

# CASTRO SELLS ALL THE FLOUR HIS HUNGERING PEOPLE USE, AT \$16.15 A BARREL, WHILE BUBONIC PLAGUE RIOTS IN HIS DIRTY CAPITAL—PERSONAL OUTRAGES.

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Washington, Oct. 27.—That Diaz of Mexico is his ambition, and that the advancement of the Venezuelan people is his heart's desire, is the declared, triple purpose of the present dictator of Venezuela. The strongest statement in the defense of Castro is that he has ruled, that he has kept the country free from constant revolutions. This he has accomplished in the same manner as he has in Mexico, by the methods that Diaz used in the pacification of Mexico, say his friends. Admitting that no president of Venezuela could rule according to law, and admitting that a benevolent despotism is the best government for which Venezuelans can hope at this time; what then has Castro done?

By the results of the nine years of his rule he is condemned. Venezuela has reached the stage of its development and prosperity about 20 years ago under the rule of Guzman Blanco. He was a man of high character, he was traveled and educated. He tried to raise the standard of living among his people, and he did much to encourage business. While it was Guzman Blanco's reckless use of monopolistic concessions which has brought Venezuela into many of its present woes, it cannot be denied that he did much good for the country.

**Should Be Sprayed for Castro.**  
Now, after nine years of Castro, the volume of business in Venezuela is less than it has been for 20 years. There are practically no industries, and agriculture is retrograding each year. The railroads built his years ago are doing less business than when they were first opened. Caracas, once the gayest capital of South America, suffers from actual hunger.

Castro has piled higher the heavy export duties on coffee and other principal products of the country. He has increased the internal taxes to such an extent that men have abandoned their businesses. He has enriched himself and his family, while the people are impoverished. He has permitted his personal retainers to wax fat upon graft extorted by the use of his powerful name. He has cut off his country from communication with the outside world, so that now Venezuela is the only civilized nation on earth which has no telegraphic communication whatever with any other nation. He has suppressed what few real newspapers formerly existed in the country, and now the people have no means of informing themselves as to the true condition of home and foreign affairs. All the world knows more about Venezuela and its relations to foreign powers than Venezuela itself.

Assuming the title of "Restorer," he has set out to restore the Venezuelans the things which were in the hands of foreigners. It may be that he has crushed out some monopolies that were bad in principle, but it remains a fact that he is continuing the monopoly of the oil, and that it is also a fact that he has absolutely stopped the investment of foreign capital in Venezuela. With the resources of the country not developed, thus he has stopped the growth of the business of his people.

**No Right of Sanctuary Left.**  
He has not even respected the few conventionalities that formerly obtained in the incendiary politics of the country. The constitution practically guarantees the right of revolution by exempting the property of revolutionists from confiscation. Castro has confiscated the property of revolutionists without warrant of law, though in nearly all instances the property has been restored. The old custom that revolutionists were not to be visited with capital punishment was violated when Castro, in 1904, had a man executed. He was a Spaniard, and he was a man's house was his castle, and that he was safe from arrest as long as he kept within his own territory. He was the first to violate that custom by sending troops into a house to arrest a man who had committed no crime other than that of expressing a desire for a change of administration.

A man left his office in Caracas to go to his home. He was a quiet business man who never meddled in politics. At his door he was arrested by three policemen, taken to prison and it was a week before his family knew where he was. He does not know to this day why he was arrested, nor why, after 10 days, he was liberated. There are now more than 500 political prisoners in the jails of Venezuela, and many of them were carted off to their cells without even the semblance of formal arraignment and trial.

**Judges Defy Him Sometimes.**  
The slightest criticism of Castro or any of his retainers is sufficient to cause the suppression of a newspaper, and perhaps, the imprisonment of its editor. This fact is so well known that it has been a long time since any newspaper has dared to criticize the administration in any newspaper.

If a judge on the bench decides a case contrary to Castro's wishes, off goes his official head. Yet let it be said to the honor of the bench of Venezuela that the courts have not tasted the tyrant's hand.

**An Outrageous Banishment.**  
Men suspected of harboring opinions contrary to those held by the supreme chief are expelled from the country at a moment's notice. One of the harshest cases of banishment was that of Mercaderes, a Porto Rican mining engineer. Being a Porto Rican, he is a man without a country. He had a claim against Venezuela which was urged at the time of the sitting of the mixed commission in Caracas five years ago. It was decided that as he was not in Porto Rico at the time of the transfer of sovereignty from Spain to the United States, he had no claim to the protection of the United States. He lived in Caracas with his family was prominent in business and social circles, was a director of the Club Cordoba, the leading social organization of the city, and expected always to make his home in Venezuela. One day, without notice of any kind, he was ordered to leave the country by the next steamer, which was sailing within 20 hours. He had to go, leaving his family without provision for their safety and practically without money. When he left Caracas there were but two of his friends to bid him good-bye. They were both Americans, and their names were taken by the police, presumably, to be reported to the president.

**Biggest Thief in the World.**  
Take the case of the electric light company of Caracas. The city of Caracas, which lies in a federal district, just as Washington does, is behind in the payment of its bills for electric lighting. The city government is dominated by Castro, and the company was paid to the repeated requests for a settlement. Finally, the company wrote to the governor of the city that it must have its money or it would be bankrupt and warning him that if steps were not taken to effect a settlement, the city lights would be out on the first of the next month. No reply was received to this letter and warning, on the last day of the month a company of soldiers marched to the electric light plant, took possession and ordered the secretary of the city to sign a check for the amount of the bill. The company which was confiscated and sold for \$100,000. The plant was ordered sold at auction and the proceeds were sent for Castro. The bondholders recovered something like 25 per cent of their in-

vestment, the stockholders got nothing. Immediately after the transfer the city of Caracas paid its bill, including all arrears, with interest. Then Castro abolished the gas company's franchise, shut down the gas plant and forced everybody to buy his electric light.

**Castro Grinds All the Flour.**  
Imported flour formerly sold in Caracas at \$16.15 a barrel. Castro decided that this was too much, so he arranged to "admit" wheat free of duty to the country. He then invited the mill himself and hired a man from Minneapolis to run it. It is the only factory of modern construction in the whole country. This was widely advertised as a great scheme to advance the business interests of the country, and the duty of flour was raised so as to cut out all competition. And now the flour from Mr. Castro's mill sells in Caracas for \$16.50 a barrel. And the people are hungry, while Castro reaps the profits.

The bubonic plague appeared in La Guayra, about 10 miles from Caracas. The physician who discovered and reported it, a man of high professional attainments, was promptly locked up in jail and Castro issued a decree that there was no plague. After awhile it was no longer possible to ignore the whole, and the government was quarantined against its seaport.

**Plague Stays in Caracas.**  
For three months there was not a train run over the railroad from Caracas to La Guayra, and the city was to be thus shut off from the outside world and the business men of the capital decided to fight the plague. They got up a fund and went to see Castro to ask him to contribute. Castro is the richest man in the country. He told the committee that he was glad to see them taking action, but that he could not help beyond giving his permission. Neither the government nor Castro, personally, gave one cent. The merchants organized a sanitary commission and cleaned up La Guayra. Formerly, the dirtiest port in South America, it is now the cleanest. The rats were exterminated and the plague was stamped out. There has not been a case in La Guayra since the middle of July. But the plague got into Caracas and there it still is. The government will do nothing to stamp it out, and the merchants have exhausted their resources. Besides, it doesn't hurt business so much to have the plague in Caracas as long as the port is open.

Robbing his own people as well as "restoring" the things held by foreigners, Castro holds dominion over his cringing underlings by wielding the iron rod. He does not brook a difference of opinion, and he is a master in policy. The people fear him. But the people are hungry, and there comes a time when a hungry man forgets what fear is.

## SEVENTEEN SHEEP ARE KILLED BY HUNGRY COUGARS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Roseburg, Or., Oct. 25.—On going out to salt his band of 28 sheep, Leander Mathews, who lives near Peel, 23 miles east of here, found 17 of them dead in the pasture. On investigation it was discovered that several cougars had made a raid on the band. The tracks showed plainly that it was cougars, but the trails were too cold to be picked up by the dogs. There is an abundance of these animals and also a number of black bear in this section this fall. Several big bear have been killed near this city in the past few days, one within a half mile of the city limits last Sunday.

## ARM CAUGHT BY ROLLER OF PLANER

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Anacortes, Wash., Oct. 26.—Maynard Collier, son of Dave Collier, a pioneer of this city, had a miraculous escape from a horrible death when he was rescued just in time to save him from being carried bodily beneath the roller of one of the pig planers at the Fidalgo Mill company's plant here. As it is he is at the hospital and it may be necessary to amputate his arm, for it was horribly crushed beneath the weight of the heavy rollers.

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## STEVENS GIVES HIS SIDE OF CONSPIRACY

The following statement from Robert Andrews & Son, commission merchants, explaining the trouble that firm has had with the fire department relative to accepting certain supplies furnished the department, has been received by The Journal. It was received by The Journal—To the Editor of the Journal—I desire to make a statement through the columns of your paper as to the difficulty I have had in supplying the fire department with feed of which so much has been said. When Andrews & Son made their bid for supplying feed to the fire department, they knew nothing of the personal animosity of the fire chief, hereafter. Now who are the officers, and how are the officers filled? We have the chief, David Campbell. One of the other subordinate officers who are appointed, we understand, upon the recommendation of the fire chief, is Mr. Stevens. When we received the contract to supply the fire department with feed, we were informed by Battalion Chief Stevens that he would inspect the feed for the department, and I will state some of the difficulties that we encountered. We delivered two tons of the best grade of eastern Oregon timothy hay, and Mr. Stevens did not accept it. We rejected all of it, save six bales. We hauled the remainder back and piled it up in our warehouse. In a few days that station must have some more hay, when we loaded the same hay that we had rejected on our wagon and delivered it to the same station that had rejected it, when it was promptly accepted and promptly paid for. This hay was strictly No. 1 hay, but as it costs us about a dollar a ton to deliver hay, we were put to a needless expense of \$150.

**Earthquake at Cairo, Illinois.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Cairo, Ill., Oct. 25.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here last night. The quake lasted fully five seconds and was accompanied by a low rumbling noise. The motion of the quake was from the southwest to the northeast. So far as is known no great damage was done.

**\$100.00 REWARD**  
Would gladly be paid for a cure by many people who are crippled with rheumatism, yet if they only knew it they can be cured by a few bottles of Ballard's Snow Liniment, and the price is only 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Skidmore Drug Co.

men take great pride in their horses, and they would see that they got good feed, if it was left to them. In our fire department officered as it should be, I will leave this to the good people of our city.  
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P. S.—Since writing the above my attention has been called to a statement by Battalion Chief Stevens published in The Journal on October 22, the morning of the investigation. In this communication, he says that he is not afraid of the charges—remember that he preferred the charges, not us—as he did not accept a carload of straw, only 12 bales, and that the remainder is still in John Ahlstedt's basement.  
Now the fact is that we proved on that very day before the committee, by the sworn statement of five competent witnesses that Mr. Stevens did accept a carload of straw at that time, and that he had formerly rejected while on the car, and then again when in our warehouse. The straw of which he says he accepted 12 bales, and that the remainder is now in Ahlstedt's basement, is all in Ahlstedt's basement, as Mr. Stevens did not accept a single bale of it. But this car of straw was exactly like the carload that he did accept, and no human being could have told one load from the other.  
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## CANNON MAKES GOOD SPEAKER, DECLARES CONGRESSMAN ELLIS

"Are you going to support and vote for Uncle Joe Cannon for speaker of the house of representatives, if he is re-elected to that body?"  
"If you are, why do you consider him to be the candidate who should be supported by you?"  
The foregoing questions were put to Congressman W. R. Ellis of the Second district of Oregon, yesterday afternoon at the Imperial hotel. Mr. Ellis was troubled. He considered at length; then: "I am not prepared to state. If Mr. Cannon is the party nominee, I will vote for him. I don't care to say how I would vote in caucus."  
"But, suppose, Mr. Ellis," the interviewer, persisted, "that the choice of a speaker of the house lay absolutely with you. Whom would you select?"  
"It is no use to suppose anything of the kind," replied the congressman. "There is no possibility of such a thing."  
"Of course not; but we are just supposing. Who do you think is the best man in the party for the position of speaker of the house?"  
"I am not prepared to answer. There are many good men. I think Mr. Cannon has made a good speaker. His administration of the rules has been no stricter than that of Mr. Reed or Mr. Clegg. I was a member of the house under both. I have no more getting recognition from Mr. Cannon than I did from Mr. Reed or Mr. Clegg."  
"But it is not entirely on the ground of arbitrary administering of the rules that Mr. Cannon is being opposed for re-election," Congressman Ellis was reminded.  
"He is charged with being affiliated

## WHEN BLOOD IS CAUSED FROM AN INFECTION OF THE CIRCULATION BY THE VIRUS OF CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON, IT USUALLY SHOWS IN THE FORM OF ULCERATED MOUTH AND THROAT, COPPER-COLORED SPOTCHES ON THE BODY, SWOLLEN GLANDS IN THE GROIN, FALLING FEVER, SORES AND ULCERS, ETC.

When bad blood is caused from an infection of the circulation by the virus of Contagious Blood Poison, it usually shows in the form of ulcerated mouth and throat, copper-colored spotches on the body, swollen glands in the groin, falling fever, sores and ulcers, etc. These general symptoms, affecting all parts of the body, show how deeply poisoned the blood becomes, and emphasizes the dangerous character of the trouble. If allowed to remain in the system the disease will finally wreck the health and break down the strongest constitution. No medicine can cure Contagious Blood Poison which does not rid the circulation of every particle of the virus. S. S. S. is the one real and certain cure; it goes down to the very bottom of the trouble, and by removing every trace of the poison, and adding rich, healthful qualities to the blood, forever cures this powerful disorder. S. S. S. is the most reliable of all blood purifiers, and its concentrated ingredients of healthful vegetable extracts and juices especially adapt it to curing this insidious trouble. Write for our home treatment book, which is a valuable aid in the treatment of the different stages of the disease, and ask for any special medical advice you wish. No charge for either.

## S.S.S. FOR BAD BLOOD

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with the trusts."  
"If it can be proved that Mr. Cannon is affiliated with the trusts and that he is working in their interests I will not vote for him," replied Mr. Ellis. "But it would have to be proved pretty conclusively before I would believe it. If it is proved, those opposed to him will have no difficulty in defeating him."

# The Time Is Up

Saturday at midnight, and this great sale must end. Never was there such a slaughtering of prices as now going on at

## The Wreck Sale

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Not an article of this great stock shall remain, not so much as a pin will be left; the most drastic, desperate slaughter ever known in the history of the West. An opportunity to save from 40 to 90 cents on every dollar you spend. Come prepared for the greatest sacrifice you ever saw. Remember, every article must be sold by Saturday at midnight, no matter how low we are forced to cut prices. Make your own prices is practically the idea.

## Here Are Red-Hot Bargains

- 3¢ for Black Cotton Hose worth 10c.
- 5¢ for Linen Collars worth 15c.
- 8¢ for Pillow Cases worth 20c.
- 45¢ for Sheets worth 90c.
- 29¢ for Work Shirts worth 75c.
- 23¢ for Cotton Underwear worth 65c.
- 89¢ for Wool Underwear worth \$2.00.
- 43¢ for Dress Shirts worth \$1.25.
- \$1.19 for Silk Shirts worth \$3.00.
- 29¢ for Neckties worth 75c.
- 16¢ for Wool Sox worth 35c.
- 39¢ for Sweaters worth \$1.00.
- 8¢ for Fancy Sox worth 25c.
- 45¢ for Black Sateen Shirts worth \$1.00.
- 49¢ for Cotton Blankets worth \$1.00.
- 79¢ for Cotton Blankets worth \$1.50.
- 6¢ for Ladies' Hose worth 15c.
- 43¢ for Ladies' Underwear worth \$1.00.
- 19¢ for Leather Gloves worth 50c.
- 89¢ for Work Pants worth \$1.75.
- \$1.29 for Dress Pants worth \$2.50.

- \$2.29 for Fine Dress Pants worth \$5.00.
- 95¢ for Men's Hats worth \$2.50.
- \$1.85 for Men's Stetson Style Hats worth \$5.00.
- \$1.29 for Boys' Suits worth \$3.00.
- \$3.89 for Men's Suits worth \$10.00.
- \$1.89 for Ladies' Black Cloaks worth \$7.50.
- 89¢ for Ladies' Waists worth \$2.50.
- 4¢ for Towels worth 10c.
- 89¢ for Ladies' Furs worth \$3.00.
- 39¢ for Ladies' Umbrellas worth \$1.50.
- \$1.19 for Ladies' Shoes worth \$2.25.
- \$1.45 for Children's Shoes worth \$2.50.
- \$1.85 for Men's Dress Shoes worth \$3.50.
- \$2.65 for Goodyear Welt Shoes worth \$5.00.
- \$3.65 for Viscolized Waterproof Shoes worth \$7.00.
- 49¢ for Lace Curtains worth \$1.50.
- 39¢ for Ladies' Flannelette Gowns worth \$1.00.
- 39¢ for Ladies' Flannelette Kimonos worth \$1.00.
- 10¢ for Men's Ties worth 25c.
- \$6.85 for Men's Wool Suits worth \$15.00.
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