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Allies Promptly Follow Up Signing of Protocols.

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Venezuelan Minister Exchanges Notes With Allies—Text of Agreement With Great Britain—The Next Step.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Official notice of the termination of the blockade of the Venezuelan ports reached the State Department today in a dispatch from the United States minister to Caracas.

At the conference at the British Embassy this afternoon, which took place at 3 o'clock, another important addendum to the signed text of the protocols was discussed.

TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL.

Terms of Agreement Made Between Venezuela and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The text of the protocols which were signed last night at the British embassy in Washington, and which were made public today.

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Venezuelan Representative Meets Ambassadors of Allies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—In view of the restoration of peace between Venezuela and the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy, Senator Augusto Pulido, in the name of the Venezuelan government, addressed an appropriate note to the British Ambassador today, and later called at the Italian and German embassies.

CARNEGIE OFFERED HELP.

Volunteered to Satisfy Increased Demand of Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Moved by the spirit in which Herbert W. Bowen has conducted the peace negotiations at Washington with the representatives of Germany, and anxious that his mission should succeed, Andrew Carnegie, upon hearing of Germany's action in demanding a cash payment of \$7,500,000 bolivars, instead of the \$5,000,000 previously promised, offered the following message to Mr. Bowen, dated February 13:

CASTRO SENDS THANKS.

Rejoicing in Caracas at News—Death Blow to Revolution.

CARACAS, Feb. 14.—News of the raising of the blockade was received by President Castro this morning in the following cablegram from London to Caracas: "The protocols have been signed. Blockade will be raised tomorrow. Congratulations to this message President Castro replied as follows: "Bowen, Washington: In the name of Venezuela and in my own name, I offer you my warmest and most sincere gratitude for the success of your mission, which has brought us peace and the restoration of our country."

IMMIGRATION UNDER NEW HEAD.

William Williams of the Bureau of Immigration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Department of Immigration, which has just returned from Washington, where he appeared before the Senate committee to argue for certain changes in the provisions of the act, took effect after the retirement of Lieutenant-General Mills, August 13 next.

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MELVILLE WILL SERVE OUT TERM.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The statement that Engineer-in-Chief Melville, of the Navy, is about to retire from that office in the course of a few weeks, giving place to Captain C. W. Kea, is said to be erroneous. Secretary Moody today said he was sure that the Engineer-in-Chief has no such intention. Admiral Melville also stated that he intended to serve until expiration of his commission in January, 1904.

NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate: Lieutenant-Colonel O. H. Ernst, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission.

DANGER OF TRUSTS.

Judge Grosscup Says They Tend to Encourage Socialism.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 14.—Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States Circuit Court of Michigan, lectured before the University of Michigan Good Government Club tonight on "The New Nation."

MILLIONS FOR BUILDINGS.

Increased Appropriations for Tacoma and Spokane Among Others.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—An omnibus public-building bill, carrying approximately \$2,000,000, was introduced today by Representative Mercer, of Nebraska, chairman of the House committee on public buildings and grounds. This is the bill upon which the subcommittee has been working for the past few days and will be reported from the full committee next week. The bill authorizes the limit of cost of Federal buildings in the several cities named to be increased to the following amounts: Tacoma, \$1,500,000; Fresno, Cal., \$1,500,000; San Francisco Customs-House, \$1,500,000; Chicago Postoffice and Custom-House, \$5,000,000; Indianapolis Postoffice and Courthouse, \$2,500,000; Evansville, Ind., \$1,500,000; Washington, D. C., municipal building, \$2,500,000.

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