

Let nobody in the United States imagine that the British and German fleets which are in Venezuelan waters will upset the Monroe doctrine before they get through with Castro. There is a far bigger and far more formidable collection of war vessels in the vicinity of the disturbed district than these two nations have on the ground. These vessels are flying the American flag. They are under the command of men who have had much more experience in actual war than any person in either the British or the German naval service at this time. At the head of these men is Admiral Dewey. The American squadrons are ostensibly engaged in a series of evolutions regarding the possibilities of attack and defense on our Southern coast. These evolutions are taking place in the waters of the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, just where they would be if the real war was to take place between the United States and any great naval power of the old world. Every man in the white and blue fleets, from Dewey downward, knows about this gathering of British and German vessels in the neighborhood of Venezuela, and all will hold themselves in readiness at a word from Washington for immediate action, if any attack should be made on the principle of the American continent for the Americans.

The president and his advisers are sometimes referred to as being uneasy over the outlook in the Caribbean. These stories should not deceive anybody. The administration knows the situation in that part of the hemisphere better than any private person can know it. It has provided for all contingencies. Every possibility has been taken into account. The government at Washington will not be taken by surprise, no matter what happens in the waters to the south of us. Both the British and the German governments have given the authorities at Washington the most satisfactory assurance regarding their intentions with respect to Castro. They seek nothing from him or his government except that to which they are entitled under the comity of nations. All this has been made plain to the government of the United States. Nevertheless, that government has taken precautions to guard its own interests on the continent, and to defend the Monroe doctrine against any menace come from whatever quarter it may.

Venezuela's president is not an admirable personage. The feeling of the people of the United States toward him personally does not differ much from that which is held toward him by the people of the two countries which are proceeding against him. The matter which is involved in this Venezuelan dispute, however, could,

under certain circumstances, take a form which would put his personality far in the background, and even make the wishes of his countrymen a matter of very small moment. It would be possible before this trouble is ended, for a complication to ensue which would necessitate prompt and drastic action by the United States. If this contingency should arise, however, the government at Washington, and the American people who stand behind that government, would rise to the occasion immediately. The United States has a much larger interest in the preservation of the Monroe doctrine than has Venezuela or any other of the countries for whose protection this principle was primarily invoked. All this has been kept firmly and constantly in mind by the administration at Washington. Let nobody in the United States feel any alarm at the situation in Venezuelan waters. The American government has taken intelligent and adequate precautions to defend its interests and maintain its primacy in the western hemisphere against attack from any quarter whatsoever and at any time.—Dallas Chronicle.

The Outlook For Beef.

During the last week of October and the first week in November the annual winter roundup of the Northwestern Stock Grower's Association was held in Nebraska and South Dakota. This roundup is of annual occurrence, having been instituted a few years ago for the purpose of gathering cattle that had drifted from the ranges of their owners, and of throwing them back where they belong for the winter, since the majority of owners feed heavily during severe weather. The method of this roundup is as follows:

First, the cattle country is organized into districts and some prominent stock man is appointed as an inspector, with the power of appointing sub-agents. These inspectors visit the rancher, the herds on the range and the markets, and wherever strays are found they have the power to cut them out and return them to their owners. Besides these inspectors at the time of the roundup, the Northwestern Stock Grower's Association has regularly appointed inspectors, who visit the various markets, and, if strays are received report from time to time to their owners.

The association now represents nearly forty thousand head of cattle, held in bunches from fifty to five hundred, the organization being composed entirely of small cattle owners. Two inspectors have been kept in Chicago, two in South Omaha, one in Sioux City, and one at each of the Indian agencies where beef cattle are received. The association has a membership of two hundred and is growing. It has lately affiliated with the Missouri River Stock Grower's Association, composed of the small cattle owners along the Missouri river.

The supply of cattle on the Western ranges is large enough to fill

next year's market allowing, of course, for the cattle that will be sent northward from Texas in the spring. The number of cattle held on the ranges of Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota for feeding next year is a surprise. The stock men have not sold off so closely as in other years, and have made ample provisions for keeping the young for next year. Already Nebraska is getting cattle from the south for feeding purposes, and many of the shipments from the ranges never reached the stock yard markets. Many train-loads of cattle have come down from the Northwest into Nebraska in the last few weeks not billed for the markets, but for points in the corn belt, where feed is plentiful and where farmers are arranging to get the biggest possible price out of it by feeding.—N. Y. Tribune—Farmer.

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John W. Dee, Charles M. Willey.

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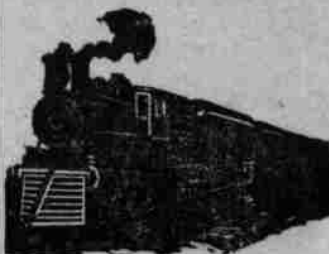
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