

CASTRO TO STEP DOWN

Venezuelans Will Ask For His Resignation

Look to the United States For Succor

Allies Bombard the Forts at Puerto Cabello

Caracas, Dec. 15.—A movement asking for President Castro's resignation has been started. If the request is tendered and granted it is proposed to ask Vice-President Ayala to assume the presidency. A call to convene congress, in order to end the trouble, is also suggested. Everything is quiet here, and there is apparently no desire to take official steps until the United States is heard from. A general feeling prevails in government circles that the United States will come to Venezuela's relief.

It is learned this morning that a German resident and two servants at Sanestoban, three miles from Cabello, were killed in Saturday's bombardment.

President Discusses Venezuela. Washington, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt this morning held a consultation with Secretaries Hay and Root, Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, and Hitt, chairman of the House affairs committee, regarding Venezuelan affairs. The calling together of such a meeting is

regarded as of utmost significance, and its deliberations have not been made public. It is said that the President contemplates sending a special message on Venezuelan developments to congress. Immediately after the White House conference, Root called at the state department, where he was closeted with Hay.

Allies Fire First Shot.
Puerto Cabello, Dec. 15.—The British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and quickly silenced it. The bombardment lasted for 45 minutes.

The fortress is composed of Fort Solano and the Castle Libertador. After the firing had ceased the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished. It is probable that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. The cruisers are still here.

The people of Puerto Cabello cannot account for this precipitate action on the part of the allies, which they consider to be proof that Great Britain and Germany intend forcing war upon Venezuela. The British marines propose to make use of the cannon in Castle Libertador.

No damage was done to the town. The excitement of the people is subsiding.

British Deny Responsibility.
London, Dec. 15.—In the House of Commons today Cranburne, parliamentary secretary of foreign affairs, made a statement, and denied that a British admiral was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships.

London, Dec. 15.—In the House of Commons this morning Tim Henly, Irish Nationalist, caused disorder by demanding to know what was the comparative value of the German claims

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT COMING WEST

Will Resume His Tour In the Spring and Visit Prominent Pacific Coast Cities

Portland, Dec. 15.—A special to the Journal says that President Roosevelt is announcing through the Western senators that he will visit the West in the spring, probably in April or May. It will be a resumption of his tour interrupted by his illness. He will visit the Middle West cities, and

San Francisco, Portland and the Sound cities.

Hot After the Transgressors.
Portland, Dec. 15.—The district attorney has indicted a number of prominent citizens for gambling, among them Fred Merrill, the councilman. The crusade is getting warm, and many gamblers are leaving the city.

HON. SOL. HIRSH PASSED AWAY

Died In Portland Today of Heart Failure--Death Was Sudden and Unexpected

Portland, Dec. 15.—(Special to The Journal)—Sol Hirsch, the noted mer-

chant and politician of Oregon, died in this city at 11 o'clock today of heart

failure. He had been in poor health for some time, but his death was unexpected. Deceased was a brother of Edwin Hirsch, postmaster at Salem. He has for many years been in public life in Oregon and the nation. He served with credit as minister plenipotentiary to Turkey from the United States, having resigned that position to pursue his private business. The firm with which he is connected is the largest wholesale dry goods house in the Northwest, that of Fleischner, Mayer & Co., of Portland.

The deceased was born in Hobach, Germany, and was 63 years of age. He is survived by a wife and four children, three daughters and a son, as follows: Misses Ella, Mai and Clementine and Sanford. Mr. Hirsch was the senior member of the firm of Fleischner, Mayer & Co., which employs 400 hands. The company had just made arrangements to erect a new factory with a capacity for the employment of 1000 hands. The deceased is estimated to be worth \$500,000.

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MUTUAL AGREEMENT REACHED

With Colombia On Panama Canal

Treaty Will Be Signed this Week

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Washington, Dec. 15.—The treaty with Colombia on the Panama canal will be signed this week and sent to the senate for ratification before the holiday adjournment. Herran has received full powers from Colombia to sign the treaty, which was agreed upon with Secretary Hay. The terms of perpetual control were misconstrued

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