

HAY GIVES NOTICE

Warns Allies Not to Touch American Ships.

DOES NOT ADMIT BLOCKADE

Secretary of State Denies That Peace Blockade Has Ever Been Recognized—Watching for Observance of Monroe Doctrine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Minister Bowen has confirmed the press reports to the effect that the guns of the allied forces which bombarded Puerto Cabello Saturday were directed entirely at the fortifications and not at the city.

But it is now probable that the United States will break its attitude of inactivity in the event that an attempt is made to enforce the "peaceful blockade" toward an American ship.

Colombians feel that they are justified in their demand over the situation. It is pointed out that Colombia may soon be brought to account for hundreds of German and British claims, which will be vigorously disputed.

Argentina is not anxious to declare her attitude, and will only do so, it is said, in the event that the United States should maintain a complaint attitude of non-interference.

France Thinks United States Should Use Moral Influence. PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Venezuelan situation continues to absorb the attention of the public and press.

Recalls Resolutions Reaffirming Monroe Doctrine Prepared in 1896. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The situation in Venezuela is causing much comment among Senators and there are indications that a resolution of inquiry may be introduced at an early day.

The South and Central American diplomatic representatives here are in a state of anxiety and find it necessary to frequent calls at the State Department for information.

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NOT BRAZIL'S AFFAIR

Great Republic Too Busy to Worry About Venezuela's Troubles. CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Senator J. F. De Azaiz-Brill, the Brazilian Minister to the United States, has arrived here from New York, where he is spending the Winter.

ITALY JOINS THE ALLIES

OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. Deputies Approve and One Denounces United States as Menace to Europe, Italy in Particular.

ROME, Dec. 15.—Italy's claims against Venezuela are being sustained by Italian subjects during the Venezuelan revolution of 1898 and 1899.

ATTITUDE OF GERMANY. Arbitration Proposal Will Not Stop Execution of Allies' Plans. BERLIN, Dec. 15.—In official circles here it is said that the Venezuelan vessels sunk off La Guayra were old and worthless.

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WAVE OF INDIGNATION

ROLLS SOUTH FROM THE ISTHMUS AGAINST ALLIES. People of Central and South America Side With Venezuela and Some Talk of Helping Her.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A special to the Record-Herald from Elkhart, Ind., says: Luther L. Ellsworth, United States Consul at Puerto Cabello, when told of the bombardment of that port, said: "Puerto Cabello occupies a level plain two miles wide at the foot of the mountain, with a water front of about three miles, the water following an irregular course, that gives frontage on the west, north and east. The city is defended by two forts, Libertador, which is on a small island in front of the Custom-House, and Fort Solano, on top of a mountain, two miles from the water line and commanding the entire town."

MUST REPEL INVASION. Panama Newspapers Say That Is Duty of Venezuela. PANAMA, Dec. 15.—In an editorial article, La Estrella says: "Without forgetting the respect which is due the rights of others, it must be remembered that to repel foreign invasion is the unavoidable duty of nations. Venezuela is kindly disposed toward the United States because the beneficent influence of the Washington Government has been felt more in Venezuela than in any other Spanish-American country.

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