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## VENEZUELAN CONTROVERSY

### And Assertion of Monroe Doctrine.

### JOHN BULL GETS THE BOUNCE

### The English Public Are Stupid and Indifferent.

### GREAT BRITAIN'S RESENTMENT

### Plainly Shown and Cleveland's Message Does Not Set Well.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In spite of the prominence all the English newspapers give President Cleveland's message to congress on the Venezuelan boundary question, the general public refuses to get excited or even interested. Those who read the correspondence resent President Cleveland's attitude, but the almost invariable answer received to inquiries for expression of opinion is, "What is it all about, anyway?" The message, however, was being used on the stock exchange to hammer American securities. Consols declined but there was no excitement. One newspaper remarked: "Yankee jobbers are the only persons injured by the message and they have just ground for complaint." The radical evening newspapers take the most serious view of the situation. Editorially, the Star remarks: "It is difficult to exaggerate the gravity of the situation. The United States may be assured that Englishmen, regardless of party, will abide firmly by Lord Salisbury's claim and will not submit to bounce."

"Public Opinion" says the Westminster Gazette, "will unanimously support Lord Salisbury but it is a pity he enlarged the dispute by attacking the Monroe doctrine."

GOVERNOR LORD'S OPINION.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—In response to the Record's inquiry to governors for their opinions on the president's Venezuela message, Governor Lord, of Oregon, says: "If the Monroe doctrine is a principle of vital force in this country, President Cleveland deals rightly in his message with the Venezuelan question."

A COMMISSION PROVIDED.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The house has passed unanimously a bill authorizing the president to appoint a Venezuelan commission and appropriating \$100,000 for expenses. The senate did not take up the Venezuelan matter directly. Senator Hill offered a resolution to repeal disabilities in confederate soldiers and Chandler and other senators offered resolutions to provide for the national defense. No action was taken on them.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.  
The Republican house today promptly and without a dissenting vote sustains President Cleveland in his assertion of the Monroe doctrine as to the Venezuelan boundary dispute. The senate will no doubt follow suit, as its approbation on the display of the executive backbone was plainly shown Tuesday when the message was read. Congress will stand to Mr. Cleveland's back, and the American people will back both the president and congress for the stand they have taken.

The Oregonian intimates that the president has acted for mere political buncombe. His words cannot be construed as insincere. Such sentiments coming from the lips of any American president deserve the warmest support of all loyal Republicans or men of any party, and will be so received.

A Fatal Wreck.  
SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four workmen were fatally injured and nine others badly hurt at the Midvale colliery this morning, by the wrecking of a runaway work train. A dozen workmen saved themselves by jumping into the brush while the train dashed down a steep grade.

Dolls from 1 cent to \$5.00 at Osburn's Racket. 1734

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

## STREET ORDERED OPENED.

The Old City Council Holds Its Last Regular Session.  
The city council met last evening to close up the year's work, all being present except Aldermen Kay and Albert.

BILLS PAID.

Post	\$ 1 75
Wm. Waide	2 00
W. D. Clapp	2 00
John Gray	2 00
G. F. Litchfield	2 00
Chas. Gagnett	2 00
T. A. Howard	2 00
R. W. Carey	2 00
Wm. Manning	2 00
G. G. Van Wagner	2 00
G. G. Gans	2 00
E. Smith	2 00
J. H. Evans	2 00
Glover & Pugh	7 50
Gilbert & Patterson	2 50
Salem Gas Light Co.	18 00
Salem Gas Light Co.	1 50
Salem Water Co.	111 62
E. Smith	5 00
J. C. Goodale	140 00
Salem Improvement Co.	2 00
F. J. Fagan	1 00
Robt. McKillop	12 75
Elmer White	15 00
J. P. Veatch	3 00
McKarl & King	65
McKarl & King	2 50
Barr & Petal	1 00
Salem Con. St. Ry.	450 50
Patton Bros.	1 75
L. F. Pickens	9 60
Kenworthy & George	2 25

The committee on ordinances made a favorable report on the ordinance for the opening of Court street between 10th and 17th streets. Ordinance read first and second times and referred to committee on streets.

Ten days' notice was ordered given for the construction of a sidewalk petitioned for on Leal's street.

Mrs. W. H. Osborn submitted a proposition to grant the city a certain strip of land at the junction of Che-meketa and 18th streets in lieu of a similar concession on her property at that place. Referred.

A petition from Ed Anderson for renewal of liquor license was duly referred.

Mr. Bingham suggested that there were certain obstructions appearing on Mission street, and the matter was referred to the city engineer for investigation.

On motion the city recorder was instructed to prepare a statement of the arrearages on the bonded street improvements, and report same to the council. He was also instructed to furnish the various committee chairmen with a list of all matters referred to their respective committees within three days after such action.

Mayer Gatch requested before adjournment that all members be present at the first meeting of the new year, to expedite the winding up of all business before the incoming of the new council.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

County Judge Hubbard, Assessor Coffey, Deputy County Clerk Allen and a number of tax payers were before the state board of equalization to be heard in the interest of Marion county. Two good petitions were presented against any raise in valuation. Last year Marion was raised a million dollars.

H. C. Whitlock and Rosie Morley got a permit to marry, John Hicks, witness.

Stephen Weber asks Frank A. Ball to be appointed guardian of the person and estate of Mathias Weber, an insane person.

J. D. Wiggins was appointed administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Wm. T. Wiggins who died on February 10th last. Decedent left a will bequeathing the property of the estate, valued at \$8,000 to his wife, Hannah Wiggins, to hold during her natural life and after that it should go to the five children in equal shares. The widow was named as the executrix. On December 2d she died, intestate, and having never filed any account of her trust as such executrix, Joseph Wiggins, one of the heirs, petitioned for the appointment of his brother, J. D. as the administrator. The bond was fixed at \$16,000.

School Lands Certified.  
The commissioner of general land office today forwarded to Governor Lord a certified transcript of approval of list No. 10 of school land indemnity selections made in the Oregon City land district which list embraces 26,329.67 acres, approved by the secretary of the interior, Nov. 20, 1895. The list was turned over to School Land Clerk Odell, and they are subject to any valid interfering rights which may have existed at the date of selection.

The New York Racket has reduced prices on all ladies' wool mantles. Only a few in stock to close out at a very low price. Call and examine. 18 2d W.

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## SENATE INVESTIGATES

### And Adopts a Resolution on Venezuela.

## AN ARMY STRENGTHENING BILL

### Introduced in the Senate By Chandler—Missionaries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate committee on Foreign Relations today decided to sit during the holiday recess for consideration of the Venezuelan question in its entirety. It is their intention to take it up in all its phases, and to that end they will have before them all reports and documents bearing upon the subject. The result of this inquiry, in all probability, will be a resolution defining the position of the United States on the Venezuela dispute.

## THE HOUSE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec.—There was great deal of anxiety in the senate concerning the Venezuela commission bill, which passed the house and considerable surprise expressed that it did not come over to be acted upon. Under the new law all bills must be printed and this caused delay.

## AN ARMAMENT BILL.

Senator Chandler introduced a bill to strengthen the military armament. It directs the president to strengthen the military force of the United States by adding one million infantry rifles, 1,000 guns for field artillery and not exceeding 5,000 heavy guns for fortifications. The sum of \$1,000,000 is made immediately available for the purpose.

## AMERICAN MISSIONS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.—Replying to a telegraphic message from the United States Minister Terrill, missionaries of Marsovan telegraphed yesterday that they were all safe and guarded by troops. A letter is dated December 2, has been received here from an American missionary at Casera, giving harrowing details of the horrors of the previous three days.

The writer says the Turks swarmed into houses, stoning, clubbing and killing every Armenian within reach. The barbarities practiced pass all descriptions. The victims were literally hacked to pieces and thousands of persons were killed on the afternoon of November 30th. The missionary says the Turkish soldiers confessed that the government gave them permission to pillage.

## The Strike Continues.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The second day of the big strike of the employes of the Union Traction company opened with the situation practically unchanged, so far as running cars is concerned. All branches in effect are tied up, although the cars with formidable escorts of police have made their circuit of nearly every one of them without molestation, enabling the officials to declare the lines "open." There is no disorder.

## NO CHANGE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18, 3:30 p. m.—At this hour the strike situation has in no way improved. The populace is nervous and excited, and such a slight occurrence as a man running on the street is sufficient to start a mob in pursuit, hunting for trouble. Not one car has yet made its circuit that did not have a strong escort of police.

## Bassett Is Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Cap. Isaac Bassett, venerable assistant door-keeper of the senate, erroneously reported dead yesterday; died this afternoon.

## City Treasurer Convicted.

TACOMA, Wn., Dec. 18.—George W. Boggs, ex-city treasurer, was today convicted of fraudulently using public funds. The maximum penalty is ten years imprisonment.

## A Fatal Explosion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Five men were killed and six injured this morning by an explosion of steamships on the American line steamship St. Paul.

## Sugar Bounty Law.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—Two sugar bounty cases were decided today by Judge Pardee, in the United States circuit court. He holds that the sugar bounty act is constitutional.

## PROTECTION SOCIAL.

—All workmen and ladies of honor are invited to attend the social at Protection Lodge hall this evening in the State Insurance building.

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## THE GREAT LOCAL EVENT.

### The Crowning Program of the Season—In Behalf of the Athletic Association.

There will be given tonight at Reed's opera house one of the best and most interesting entertainments of this season. It will transpire under the auspices of the Athletic association of Willamette University, which deserves the support of the Salem public.

A splendid male quartette will render the famous song "In Old Madrid" and Miss Sara N. Brown, who needs no introduction to Salem's people, will appear in two numbers. Professor Heritage, who has won the admiration of the public, will also appear, and Professor Winkler will present several of his own masterpieces that have made him popular here.

The Misses Davenport and Hughes will also contribute to the long and delightful program, and Professor F. E. Brown will entertain the audience with an exhibition of fancy club swinging. Aside from this array, several other entertaining details will be introduced, which are decidedly amusing. Those who have failed to witness a game of football in the field may see some exciting and clever athletic sport on the stage. Nothing is spared in this matter to make it the one great event of the amusement season. Admission will be 50 cents and 25 cents. Seats reserved free of charge at Patton Bros.' book store.

NO NEWS OF THE MISSING MAN.—At 2 o'clock today nothing had been learned of the missing man Elting. His wife told THE JOURNAL reporter she did not think her husband had committed suicide, as a paper reported she had said, and asked that her statement to that effect be published.

HOSPITAL MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the Board of Control of the Salem hospital at the building Friday afternoon at 3:30. By order of president, Mrs. J. J. Murphy.

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Children's caps.  
New towels.  
Scarf pins, shirt studs, cuff buttons.

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Chenille stand covers, Silk mittens, card cases, pocket books, hand bags, fancy neckwear fancy towels.

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Foster's Real Kid Warranted Gloves. Silk Umbrellas, paragon frames, choice assortment of handies.  
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Foster's fancy stitched hook gloves.

For \$2  
Bureau Scarfs.  
Large assortment of silk umbrellas. Finely Embroidered Bureau Scarfs. Real seal pocket books.  
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White Angora Fur Sets. Choice line silk umbrellas. Men's blue Fedora hats. Ladies' mosen skirts. Mackintoshes. Lace curtains.

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