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CASTRO READY TO FIGHT

French Fleet Sails to Make Demonstration Against Venezuela and an Attack is Hourly Expected.

PREPARATIONS MADE TO RECEIVE HOSTILE SHIPS

South Americans Prepare to Fight, Declaring That a United People Will Teach European Nations That Country Can No Longer Be Bullied—Justify Their Actions.

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Port of Caracas, Venezuela, Which May Be Under French Guns Shortly.

CALIFORNIANS BUY TROLLEY LINE

United Railways Company Secures Controlling Interest in Oregon Traction Co.

MILLION TO SPEND IN ELECTRIC ROAD SYSTEM

J. Whyte Evans, One of Corporation, Says Time Is Not Ripe to Say Whether or Not H. E. Huntington Is Interested.

A controlling interest, amounting to nearly all of the stock of the Oregon Traction company, passed last night to the United Railways company, a new corporation organized by W. D. Larrabee, M. H. French, J. Whyte Evans and R. A. Phillips of Los Angeles, who it is understood, represent H. E. Huntington and associates in the Los Angeles interurban railways. The complete transfer of property and franchises will take place at the expiration of 10 days, when it will be ratified by a special meeting of the Oregon Traction company's stockholders called yesterday for that purpose.

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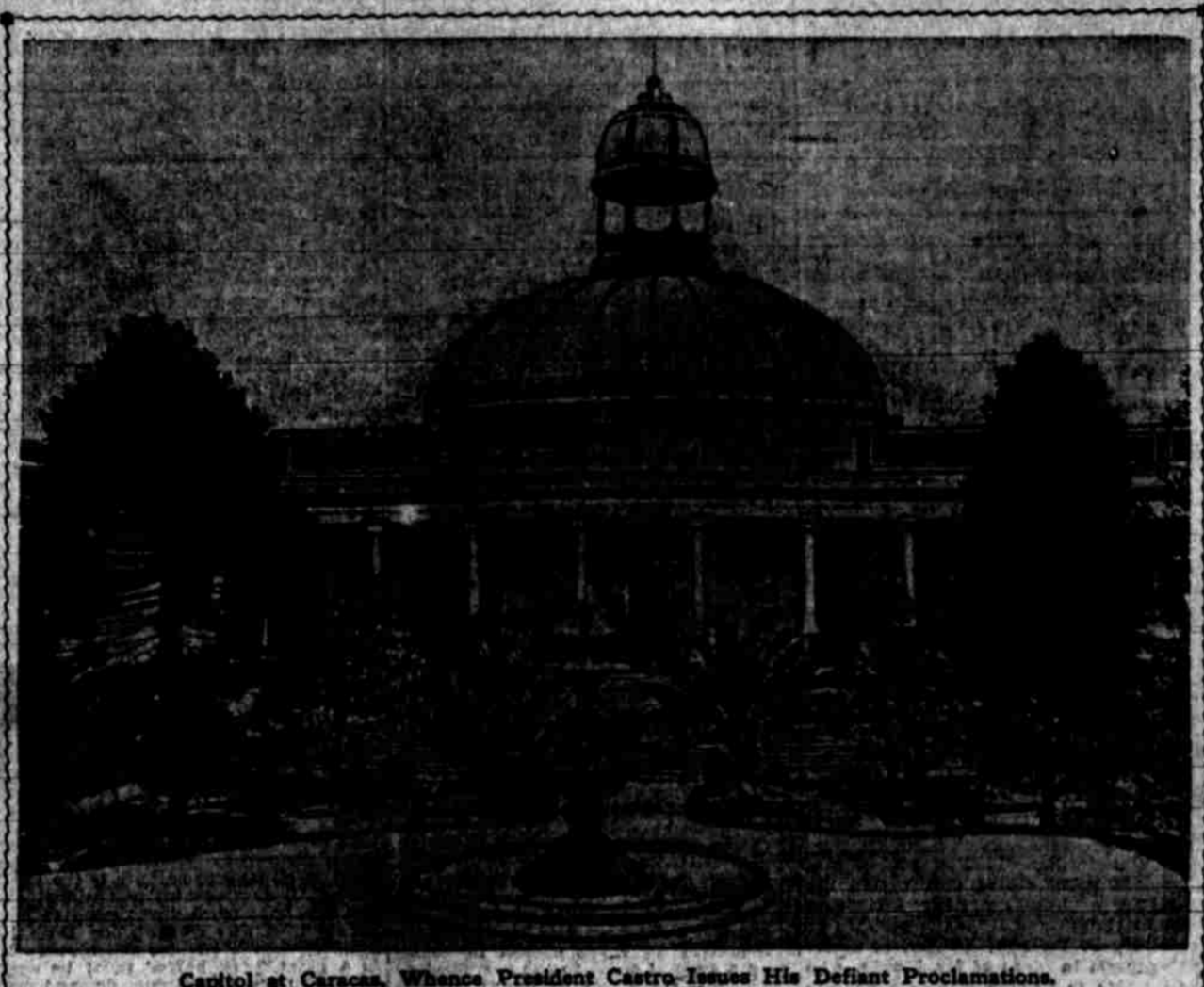
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Capitol at Caracas, Whence President Castro Issues His Defiant Proclamations.

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HAD RIGHT TO SHOOT THIEF WHO STOLE HIS FRUIT

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Convicted of Father's Murder He is Beyond Punishment for Contempt.

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Officer Cleared of All Blame for Bennington Disaster and Restored to Duty.

MOROCCAN GUNBOAT MAY BOMBARD PLACE FLYING BELGIAN FLAG

Crisis Approaching in Conference—French Warship Goes After Moors—Each Power Wants Open Door, But Desires to Hold Door Itself—Distrust and Suspicion Grow.

MAYOR SPEAKS OUT ON RICHARDS CASE

And if after the mother has refused to further and more indelibly brand her child by putting her forward before the eyes of the public as a witness in court to establish these facts—for which I don't blame her; and if after I have appealed to your council to take away the license of the place which permits such work to go on, and have appealed to that council in vain, it so falls out that I endeavor to clean out the "joint" on my own hook and to the best of my ability, with the use of such implements as you have provided me with for that purpose; and it is done, and is done again and again if necessary, quite regardless of whom it helps, or whom it hurts, and equally regardless as to how many friends I lose or how many enemies I make, why that is well. And, further, whatever the final result may be for me personally, politically, or in any other wise, it will make not one whit difference with me in my conduct in regard to this matter, as here set forth by me. In view of the fact being indifferent in respect to the same. Very respectfully yours, HARRY LANE.

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DEPEW IS OUT SUIT TO HELP FOR SESSION GAMBLERS

is Not Probable That the Peach Will Be Seen in the Senate Chamber in Washington This Year.

ORDERED BY PLATT TO APPEAR NEXT MONDAY

Sending of Telegram Construed as Insult and Part of Plot by Senior Senator to Call Attention to Depew's Absence and Illness—Latter Dares Not Face His Compeers.

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal.) New York, Jan. 29.—It is not probable that Senator Depew will be seen in his seat in the senate chamber in Washington again this session.

It was announced at his home, No. 24 West Fifty-fourth street, today that it was his intention to leave New York this morning for his seat in the senate Monday morning at noon, but should he attempt to do so he will be accompanied by two physicians who will superintend his removal as soon as his inability to remain has been demonstrated.

It is believed, however, that his physicians will not permit him to make the attempt to appear on the floor of the senate. Friends and relatives of Senator Depew are extremely anxious that he should appear in the senate Monday in order to destroy the public impression already created that the junior senator of this state is not mentally fit to assume his senatorial duties. This impression has been due to the stories already circulated by friends who have seen him in the last three weeks and who are convinced that only a long rest in another country will restore his mental condition.

It is now known that Senator Depew is suffering from attacks of apoplexy, which recur so frequently as to make it inadvisable to leave him to himself for even a few moments.

The senator has not been permitted to remain alone in his own home or the streets since the first attack nearly a month ago. When seized he finds it impossible to convey his thoughts in even the simplest words. These attacks have been recurring with increasing frequency of late and this of itself has convinced his physicians that there is but slight hope of his recovery unless he is removed from all surroundings that will in any way suggest the frightful ordeal through which he has passed since the exposure of the legislative insurance investigation.

Friends of the sick man are harsh in their criticism of Senator Platt, who sent a telegram to Senator Depew of a curt and unfeeling nature, practically commanding him to appear in the senate Monday morning.

This message was read by Senator Depew, when in his lucid moments he

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District Attorney Commences Action for the Sole Purpose of Legalizing Poolselling in Oregon.

SAYS HE THINKS THAT GAMBLERS WILL LOSE

Admits, However, That He Issued Complaint at Request of Judge M. L. Phips and Whitney L. Boise, Attorneys for William M. Ayers, a Poolseller, to Test Law.

In his official capacity as district attorney John Manning commenced a suit last Friday which has for its sole purpose the legalizing of racetrack gambling in Oregon. The suit was brought at the instigation and request of persons interested in poolselling at the Irvington track, and in the hope of securing from the supreme court such an interpretation of the law as will permit them to resume business.

District Attorney Manning acknowledges that the expectation of the persons who inspired the suit, but says that he does not think the supreme court will decide in their favor. As an accommodation to them he filed the suit as an opportunity to assail the law.

Poolselling has been declared by the supreme court of this state to be a public nuisance. The interests which are back of this suit hope to induce the court to distinguish between poolselling conducted in a public poolroom, and poolselling conducted at a racetrack, and the court will be asked to hold that the latter is not such a public nuisance as is prohibited by the statute.

Ostensibly the suit was filed for the purpose of punishing one William M. Ayers for selling pool at the Irvington track during the race meet last August. District Attorney Manning issued a complaint against Ayers charging him with maintaining a public nuisance. Judge M. L. Phips appears as attorney for the defendant and with him is associated Whitney L. Boise. It is expected that the trial judge will overrule the demurrer filed in behalf of the defendant and the case will then be carried to the supreme court on an agreed statement of facts.

So far as any real purpose to punish Ayers for violating any law is concerned, the whole proceeding is a farce. The district attorney is simply lending himself and his office to the schemes of the poolseller and is aiding them in their effort to legalize race track betting.

When asked to explain why he commenced the proceeding, District Attorney Manning replied:

"I did it at the request of Judge

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A telegram received this afternoon from Malaga indicates that Morocco has concluded to take an active hand in stirring up a disturbance. This dispatch says that a report is current in Malilla, the Spanish stronghold, that the Moroccan gunboat Sid Turki is about to bombard the Chica factory over which the Belgian flag is flying.

The French cruiser Lalande, which left Algiers three days ago to patrol the coast between Melilla and Chica following a pledge of France to Spain to drive freebooters from Spanish territory, has undoubtedly run across the Sid Turki. It is now in the way of a bombardment is a question that has a great deal of bearing on the present situation.

An adventurous band of French and Belgians that precipitated the present trouble by setting up headquarters at Chica, close to Melilla, and erecting a factory almost in sight of the Spanish possessions, is still holding the fort, although the French government has warned them to leave on the ground that they are freebooters not entitled to protection. Their continued presence serves to aggravate Spain, which has always questioned the good faith of France in Morocco.

It is quite probable that the freebooters, learning of the approach of the French cruiser, have abandoned much of their holdings as elsewhere in Spanish territory and have fled to the mountains in their own haste. The Belgian flag is flying over the Sid Turki factory.

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The feeling of distrust is due seemingly to the unwillingness of both France and Germany to defend their positions beyond reaffirming now somewhat wearily, adherence to the open door, the sovereignty of the sultan and the integrity of his territories. The French delegates in all their conversational reconnoissances with their opponents have been unable to learn precisely what is the position of Germany, nor apparently have the German representatives been able to ascertain the intentions of France and Great Britain. Extreme caution and lack of confidence have begun to destroy the favorable atmosphere for negotiation which was created by the courtesies and assurances of the first few days.

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