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THEY BOMBARDED

ENGLISH AND GERMAN CRUISERS
DEMOLISHED VENEZUELAN
FORTRESSES

Shelling Lasted Forty Five Minutes—Venezuelan Guns Silenced—Receipt of News in Washington—Castro's Speech—Other News.

Puerto Cabello, Dec. 14.—The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Veneta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock this afternoon and quickly silenced it. The bombardment lasted for 45 minutes. The fortress is composed of Fort Solano and the Castle Libertador. After the firing ceased the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished. It is probable that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of the Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. The cruisers are still here.

At seven o'clock this morning the Charybdis and the Veneta arrived here, searching for Venezuelan gunboats. The two cruisers sent their boats into the inner port, but finding no gunboats, the boats returned. The captain of the British merchantmen Topaz, which was seized by the mob last Wednesday, then visited the British commodore on board the Charybdis and lodged a protest against the violation of his ship. The British captain returned an hour later with a detachment of 50 marines, who took charge of the Topaz. The populace was greatly excited at this incident and raised the cry "to arms!" but there was no disorder.

The British commander then sent a message to the authorities at Puerto Cabello, demanding immediate satisfaction for the action of the mob in having hauled down the British flag from the custom house, saying that if this satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours at 5 o'clock the fortress and the custom house would be bombarded. On the receipt of this demand, the authorities sent a message to President Castro, asking for instructions.

A committee of the merchants of Puerto Cabello then approached the American consul here, petitioning him to intervene. The consul accepted this mission and visited the cruisers, but he could obtain no alterations in the decision of the allies.

At 4:45 o'clock a reply was received from President Castro, who authorized the chief official here to give the British commodore ample satisfaction. Before this answer could be communicated to the American consul, the hour stipulated for the reply arrived. The cruisers immediately opened fire on the fortress. The fire was returned from Fort Solano and Castle Libertador, but the Venezuelan guns were soon silenced. While the firing continued there was intense excitement in this port. Every house in town was closed.

The people of Puerto Cabello cannot account for this precipitate action on the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain and Germany intend forcing war upon Venezuela. The British marines propose to make use of the cannon in Castle Libertador.

No damage was done to the town. The excitement of the people is subsiding.

Puerto Cabello is about 80 miles west of La Guaymas the entrance to the inside harbor is through a narrow channel not more than a few hundred feet wide. To the left of this channel as one enters the harbor, situated on a low sand spit, is the fortress which was bombarded by the British and German cruisers.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Dr. Passarge, the noted traveler, who has just returned from Venezuela, says:

"President Castro is a full-blooded Indian and an energetic man without political wisdom. He rose suddenly from magistrate of a remote village at the feet of the Andes to the presidency, and his rapid rise made him overconfident. "The present situation is due to

two facts: Germany suddenly suspended the pressure of the early part of the year, which diminished the respect in which she was held by President Castro; secondly, the attitude of the officials of the Great Venezuelan railroad toward President Castro. Germany's first principle must be not to meddle in the internal affairs of Venezuela, but the railroad officials forget this."

Dr. Passarge describes the state as drifting to certain decay, and as following a steadily downward course since General Blanco's presidency. The color question plays an important role in political tendencies. The mixed negroes and Indians, etc., are getting an upper hand in society and politics.

Washington Dec. 12.—The request of President Castro that Minister Bowen act as a mediator with Great Britain and Germany is received with favor in Washington, but British and German officials think it comes too late. The allied powers are explaining how the Venezuelan ships happened to be sunk and try to explain it away.

The plan for settling foreign claims on which Venezuela was negotiating before the blockade began, is published in London.

The allied fleets hold the ports, the Venezuelans continue to arm and fortify the cities, and there are rumors of an intended bombardment of La Guayra.

Caracas, Dec. 14.—The news of bombardment of Puerto Cabello caused much intense excitement here. The population flocked into the streets and patriotic demonstrations continued all night. An immense crowd, whose numbers are estimated at more than 10,000, gathered in front of the Presidential Palace and called on President Castro to appear. Some of the orators among the crowd having advocated reprisals against the foreigners resident in Venezuela. President Castro, in rage at the suggestion, refused the demands made in the following speech:

Citizens—The size of nations like the size of men is measured only by their acts. Those born brave prove their valor on the battlefield, not against defenceless citizens who perhaps, are innocent, are in their hearts with us, and who are ashamed of the infamy of their compatriots.

We will seek prisoners for Venezuelan jails on the battlefield. Our action will be directed only against those who come armed. However great may be our indignation, we must behave as a cultivated and civilized people, especially now, when the most powerful nation of Europe are behaving like real savages. I counsel the greatest prudence in order not to abandon our rights, the justice of our cause and reputation.

The good name of Venezuela must remain always secure, whatever emergencies may arise in the struggle.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—Great Britain and Germany are at war with Venezuela though they have dispensed with a formal declaration.

They have seized the Venezuela fleet and the custom-house at La Quara, the port of Caracas. They propose to seize other custom-houses and patrol the coast to prevent smuggling at other points.

After seizing the ship they sank all except one, on which the French have a claim. They landed parties and escorted their Consulson board their warship. They have seized a gunboat at port of Spain.

Castro has retaliated by arresting about 125 British and German subjects, and all property of subjects of those countries. United States Minister Bowen procured the release of the Consul and a few others, but the rest are prisoners. Castro has also appealed to the nation to defend the people.

Caracas on Tuesday night was in tumult, the infuriated people mobbing houses of foreigners, stoning the windows and calling for their death.

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—The silver question continues to be one of the great topics of public discussion. It is now certain that the silver miners and farming classes will make common cause against the adoption of the gold standard. Meantime all prices are being raised, and there is much anxiety among the middle classes, especially wage-earners and salaried men. The cost of living is considered to be out of proportion to incomes.

CLOSED TOWN NOW

PORTLAND, OREGON, GAMBLING
HOUSES PRESIDED OVER BY
POLICEMEN.

Julia Dent Grant Dead—Passed Away in Washington Sunday
Battle Ship Oregon at Yokohama—Laying Pacific Cable—Other News.

Portland, Dec. 14.—Not a gambling device operated in public in the city yesterday afternoon. Chief of Police McLaughlan stationed a police officer at each of the six principal gambling houses of the city, with strict orders that no play be allowed. This means that Portland is to be a closed town in fact and that no games will be run behind closed doors.

Not a gambler was able to pursue his favorite vocation, unless he retired to some private poker-room. Tired of hearing his force abused because it did not stop the gambling and tired of trying to convict gamblers before a jury, the Chief of Police has adopted measures which will, for a time at least stop all public gambling. Instead of the crowd of eager gamblers, gathered about a faro or roulette table wagering their worth upon a turn of the cards or the fickle bounding of the roulette ball, a solitary policeman comfortably seated in the middle of the room keeping guard lest the city ordinance should be broken, was the sight that greeted the eye yesterday upon entering any of the large gambling houses.

Chief of Police McLaughlan was quoted Friday as saying that he did not wish to talk but to act. The gamblers are now all willing to agree that he has acted and in a very different way than they thought he would. For once the cunning evaders of the law seemed to be completely baffled and are frank to admit that if the chief keeps up his present policy that they will have to go out of the gambling business altogether.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wife of the ex-president of the United States, is dangerously ill at her home in this city. She has been suffering with a severe attack of bronchitis for some time, and now valvular disease of the heart, with kidney complications, has developed and the gravest apprehension as to the outcome are felt.

A sudden change for the worse in her condition occurred late last night, and she grew worse today. Drs. Gardner McDonald and Bishop have been in consultation during the afternoon, and Dr. Bishop remained at the house throughout the night.

Telegrams have been sent to Mrs. Grant's sons, General Frederick D. Grant, Commander of the department at Texas; Ulysses S. Grant Jr. and Jesse Grant both of whom are in San Diego, Cal., notifying them to come at once to Washington. Mrs. Sartoris, her daughter is at Mrs. Grant's bedside.

After the physicians made their call, shortly after 11 o'clock tonight, it was stated that Mrs. Grant was a little better than she was early in the day. It was stated that she would not survive the night. She is in very feeble condition and the severe drain that the bronchitis has made upon her system precipitated an old trouble with the heart.

Mrs. Grant spent last summer at Coburg, Canada, but her condition at that time was far from good. She was taken quite ill in October, and, on the advice of her physicians there was hurriedly brought to Washington on a special car, arriving here on the 17th of that month. She has been confined to her bed most of the time since then, although on several occasions she has succeeded in walking about the house, and has been out of doors once or twice. Mrs. Grant is about 75 years old.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock tonight. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. Grant having suffered for years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from

the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons, who have been summoned here, all being out of the city. There also were present at the bedside when the end came Miss Rosemary Sartoris, a grand-daughter; Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physicians and two trained nurses. Death came peacefully, the sufferer retaining consciousness practically to the end.

Word has come from Jesse and U. S. Grant Jr., two of the sons in California, that they have started on their way to Washington. The other son, General Fred D. Grant, is in Texas, and he will hasten here as soon as he receives a message telling him of his mother's death.

Julia Dent Grant was born in St. Louis, January 26, 1826. She was the daughter of Frederick and Ellen Wrenshall Dent. Her father was the son of Captain George Dent who led the forlorn hope at Fort Montgomery, when it was stormed by "Mad Anthony" Wayne. On her mother's side she was descended from John Wrenshall.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A cablegram was received at the navy department today announcing the arrival of the battle ship Oregon at Yokohama this morning from San Francisco by way of Honolulu. She will join the Asiatic fleet in Chinese waters. The battle ship Wisconsin has been assigned to the Asiatic station and will be fitted out at the Bremerton naval station for that service. Her arrival in the Orient will give Rear Admiral Evans command of three of the finest battle ships in the navy—the Kentucky, Oregon and Wisconsin.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to lay the shore end of the Pacific cable. As a result, the big steamer Silvertown, with the cable in her hold, is not forcing her prow through the waves of the Pacific tonight.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A joint resolution was introduced in the House today by Representative DeArmond, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, providing that the term of the President shall continue until April 30 1905, at noon, and thereafter April 30 at noon shall be substituted for March 4 as the beginning and ending of the terms of President and Vice-President and that the 59th Congress shall end and the 60 begin on January 8 1907 at noon; and thereafter each Congress shall begin and end on January 8 at noon.

New York, Dec. 15.—The American's correspondent at Brussels, says:

As Leopold, the King of the Belgians, was leaving the royal train at the station at Laken, two shots were fired at him, although neither took effect.

It is not known whether the shots were fired by an assassin or by poachers, but in view of the dissatisfaction with the King that exists throughout the kingdom because of his cruel treatment to his daughter Stephanie, the shooting is generally believed to have been a deliberate attempt to kill him, and much excitement prevails. The guards that surround the king have been redoubled.

Denver, Dec. 13.—Tom Fallon, who has served time in Oregon, California and Colorado penitentiaries, was arrested here today, charged with the murder of Charles Boyvin in this city October 6. Four saloons were robbed on that night, and Boyvin, who tried to escape from one of the saloons while the robber was doing his work, was shot dead.

Ashland, Oregon, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Mary Parham, one of the oldest pioneers of Southern Oregon, who has lived in this city for the past 30 years, died at her home here this morning, aged 91 years, 8 months and 9 days.

Omaha, Dec. 12.—The heaviest snow storm of the year began this afternoon and continued tonight. The fall is general throughout Nebraska and Western Iowa, and in this city reached nearly the proportions of a blizzard.