

# GOMEZ SUPREME; ENEMIES CRUSHED

## Puts an End to Castro's Dictatorship in Venezuela.

**Nips Plot to Assassinate Him by Daring Act—Seeks Peace With Powers and Suspends Decree Against Holland—No More Cash Will Go to Castro.**

Caracas, Dec. 24.—The end of the rule in Venezuela of Cipriano Castro has come. The dictator who has governed the republic with a rod of iron ever since he took forcible possession of the Yellow House in Caracas in 1899, is now openly charged with conspiracy to encompass the assassination of the man whom he left at the head of the republic when he sailed away on November 23 from La Guayra, nominally to secure skilled medical aid in Berlin for a malady of long standing, and is today thoroughly discredited.

The Bank of Venezuela has called its correspondents at Berlin and Paris cancelling the unlimited letter of credit given to Senor Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe, and no one in Caracas believes he will ever return to the capital. The Castro cabinet has been forced to resign, and a new and progressive ministry has been appointed by Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president.

The attempt on the life of Senor Gomez was frustrated by the coolness and courage and the daring act of the president himself. Alone and unsupported, he arrested the ringleaders of the conspiracy with his own hands in the presence of their armed adherents, and after this action he issued a proclamation saying that not only had he saved his own life, but he had maintained the highest ideals of the republic.

Already the new administration shows signs of a desire and intention to settle the disputes between Venezuela and foreign powers that have kept the republic in a light of unenviable notoriety for several years past. At a conference held yesterday between Senor Gomez and Baron von Seckendorff, the German minister in charge of the interests of Holland since the departure of the Dutch minister, M. de Reus, last summer, it was agreed to suspend the operation of the decree issued by President Castro prohibiting the transshipment of goods destined for Venezuela. Pending the signing of a treaty between Holland and a duly empowered Venezuelan commissioner, the Dutch warships that have been patrolling the Venezuelan coast for nearly three weeks will be withdrawn.

## CASTRO KEPT IN IGNORANCE

### Would Refuse to Believe His Downfall if He Were Informed.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Castro apparently is unaware of his downfall or the gravity of the occurrences in Venezuela. Members of his party say he receives no dispatches of any kind. The opinion is steadily gaining ground here that Castro's power is completely broken.

One of the most prominent members of his suite, who did not wish his name made public, said:

"No one has informed President Castro concerning the reports of what is going on, as the president would refuse to believe the dispatches. I cannot ask the president's opinion on these things, because he is on a sick bed. I am perfectly sure that he has not received a dispatch since Sunday, and am certain that there has been no exchange of cipher dispatches, because the president does not possess a secret code."

The same personage ridiculed the idea of Castro's complicity in a plot to assassinate the acting president, Senor Gomez.

## RECORD WORK ON CANAL.

### Thirty-seven Million Yards Taken Out This Year.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The Panama canal will be opened January 1, 1915, according to an official communication received yesterday by the California Promotion committee from Joseph Bucklin Bishop, secretary of the canal commission. The statement in part is as follows:

"There has been excavated from the line of the canal since the Americans took control about 56,000,000 cubic yards. This is as near as can be calculated at the present time, and is about one-third of the entire excavation necessary to complete the work. Of this 56,000,000 cubic yards, about 55,000,000 has been removed during the last three years. In 1908, down to November 1, nearly 31,000,000 cubic yards were removed, and the total for this year will not be far from 27,000,000 cubic yards. This will bring the grand total of American excavation to about 60,000,000 cubic yards."

## Calls 2-Cent Rate Just.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The state today began the introduction of evidence to support its side in the Missouri rate case, in which the state seeks to prove that the 2-cent fare and maximum freight laws of Missouri are not confiscatory. A. P. Tallafiero, who has been in charge of the state's investigations into the earnings and expenses of various railroads, declared that the relative cost to the railroad companies per passenger mile was less for state than for interstate

## Bullet for Aerial War.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A Göttingen gunsmith named Schraeder has invented and patented an expanding bullet adapted for the destruction of dirigible balloons. The bullet can be fired from the regular infantry rifle.

## ASKS FOR FRIENDSHIP.

### Eight Months' Rupture With Venezuela Draws to Close.

Washington, Dec. 25.—After eight months, the United States has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela, and William I. Buchanan has left on the cruiser North Carolina to visit that country, look into the situation and make a report to the state department. This will decide whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the government.

It has not yet been fully established that the Gomez government will retain its power without trouble, as there are many adherents of President Castro in the country. Indeed, the possibility that disorder may arise is indicated in a request for an American ship at La Guayra, to which this government has promptly responded.

The general opinion is that the new order of things will open the way for the pacific settlement of Venezuela's disagreement with this country, Holland and France.

The refusal in March last of the Castro administration to consider separately the issues with the United States made it plain that diplomacy could accomplish nothing further toward their settlement.

In 1903 the Venezuelan government, having failed to satisfy claims against it by various powers, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, blockaded the ports of that country with the view to the forcible collection of the debts.

## LABOR LEADERS SENTENCED

### Prison for Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, Who Appeal.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Judge Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia yesterday for contempt of court in violating an order enjoining them from placing on the unfair or "We don't patronize" list the Buck Stove & Range company, of St. Louis.

All of the defendants were in court when sentence was pronounced and notice of an appeal to the District of Columbia appellate court was filed. Gompers being released on \$5,000 bond, Mitchell on \$4,000 and Morrison on \$3,000.

Judge Wright's decision, which consumed two hours and twenty minutes in reading, was a scathing arraignment. "Everywhere," the court said, "all over, within the court and out, rampant, insolent defiance is heralded and proclaimed; unrefined insult, affront, vulgar indignity, measures the litigants' conception of the tribunal's duty wherein his cause still pends."

## OUSTS OIL TRUST.

### Missouri Supreme Court Lands Blow to Rockefeller.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 25.—The state supreme court yesterday handed down a decision which ousts the Standard Oil company of Indiana, and the Republic Oil company, perpetually from the state.

The decision also dissolves the Waters-Pierce Oil company of St. Louis. In addition to the other features of the decision, each company is fined \$50,000.

The fight on the Standard in this state has been waged for a number of years. Attorney General Hadley, the governor-elect, was the prime mover in the fight on the Rockefeller interests. He caused a big sensation several years ago by going to New York to take testimony and putting the high financiers of the Standard through one of the most trying examinations they ever withstood.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company for many years was the representative of the Standard in Missouri. Its connection with the Standard was denied steadfastly for years, but proof that it is a subsidiary has been developed in both the state case and the federal suits. The Republic Oil company is a similar concern.

The order to dissolve the water company is effective January 15. Today's decision was the result of a suit started in 1905. Seven judges concurred. Judge Lamm in his individual decision declares the trust ought to be fined \$1,000,000. Judge Graves in his opinion says the evidence shows that the water company was taken over by the trust over the protest of the minority stockholders.

## New Chief for Bay City.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Sergeant Jesse B. Cook who for more than a year has been property clerk in the police department, with the brevet rank of captain, was last night appointed chief of police by the board of police commissioners, to succeed the late Chief W. J. Biggy, who was drowned on the night of November 30, while crossing the bay in the police launch patrol. Cook has been on the police force of this city since February 18, 1888.

## Bank Clerk Gets Five Years.

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—Herbert W. Tiers, formerly a discount clerk in the First National bank, was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary yesterday. Early in 1906 Tiers embezzled \$51,000.

# HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

## Saturday, December 19.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Both houses of congress adjourned today until January 4. During the two weeks' intermission many of the representatives and senators will return to their homes to spend the holidays. A number will remain at the capital to participate in the deliberations of minor committees, although the big tariff hearing, which has consumed five weeks of the time of the ways and means committee of the house, is practically ended.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Vice-President Fairbanks today announced a senatorial committee of Senators Knox, Lodge and Bacon to co-operate with a committee from the lower house in making preparations for the inauguration of President-elect Taft.

Senator Flint, of California, today introduced a bill in congress for the establishment at South San Francisco of a naval base for the Pacific coast.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Cushman, of Washington, has unsuccessfully attempted to get the house to consider his bill opening to homestead entry 1240 acres of land on Puget sound, now abandoned military reservations, occupied by 64 settlers.

The Southern Pacific railroad is granted the privilege of constructing a tunnel under the Fort Mason military reservation, in San Francisco, from its tracks to the wharf, in a bill which passed the house today. The bill has passed the senate, only the president's signature being required now to make it a law.

## LECTURE TOUR FOR HENEY.

### While Graft Prosecutor Rests He Will Tell How He Did It.

Washington, Dec. 26.—F. J. Heney, of San Francisco, the noted prosecutor of the alleged "graft" cases, who was shot about a month ago by Morris Haas, a former convict, during the trial of the Ruef case in San Francisco, reached Washington tonight, accompanied by Mrs. Heney.

Mr. Heney will call upon the president at the White House tomorrow. The principal purpose of his trip east, Mr. Heney said, when seen tonight by the Associated Press, was for rest and recreation. He added that his desire to see President Roosevelt before his departure for Africa also had induced him to make the trip.

Mr. Heney said he was in splendid health, except for a slight weakness, and that he had completely recovered from his wounds. With his wife he will spend a month at this side of the continent and during that time he will deliver a series of lectures.

## Give Names of Soldiers.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The following are the names of the soldiers who died in the Philippine islands of acute alcoholism, resulting from drinking methyl served to them as vino, a native drink: John Duffy, Edward C. Clark, Thomas W. Bing and Charles Delaney, of Company L, Eighteenth infantry, and Otto Kuppe, John J. Phelan, Frank L. Smith, James E. Curtis, Samuel E. Bramel, John O. Corbel and William Nickolas, of Company M, Eighteenth infantry.

## Gudger Chief Justice.

Washington, Dec. 25.—H. H. Gudger, of North Carolina, will be appointed by President Roosevelt to be chief justice of the supreme court of the Panama canal zone for a term of six years, to succeed D. M. Duran, whose term expires January 1. It is understood that Secretary Wright has recommended to the president this appointment. Mr. Gudger is an associate justice of the canal zone supreme court.

## Bacon to Succeed Root.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It has been decided that Assistant Secretary Bacon shall be secretary of state after January 16. It was announced at the White House today that the plans of Secretary Root had not been changed and that he would give up his portfolio about January 16, before he was balloted on for United States senator by the legislature of New York.

## President Makes Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt today made the following appointments: Register of the land office at North Yakima, Wash., Harry Y. Saint; postmasters, William M. Brown, Lebanon, Or.; J. E. Bosley, Falls City, Or.; Merritt A. Baker, Weston, Or.; L. W. Sherriff, Ogden, Utah; William P. Ely, Kelso, Wash.

## Warships Leave Panama.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Pacific fleet, which has been at Panama for several days, sailed today for Talcahuano, Chile. The Colorado remained at Panama in order to enable her to take on board Captain C. B. Moore, who will succeed Captain Edmund B. Underwood, who is ill at Mare Island. She will sail December 29.

## Dynamite Killed 21 Men.

Washington, Dec. 26.—According to the latest advices to the Isthmian Canal commission, there have been 21 deaths so far as the result of the premature explosion of dynamite at San Obispo December 17.

## Jailed Charge d'Affaires.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A late charge d'affaires of Venezuela at Washington, whose name is not given in the department's advices, is among those imprisoned at Caracas as a result of the plot to assassinate Vice-President Gomez.

## Warships for Venezuela.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The state department admitted today that the battleships Maine and North Carolina are en route to Venezuela.

## PLAN MONSTER SHIPS.

### Larger Than Any Yet Built or Even Designed Are Considered.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The navy department is considering the desirability of constructing monster battleships, bigger than anything yet built or even designed elsewhere. One plan presented by the naval board of construction calls for eight 14-inch guns and a displacement of 25,000 tons, while another plan provides for twelve 12-inch guns and a displacement of 26,000 tons. In the 14-inch gun ship the thickness of the turret, side and barbette armor will be thicker than in the 12-inch gun ship, giving better protection than the latter will enjoy.

Two designs have been prepared for the 14-inch gun ship. There have long been serious differences among naval experts regarding the advisability of using bigger guns than 14-inch, on account of the probability that the discharge of the bigger guns would seriously rock the ship. Moreover, it is known that under some conditions eight-inch guns, for instance, are more effective than 10-inch.

The navy department is pretty well committed to the all-big-gun-ship plan and congress may consider it favorably when the matter is properly presented. The speed of the new ships is intended to be from 20 to 20½ knots an hour under trial conditions of load.

## MAKE OVER NAVY.

### Roosevelt Says If Root Will Boss Job It Can Be Done.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt is seriously contemplating his plan for the appointment of a special commission to reorganize the navy department by eliminating the bureau system. He finds that the enlargements of the membership of the general board which Secretary Newberry accomplished upon assuming his duties on December 1, and the appointment of Herbert L. Satterlee, the well-known exponent of the president's naval theories, as assistant secretary of the navy, have fallen short of effecting the reforms which the three men had in mind.

Because of what he considers to be the pressing necessity of reorganization, and undismayed by the intimation that congress will not pass any such measure before the conclusion of his term of office, President Roosevelt is again sounding leading naval experts with a view of securing their co-operation.

The president told several of his callers today that, if Secretary Root would accept the chairmanship of this committee, the success of his plan would be guaranteed.

## Withdrawn Lands Restored.

Washington, Dec. 23.—More than 20,000 acres of vacant and unappropriated lands heretofore temporarily withdrawn for forest purposes near the Cache national forest, Utah, will become subject to settlement on February 23, according to an announcement at the general land office today. The lands lie in northern Utah, near Logan, in the Salt Lake City land district. They will not be subject to entry and filing until March 23.

## Pulitzer Will Study Canal.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Word was received here tonight that Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, reached Hampton Roads this afternoon on his private yacht Liberty, en route for Panama, accompanied by several members of the staff of his paper. It is understood that Mr. Pulitzer intends to make a personal investigation of affairs on the isthmus.

## Works for Salary Raise.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Bourne, of Oregon, author of a bill to increase the salary of the president of the United States to \$100,000 a year, and the salary of the vice-president to \$25,000, is making a strong campaign for his measure. He said today that he believed it would be passed by both houses of congress shortly after the holiday recess.

## Increase in Minerals.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A remarkable increase in the value of mineral production since the beginning of the new century is announced in a report of the geological survey on the mineral resources of the United States. This includes all of the principal mineral products, representing an annual output of over \$2,000,000,000, an advance of more than 100 per cent in less than ten years.

## Scouts Spread Civilization.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The value of the Philippine scouts as educators as well as pacification is shown in the annual report of Brigadier Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, which is published today. The scout service is commended by the chief as fostering high standards of living among the Filipinos, and as extending American influence.

## Root as Senator.

Washington, Dec. 22.—It was announced at the White House late this afternoon that it was understood that Elihu Root will resign as secretary of state if he is elected senator from New York, and that he will be succeeded by Assistant Secretary Robert Bacon. That Root will receive the New York toga is believed to be almost certain.

## Sails for Unknown Port.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The battleship Maine sailed today from Hampton Roads under sealed orders. Information regarding the sudden departure of the vessel was refused at the navy department, but it is thought the warship has gone to Venezuelan waters.

## QUAKES IN MONTANA.

### Virginia City is Shaken and School-house Topples.

Virginia City, Mont., Dec. 23.—Two earthquakes in ten minutes, the first at 2:25 this afternoon, caused the wildest excitement in this city, the panic-stricken people rushing into the streets in the belief that the buildings were about to topple over. Structures trembled violently, plaster came down, dishes were thrown to the floor, the main school building, a two-story brick, was badly cracked, and the ground rent with seams from one to three inches wide.

Two more shocks were experienced this evening, one at 6:35, the other at 6:50, and again sent the people hurrying into the streets. The first of the tremors was felt yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and another at 7:30 this morning.

Frank Pace, who arrived from the Crater lakes, the scene of an extinct volcano, six miles south of Virginia City, where 13 old craters have been filled with water, forming a chain of lakes, states that the ground heaved there like the bosom of a lake, causing immense fissures to form in the mountain and rending the cliffs. Some of these fissures, according to Mr. Pace, are from a foot and a half to two and a half feet wide.

There is a belief that water of the Crater lakes has found its way through subterranean passages to the remains of the fires of the old volcanoes, although the Yellowstone park is only 75 miles from here.

## PREDICTS CHEAP LUMBER.

### Edward Hines Says Lower Cost of Manufacture is Responsible.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Edward Hines, newly elected president of the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber company, the largest combine in the world of its kind, predicts cheaper lumber and a new era in its production as a result of the new organization.

"It is our intention to cheapen the cost of manufacturing, and, of course, to cheapen the cost to consumers proportionately," said Mr. Hines. "We will not do this, however, at the expense of the country by reckless or wasteful lumbering methods. We will work in harmony with the forest departments of the United States and Canada, and we hope to make money out of the things that they will ask us to do. For instance, we will utilize all the timber on the ground we cut over. We will not simply pick out the choice trees, leaving dead wood and brush to feed forest fires. We will clear the land, so that instead of being a worthless wilderness after it is cut over, it will be available for farming purposes.

"We are also hoping that a further reduction may be made in the cost of lumber to American consumers by the taking off of the tariff. The greater part of our land is in Canada, and this would enable us to bring the Canadian lumber into the United States, a thing that the tariff practically prohibits now."

## GASPIPE THUG IS CAUGHT.

### Cracks Jeweler's Skull, but Prompt Alarm is Effective.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Sigmund Hartig, a jeweler of the Mission district, is lying in the hospital with a fractured skull tonight as a result of the attempted robbery of his place of business in broad daylight, the crime being very similar to the gaspipe outrages which terrorized this city two years ago.

Hartig's establishment was entered this afternoon by Louis Schultz, an ex-convict, who pretended that he desired to purchase a \$50 diamond. When the dealer displayed the gem, Schultz attempted to grab it and struck Hartig with a section of gaspipe rolled up in a piece of paper. Hartig saw the action and dodged back, but did not entirely avoid the blow, which struck him on the side of the head. He did not lose his hold on the jewel, however, and retained consciousness long enough to give the alarm, which resulted in the capture of his assailant after a short chase.

Schultz was released from the penitentiary on December 3.

## Biggy's Death Explained.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The coroner's jury today visited the waterfront to view the police launch patrol from which Chief of Police William J. Biggy was lost overboard on the night of November 30. It is believed the jury will bring in a verdict of accidental drowning, in view of the demonstration made by boatmen that the launch rolls easily, and that it was possible for a man to fall over the side. It is believed the jury will take into consideration the possibility that Biggy struck his head on a ringbolt imbedded in the afterdeck as he fell.

## Lumber Combine in Minnesota.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 23.—The much talked of lumber combine that has been forming came to full development here today. The combine is the most powerful factor in the lumber world, and will control 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber in the northwest. It will also control the Duluth & Rainy Lake railroad and a fleet of 70 great lake lumber vessels. Its assets, at the least, are estimated at \$10,000,000. The name adopted is the Duluth & Rainy Lake Lumber company.

## Claimant to Millions.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 23.—J. F. Springer, yardmaster of the Southern Pacific company at Reno, is a third claimant for a share of the estate of the late Christopher Springer, said to be a German baron, who died leaving property worth \$80,000,000 in Wilmington, Del.

# GASTRO'S DEPUTY TURNS ON CHIEF

## Gomez Sets Up New Government in Venezuela.

**Names New Cabinet in Place of Old Rebels Cowed by Force—Country in Turmoil and Censorship Established—Gomez Takes Action in Self Defense.**

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—Vice-President J. Vincent Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in various ways in the country's political history.

Not only has Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. General Diego Ferren, the minister of war, has been superseded by General Redulo Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago. A new governor of Caracas has been appointed.

Secret advices from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps.

The revolutionary factions played a prominent part in the demonstration against the absent president. These were temporarily checked by a show of force, and later the revolutionary influence that threatened to sweep the country was overcome in a measure by promises that could not be held long in abeyance.

The establishment of a new government in Venezuela has been expected daily, and it is probable that it was the outcome of the demands which began almost the day that Castro sailed for Europe.

Gomez was far from secure. It was brought forcibly home to him that he must either withdraw from that office or cast aside those of Castro's ministers who still were trying to force the Castro rule upon the people. Apparently he chose the latter course.

He first declared the country in a state of defense, thereby securing control of the army, and then appointed a new cabinet.

On several other occasions when Castro has turned over the government to Vice-President Gomez it was freely predicted that Gomez would succeed Castro as president of the republic. He had many supporters in the anti-Castro camp, chief among them in favor of his candidacy being General Arando, the former minister of war, who worked earnestly to place Gomez in power.

## Castro Goes to Hospital.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—President Castro of Venezuela removed yesterday to Dr. Israel's hospital, to undergo a course of treatment.

## AMERICAN POMPEII FOUND.

### Arizona Excavations Reveal a Buried City of Great Size.

Washington, Dec. 22.—An American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light, according to the annual report of Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Under a special congressional appropriation, the work of excavating a pre-historic buried city at Casa Grande, near Florence, Ariz., has been conducted by Dr. J. Walter Fawkes. Already a number of structures have been discovered, but the largest one excavated during the year was a building 200 feet long with 11 rooms, the massive walls enclosing a plaza.

In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "The Seat of Montezuma." The ruins at Casa Grande were found to be very much more extensive than was anticipated.

## Test for Cruisers' Coal.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 22.—The three scout cruisers Salem, Chester and Birmingham, which are being put through various tests to determine the relative efficiency of the turbine and reciprocating types of engines, will be given some long sea runs about February 1 for the purpose of testing coal endurance. Each will be sent out with bunkers full, 1400 tons, and will be required to make a run of 2000 miles at a uniform speed of 20 knots. Upon returning here the coal remaining will be weighed to determine the amount consumed.

## Mob Tears Up Tracks.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—Enraged because the Lincoln Traction company refused to reduce the fare from 10 to 5 cents between Lincoln and Havelock, a suburb, where the Burlington shops are located, a mob of 150 men began tearing up the company's tracks at the latter place. The town mayor was appealed to, but was unable to stop the depredations. A telephone message at 2 A. M. states that an attempt is being made to burn the company's barns.

The San Francisco police commission has fixed blame on Captain Duske for not properly searching Haas when he was arrested, overlooking the revolver concealed in his shoe.

S. C. Lillis, a wealthy cattleman of Lemonsville, Cal., has been sentenced to spend six months in jail and pay a fine of \$1,000 for illegally fencing large areas of government land.