committed and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force with force in

worthly to the demands of national

honor, we consider, with all due respect,

that the moment to yield to force has ar-

"We, therefore, respectfully recommend

that full powers be given to the Minister

of the United States of North America,

authorizing him to carry out proper meas-

"J. E. LINARES.
"H. L. BOULTON.
"CARLOS SANTANA.

In addition to the names given, the note

is signed by about 200 other prominent citi-

CRY FOR PEACE IN ENGLAND.

Trouble With America Feared, and

Nothing to Be Gained.

the Venezuelan imbroglio, as revealed by Premier Balfour's statements in Parlia-

ment yesterday, have resulted in bringing out in the press this morning stronger expressions than eyer of the desire to reach some pacific settlement of the diffi-

LONDON, Dec. 18.-The developments in

"NICOMEDES ZULOAGA.
"CARLOS ZULOGA.
"F. DESALES.

PEREZ E. MONTAUBAN. "M. CHAPPELLIN. "JUAN HERPERA.

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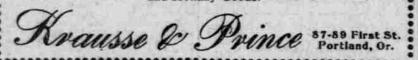
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Germs Discovered in Groceries Im-

ported by the Japanese.

ceived from Honolulu show that investiga-

Francisco are responsible for the cases

of plague recently appearing there, says a special to the Chronicle from San Fran-

cisco. A number of Japanese on near-by plantations were taken with the plague

the house. These foods, under the micro-scope, showed a trace of the plague germs, and further examinations made of Ori-

ental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct. It was learned also that the foodstuffs had been imported at San Francisco and reshipped to Honolulu.

Siam Will Have Great Exhibit. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.-Word was received

today from Commissioner Barrett, who is in Siam, that it is the intention of that

hibit than was shown at either Paris or Chicago. The King stated that he believed the Crown Prince's tour of the United States had tended to promote closer rela-tions between the United States and Siam.

Unknown Vessel Goes to Pieces.

PICTON, Ont., Dec. 17.-An unknown

atry to make a more elaborate ex-

CHICAGO, Dec. 17,-Advices just re-

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REBUILDING THE MISSIONS HOW PLAGUEWAS BROUGHT American Board Repairing Damage in China Done by Boxers.

BOSTON, Dec. 17 .- The 92d annual report of the American Board of Foreign Missions shows receipts for the year of The report states that indemni-1886, 105. The report states that indemni-ties for property destroyed in China in 1990 have been paid and adjusted under conditions satisfactory to the mission-alles and in most instances to the native Christians, and which also admit of the plantations were taken with the plague reopening of missionary work in all its and cied in a hospital in Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made, but no trace of the germ was discovered until thorough tests had been made of tome of the Japanese groceries found in the house. These foods under the micro-Christians, and which also admit of the

lege is in process of erection.

The enormous demand for the Bible and translations of all kinds of Western books which has sprung up during the last two years has been felt in Tung Chou to an extent that has made it absolutely impossible to supply the demands at times,

ERUPTION IN SAMOA.

American Consul Gives Facts of Out-

w ASHINGTON, Dec. 17.-The State Department has received from United States Consul Helmrod, at Apia, Samoa, a report that on November 2, last, two supposedly extinct craters in the volcano of Manga Apia, on the Island of Savaii, broke into violent eruption. Heavy earthquake shocks preceded the volcanic outpreak. No lives were lost break. No lives were lost.

Dividend Paid on Locomotives. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the American comotive Company, the old officers were elected. A dividend of 1% per cent was liared on the preferred stock.

Venezuela Realizes She Is Powerless.

BOWEN CIVEN FULL POWER

Castro Yields to Wishes of Caracas People.

SAME CRY HEARD IN ENGLAND

Balfour Says Further Steps Are Planned, but Public Opinion Fears Offending United States, and Distrusts Germany.

A cry for peace on any terms has come from Venezuela, and Minister Bowen is given full power to negotiate.

This is President Castro's reported action in response to a petition from a number of leading citizens of Caracas. Castro has raised and equipped an army of 40,000 men to defend Carubas and La Guayra, but is disposed to

Public opinion in England is decidedly favorable to peace, judging by the expressions of London newspapers.

CARACAS, Dec. 17 .- It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of terms of ecttlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators.

The government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

The awakening of the Venezuelan people to the present situation of their country is accompanied by feelings of bitterness and sorrow. Their fleet has been destroyed and their pride has been deeply wounded, but they are resigned to accept the affront which they consider has been offered them

During the last 10 days President Castro has acted with extraordinary energy. He has transformed the entire country into a vast camp, having raised more than 10,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped and transported from every direction to La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, in the expectation that the allies would ports. But there has been a change of feeling and prominent men of Venezuela, who were at one time ready to lead the people in defense of their country, now consider that the justification to take the men of the republic away from their families and their work does not exist, They have resolved to discover a means to bring about arbitration, or at least treat with the allies. The means sought is thought to lie through the United States Legation and satisfactory results are on every hand expected to follow.

A member of the Ministry said to the orrespondent of the Associated Press: "The United States has not prevented the ailles from assailing us, but it has bliged them to accept our terms.'

NO SURPRISE AT WASHINGTON.

Uncle Sam Will Help Castro to Arrange Peace Terms.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Officials here are not surprised at the feeling which has nanifested itself in Caracas of a desire to seek a termination of the unfortunate situation that now confronts Venezuela, Our Government is anxious that some settlement may be found very soon, as it is realized that the present conditions cannot last long without a climax being reached quickly.

With this end in view the State Department aiready has given permission to Minister Bowen to be the bearer of any messages that Venezuela may wish to transmit to the allies on the subject of the present differences, such request, however, to come from the Venezuelan government. He already has been instrumental in one capacity, viz., that of transmitting a desire on the part of President Castro to settle the existing controversy by arbitration.

So far as could be ascertained here tonight, no reply has come to the State Detion proves that foodstuffs shipped to Honolulu from Japan and China via San Castro that the pending claims be subpartment to the request of President mitted to arbitration.

APPEAL FOR PEACE MADE.

Citizens of Carnens Urge Castro to Make Terms.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.-Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

This note was transmitted to President Castro at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturists of Caracas. It reflects truly the conscensus of current opinion among the business element of this city. The men who signed the note will meet again tonight to discuss ways and means of obtaining money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantees which it will be possible to offer to her creditors. The

"Caracas, Dec. 17, 1902.

ated by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your request to give our opinions in writing, we address you in the following terms: "In view of the acts of violence already

esponse to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain; in view of the fact that Balfour Admits War Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and With Venezuela. the government and the people of Vene-zuela having compiled honorably and

THUS JUSTIFIES BLOCKADE

ures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the inter-Steps Are Planned. "We subscribe ourselves your obedient

NO ANSWER ON ARBITRATION

Another Announcement Regarding Plans of Allies-Report That Attack Is to Be Made on Fort San Carlos-Italy Sends Ship.

Premier Balfour has overcome the difficulty raised by Secretary Hay's refusal to recognize a peaceful blockade by admitting that war exists between the allies and Venezuela.

He declares that, unless Castro yields to the blockade, further measures will soon be taken by the allies.

No attention has yet been given by either Britain or Germany to the proposal for arbitration, and it is intimated that they desire an apology from Castro to precede negotiations.

LONDON. Dec. 17 .- "If the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade."

In the speech in the House of Commons today, during which Premier Balfour made the above statement, he conveyed the impression of possible, though as yet unnecessary, further hostilities, but that

war." The House expressed its approbation. Throughout the discussion the tenor of questions and answers showed regard

Mr. Balfour assured the House that the papers in the Venezuelan matter were in course of being prepared as rapidly as possible, and, answering a question by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, he said they would include the communications with reference to Venezuela that had passed between His Majesty's government and the United States, Sir William Vernon Harcourt asked this question "so we may know how we stand with reference to the Government of the United States."

Premier Balfour gave no hint to the House as to the ultimate result of the arbitration proposal, and nothing further in this respect has been given out at the Foreign Office.

WILL BOMBARD ANOTHER FORT. Allies Turn Attention to San Carlos in Gulf of Marnenibo.

PARIS, Dec. 18.-The Caracas corre-

spondent of the Matin says: "It is announced that the ailies intend to bombard Fort San Carlos, in the Gulf of Maracaibo, today.

"Sixteen hundred revolutionists, under General Ramos, have occupied Rio Chico. "President Castro and El Mocho Hernandez met today and assured each other that they would forget the past.'

GOES ON BOARD WARSHIP. Italian Minister Leaves Bowen to

the Italian Minister, who left Caracas this morning, arrived here by the 1:30 o'clock He was accompanied by the personnel of the Italian Legation and immediately proceded on board the Italian cruiser Glovanni Bausan. The crowd at the railroad station when the Minister ar-

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afraid and do not uphold the action of their government.

The German cruiser Gazelle arrived here this morning, but left at 11 o'clock, steaming to the west.

The French steamer Ossun, which was captured December 10 by British marines when the allies took possession of the Venezuclan gunboats, was handed over to her owners today and towed into La Guavra. The delivery of the Ossun was Guayra. The delivery of the Ossun was obtained by the French Charge d'Affaires. The captain of the Ossun asserts that certain articles on his ship have been wantonly destroyed. He has lodged a com-plaint in the matter. The steamer is leak-ling badly.

WILL NOT SEIZE ISLAND.

Germany Denies Designs on Margartte Island, and Shirks Blame. BERLIN, Dec. 17.-The Foreign Offic-British Premier Says Further

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The Foreign Office officials allege that a systematic effort is apparently being made to represent Germany as the pro-pelling power in the coercion of Venezuela and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say the bombardment of the forts of Porto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the officials say without reservation that the bombardment was at the British com-mander's suggestion, the Topaz being the British ship. The German commander

participated in the firing as a loyal ally. The German Government is not insisting on more severe measures than the original plan contemplated, and regards the sinking of the "two diminutive, wholly unseaworthy craft" as an "insignificant incident." Germany and Great Britain are still con-

sidering President Castro's arbitration proposition, but the deliberations have not yet reached a stage where the results can be published.

The Berlin newspapers today print from Kiel a statement that the German cruisers Arladne Amazon and Niobe are being equipped for departure for Venesociated Press is informed officially that no such orders have been given, and that it will depend upon the demands of the blockade whether vessels will be sent.

CASTRO SETS GOOD EXAMPLE. Costa Rica Applauds His Resistance to Allies.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 17.—The Costa Rican government will not discuss Venezuelan situation, but it can be said on good authority that the Ministers favor President Caetro's attitude. Public feeling bore is bitter against the British and German action. The United States is much criticised and the Monroe Doctrine is ridiculed. Finally, President Castro is looked upon as setting a good example to Spanish America.

LAST GUNBOAT TAKEN. Conflicting Rumors Regarding the Miranda at Maracalbo.

CARACAS, Dec. 17 .- Rumors have been in circulation here lately of the capture of the last Venezuelan gunboat, the Mirands, at Maracaito, by the German cruiser Falk. It is now exported how-ever, that the Miranda has taken refuge in Lake Maracaibo and that all the gms and ammunitan which were on board have been disembarked. been disembarked

BLOCKADE IS IN EFFECT.

But Allies Make It Apply Only to Venezuelan Vessels. CARACAS, Dec. 17.-The bl ockade of La Guayra, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was com-municated to the Venezuelan government December 13, went into effect today applies to Venezuelan vessels only.

STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

Balfour Admits Facts and Will Not Consult Neutrals. LONDON, Dec. 17 .- In the course of ong statement in the House of Commons today Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific block-ade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers. Mr. Balfour added that the block. would be carried out with as little

inconvenience to neutrals as possible

Nothing definite had occurred with ref-erence to the arbitration proposal since

his previous statement on the subject. Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but after a long and patient delay to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizof British vessels.

He believed that the German's also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healey, Irish Nationalist, asked if
the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States ves-sels. Mr. Balfour replied:

"Neutrals are not consulted when we are in a state of war with a third party. "Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healey.

The Premier replied:
"Does the honorable member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade?"
Replying to further questions, Mr. Salfour said he had nothing to add regarding artificial to the said her artifical to the said her artificial to the said her arti

ing arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement. Papers were being prepared and would be pre-sented to the House as soon as possible. He assumed they would include the com-munications which had passed on the sub-

ject of the blockade between the United States and Great Britain. Mr. Balfour's statement was made in reply to the desire of the Liberal leader

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Are Senators as to Portland Postoffice.

HOSTS OF INDORSEMENTS

Mitchell and Simon Each Claim Right to Choose.

REPRESENTATIVES MAY ASSIST

Croasman and Bancroft Are Leading Candidates-Simon's Coming Retirement Gives Mitchell Advantage-May Come at Christmas.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. Dec. 17.-It is an unwritten rule of the Postoffice Department that a Senator shall be allowed to name the postmaster in his own town. Beyond that, the postoffice appointments are made by the members of Congress. In the case of Portland, however, both Senators come from the same city and are, on almost all local questions, diametrically opposed to each other. It therefore becomes a question in this case of which Senator can exert the most influence, there being a deadlock between the Senators. It is not improbable the Representatives may be invited to participate and cast the telling vote.

Senator Mitchell said today he had conferred with his three colleagues regarding the Portland postmastership, but had been unable to reach any agreement. Senator Simon said he did not care to discuss the matter at all. He has made no recommendations and has not sent the President anything regarding the appointment. He merely refers to the fact that he has not been successful heretofore in getting appointments. Representative Moody sees no signs of agreement ahead, but stands ready to participate if invited, as does Mr. Tongue, who cast the majority vote for Croasman five years ago.

Every member of the delegation is being overwhelmed with indorsements of the leading candidates-Crossman and F. A. Bancroft-of all those which are to be considered when the final decision is to

Senator Simon will start for Portland next Friday, and it is possible, in view of the disagreement, that a successor to Croasman may be appointed before he returns to Washington. The fact that Senwhile Senator Simon retires next March is supposed to throw considerable weight in favor of Mitchell's candidate. Mitch-ell says he has not yet made up his mind in the case and will not until after further conference.

Bishop Quigley Appointed.

ROME, Dec. 17.—It is reported that Bish-op James Quigley, of Buffalo, N. Y., has been appointed archbishop of Chicago in succession to the late Archbishop Feehan,

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note is as follows:

conflicting situation, which has been cre-

reach some pacific settlement of the diffi-culty.

It is said on behalf of the government that even in last July, when German co-operation was first mooted, the govern-ment fully recognized the possibility of war with Venezuela, and only postponed it until Winter at the suggestion of the Admiralty and in order to avoid the un-healthy season. On the other hand, those who declare that the Government of the United States forced the government of United States forced the government of Great Britain into a virtual declaration of war are not lacking. Certainly a conof war are not lacking. Certainly a considerable portion of the British public was rather disagreeably surprised to find that great British actually was at war, and that this war might for many months to come require the presence of a large naval force in Venezuelan waters and put a stop to all British trade with Venezuelan

Henry Norman, M. P., in a newspaper article publishes this morning, emphisizes the dangers of the position into which Germany is dragging Great Britan, and contends that the only safe and dignified course for Great Britain is to seek satisfaction through co-operation with the United States " True a service that "serious and urgent warnings private in their origin, but virtually official, have been cabled from the United States during the last few days."

Mr. Norman's opinion reflects a very widespread feeling with regard to the Angle-German agreement, and concerning the question of how the United States during the question of how the United States when he said:

"I think it quite likely that the United States Government would think there is no such thing as a pacific blockade, and I personally take the same view that evidently a blockade does involve a state of war." The House expressed its approximant.

would view the existence of a state of warfare between the powers and Veneland at one or both of these suela. The newspapers this morning ask:
there has been a change of "What would happen, should Germany hoose to seize Marta Island as a base for for the views of the United States. the blockade?" The Dally News, in an editorial article, roundly declares that the new European concert "is not to coerce a bankrupt re-

roe Doctrine.

c, but is a revolt against the Mon-

The Times this morning gives great prominence to a letter from Sir Robert Giffen, declaring that the Foreign Office gravely blundered in associating itself with Germany against Venezuela. Sir Robert contends that a blockade will be useless against a bankrupt state, while the selzure of the customs will be tantamount to annexation and full of danger, considering the peculiar relations of Venezuela to the United States. Sir Robert strikes his most alarming note when he refers to the danger of Germany embrolling embrolling Great Britain with the United States.

He believes that Germany would not hesitate to occupy Venezueian territory, and he thinks the less said about British claims the better. He says he doubts if Great Britain has any good moral claims against Venezuela, and concludes with

"The best course is to cry off, at all hazards, and at the utmost exact punishment for the injured seamen by getting hold, if possible, of the guilty Venezuelan officials. The Times, without indorsing Sir Rob-ert's gloomy views, and while it repudiates his suspicions of Germany, says it can-not hide from itself either the actual or

the contingent difficulties involved in this

most disagreeable undertaking. The edu-cation bill having passed all its stages

yesterday. Parliament will be prorogued

today. Consequently, no information con-cerning Venezuela will be gathered from the Ministers except as Parliamentary papers are occasionally issued. ITALIAN MINISTER LEAVES.

Escorted to Train by Bowen-Ultimatum Kept Secret. CARACAS, Dec. 17.-The Italian Minis-ter left Caracas today. At 8 o'clock this morning Minister

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Care for His Countrymen. LA GUAYRA, Dec. 17.-Signer de Riva,

rived was very orderly.

There are a great many Italians in La Guayra. They all show signs of being

SCENE OF THE BLOCKADE.