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DOES IT MEAN A WAR?

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What Will Be Britain's Action?

South American Crisis Coming.

A Grant by Venezuela to American Citizens in Land Claimed by Great Britain.

FARIBAULT, Minn., April 2.—Donald Grant, a wealthy contractor of this city, with W. H. Fisher, late manager of the Duluth & Winnipeg R. R., and J. A. Rowman, a Grant Rapids, Mich., banker, have just returned from Venezuela, where they obtained a concession of land at the mouth of the Orinoco running 125 miles southward, from fifteen to fifty miles east, and it is rich in minerals, mahogany, rosewood and dyewoods. They also have a right to mine asphalt on a small island near Trinidad. The syndicate will invest a good deal of capital in working the concessions and Fisher is to be manager.

HOW IT APPEARS. Washington, April 2.—There is a great deal more in the news from Faribault than is indicated in the dispatch. This concession may become more, and it is less famous in the history of the diplomacy of the United States and Great Britain. The concession is well calculated to bring to an acute stage the most troublesome diplomatic question before the state department and one which has caused the administration more real concern than the Alhambra affair, the late Guatemalan-Mexican dispute and other international episodes.

The concession is in the heart of a territory long in dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, and Ambassador Bayard for some time has vainly striven in accordance with a resolution recently adopted by congress, to persuade Great Britain to submit the whole dispute to arbitration. Great Britain being willing only to arbitrate what is known as the Schomburgk line. There have been intimations that the administration in the event of a physical conflict over the disputed lands, might deem it necessary in the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine to follow up the matter and have resorted to Venezuela with more substantial assistance. The fact that citizens of the United States by this concession are thrust, so to speak, between Great Britain and the United States, considerably increases the measures of this government's responsibility.

The land included in the concession is the vital point of conflict between Great Britain and Venezuela. The latter is the commercial center of South America. Whoever controls the mouth of the river will control this great commerce. Great Britain has taken possession of Punta Barina, the mouth of which is to the Orinoco what the island of Gibraltar is to the Mediterranean. She has also equipped a naval

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The present concession is the most emphatic declaration of ownership Venezuela has made since 1881. In that year a concession was made to "Gingold and Tumbull, citizens of the United States, of a part of this Orinoco territory. It was about to be operated by a United States commission as a Mason company when Great Britain entered such an emphatic protest that Venezuela cancelled the concession. Since the conflict between Great Britain and Venezuela has waged through diplomatic channels, now Venezuela reasserts her rights and turns them over to United States citizens.

The interesting question thus arises: "What steps will now be taken by Great Britain to assert her claims?" and will it endeavor to prevent the United States syndicate operating its concessions?"

LUCKY FOR THIS NATION. Washington, April 2.—O. O. Eckford, United States consul at Kingston, Jamaica, has notified the state department of the death by the legislative council of the island of a bill designed to increase materially the customs duties on many articles imported from the United States.

SWINDLER TURNED OVER. Buenos Ayres, April 2.—The federal grand jury has ordered the Salta government to deliver James Spencer Halfour, whose extradition the British have long been trying to obtain, to the British consulate in this city. He will be taken to London to answer the charges made against him in connection with the collapse of the Laborator Building society and allied concerns, the failure of which ruined thousands of persons who had invested their money in the different concerns. At the time of his flight from England Halfour was a member of parliament.

SERIOUS MINE EXPLOSION. Prescott, Ariz., April 2.—There was a terrific explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite in the Ohio mine of the Mesal Mining and Milling company today morning. Five men were seriously injured.

ALMOST UNANIMOUS. Galesburg, Ills., April 2.—In the town congressional election, G. W. Price of Galesburg, republican, is elected by about 5,000 plurality over Bastian, democrat.

PENDLETON THIEVES. Sheriff Houser after a hard gang of marauders.

A Terrific Storm Sweeps Umatilla and Walla Walla Counties, Making Sad Havoc.

PENDLETON, Or., April 2.—Sheriff Houser is out after the Parr boys, wanted for horse stealing. Henry Parr, caught last evening and placed under bail, failed to appear today and the officers believe he has fled. The others wanted are not yet traced.

The Parr boys are members of the notorious band of horse thieves, who have been operating in this country for fifteen years, are considered a hard gang and have often spoiled the lives of deputy sheriffs by resisting arrest. This time friends notified all but Henry and allowed them a chance to escape.

TERRIFIC STORM. Pendleton, April 2.—Reports come in from the surrounding country that Monday's storm was the worst for thirty years. In Pendleton it was mostly a dust storm, but in other places it did damage. Advice received at the O. R. & N. company's office at Pendleton, that a windmill standing on the line between Pendleton and Bolles Junction, in Athena and vicinity vicinity windmills blew down, and the lumber yard are scattered all over town at Holix, and all the windmills in the neighborhood were blown out and a bank building was partially wrecked. The trains came in at night and are all delayed from fear of crossing the high trestles. All through this section the air was black with dense clouds of dust and a fierce storm raged for three hours.

MRS. STRATTON DEAD. Seattle, April 2.—Mrs. Julius Stratton, wife of the prominent attorney and ex-superior judge, died this evening after a long illness, aged 40 years. Her husband is a resident of this city. She was a cousin of Capt. W. S. Powell of Portland, and a niece of Mrs. J. C. Ogden of Woodburn. Burial will take place in Portland. Business was taught school in Salem several years.

SOME "SHADY" DOINGS. Bada, April 2.—Special Agent Bean has received certificates attached to an affidavit upon which seven alleged Chinese business men tried to land at Port Townsend. The certificates are signed by Boise business men. Some of the signatures are believed to be forgeries, but some are undoubtedly genuine. Only one of the Chinese was ever here and he was not a merchant.

TWO THOUSAND MEN IDLE. Philadelphia, April 2.—Sprackles' sugar refinery closed down today for an indefinite period. The refinery has a large stock of sugar on hand and it was thought advisable to shut down rather than work on half time. Two thousand men are thrown out of employment.

HIGGINS STILL LEADS. Dover, Del., April 2.—The century mark was reached in balloting for the successor to ex-United States Senator Higgins. The 100th ballot resulted as follows: Higgins 9, Massey 3, Rideley 9, Pennewell 1, Tunnel 1.

NEW INDUSTRY STARTING. Loraine, Ohio, April 2.—Fires were started last night in the big steel mills of Johnston & Co. of this place, the construction of which was begun nine months ago.

AT COOS BAY. Washington, April 2.—Marshfield, Oregon, has been made an internal money order office.

GOES FREE. Washington, April 2.—This afternoon Commissioner Stump, of the Immigration bureau, ordered discharged Franz Van Root, the Anwerp diamond cutter detained at New York by the local immigration authorities as an alien contract laborer.

STUBS FOR MILLIONS. San Francisco, April 1.—P. F. Denton, representing the depositors and creditors of the defunct Pacific bank, today began a suit against the former directors of the bank for \$2,000,000 alleged to have been squandered and misappropriated by them. He also sues the McDermotts and other stockholders for \$1,000,000.

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THE MAYOR UNYIELDING

Will not Listen to Gov. Morton.

Republican Victories All Over.

City Elections in Missouri and Kansas Almost Wipe Out the Democracy.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Mayor Strong has invited Edward Mitchell, jr., to become police commissioner, and Mr. Mitchell now has the question under consideration. A statement is published today that Gov. Morton sent to Mayor Strong a verbal reply to the latter's letter announcing his determination to remove Police Commissioners Murray and Kerwin, in substance as follows: "If you remove the republican police commissioners you will endanger not only all reform legislation, but the future of the republicans of the state."

To this statement from the governor it is said Mayor Strong replied that his mind was made up to remove Murray and Kerwin, and that he would not change it.

Lawrence, Kas., April 2.—The republicans carried everything today, but one councilman.

Springfield, Mo., April 2.—The democrats elected a majority of their tickets, making gains over the last municipal election. The new council will stand democrats 10, republicans 6.

Sedalia, Mo., April 2.—The republicans elected three of the four aldermen by good majorities. The new board stands seven republicans, one democrat.

Joplin, Mo., April 2.—Ed. Porter, republican, was elected mayor. All other republicans for the entire list of city offices were elected.

El Reno, O. T., April 2.—The closing of the polls tonight ended the bitterest campaign in the history of the city. Although the returns will not be in until tomorrow, it is generally conceded the republican ticket is elected.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 2.—Eight aldermen were elected today, two democrats and six republicans, making the council now stand fourteen republicans and two democrats.

IN ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, April 2.—Returns up to 11 o'clock tonight indicate the election of six republican members of the city council by a majority of from 8,000 to 10,000. Two-thirds of the members of the house of delegates will probably be republicans. Moses Craven was elected in the 15th ward. He is an expert stenographer and a member of the municipal government.

Emporia, Kan., April 2.—The entire republican ticket elected with two exceptions. The independents getting two councilmen.

Fort Scott, Kan., April 2.—Indications point to the election of the entire republican ticket. Women took an unusual interest, fighting for prohibition desperately, which was the main issue.

Chicago, April 2.—At midnight returns from the election indicate that republicans obtained a complete victory.

Memphis, April 2.—Elections in cities of the first class were held throughout Arkansas today. At Little Rock the democratic ticket was elected. In most of the cities there were practically no contests.

Tapoka, April 2.—Entire republican ticket, headed by C. A. Fellows for mayor, is elected by over two-thirds vote.

Wichita, April 2.—Entire republican ticket, with the exception of one councilman, elected by estimated majority of 8,000.

Atchison, Kas., April 2.—T. P. Wagner, democrat, for mayor, elected by a majority of 600. Republicans elected all other officers.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE QUESTION. Salt Lake, April 2.—The woman suffrage question was up before the constitutional convention today. The crowds in the hall were so great the police had to be called in to keep the entrance clear. The first vote was on the substitute provided for the separate submission of the suffrage cause. Only twenty-eight delegates cast their votes in favor of the substitute. Every other amendment was voted down and the majority report was finally ordered to third reading.

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