

## BRITISH WILL EMPLOY FURTHER COERCIVE METHODS

### LANSLOWNE SAYS IT IS NECESSARY TO EMPLOY FORCE

British Cabinet Meets to Discuss Situation--Germans in Correspondence.

### ITALY ASKS BOWEN TO LOOK TO THEIR CAUSE

Further Details to the Sinking of the Venezuelan Vessels by the British Retribution--She Steamed Out of the Harbor With Them in Tow; Later There Were Cannon Shots; Then the Warship Came Back Without Them.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. London, Dec. 16.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today under foreign affairs Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made to refer the dispute in Venezuela to arbitration.

Replying to a question in the house of lords today Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, said that if the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect further coercive resources would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany, and it had been decided to resort to a blockade of the ports. It was not intended to land a British force and still less to occupy Venezuelan territory.

Premier Balfour presided at a cabinet meeting held at the foreign office at noon today. The Venezuelan crisis and the king's speech at the proroguing of parliament were the principal matters considered.

### GERMANS HAVE NOT YET ANSWERED MR. CASTRO

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The German government has not yet replied to President Castro's offer of arbitration, being still in correspondence with the British government on the subject. It is intimated that Germany's ready reply is not likely to be ready for some days.

The opinion in the cabinet appears to be that President Castro's proposals are merely a move in a game designed to see what Germany and Great Britain are now willing to do and as a test also of American public feeling. The prevailing idea here at present is that it is too late to arbitrate and that the acceptance of the offer to do so would place Germany in the position of having put her hand to the plow and as looking backward. The government's concern at the present moment is to guide the application of force so as to avoid what could be taken internationally as a declaration of war, resulting in the recognition of Venezuela as a belligerent. The conduct of the United States is regarded in diplomatic opinion here as being strong and dignified, and the state department's handling of the affair is looked upon as establishing Europe's recognition of the Monroe doctrine, because every step of Germany and Great Britain was made after taking into account what the United States thought of it. At the same time it is claimed that events in Venezuela are saving the United States many future complications by letting the Latin republic understand that the United States will not protect them from the effects of financial delinquency and internal disorder.

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Washington, Dec. 16.—The Italian ambassador today called at the state department and advised Secretary Hay that Italy had joined the allies in the operations against Venezuela. He requested that Mr. Bowen assume charge of the Italian interests in Venezuela and the secretary grant to the attention of the governments to Italy enters the combination on the same plane as to abstention from territorial seizures as Germany and Great Britain.

Falling to hear from Europe as to Mr. Bowen's proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan troubles, Secretary Hay today addressed cablegrams to the United States ambassadors at London, Berlin and Rome, instructing them to call the matter again to the attention of the governments to which they are accredited, with a view to securing an early expression of opinion from them.

### CLAIMS ITALY WAS AGAINST CASTRO

Rome, Dec. 16.—The claims of Italy on Venezuela referred to by Foreign Minister Prinetti, in the chamber of deputies here yesterday, comprises losses sustained by Italian citizens during the recent revolution. Most of 7,618 Italian residents of Venezuela have been heavy losers. All the marble works in Venezuela, besides other industries, were in the hands of Italians, hence the aggregate of the Italian claims for damages is large.

The instructions transmitted to Captain Orsini, commander of the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan, now at La Guayra, are to act in full accord with the British and German commanders in the blockade of the Venezuelan coast and any other measures which may be considered necessary in order to reach the desired object.

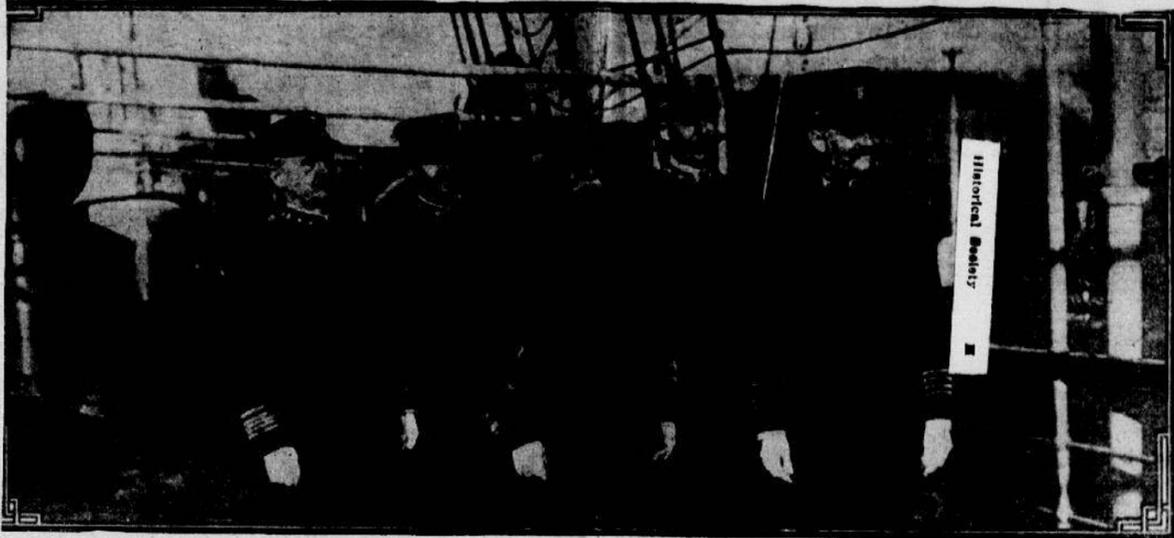
### BRITISH AND GERMAN WARSHIPS OFF ISLAND

Caracas, Dec. 16.—The governor of Margarita island reports that British and German warships are off that island. Minister Bowen yesterday politely refused to have a monster patriotic parade pass before the United States legation. Every one here hopes that the arbitration proposed by Venezuela through Mr. Bowen and Washington will be granted.

### When the Combined Fleets Seized the Venezuelan Ships at La Guayra the German Commander Delivered to the

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## DEWEY AND THE NAVAL MANEUVERS NOW ON



Admiral Dewey and staff aboard the "Mayflower." Beginning with the officer on the left (who wears two stars and an anchor on his collar), the naval officers are Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of staff, Captain J. E. Pillabury, Admiral Dewey, Commander Nathan Sargent, Captain William Swift.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 16.—Admiral Dewey commanding the fleet, with the exception of the Massachusetts, sailed for Culebra yesterday morning and engaged the vessels in tactical evolutions. The

warships will return here at 4 o'clock. These evolutions are preliminary to the great exercises which are to follow the holidays. The details of the blockade problem are

announced. The torpedo boats inside of Great Harbor will steal out and attack the battleships lying not less than two miles distant. Judges will be appointed to determine which side is victorious. The tor-

pedo boats will thus be demonstrated and the commanders are confident that the prejudice against this type of vessel will be swept away as a result of their behavior.



Map of Venezuela, Showing the Locality of the Joint Operations of the Allies and the Cities Threatened.

## BUTTE FILIBUSTERS ORGANIZE

Gallant Band of Lovers of Freedom Who Are to Go Down to Venezuela and Strike Terror into the Hearts of Briton and Teuton Alike, to Say Nothing of Chance Italians or Any Old Nation.

As the war clouds obscure the coast of the sister continent, and all eyes are straining toward the scene of strife, there are those who feel a sympathetic chord throbbing in their breasts. There are those who would give up home and all the comforts of life to aid in the defense of liberty.

Butte has always furnished its quota of men behind the guns, and now that the trouble in South America has grown to be a problem of international importance, the metropolis of Montana will not be found wanting volunteers to uphold the Monroe doctrine.

P. J. Gilligan and Bert Alley have clasped hands across the bloody chasm of political differences, to raise a battalion for the preservation of the republican form of government in Venezuela.

### WILL FREE VENEZUELA OR DIE IN ATTEMPT

The night before last the patriots gathered for their first rally around the flag of the oppressed. Gravely they shook hands and pledged themselves to preserve the freedom of their distressed brothers in South America, or die in the attempt.

Bravely the little band pressed to the front, and, resting their feet on the rail of Strobel's bar, began their first engagement. Fearlessly they demolished the solid array of Creme de Menthes that confronted them.

### 'FRISCO WITHOUT A WARSHIP

Casey Is Going to Sail Away and Leave the Town Unprotected.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The flag ship New York, flying the flag of Admiral Casey, will leave port tomorrow for Santa Barbara and will remain there till Christmas.

### Wonder Why!

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger says the libel proceedings against the Socialist Voerwaerts for the allegations made by that paper against the late Herr Krupp have been stopped by the public prosecutor at the request of the family of the deceased.

### ARE CHAGRINED THAT ITALY ESCAPED THEM

Mr. Gilligan stated this morning that there was no doubt about his ability to raise 500 men. Speaking of the first skirmish, he said: "Sunday evening we completely put to rout the German and English fleets and retired well satisfied with our conquest. Imagine our chagrin on awakening in the morning to find that during the night Italy had stolen a march on us and sent over four warships! Even this unexpected development will not dampen the ardor of our soldiery. We shall enlist with Castro and be furnished with privates to match the officers."

### HAVE IMMIGRATION SCHEME

English Syndicate Wants a Large Tract of Land in Ontario.

London, Dec. 16.—Negotiations are still in progress by an English syndicate for acquiring from the Ontario government of a concession for a large tract of land on terms similar to those offered an American syndicate for a tract of 2,000,000 acres.

### Bailey Is to Speak

Galena, Ill., Dec. 16.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas has accepted an invitation of the Grant Birthday association of Galena to deliver the annual address at the celebration April 27.

## PLUMBERS DECIDE NOT TO BACK OUT

FINE IMPOSED ON ENGINEER SINGER HOLDS GOOD—MAY ORGANIZE A MECHANICS' UNION.

At a called meeting of the Plumbers' union last night it was decided not to recede from the position taken Monday night; that is, the fine imposed on Engineer Singer still stands and the plumbers will remain suspended from the Silver Bow Trades and Labor assembly.

It was rumored in labor union circles this afternoon that a plan is on foot to organize a Mechanics' association which will petition the American Labor union to be admitted as a member. If this is done, and the plumbers still stand by their present determination to hold out against the order of the Trades and Labor assembly, the new union will take their place and the Plumbers' union will be recognized by other unions only as an outlaw organization.

### MRS. W. A. CLARK, JR. IS NOW SOMEWHAT BETTER

Specialist Summoned to Her Bedside From Denver Says She is Much Improved, Though Not Out of Danger.

Dr. Donald Campbell, who is attending Mrs. Will Clark, stated this afternoon that his patient had improved a great deal in the past few days, and that if the favorable symptoms which are now present, continue, no alarm need be felt by her friends.

### TO BE BURIED IN ILLINOIS

Helena, Dec. 16.—The local lodge of Elks today received a dispatch from Oklahoma saying that the body of the late Samuel K. McDowell of Helena, who was murdered in Oklahoma December 6, is to be buried at Clayton, Ill. The dispatch says the tragedy is still a mystery, but is being investigated.

## HE WAS TRYING TO STOP THE TROUBLE

WHEN JOHN HOLLAND GOT A KNIFE IN THE WAIST—WILL NOT TELL WHO DID IT.

John Holland, a miner, while acting as peacemaker between two quarreling men, in King & Lowry's saloon, was stabbed with a knife. The wound was inflicted with a small blade, and Dr. McIntyre, who dressed the injury, stated that it was not dangerous.

It appears that two men, considerably under the influence of liquor, were engaged in a sort of wrestling match which soon took on the dimensions of a fight. Holland attempted to interfere and succeeded in getting them apart. After that he walked out to the front of the saloon and made the discovery that he was wounded. Blood flowed from a knife wound on his left side slightly above his waist. He was taken to St. James' hospital and later went home. Unless blood poisoning or some unforeseen complication sets in there is little danger from the wound.

Holland would not say who did the cutting and the police have nothing to work on. He steadfastly adhered to his first declaration that he did not know who did it and it would do him no good if he did. Inquiries at the saloon failed to give any further particulars of the fight. No one saw him struck and many who saw the fight were unaware that any one was injured.

### Killed by the Turks.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 16.—Advices from the frontier say that 24 Macedonian workmen who were returning to their own country have been killed by Turkish frontier guards near Dubnitsa.

### ONE WEEK AFTER THEY TOOK MARRIAGE VOWS

Husband Deserted Wife, and So Lilly Brownstein Has Been Given a Divorce by Harney.

Lilly Brownstein's very brief experience as the wife of Harry Brownstein came to an end this morning when Judge Harney signed the decree that gave her legal separation and restored her maiden name, Lilly Grose.

The couple were married in Butte on July 29 last, but little over four months ago. According to the complaint in the case the wife was subjected to cruel treatment almost from the wedding day. Threats to kill, the applying of vile names and the taking of \$200 from the plaintiff were some of the charges.

### JUDGE STEWART IS TO COME IN JAN. 1

Bozeman, Dec. 16.—On January 1 W. R. C. Stewart of this city, the newly-appointed judge of the Ninth judicial district, will assume office. That is the date upon which the resignation of Judge Holloway,



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now associate justice of the supreme court, as District judge, will take effect. The Ninth district comprises the counties of Gallatin, Broadwater and Meagher, with sittings of court at Bozeman and White Sulphur Springs.

## LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO SEE INTO PRACTICE

Parents of Some of the Little Girls Who Work in Coal Fields Well Fixed.

### STRIKE COMMISSION IS STILL ON THEIR CASE

Legislature of Pennsylvania, It is Thought, Should Forbid Their Employment—Miners Spring Surprise on the Operators by Springing a Witness Who Gives Some Very Interesting Inside Facts on Important Matters.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 16.—When the coal strike commission met today Chairman Gray opened the proceedings by saying that the commissioners were impressed with the spectacle of the little girls who were before the commission yesterday and testified that they worked at night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the legislature of Pennsylvania seriously consider the enactment of a law that will forbid the employment of children at night. At the suggestion of the commission the statement of the wages of the fathers of two of the girls were presented. One earned more than \$1,000 last year and the other over \$900.

The miners spring another surprise by presenting an individual operator on the witness stand against the operators. He was John C. Haddock of Wilkesbarre, president of the Plymouth Coal company. Mr. Haddock, in answer to questions put to him by C. S. Darrow for the miners, said he had been in the coal business 35 years. His company operates the Black Diamond and Dodson mines near Wilkesbarre.

He said his company went into the hands of receivers on March 14, and on November 14 trustees took hold of the property. Mr. Haddock then explained that the miners' ton, which runs from 2,700 to 3,200 pounds, was fixed years ago so that the employer could get out of the ton 2,240 pounds of coal above the size of pea size. This was a waste of coal. Regarding the prices of coal Mr. Haddock said the middlemen in New York are paying \$11 and \$12 a ton.

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