

CASTRO OUT OF IT

Venezuelan Dictator Has Had Enough Trouble.

WILL NOT OPPOSE GOMEZ

Issues Statement in Berlin Declaring He Will Not Fight Settlements New Administration May Make With Powers.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Cipriano Castro today gave a statement to the Associated Press which amounts virtually to a abandonment of his claims to the Presidency of Venezuela. This statement follows: "After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela, I doubt the attitude therein attributed to the present government at Caracas. But I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred. "In any event I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this involves my own withdrawal from activity in the affairs of the Nation."

General Castro will remain for two weeks longer in the private sanatorium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

DOLPHIN AT WILLEMSTAD

First American Warship in Venezuelan Waters.

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 24.—The United States gunboat Dolphin arrived here this morning. The cruiser Des Moines is expected at noon.

The Dolphin is the first of several American ships on their way to Venezuelan waters to reach her destination. The other vessels are the cruiser Des Moines, the cruiser North Carolina and the battleship Maine. The Dolphin will proceed to La Guayra and the North Carolina will stay at Caracas. Both ships are equipped with wireless telegraphy, and by this means they will maintain communication between Venezuela and the outside world. The North Carolina has on board W. J. Buchanan, special commissioner of the United States to settle the questions at issue. Mr. Buchanan will be transferred from the North Carolina to either the Maine or the Dolphin. The Maine is expected to reach La Guayra Sunday.

ENVOYS SPEED TO VENEZUELA

Meanwhile Government Waits and Warships Keep Peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With the tense feature of the Venezuelan situation removed by the resumption of friendly relations between the United States and that country, the State Department is awaiting developments.

George S. White, special commissioner with W. J. Buchanan, special commissioner, there for a conference with the government and American warships are proceeding in that direction with friendly intentions. The Venezuelan government, which Mr. Buchanan is traveling, is a swift vessel, but it will probably be a week before he confers with the Venezuelans and is able to communicate fully to the State Department on the subject. The gunboat Dolphin meantime will anchor at La Guayra and be in a position to give the Venezuelan government in preventing disorders.

A hopeful view is taken at the State Department that peace and order may prevail.

GOMEZ SENDS HIS DEPUTY

Special Messenger Leaves for the Continent.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—The Foreign Office has been advised that Jose de Paul, until recently Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, left La Guayra today for Paris and The Hague on a special mission from the Venezuelan government, to open negotiations for the settlement of the disputes between Venezuela and France and Holland.

It was learned that the Foreign Office today that the enforcing of previous orders, prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition from Caracas to Venezuela, depends upon the successful adjustment of the matters now in dispute between Caracas and The Hague, and the recall of the Dutch warships from Venezuelan waters hinges on the outcome of diplomatic relations regarding the future relations between Holland and Venezuela.

Holland removed the restriction against the sending out of arms during her troubles with Venezuela, and it was generally understood that the munitions of war which it consequently would be possible to transport, were for the use of the Venezuelan insurgents. Foreign Minister Van Swinderen has received numerous congratulatory messages from home and abroad on his successful handling of the Venezuelan dispute.

NAVY COAL ORDERED SOUTH

Supplies Thought to Be for Ships at Venezuela.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 24.—The naval collier Sterling, now at the Bradford station, has received orders to take on coal and sail immediately for Guantanamo, Cuba. It is supposed here that the coal is for the battleships Maine and North Carolina, which have been sent to southern waters in connection with Venezuelan affairs.

Gomez Opens Trade Gates.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 24.—The new Venezuelan government has announced that it will permit the resumption of trade over the frontier between Venezuela and Colombia at all frontier points.

FINE BIRDS FOR TAFT

All the Way From England Comes Dinner Course.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Four brace of English pheasants, beautifully plumed and plumply fattened, packed in paper and cold-storage from London, reached the Taft cottage today as the Christmas dinner remembrance of Whitelaw Reid, American Ambassador at the Court of St. James in the President-elect. No Christmas celebration has been planned by the Taft family. Mr. Taft expects no political callers before next week, when Frank H. Hitchcock will arrive.

Soldiers of Berlin recently built a pontoon bridge across the River Spree in 45 minutes.

SCENE OF THE UPRISING AGAINST PRESIDENT CASTRO



PLAZA BOLIVAR IN CARACAS, CAPITAL OF VENEZUELA. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.) This picture shows the Plaza Bolivar in the City of Caracas, capital of Venezuela, where pictures of Castro have been burned to show the hatred of the people of the country for "the monkey of the Andes," and their disapproval of his course. Caracas, where the outbreaks against Castro have occurred, is the capital of the western section of the federal district as well as capital of the republic. It is here that Castro has made his official headquarters, though he has spent much of his time at his country place in the mountains.

MYSTERY IN DEATH

Messenger Boy Found Poisoned on Salt Lake Street.

POLICE UTTERLY BAFFLED

Negro Pullman Porter Last to See Lad Alive, but Crime Not Attributed to Him—Telephone Call Adds Complication.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—The head body of Charles Semich, 18 years old and employed as a messenger boy by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, was found today at a lonely part of the gravel pit road, about 100 yards west of the Capital Hill grounds, on North Second street. There were no marks of violence on the body, but the features were distorted and about the mouth there was an accumulation of froth, indicating that probably death had been caused by poison.

The police are baffled in finding a solution of the case. The last seen of the young man was yesterday afternoon, when he was sent by the telephone company to accompany Charles Washington, a negro porter, to the Pullman office to collect a bill incurred by Washington in telephoning to a Mrs. Marie Kennedy, in Twin Falls, Idaho. When Washington heard today of the boy's death, he went to police headquarters and surrendered himself. He was placed in custody pending further investigation of the case.

Washington's story has been corroborated in a great part. Another mysterious feature of the case was the receipt this morning by the boy's mother of a telephone message saying that he had been found in Ogden, and would soon return home.

By his employers and associates, the boy is said to have been industrious and of good habits.

WRECK BRINGS SIX DEATHS

Lumber Schooner Lost in Heavy Atlantic Gale.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 24.—News of the loss of Hog Island Wednesday of the three-masted schooner Jeanie Leppitt, and drowning of Captain Robinson and five members of the ship's crew, was brought here today by Andrew Jorgensen, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was picked up at sea Wednesday by the American steamer Ravenscroft, Captain Johnson.

The Leppitt was bound up the coast from Jacksonville for New York with a cargo of lumber. She ran into the recent heavy gale off Cape Charles Tuesday afternoon, and after taking aboard considerable water and sustaining much damage to the hull, ran on a shoal off Hog Island and soon went to pieces.

STAMP SLOT MACHINES

Postoffice Department Adopts Automatic Vendors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—If one can drop a penny in a vending machine and obtain a piece of chewing gum or a handful of peanuts, why not be able to drop in a coin and secure a postage stamp?

That is what the Postoffice Department wants to make a popular feature of its service, and it today announced that it is now prepared to issue limited quantities of postage stamps in rolls of 50 or 100 for use in stamp-vending and stamp affixing machines. Postmasters desiring to try the new proposition are requested to make requisition to the Department.

TO EXCLUDE AMERICANS

Canadian Halibut Interests Appeal to Ottawa Government.

HOME LIFE BEST

President Roosevelt Opposed to Orphan Asylums.

ADOPTION PLAN FAVORED

Chief Executive Issues Call for Conference on Indigent Children at Which Many Reforms Will Be Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"The best way to care for dependent children is the family home," says President Roosevelt in a letter made public today, calling a conference to be held in this city on January 25 next, for the discussion of the problem of caring for indigent children. With approximately 150,000 youngsters coming within that classification in the United States, the question has awakened the interest of many leaders throughout the country.

The President sent this letter to about 100 prominent men. The establishment of a bureau to gather information as to the dependent children and other subjects will be considered.

The President in his letter says: "I am confident that you will be impressed with the very great importance of the subject touched on in this letter and the desirability that there should be the fullest discussion of the proposition, a memorandum of which I inclose. Surely nothing ought to interest our people more than the care of the children who are destitute and neglected, but not delinquent."

"Personally, I very earnestly believe that the best way in which to care for dependent children is in the family home. In Massachusetts, many orphan asylums have been discontinued and the children who have formerly gone to the orphan asylums are now kept in private homes, either on board with payment from public or private treasuries, or in adopted homes provided by the generosity of the foster parents. Many religious bodies have within the past ten years organized effective child-placing agencies. I am accordingly inviting a number of men and women, a list of whom I will announce, to the conference to be held in Washington January 25 and 26."

It is understood that President Taft will exert every influence to have the bill go through the Senate as it comes from the House. It is even said that Mr. Taft will veto the bill if the Senate makes too many changes tending to increase the rates of duty.

One case in point where the Senate amended the Dingley bill as reported from the House in the tariff schedule is a humorous incident during the hearings several weeks ago. Senator Hale, of Maine, appeared to ask that tapicosa be taken off the free list, should pay search, now on the cents a pound. Chairman Payne called Mr. Hale's attention to the fact that tapicosa was made dutiable in that rate in the Dingley bill, as it appears in the law now, on the free list. The chairman's schedule is not likely to be radically affected by revision.

The requests for changes are principally for certain special articles and not for a schedule as a whole, those seeking increases being about as numerous as those who have urged decreases. The subcommittee has not yet taken up consideration of a change in the tariff law, but it has been suggested that the new law should be made to go into effect on the day after it is signed by the President instead of "on and after the passage of this act," as the present law reads, "in order to facilitate the work of the customs officers."

STILL WRANGLE OVER FEE

Thaw Attorneys Fight Over \$60,000 Charge.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—Ex-Mayor W. A. Stone, attorney for Roger O'Mara, trustee for the estate of Harry K. Thaw, today opposed a motion to dissolve the order restraining Attorney John B. Gleason, of New York, from entering a suit against Thaw to recover \$60,000 claimed for attorney fees in defending the latter in the New York trial.

Some time ago Gleason's attorneys secured an order to show cause why the restraining order should not be set aside. The original order restraining Gleason from entering suit for one year, or until such time as Thaw should appear before the referee for discharge in bankruptcy proceedings. Judge Young took the matter under advisement.

Guests of Senator Fulton. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—W. J. Furnish, Dr. Henry W. Coe and his son will eat Christmas dinner with Senator Fulton tomorrow.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—The fish-

HOW TO RAISE REVENUE

PROBLEM COMMITTEE ON TARIFF IS CONSIDERING.

Interests Will Try to Get Duties Raised by Senate, but Will Have to Fight Taft.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The tariff framers again met today to continue the work of preparing a tariff bill. While protection to industries which must compete with cheap labor abroad will be the keynote of the revised tariff, much consideration will be given to the question of raising sufficient revenue for the Government. The revenue feature involves more difficult problems than either the protective or other phases of the tariff revision question.

It is maintained by some that the Government has been deprived of millions of dollars of revenue during the operation of the Dingley tariff because of the numerous changes made in the bill after it passed the House of Representatives. These changes were made principally in the wording, rather than in the rates of duty. It is freely said that numerous large interests that will be affected by the new tariff law as it will be reported to the House will make a strong fight when the bill reaches the Senate.

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GROOM IN JAIL NEXT DAY

J. A. Griffith, Recently of Portland, in Trouble in Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Married yesterday afternoon arrested this morning, J. A. Griffith sat in the County Jail tonight looking forward to a disconsolate Christmas. Griffith was married yesterday afternoon to Miss Irene Drennon, the marriage being the sequel of a mock ceremony performed on the steamer Flyer a year ago. Taking Miss Drennon on the Flyer last December, Griffith and she were "married," it is said, by a friend of his who masqueraded as a minister. Immediately after this pretended ceremony they separated. Miss Drennon going to work in a Seattle hospital as a nurse, and he leaving shortly after for Portland, where he lived nearly a year.

Day before yesterday Griffith returned to Tacoma and told Miss Drennon that he wanted to marry her in real earnest, and yesterday the ceremony was performed.

This morning Elmer Jones filed charges of embezzlement against Griffith, claiming the latter retained \$500 while in charge of Jones' cigar store.

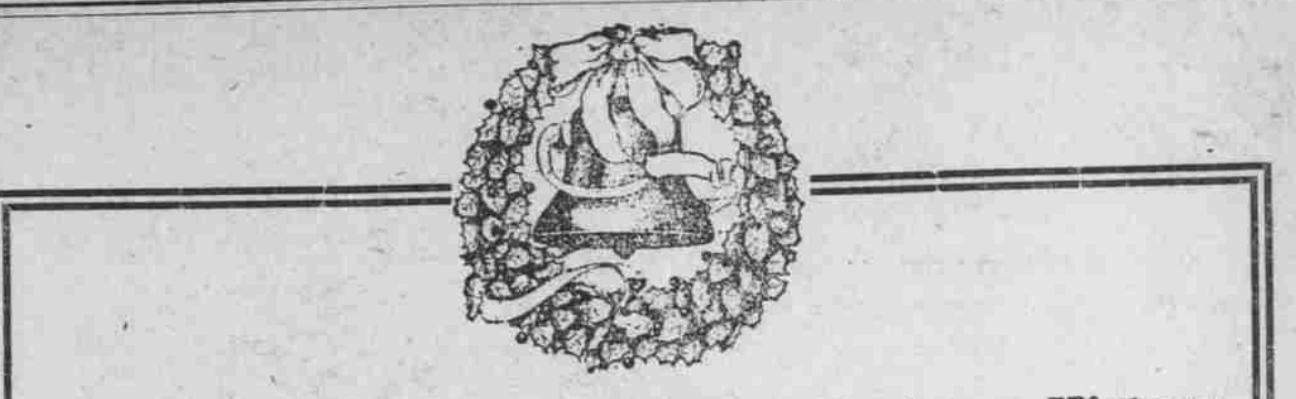
MEMORIAL TO WOMAN

Methodists of United States and Canada Unite in Honor.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Contracts for the erection of a memorial monument to Barbara Heck, the founder of Methodism in America, were awarded here today.

The monument, the cost of which is to be defrayed by popular subscription of Methodists both in the United States and Canada, is to be erected on the Canadian bank of the St. Lawrence River, close to the spot where the body of the founder of that creed is buried.

Racing Man a Suicide. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—J. W. Dwyer, aged 35, a well-known race track man, committed suicide between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday noon. The body was found this afternoon by the proprietor of a rooming-house. Dwyer had been



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- ALL \$2.00 VALUES AT \$1.33 YARD
- ALL \$2.25 VALUES AT \$1.50 YARD
- ALL \$2.50 VALUES AT \$1.67 YARD
- ALL \$2.75 VALUES AT \$1.84 YARD
- ALL \$3.00 VALUES AT \$2.00 YARD

BRIBE OF \$500 SPURNED

County are honest. The exposures of graft in newspapers led him, he said, to believe every man had his price.

Prisoner Testifies as to Honesty of Yakima Prosecutor.

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You will find no poor tea in packages bearing our name. If you find any such, you know what to do.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best, we pay him.