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CASTRO REFUSES TO SUBMIT ARBITRATION

[By Scripps News Association]
Washington March 24—Word has been received at the State Department that President Castro of Venezuela refuses to arbitrate the questions now at issue between the United States and that country.

Washington March 24—In President Castro's note to Minister Bowen, he peremptorily declines any of the questions at issue between the United States and Venezuela to be arbitrated. The text of the communication will not be made public, but at the State Department, it is announced that the tone is not practically insulting. Secretary of War, Taft, who is temporarily in charge of the State Department, presented the information to the President at a cabinet meeting this morning.

A CRISIS AT HAND

The dispatch from Minister Bowen in regard to President Castro's reply has been thoroughly discussed at a cabinet meeting, and it is admitted that the reply of Castro has brought about a certain crisis in the situation. Minister Bowen does not say that he has been dismissed from Venezuela, but his relations are so strained that, almost beyond a question, he will be called back. The next step in a legal manner, will be to dispatch vessels of the navy to the Venezuelan coast, in order to safeguard American interests, and, possibly, establish a blockade, as the European Nations did two years ago. Secretary Taft remained half an hour after the cabinet meeting, discussing the situation with the President. On leaving, he declined to state what action, if any, had been decided upon.

FIGHT OVER MANY MILLIONS

Philadelphia, March 24.—With the stake a share of the \$100,000,000 left by the late William Weightman, lawyers today are mapping out a campaign in the courts against Mrs. Anna W. Walker, the richest woman in the world. Balked in every attempt to obtain a share of the vast estate for her children, Mrs. Jones Wister, whose first husband was William Weightman, Jr., will appeal to the law.

The claims of Mrs. Wister in behalf of her daughter are based on a mysterious codicil of the will, leaving the estate to Mrs. Walker. This codicil no one except Mrs. Walker herself has seen. The only evidence of it is drawn from the statement of witnesses that the millionaire before his death declared he had made provisions for his grandchildren in such an instrument.

Mrs. Walker denies the existence of the document. Importuned by the grandchildren, she issued a statement that such a paper was never drawn by her father, despite the declaration of alleged witnesses.

Then a few days ago, exasperated by the turn affairs were taking, she threw down the gauntlet.

"I propose to keep the estate myself intact," she announced. "My father made no provisions for the children of my brothers, either in the body of the will, which has been probated, or by a codicil. There is no codicil."

Albany Incidents

Albany, Or., March 24.—At Harrisburg, two men, Henry Bootjack and J. McGrath, are in jail awaiting an investigation on a charge of assault with intent to rob, and their victim, W. J. Twitchell, is under the doctor's care with a badly battered and bruised head. The three men are loggers and came to Harrisburg for "a time."

The late overland train from Portland last night, while running at a high rate of speed six miles north of here, picked up a piece of timber on the track, and it was found wedged under the pilot of the engine when the train reached this city. So tightly was the piece wedged in that it took the train crew fully 10 minutes to remove it. No sign of an attempt at wrecking the train could be found.

PEACE STILL TALKED

[By Scripps News Association]
Guntzulin, Manchuria, March 24.—The Russian officers connected with the staff at headquarters are convinced that General Kuroki is moving north west with the intention of invading Vladivostok. It is reported that all the women and children are leaving Harbin, where the business houses are closing.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

London March 24.—The Central News announces this evening as follows:—"We are able to state that peace negotiations have been in progress, more or less informally, for the past two weeks. Japan, in response to confidential inquiries, made after the battle at Mukden, gave the general idea of the peace terms which would be acceptable to her and which were forwarded to St. Petersburg. They were discussed at a special council meeting of the ministers which was presided over by the Czar. The ministers recommended the opening up of negotiations with Japan, but, up to the present, the Czar has not given any intimation of his plans."

TWENTY THREE VESSELS CAPTURED

[By Scripps News Association]
Tokio, March 24.—Minister Griscom reports from Tokio that the Japanese have captured twenty three merchant steamships since the beginning of the war, most of which have been very fine vessels. He states further that, while the Japanese have sunk no merchant vessels, the Russians have sunk nine carrying the Japanese flag.

KILLS TWO TIEN HIMSELF

[By Scripps News Association]
Drain Ore March 24.—Harmon Shock shot and killed A. E. Cooper and Paul Howe today with a rifle, and then killed himself. The tragedies were the result of a quarrel.

BEEF TRUST WITNESS

[Scripps News Association]
Chicago March 24.—Michael R. Murphy, manager of the Cudaby Packing Company at Omaha, Neb., was the principal witness this morning before the Federal Grand Jury, which is investigating the alleged beef trust. The managers of several other packing concerns are scheduled to appear before the jury today in order to testify in regard to the United States statutes. It is understood that the jury is questioning the witnesses in regard to the prices of pressed meats at retail and wholesale prices covering the past three years. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the information reaching the public as to the progress of the case.

KNOW NO VIOLATION
Manager Murphy was asked regarding the charge that cattle were rejected at the South yards, when the shippers prices were too high, and that, by agreement, all the large packers refused to consider the lot for purchase, and used their influence with the exporters not to buy, so that the lot would have to be forwarded to Chicago and sold at a sacrifice. In reply to his question, Mr. Murphy said that he knew of no such transactions. Testimony was also given showing the profits of the retail meat dealers, and the prices of unfailing uniformity at the Big Five packers branch houses.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Hood River, Or., March 24.—The 4 year-old son of Fred Miller was so severely burned yesterday afternoon that he died at an early hour this morning. Miller resides about three miles south of this city. The child was playing near a bonfire when its clothing became ignited and before assistance arrived the little one was a mass of burns from head to foot. The boy had also inhaled the flames and the chances of recovery were known to be impossible from the first.

Indictments Galore

The Baker City grand jury has been in session for the past sixteen days, has returned 135 true bills and four not true bills. The bulk of these were against the saloon men in the county for violations of the Sunday and gambling laws.

Negro Pugilist Dead

[By Scripps News Association]
Philadelphia March 24.—John Hill, the negro pugilist who collapsed last night in the prize ring at the Broadway Athletic Club, died this morning.

Death Follows Trance

[By Scripps News Association]
New York March 24.—Miss Luella Huestic, who with her mother Mrs. James H. Huestic, lay in a trance for fifteen days at the Presbyterian Hospital, died this morning. The physicians claimed that the woman had hypnotized each other. A strange feature of the case was that the death of the daughter was marked by a sudden falling in the vitality of the mother, who was lying in the adjoining room.

Ambassador Dying

[By Scripps News Association]
Washington March 24.—The Mexican Ambassador had another sinking spell this morning, and is now at the point of death.

TURKEY'S ACTION CREATES FEAR

[By Scripps News Association]
Sophia, Bulgaria, March 24.—There is an uneasy feeling here owing to the fact that Turkey continues to mass soldiers in Macedonia. Thirty thousand rifles and two million rounds of cartridges have been dispatched to Uskup, and large quantities of guns have also been sent to Salonica.

More Troops Ordered

[By Scripps News Association]
Marseille, March 24.—French reinforcements of six thousand men with ammunition have been ordered to Tonquin, and four thousand troops to Madagascar for early in April.

Large Benefit Fund

[Scripps News Association]
Brockton Mass., March 24.—The relief fund for the benefit of the sufferers from the explosion and fire at the Grover Shoe Company's factory last Monday has reached \$21,552.00.

"Hoch Der Kaiser"

[By Scripps News Association]
Dover, March 24.—The steamer "Hamburg" with Emperor William on board arrived here this morning, en route to the Mediterranean.

The steamer "Hamburg" only stopped here long enough to receive dispatches. A royal salute was fired from the castle in Honor of the Kaiser.

Want Right of Way

Washington March 24.—Work on the Dalles canal for which an appropriation was made in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill, will not be commenced by the war department until the right of way for the canal is ceded by the state of Oregon to the general government.

Noted Sculptor Dies

[By Scripps News Association]
Milan March 24.—Sizner Terracchia, one of the best known sculptors of the age, died here today.

Great Good Dress Goods News

Dress goods of every description: Mohairs in fancy mixtures and all the popular shades in solid colors, Novelty Suitings, Voiles and Etamines. The prices too, you will agree with us, are extremely reasonable, ranging in price from 20c per yard and up.

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MONDAY, APRIL 3, '05

H. W. HEWITT.