

CASE FOR CASTRO

Answer Given to Ultimatum From Germany.

WILL NOT REPLY TO THREATS

Venezuelan Minister Rebukes German Envoy for Sending Ultimatum to Residence—Claims Courts Are Just—Wait Till Civil War Ends.

CARACAS, Dec. 19.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press has obtained a copy of the note written to the Venezuelan government by the German minister addressed to Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, by Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the German envoy, at Caracas, December 7. This answer was transmitted by the Foreign Office to Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi on December 8, the 8th being a feast day. It was signed by Lopez Baralt, and is as follows:

Caracas, Dec. 9, 1902.—To the Hon. Pilgrim-Baltazzi:—On the afternoon of the 7th inst. a feast day, an employe of the German Legation called at my residence to deliver to me the purpose of delivering a note from you of that date. Courtesy alone caused me to accept this note under such circumstances.

I think it is necessary to state the purpose and content of the note to which you refer in certain points in the first portion of your note which are subject to ratification. In order to reconcile the essential object of the note with the circumstances of the case. In the argument which the Venezuelan government recited in its communication of May 9, an exception was made concerning the blockade which it was proposed to establish on the coast of Venezuela. The objections to the blockade which it is proposed to establish have been carefully considered. They cannot, however, be altogether removed, as some of them are inherent to that particular class of naval operations.

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France a quiet treatment with the other powers.

Later in the day it was ascertained that the French government had received detailed advices showing the American position to be favorable to the acceptance of arbitration and opposing a pacific blockade. It was said by officials here that the American attitude toward a pacific blockade was the same as that asserted by Great Britain, and that France sought to close the ports of Formosa against the Japanese.

A dispatch to the Liberté from The Hague says the government of Holland has been hitherto unwilling to discuss or protect Dutch subjects and to observe treaties. The dispatch adds that it is possible Holland will join in the action against Venezuela.

WILL DEAL ONLY WITH AMERICA

ALLIES OBJECT TO DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH VENEZUELA FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Great Britain has sent to the United States a note in regard to the suggestion that the Venezuelan question should be submitted to arbitration. The tenor of the reply, it is expected, will tend to bring about some arrangement for a satisfactory settlement, while thoroughly safeguarding the interests of the powers concerned.

The note to the United States was sent to the United States by Mr. F. L. Bretton, British minister in Caracas. It was sent to the United States by the British minister in Caracas.

The statements issued from Caracas to the effect that President Castro was empowered to receive the German minister are denied. It is stated that the representative of Venezuela are regarded in London as open to question. And such action on the part of President Castro would be considered wholly beside the point.

The powers concerned will deal solely with the United States in the matter of arbitration. The government of Venezuela will not be considered in any form, not even as to the terms on which arbitration might be acceptable to the powers.

In a reply made public today to a question in Parliament of Gibson Bowles, Conservative, Premier Balfour says no intention is made of entering into negotiations with the United States that it will object to American shipping being interfered with in the event of a blockade of the Venezuelan coast. The objections to the blockade which it is proposed to establish have been carefully considered. They cannot, however, be altogether removed, as some of them are inherent to that particular class of naval operations.

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HUNTER TELLS HIS STORY

SAYS FITZGERALD TRIED TO KILL HIM WITH REVOLVER.

Son of American Minister to Guatemala Says He Fired Fatal Shots in Self-Defense.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A copy of the statement made before the court of third instance in Guatemala by W. G. Hunter, Jr., son of the United States Minister to Guatemala, regarding the shooting of William A. Fitzgerald, whose presence here is stated, is published.

"I left the legation of the United States on the afternoon of Thursday, November 30, 1902, in company with James G. Bailey, secretary of the Legation, for my accustomed daily walk, and upon reaching the Plaza de Armas, as usual, about 5 o'clock, we took a seat together, facing the music stand in front of the statue of Columbus. We had been seated there but a few minutes, engaged in conversation, when William A. Fitzgerald, whose presence was unknown to me, and without a word being said or anything being done to provoke an assault, seized me by the coat collar with his left hand, and with his right struck me a severe blow under the left eye, which drew the blood; and while thus holding me firmly down on the seat drew a revolver, which he snapped two or three times in my face.

"Upon receiving the shock of the assault, which for a moment dazed me, and the surprise at the presence of the assailant, whom I had not previously seen, I at once sprang with superhuman effort to my feet, thrust him from me, drew my revolver and shot the would-be assassin dead in self-defense, firing five shots, the contents of my weapon in doing so. Immediately after the tragedy I walked quietly a short distance away from the scene of the occurrence, and surrendered to the local authorities.

"W. G. HUNTER, JR.,

Mr. Bailey made a statement confirming that of Mr. Hunter.

SAYS STORY IS ABSURD.

Fitzgerald's Father Utters Disbelief of His Plot of Self-Defense.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 19.—When William Fitzgerald, son of the late Congressman, was shot by the assassin Hunter in Guatemala, in self-defense, Mr. Fitzgerald said:

"In view of the information I have received, by wire and mail, about the killing of my son, this statement is most absurd. The action of the men in seeking the protection of the legation, at first and afterwards, to the fact that it shows that the deed was not done in self-defense.

"If that deed was done in self-defense, these men should not have sought a trial in the United States, because under no flag and laws will this plea, when true, so farther than our shores.

"I recently received a letter from J. Drummond, a friend of Fitzgerald's, who stated that he had shot the man who shot my son, and from that letter alone I know my son fell without warning."

WATCH OVER COMMERCE

Functions of New Department of Government.

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ANSWER TO THE ALLIES

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TO RELIEVE COAL FAMINE.

Law Is the Remedy Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House committee on merchant marine and fisheries today considered the McCall resolution to amend the act relating to the coastwise navigation laws so as to permit foreign ships to carry coal from one port to another on the coast. A large number of telegrams, letters and statements were read in the course of the hearing. It apparently is not only a sufficient, but a large surplus of tonnage available for the transportation of coal, and that it is a scarcity of coal, not ships, which is causing the trouble.

It was stated before the committee that an unreasonable and extortionate rate of freight is being charged for the transportation of coal from the shipping points to the market ports, and from Boston, whence come the greatest number of these complaints, the lack of facilities to unload coal as rapidly as it comes to the market is the greatest obstacle to the distribution of that commodity.

The committee postponed further consideration of the resolution until the meeting in the first week of the session following the holiday recess. It is stated, it would be in the interest of a reduction of freight rather than because of any scarcity of tonnage.

DELAY OF CANAL TREATY.

Due to Cromwell's Illness, Herran's Instruction and Question of Price.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Confirmation of the Panama Canal treaty with Colombia has again been moved into the future, and it is now said that no treaty can be expected before Christmas, and probably not until the beginning of next year.

Several reasons are assigned for the delay. Mr. Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Canal Company, has been very ill and is unable to attend to the negotiations, and the Colombian Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Herran, has not received instructions from his government. These instructions are still coming in at intervals, and although Mr. Herran has full powers he is sure he has had the last word from his government. Furthermore, the question of price is still open.

WILL NOT GO TO THE HOUSE.

Senate Alone Will Pass on Cuban Reciprocity Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The President has concluded that it will not be necessary to send the Cuban reciprocity treaty to the House. It is said that the House may satisfy itself by passing upon the reciprocity proposition, incidental to the consideration of the tariff bill, which will be necessary to give effect to the treaty, though that document will be ratified solely by the Senate, it ratified at all in Washington.

Isthmian People Anxious.

COLON, Dec. 19.—The news that the Colombian Charge d'Affaires at Washington, Senor Herran, had conferred with Secretary Hay on December 18, for the purpose of fixing the price of the canal concession and the likelihood of the treaty being ready to submit to Congress before Christmas, has been favorably received on the isthmus. It has inspired confidence and optimism among the people, and to the final selection of the Panama route had previously existed.

No Money for Baltimore Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Senate committee on commerce has decided to report adversely the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the Baltimore, Md., harbor. This position was not taken because of opposition to the bill, but because of the rate of the committee against insinuating individual schemes of improvement in years when there is no river and harbor bill.

To Open Indian Land to Settlers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Representative Stevens, of Texas, today introduced a bill to open for settlement 505,000 acres of land in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations in Oklahoma.

Bill for Safety Car-Couplings.

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Colombia Reduces Export Duties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Minister Hart, at Bogota, has called the State Department that a recent government decree provides for a progressive reduction of 19 per cent monthly in the export duties of Colombia, beginning January 1, 1903.

Gathering in the Ladrones.

MANILA, Dec. 19.—The roundup of bandits in the Ladrones Islands is proceeding. A large force of constabulary is in the field, and the Manila police are cooperating. They have cordoned the North boundary of the city to prevent the bandits from entering.

GERMAN ENVOY'S WIFE RECOVERS

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MANLY DIED AT 83

VENICE, Dec. 19.—Don Carlo Carraro, an Italian inventor, is holding his own.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR RESIGNS

ROME, Dec. 19.—Lord Currie of Hawley, British ambassador to Italy, has resigned.

DAMAGES FOR INJURY TO A CADDY

PORT HENRY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A jury at Elizabethport has rendered a verdict of \$200 against David Dinkel, who, while playing on the Lake Placid links last summer, threw his golf stick at his "caddy," causing the loss of the sight of one eye. The "caddy" brought suit for \$250.

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TELLS ITALY BOWEN WILL ACT

Her Minister Waits to Hear From Britain and Germany.

ROME, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Meyer visited Foreign Minister Prinetti at the Foreign Office today, and communicated to him a cable message from Secretary Hay, saying that the latter had agreed to give up the investment of Minister Bowen with full powers to settle the Venezuelan controversy if agreeable to Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

The ambassador expressed his satisfaction in communications from the governments of Germany and Great Britain giving their adhesion to the investment of United States Minister Bowen with full powers to settle the controversy, but under the conditions stipulated by Germany.

The rumor that the Duke of Abruzzi is going to Venezuela in command of the Italian cruiser Liguria is without foundation. Officially the fact that her status is damaged, it is not likely that the cruiser Agordat will go to Venezuela. The cruiser Elba will start for Venezuela Sunday.

WAIT FOR ALLIES TO AGREE

Cabinet Approves Hay's Action and Means to End the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Hay laid before the Cabinet the latest phase of the Venezuelan situation as shown by the correspondence he had had with our Ambassadors and the Foreign Office at London, Berlin and Rome, and also acquainted the members with the substance of the verbal exchanges which had taken place with the Ambassadors in Washington. The Cabinet gave its unqualified approval to the action which has been adopted by Secretary Hay, and also to his plans for the future so far as they were outlined.

It is gathered that the attitude of the United States is for the present a waiting one in the hope that the three allies will be soon able to agree upon the basis upon which they are willing to accept arbitration. So far no notice of the projected blockade of Venezuela has been officially served on our Government.

DESIGNS ON GERMANY

She Desires No Territory, but There is Another Danger.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—In a dispatch from Berlin the correspondent of the Times points out the transposition of the suspicion that Germany has any idea of acquiring territory in South America. The correspondent says it might be pointed out that Great Britain would, in any event, have adopted measures during the present winter to secure satisfaction from Venezuela, and that Germany, although she had the same intention, only suggested action after becoming aware of the intended British operations.

"The peril of the situation," continues the correspondent of the Times, "is not so much that it might lead to immediate action, but that it may eventually entail the realization of the new popular German smilution of exercising a kind of general diplomatic control or inspection where purely Anglo-American relations are concerned."

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