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## PATROLMAN MONROE'S LONG BEAT.



—Chicago Tribune.

### VENEZUELAN CORRUPTION.

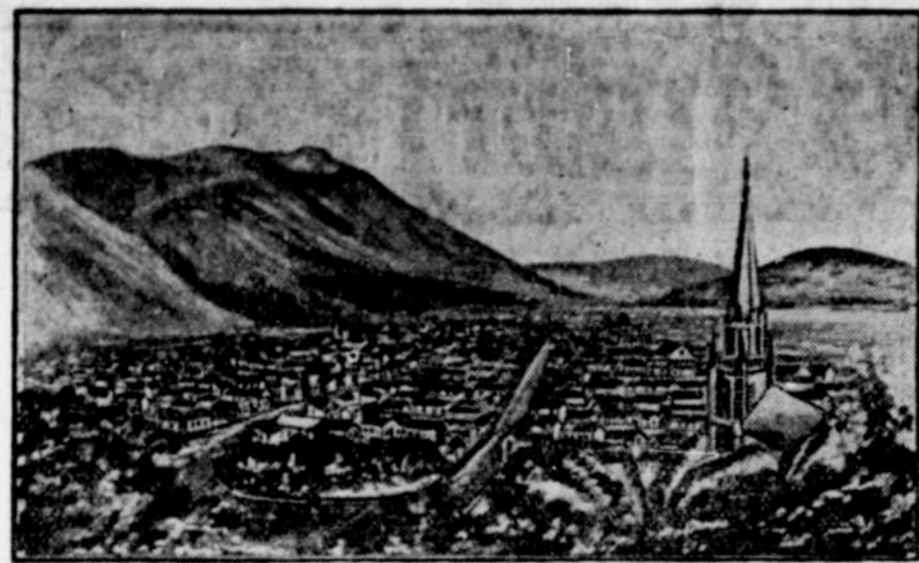
An American's Criticism of Affairs in South American Republic.

Notwithstanding President Cleveland's action on behalf of Venezuela, which saved that country the loss of part of its territory and which would have rendered the people of any nation our warmest friends, says an American long resident in the South American republic, the government and people of the United States are really more hated by the Venezuelans than those of any other nation—not excepting Germany and England up to the time of their present attack on Venezuela. Through their illiteracy and dense ignorance the Venezuelans have imbibed the idea that the United States government intends to absorb all Central and South American countries.

ness men or their managers and "borrow" \$5, \$10 or \$50. These "loans" are always made, and at once charged to business losses, as they are never paid.

Nothing at all is done by the general government of Venezuela in the interests of its people. Everything attempted by Castro is with a view to his own perpetuation in office and his own enrichment. That also has been the policy of his predecessors, for he is no worse than the others. After each one is overthrown it is found that he has anticipated such result and has laid up a fortune in Paris, not in view of the proverbial "rainy day," but to sport upon in Europe.

There is no attempt to enforce any health regulations in Venezuela, and smallpox and yellow fever are always with them. In fact, it is not unusual to



CARACAS, THE CAPITAL OF VENEZUELA.

Their hatred of citizens of the United States was noticed and remarked upon by all our people residing in Venezuela, and was shown by them in various ways. Foreigners of other nationalities, among them English and Germans, considered the treatment of Americans by the Venezuelans a great joke, and improved the occasion to make sarcastic remarks about the "love" of the Venezuelans for us.

The Venezuelan government officials are as characterless and corrupt as those of any on earth. While Venezuela is a so-called "republic," President Castro has not permitted an election since he succeeded Guzman through a revolution to the Presidency. Castro arbitrarily regulates the tariff, and an import that has a duty of 5 per cent on it to-day may by his order have 25 per cent on it to-morrow. One of his acts since he became President was to order, under the penalty of imprisonment for its violation, all olive trees cut down, in order that he might derive more revenue from imported olives.

Most of the foreign companies and business men ascertain after they have invested their capital in Venezuela that they are subjected to systematic blackmail. If they do not contribute as called upon by the government officials they soon find their business hampered, if not entirely ruined, by said officials, who are responsible to no one but Castro, and it is understood that he "stands in" with them in their demands upon the foreign business people. As he alone, as already stated, regulates the tariff, it is plain how the business of any or all foreigners may be affected.

It is a quite common thing for the Secretary of war, the Secretary of the Interior and the private secretary of the President to call on foreign busi-

ness persons broken out with smallpox walking the streets in the towns and cities of Venezuela.

There is one disease I should have excepted, however, and that is leprosy. Near Caracas they have a reservation, a few miles out of the city, for lepers. As insufficient provision is made for clothing and feeding these unfortunates, it is not unusual for the lepers—some of them minus ears, noses, fingers and toes—to parade through Caracas and demand food to keep from starving to death.

### Convinced Him.

Mr. Pinchpenny stepped aboard the car at 4th Street, and paid his fare, but the conductor, who was very busy, forgot that he had received the nickel, and at 7th Street held out his hand.

"Fare," he said.  
"I paid you half a mile back," protested Mr. Pinchpenny.

"I think not," rejoined the conductor.

"I say I did."

"I say you didn't."

Mr. Pinchpenny hesitated a moment, and then said, with the air of an injured citizen:

"Don't you recollect a man that got on about five minutes ago and held on to his nickel as if he didn't want to give it up, and you almost had to pry it out of his hand?"

"Yes."

"Well, that was me."

"I remember you now," said the conductor, passing on with a grin.

### A Timely Combination.

Let not this good old world be grave, Since sorrow has forsok it;

The oyster's here and soon we'll have The coal with which to cook it.

The price paid to quiet conscience keeps mighty few people poor.

## OUR MINISTER TO VENEZUELA.

Herbert W. Bowen Admirably Adapted for Any Emergency.

Herbert Wolcott Bowen, United States Minister to Venezuela, has been qualified by twelve years in the diplomatic and consular service of the nation to deal with the contingencies which may arise in the distracted South American republic.

He went to Venezuela in 1901, succeeding Francis B. Loomis. Prior to that he was Minister to Persia, having been appointed to that post in 1899. But it was in Spain, before the outbreak of hostilities between that country and the United States, that Minister Bowen gained the especial experience which will stand him in good stead in the Venezuela imbroglio. He first went to that country in 1890, being appointed consul at Barcelona by President Harrison. In 1895 President Cleveland made him consul general. Barcelona was the scene of manifestations of hostility toward the United States in March, 1896. The feeling was aroused by the passage by the Senate of the Morgan resolution, which recognized the Cuban insurgents. A mob of several thousand persons gathered in front of the United States consulate in Barcelona, and with shouts and execrations demanded the destruction of the building and the death of the occupants. Consul General Bowen appeared at the entrance and defied the mob, which dispersed in a short time without harming anyone, and doing little damage to the edifice. Mr. Bowen was the last representative of the United States to leave Spain at the time of the actual outbreak of hostilities. After the close of the Spanish-American war he was preparing to return to his post at Barcelona when made Minister to Persia.

Minister Bowen was born in Brooklyn in 1856 and is distinguished as a literary man of excellence and a poet of considerable power. He is six feet and three inches in height, of athletic build and great personal prowess. He speaks French, Spanish, German and Italian fluently and is thus well equipped for his present post.

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### URGED TO GROW NATIVE SILK.

State Biologist of North Carolina Distributing Mulberry Trees.

There is a new chapter in the awakening movement for growing native American silk in the South, begun by Gerald McCarthy, biologist of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, at Raleigh, N. C. The State is arranging to furnish free mulberry trees to farmers who will experiment in raising silk. All over the State of North Carolina Mr. McCarthy is scattering this circular:

"The first season's experience in silk growing in North Carolina has proved a most gratifying success. It has demonstrated that the women and children of the State may, by light and interesting work during six weeks of early summer, earn, without interfering seriously with their ordinary duties, at least \$30. Those who can devote more time to the work may earn much more."

"To place silk growing upon a permanent basis we must increase the output of silk cocoons to a volume which will attract to the silk reeler and weavers, thus creating a home market for the product of the silkworm. The first and most necessary step is to increase the available supply of silkworm food. We must plant mulberry trees until each farm suited for this kind of work has at least 100 trees. Every farm having dry soil, lying between Goldsborough and Statesville or Asheville, can successfully grow silk."

"In order to encourage the planting of the mulberry the State Department of Agriculture will distribute among the farmers of North Carolina in lots of fifty and one hundred rooted seedling trees of the varieties best suited for feeding the silkworm. Not more than 100 will be sent to one person."

"Silk growing will prove valuable as nature study and a remunerative art in schools and is well worth the attention of all who have supervision over educational institutions. It is also well adapted for charitable institutions. Public institutions which wish to experiment with silk growing will be supplied with trees."

North Carolina is only one of the possible States for the growing of silk, this scientist says, according to the New York Times. He expects a wide range for its production before many years, far beyond the confines of the Southern belt.

### The Shade Trees of Paris.

The city of Paris, France, spends about \$50,000 every year in maintaining its trees. There are about 87,800 trees in the city, and they grow in rows along the sidewalks. This number, however, does not include the trees in the parks.

Women patients are more popular in hospitals than men patients. They are easier to get along with, and complain less. But men are more popular than women in boarding houses.

## OLD FAVORITES

### Believe Me, If All Those Endearing Young Charms.

Believe me, if all those endearing young charms,  
Which I gaze on so fondly to-day,  
Were to change by to-morrow, and fleet in my arms,  
Like fairy-gifts fading away,  
Thou wouldst still be ador'd, as this moment thou art,  
Let thy loveliness fade as it will  
And around the dear ruin each wish of my heart  
Would entwine itself verdantly still.

It is not while beauty and youth are thine own,  
And thy cheeks unprofan'd by a tear,  
That the fervor and faith of a soul can be known,  
To which time will but make thee more dear;  
No, the heart that has truly loved never forgets,  
But as surely loves on to the close,  
As the sunflower turns on her god, when he sets,  
The same look that she turned when he rose.  
—Thomas Moore.

### Soliloquy from Macbeth.

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,  
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day  
To the last syllable of recorded time,  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!  
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage  
And then is heard no more; it is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing.  
—William Shakespeare.

### The Way of the World.

Laugh and the world laughs with you,  
Weep and you weep alone,  
For this brave old earth must borrow its mirth,  
It has trouble enough of its own.

Sing and the hills will answer,  
Sigh—it is lost in the air,  
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,  
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice and men will seek you,  
Grieve and they turn and go,  
They want full measure of all your pleasure,  
But they do not want your woe.

Be glad and your friends are many,  
Be sad and you lose them all,  
There are none to decline your nectared wine,  
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast and your halls are crowded,  
Fast and the world goes by,  
Succeed and give and it helps you live,  
But no man can help you die.

There is room in the halls of pleasure  
For a long and lordly train,  
But one by one we must all file on,  
Through the narrow aisles of pain.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### FIRST VIEW OF WHITE MAN.

The Rifle and Furnace Glass Frightened the Indians.

It is small wonder that the first view of a white man created terror among the superstitious Indians. A striking instance of this occurred when the Wallawalla Indians first saw Captain Clark, of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Thinking to propitiate the savages and allay their fears of the white men, he planned to visit a village of the Wallawallas before the arrival of the rest of his party.

With this end in view, he set out to cross the Columbia River in a canoe, taking three men with him. On the way he shot a crane and a duck, both of which fell near him. He landed before five wigwams placed close to each other, but not a person was visible, and the doors, which were of mat, were closed. Holding his pipe in hand, as an indication of good will, he pushed aside one of the doors and entered the lodge.

Inside were thirty men, women and children huddled together in terror. He went to them, shook each by the hand and said some friendly words, expressing by word and manner his kindly feeling. Their apprehensions were allayed until he took out his burning glass and lighted his pipe by the rays of the sun. Consternation again prevailed, and what might have occurred but for the timely arrival of two chiefs who knew the white men, cannot be told.

It seems that the Indians had not seen Captain Clark, but they had seen the white crane which he had shot fall just before his appearance. They had also seen the duck fall at his shot. They connected the fall of the birds with his advent, and thought he had fallen from the clouds.

The sound of the rifle, which they had never before heard, they believed was a signal to announce the white man's coming. Small wonder, then, that their hardly allayed fears were again aroused when he brought down fire from heaven by means of his burning glass.—Youth's Companion.