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## WHAT TO GIVE HIM

Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets. We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats; either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

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## CASTRO WILL NOT YIELD ANY POINT

Situation is as Grave as Ever Though It Has Not Grown Any Worse.

LANDING FORCE NOT LIKELY

Appears Minister Bowen Is Only Hope for Peaceful Settlement Between Contending Factions.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—President Castro's reply to the German ultimatum is a refusal to yield on any point. The foreign office has not received the text of President Castro's reply, but only a bulletin from the German charge d'affaires, Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazal, dated December 10, announcing that the president's answer had been placed in his hands that day, and that the Venezuelan executive refused to yield to the German demands on all points. This telegram, with the text of the reply, was filed at Port of Spain, island of Trinidad. With this exception the foreign office has received no news since yesterday to indicate that the situation has grown worse.

A landing in force is not considered probable under any contingency. The orders to blockade the coast stand, and that it all the naval commanders at present are authorized to do. Any proposition that Minister Bowen might make in behalf of President Castro would be received in a good spirit and carefully considered, out of regard for the channel of its transmission but no proposition to arbitrate has yet reached Berlin. Neither is the foreign office aware that the United States has made so far any suggestion to arbitration. Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazal is still on board a British vessel in the harbor of La Guayra.

### DETAILS OF CAPTURE

Venezuelans Offered No Resistance to Allied Crews.

CARACAS, Dec. 13.—Following are the details of the capture of the Venezuelan vessels at La Guayra Tuesday by the Anglo-German forces that have been received here.

At four o'clock Tuesday afternoon 13 boats manned by 40 British and German seamen and towed by two steam launches without giving any notification of their intention to Venezuelan authorities entered the harbor of La Guayra and proceeded to the docks. A German contingent, belonging to the cruisers Vineta and Falk went on board the Margarita and with revolvers in hand compelled the men to abandon the ship. German sailors smashed the torpedo tubes, the compass and machinery and left the Margarita in the dock in this disabled condition.

The Germans afterward boarded the Osson, a freight steamer belonging to a Frenchman chartered by the government and ordered the few sailors on board to quit the vessel, which they did without resistance. The German sailors cut the anchor chain and towed her outside the harbor.

Sailors of the British cruiser Retribution boarded the General Crespo and Tutmo and obliged the crews to leave the vessels. The Venezuelans made no resistance. At 2 o'clock in the morning the British cruiser Retribution towed the General Crespo and the Tutmo farther out, and the Venezuelan vessels have not been seen since.

The government asserts that soldiers at the fort at La Guayra saw them sunk with dynamite.

### ARREST OF CONSULS NOT SO SERIOUS AS IT LOOKS

Officials Are Natives of Venezuela and are Merely Commercial Agents of European Powers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A special dispatch to the Record-Herald from Elkhart, Ind., says:

When Luther T. Ellsworth, United States consul at Porto Cabello, Venezuela, who is visiting here, was shown the dispatch showing that he as consul at Porto Cabello, had been ignored in his efforts to prevent disorders at that port, he explained that the mistake evidently grew out of the efforts of his vice-consul, W. H. Dolkmar, formerly of Baltimore, but a resident of Porto Cabello for the last 15 years, where he is owner of the electric light plant.

Mr. Ellsworth says that Mr. Dolkmar, who was appointed by Mr. Ellsworth and is subject to removal by him, is an entirely capable man, and will do the proper thing under the exigencies of the occasion.

Speaking of the report of the arrest of the English consul, R. Kolster, and the German consul, P. Tideo at Porto Cabello, Mr. Ellsworth says that this

act of the Venezuelans is not so serious from an international standpoint as might appear on the surface. He says that both these men are really natives and citizens of Venezuela and not subjects of the governments which they represent, though their ancestors came from the representative countries. The men are simply commercial agents and their arrest, Mr. Ellsworth thinks, was impelled by the fear that they might disclose state secrets to the governments which they represent, which came to their knowledge through the fact that they were Venezuelans.

### VESSELS IN DILEMMA.

Allies Prevent Harbor Entrance and Venezuelans Prohibit Lighters.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 13.—The British cruiser Charybdis, flying Commodore Montgomery's flag, the German cruiser Vineta and the German training ship Stosch, arrived here this morning and have taken positions commanding the town and fortresses.

Several merchantmen, the Dutch steamer Prinz Wilhelm IV., a British steamer of the Harrison line and a Royal Mail steamer arrived off the port today, but were prevented from entering the harbor by the captain of the English cruiser Indefatigable, who said he would not be responsible for what might happen if the vessels were to enter. The steamers applied for lighters to enable them to discharge their cargoes, but the request was refused by the customs house authorities, who declared the vessels might enter the port as usual, there being no reason for their remaining outside.

All ammunition is being removed from the fortresses and barracks here and taken to Caracas, and is apparently the intention of the government to abandon the town.

### BRITISH STEAMER CAPTURED

Captain and Crew Were Held Prisoners But Later Released.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Topaz from Cardiff, was seized by a rabble at Puerto Cabello, Wednesday who pillaged the ship. The captain and crew were held prisoners, but were released today and the steamer will sail at noon tomorrow for Cienfuegos.

The German cruisers Falk and Panther have arrived here and the German training ship Stosch is cruising around outside on the lookout.

Fortresses here have been evacuated and all the soldiers have left town. The militia has been called out to maintain order.

The United States gunboat Marietta arrived here today.

### CAPTURES GUNBOAT

Allies Continue Aggressive Methods Already Employed.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 13.—The German cruiser Vineta yesterday captured near Guaita the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurado, formerly George J. Gould's yacht at Atlanta, and the crew from the Vineta was put aboard and the captured vessel sent to Trinidad.

### ITALY WILL DEMAND.

CARACAS, Dec. 13.—A new complication has arisen. It is feared that Italy will deliver a memorandum asking for the same treatment as demanded by Great Britain and Germany.

### JAPANESE NOT EXCLUDED

Legislation in British Columbia Favoring Orientals.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 13.—The British Columbia government was advised this morning that the Dominion government has disallowed the recent British Columbia anti-Japanese legislation, including the coal mines regulations act, which is aimed at the employment of Japanese in the mines and the British Columbian immigration act which makes only those Japanese who can pass an educational test in English eligible for admission to the province.

### AFTER LONG SITTING

German Parliament Passes Bill Regulating Tariff.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—After the longest sitting in its history, the reichstag today passed the tariff bill.

### WOMAN PRISONER PARDONED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Pearl Heart, female stage robber, was pardoned by Governor Brodie today on recommendation of the board of control and the prison superintendent.

She held up a stage in company with Joe Boat, between Florence and Globe in 1899. Her sentence was five years.

### MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

CANAL-DOVER, Ohio, Dec. 13.—The corrugating mills, paint shop, store-room and building containing four mills on the west side of American Sheet Steel company's mills were burned tonight. Loss, \$1,000,000.

## ANTI-TRUST BILLS ARE CONSIDERED

Measures Introduced That Show No Mercy to Large Corporations.

FAVORED BY GENERAL KNOX

Impose Large Fines or Imprisonment on Violators of State Laws Who Conspire to Defraud.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Hearings were begun today before the subcommittee on judiciary of the house on the antitrust bills. Representative Morrell (Pa.), who has introduced a resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the use of the attorney-general in enforcing the Sherman antitrust law, stated that he had shown his resolution to the attorney-general, who, he said, was favorable to it. Morrell also said that he had shown the resolution to the president, who authorized him to say that he was heartily in favor of its provisions. Morrell explained that the president, however, had not thought of dictating in any way to the committee.

Representative Gilet (Mass.) explained the purpose of his bill, which provides for the seizure and condemnation of any property "owned or manufactured under any contract or by any trust or combination or pursuant to any conspiracy forbidden by laws of a state and being in the course of transportation from such state to another state."

A maximum penalty of \$20,000 fine or five years imprisonment is imposed.

### STIGMA ON AMERICAN MEAT SHOULD BE REMOVED

Every Effort Being Made to Cause Germany to Change Her Present Attitude.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—Some days ago Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was invited to attend the convention of the National Livestock association to be held in Kansas City January 15-16 and with the invitation was sent a copy of the resolutions adopted by the association relative to German exclusion of meats, reciprocal treaties with Canada for landing store cattle, government encouragement for horse breeders and other subjects of interest to stockmen.

In his reply Secretary Wilson said: "With regard to calling upon Germany to remove the stigma placed upon our livestock, I have been at work operating through our department of state and our minister to Germany, to have this done ever since I have been here and as regards Germany's knowledge of the real state of affairs, there has been a German agricultural attaché at the embassy here for the last five years who is thoroughly informed and has thoroughly informed his government along these lines.

"Should the Canadians succeed in securing the privilege of landing of store cattle we will use every effort to obtain a like privilege for the United States."

### BATTLESHIP WILL BE REPAIRED

Wisconsin Will Come North to Puget Sound Navy Yard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The battleship Wisconsin, recently arriving from Panama, is to sail next Tuesday for Bremerton navy yard on Puget sound, to have minor repairs made and receive a cleaning.

The battleship left Bremerton last September under orders to proceed to the isthmus, before she was in complete readiness for the voyage and therefore returns there at the first opportunity.

Later it is said the battleship will follow the Oregon to the Asiatic station. Lieutenant-Commander Mayo is in temporary command of the Wisconsin and will probably take her north. Captain Reiter lately detached from the Wisconsin, has gone east.

### PUT A STEAM HAMMER OUT OF COMMISSION

Life of Patient Depended on Quiet and Attending Physician Obtained It Through Health Department.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The Chicago health department has put a steam trip hammer out of commission in the hope of saving a girl's life.

Pearl Culver, aged 15 years, was taken ill with typhoid fever two weeks ago and as her condition became critical the noise of the steam hammer in a machine shop near her home greatly aggravated the disease. The physician in charge of the case, fearing for his

## AN INVENTION TO STARTLE WORLD

Italy's Wizard Marconi Is Preparing Another Great Marvel.

WILL NOT GIVE IT OUT

Until Further Progress Has Been Made Along the Lines of Wireless Telegraphy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The announcement is made in a semi-official way, says the World's Herald, N. E. correspondent, that Signor Marconi has another invention which, he expects, will startle the world. He will not formally announce it until the wireless experiments are completed, which, he says, will be before the end of the year.

There is much speculation as to what turn the inventor will next take, but Signor Marconi will make no statement whatever concerning his new invention. When seen by the correspondent, Signor Marconi said that nothing whatever will be given out concerning his new invention until after he has completed the wireless telegraph experiments here.

News has been received from Glasgow that a meeting was held in London Monday by the backers of Marconi for the purpose of changing the charter of the English company with a view to expanding business, enlarging the scope of the field and getting more power. No startling announcement of any extraordinary feat of the Marconi instruments was made. The experiments are still in progress.

### BILL TO KILL TRUSTS

Mexican Measure That Will Down Monopolies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A measure looking toward restricting the operation of trusts in Mexico, which is said to have the approval of President Diaz has been prepared and its passage by the federal congress will be attempted, says a special to the Record-Herald from the City of Mexico.

Greater publicity is the remedy sought. Nearly all the principal branches of industry in Mexico are now controlled by trusts. The new bill does not apply to railway mergers.

### WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED

Present Situation Does Not Indicate Serious Developments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay had a conference today concerning the Venezuelan situation. They are of the opinion that unless there should be unexpected developments in the situation the United States will not become seriously involved.

### BOILER EXPLODES

KINGMAN, Ariz., Dec. 13.—This morning the boiler of a locomotive pulling a freight train on the Santa Fe exploded with terrific force sixty miles east of here.

Engineer Thomas Martin and Fireman George Van Atta were instantly killed.

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