

RUBBER GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Rubber and Oil CLOTHING Crack-Proof Snag-Proof RUBBER BOOTS BELTING, PACKING & HOSE Goodyear Rubber Company

SHAW'S PURE MALT WHISKY. America's ORIGINAL MALT WHISKY Without a Rival Today. BLUMAUE & HOCH 108 and 110 Fourth Street

St. Charles Hotel. CO. INCORPORATED. FRONT AND MORRISON STREETS PORTLAND, OREGON. American and European Plan.

WHOLESALE SHOES. Wet Weather Shoes, Logging Shoes, Full Line of Felts and Holiday Goods. Krausse & Prince 57-59 First St. Portland, Or.

HOTEL PERKINS. Fifth and Washington Streets PORTLAND, OREGON. EUROPEAN PLAN. First-Class Check Restaurant Connected With Hotel.

LOGGERS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT OUR HOLIDAY ASSORTMENT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF LOGGING MACHINERY. WILLAMETTE IRON & STEEL WORKS, PORTLAND OREGON. SAFES - Highest Grade Fire-proof Safes - PORTLAND SAFE & LOCK CO. 205 SECOND ST., near Taylor

ON JANUARY 1st, 1903. On account of increased manufacturer's cost and increase in freight rates, the price of the PIANOLA will be Advanced to \$275.00. M. B. WELLS 325-325 WASHINGTON ST., PORTLAND, OREGON.

REBUILDING THE MISSIONS. American Board Repairing Damage in China Done by Boxers. HOW PLAGUE WAS BROUGHT. Germs Discovered in Groceries Imported by the Japanese.

ERUPTION IN SAMOA. American Consul Gives Facts of Outbreak in Dead Craters. 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 country to make a more elaborate exhibit than was shown at either Paris or Chicago.

A CRY FOR PEACE

Venezuela Realizes She Is Powerless.

BOWEN GIVEN 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.

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

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 40,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped and transported from every direction to La Guayra and Puerto Cabello.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.--Officials here are not surprised at the feeling which has manifested 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.

So far as could be ascertained here to-night, no reply has come to the State Department to the request of President Castro that the pending claims be submitted to arbitration.

APPEAL FOR PEACE MADE.

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.

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 committed and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to resist force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain; in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the government and the people of Venezuela having compiled honorably and worthily to the demands of national honor, we consider, with all due respect, that the moment to yield to force has arrived.

"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 measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela.

Nothing to be gained. LONDON, Dec. 18.--The developments in the Venezuelan imbroglio, as revealed by Premier Balfour's statements in Parliament yesterday, have resulted in bringing out in the press this morning stronger expressions of opinion over the desire to reach some pacific settlement of the difficulty.

Henry Norman, M. P., in a newspaper article published this morning, emphasizes the dangers of the position into which Germany is dragging Great Britain, and contends that the only safe and dignified course for Great Britain is to seek satisfaction from the presence of the United States.

The Times this morning gives great prominence to a letter from Sir Robert Cecil, declaring that the Foreign Office would view the existence of a state of warfare between the powers and Venezuela. The newspapers this morning ask: "What would happen, should Germany choose to seize Maria Island as a base for the blockade?"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.--Officials here are not surprised at the feeling which has manifested 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.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.--Officials here are not surprised at the feeling which has manifested 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.

ITALIAN MINISTER LEAVES.

Escorted to Train by Bowen--Ultimatum Kept Secret. CARACAS, Dec. 17.--The Italian Minister left Caracas today. The Italian Minister left Caracas today. The Italian Minister left Caracas today.

CUTS THE KNOT

Balfour Admits War With Venezuela.

THUS JUSTIFIES BLOCKADE

British Premier Says Further Steps Are Planned.

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.

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."

Immediately after having spoken these words the Premier said that in the event of a blockade no difference would be made between the ships of neutral powers, who would not be consulted. He then reiterated the idea of a peaceful blockade, when he said:

WILL BOMBARD ANOTHER PORT.

Allies Turn Attention to San Carlos in Gulf of Maracibo.

GOES ON BOARD WARSHIP.

Italian Minister Leaves Bowen to Care for His Countrymen.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 17.--Signor de Riva, the Italian Minister, who left Caracas this morning, arrived here by the 1:30 o'clock train. He was accompanied by the personal secretary of the Italian Legation and immediately proceeded on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan.

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 Osson, which was captured December 10 by British marines when the allies took possession of the Venezuelan gulf, was handed over to her owners today and towed into La Guayra. The delivery of the Osson was obtained by the French Charge d'Affaires.

WILL NOT SEIZE ISLAND.

Germany Denies Designs on Margarita Island, and Shirks Blame.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.--The Foreign Office here denies that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita Island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

The Foreign Office officials allege that a systematic effort is apparently being made to reproach Germany as the propelling 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 Puerto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the officials say without reservation that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the Topaz being the British ship.

COSTA RICA APPLAUDS HIS RESISTANCE TO ALIEN.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 17.--The Costa Rican government will not discuss the Venezuelan situation, but it can be said on good authority that the Ministers favor President Castro's attitude.

LAST GUNBOAT TAKEN.

Conflicting Rumor Regarding the Miranda at Maracibo.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.--Rumors have been in circulation here lately of the capture of the last Venezuelan gunboat, the Miranda, at Maracibo, by the German cruiser Falk.

BLOCKADE IS IN EFFECT.

But Allies Make It Apply Only to Venezuelan Vessels.

CARACAS, Dec. 17.--The blockade of La Guayra, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan government December 13, went into effect today.

STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

Balfour Admits Facts and Will Not Consult Neutrals.

LONDON, Dec. 17.--In the course of a long statement in the House of Commons today Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade" of a state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers.

SHIPMENT OF GOODS TO BE STOPPED.

Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement. Papers were being prepared and would be presented to the House as soon as possible. He assumed they would include the communications which had passed on the subject 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, (Concluded on Page 12)

IN A DEADLOCK

Are Senators as to Portland Postoffice.

HOSTS OF INDORSEMENTS

Mitchell and Simon Each Claim Right to Choose.

REPRESENTATIVES MAY ASSIST

Crossman and Haneroff 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.

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.

Senator Simon will start for Portland next Friday, and it is possible, in view of the disagreement, that a successor to Crossman may be appointed before he returns to Washington.

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

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

CONTENTS OF TODAY'S PAPER

- National Affairs. The House passes bill appropriating money for prosecution of trusts. Page 3. Bill to give the Philippines tariff preference with the United States reported to the House. Page 2. The Senate passes the pension appropriation bill. Page 3. Bill to allow National banks to issue more currency. Page 2. Secretary Root awards the transport contract to the Seattle company. Page 5. Oregon Senators are deadlocked on appointments of Portland Postmaster. Page 12. Checkerboard bill for exchange of arid lands reported to the House. Page 2. Domestic. Operators open their case before the Strike Commission and have an exciting time. Page 2. Arrangements for Mrs. Grant's funeral. Page 5. Interstate Commerce Commission says there can be no question but combination among the railroads reduces competition. Page 12. Foreign. Castro authorizes Minister Bowen to arrange peace with the allies; Balfour declares war exists and threatens further measures; English fear trouble with United States and want peace; Italian Minister leaves Caracas; naval officer sent to help Minister Bowen; orders to Dewey's fleet. Pages 1 and 12. Boxes demands payment of claim against Peru. Page 12. Boxer's besiege two large cities in China. Page 11. Pacific Coast. Prominent Olympia physician is charged with laxity by endorsement by Michigan man. Page 4. Commissioner Cooper asks the farmers to help the 1903 Fair. Page 4. "Diamond Field" Jack is pardoned by Idaho's Governor. Page 4. Superintendent Ackerman makes his biennial school report. Page 4. Commercial and Marine. Eastern timber on the way to the Portland market. Page 12. December corn slumps at Chicago. Page 12. Selling movement against carries down stock prices at New York. Page 12. German boy marks are advancing. Page 13. Part of Portland has more trouble with bond advertising. Page 12. Four wheat ships sail from Astoria. Page 12. Portland and Vicinity. Stormy meeting of Common Council over blanket franchise and oil tank ordinance. Page 14. New ordinance drafted against saloon boxes. Page 14. Governor Orman, of Colorado, indorses Lewis and Clark Fair. Page 8. Chinese run lottery in spite of efforts of police. Page 12. Impressive funeral of the late Solomon Hirsch. Page 10. Democrats in line for Governor's patronage. Page 10. Pleas of not guilty entered in gambling cases. Page 10. Sports. Jackey Heff given damages for libel in Paris. Page 3. Helena club will stand by Pacific Northwest League. Page 3. Big baseball issues will make peace, but not unite. Page 3.

