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Tonight and Saturday
occasional rain; bright
southerly winds.

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CASTRO ASKS UNCLE SAM TO PROPOSE THAT ALL QUESTIONS IN THE CONTROVERSY BE ARBITRATED

Venezuela Is in Position to Defend Her Capital and Thousands of Volunteers Answer Call to Arms.

Germany Disclaims Intention of Marching Inland and Says Object of the Powers Is to Maintain Blockade and Collect Customs Duties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Minister Bowen to the State Department, received this morning, states that President Castro has requested that Germany and Great Britain that the difficulties which have arisen out of the claims made by those two countries of damages to citizens during recent civil wars in Venezuela be submitted to arbitration.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—It is announced in official circles here that Castro's decision to fight has in no manner altered the original plans of Germany, which were to take and hold the customs houses and maintain a strict blockade of the Venezuelan coast. There was never any intention on the part of the Anglo-German allies to march inland and attack the Venezuelan capital. The blockade will be maintained and the preparations made by Castro to resist invasion will be only wadded effort. It is realized here that an advance into Venezuela might bring about a technical breach of the Monroe Doctrine of the United States, and there is no intention on the part of Germany to commit an act that might in any way be construed to be unfriendly toward America. It is also disclaimed that any attempt is being made to capture Castro.

CARACAS, Dec. 12.—The decrees which have been issued by President Castro, calling upon all males of the country between 18 and 50 years of age to enlist in the Venezuelan army carries with it an order to arms. Advance by the Venezuelans to the frontiers upon La Guayra and Cabello is momentarily expected and everything is being held in readiness to resist this movement most stubbornly.

ON THE OTHER SIDE



ROBERT B. ROOSEVELT.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Robert B. Roosevelt, uncle of President Theodore Roosevelt of the United States, is a Democrat and is foremost in the fight to reorganize that party and put it into winning form.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Castro's proposition to Bowen is puzzling the State Department, which is unable to decide whether he means to surrender or is merely playing for time to secure ammunition and organize his army. It is presumed Bowen, in his capacity as temporary representative of Britain and Germany, will communicate Castro's proposition direct to the foreign offices of those countries. Hay has wired Bowen permission to grant Castro's request. In submitting the proposition to Britain and Germany, however, Bowen is not in any sense to act as a representative of the United States. The cabinet at a meeting this morning decided to not change the policy of the United States at present. There will be no increase of the naval representation on the Venezuelan Coast at present.

DETAILS GIVEN.
CARACAS, Dec. 12.—The report is current here that President Castro has asked Minister Bowen to represent the United States, to arbitrate the differences between England and Germany on the one hand and Venezuela on the other. Notwithstanding this report, preparations for resistance are being made with feverish energy and the whole people are as a unit behind Castro in his apparent resolve to place a strong and well-armed force in the field and prevent invasion. Parties worked all last night digging trenches and placing rapid-fire cannon along the roads leading from the coast line to the capital, and with the equipment of volunteers and their arrival at the points to which they have already been assigned it is thought the City of Caracas will be impregnable except to a force of many thousands, and then only after a long siege. As the city receives its supplies from the interior it would be necessary for a complete cordon to be placed around it before a siege would become effective.

CAPITAL SAFE.
All approaches to the capital are now looked upon as well guarded. Every railroad car and engine has been taken from La Guayra and run up to Caracas. They are being used by the Venezuelans in moving troops and ammunition and are in this way denied to the invaders. Coal

of which a large amount was stored at La Guayra, has also been taken to the capital, where it will be converted to government use. Much of this was the property of British subjects. If an advance is attempted the railroad line will be torn up and barricades are ready to be thrown across the roads at strategic points. These roads are being left open now in order to facilitate the movement of Venezuelan troops, but can be closed at any moment.

EQUIPPING TROOPS.
The equipment of volunteers is still going forward with vigor. There are thousands of Mauser rifles on hand here and plenty of ammunition in the government arsenals. These hastily organized troops are novices in the art of war, but they have had experience in the past revolutions, and form excellent irregulars. From behind intrenchments and as disorganized bodies they will fight well. Had the Anglo-German bluejackets and marines marched on the capital two days ago they might have captured it without a struggle, but now a large army could make the effort in vain.

STAND OF UNITED STATES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Great satisfaction is felt here at the manner in which American Minister Bowen has conducted affairs which have been placed in his charge. His prompt demand that

Castro release the German and British subjects cast into prison has made him a hero at both the foreign courts which he represented in this demand, and it at the same time opened to Venezuela a graceful avenue of retreat from an embarrassing position. Had the demand for the release of the civilian prisoners come from a direct representative of either England or Germany, it would have been met with stern refusal. But when it came from the representative of a friendly power and a nation that alone stands between the Anglo-German forces and the total obliteration of Venezuela, it was most graciously acceded to. The United States up to the present time enjoys the high honor of having rendered good turns to both sides in the controversy.

THE FRENCH VIEW.
PARIS, Dec. 12.—As the Venezuelan situation is viewed here, President Castro has made but one move that was a false one. That was the arrest and imprisonment of German and British subjects. From this untenable position he retreated as soon as he saw the thunder he had made, and so gracefully and promptly did he yield to the demands of the United States government that the action could not help but solidify the good feeling that existed between those two nations. Venezuela is now in a position of being attacked by two stronger powers and made war upon, while she can, if she chooses, pose as a martyr to foreign greed.

Of course, both Germany and England are natural enemies to France, and as a result of this, as much as for any other reason, the sympathies of the French people are with Castro and his followers in their present difficulties. A French army officer, who was for years stationed at the Venezuelan capital, says the road from La Guayra to Caracas is one that can be rendered impregnable with but little work. A few hundred men properly armed and protected could hold back an army of many thousands for an indefinite period. Even La Guayra could be rendered an impossible position for the allies to hold by reason of its position. While they would be safe within the city itself, every road leading out of it could be so fortified that they could be nothing in the way of moving, but return to their ships.

It is not thought here that the allies will attempt a direct advance upon the capital.

PROPERTY SEIZED.
LA GUAYRA, Dec. 12.—The Venezuelan government has seized all British and German railroad lines and telegraph and telephone systems. This move may bring about further complications.

MARIETTA SAILS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—In obedience to orders from the Navy Department this morning, the gunboat Marietta sailed from the port of Caracas for La Guayra. She will there protect American interests. There is at the present time no United States warship on the scene.

ITALY SENDS SHIP.
SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 12.—The Italian warship Carlo Alberto, which has been co-operating with Marconi in wireless telegraphy experiments, has left here under orders to proceed at full speed to La Guayra and protect Italian interests.

TO PLAY FOOTBALL.
(Journal Special Service.)
WALLA WALLA, Dec. 12.—The Spokane High School football team arrived in this city yesterday afternoon preparatory to meeting the local High School boys this afternoon on the Whitman grounds. This is the second game the first being played at Spokane Thanksgiving Day. The result will be of considerable interest to local enthusiasts.

CANNOT LOAN ENGINES.
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Omaha specialists say that the machinists' strike there is widening in its scope. Notifications have been sent the Southern Pacific Company that the loaning of locomotives to the Union Pacific, in whose shops the trouble is strongest, will be followed by a strike on the former road.

MINERS KILLED.
WILKESBARRE, Dec. 12.—Three men were killed last evening at this place by the escape of cars that were being taken up a steep grade.

GERMAN TARIFF.
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The German tariff bill passed its second reading yesterday.

AT THE HELM



HERBERT H. GARY.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Herbert H. Gary, at the head of the executive committee of the United States Steel Corporation, is a busy man these days having to attend personally to all of the weighty business matters of that concern while President Charles M. Schwab is seeking health in Europe.

HEROIC ACTS SAVED GUESTS

Hotel Ridpath Burned at Spokane.

The Night Clerk and a Policeman Aroused Inmates Who Escaped in Night Clothes.

(Journal Special Service.)
SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—Prompt and heroic action on the part of Night Clerk Ed Baker and Policeman Ware averted early this morning prevented loss of life in the burning of the Hotel Ridpath, an European plan hotel in this city. The building was totally destroyed and the loss will total much above \$100,000, as the furniture was the best that money could buy. The fire originated from crossed electrical wires in the office of the Allis Chalmers Mining Implement Company, and had caught in the elevator shaft before being discovered. It was then that Night Clerk Baker raced up the stairway beside the seething demon, plunged through the blinding smoke into the hallways and rescued the sleepers from the terrible fate that threatened. In this work he was assisted by Policeman Ware. The latter was overcome by smoke in one of the passageways and would have died had he not been rescued by firemen.

NARROW ESCAPES.
Nearly the entire number of inmates of the hotel were forced to slide down the fire escapes in their night clothes. Many women were in the building, and a panic was narrowly averted. Large quantities of oil stored in the basement contributed to the fierceness of the flames, and although the firemen worked determinedly, nothing could be done but prevent the igniting of adjoining buildings.

The Wilson Hardware Company and the Studebaker Wagon Company, both on the ground floor, lost heavily, nothing being saved.

ASKS ACCEPTANCE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The receiver in charge of the Wolff & Zwickler Iron Works of Portland, Ore., has appealed to the Secretary of the Navy for acceptance of the torpedo boat Goldsboro.

CROWE STILL ALIVE.
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—It is announced here by a brother of Pat Crowe that the noted kidnaper is in Johannesburg, South Africa, and may come back and surrender to justice.

A SHERIFF IS UNDER ARREST

Said to Be Short in His Accounts.

Ex-Republican Peace Officer of Baker County Taken Into Custody at Chicago.

(Journal Special Service.)
BAKER CITY, Dec. 12.—Word has been received here of the arrest in Chicago, Ill., of former Sheriff A. H. Huntington, of Baker County. Mr. Huntington has been found to be more than \$1,000 short in his accounts with this county. An expert recently went over the books of the sheriff's office and discovered the deficiency. Sheriff Brown and Deputy District Attorney Winfree are in the East at the present time and will bring the ex-sheriff with them when they return here. Huntington is a Republican and served for four years as sheriff. He was personally very popular in this county, and his election was due entirely to this cause. Nearly every other man on the Republican ticket was defeated. A short time ago he gave up office. He then went to travel in the East. There was no thought of his having been short in his accounts.

There is no danger of Baker County losing anything, as the bondsmen of the former officer are thoroughly responsible men and can be recovered from should this step be necessary. Many believe that Huntington will be able to explain the entire cloud away when he arrives here. It was not at first thought he would be arrested, and information that he had been taken in hand by the law came as a shock this morning.

MILES IN GERMANY.
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commander in chief of the United States army, will be in Berlin on January 15, and will make an official call upon the Kaiser. General Miles is making a trip around the world after having visited the Philippine Islands in his official capacity.

PARTRIDGE RESIGNS.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Police Commissioner Partridge today handed his resignation to Mayor Lowe.

WHEAT MARKET.
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Wheat—76 1/2

A SMASH-UP AT KALAMA

The Northern Pacific's Fast Train Was Wrecked There This Morning. Fireman Anderson Injured.

Engine Ran Into a Coal Car and Both Were Shattered by the Collision—Slow Speed Only Prevented Serious Disaster

KALAMA, Dec. 12.—The "North Coast Limited," on reaching the yards in this city this morning at 5 o'clock, from Seattle, crashed into a car loaded with coal, which happened to be on the track, completely wrecking the coal car and the cab on the engine. The engine pilot and fixtures on the side of the engine were all torn off. Fireman Anderson was thrown to the ground and badly shaken up, though not seriously injured. No one else was hurt. It appears that the coal car had either been left on the side track too close to the switch or the hard winds which prevailed here had blown it back close enough so that the engine caught one corner of it. Besides the injuries to the engine the train was unharmed. The engine is still here waiting to be taken to the shops, while another one was attached to the train, which proceeded to Portland.

The Northern Pacific Seattle train, due to arrive in Portland at 7 o'clock this morning, did not arrive here until 9 o'clock. No reason was assigned for the lateness of the arrival of the train. The local office seemed to be ignorant of the cause of the delay, although being aware of the unusual occurrence, as the North Coast Limited is pretty generally on time.

SOME ONE RESPONSIBLE.
Several passengers who came in on the train, when seen by a Journal representative this morning, expressed their opinion that the smash up, though of not very great proportions, would have been so had not the train slowed up before getting into Kalama, as is the rule on reaching this point, where so many switches have to be shunted. It is the general impression, however, that this collision is due to the carelessness of the men working in the yards, who had charge of this car.

The passengers on the train, however, thank their lucky stars that nothing more serious happened, as this collision might have caused a great loss of life, had it occurred a few miles either north or the other side of Kalama, when the train generally goes at a rate of about 40 miles an hour.

This is the first accident that has occurred at Kalama for a good many years, although the Northern Pacific

trains have figured in several wrecks within the past few months. The frequent smash ups on this road have brought an order from the official in charge at St. Paul, that unless there is less carelessness shown, the conductors and engineers will be displaced.

When seen by a Journal representative, this morning, Assistant General Passenger Agent A. D. Chariton had nothing to say about the matter, and expressed ignorance of having heard of any smash-up at Kalama or anywhere else.

PASSENGER MAKES STATEMENT.
One of the passengers who came in on the train this morning said to a Journal representative: "When we arrived at Kalama this morning I was suddenly awakened by a jar, and looking out of the window I could see nothing. I dressed as quickly as I could and got out. I saw the front and side of the engine smashed up, as also a coal car which seemed to be halfway on the track the train was on and another track. Coal was falling from the smashed end of it. Several hands began working on the debris about a half hour after the smash-up occurred. I did not see anyone hurt except the fireman, who was being cared for by some of the passengers."

"As soon as the track in front of us was cleared another engine was attached and we pulled out for Portland."

FLOATING LOGS AGAINST BRIDGE

Eastern Syndicate Sending "Squatters" to the Far North Where Illuminating Oil Has Been Discovered.

TACOMA, Dec. 12.—Several Eastern syndicates are sending men to Central Alaska to locate the best agricultural lands with the object in view to acquire them under "squatters' rights." They intend sending in surveys under the Lacey bill now before Congress.

Petroleum samples, carrying 70 per cent illuminating oil, have been brought from Katalla, Southern Alaska, where the Alaska Development Company has acquired 40,000 acres of land. This company will build a refinery if the tests prove satisfactory. It is claimed this is the only illuminating oil in this country outside of the Eastern oil fields.

ALL STOCKS IN A FLURRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—For a time this morning things were decidedly equally on Wall street and the panic was the most decided for many months. All brokers were flooded with selling orders, and depression was everywhere in evidence. The condition did not endure, however, and shortly before noon a strong rally began, the reaction being most marked. Among the many securities to be struck and forced downward was the Southern Pacific, which lost 3 cents in a comparatively short space of time. Union Pacific was scarcely less hard hit and fell off 2 1/2 cents before reaching a pause in its downward career. Some firms were hard hit and Pearson & Co., a small but well known establishment, failed altogether. This was the only instance of complete collapse.

HAWAIIAN CABLE NOW A REALITY

Shore End Connection Made at San Francisco in the Presence of Thousands of People This Morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—In the presence of thousands of school children, waving flags and singing patriotic songs, and the plaudits of the officers of the State of California and the City of San Francisco, and within sight of more than 30,000 people, shore connections were established this morning and the work of laying the Hawaiian cable was begun. The cable ship Silverton steamed slowly down the bay, the insulated wire discharging from the great reel and dropping into the water at her stern. It is the intention to have the line in operation by Christmas. This service will bring Honolulu into hourly communication with the rest of the world. News and messages have heretofore been confined to the mails and have been from six to ten days late.