

FRENCH MEN-OF-WAR TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKADE OF VENEZUELAN PORTS

EFFECTIVE IN TEN DAYS

As Soon as Two Ships Join Caribbean Squadron Attack on Castro's Commerce Will Begin.

UNITED STATES GIVES CONSENT TO BLOCKADE

Germany and Great Britain Not Asked, Although Both Have Liens on Venezuelan Ports—Decisive Move Is Announced by the Great Republic of Europe.

IN TEDDY ON THE WARPATH

Calls Insurgents in Conference on the Statehood Bill and Talks Straight From the Shoulder.

TELLS THEM WHAT TO EXPECT IF THWARTED

Minority Report Opposing Statehood for New Mexico and Arizona Presented and Fight Opens Tomorrow—Republican Opposition Joins Democrats in Opposing Regulars.



The Shrine of Jose.



Interior of a Chinese Tong Lodge Room.

HARLOWS ASK \$40,000

Demand Damages for Alleged Abrogation of Contract Which the Oregonian Kept for Forty Years.

BARGAIN GAVE THEM SOUTH PORTLAND FIELD

They Received Heavy Commission on All Papers Sold in That Field—Now Say Newspaper Broke Contract and Refused to Arbitrate as Agreed.

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Jan. 23.—France has decided to make a decisive move against Venezuela to revenge the insults heaped upon her by President Castro and will blockade the Venezuelan coast. It is learned that these orders are now being prepared at the naval office in Paris for transmission to the French squadron now in Caribbean waters.

The information comes from an unquestionable diplomatic authority and is verified by cables received from France by the state department. The blockade will be established within 10 days, as soon as the precise number of vessels can be assembled on the coast of Venezuela. France has three warships now within a few days' sail of the coast and two more are about to be sent from Europe.

In making this move, France has only consulted the United States. Although Germany and Great Britain have been informed of the decision, their permission to blockade the ports of the turbulent South American country has not been asked, nor will it be, although both these countries have liens upon the customs receipts of Venezuela.

France considers that her political rights transcend the fiscal rights of other nations and this view is supported by the United States, with whom a thorough understanding exists. France has no objection to the blockade of the Monroe doctrine. The blockading will be done with the full consent of the United States and France may land troops as a "supplemental remedy."

The last move against Venezuela was to the effect that President Castro was rushing troops and ammunition to the warships, to prepare for an attack, and that a warlike spirit possessed the country. Whether Castro's little gunboats will attempt an attack upon the powerful ships of France is not known, but it is extremely questionable.

The history of the present difficulty between Venezuela and France dates back to the expedition of M. Brun, the representative of the French Cable Company at Caracas and Charge d' Affaires Talgny's protest against the action. Castro held that his position was correct, accused the cable company of having aided in the Mateo rebellion, and declared their franchise forfeited. He refused to treat further with the French government through M. Talgny. An open rupture was averted through the efforts of Minister Russell of America.

France's anger to the repeated insults heaped upon Frenchmen and her representatives was shown by the sending of a warship squadron to Martinique. The move had the effect upon Castro, who took occasion to still further widen the breach by refusing to permit M. Talgny to land after he had boarded a vessel in the harbor to obtain his instructions. Another locomotive was sent to this city to take the passenger train to Stockton.

BULL GIVES BATTLE TO RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE

(Journal Special Service.)
Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 23.—An infuriated bull gave battle to a rapidly moving Southern Pacific locomotive one mile south of Brighton last evening. The onslaught proved disastrous to both the bovine and the iron monster, the animal losing its life and the engine being disabled. Another locomotive was sent to this city to take the passenger train to Stockton.

CHINESE COMMISSION REACHES WASHINGTON

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Washington, Jan. 23.—Chinese commissioners arrived in this city today and were met by Charles Denby, chief clerk of the state department. Denby is familiar with the Chinese language and custom. The commissioners were quartered at the Arlington Hotel. They called upon Secretary of State Root this afternoon and visited the departments

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—President Roosevelt today received the Republican insurgents, headed by Representative Eubank, and gave them a straight talk on the statehood bill, which he hopes will be put through the house tomorrow. The president did not mince matters, and expressed in no uncertain terms his desires and veiled threat as to what might be expected if his plans were not carried out or were thwarted by any members of his own party.

Representative Hamilton, chairman of the house committee on territories, submitted to the house the report of the committee favoring the admission of Oklahoma and Indian territory as one state and Arizona and New Mexico as another state. The report of the minority opposing statehood for Arizona and New Mexico was presented and the fight on the bill opens tomorrow.

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Each state is divided into two judicial districts. Oklahoma is allowed five and Arizona two members of the national house. Proper provision is made for nonsectarian schools and the teaching of English. Suffrage is well guarded. A strong anti-polygamy clause is included. The new states are to assume the debts of the territories.

The capital of Oklahoma is fixed at Guthrie and of Arizona at Santa Fe until 1916, when the capitals may be established by elections. A constitutional convention for Oklahoma is required to adopt the constitutional provision, making the prohibition law effective in Indian Territory.

The committee of the house on interstate commerce has postponed the vote on the rate bill. Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte has sent the Brazilian government condolences on the loss of the battleship Aquiduan which was blown up in Rio Janeiro yesterday.

HARNEY LAKE LAND.

Witchcock Promises to Restore to Entry Three Hundred Thousand Acres.

(Washington Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Fulton today obtained a promise from the secretary of the interior that lands aggregating 300,000 acres previously withdrawn from entry for use in the Harney Lake irrigation project shall be restored to public settlement as soon as the reclamation services some time ago decided that there was not sufficient water available to make the Harney project feasible, and abandoned the project. The lands withdrawn for it, however, were not restored to entry. This will now be utilized by a private enterprise under the provisions of the Carey act.

LAND LAW REFORM.

Drastic Changes to Be Enacted—Repeal of Timber Act.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—It is considered practically certain that land law reforms of a drastic character will be enacted by the present session of congress. While it is yet too early to predict the exact extent of the proposed legislation, it is considered that among the measures will be the repeal of the timber and stone act and other measures bearing on desert land, agricultural land, homestead laws, grazing districts and the appraisal and cut of timber.

OLYMPIA CUT OUT.

Engineers Report Adversely on Proposed Dredging of Harbor.

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The board of review of engineers has reported adversely on the recommendation for the proposed improvement for Olympia harbor in Washington. The recommendation from the district engineers favored the expenditure of \$55,000 in dredging

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"GUNG NE FA TOY," SAYS LEE TO CHIN IN CHINATOWN TODAY

It Means Happy Good Luck to You and Your Family and the Spirit of Your Ancestors—Rival Tonga Forget Differences During New Year's Merrymaking.

"Gung Ne Fa Toy," said the Second street merchant, attired in rich and gaudy raiment, to his slant-eyed and less pretentious brother as he emerged from his tenement this morning.

"Gung Ne Fa Toy," replied the other, low-towing, his narrow eyes gleaming with pleasure. Should you visit Second street during the coming fortnight and have a gaily garbed Mongolian stop before you, how repeatedly all the while shaking hands with himself and murmuring in his not unmelodious lingo, "Gung Ne Fa Toy," do not be alarmed or offended—he is honoring you with the friendly greeting of the season.

If he could speak as you do, he would be telling you, "Happy good luck to you; may you be prosperous; may your honorable family be prosperous, and may the spirits of your ancestors rest content."

It is the salutation that all Chinamen will exchange as they pass through the streets during the coming two weeks. It is spoken from doorways and windows. Emities and jealousies of rival tongas have been forgotten. Then, while cleaned thoroughly from roof to basement. The rule is invariable and applies to roofs, to beds, to crevices, to every part of the house or store or tenement occupied by orientals. Business is suspended for three days following New Year's day.

Aristocratic Chinatown began to make its annual call today. Only during this festive season does Chinese swiftness recognize the existence of its inferiors. Calling cards of red paper, bearing the signature of the visitor, are left whenever a call is made. The host and hostess offer their cards of red paper in exchange.

Should an unmarried Chinaman call upon a married one, he must leave money for his friend's wife. She gives him her card. The money he gives her is wrapped in red paper. When he enters the home of his friend both low-tow. The woman and the hostess each bring a cup, her husband and his friend are wishing each other well, and inquiring after the spirits of their ancestors, the woman silently departs. Presently she returns with four cups of tea. The caller, the host and the hostess each drink a cup. The remaining cup is placed behind the door for the spirit of the guest's father.

GREAT MASS MEETING WILL EXPRESS APPROVAL OF MAYOR'S STAND

Scores of People Call on Dr. Lane and Thank Him for Open Letter Explaining Methods of Richards' Place—Mayor Says He Aided Council to Revoke License.

Public indignation over the manner in which the Richards establishment is reported to be conducted, has been so aroused that people of all classes are clamoring for a public meeting where they can denounce the place, and all places known to have unworthy reputations, yet which pose as respectable hotels and rooming-houses to entrap the unwary.

Scores of people, both men and women, have visited Mayor Lane the past two days and have congratulated him on his open letter published Sunday morning, wherein he exposed the real situation at the Richards place. Fathers and mothers have thanked him for the stand he has taken against immoral places. Even girls who have been sent on a downward pathway in so-called hotels, have written letters to him expressing their heartfelt gratitude for his manifestations of friendship to those who have been wronged, and his determination to rid the city of the resorts.

Mayor Lane reiterated his statement contained in his open letter that he had asked the city council to revoke the liquor license for the Richards cafe without success.

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