

CASTRO TOOK THE PROPERTY OF THE ASPHALT CO.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
MAY DECIDE TO SEND ON AN
EXPEDITION TO PUNISH THE
HAUGHTY SADDLE COLORED
GENTLEMEN WHO MONKEYS
WITH AN AMERICAN CORPOR-
ATION.

New York, March 30.—Secretary of State Root today transmitted to congress all the correspondence of an official nature bearing on the American claims against the Venezuelan government in the famous asphalt claims. Drastic action, and possibly the dispatching of a punitive expedition against President Castro and his government is expected to follow.

Consideration of the correspondence will probably be taken up by congress at once. Five claims are involved against the government. The most important of these is that of the New York and Bermudez Co. All are in connection with the asphalt deposits and the grants of them made by Castro.

The most direct light thrown on the controversy is contained in the report of Special Commissioner W. J. Calhoun, who charges that after dispossessing the New York and Bermudez Company on a trumped up charge of having violated its contract, Castro seized the deposits, and taking advantage of the valuable improvements made on them by the company, and using the company's machinery, installed a force and is now working them for the government's benefit, i. e. Castro's benefit. In doing this Castro ignored a grant which he made personally to the officers of the company, the validity of which remains to be adjudicated.

Commissioner Calhoun holds that the assessment of \$10,000,000 damages against the company made by Castro's coerced supreme court on the charge that the company had failed to fulfill its contracts and had lent aid to the rebel forces in the Matos revolution, was made without giving the company a chance to defend itself or present any evidence

in its own behalf. He also holds that the evidence on which the fine was assessed was wholly insufficient. It was the failure to pay this fine which resulted in the confiscation of the company's property by Castro.

The report declares that it is useless to deal with the countless charges of conspiracy, as there had undoubtedly been fraud on both sides, and concludes with the expressed belief that whatever faults the companies may have been guilty of it is certain that they have never had an honest hearing.

FLORETTA WHALEY TO GET A FORTUNE

YOUNG WOMAN WHO MADE A
LOVE MATCH WITH A LONG
ISLAND MINISTER IN LURCH.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, March 30.—Efforts are being made in California, particularly in San Francisco and cities adjacent to it, to locate Floretta Whaley, who eloped from Hempstead, Long Island, a year ago with the Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, so she can answer a citation to attend the judicial settlement of her grandmother's estate.

The presence of the young woman is required in court in Mineola, L. I., on May 13. The citation has been issued, and attorneys representing the estate, valued at \$25,000, have already taken steps to find her.

Mrs. Keziah Whaley, the grandmother was executrix of the will of Floretta's father, who directed that his two daughters, Floretta and Edna, be educated out of the estate and that they were to receive the remainder of the property after the grandmother's death. Cooke and Floretta Whaley were located in a small flat in Green street, San Francisco last winter, but they fled as soon as their whereabouts were discovered. The San Francisco police department will be asked to assist in the search for them.

Cattle Market Steady.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, March 30.—Hogs, receipts, 40,000; cattle, 28,000; sheep, 18,000. Hogs open steady at Saturday's close. Left over Saturday, 3400. Mixed, \$5.55 @ 6.00; heavy, \$5.50 @ 6.00; rough, heavy, \$5.55 @ 5.70; light, \$5.55 @ 6.00. Cattle, 000; sheep, 8000.

Kansas City, Mo., March 30.—Hogs, receipts, 10,000; cattle, 12,000; sheep, 8000.

Omaha, Neb., March 30.—Hogs, receipts, 3200; cattle, 6200; sheep, 6000.

GERMAN AFFAIRS

(Continued from page one.)

Jews, according to advices to the government here, equaling anything of which the Russian government has been guilty.

Acting under orders of the capital the local authorities are expelling thousands of Jewish families from districts in which they have been un-molested for years.

The campaign is in violation of article 44 of the Berlin treaty of 1878 and the German press is urging the signatory powers to interfere in the sufferer's behalf. The expulsions are wholly unexplained.

Old King Failing.

Brussels, March 30.—King Leopold, of Belgium, is now admitted by his physicians to be in a serious condition. His majesty seems to be suffering from a general breakdown and it is rumored that from a man of strong will and keen understanding that he is rapidly changing into a childish old invalid.

Two Other Lines.

Manager Waters of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, said today that his company has orders in for their systems at Salem and Albany, and would begin work within ten days.

The Salem board of trade will hold a special meeting Tuesday evening to complete the organization of the committee to handle the Salem and Stayton electric.

Gillette's Brain Normal.

During the autopsy Gillette's brain was removed by Dr. Anthony Spitzka, an expert of Philadelphia, and found to be practically normal. The Gillette family did not know that this procedure was to take place and are said to be highly incensed over it.

DIED

LEE—at the county poor farm, Sunday, March 29, at 5 o'clock p. m. T. E. Lee, 76 years of age, of senility.

The deceased was a civil war veteran, having served in the Sixth Kansas cavalry during the war of the rebellion. He is a widower and leaves two sons in Montana. The remains will be buried in the Terrill cemetery today.

BROWN—At the Salem hospital, Sunday, March 29, at 7 o'clock, F. E. Brown, of Medford.

The deceased was injured in a railroad wreck two years ago and has been totally paralyzed ever since. At that time suit was brought against the railroad company and he was awarded \$16,000 damages. The remains will be shipped to relatives at Medford.

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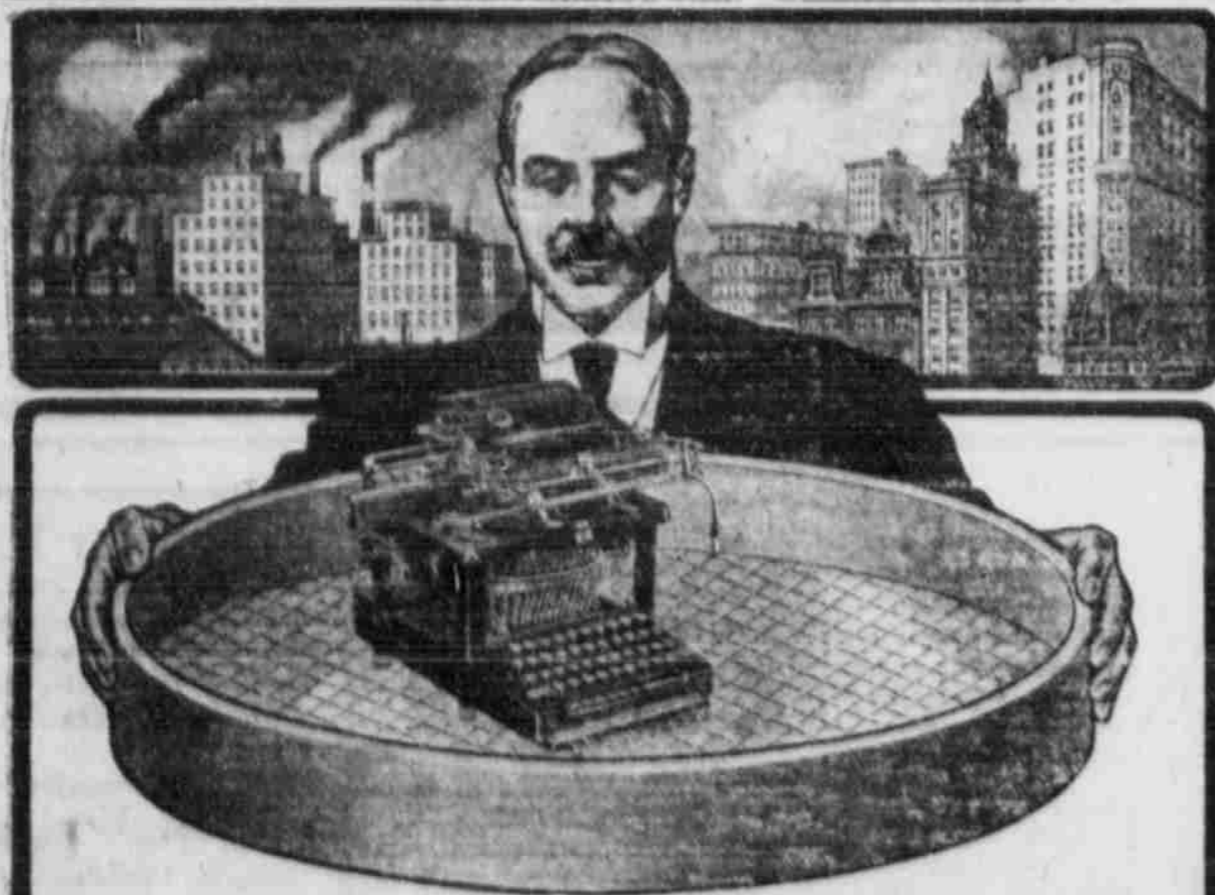
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