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TO ARBITRATE DIFFICULTIES

It Has Been Decided and Now Discussing

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

United States Minister Bowen Will Probably Be One of the Arbitrators

LEADING CITIZENS OF CARACAS ASK CASTRO TO END MINISTER BOWEN WITH POWER TO SETTLE — COMPETENT OFFICER DESPATCHED TO ASSIST.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 17.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated, and the discussion of the terms of the settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators.

The Government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

Will Yield to Demands. Caracas, Dec. 17.—The indications are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro, asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

This note was transmitted to President Castro at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and it is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturalists of Caracas. It reflects truly the consensus of the business element of the city. The men who signed the note will meet again tonight to discuss the ways and means of obtaining the money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantees which it will be possible to offer to her creditors.

The note is as follows: "In view of the acts of violence already committed and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet forces with force, in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain; in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the Government and the people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of the nations of honor, we consider, with all due respect, that the moment to yield to force has arrived.

"We, therefore, respectfully recommend that full powers be given to the Minister of the United States of North America, authorizing him to carry out

the proper measures to terminate the present conflict in a manner the least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela."

Assistance For Bowen. Washington, Dec. 17.—The following cablegram was sent today, by the Navy Department, to Admiral Dewey, in command of the combined fleets at San Juan:

"Send a competent officer with despatch in a torpedo boat destroyer, or other vessel, to Caracas as an assistant to the American Minister."

The following was sent to Commander Diehl of the Marletta, now lying at La Guayra: "Send Van Dusen (executive officer of the Marletta) as an assistant to the American Minister, temporarily."

It was stated at the Navy Department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the amount of work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has almost all the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the American Legation, and is feeding them from his own table. As for the torpedo boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a despatch boat to keep Bowen in touch with the nearest cable station in case the La Guayra cable is cut as an incident to the blockade.

Respect For Uncle Sam. London, Dec. 17.—"If the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to blockade." In a discussion in the House of Commons today, during which Premier Balfour made the above statement, he conveyed the impression of the possible, though as yet unnecessary, further hostilities, but that also, arbitration on some basis might be accepted. Throughout the discussion the tenor of the questions and answers showed a regard for the views of the United States.

Riva Aboard Italian Cruiser. La Guayra, Dec. 17.—Signor De Riva, the Italian Minister, who left Caracas this morning, arrived here this afternoon and went on board the Italian cruiser.

Ordered to the Front. Rome, Italy, Dec. 17.—The Italian cruiser Agordat has been ordered to proceed at once to Venezuela.

To Bombard San Carlos. Paris, Dec. 17.—The Caracas correspondents of the Matin says: "It is announced that the allies intend to bombard Fort San Carlos in the Gulf of Maracaibo today."

JEROME AND NEWSPAPERS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL LET NO EDITOR CALL HIM DISHONEST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—District Attorney Jerome in an interview today spoke of the stand taken by the newspapers on his recent actions against alleged gamblers. He said:

"When they question my honesty and jeopardize the cause, I will take action and proceed criminally against the managing editors, and, if necessary, make arrests."

FAIRNESS OF STATEMENTS

On Wages Made by Pennsylvania Company

IS CHALLENGED BY MINERS

Miners Demand to Know Who Hires Attorneys for Non-Union Men

STATEMENT OF READING COMPANY'S COUNSEL THAT RECOGNITION OF UNION WAS NOT THE ISSUE BRINGS OUT A PROTEST FROM MINERS' ATTORNEY.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 17.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the miners today before the Strike Commission. The sessions today were probably the liveliest yet held by the Commission.

At the morning session the miners' lawyers challenged the fairness of certain wage statements handed to the Commission by the Pennsylvania Coal Company, and in the afternoon Lawyer Darrow had a spirited discussion with Chairman Gray as to whether or not the miners had the right to know who is paying the lawyers representing the non-union men before the Commission.

Preceding this Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Reading Company, who delivered the opening address on behalf of all the large coal companies, made a point in his address that the recognition of the union is not the issue before the Commission, which brought out a protest from Darrow. The latter claimed that, if it were not, then the presidents should be forbidden from presenting testimony that tended to show that the union was responsible for all the alleged violence committed during the strike.

The alleged unfairness of the wage statements came to the notice of the Commission as a result of its inquiry into the child labor question. Yesterday Everett Warren, who represents the Erie Company, which controls the Pennsylvania Coal Company, in whose mine some of the fathers worked, handed to the Commission a memorandum showing that his father last year received \$1,600 for himself and labor. Today the miners placed two parents on the stand and they swore that the earnings mentioned were divided among four to six men.

ELEVEN PERSONS HURT. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Eleven persons have been injured, one seriously, in a rear-end collision between two

south-bound Second avenue elevated trains at Thirty-Fourth street, and traffic on that line was delayed four hours while the tracks were being cleared. The motorman of the second train apparently misjudged the distance, and although he had slowed down, his car crashed into the rear car of the other train, with sufficient force to knock it off the track and damage the rear platform and surrounding woodwork. The motorman ran back into the car before the collision came, and escaped injury, but the front of the car was considerably damaged.

An ambulance surgeon dressed the wounds of those who had been cut by the flying glass and splinters.

PERISHED IN FLAMES. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The Edison Hotel, at Gazelle, Siskiyou county, was completely destroyed by fire this morning at 7:30. Miss Elizabeth Faulke, daughter of one of the owners, perished in the fire. She was asleep in the third story of the building, where the fire broke out. She was notified and hastened to escape. At the second floor landing she fainted and perished in the flames. The hotel was owned by Edison & Faulke. Loss, \$10,000; partly covered by insurance. The fire started from the hall stove. Other buildings were saved. Miss Faulke was a niece of E. B. Edison, who was a candidate for Governor before the last State Republican convention. Her father, Mr. Faulke, was an ex-State Senator and a well known politician.

DAVIS FINALLY PARDONED

MURDERER OF IDAHO SHEEP HERDERS SET FREE BY ONE VOTE.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 17.—A special to the Desert News from Boise, Idaho, says: The State Board of Pardons today pardoned "Diamond-field" Jack Davis, Governor Hunt and Secretary of State Bassett voted "yes" and Attorney General Martin "no." Davis was under sentence of death for murder. Davis was convicted and sentenced to death in 1897, for the murder of two Cassia county sheep herders. The murders were the result of a bitter war between the cattle and sheep men of Southern Idaho. The Davis case went through the state courts and the United States Supreme Court, and has been before the Board of Pardons four times. In July, 1901, Davis' sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

"HELLO" GIRLS WON

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A special to the Tribune from Des Moines, Ia., says: The strike of the telephone operators of Des Moines, which had been in progress about six months, was settled last night by the representatives of the company and of the Trade and Labor Assembly. The telephone girls are to be paid wages 15 per cent in excess of the union scale, and all of the girls who struck are to be taken back to work. The company further agrees not to in any way discriminate against the strikers. The injunction suit to restrain the representatives of union labor from boycotting the company, is to be dismissed.

A REDUCTION OF TARIFF

On Philippine Products Authorized by House

WAYS AND MEANS BUREAU

To Twenty-Five Per Cent of the Schedule Now Existing

THE DEMOCRATS WANTED FREE TRADE, BUT REPUBLICAN MAJORITY PREVAILED — AS THE "CHOICE BETWEEN TWO EVILS" MINORITY WILL VOTE FOR BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House Ways and Means Committee today authorized the favorable report on the bill introduced by Cooper, amending the Philippine Tariff Act so as to provide for the reduction of the tariff on the products of the Philippines coming into the United States to 25 per cent of the existing schedules.

The Democrats sought to have amendments reported which would provide for free trade between the Philippines and the United States, but the Republican majority prevailed against them.

Representatives Richardson and McClellan submitted the minority report in which they say "a vote against the bill is a vote for the maintenance of the present rates of duty—75 per cent of those imposed by the Dingley law. If an opportunity is offered we shall try to amend the bill; failing and seeing powerless to relieve the country from what we believe to be an unconstitutional system, and, as a choice between two evils, we shall vote for the bill."

To Enforce Anti-Trust Law. Washington, Dec. 17.—The House today passed the Legislative Appropriation Bill. An amendment was adopted appropriating \$500,000 to enforce the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

Falls a Deadly Attack

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 75c at Dr. Stone's Drug Store.

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