



SECRETARY HAY WARNS THE ALLIES

The American Shipping Must Not Be Interfered with by a "Peaceful Blockade."

POWERS MUST HALT OR DECLARE WAR

Washington Administration Will Cease from Passive Attitude in Regard to Venezuela—South and Central American Diplomatic Representatives in a State of Anxiety—Situation Regarded Serious.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 15.—It is probable now that the United States will break its attitude of inactivity in the event that an attempt is made to enforce the "peaceful blockade" upon an American ship. When the allies were considering the ways and means of bringing Venezuela to terms and a blockade of this character had been decided upon the German government informed the United States that when the blockade was established it would turn back all shipping, though no effort would be made to seize the ships.

The United States government made no response to this statement at the time last year not feeling called upon to do so before the presentation of an actual case. Secretary Hay has informed the German government that American ships should not be interfered with in their trading, except the inhibition applies to all shipping; further, the note intimates a disapproval of stoppage at all. In so doing the state department is following a precedent, for during the effort of the powers to establish a "peaceful blockade" of Crete in 1896, Secretary Sherman formally recorded a refusal to be bound by it. It happened that no American ship had occasion to enter a Cretan port during the brief period of time the blockade was in force, so the issue was not made then.

Test Case Must Follow. In the present case, with regular lines of American steamships entering Venezuelan ports at short intervals, a test case must soon follow. It is within the legal right of the allies to close these ports, but probably to this allied powers, which without protest on our part only after a formal declaration of war. The hope is growing here that such a declaration can, after all, be avoided, owing to the energy with which Mr. Bowen has acted. The proposal of President Castro, for a peaceful settlement was suggested by Mr. Bowen, and it came to the state department through his hands. It has been forwarded to London and Berlin through the embassies here, and as both Great Britain and Germany have heretofore professed a desire to settle the issues peacefully, it is hoped that they will avail of this opportunity.

The proposal did not mention the method of arbitration, nor the limitations, and the point of doubt, which may prevent the acceptance of the scheme, is believed to be Castro's unwillingness to bind himself in advance to the recognition of the principle of liability. He would leave the arbitrators to determine whether or not he is liable at all.

Minister Bowen has confirmed the press reports to the effect that the guns of the allied fleet which bombarded Puerto Cabello on Saturday were directed entirely at the fortifications, and not at the town.

A statement received from the affair of the first suspicion that it constituted a violation of international law, in the fact that twenty-four hours' notice was not served of the bombardment. The requirement as to notice applies to unfortified or fortified towns where the fire must be directed upon the inhabitants, and this was not the case at Puerto Cabello. While the officers here regret that the firing took place, they have no cause to protest.

Reason for Delay. It has developed that the reason for the delay in the consideration of President Castro's proposal to arbitrate the disputes with Great Britain and Germany was the absence from London of Lord Lansdowne, the British minister for foreign affairs. That officer spends Saturday and Sunday of each week at his country place, and does not allow any business to interfere with his rest.

It appears that this proposition had more than a perfunctory movement by the United States government. Mr. Bowen having asked permission to endeavor to settle the matter by arbitration, Secretary Hay not only promptly accorded the permission, but went to the length of himself dispatching the proposal, which up to that point had been rather vague and informal, to the British and German governments.

The Italian ambassador, Signor Mayer Des Planches, today called at the state department to take soundings as to the attitude of the government in the event of a settlement of its claims against Venezuela. It appears that the Italian desires are not by any means as comprehensive or the de-

ANXIETY AT WASHINGTON

South and Central American Diplomatic Representatives Besiege Secretary Hay's Office.

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Washington, Dec. 15.—The South and Central American diplomatic representatives here are in a state of anxiety that finds expression in frequent calls at the state department for information. No less than six ministers were among Secretary Hay's visitors today, although this was not diplomatic reception day. Secretary Hay was in conference at the White House for a short time with the president today regarding Venezuelan affairs. Senator Cullom and Representative Hitt, the heads of the two committees on foreign affairs of congress, also this president, but it was stated that little attention was given to Venezuela.

Among senators and representatives who have discussed the Venezuelan matter with President Roosevelt, the situation is regarded as serious, but it is not generally believed to be likely that the United States will become involved in the controversy.

The senate committee on foreign relations made a declaration of the Monroe doctrine when the agitation over the Schomburgk line in Venezuela was intense. On January 29, 1895, the late Senator Davis reported the deplorable resolution from the committee. Senator Gray, now chairman of the Anthracite Coal Strike Arbitration, announced that the report was not the unanimous action of the committee. The senate never took any action on the report.

Senator Davis said the action of the committee was a notice to foreign nations and sufficiently effective without any vote of the senate. The resolution then reported declared that the United States of America reaffirms and confirms the doctrine and principles promulgated by President Monroe in his message of December 2, 1823, and declares that it will assert and maintain that doctrine and those principles and will regard any infringement thereof, and particularly any attempt by any European power to take or acquire any new or additional territory on the American continents, or any island adjacent thereto, or any right of sovereignty or dominion in the same in any case or instance, as to which the United States shall deem such attempt to be dangerous to its peace and safety by or through force, purchase, cession, occupation, pledge, colonization, protectorate, or by control of the easement in any canal or any other means of transit across the American isthmus, whether under unfounded pretension of right in cases of alleged boundary disputes or under any other unfounded pretensions, as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States and as an interference, which it would be impossible in any form for the United States to regard with indifference.

LONDON CALLS HALT.

Minister Bowen's Note Makes No Change in German Plans Concerning Venezuela.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 15.—The Associated Press has reason to believe that orders will be given by the British minister commander in Venezuelan waters to take no further aggressive action at present pending a decision on the proposal for arbitration.

It was learned this evening that the proposals made before the British government are the original proposals forwarded by Minister Bowen, but which now have received strong support from the United States government.

This came in the form of a proposal through the United States government to submit the claims of British and German subjects to arbitration, which Lord Lansdowne announced later in the day in the house of lords. "Is now under consideration by the British government."

Lord Lansdowne added: "We are greatly indebted to the good offices of the United States minister at Caracas."

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method of settlement of the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. He is in constant communication with the state department at Washington. Nothing definite has yet been arranged, but it is understood that there is some hope of further hostilities being averted. The negotiations are conducted by the absence from London of several of the cabinet ministers, as before an answer can be given the cabinet will probably have to meet. No final decision is expected before Wednesday.

Lord Lansdowne said he had no official information regarding the reported bombardment of Puerto Cabello.

Continuing, the foreign secretary said that since the parliamentary paper, giving the Venezuelan correspondence had been issued the government had received from Minister Haggart a cable summary of what purported to be Venezuela's reply to the British ultimatum.

Thetien Venezuela complains that no reparation was offered by Great Britain for the landing of the marines or for the conduct of the British authorities of Trinidad. This dispatch closed with saying that Venezuela represented that as her treasury was exhausted, it was impossible for the government to meet its debts for the moment, but directly peace was declared it would not be necessary to remind the Venezuelan government of its obligations.

Lord Lansdowne's statement was drawn out by Earl Spencer, who referred to the manner in which the foreign secretary recently "criticized and made sarcastic and jocular remarks regarding that small country, Venezuela." The earl said he considers the most unfortunate that the foreign secretary should have adopted such a tone toward a country with which negotiations were pending.

ments as stiff as in the case of Great Britain or Germany, but the details could not be learned.

ENGLAND'S ATTITUDE.

Lord Cranborne Says That No Country Has Been More Anxious to Maintain Monroe Doctrine.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 15.—The house of commons was crowded this evening when the Venezuelan matter came up for debate. Henry White, the American charge d'affaires, had a seat in the diplomatic gallery.

Mr. Schwann, after having expressed surprise that the government was anxious for another war after South Africa, complained of the paucity of the information concerning the Venezuelan situation which has been given to parliament. He said he hoped arbitration would be accepted, because although President Roosevelt is anxious to act correctly, the situation is full of danger and the president's hand might be forced by politicians.

Lord Cranborne spoke after Mr. Schwann. He reproached this member with a desire to discredit the government and explained that the papers in the Venezuelan matters were very voluminous and that those issued today were only a summary of the whole.

He said that Britain had to perform police duty among the nations and had to prevent Venezuela from breaking the law of nations. The United States took the sensible view that Great Britain's insistence that Venezuela should meet her engagements to foreign subjects of the Monroe doctrine. No country has been more anxious than Great Britain, said Lord Cranborne, to assist the American government in maintaining the doctrine.

This remark was greeted with cheering, and continuing the secretary said the British government had displayed great forbearance, and that it was only after Venezuela had been thrice summoned to do right that the government had been driven to strong measures to secure the safety, liberty and property of British subjects in Venezuela, and that in the execution of these measures the government desired to pursue the same course of moderation.

Lord Cranborne said also that the blockade would be called out with every regard for the interests of neutrals.

MONROE DOCTRINE SKY HIGH.

Deputy Senti of Italy's Chamber of Deputies Says So.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies today Deputy Senti, speaking in reply to an interpellation, made a statement on the subject of Italy's attitude towards Venezuela. He reviewed the causes leading up to the Anglo-German action and said:

"Italy on her side claims damages for her citizens who sustained losses during the insurrection which was instigated by the republic since April, the Italian minister at Caracas having exhausted all efforts to bring about a friendly adjustment. A list of claims reduced to a minimum of \$20,000,000."

The prime minister was followed by Deputy Senti, who expressed confidence in the government's course in respect to Germany and Great Britain. The deputy warned the Italian government to "watch the United States, whose imperialism is a political and a commercial menace to Europe, and especially to Italy, the weakest of the great powers."

Deputy Senti declared that the energetic attitude of Germany and Great Britain had sent the Monroe doctrine sky high, as the United States understood it was not dealing with poor Spain.

The speaker recommended that further reinforcements be sent to Venezuelan waters.

ECUADOR IS AROUSED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 15.—A patriotic demonstration took place here last night. A large number of people who had attended a meeting went to the Venezuelan consulate, shouting "Long Live Castro," "Long Live Venezuela," and "Long Live the South American countries."

The participants in the demonstration before dispersing adopted a resolution asking President Plaza to protest officially against the action of the allied powers.

Closed for Lack of Coal.

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Spring Valley, Ill., Dec. 15.—The works of the Diamond State Steel company in this city, had to be closed today, on account of inability to obtain a supply of coal, temporarily throwing about 3,000 men and boys out of employment.

HOWELL LOOKS OVER FIELD

Trles His Hand at Buttonholing Congressmen in Interest of His Side of the Contest.

EVIDENTLY DIDN'T GET MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT

From the Tenor of His Talk It Is Inferred That He Expects to Be Unseated but Fancies He Will Sit Out the Greater Part of the Session. An Expectation That in All Probability Will Be Disappointed.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Members of congress who were present on the session today were amused in a quiet way at the appearance of George Howell, of Scranton, who claims to be the member-elect from the Eleventh Congressional district. While the members were busily engaged in listening to Congressman William Connolly of Columbia Hill, which involved the expenditure of millions of money, Mr. Howell appeared on the floor of the house and proceeded to buttonhole Democratic members regarding the coming contest which has been instituted over this attempt of Mr. Howell to urge his own ridiculous claims fully a year before the contest will take place. It is quite probable that some well-disposed Democrat pointed out to Mr. Howell the absurdity of his premarriage efforts, for he thoughtlessly declared that it would not be until year in the Fifty-eighth congress. However, taking into consideration recent developments connected with the recent election in the Eleventh district, Mr. Howell will be very much surprised at the early date of his exit from the house of representatives.

LIMITED COAL SUPPLY IN WASHINGTON

Famine Is Already Affecting Government Buildings and Supply Is Nearly Exhausted.

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Washington, Dec. 15.—The coal famine already is affecting the government buildings and the supply in most cases nearly exhausted. Some of the buildings will be closed in event of anything like blizzard weather, and rigid economy has been ordered. The coal supply at the postoffice department was exhausted early this morning. The electric lights above the first floor and the private elevator of the postmaster general were shut off. The steam plant at the interior department was also shut down over an hour, but a limited supply finally was secured from local dealers.

The capitol building has exactly two days of coal in its tanks, and there, as the contract with the Reading railroad requires that company to furnish sufficient fuel to keep the building heated. The agricultural, census and other buildings, likewise, have a very limited supply.

PEACE IN THE LEAGUES.

Ball Schedules Will Be Arranged to Avoid Conflicting Dates.

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Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Messrs. Somers and Kilfoyle, the Cleveland baseball magnates, returned today from New York, where they had met with the two leagues were commenced last week.

"The prospects of reaching an amicable working basis between the two leagues at the coming conference," said Mr. Kilfoyle, "are very bright. The playing schedule of the National League will almost certainly be revised. In order to avoid conflicting dates, the two leagues controversy over players will be dropped. The American League has never signed a player who had a bona fide contract with the National League. As a result, we will not be required to release a single player."

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BRITISH AND CUBAN TREATY.

Foreign Office to Claim "Favored Nation" Rights.

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London, Dec. 15.—The under-secretary was questioned in the house of commons today regarding the negotiations for a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, and the steps proposed to protect British rights under the most favored nation treatment. Lord Cranborne said that representations had been made to Washington on the subject, but that no reply had yet been received.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

Measure for Union Station in Washington—Other Matters Considered.

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Washington, Dec. 15.—The house today passed the senate bill for a Union railway station in this city, to cost \$4,000,000. The station is to be situated north of the present site of the Baltimore and Ohio depot, at Delaware and Massachusetts avenues, and on the front of it is to be a large plaza park. The Pennsylvania railway, by the terms of the bill, is to remove its tracks from the mall and reach the site of the proposed station through a tunnel to run between the capitol and library buildings.

The government is to pay the Pennsylvania railway \$1,500,000 and the Baltimore and Ohio \$300,000, in addition to providing for the plaza park. The house also passed an urgent deficiency bill, which carried, among other items, an appropriation of \$500,000 for eradicating the foot and mouth disease in New England. A bill was passed to provide for the allotment in severity of the lands of the New York Indians. The bill provides that prior to the allotment the claim of the Ogeen Land company should be decided in the courts and found that it could be purchased for the benefit of the Indians for a sum not exceeding \$200,000.

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The roof of the structure, which was erected many years ago, was of wood covered with slate, supported by iron uprights. It is believed the weight of snow and ice which had lain on the roof since Saturday weakened the building. Seventeen locomotives were badly damaged.

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The young men have been taking their meals for two weeks under Dr. Wiley's direction but until today no adulterants were used in the food. The object was to determine the effect on their physical condition before beginning the actual feeding of the preservatives.

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One of Them Told That She Works Twelve Hours a Night Six Nights a Week for Three Cents an Hour, Investigation Proves That Their Fathers Earn Big Money and That Two of Them Own Property—Judge Gray Expresses Indignation and Declares It Is an Outrage—Factory Inspector Summoned—Mass of Data from Mr. Lloyd.

With one more witness, National President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, who is to take the stand today, to testify to wage earnings in general, the miners will complete their case in chief before the mine strike commission. The district presiding will not be put on the stand.

The operators will open their case today with a general statement for all the respondents to be read by Hon. Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company. The remainder of the week will be taken up with the presentation of testimony from the operators' side. The Delaware and Hudson commodity taken up but nothing of particular importance was elicited. A motion by the defense will be made tomorrow to have the court instruct the jury to bring in a peremptory verdict for the defendants.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Dec. 15, 1902:	
Highest temperature.....	32 degrees
Lowest temperature.....	5 degrees
Relative humidity.....	88 per cent
8 a. m.....	81 per cent
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m.,	trace.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain in south, rain or snow in north portion Tuesday; warmer, brisk in high east to south winds; Wednesday fair, colder.