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## PRESIDENT CASTRO OF VENEZUELA CALLED

Washington, March 31--A crisis in the trouble between Venezuela and the United States is near. At a special meeting of the cabinet to be held late this afternoon the advisability of an American blockade of all Venezuelan ports will be discussed. At a conference of the heads of the state and navy departments today a tentative list of the vessels that will be used was made out. The list was not made public but it is understood to include four cruisers.

### TOWER MAKES WAY FOR HILL

### ARMY VERY HOT

### FAILURE TO COLLECT

### REVENUE DUE FROM THE HAY-

### TIAN GOVERNMENT - SENDS

### OFF-WAR TO ISLAND-GUN

### EXPLODES IN AMERICAN NAVY

### ONE SENATOR INVOLVED IN

### SEAFARING BOAT SCANDAL.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 31.—It was learned at the White House today that the resignation of Charles D. Tower as ambassador to Germany has been accepted and will take effect June 1. The President has directed the senate for confirmation of the nomination of David Jayne Hill to succeed Tower.

### Germans at Hayti.

As Prince, March 31.—The German cruiser Bremen is today from Kingston, Jamaica, and is likely to result in important matters. President Alexis, according to reports made by his closest advisers and friends has decided to order Relaboard, head of the German Hermann & Company, to contribute funds to the relief of the Haytian people.

### Explosion.

Washington, March 31.—Lack of care in the handling of the new powder in the navy is held responsible for the explosion of a gun on the Missouri at the fighting vessel was in target practice at Magdalena bay. The explosion shows that the explosive of the projectile did not take effect until it had traveled to within a few feet of the muzzle of the gun. It is believed that if the gunners had taken into consideration the fact that the new powder is of slower burning the accident would not have occurred.

### Seattle Will Explode.

Seattle, Wash., March 31.—Twenty-six electric light bulbs exploded in a room at the Hotel Grand when it arrived in Seattle on Monday. The city will make arrangements and the celebration committee will not be placed in a position to receive the feature of the city.

### Electric Boat Scandal.

Washington, March 31.—Representative Lilley today submitted to the congressional committee investigating charges that the Electric Boat company used improper methods in securing legislation, an explanation to show that Senator McCumber was not concerned in that concern.

to total payment of \$12,366.66 for services rendered.

Lilley argued that such a sum was extravagant as legal fees and intimated that Butler was employed because it was thought he could influence legislation favorable to the boat company. He then repeated his request that expert accountants make an examination of the books of the accused company and made a demand that Admiral Capps be recalled to the stand to testify as to the cost of submarines. Lilley said he was not satisfied with the questions put to the admiral while he was on the stand.

### THROWING SHELLS ACROSS THE CHANNEL

London May Be Bombarded From Paris According to a New Gun Invented.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, March 31.—Colonel F. Maude, in the April's Contemporary Review, describes a gun which is now in existence and which can impart by the application of electricity an initial velocity of 30,000 feet a second to projectiles of all dimensions and which can be practically handled under war conditions and on board ships or in permanent defenses. Projectiles of 2000 pounds weight lie fairly within these limits, he says.

In a succeeding passage, he declared that there is practically nothing to prevent these weapons from throwing shells from London to Paris, or vice versa, at the rate of a few thousand a day.

### MINISTERS FAVOR FREEDOM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Portland, Or., March 31.—The ministers of the Methodist churches of Portland memorialized the general conference of the church, which will meet in Baltimore next May, to eliminate special reference to "dancing, card playing, theater-going, attendance at circuses and races," from the chapter of the rules of the church that pertain to the church's attitude on worldly amusements. The pastors assert that this does not mean that they are in favor of any general "lifting of the lid," but that the ban on these special forms of amusements have been on the books for years they have rarely been enforced, and that they believe that a general revision of this chapter would assist the ministers and the church in keeping up the present high standard of membership.

### Needs Unemployed.

Chicago, March 31.—In the next 60 days the railroads of the United States will have to find between 250,000 and 300,000 men to mend their tracks and roadbeds and another large army to go into their shops and repair their cars and locomotives.

The railroad entering in Chicago alone will employ on repairs between April 1 and June 1, more than 100,000 laborers. The management of most of the roads have decided to engage in repair and renewal work this spring on an extensive scale as ever, owing to the fact that labor will be plentiful and possibly cheaper.

### ARMY OFFICER EXILED

### AT DESERTED POST

SCANDAL THAT MAY RESULT IN DISCLOSING A PARALLEL OF THE DREYFUS CASE IN AMERICAN MILITARY CIRCLES—EFFORTS OF COLONEL STEWART'S FRIENDS TO GET HIM A HEARING A FAILURE.

Washington, March 31.—No small sensation has been created here by a report received from San Francisco that Colonel William F. Stewart, formerly in command of Fort Barrancas, Florida, has been made an "American Dreyfus" by being exiled to Fort Grant, a deserted post in Arizona, where his only associate are one enlisted man and two army mules.

An investigation is sure to result, and owing to the strange conditions of the case, a scandal seems inevitable.

If the charges of Colonel Stewart's friends are true and he has been condemned without trial or a chance

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to get even a temporary hearing to a condition amounting to virtual exile, some one in the war department is certain to be called upon to explain. If on the other hand there is justification for the seeming barbarous punishment that has been dealt the old officer, the revelation of the causes will probably be ultra-sensational.

The entire incident is veiled in mystery. It is hard to understand how the exiling of Colonel Stewart could have been accomplished without a word of it becoming public had he desired to object. On the other hand department officials say that the system is so complex as to make petty spite work not only dangerous but almost impossible.

But little is known of Fort Grant here, save that it is a run down army post out in the Arizona desert lands.

The complaint of Colonel Stewart's friends is that last fall he was given the alternative of accepting the deserted post or resigning from the service. As he is nearing the point of service when he will be retired a brigadier general, he refused to resign and demanded a court of inquiry. This was refused him and he was hustled post haste to Arizona where he has since remained trying vainly to get a hearing, or learn the nature of the charges against him.

### Geo. Crabtree Dead.

Geo. Crabtree, formerly of near Marion, died suddenly at his home in Seio Sunday evening at 6:15 p. m. Will be buried at the Condit cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

The Boise Capital bank will pay its depositors on the installment plan and opened its doors last week.

### DEMOCRAT WHO VOTED FOR JACKSON

(United Press Leased Wire.) Grants Pass, Or., March 31.—James Farron of Briggs Creek, Or., who was born on July 4, 1806, rode 30 miles on horseback yesterday in order to ascertain if his registration was legal and that he would be able to vote in the coming presidential election. His first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson for President. The next national election will be the 21st in which he has participated.

### FATHER GIVES LIFE FOR CHILD

(United Press Leased Wire.) Omaha, Neb., March 31.—Standing in water over his head in a cistern into which he had fallen with his two-year-old son in his arms, Morris Christensen held the child at arm's length above the water until it was rescued.

For this parental devotion Christensen gave up his own life, for no sooner had the child been lifted from his hands than he sank to the bottom and when taken out he was dead.

### WATER THIEVES BEAT LAND THIEVES

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, March 31.—The enormous sum of \$9,500,000 has been

stolen by employes of the water department in the last 10 years, is the charge made in a statement issued by Superintendent McCort, of the department, which was under the administrations of Mayors Carter H. Harrison and Edward F. Dunne during the time the thefts were committed. McCort's statement shows that in the meter branch alone \$5,000,000 was taken through false registration of meters.

### ATLASKA TOUR IS CUT OUT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., March 31.—It is very probable that the Alaska trip of the New York-to-Paris auto race will be abandoned owing to the lateness of the season. According to the articles of agreement, the Alaska portion was to be cut out provided the cars had not arrived at Nome by April 15, and steamer could be taken to Vladivostok and the trip resumed through Siberia. The crew of the Thomas car now here are waiting for advice from New York today regarding the abandonment of the Alaska route.

### Mrs. H. E. Bickers and daughter

of Pendleton have arrived to make their home at Salem. They are with Mrs. Bickers of the feeble minded institute, at Hotel Willamette for the present.

### A LOST WITNESS APPEARS

### MARKED FOR DEATH

WITNESS WANTED IN STEVE ADAMS CASE WHO HAS BEEN PURSUED BY THE RUTHLESS FOES OF STEUNENBERG FOR SEVERAL YEARS—HE DEFILES HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Portland, Or., March 31.—Driven out of the United States by the lash of the fear of sudden death, caused by innumerable warnings that his life had been forfeited, supposedly from the same group of assassins who blew ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg of Idaho, and ex-Sheriff Harvey Brown of Baker City, Or., into eternity, Archie Phillips, the lost witness in the Steve Adams case, has appeared in Portland after hiding for a year in the mountains of British Columbia. He told his story today to the United Press and Evening Journal in order to secure the protection of publicity.

Saturday's attempt upon the life of Bulkley Wells at Telluride, Colo., caused him to come to this determination.

Phillips declares that the same men who attempted Wells' life are after him. He has lost all faith in the omnipotence of the power of the constituted authorities to protect him.

He has decided to envelope himself in the fierce white light of publicity, tell the world his startling story, and, standing in the center of public interest, he believes the agents of the alleged Latter Day Angels of Death may hesitate to creep in upon him with their missiles of dynamite and nitro-glycerine.

Phillips was "crusading" in the Marble creek district, Idaho, when his connection with the celebrated case began. Near his was Jack Simpkins, now a fugitive from justice, as an associate of Harry Orchard and Steve Adams. Fred Tyler had also fled upon a claim near Simpkins. One day Tyler was found dead on the trail. Adams stood trial twice on the charge of murdering Tyler, and once confessed to the crime. Later, he reneaded his confession and the state has not yet been able to do better than secure disagreement of the jury.

The testimony of Archie Phillips, asserted the district attorney, was the missing link that caused his case to fall to the ground at the time of the second trial. The night before the murder of Tyler, Steve Adams and Jack Simpkins stayed at Phillips' cabin. Mrs. Phillips gave them a bottle of horse-radish. When Tyler's body was found, the bottle was beside the corpse. Mrs. Phillips identified it. This was the link that connected Jack Simpkins and Steve Adams with the murder.

As time for Adams' second trial drew near, Phillips began to receive threatening letters ordering him from the country on the pain of death if he failed to obey. He moved to Spokane and hoped that he had evaded his persecutors. Then he went back into the woods. Two men then visited Mrs. Phil-

lips. They plainly told her Phillips would be killed in one week if he did not leave the country. She sent for her husband and he returned to Spokane.

Two days later Phillips found a box of dynamite concealed in the woodpile back of his house. That afternoon he met Sheriff Harvey Brown, the man who arrested Adams.

To Brown, Phillips showed his letters. Brown then showed him a queer looking package. Apparently they came from the same source.

"What are you going to do?" queried Phillips.

"Why, increase my life insurance and stay home," said Brown. He did so and he died, horribly. An infernal machine killed him in September.

Phillips fared different from Brown. Perhaps he was endowed with more wisdom as to the methods of his enemies. For he closed his humble home and dropped from sight. Subpoenas served, Pinkerton men and police search high and low for him in vain. Circulars, advertisements and rewards failed to bring him out of hiding. Phillips says he loves life, his wife and children. The district attorney announced that his case was shattered without Phillips' testimony, but this did not affect Phillips any more than the offers of reward. He buried himself deeper and slipped further away into the wild mountains of Canada.

Only ten days ago, Phillips decided to return to his family. He thought that now that the state had failed to convict Adams, the friends of Adams would let him alone.

Scarcely had Phillips reached Portland, when the news of the attempt on the life of Bulkley Wells was flashed over the telegraph, and Phillips then knew that the dynamiters were still at work. Desperate, he has decided to risk all upon a single play, tell his story of his fears and wanderings, of his imminent danger, to the world and defy the men who hounded him from his country to do so again.

"If they get me, they get me, that's all," was his comment. "They know now where I am, and I'm waiting for them."

"I traveled from camp to camp," he said, "and I'd stay in one place until someone asked me a question about my past, or acted as if they suspected me of something, then I got out. I feared the dynamite hand. It reaches far. It is everywhere where it's enemies are."

"Would I testify against Adams now? The Idaho officials have made me many offers. I could get a good job now by going back—a place high in the state—but I'm never going back. No, sir, Idaho is barred to me."

Adams is in jail in Colorado to answer for the Collins murder.

Phillips added:

"I've got to live for my wife and babies. I don't want to be mixed up in any case. I'm going to stay in the United States. This is supposed to be the land of the common man. If I can't get protection from the officers, perhaps I can from the whole people."

### RAILROAD MEETING TONIGHT

Every Salem business man who is interested in the construction of short lines across the valley leading to this city is urged to be at the Salem board of trade meeting tonight.

Big railroad meeting tonight at board of trade rooms.