

CASTRO WILL NOT BELIEVE REVOLT

Venezuelan President Attributes Reports to Inventive Enemies.

HIS ILLNESS NOT SERIOUS

Doctor Finds No Disease of Kidneys. Gomez Proclamation Against Holland Regarded as Declaration of War.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—President Castro did not leave his hotel all day, being occupied with his correspondence. He received a number of dispatches from Caracas, but nothing confirmatory of the reports with reference to the revolutionary movement in Venezuela which both he and the members of his suite persist in denying. One of his aides declared tonight that he was convinced the reports emanated from revolutionary agents in Caracas.

There is no truth in the report that Germany has been asked to undertake negotiations with Holland for the purpose of bringing about a settlement of the difficulty in Venezuela.

The President, who appears to be in extremely good humor and who, seemingly, is not suffering very much from his malady, received with his wife three or four personal friends, with whom he lunched in his apartments.

Dr. Israel, who made a physical examination of Senor Castro a day or two ago, has had the President under observation daily. He has not yet decided whether an operation will be necessary. The physician seems convinced, however, that Castro's kidneys are not affected.

CARACAS RIOTS A SURPRISE

Believed That Foreign Demonstration Would Unite People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The riotous demonstrations in Caracas are a surprise to officials in Washington, who had generally expected the any manifestation of hostile acts by a foreign power against Venezuela would have the result of solidifying the people and rallying them to Castro and his government.

It had been the common belief here that had the United States taken any forcible steps against Venezuela in the effort to have its claims against that country arbitrated, Castro would have become a veritable hero in the eyes of the people there.

It is possible, even that, anticipating such an attitude, the Administration has been indifferent to pushing a demand for settlement. Reports that Castro might seek an alliance with Germany lack any substantiation, so far as any State Department advice goes.

The department has felt that the situation in Venezuela would gradually work

itself out. For this reason there has been a persistent determination to ignore President Castro and look with equanimity on the doings of foreign governments in their efforts to get satisfaction from him for alleged wrongs, so long as there is no interference with American interests and no violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

PRACTICALLY STATE OF WAR

Gomez' State of Defense Means Same Thing to Us.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A flurry was caused in diplomatic circles today over the report which generally obtained that Venezuela had declared war against Holland. These reports had their foundation in the dispatch to the State Department by way of Bogota, transmitting a telegram from Caracas, saying that the government had made such a declaration. It was also pointed out, however, that the announcement was based on Vice-President Gomez's declaration that the country is in a state of defense because Holland had seized the coast guardship *Alexis*.

Officials profess to see no actual difference between a "state of war" and a "state of defense," taking the position that it is a "case of distinction without a difference." A renewal of the demonstration against the Castro administration would not be a surprise to the State Department.

Should the feeling against the President develop to the extent of an open revolution, the State Department, it is said, would lose no time in assuming diplomatic intercourse with the new administration to the extent that some action might be taken on the unsettled claims against Venezuela and the resumption of friendly relations.

Demonstration Against Holland.

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 17.—According to letters that have just been received here from Maracaibo, there was a demonstration in that city three days ago against Holland. The members of the City Council were the leaders in the movement, in which they were supported by a big crowd. All the stores belonging to Germans in Maracaibo have been closed.

FLYTE HOLDINGS ARE SOLD

O. B. Burrows, of Hoquiam, Said to Have Paid \$680,000 for Timber.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—O. B. Burrows, of Hoquiam, has bought all the timber holdings of the Flyte Syndicate in Chehalis County for a consideration of approximately \$680,000. Mr. Burrows has been the representative in this county for the syndicate and has held an option on the properties for some time.

The Flyte holdings are located in the Humptulps River country. The lands cover 120,000,000 feet of timber and the price paid is said to have been \$4 per 100 feet. The timber embraces some of the finest bodies of spruce, fir and cedar in this county. The timber is well located and admits of easy logging.

Canby Residence Burns.

CANBY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Goergen Brother's farmhouse burned last night. The fire was discovered as the family was retiring for the night, but was soon beyond control. Part of the furniture was saved. A defective chimney is presumed to have been the cause.

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