

# CASTRO GIVES UP

## For a Time He Resigns the Venezuelan Presidency.

### THAT NATION MAY BE UNITED

#### Relieved Until Troubles With Foreign Powers Are Settled—He Will Be Chosen Vice-President and Once More Succeed to Presidency.

CARACAS, March 21.—President Castro has resigned. He placed his resignation of the Presidency of the Republic of Venezuela in the hands of the President of Congress after reading the Presidential message today.

In the ordinary course of events, President Castro's term would have ended February 20, 1906. He was elected President of Venezuela in February of last year for six years, beginning February 20, 1902.

Confirmed by American Minister. WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary Hay tonight received a communication from the United States Charge at Caracas, confirming the report of President Castro's resignation, but stating that he doubted if the Venezuelan Congress would accept it.

RESIGNATION HAS STRUNG TO IT. Purpose is to Present United Front to Trouble With Powers.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The first intimation received by Secretary Hay of President Castro's resignation was given him by the Associated Press dispatch announcing the fact. He would not discuss the matter, however, beyond stating that the news was unexpected, Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's plenipotentiary here, likewise not having been informed until today by the dispatch. Until officially advised, he said he would be unable to give expression to any views on the subject.

From an authoritative quarter, however, it was learned that this move on the part of the president has long been contemplated. Representations were made to him several months ago by the leaders of Venezuela that his resignation would have the effect of enabling the people of that country to present a solid front to the world in the matters in controversy with the several powers. The statement was made that the resignation would result of a secret agreement with the leaders referred to that President Castro should temporarily relinquish his office pending the adjustment of the matters which Minister Bowen is handling.

When told later that President Castro had turned over the functions of his office to the President of the Senate, General Velutini, the Associated Press informant expressed much surprise, in view of the reputed understanding upon which the resignation was based. Velutini is said to be one of the cleverest and shrewdest men in Venezuelan public life. It is believed that if the Venezuelan Congress refuses to accept the resignation, as intimated by Mr. Russell, the United States charge at Caracas, in his dispatch to Secretary Hay, it will be to circumvent any action looking to Velutini's getting the power of government in his hands.

Respecting the resignation by President Castro of the Presidency, as announced today in a cablegram to the State Department from Mr. Russell, saying that President Castro had returned to the capital and again assumed the Presidency which he turned over to the Vice-President when he took the field in person, it was stated tonight that this obviously earlier action in no way conflicted with President Castro's subsequent resignation. It was said that it was undoubtedly legally necessary for President Castro to reassume the Presidency in order to resign it.

Baron von Sternberg, the German Ambassador, was greatly surprised to hear of the resignation of President Castro. He has not received official announcement of the fact. Beyond expressing the hope that this move would in no way interfere with the Washington negotiations, he has had nothing to say. Neither the Italian nor British Ambassadors had received any official information of the resignation.

Up to a late hour tonight Mr. Bowen had not been advised of the resignation of President Castro. Mr. Bowen said tonight that he saw no reason why the resignation should have any effect on the present negotiations.

It was intimated that while President Castro nominally gives up his office, it is the intention to keep it within the official family by an arrangement to make Castro Vice-President, so he would succeed to the Presidency. It is the belief here, based on information which has been up to now kept inviolate, that the present plan is to allow President Castro to remain out of office for a short time and then re-elect him at the next election. Mr. Pullido, the Venezuelan Charge at Havana, is absent from Washington, and it is stated, is now on his way to the Venezuelan capital.

### LOVING CUP FOR BOWEN.

#### Venezuelans Show Their Gratitude for His Services.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—As evidence of the regard in which Minister Bowen is held by the people of Venezuela, the minister today received a handsome loving cup. On the obverse side the American and Venezuelan flags are intertwined, and beneath is the following inscription: "Most respectful testimonial of gratitude and sympathy to the Hon. Herbert W. Bowen, New York, February 14, 1903."

This is the date of the signing of the protocols with the allied blockading powers. On the reverse side of the cup are the names of the ministers immediately upon receipt of it, Mr. Bowen being the first.

### AGREE ON THE PROTOCOLS.

#### Allies Are Arranging for Reference to Hague Tribunal.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—It is believed here that Great Britain, Germany and Italy have practically agreed to amendments to be proposed to the drafts of the Hague protocol, and since the British Ambassador has received his instructions as to the changes to be proposed, it is thought that instructions will be given to Mr. Bowen which probably by the middle of next week.

### COLOMBIA AND THE CANAL.

#### Commission Finds Opinion on Issue Favorable to Treaty.

PANAMA, March 21.—A governmental commission from Bogota, which is making a tour of the republic to ascertain the opinion of the country on the canal treaty, has arrived here. It is believed to be certain that the treaty will be ratified.

### Cruiser Atlanta Off to Haiti.

#### Pensacola, Fla., March 21.—The cruiser Atlanta this afternoon sailed for Haiti to protect American interests. The captain would make no statement regarding his orders.

### Resumed Office Before Resigning.

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WELL, that is just what Hugo Hutt, strongest man in the Philadelphia Fire Department, hero of a hundred battles with the flames, is doing NOW through the medium of this newspaper.

Hugo Hutt has been connected with the Philadelphia Fire Department for the past four years. He is stationed at the engine house at Nineteenth and Callowhill streets. Mr. Hutt is known as the strongest man in the fire department and has taken many prizes at athletic tournaments for his prowess in the field of sports. He is also an ex-sergeant of the United States Infantry, having for several years been stationed at Fort Niobrara, Neb. Mr. Hutt also served with the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment during the Spanish-American War.



HUGO HUTT, PHILADELPHIA FIREMAN.

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### ARMING THE MISSIONS

#### CATHOLICS IN CHINA PREPARE TO FIGHT BOXERS.

Rebels Massing to Attack Kwangsi Capital—Call for Relief Meets No Response.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 21.—The steamer which arrived today from Yokohama and the Orient, brought news that some of the Roman Catholic missionaries in North China are arming their missions because of the fear of further Boxer attacks. Native papers at Nankin report that rebels are being massed at different points along the Yangtsze, preparing to cause an uprising, and a telegram from Klucking says the situation there is critical.

Regarding the Kwangsi rebellion, some of the native papers state that the rebels are planning an attack on Kwanglin, the provincial capital. Governor Wang, Chi Chun has applied to the Governor of Kwangtung for troops, but none can be spared from that province.

### STANDS BY THE CLAIMS.

#### Germany Will Defend Disconto Bank Against Venezuela.

BERLIN, March 21.—Foreign Secretary von Richthofen, in the Reichstag, said the German government stood by the Disconto Bank's Venezuelan claims because they represented German capital and labor. The claims were just, and the government would defend them before the Hague arbitration tribunal. The original rate of interest, 7 per cent on the Venezuelan railroad capital, might seem high, according to European ideas, but the secretary reminded the House that 7 per cent was the rate of the Egyptian debt before its unification. Venezuela defaulted in her payments of the guarantee until the amount had accumulated to \$1,700,000. Then the Disconto Bank accepted bonds in lieu of the arrears and capitalized the future payments.

Herr Oertel, Argentine, referring to the interviews with Minister von Sternberg, said he did not see that Germany was loved abroad, but wanted respect, and if need be, fear. The speaker added that he believed it was often necessary for diplomats to draw off their dancing pumps and put on cuirassiers' boots.

### OSOKA EXHIBITION OPENS.

#### Great Crowd Attends, Though Official Mourning Checks Festivities.

KOBE, Japan, March 21.—The Fifth Industrial Exposition at Osaka had its preliminary opening yesterday. According to the regular arrangements, the opening was to be accompanied by a demonstration, including the ringing of bells, blowing of steam whistles, etc., but all of these were abandoned owing to the death of Prince Komatsu. The Exhibition Association reached the Osaka exhibition was reached. The Japanese people are now themselves gathering data and sending relief funds, while the government proposes starting relief works when the snow has melted.

In spite of the intense cold, a great course of people awaiting in front of the exhibition rushed in as soon as the gates were opened. The number of visitors at the opening of the Osaka exhibition was reached. The Japanese people are now themselves gathering data and sending relief funds, while the government proposes starting relief works when the snow has melted.

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HERE is the story as he gave it to a special representative of Philadelphia's Great Newspaper, "The North American":

"You will hardly believe it when I tell you there was a time when my body was in such a diseased condition that my relatives and friends would have, at no time, been surprised to learn of my death. It was all due to kidney trouble, for which I could secure no relief. I was under the care of my family physician for a number of years, but he was unable to do me any good. I also consulted two noted specialists on kidney diseases, but they were unable to give me more than temporary relief. I had already made application to join the army, but was turned down on account of my bad physical condition.

"I was advised to try that greatest of all remedies—SWAMP-ROOT.

"I wrote to Dr. Kilmer & Co. at Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle, and its effect upon me was so noticeable that I went immediately and bought a supply from my druggist, with the result that in a comparatively short time I had entirely recovered and became the man you see me now.

"I served a number of years in the army, and for the past four years I have been connected with the Philadelphia Fire Department. My work, both in the Army and fighting fires in Philadelphia, has been of the most arduous, and work that I could not do did I not have a strong physique.

"I do not know what the words 'Kidney Trouble' mean now, and do not expect to. I cannot speak too highly of Swamp-Root. A few bottles of this great remedy did more for me than a dozen physicians could.

(Signed) HUGO HUTT, 388 Stillman St., Philadelphia, Pa.

AND this is only one man's story—if the average reader of a newspaper could be persuaded to read the thousands of such testimonials which come to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the kidney troubles which now afflict humanity would be cut down fifty per cent. For these testimonials all prove beyond a doubt that the greatest cure for kidney, liver and bladder troubles is

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which, it was ascertained, had belonged to a man employed in the Ishikawa dockyards. He had been badly injured in some machinery and had to have it amputated. Baron Shibusawa is a director of the Ishikawa Dock Company, and the man object was to hasten the recovery of the man who had been injured.

NEW YORK, March 21.—According to a Morning Advertiser dispatch from Vienna, says the London correspondent of the Herald, the announcement comes from Marburg that a peasant of St. Johann, in the Drave Valley, has discovered the grave of the Hunnish King, Attila, in that district. Antiquarians have made repeated searches, as they were convinced that the grave would ultimately be found. The peasant who made the find discovered

Count Boni at White House. WASHINGTON, March 21.—Count Boni de Castellane, accompanied by the Countess, was received by President Roosevelt today. They remained with the President about ten minutes. The Count said they had simply called to pay their respects.

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Our methods of treating men's diseases are a result of our own study and experience. We employ them, not because they are, in their chief essentials, original with us, but because they are the only methods that can possibly cure some of the cases we treat. They have been tried by