

THE REBELS CLOSE IN

They Advance by Three Routes Against Caracas.

CASTRO BETWEEN TWO FIRES

His Army Has Disbanded, but He Goes to Check Them—Blockading Fleet Makes Trouble for American Steamer.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 23.—(By boat from La Guayra.)—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition, that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela, by referring him to General Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The government, which signed with them an armistice of 10 days, which ends tomorrow, has 300 men at Barquisimeto, and 200 near Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads. The leaders, Ramos, Antonio Guevara, Urbaneja and Penaloza, with 200 men, will march via Guatire; Antonio Fernandez, Osce and Crespo Torres with 200 more, have left Camanagua; and General Rolanda, with 200 troops will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucucua.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous. Attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government's resources have vanished. The President's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists.

General Matos will leave Curacao shortly.

DRIVEN OUT OF LA GUAYRA.

American Steamer Has to Leave Before Cargo Is Unloaded.

CARACAS, Dec. 23.—The Red D Line steamer Caracas, Captain Woodcock, from New York, December 12, via San Juan, Porto Rico, and Willemstad, Curacao, arrived this morning at La Guayra from the latter port and was allowed free entrance by the blockading vessels. This decision, however, as briefly cabled last night, was not arrived at without some difficulty due, it is claimed here, to the lack of unity of action on the part of the allies. The commander of the British cruiser Tribune was yesterday notified by Mr. Schuck, the Consul of Great Britain, that the Caracas would enter the port of La Guayra today. The Tribune then sailed from La Guayra, leaving the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan in charge of the blockade.

The first act of the commander of the Bausan was to notify the agents of the Red D Line that the Caracas would not be allowed to land her passengers, mails or freight. The commander of the United States gunboat Marietta, Lieutenant-Commander Diehl, the commander of the French cruiser Troude, and the United States Consul were immediately informed of the stand taken by the Italian commander, whose decision was regarded as violating the terms of the decrees establishing the blockade, which allowed all steamers coming from the United States 10 days' grace from the date of the establishment of the blockade December 20, in which to reach Venezuelan ports. Mr. Boulton, of Boulton & Co., agents of the line, and all the foreign merchants entered protests against the Italian commander's decision and the commander of the Marietta, and the United States Consul cabled to Washington for instructions.

In the meantime Lieutenant-Commander Diehl, after an hour's conference with the Italian commander, succeeded in convincing him he was wrong in his interpretation of the blockade decrees, and finally the captain of the Bausan assured Lieutenant-Commander Diehl that the Caracas could be allowed to enter the Port of La Guayra without hindrance. Mr. Boulton then was notified that the Caracas would have free entry, and he cabled to Willemstad, where she was awaiting orders, instructing Captain Woodcock to proceed to La Guayra.

The mail, freight and passengers of the Caracas were landed at 10 o'clock. The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that throughout her stay at La Guayra she must leave the harbor every night. This measure is regarded as vexatious and causes great expense to the owners of the steamer. There were five newspaper correspondents on board the Caracas.

The German warship which passed La Guayra Sunday, towing two large schooners, was the Panther. She captured the vessels near Maracibo.

The German cruiser Gazelle arrived at La Guayra yesterday morning and sailed again at noon.

The Bausan and the Tribune captured the following prizes yesterday: The schooner Castor, loaded with salt from Araya; the schooner Maria Luisa, with a cargo of cocoa, from Caronero; the sloop Josefa Carmin de Vega, loaded with general cargo from Caronero; the sloop Corolla, from Guanta.

Lieutenant-Commander Diehl this afternoon endeavored to obtain from the commanders of the foreign warships at La Guayra an extension of a few hours in the time given the steamer Caracas to remain at her dock, in order that she might finish unloading. His request to this end was refused, and he did not insist.

The commanders of the blockading warships explained that they were acting on the orders of the British Admiral, and that the orders given to permit the Caracas to discharge more than the mail had been given to satisfy Commander Diehl. The Caracas consequently left her berth at 6 o'clock, when she had landed not more than two-thirds of her cargo. Tomorrow the steamer will cruise before La Guayra and take on passengers and mail, but on no account is she to enter the port.

Mr. Boulton, of Boulton & Co., has entered a protest with the American Consul and the American Minister here against the action taken with regard to the Caracas.

The allies have advised the foreign Consuls here that steamers reaching La Guayra before December 21 will be allowed to enter port and discharge their cargo during the day, but they will not be allowed

to take cargo on board. This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here. As there is no export duty on goods shipped from Venezuela, the ruling does not affect the government. Only the shipworkers are affected.

All the mail steamers reaching here after December 20 will be boarded from the blockading squadron, and neutral passengers and the mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce. No exceptions to this ruling in the matter of nationalities will be made.

A schooner which attempted to enter port at 2:30 o'clock tonight, was captured.

IN LEAGUE WITH REBELS. Allies Leave Core Open for Them to Receive Arms.

CARACAS, Dec. 23.—The port of Coro, which is surrounded on the land side by the revolutionists, is not blockaded. In Caracas this fact is believed to mean that the British and German fleets are working in harmony with the revolutionists and not blockading Coro in order to allow the free entrance of Dutch schooners from Caracas, bringing arms and ammunition.

PUERTO CABELLO CLOSED TO VESSELS OF ALL NATIONALITIES.

PUERTO CABELLO, Dec. 23.—This port has been effectively blockaded since yesterday. The blockade is being enforced against vessels of all nationalities.

New Italian Minister Arrives.

CARACAS, Dec. 23.—Baron Carlo Allotio, who reached La Guayra on the steamer Caracas today, has been appointed Italian Minister to Venezuela, in succession to Signor de Riva, who will leave for Italy December 25 by the French mail steamer. It is believed here that the action of Signor de Riva were not approved by Rome.

Castro Going to La Victoria.

CARACAS, Dec. 23.—President Castro will leave the capital tomorrow for La Victoria, where the revolutionists under General Matos were recently defeated by government forces.

Can't Enter Puerto Cabello.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 23.—The Red D Line steamer Caracas will not be permitted to enter Puerto Cabello. She will land the remainder of her cargo at Willemstad, Curacao.

SOUTHERNERS ON LINCOLN

Mississippi's Recent Action Indicative of Change in Sentiment.

Chicago Tribune.

The director of the state historical department of Mississippi recently invited Mr. Robert T. Lincoln to place a portrait of his father in the Hall of Fame of the new Capitol building at Jackson, and Mr. Lincoln promptly complied with the request. This incident already has caused much comment in the South, and especially the text of the director's letter, in which he says: "We of the South now realize the greatness and goodness and grandness of the character of President Abraham Lincoln, and would honor his memory. Permit me, in the name of the state, to invite you to place a portrait of President Lincoln in the new Capitol of Mississippi, that it may symbolize his love for his country, his devotion to duty, and his heartfelt sympathy for the Southern people."

This hearty recognition of the high character and exalted patriotism of Abraham Lincoln, expressed in an official manner, has been criticized variously in the South, as might have been expected. There are some whose sectional hatred is unabated, who bitterly assail the director's action. There are others who have not yet been able to look at the Civil War from any other than a Southern standpoint who doubt the wisdom of this action. But it is pleasant to be assured that the great majority of thoughtful people in the South heartily approve of it. The New Orleans Times-Democrat gives expression to this feeling by declaring that the director's invitation represents the South's judgment of Lincoln, and that "so far as Americans of the South are concerned the lingering resentments of Civil War have passed out of sight and of memory, and the living memory only the redeeming nobleness of the men who, 'firm in the right as God gave them to know the right,' directed the war from the Union side."

One of the difficulties about the retirement of Mr. Root would be to find a man who could carry on the great work of the War Department, which has become the most important Cabinet office, owing to the results of the Spanish war. Governor Taft, of the Philippines, has been suggested, but it is more than likely, if he can be spared from the Philippines, that he will be selected for the first vacancy on the supreme bench.

M'GRAW ON THE SENATORSHIP.

Hopes for Preston, but Fears Ankeny Will Be Elected.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 23.—Ex-Governor McGraw, of Washington, who is here for a few days, expresses the hope that Harold Preston may be elected next United States Senator to succeed Turner, but says Ankeny, who is bent on coming to the Senate, is the man most to be feared by other candidates. McGraw, who has been visiting in Alaska, says that court is an empire whose wealth has just been scratched in spots, and those who know best of its resources are the greatest believers in its splendid destiny.

HER HUSBAND SHOT IN BED

Prominent Nebraska Woman Accused of the Crime.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23.—A Journal special from David City, Neb., says: Lena M. Lillie was arrested this evening on complaint of County Attorney Walling, charged with murdering her husband. The arrest has caused a sensation. Harvey Lillie was shot dead while lying in his bed, in October, supposedly by burglars, although the suspicion that the house had been robbed was later disproved. Since then the County Attorney and detectives have been working on the case.

The family was prominent. Mr. Lillie being local manager for one of the leading grain and elevator companies of the state.

Mrs. Lillie was arraigned tonight, pleaded not guilty and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2000, furnished by her father.

SAVED BY DEATH OF WITNESS.

Boston Contractor Escapes Prosecution for Various Frauds.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Because "one material" witness is dead and another has left the state and cannot be located, John J. Nawn, contractor and politician, will be tried on an indictment charging him with complicity in the City of Boston tearing down of 1896 and 1897. In the court the indictment papers charging Nawn with 10 counts of false pretenses and five counts of accessory before the fact were placed on file by the District Attorney.

The cases against Contractor Burns, jointly indicted with Nawn, went on file some time ago, and the case against J. Richard Mulvey, the teaming clerk now serving a sentence of seven years, also goes on file on so much of the indictment.

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ROOT ANXIOUS TO RETIRE

BUT HE WILL AWAIT PASSAGE OF IMPORTANT BILLS.

Roosevelt Wishes to Retain Him, but Business Demands His Attention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The time to retire is repudiated by the fact that Secretary Root contemplates leaving the Cabinet. It is true to the extent that the Secretary will probably return to his law practice some time during the coming year. Much depends upon the success of the staff bill and the militia bill, now pending in Congress. If both these bills could pass the Secretary would no doubt leave early next Spring, and may do so anyway, because his personal business requires some attention. On the other hand, he may determine to remain through another session of Congress in order to press these bills, which meet with more favor as they are better understood.

ONE GAMBLER CONFESSES.

Admits He Has Gambled in Canfield's Famous House.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The inquiry instituted by District Attorney Jerome K. McKelvey into the case of Jesse Lewisohn, an answer certain questions, was resumed today before Justice Wyatt. One witness was examined who did not plead constitutional rights. He testified that he had gambled in the house on East Forty-fourth street, which is under investigation, during the past five years. The examination consumed less than 15 minutes. The name of the witness could not be learned.

INSOLENT SAFE-CRACKERS.

After Robbing a Postoffice, They Battered Down a Jail.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 23.—Safe-crackers robbed the postoffice at Leroy last night of \$1000 in money, stamps and registered letters. Then proceeding to Haybrook, eight miles north, the robbers demolished the jail, using a telephone pole as a battering-ram. The gang then escaped with a stolen horse and buggy.

Negro Section Hands Riots.

PINE BLUFFS, Ark., Dec. 23.—The passenger train on the St. Louis-Southwestern (Cotton Belt) Railway, which arrived here from the South, was the scene of a riot near McNeal station. A number of negro section hands, said to have been drunk, became turbulent and refused to pay their fares. In an altercation, S. Pittman and Brakeman Ferguson, who went to the assistance of Conductor Dave Ferguson, were shot and dangerously wounded. Four of the negroes were arrested and placed in jail at Camden. Other arrests are expected.

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ROUGH TRIP DOWN COAST

COOS BAY LUMBER SCHOONER ARRIVES LEAKING.

Loses Deckload in Storm, Springs Leak and Crew Is Worn Out With Pumping.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The schooner Western Home, which arrived today 16 days from Coos Bay, had one of the hardest trips made by a coaster for many months. When she reached port all hands were worn out with constant service at the pumps, and the schooner herself was wrecked, weather-beaten and leaking freely.

The schooner encountered heavy weather from the beginning of the voyage, and on December 14 at P. M., in latitude 44:25 north, longitude 124:45 west, in a very heavy cross-sea, and strong southwest wind, she lost her deckload. The seas which swept away the lumber carried off the forward scuttle and caused the schooner to spring a leak.

From that time until port was reached yesterday the pumps had been kept going. The heavy weather continued, and the fact that the vessel was already strained and leaking considerably handicapped Captain Lemke in navigating his vessel. Under the circumstances he made fair time and brought his charge to port in wonderfully good condition.

DESERTED AND INSANE.

Girl Loses Her Mind on Learning Lover's Pledges Are False.

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—False pledges of a man who induced her to leave home on promise of marriage only to desert her, have dethroned the reason of Dora Gregory, of Los Angeles, who has been adjudged insane and committed to the Steadman Asylum. Accompanied by the man Miss Gregory left Los Angeles six weeks ago and went to Victoria. Her fiancé induced her to come to Seattle, promising to follow and marry her. She secured employment and anxiously awaited his coming. Wednesday she was found by her employer unconscious on the floor, clutching a letter announcing her lover had returned to Los Angeles and married another girl.

Pardon for Jake Sheets.

SALEM, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Governor Geer today granted a pardon to Jake Sheets, who is serving a three years' sentence in the Penitentiary for arson, from Wallawa County.

Snow at Forest Grove.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Snow fell here for two hours today, when the temperature changed and it began raining. The snow clings to the trees, and it gets colder. There may be more snow tonight.

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Mrs. Dockery Likely to Die.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Mrs. A. M. Dockery, wife of the Governor, who was suddenly stricken with heart trouble yesterday, is reported in a very critical condition tonight, and it is stated that there is little hope of her recovery.

Admiral Schley Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Admiral W. S. Schley is ill, suffering from an acute attack of lumbago. His condition, however, is not at all serious, though the attack will confine him to his bed for a few days.

LOCKOUT IS AVERTED.

Terms Arranged Between Chicago Garmentworkers and Employers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A lockout of the garmentworkers employed in Chicago was averted tonight when Cutters' Union, No. 21, accepted the agreement presented by the employing tailors. While there are still differences between the employers and the men, the chances are that they will be settled by arbitration. The manufacturers have receded from their original

position and say they will not lock out their men. Insistence was placed, however, by the employers, upon the union's abandoning its demand for half pay for men who were laid off after having been in the employ of the tailors for 45 days. The employers offered as a substitute for this demand a stipulation that they would give half pay to men who had been in their service for two seasons, and who were laid off for more than four weeks. This offer was accepted.

SHOT AT TURKEY SHOOT

Ten Men Are Hit by Accidental Discharge of Shotgun.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—A special to the Republic from Alto Pass, Ill., says: "Ten men were shot by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Martin Batson at a turkey shooting match at Phillip Creek, four miles west of here, this afternoon. Abe Horton received 23 shot in the head and face and is more seriously wounded than the others. Seven shot struck James Brookes, a boy, in the neck, cutting the flesh away almost to the jugular vein. Others also received less injuries in the face. They were: Henry Craft, Norman Rushing, Harry Briggs, John Burns and John Cripps. They were standing 75 yards from Batson when the accident occurred. He was resting his gun on his arm, and forgetting it was cocked, pulled the trigger. Batson will not be arrested."