

# SENATE HAS GRAVE FEARS

## For Outcome of Venezuelan Situation

### AFRAID MONROE DOCTRINE

#### Will Be Transgressed and the United States Forced to Interfere

THE QUESTION DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION — ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES FROM SISTER REPUBLICS INDICATE SYMPATHY AND ALARM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the Senate in executive session today for almost an hour, the question coming up informally almost immediately after the doors were closed. Senator Teller, disclaiming all intention of being critical, and saying he merely desired information, asked Senator Cullom, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, what information he possessed as to the Venezuelan affairs. Teller said that the situation was such that the Senators felt that the Monroe Doctrine at any time might become involved if the complication should continue.

Senator Cullom replied that he had no knowledge of recent events not contained in the House prints. The tone of all the speeches, whether by Republicans or Democrats, was that the attitude of this nation should be one of watchfulness. There was a general agreement that, while the means adopted by Great Britain and Germany for the collection of their debts had been quite strenuous, they thus far had committed no infringement of the Monroe Doctrine, and therefore had done nothing to which the United States could take exception.

#### Has Sympathy of Sisters.

New York, Dec. 16.—In reply to dispatches addressed to its correspondents in the most prominent of the South American and Central American Republics, asking for the position of each Government in the Venezuelan situation, the Associated Press has received the following replies: Lima, Peru, Dec. 16.—The newspapers of Peru are in favor of collective action in support of Venezuela by all South American Republics. The Peruvian Government, however, is not disposed to take any action in the matter.

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 16.—While the Bolivian Government is not prepared to take any steps to assist Venezuela in the present crisis, the newspapers of Bolivia express themselves in favor of joint action on the part of all the Republics of South America in support of Venezuela against the allied powers.

Salvador, Salvador, Dec. 16.—The newspapers here are urging the South American Republics to support Venezuela, but the Government of Salvador is not likely to take any action.

Quayquil, Ecuador, Dec. 16.—The news of the bombardment of the forts at Pueno Cabello has further excited the Ecuadorians who were already greatly incensed at the sinking of the Venezuelan warships. The Government is not likely to take any action, however.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 16.—The Government of Argentina officially denies the reports that it contemplates intervention in the dispute between Venezuela and the allied powers.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 16.—Owing to the great distance separating the two countries, little is known here regarding the origin of the differences between Venezuela and the allied powers. But the Government and the people of Chile deplore the events which have led the sister Republic into the serious situation. Chile's principle has always been to pay her debts, and it is held that Venezuela ought to do the same.

Panama, Colombia, Dec. 16.—On account of his having helped the Colombian revolutionists, President Castro has no friends in the Colombian Government.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 16.—The Brazilian Government is absolutely indifferent in regard to the Venezuelan troubles. The high officials and prominent men here do not sympathize with President Castro.

### ASSAULTED CHINAMAN

#### AH SLOP, THE SOUTH ALBANY SCAVENGER, MAY DIE FROM INJURIES.

Sunday afternoon Ah Slop, who resides south of town and gathers swill throughout the city, was assaulted by a crowd of boys, while on his way home, and was beaten into insensibility, says the Albany Herald. The boys, it is said, followed him from the business part of town, and when on Ferry street, near the S. P. track, they threw rocks and clubs at the defenseless heathen, knocking him out of the wagon and rendering him unconscious. The officers were notified and warrants were sworn out for the gang. They were apprehended with difficulty, two attempting to escape on the overland, one going to a lumber camp across the river and the others secreting themselves at places in town.

Sheriff Huston, Chief of Police McClain and Constable Whitney acted promptly in the matter and yesterday afternoon the entire number were arraigned in Justice Gaubraith's court. They were Frank Albright, Fred Mosier, Cleve Blyeu, Wm. Crawford, Lloyd Clevinger and Wm. Cotchaf. They were held in \$250 bond to await their examination which will be

held this morning at 9 o'clock. Percy R. Kelly appeared for the state and W. R. Blyeu represented the defendants. They will answer to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, unless the Celestial should die, and the young men will then confront a more serious charge. Ah Slop, whose other name is Louis, is in a critical condition, and just what the outcome will be is hard to determine. He is suffering from a multitude of bruises on his head, arms and body, and is said to be in much pain. The defendants all reside in this city, and range from 15 to 19 years old. Several of them are leaders of a gang that has infested the water front for several months and have caused the police no end of worry and trouble. They certainly did not realize the seriousness of their crime when they followed the unoffending Chinaman, for if they are found guilty they will be severely punished.

#### Tunnel Franchise Granted.

New York, Dec. 16.—After repeated postponements the board of aldermen today by a vote of 41 to 26 granted the Pennsylvania Railroad Tunnel Franchise.

## ITALY JOINS THE POWERS

### Presents Claims in Form of Ultimatum

### RIVA TO LEAVE CARACAS

#### And Turns Government Interests Over to Minister Bowen

SPAIN AND BELGIUM NOW URGE THAT THEIR CLAIMS BE ALLOWED — ENGLISH DO NOT HAVE MUCH FAITH IN CASTRO'S ARBITRATION PLEA.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—The Italian Minister to Venezuela, Signor De Riva, has received orders from Rome to leave Caracas tomorrow morning. He will go on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Baunza at La Guayra. Signor De Riva has been instructed by his Government to present to Venezuela, in the form of an ultimatum, Italy's demand for the immediate payment of \$542,000 to meet the Italian claims arising from former revolutions.

As it is known that the Venezuelan Government cannot pay the amount demanded, the communication to the Minister includes orders to leave Venezuela at once. The ultimatum from Italy is couched in stronger terms than those used in the ultimatums presented to Venezuela by Great Britain and Germany. The interests of Italy in Venezuela will be placed in the hands of United States Minister Bowen. The Italian colony in Caracas is a very numerous one.

The Ultimatum Presented. Caracas, Dec. 16.—Senor De Riva presented Italy's ultimatum to Venezuela at 5 o'clock this evening.

#### Spain and Belgium, Too.

Caracas, Dec. 16.—The Spanish Minister to Venezuela, Senor Gaytan de Ayala, and the Belgian Charge d'Affaires, M. Vander Heyde, have presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, in which they ask, in case claims of other foreign powers are paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given the powers be accorded Spain and Belgium.

#### Not Much Faith in It.

London, Dec. 16.—Judging from the statements given out by the Foreign Office, the Venezuelan situation tonight does not appear to be any nearer a settlement. The Foreign Office points out that Venezuela's offer to arbitrate is extremely vague. President Castro in a communication in which he expresses his willingness to resort to arbitration, provides no guarantee that the rights of the British subjects in Venezuela will be respected pending the award.

#### May Give Him Courage.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Lansdowne's repudiation of any intention on the part of Great Britain to land forces in Venezuela, a statement, it is now thought, for the purpose of reassuring the United States, is commented upon by the papers this morning as likely to embolden President Castro in his resolution to defy the powers.

### DRIVE LOGS DOWN ROGUE

#### DELIVERING 100,000 FEET OF PINE AT MOUTH WILL BE TRIED.

GRANT'S PASS, OR., Dec. 16.—A. A. Hall, a lumberman of the Upper Rogue river, has contracted to furnish 100,000 feet of pine logs for R. D. Hume, of the lower river. Seventy-five thousand feet of the logs have already been placed in the river, and for the first time the experiment of floating logs from the source to the mouth of the Rogue is being tried. Unluckily, the logs were placed in the river just before its recent rise and as a result many of them were carried high and dry and ashed on bars and flats away from the main current of the stream. So soon as the remaining 25,000 feet are set afloat they will be followed up and the whole drive gathered up, as a crew of men will make all the trip down the river and roll in all the stranded logs as they are found.

If Mr. Hall makes a success of driving logs down the Rogue it is likely that a number of others will try the same feat. There is a quantity of fine sugar pine timber in the Upper Rogue country that can be brought to the mills easily if the logs can be driven down the river.

## ACCLAIM NORD AS PRESIDENT

### And Firing Continued in Port Au Prince

### SUPPORTERS OF PIERRES

#### Forced to Take Refuge in Foreign Consulates—Foreign Residents Safe

STATE AND NAVY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DEEM THE SITUATION SO GRAVE AS TO RENDEZVOUS FLEETS ON VENEZUELAN COAST.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 16.—All the military authorities, who have been supporters of Sepeque Pierres' candidacy for the Presidency, and therefore, opposed to General Nord, have sought refuge in the Foreign Consulates.

General Nord is acclaimed President by the troops and seems master of the situation. The firing continued this afternoon in the streets, but the foreign residents are in no danger.

#### To Be Prepared.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The disposition of the men-of-war of Admiral Dewey's fleet, during the holidays, is to be made under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy in view of the increasing complications arising in connection with Venezuela and the wishes of this Government not to arouse suspicion unnecessarily by dispatching a large naval force in the Venezuelan waters. The situation has grown so acute within the past few days that both the State and Navy Department officials are agreed that it will not be unwise to rendezvous a fleet in the ports within easy range on the Venezuelan coast.

#### Bryan Will Advise.

Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 16.—The rumor that Mexico has taken diplomatic action at Washington looking to the checking of a further fall in silver through co-operative international action, is commented on approvingly. The Government Department here has received innumerable suggestions as to the adoption of the gold standard, some for and some against that measure. Curiosity is expressed as to the purpose of Bryan's visit to Mexico at this time. The report credits him with having views to submit to the Government.

### CRAZY MAN'S DEEDS

#### CUT BOARDER'S HEAD ALMOST OFF AND SLASHED MOTHER AND SISTER

LA PERE, Mich., Dec. 16.—John Best, aged 28, single, a man of disordered mind, arose from his bed during the night and cut Jasper Clegg's head nearly off with a razor, dangerously wounded his own mother, wounded his sister and finished by shooting himself to death. Clegg, who was 60 years old, boarded with the Bests. Best was committed to the insane Asylum about a year ago, but six months later was discharged as cured. Best appears to have gone first to the sleeping-room of Clegg. He attacked Clegg with a razor, probably before the old man awoke. The victim's throat was slashed so deeply that the head was nearly severed from the body. The blade of the razor was broken by striking a bone. The murderer then evidently returned to his own room and to bed. The bedding in his room is covered with blood. At a later hour he again arose, went to the room of his mother. He struck Mrs. Best a blow with the damaged razor, but it fell short, although her chin was nearly cut off. She sprang out of bed, grappled with the crazy man and made her way to the door. Here she broke away from him and ran to a neighbor's, where she telephoned for the sheriff. Best next invaded the bedroom of his sister and slashed her across the cheek with the razor.

When Best heard Sheriff Meyers entering the house he appeared with a revolver and began shooting wildly. He aimed the last shot at his own head, and fell dead.

### INVESTIGATING FRAUDS

#### FOURTEEN CASES HEARD AT THE DALLES IN PAST EIGHT DAYS.

Capt. S. B. Ormsby has returned from The Dalles, where he has been for the past eight days, representing the Forestry Department in some fourteen land contests. These contests included land added to the Forest Reserve in Eastern Oregon by the President's proclamation issued on July 1, 1901. Superintendent Ormsby and Supervisor Dufur were ordered to make an investigation of the improvements and to ascertain if the entries have complied with the law up to the date of the proclamation. These fourteen claims were reported adversely by the forest officers. The entries demanded a hearing at the land office, which was held during the past eight days. The matter will be first decided by the local land office at The Dalles, then it goes to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for his decision.

### TWO TOUGH CHARACTERS

#### CORRALED BY THE OFFICERS LAST NIGHT—WERE INSOLENT AND MEAN.

About 8 o'clock last evening Officers Lewis and Murphy had the pleasure of running in a pair of hoboes who they

found operating on the streets of the city.

The fellows arrived in town some time yesterday, and being suspicious looking characters, the officers kept them under surveillance. They made a practice of striking certain ones whom they met upon the streets for money, and when the cash was not forthcoming would proceed to swear at and insult the one refusing to donate. Upon one occasion they struck the wrong man. Meeting a young man on Commercial street one of the toughs asked him for a quarter, and upon his request being refused, started in to abuse him, whereupon the young man promptly knocked him down.

These instances were reported to the officers and the arrests were made as stated. They are both young men and gave their names as Wm. Smith and Thomas McDolevne. When arrested Smith was wearing a pair of new tan shoes which he did not possess earlier in the day, and the supposition is that he may have not come by them through the regular channels of trade. They were given lodging in the city jail last night and will probably have a hearing before the police judge this morning.

## BROUGHT THE IMMIGRANTS

### Coal Companies Charged With the Responsibility

### BY PRESIDENT GOMPERS

#### Of the American Federation of Labor Before the Strike Commission

COULD PROVE ASSERTION IF NECESSARY—CREATED A SENSATION—AN INDIVIDUAL OPERATOR FAVORS CONCESSIONS—GAS TANK EXPLOSION.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 16.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Mine Workers announced yesterday that they had closed with the exception of calling one more witness, the entire two sessions of the Strike Commission today were consumed in the hearing of three witnesses for the men. John G. Haddock, an individual mine operator; Rev. Dr. Peter Roberts, and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. The main point in Haddock's testimony was that he favored giving the Mine Workers concession under a certain consideration. President Gompers testified as an expert on the trade union movement. He created a stir when he strongly implied, during his examination, that the coal companies are responsible for bringing the immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it, if necessary.

#### An Awful Explosion.

FORT LEE, N. J., Dec. 16.—By the explosion of a small gas tank today, the residence of John Plughly, was demolished, his five children instantly killed and his wife so seriously injured that her recovery is despaired of. The tank that exploded was in the cellar and supplied illuminating gas for the building.

#### A Gigantic Deal.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Judge Elbert Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, announced today the purchase of the Union and Sharon plants of the Union Steel Company, near Pittsburg, the transaction involving a bond issue of \$45,000,000.

### FOR STEALING JAM

#### YOUNG HOBO IS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR IN THE PENITENTIARY.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—Judge R. P. Boise convened department No. 2 of the Circuit Court in the Linn county court house yesterday afternoon. R. W. Harris, a young hobo who was recently caught while stealing a jar of fruit from a residence in this city, pleaded guilty to larceny, and was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary. Harris is a small one, but as he confessed it was his second offense, not in Oregon, but elsewhere, the court thought best to give him a one-year sentence.

He entered an Albany residence a few days ago, and was seen while leaving the house with a jar of fruit. After a hot race of three blocks the thief was captured and given into the custody of the local police. He waived examination when arraigned before a justice of the peace, and was held for the Circuit Court. He made no defense when examined, merely saying he was led to the theft by hunger. So for a very trivial offense Harris will spend one long year in Oregon's State Prison. The prisoner is a young man only 19 years old, and said he had not been tramping long. Judge Boise also considered five civil cases yesterday afternoon, four of which were settled and one continued. Governor-elect George E. Chamberlain, of Portland, is attending this session of court.

#### SOME RICH DONATIONS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—President Harper, of the University of Chicago, this afternoon announced the gift, by John D. Rockefeller, of another million dollars to that institution. Gifts from other sources also were announced, swelling the total donations to \$1,526,000.

#### DULL MEN.

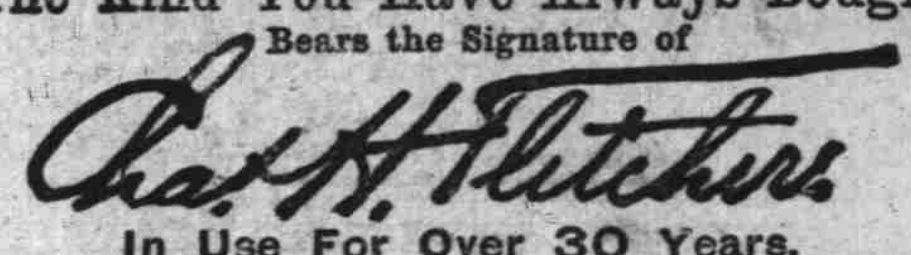
A dull man is so near a dead man that he is hardly to be ranked in the list of the living; and as he is not to be buried whilst he is half alive, so he is little to be employed whilst he is half dead.—Saville.

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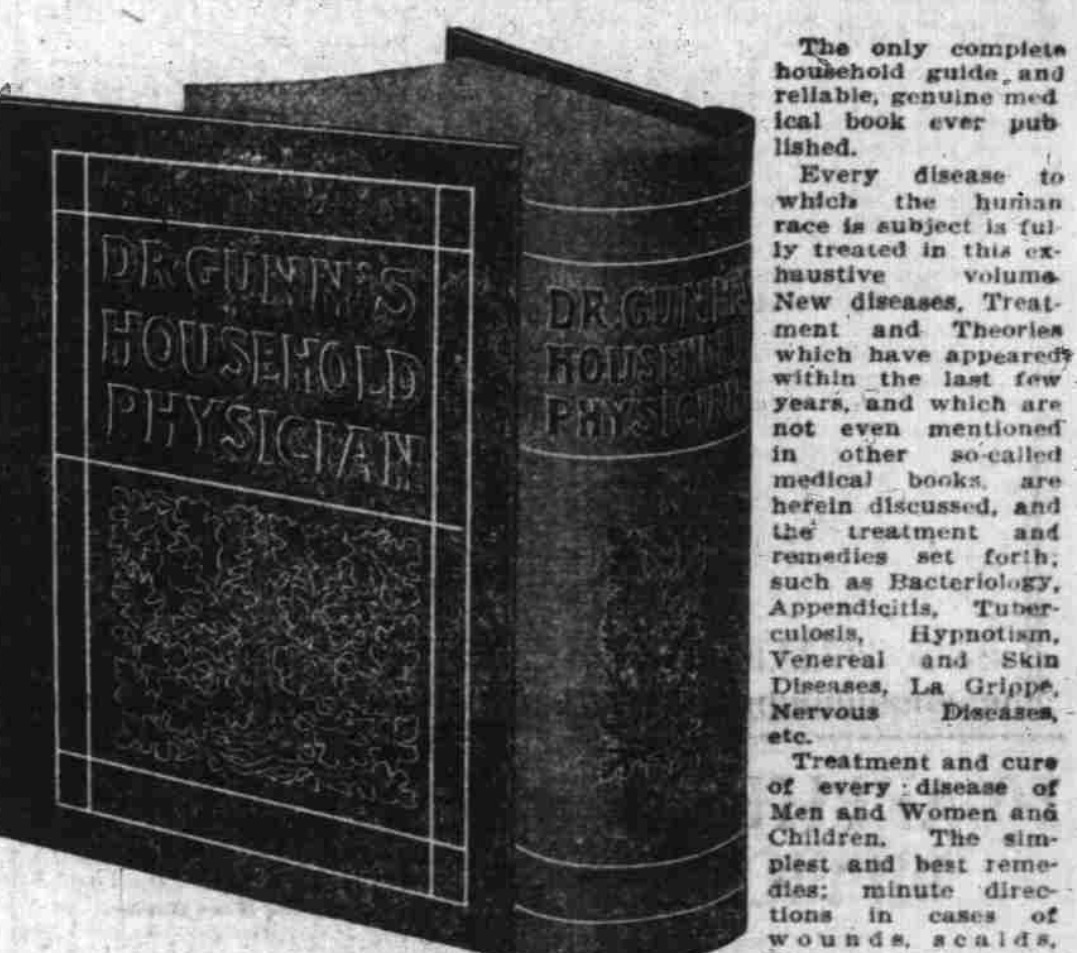
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