

CASTRO REFUSES TO YIELD TO THE JOINT DEMANDS

PLUCKY PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN STANDS FIRM

His Answer Has Been Placed in the Hands of German Charge d' Affaires.

AND HE REFUSED TO GIVE IN ON ANY OF THE ITEMS

Statement Is Full of the Separate Demands Presented to Him by the Representatives of the Kaiser and Edward VII—Nothing to Indicate as Yet That the Situation Down There Has Grown Worse—All Eyes on Bowen.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Berlin, Dec. 13.—President Castro's reply to the German ultimatum is a refusal to yield on any point.

The foreign office has not received the text of President Castro's reply, but only a bulletin from the German charge d'affaires, Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, dated December 10, announcing that the president's answer has been placed in his hands that day and that the Venezuela executive refused to yield to the German demands on all points.

This telegram, with the text of the reply, was filed at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad. With this exception the foreign office has received no news since yesterday to indicate that the situation has grown worse. A landing in force is not considered probable under any contingency. The orders to blockade the coast stand, and that is all the naval commanders for the present are authorized to do.

Any proposition that Minister Bowen might make in behalf of President Castro would be received in a good spirit and carefully considered out of regard for the channel of its transmission, but no proposition to arbitrate has yet reached Berlin. Neither is the foreign office aware that the United States has made so far any suggestion as to arbitration.

Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi is still on board a British vessel in the harbor of La Guayra.

DEMANDS PRESENTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 13.—The following are authentic copies of the demands presented by the German and British ministers Monday, December 8, before embarking at La Guayra:

"To the minister of foreign affairs: 'Replying to your excellency's note of the 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have received instructions from his majesty's government to point out to the Venezuelan government in writing that regarding the steamer Ban Righ, the British government has given full explanations and has shown that there exists no legitimate ground for complaint. Nor does his majesty's government think that there is any reason to attribute blame to the authorities of Trinidad, who only acted conformably with instructions.

"I have the honor to further express that his majesty's government regrets the situation which has arisen, but cannot accept your note as sufficient reply to my communication, nor as indicative of the intention of the Venezuelan government to satisfy the claims which his majesty's government have brought forward and it must be understood that they include all well founded claims which have arisen owing to the last civil war and the previous ones and the ill-treatment and the imprisonment of British subjects, and also include an arrangement for the foreign debt. I have asked the Venezuelan government to make a declaration that they recognize in principle the justness of these claims, that they will immediately make compensation in the navigation cases and the cases above mentioned and in those in which British subjects have been unjustly imprisoned or ill-treated, and that respecting other claims they will accept the decision of a mixed commission as to the amount and guaranty which should be given for payment. I also express the hope that the Venezuelan government will defer to these claims and not oblige his majesty's government to take steps to obtain satisfaction.

ENGLISH WILL REQUIRE AN IMMEDIATE PAYMENT

"I have added that his majesty's government has been informed of the claims of the German government against Venezuela and that the two governments have agreed to operate jointly for the purpose of obtaining an arrangement of all their claims and his majesty's government will require the immediate payment of a sum equal to that which in the first case should be paid to the German government. Any balance after the payment of urgent claims shall be held on account of liquidation of claims which might go before the commission.

"I have, moreover, instructions from his majesty's government to state clearly that this communication must be taken as an ultimatum.

(Signed) Haggard, "British Minister."

To His Excellency, Senior Lopez Baralt, Minister of Foreign Affairs:

"Caracas, Dec. 7.—Mr. Minister: In the name of the government of his majesty, the German emperor, I have the honor to make the following communication to the government of Venezuela:

WHY THINGS ARE NOT AND AS THEY ARE

"The imperial government has been duly informed of the note of the minister of foreign affairs of Venezuela, dated May 9 last. In that note the Venezuelan government refused the demands of the imperial government relative to the payment of German claims arising out of the civil wars of 1898 to 1900, and to support their refusal referred to arguments already put forward. The imperial government,



MINISTER BOWEN.

JURY HAS THE PRESSLEY CASE

General Opinion Is That a Verdict of Acquittal Will Be Rendered--The Murdered Woman Was Employed in Butte at One Time, But Little Was Known of Her.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Missoula, Dec. 13.—Since 11:15 o'clock this morning the jury has been considering the fate of Ira Pressley, charged with the murder of his wife. At that hour all the arguments having been concluded, the jury filed out of the courtroom to deliberate.

Twelve o'clock came and went and the jury gave no sign of either having reached a decision or wanting luncheon. The latter fact gave rise to the belief that a verdict would be rendered presently, but at 1 o'clock the jurors went to the noon meal.

Since then nothing has come from the jury room in the way of information. The general opinion seems to be that a verdict of acquittal will be rendered, but a few think the result will be a hung jury.

The closing argument for the state was

made this morning by Joseph K. Wood, formerly district attorney at Nome, Alaska. Mr. Wood spoke at length and eloquently, devoting most of his time to a severe arraignment of the defendant.

Mrs. Pressley, the Missoula woman who was murdered some time ago, and whose husband is now on trial for the crime, once worked in Butte. From her picture printed in the newspapers ex-Governor J. E. Rickards of this city was able to recognize her as a woman who worked for his family three or four years ago. It was never known what her full name was, but she was known to the family by the name of Olive.

It was also ascertained that she worked for W. Augustus Smith, of the firm of Smith & Mattingly, about that time.

TRY TO SHOVE THE ONUS ON MITCHELL

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 13.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers was again a witness today before the strike commission. He was examined by James Torrey, counsel for the Delaware & Hudson company. Mr. Mitchell yesterday presented figures gathered by his own agents, he said, which showed a higher average of wages paid than the figures handed to the commission by the Delaware & Hudson company.

Mr. Torrey criticized many of Mr. Mitchell's figures and finally said that almost anything can be shown by juggling figures. Mr. Mitchell denies any juggling.

Mr. Torrey next tried to place the responsibility for the strike on President Mitchell. The witness said he opposed the strike at the time it was inaugurated, but favored one later in the year.

Counsel for the independent operators asked Mr. Mitchell if the operators made a contract with the miners in which there was a clause providing for non-interference with non-union men whether the union would enforce the clause. Mr. Mitchell said: "So long as we have no contracts or joint conferences we are not willing to tell in advance what we will agree to."

JOHN MEYERS DISMISSED ON WIFE-BEATING CHARGE

He States His Wife Only Wishes to Get Rid of Him and Judge Boyle Decides to Let Him Go.

John Meyers, arrested a few days ago on the charge of beating his wife, was dismissed yesterday afternoon in Judge Boyle's court after considerable testimony had been heard.

According to Mrs. Meyers, her husband had struck her and created a general uproar in the neighborhood. The defendant stated that it was all a plot to get rid of him that his wife might enjoy the company of some one that she liked better than he.

TOOLE PARDONS BURLINGAME

Boy Is to Go Back to Wisconsin and Live With His Parents.

Helena, Dec. 13.—Governor Toole today pardoned Edward Burlingame. Burlingame was convicted in 1898 in Gallatin county of burglary and sentenced to serve 10 years in the penitentiary. At that time he was only 18 years old. The pardon is granted on account of his youth and also in consideration of a promise made by him that he will go back to his home in Wisconsin and live with his parents.

LANSLOWNE ON THE VENEZUELA FIGHT

HE SAYS THE BRITISH BEAR NO ANTI-PATHY TO ANYBODY IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
London, Dec. 13.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne was the principal guest at the banquet of the United States club given last night in London. In a speech of considerable length the foreign secretary touched upon the most prominent topics of the day.

He said he did not believe that in any part of the world was Great Britain open to the charge of bearing inveterate antipathy to any one, not even to Venezuela.

"If the republic," said Lord Lansdowne, "would desist from committing outrages upon British subjects and British property; if she would pay her just debts, and if she would reply to the diplomatic representations made to her in very courteous language, there would be no need whatever of any quarrel."

"I might add," said the foreign secretary, "that Venezuela would be content to put herself on a moderate allowance in the matter of revolutions. In less than seventy years Venezuela has indulged in the luxury of 104 revolutions. Three revolutions in two years seems to be altogether unreasonable."

FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE.

"I am glad to say that in Venezuelan waters at the present time German and British warships and sailors are acting side by side in enforcing the just demands of these two powers."

Continuing, Lord Lansdowne said that in Somaliland the Italian government was giving Great Britain invaluable facilities in the conduct of operations and that he hoped soon to dispose of the difficulties created by the Mad Mullah in that part of the world.

Concerning Ireland, the foreign secretary said the condition of that country might be regarded today with less misgiving than at any time for many years past. Home rule had receded further into the background than at any time within his recollection.

WREN FAILS TO GET BACK IN TIME FOR THE TRIAL

But the Juror in the Daily Case Has a Good Excuse to Give—And He Serves Without Pay.

Frank Wren was a witness in the Daily murder trial today without pay. When court adjourned for lunch all of the witnesses were told to get back at 1:30 o'clock. Wren did not appear. An attachment was issued for him and he was brought into court. A fine of one day's pay was the result.

Wren explained to the judge that it was a delay at the restaurant that brought him to the bar and that he was unable to hurry anyway because of an injured leg.

MADAME LA BONTA APPEARS AGAIN PERFECTLY CONFIDENT



MADAME LA BONTA

EPIDEMIC GETS TO CASCADE

Rigid Quarantine Restrictions Necessary to Prevent Spread of Disease Which Was Communicated From Camp of Infected Indians in the Vicinity.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Great Falls, Dec. 13.—More rigid even than the rules of martial law are regulations issued this morning by the Cascade county board of health regarding public assemblages in the town of Cascade.

All public meetings of whatsoever kind are prohibited under the order of the board. No congregations may assemble in churches, no schools may continue, no theatrical performances may be held, no club or lodge or society meetings may take place. Crowds are not even allowed to assemble on the streets.

All this is the result of the fact that the whole town of Cascade has been exposed to smallpox. There are no cases in the town itself, but at St. Peter's mission, a few miles from there, and elsewhere in the immediate neighborhood there are a number of cases.

Last night a stranger drifted into the Occidental hotel bar, which was pretty well filled. A general conversation was in progress regarding the prevalence of smallpox in the vicinity and the citizens were discussing the advisability of establishing a quarantine.

"Smallpox?" queried the stranger. "What's everybody so scared of smallpox for? You people all get crazy ideas about these contagious diseases. They are not really dangerous. Why, I am sleeping out here in a barn with two men who have smallpox, and I haven't caught it."

Then the stamped began. It took four and two-fifths seconds to empty the bar-room. Men fell over themselves in an effort to get away. They filled up the

doors and windows, and presently the man was alone.

Investigation today shows that his story was true and that he has been sleeping with two men afflicted with the disease.

Smallpox has been brought into this region by hands of wandering Crees, the same Canadian Crees who have caused so much trouble in Montana. Choteau county has established a quarantine on one camp of the Crees near Hayre, and has spent \$6,000 trying to keep the disease from spreading, but some of the Crees have evaded restrictions and are lying sick of the disease in tepees and cabins all over this part of Montana.

Cattlemen have been exposed by the Indians and several of them have been stricken. Other Indians, especially the half-breeds at St. Peter's mission, have been badly exposed, with the result that a number of cases exist at the mission.

These mission Indians and half-breeds, with cattlemen and Crees, have been coming in and out of the town of Cascade freely. Today the people came to a complete realization of their danger and communicated with the board of health. That board, at its meeting this morning, decided that heroic measures were necessary, and adopted the order mentioned in the foregoing. No absolute quarantine has been established on the town, but the representatives of the board of health will take such steps as they think necessary to prevent the spread of the disease. The citizens are heartily in accord with the actions of the board and will give it every assistance.

LANNIN IS TRIED ON ARSON CHARGE

WITH S. G. SWEET, HE IS ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUSTICE TAYLOR—TESTIMONY TODAY.

Charles Lannin and S. G. Sweet are on trial this afternoon in Justice Taylor's court in South Butte charged with arson. The case was called this morning and continued until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

About midnight two weeks ago fire was discovered in the Atlantic tea store under the Pythian castle. The department responded and extinguished the flames after a hard fight. The fire was evidently of incendiary origin and the next day Lannin, the proprietor, and Sweet, his clerk, were arrested on suspicion, the theory being they had tried to burn the store down for the insurance on the building and goods.

At this morning's session of the court the prosecution produced several witnesses. The most damaging testimony for the state showed that Sweet's hat was found in the store after the fire. It was proved that he bought a new hat at Wines' dry goods store the next morning at 8 o'clock, or rather that Lannin had bought the hat and delivered it to Sweet.

It was also proved that Sweet had refused to say anything to explain the presence of his hat in the store until it was found where it had been purchased. The defense will introduce its witnesses this afternoon and it is likely the trial will take up the greater portion of the day.

DECIDE MARSHAL KILLED HIMSELF

JURY SITS ON REMAINS OF PATRICK FLEMING, FOUND DEAD AT RED LODGE HOME.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Red Lodge, Dec. 13.—A coroner's jury this morning decided that Patrick Fleming, the city marshal who was found dead at his door last night, came to his death at his own hands.

Fleming was a well-known man in eastern Montana and had a record as a brave officer. A shot was heard at his home last night about 6 o'clock. Neighbors who rushed there found Fleming lying dead at the door with a bloody wound in his head. A revolver lay near. An examination showed that the bullet entered the brain through the left temple and ranged downward through the head, causing instant death. None of the family was home at the time.

Fleming leaves a wife and two children and three brothers in Red Lodge. Another brother was killed in a mine in British Columbia last summer. Patrick was 33 years old, the youngest of the five brothers.

For Military Camp.
Washington, Dec. 13.—Representative Needham of California yesterday introduced a bill appropriating \$360,000 for the purchase of a site and establishment of a military camp for the United States army in Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties, California.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF DR. CALEY DOES NOT PLEAD

Judge McClernan Postpones Case Again and It Is Set for Monday Morning.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN IS INTERESTED IN MATTER

Spectators Watch a Fair Brunette, Less Stylishly Dressed Than Madame La Bonta, Who Appears to Watch the Proceedings with a Great Deal of Interest—Madame Is Breaking a Little Under the Strain and Is Nervous.

Madame LaBonta, petite, smiling rather nervously and visibly uncomfortable in every way, was in Judge McClernan's court not more than five minutes this morning. She was there to plead, but the judge announced that the matter would be postponed until 1:30 o'clock Monday.

Whether or not the delay afforded the young woman any relief is a question. Her hurried exit and unmistakable air of relief when she was at liberty to watch the courtroom with Under Sheriff McGuigan, who acted as her escort, indicated plainly that she does not relish the public appearances to which she is subjected.

There was one other woman in the room this morning. She was in every way a contrast to the fair defendant. This woman was not dressed as stylishly as was the madame. She is a brunette, while the madame has light hair and blue eyes. There was nothing of the nervous feeling evident in her case, either.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN IS INTERESTED IN THE CASE

Seemingly, however, this woman had some interest in the case of the madame. She appeared in the room a few minutes before 1 o'clock. This was before the entrance of the defendant. From a rear seat she sat watching the proceedings. Immediately after the brief proceeding in the case the woman left the room, following the defendant but a few minutes.

During her brief stay in the courtroom Madame LaBonta sat beside her attorney, Edward Booth. They conversed in whispers, the fair defendant repeating her close scrutiny of everything and everybody in the room. She gave close attention to Mr. Booth, however, and it was apparent that both expected that the plea would be heard at the appointed time.

When the court made the announcement of postponement Mr. Booth had nothing to say. The madame looked relieved, and immediately gathered up her skirts preparatory to leaving the room. Mr. Booth delayed her a moment, however, for a few whispered words of consultation. Then the madame followed the undersheriff, her attorney leaving the room immediately afterward.

HEARING IN THE MACGINNISS CASE

WILLIAM G. ROCKEFELLER AND PERCIVAL M'INTOSH ARE CALLED UPON TO TESTIFY.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Dec. 13.—A hearing was secured yesterday in the suit of John MacGinniss, a stockholder of the Boston & Montana Consolidated Mining company, to restrain William G. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers and Percival McIntosh, directors of the Anaconda Copper company, from voting the stock of the Boston & Montana, which was transferred some time ago.

William G. Rockefeller and Percival J. McIntosh gave evidence, but it was not made public.

Mr. Rogers did not appear.

BACK TO NORTH DAKOTA

James Burke and Louis Peterson Are to Be Taken for Trial.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Helena, Dec. 13.—Judge Knowles in the United States court today issued an order directing United States Marshal Lloyd to remove to North Dakota, James Burke and Louis Peterson. These are the men arrested at Kalispell, charged with robbing the postoffice at Galeburg, N. D., of \$150 worth of stamps.

The order today was issued in order to send the men to the United States district court of North Dakota for trial.

LENNOX IS NOT SENTENCED

Daily Murder Trial Is on and There Is No Time for Charlie.

Charles Lennox, convicted of aiding in the killing of a brakeman at Silver Bow, was not sentenced this morning. He was in court to hear the judgment of the court.

Judge McClernan announced that he would not pass upon the case until 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon because of the desire to continue with the trial of the Daily murder case.

Federal Mill Adjourns.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Helena, Dec. 13.—Judge Knowles adjourned the United States court at noon until Monday morning.