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VENEZUELAN QUESTION

All Correspondence Now Before Congress.

MUST STUDY SITUATION

Officials Expressed Amazement Over Statements in President Castro's Official Organ.

NOT CONSIDERED BY SENATE

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WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Venezuelan question was not considered today by the Senate committee on foreign relations, although Secretary Root and Solicitor Scott of the State Department were both present. A general understanding is that the subject will be taken up when all the treaties negotiated at the Hague are out of the way. Root is of the opinion that when the correspondence before the committee is considered, it will suggest that the President will have full authority to treat with President Castro in such a manner as he finds necessary.

The administration officials today expressed considerable amazement over the statements in President Castro's official organ, El Constitucion, having as their basis the U. S. cruiser Tacoma mail course opening incident. Mingled with the feeling of amazement over Castro's sentiments is one of regret and mystification over the whole course Venezuela has pursued in dealing with the United States. All the correspondence on the Venezuelan question is now before Congress. The administration officials frankly admit they would not be surprised if there should be some delay. The issues presented are such that some time should be given, they say, for a thorough study of the situation.

MAY HAVE TO STEP IN.

PORT AU PRINCE, April 8.—There is reason to believe that measures are being taken to force the intervention of the United States if possible. At this moment apparent tranquility prevails but there is good authority for the statement that hostility against the present Haytian government is growing more intense.

LIEUTENANT SUICIDES.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—First Lieutenant David A. Lindsay, U. S. A. signal corps, today shot and killed himself at the Presidio. He had destroyed all personal papers and no cause is known for his rash act. Fellow officers say he has been morose for several days. He was 33 years old.

SUBSIDY BILL REJECTED.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—By a vote of 8 to 7 the house committee and post roads virtually tabled the ocean mail subsidy bill. It is understood the House committee will take no further action on the bill.

BASEBALL SCORES.

At Los Angeles—Los Angeles 11, Oakland 2.
At San Francisco—San Francisco 9, Portland 6.

PROHIBIT GRAZING.

Investigation to Reach a Satisfactory Agreement With Stockmen.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—In order to reach a satisfactory agreement in regard to the proposed prohibition of grazing on the banks of streams supplying the various irrigation systems in the West, a joint investigation will be conducted by the departments of the interior and agriculture. The irrigators and officials of the reclamation service desire to restrict grazing on the water sheds which affect the irrigation of farm lands, while stockmen have vigorously opposed such restrictions.

THE INCIDENT IS CLOSED.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 8.—Chairman Clark of the student affairs committee, stated today that the committee would give no official consideration to the report of the alumni committee on the investigation of the parade and the trouble arising from it. This practically puts an end to the whole matter as the students have no appeal left.

PANEL EXHAUSTED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The panel was exhausted in the Ruef trial today and no jurors have yet been secured. The proceedings were marked by more celerity today after the announcement this morning by Judge Dooling to the effect that the questions asked jurors must be confined strictly to matters regarding this particular charge. A new panel will be drawn tomorrow and the trial will then proceed.

ADMIRAL IS FEEBLE

Is Fighting the Hardest Battle of His Life.

CANNOT JOIN IN FESTIVITIES

Despite the Assertions of Mr. McDonald That the Admiral is Getting Better, the Impression is That he is in a Very Weak Condition.

PASO ROBLES, Cal., April 8.—The admiral spent a quiet day. He appeared rather feeble this morning and somewhat depressed and complained of being weary. Later in the day however he recovered his spirits and apparently felt much better. Mr. McDonald stated tonight that the admiral had experienced a very good day. Despite the assertions of McDonald that the admiral is getting better rapidly, the impression is gaining ground that Evans is "fighting the hardest battle of his life."

While relieved of all pain by his treatment at the springs, it is apparent that he is in a very weak condition and that his recovery will be a matter of many weeks. That it is utterly impossible for the admiral to join in the festivities in Southern California was admitted by Mr. McDonald and he believes that the admiral is beginning to realize this. When asked if the admiral was suffering from any organic trouble, McDonald was non-committal and declared he thought Evans had done very well since his arrival.

SOLDIERS ASSASSINATED.

While Standing Near Palace Two Soldiers Were Shot and Killed.

LISBON, April 8.—Two soldiers were assassinated today while standing near the Necessidades Palace. The soldiers who were in civilian clothes were shot and killed by a small band of men who suddenly sprang at them with drawn revolvers. By the time the police reached the scene the assassins had escaped.

HART-AGNEW BILLS LOST

Tie Vote of 25 to 25 Defeated Them.

TO ABOLISH GAMBLING

May be Called Up Again for Another Vote at the Discretion of Introducer.

IMPORTANCE OF PROCEEDURE

Lieutenant-Governor Chanler by Casting His Vote to Break up the Tie Which Would Have Resulted in Killing the Bills for This Session.

ALBANY, April 8.—The vote of Senator Cassidy of Schuyler, a Republican, late today, caused a tie vote of 25 to 25 and defeated for a time at least of the two Hart-Agnew bills embodying the recommendations of Governor Hughes that the legal protection should be abolished which since 1895 has protected public gambling at the race track.

Lieutenant Governor Chanler by casting his vote to break up the tie upon a parliamentary motion, which but for him would have resulted in the killing of the bills at least for the rest of the session, saved them for another vote which may be called for at the discretion of the introducer, Senator Agnew, at any time on the order of business permits him to call up the matter. The importance of this bit of procedure may prove very great for if by any means the friends of the bill can gain a vote at the same time holding the 25 they had today they may pass the bills and send them to the Governor.

SAILORS MAKE MERRY.

Give Vaudeville Performance Aboard Battleship Minnesota.

MAGDALENA BAY, April 3.—The vaudeville performance given by the crew of the battleship Minnesota last night was the first social function of the season at Magdalena. The show, which has been weeks in preparation under the direction of Chaplain S. K. Evans, and which was arranged and executed with great detail was produced on a stage erected on the forecable of the Minnesota. It lasted from 8 to 11 o'clock and was attended by nearly a thousand officers and men of the fleet.

Admiral Thomas and Capt. Hubbard of the Minnesota with their guests occupied choice seats. The whole forward part of the superstructure was covered. The 12 inch turret was crowded, the forward bridge and flying bridge and even the tops being crowded with spectators.

The stage was of the regulation sort, with canvass roof, front and back curtains, wings, screens, etc., with original and fantastic scene effect. The drop curtain was formed by two huge American flags and the back curtain pictured the forecable of a ship with a background of blue sea. The painting on the proscenium were fabled sea-monsters in vivid hues.

A regularly arranged row of electric footlights were arranged in front and a ship searchlight, mounted in the top of the foremast, supplied a brilliant spot light. A piano supplanted the convention orchestra.

King Neptune, wearing gaudy robes and crown and carrying the traditional trident, presided over the

ceremonies surrounded by court of fantastically dressed sailors in male and female apparel. The program consisted of monologues, solos a duet and quartette singing, Spanish and clog dancing, burlesque and comedy skits, glee club, instrumental music and other numbers. Musical talent was shown in the various features. The chorus was ludicrous and an impersonator of Spanish dancers by a lithe and graceful young fellow was particularly enjoyable.

After the performance all the visitors were entertained at supper.

FORTY-SIX COUNTIES.

CHICAGO, April 8.—With 37 counties of Illinois placed in the "dry" column by yesterday's election, 46 of the State's 102 counties are now totally "dry." Nine counties went "dry" last November. In addition there are now 19 other counties which are now anti-saloon with the exception of one township in each. According to the latest returns 886 townships cast their vote against the saloons and 304 in favor of retaining the saloons. The total "dry" townships in the State including those which held elections last November is now 1028 and the total wet townships is 324. The most reliable estimates place the number of saloons voted out of business at 1100.

PIRATICAL SOLDIERS.

HONOLULU, April 8.—A party of deserting soldiers from the barracks here stole the schooner Lady, and started for the South Seas but were wrecked off Waimea. The Lady will be a total loss. The soldiers were arrested on a charge of piracy.

A NOISY WELCOME

Given Armored Cruiser Washington When Entering Bay.

MAYOR MILLER MET CRUISER

Chinese and Japanese Had Barges in the Bay From Which a Wonderful Display of Fireworks Were Set Off Japs Unfurled Big Flag.

SEATTLE, April 8.—The armored cruiser Washington was given a noisy welcome when she steamed into Elliott Bay today. The welcoming fleet headed by the steamship City of Seattle upon which was Mayor Miller and a committee met the cruiser in the Sound off West Point lighthouse. The Chinese residents of Seattle had chartered a tug carrying the yellow banner upon which was emblazoned the dragon and met the cruisers with a wonderful display of fireworks. The Japanese had towed a large barge into the bay from which were set off a remarkable assortment of aerial bombs. Figures in tableaux were designed to represent each State in the Union. The climax was a huge American flag which floated 500 feet above the water.

HE SENT IT.

NEW YORK, April 8.—"You may be forgotten one hundred years hence recently wrote A. K. Hicks, secretary of the Long Island R. R. Y. M. C. A. in Long Island City to President Roosevelt. "Unless you send some token to put in the cornerstone of the Y. M. C. A. building here, which will be on April 30"

President Roosevelt's response was in the shape of a handsome steel engraving of the White House inscribed on the bottom in the president's handwriting: "With the best wishes of Theodore Roosevelt."

The new building is the one to which Mrs. Russell Sage recently contributed \$50,000 as a mark of her regard for the Long Island Railroad men, many of whom she knows personally.

A NEW ISSUE OF NOTES

Harriman Offers to Furnish the Funds.

MATURING NOTES TODAY

J. P. Morgan Company Announced That Holders of Erie Notes Would be Paid.

ERIE RAILROAD OBLIGATIONS

The Holders of Notes Amounting to \$5,500,000 Had Their Choice of Accepting Cash or Take New Three-Year 6 Per Cent Bonds.

NEW YORK, April 8.—After an offer by E. H. Harriman to furnish funds to meet the obligations of the Erie Railroad Company by the purchase of a new issue of notes, the J. P. Morgan Company announced late today that holders of Erie notes amounting to \$5,500,000 which matured today would either be paid part in cash for their notes or given the option of taking new three-year six per cent and five per cent of the new notes in cash. The offer of Harriman was accepted. What proportion of the maturing notes would be paid in cash has not been made public.

PLANS BEING ELABORATED

CHICAGO, April 8.—A despatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C. says:

Plans are being elaborated in detail for the mobilization for a joint military and naval force in Venezuelan waters as soon as possible after President Roosevelt obtains Congressional sanction to resort to force against Castro.

It may not be deemed necessary by the administration to make this martial demonstration but the war and navy department are both mapping out a tentative military movement.

The whole military situation is now under consideration by the general staff of the army and the general board of the navy by a direct order from the president upon Secretary Root's recommendation for preparedness to back up eventualities. President Roosevelt cannot commit his show of arms.

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Directions given in the present instance are however, the most explicit made since the army and navy were ordered to prepare for participation in the international relief column against Peking during the Boxer troubles. They are being guarded closely and transmitted verbally from bureau to bureau.

SIXTEEN HOUR LAW.

Employers and Employees Meet to Consider it.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Executive officers of the Order of Railroad Conductors, Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen will meet to-day with the general managers Association to consider the provisions of the new sixteen hour work day law that becomes effective May 1. The meeting will be held at the conclusion of

the annual session of the General Manager's Association.

An executive session of the conductors, Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen was held yesterday and the provisions of the law were considered without official action. The opinion of the delegates that if the General Managers will concede some of the changes demanded the law will operate without friction, otherwise trouble might be expected, either from strikes or legislation asking the repeal of the law.

FOUR WOMEN DEAD.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Four women, the occupants, and the driver of a carriage, were killed when the vehicle was struck by an electric train near Maywood, a western suburb of Chicago this afternoon. The carriage was one of a number that were returning from a funeral.

BROKERS HAPPY.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Hearty cheers from the brokers greeted the announcement from the rostrum of the stock exchange yesterday that the governors would take under consideration a numerously signed petition for the closing of the exchange on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Action by the governors is expected sometimes to-day but there is uncertainty as to whether they will decide to close the exchange on Friday only as they did last year or the following two days holiday suggestion of the petitioning members. The coffee exchange has already decided to remain closed over Friday and Saturday.

MORE TESTIMONY

Given at Submarine Electric Boat Investigation.

ROBERT G. SKERRETT WITNESS

The Question as to Whether the Company Has Authorized Illegitimate Means to Promote Legislation in Its Favor Was Discussed.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Navy Department and not the Electric Boat Company, was virtually under investigation yesterday by the special house committee inquiring into charges preferred against that company by Representative Lilley. The question as to whether the company authorized illegitimate means to promote legislation in its favor was forgotten in the admissions made by a witness to the effect that he had secured extracts of reports made to the Navy Department supposed to be confidential.

The witness was Robert G. Skerrett of New York, formerly employed in the navy department and at one time the European representative of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. He stated frankly that while in the employ of the Lake Company he received anonymously extracts from reports made by the Navy Department and that he used these extracts in technical articles prepared for publications in magazines. Questioned as to their source he replied that he did not know from whom they came and that he had accepted them as correct and used them in his articles.

The climax of Mr. Skerrett's testimony came when he was asked by Chairman Boutwell if he did not consider that his action in publishing information which the U. S. government regarded as secret "was highly dishonorable."

His reply was: "No, I think it indiscreet." It is the evident intention of the committee to follow up this new line of evidence and if possible discover the leak of the navy department.