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SETTLEMENT NOW SIGHTED

Acceptance of Conditions by President Castro Most Favorable Step Taken.

IS PUBLICLY ASKED TO RESIGN

Cannot Secure Loan From Bank of Venezuela—France Joins the Blockade—Matos Wants Presidency.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—President Castro's acceptance of the arbitration conditions of the allied powers was received today at the foreign office here, where it is regarded as being a long step toward a settlement of the questions in dispute. The foreign office hopes that most of the points will be arranged amicably at a preliminary discussion at Washington before reaching the Hague arbitration.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—France will probably join the European powers in the blockade of the Venezuelan coast, says the World's Post of Spain correspondent, for the reason that Venezuela has failed to make the first payment of \$200,000 on the French claim of December 11.

Venezuela also owes the French Cable company \$20,000, and the company refuses to extend credit to the government. President Castro is deeply incensed. His attempts to borrow money from the Bank of Venezuela have failed. The government already owes that institution \$2,000,000. President Castro's next step will be to force a loan from the merchants.

The better element in Venezuela is urging him to give up his office. His resignation has been publicly demanded in a speech delivered in the plaza. It is impossible for him to hold power beyond February. Troops are sleeping in the plazas of the capital in expectation of an attack.

General Matos, the leader of the revolution, in a public letter, guarantees a satisfactory settlement with the allies within 24 hours after he is inaugurated president of Venezuela. He asserts that Castro delays the settlement in the hope of uniting the people.

There is hunger now and there will be starvation later. Several hundred idlers at La Guayra have gone to join the revolutionists. The situation is deplorable. President Castro conceals and the censor stops all unfavorable news. There is a rumor that on Friday the allies will cut the cable and then land and seize the custom houses.

CASTRO'S TROOPS WIN

Octavo Marques and Eighteen of His Braves Captured.

CARACAS, Jan. 9.—As it will be impossible to have the documents setting forth the Venezuelan case ready for delivery to Minister Bowen before midnight Saturday, Bowen will not leave for Washington before Sunday, when he will sail from La Guayra on the Dolphin.

The port of Tucacas was recaptured yesterday by a force of Venezuelan government troops after a fight with the revolutionists of one hour's duration. The revolutionists succeeded in holding the English railroad running out of Tucacas for five hours. At the end of that time the government forces occupied the line.

Another engagement has taken place near Coro and resulted in the routing of the enemy. Octavo Marques and 18 men were taken prisoners.

FINANCE NOT IN IT.

The statement that France, owing to the failure of the Venezuelan government to pay the first installment of the claims due her, would probably join the other powers in blockading the coast is not true.

ANOTHER STRIKE WILL BE WHEN MITCHELL GETS FREE.

Soft Coal Miners in Virginia Not Satisfied With Wages That Are Being Paid Them.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—According to a representative of the Chesapeake & Ohio Coal company, a strike of the soft coal miners in West Virginia for large advances in wages, will probably go into effect April 1. These miners are not thoroughly organized, said the Chesapeake & Ohio railway man, so the strike will not begin until President Mitchell of the United Mineworkers gets out of the hands of the anthracite

coal commission and can give his attention to the West Virginia coal field.

"The output in West Virginia," he added, "is 50 percent of the total output of soft coal in the United States. The strike will not affect us here directly, because the New England states will then have to draw on Pennsylvania, which supplies the eastern cities for its soft coal, and this will eventually increase the demand for hard coal."

MINERWORKERS CONTROL

Important Arrangement Made With Coal Companies.

BEVIER, Mo., Jan. 8.—All the Central Coal & Coke company's mines are now under control of the United Mineworkers of America, the mines having just been organized at the request of the company. The Central company was formerly strongly opposed to the recognition of the union. The whole coal mining industry of Missouri is now organized and yearly agreements adopted. Mine superintendents say their mines are short of men. The recognition of the union will remove the obstacle of union men applying for work at the local mines. Eight hundred to 1000 more men could find steady work for some time.

PRETENDER IS DEFEATED.

Sultan Appears Triumphant and Gains New Supporters.

MADRID, Jan. 9.—A dispatch received today from Melilla, Morocco, says that Fuhamara, the pretender to the throne, has been defeated near Fez and has retreated to the Aza district.

Several Moro tribes have abandoned the revolutionary movement and have submitted to the sultan.

VON HOLLEBEK NOT RECALLED

But He Was Afraid He Would Be—Besides He Was Ill.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Ambassador Von Hollebek was not recalled from Washington but learning that his government was not wholly satisfied with his work and feeling ill, he called for a long leave of absence, which was immediately granted. He will not return to Washington.

Baron Von Sternberg's temporary assignment as charge d'affaires of Germany at Washington will be followed after an interval by his appointment as ambassador.

DESIRE HARMONY.

Factional Strife in Colorado Brings Central Committee Together.

DENVER, Jan. 9.—Chairman D. B. Fairlee of the republican state central committee today issued a call for a meeting of the committee in Denver Monday, January 19, in response to a request signed by 17 members who wish the committee to attempt to harmonize the two factions of the party now divided on the senatorial question.

CANDIDATE IN TROUBLE.

Man Who Aspires to the Senate Loses Some of the Faithful.

DENVER, Jan. 9.—Frank C. Goudy one of the leading republican candidates for the United States senate to succeed Henry M. Teller, today issued a statement to voters in which he declared that some members of the legislature who were pledged to him have been won away by misrepresentation.

QUARTETTE OF DESPERADOES

Arrested for Holding Up Montana Train October 24.

SEATTLE, Jan. 9.—John Doyle, John Murphy, William Carter and Tom Kennedy are under arrest here suspected of holding up the Northern Pacific train in western Montana October 24. Engineer Oniel was killed and the safe in the baggage car wrecked.

CARNEGIE HELPS SOME.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Andrew Carnegie has signalled his acceptance of the vice-presidency of the Iron and Steel Institute by establishing seven students' scholarships of an annual value of \$500 each, for the furtherance of metallurgical research.

CARNEGIE HELPS SOME MORE.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$1,500,000 for the erection of 30 branch free library buildings in this city was today formally accepted by the board of trustees of the Philadelphia free library.

HOBSON BILL PIGEONED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The naval affairs committee of the house today decided not to report on the bill authorizing a transfer of Naval Constructor R. P. Hobson to the retired list.

HIGH TONED BANK ROBBER

Moved in High Society for One Brief Week—Too Good to Last.

ATTENDED THE TRACY DRAMA

Spotted During the Performance and Later Arrested While Dining Four of the Elite.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Quincy, Ill., says: After stopping since last Saturday at one of the leading hotels, posing as a wealthy stockman and lavishly spending money, W. L. Lane, alias Doc Butler, alleged member of the Abingdon bank robber gang, was captured at 1 o'clock this morning in an all-night restaurant.

At the time of his arrest Lane was giving an after-theater luncheon to a small party with whom he had become acquainted through some of the best-known people of the city, all believing him to be a rich man. The man excited the suspicion of Officer Lehey, while telephoning the Western Union relative to a telegram sent to a Chicago address which concerned a shipment made by Lane of \$2000. Lehey searched the rogue's gallery after his suspicious were aroused, and found Lane's picture and a lengthy record.

Detectives and officers were at once detailed to go in search of the man. He was found attending the play "Tracy the Outlaw" with a party of four, and was kept under close watch until the arrest was made at the restaurant. Six revolvers, held by as many men, were thrust in his face, and the diners were overwhelmed with consternation. Lane was unarmed. A revolver exactly like the one carried by the other man in the Abingdon affair already under arrest was found at his hotel.

Lane will be taken to Galesburg for a preliminary trial this evening.

WOULD BE BAD PRECEDENT.

And So the Resignation of Colored Postmistress is Not Accepted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—It was decided by the cabinet today that the resignation of Mrs. Cox, as postmistress at Indianola, Miss., will not be accepted and the question of reopening the office is left for further action.

The administration feels that to accept the resignation now would establish a bad precedent.

LOVE AND EMPTY STOMACHS

Create the Largest Number of Cases of Suicide.

VIENNA, Jan. 9.—The statistics for 1902 demonstrated that Vienna continues in the front rank of European capitals in the number of suicides.

Last year's record shows that there were 453 deaths from suicide and 467 attempts at self destruction. Most of the deaths are attributed to love or hunger.

TOO MANY PENSION BILLS.

So Said Russell of Texas, and a Heated Debate Followed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—There were 114 private pension bills passed in the house today. Russel (Texas) criticized the house for undue haste in consideration of private pension legislation, and precipitated quite a debate. He called attention to the fact that since the Civil war ten thousand special bills had been passed by congress, over one thousand of these in the first session of the present congress.

NOW WILL YOU BE GOOD?

Minister Scolds Police Judge and Is Fined \$100.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 9.—Dr. J. T. McFarland, pastor of the First M. E. church, was today fined \$100 by the police judge for contempt of court.

McFarland severely scolded the judge in open court for fining Mrs. Nation.

CASE HAS BEEN DROPPED.

Injunction Has No Effect Under Present Conditions.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 9.—State Attorney Williams of the superior court has announced that the criminal cases against Stephen Charters, mayor of Ansonia, and two other labor men of that city, have been nolle.

"The cases are dropped by advice of the court," said Mr. Williams, "as

the conditions are so changed that it is not deemed advisable to compel the accused to stand trial."

The arrest of Charters, Martin F. Driscoll and Jason Wright, all of Ansonia, followed a sweeping injunction which was obtained by the Farrell foundry in July, 1901, to restrain their striking employes from interfering with non-union men who worked during the strike. It was alleged that the three men mentioned violated the order of the court. Mr. Charters was at that time employed as carpenter by the Farrell company. He was subsequently elected mayor of Ansonia.

WAS IT CONSPIRACY?

Jury Empaneled to Investigate Cause of Rise in Coal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—To determine whether a conspiracy has existed to force up the price of coal, Judge Willard McEwan tonight summoned a venire of 75 men of whom 23 will be selected for a special grand jury tomorrow morning.

AT SIXTY MILES AN HOUR

Big Four Passengers Collide and Fireman Is Killed.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—Running at the rate of 60 miles an hour, two Big Four passenger trains collided tonight while rounding a curve between Moro and Fethalto, Ill.

One fireman was killed and three others seriously injured.

APPOINTED BY LINCOLN.

OIL CITY, Pa., Jan. 9.—C. W. Putnam, aged 84 years, probably the oldest postal clerk in the country, is dead at his home in Westfield, N. Y. He was appointed during the administration of President Lincoln and held his position continuously until his death.

A KAISER SCHEME.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—One feature of Emperor William's plans for transforming the Grunewald forest into a great public park for Berlin, is an automobile speedway seven and a half miles long and 21 yards wide.

CERTIFIED AS BUBONIC.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 9.—Of the deaths at Mazatlan, Monday, 13 were certified by physicians as being from bubonic plague.

THEIR CASE NOW CLOSED

Nonunion Men Are Through and Coal Companies' Side Will Come Next.

GUARD GENERAL TESTIFIES

Believed That State of Lawlessness Existed—Entire Commission Not Present During Session.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9.—After occupying eight days during which time they presented about 150 witnesses, the nonunion men closed their case today before the coal strike commission. The coal companies will open their case tomorrow and will present its case in the order of the geographical location of their mines.

The principal witness before the commission today was Lieutenant-General J. P. Gobin, senior brigade general of the national guard of Pennsylvania. Gobin was in command of the Third brigade while troops were on duty in the hard coal fields. From his observations and from reports made to him by officers it was his opinion, he said, "that an excited state of lawlessness" existed in the regions; that disturbances were numerous; that the presence of troops was absolutely necessary to preserve law and order and that it was difficult to maintain law even after all the troops in the state had been placed in the disturbed territory.

During the cross-examination General Gobin had several tilts with Clarence L. Darrow, counsel for the miners, but they never reached a serious point.

The testimony of a number of other witnesses called during the morning session was along the same line as that presented during the last eight days of the commission's sessions.

Commissioners Gray and Wright were both absent from the sessions today. Judge Gray was slightly ill and Colonel Wright had business to attend to in Washington.

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