time used on the fortifications at Halifax.

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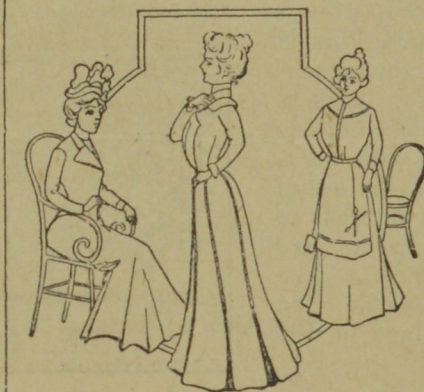
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We have made special prices for to-morrow and until Christmas in all Overcoats, prices \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$8 worth 40 per cent more.

Raglanettes

Men's Raglanettes from \$5 to \$8.50, worth \$8 to \$12. Youths' Raglanettes from \$4.75 to \$7, worth \$6.50 to \$9. Boys' Raglanettes from \$4.50 to \$6 worth 35 p.c. more

Christmas Suits

We have made a special reduction in all our men's suits specially for the Christmas trade. Prices \$4, \$5, \$6, 7 and 9, worth 50 per cent more.

Boys' Christmas Clothing. Our Boys' Suits are built to stay with the boy, and prices special for to-morrow and until Christmas, from \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3, \$4 and \$5. Remember all these suits have just come in for Christmas trade.

Christmas Gloves

We have Men's Gloves of all kinds—Gloves made for every purpose. Come here for glove satisfaction. Prices from 45c., 65c., 75c., 95c. and \$1.25 to \$2.50 all lined. We can satisfy the glove wants of every man in town.

Xmas Ties

We have the nicest collection in latests style of Christmas Ties ever shown in this city, from 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c. and 35c. to 45c., worth 25c to 75c.

Christmas Hosiery

We have a beautiful assortment of Hosiery for men who like to dress their feet well, new and exclusive patterns in smart effects. Prices 12c., 15c., 20c., 25c. to 45c., for Xmas.

Ladies' Jackets

This season's coat, December fashion, all-wool goods, lined through and through, worth \$10 and \$12 for Christmas gifts, for \$6.25 and \$7.25, only.

Ladies' Dress & Walking Skirts

The latest and most up-to-date Skirts in all shades are here and prices are special for Christmas trade, one third their regular price. We are selling the best skirts now from \$1.75, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5. Remember the prices.

Ladies' Underwear from 20c., 25c., 30c., 40c. and 75c. Chatelaine Bags of all kinds from 25c. to 75c.

Silk Waists

We have just opened the nicest and best quality of silk waists from \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.50. Less than wholesale prices.

All kinds of Jewelry for Christmas gifts. Big reduction specially for to-morrow and until Christmas.

Costume cloths

We have over 40 pieces of all kinds of the latest colors in ladies' costume cloth in Black, Blue, Grey, Fawn, Green and other colors for 30c., 40c., 50c., 60c., 85c. and \$1. All these cloths are 54 and 60in. wide.