

## BOWEN WILL ACT AS VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIVE

### AMERICAN MINISTER SEEMS TO HAVE FULL SWAY

Negotiations Now Wait Upon Mr. Castro, Whose Action Will Be Watched.

### SAID HE WILL ACCEPT THE SITUATION NICELY

Bowen is at Present Charged With the Interests of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Other European Powers in Venezuela, to Say Nothing of the Fact That He is Our Minister There and is Supposed to Be Working for Castro.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
La Guayra, Dec. 29.—The Dutch steamer Prinz Willem V. from Amsterdam arrived here today. After undergoing the usual preliminaries she was allowed to enter and discharge her cargo.

The German ship Charlotte has arrived here.

The British cruiser Tribune has captured another schooner and sloop.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Venezuelan negotiations now await upon President Castro. Minister Bowen has been fully advised by the state department of the result of its exchange with the foreign offices at London, Berlin and Rome, and he has been charged to take the case in hand himself and arrange the details of the protocol which will precede the submission of the foreign claims to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. In so doing, Mr. Bowen is acting, not as United States minister, but as Venezuela's representative.

The officials here wish it to be distinctly understood that their functions so far as the Venezuelan difficulty was concerned when they brought the parties to the controversy together are at an end.

By the latest Venezuelan advices it is noted that President Castro is expected at Caracas today and it is felt that he will not consume much time in making up his mind to accept the proposals held out to him through Minister Bowen by the allied powers.

It now seems probable that Minister Bowen will come to Washington as Venezuela's representative on the commission which will draw up the protocol providing for the submission of the claims of the powers of The Hague tribunal. It has been decided that he may so represent Venezuela, notwithstanding the fact that he is at present charged with the interests of Great Britain, Germany, Italy and other European powers in Venezuela. As soon as he leaves Venezuela this



Guard in President Castro's Antechamber

charge will pass to Mr. Russell, the secretary and charge of the American legation, whose reputation at the state department is more of a thoroughly competent and able official. The selection of Mr. Bowen will cause a postponement of the assembling of the proposed commission until he can arrive here from Caracas.

### It Will Be All Right.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Foreign Secretary von Richthofen is awaiting the receipt of President Castro's answer to the proposal to submit the Venezuelan dispute to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal with certain reservations before corresponding with Great Britain over the personnel of the tribunal or the date for raising the blockade.

Assuming that President Castro declines to accept the reservations, will arbitration fall through? asked the correspondent of the Associated Press of a foreign official today. The official replied: "A settlement will be reached by arbitration in any event."



CIPRIANO CASTRO---DICTATOR OF VENEZUELA

President Castro, the South American dictator, whose recent defiance of two world powers has so astonished Europe, is, in truth, an extraordinary man. Measuring but five feet four inches in height, lame, of humble origin, uneducated, and essentially ignorant of all the refinements of Western culture, he is none the less one of the most forceful men Venezuela has produced since the days of Bolivar. He won his way, sword in hand, to the Yellow House, or president's mansion of Caracas. He has met pressure from abroad by insulting first France, then the United States, and now Germany and Great Britain. His latest defiance of these powers, after they had wiped out his entire navy at one fell blow, was such a delightfully Spanish performance that it made him the hero of the hour in all South America. It remains to be seen whether Cipriano Castro is a Don Quixote or a Fernando Cortez.

### DISCREPANCY FOUND IN ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER

Official of Barbers' Union Said to Be Short in His Books to Amount of \$645.

### THOUGHT THAT THE MATTER WILL BE EASILY ADJUSTED

Shows No Intention of Leaving the City and Friends Are Confident That the Discrepancy Will Be Made Good—Bond Surety Company Has Been Notified by Barbers' Union to Come Forward and Put Up the Missing Money.

The committee appointed by the Barbers' union to investigate the accounts of its treasurer, Jerome Lane, has reported a shortage of \$645. The United States Fidelity & Casualty company, which is surety for the treasurer in the sum of \$1,000 has been notified and Mr. Lane and his friends are endeavoring to fix up matters satisfactorily. A meeting of the union will be held tonight, when Mr. Lane and representatives of the bond company will try to come to some understanding.

The investigating committee has been at work on the treasurer's books for the past several days and it has finally got them straightened out. There is yet a slight discrepancy between the accounts of the treasurer and the financial secretary which has not been explained, but it is thought that everything will be adjusted tonight, so that matters may be clearly laid before the union.

Mr. Lane has been treasurer of the organization for the past four or five terms. He is employed in the barber shop at 17 East Broadway and is well known about town. He has a wife and child.

### HAS BEEN STEADILY AT WORK AT PRESENT PLACE

It is alleged that Lane gambled in stocks last summer and lost the money belonging to the union. So far as known he has been temperate in his habits and has been steadily working at his present place. He is said to have accused another officer of the union of doing him an injustice in the matter of the money in the hands of the treasurer, but whether he intended to convey the idea that another was implicated in the alleged shortage, or that he simply failed to live up to some promise, cannot be learned.

Lane has shown no disposition to leave the city and today was at his accustomed post in the barber shop.

Members of the Barbers' union state that the alleged shortage has been known to several of the organization for a long time, but through friendship for Mr. Lane, they said nothing about it.

It is said that only recently the union contributed to the fund of the striking miners in Pennsylvania, and ordered warrants drawn for \$20 a month. It is now said that the money was not sent, although charged against the cash account on the treasurer's books. While the union was generously donating money to the struggling coal miners, it is said that there was no money in the treasury to contribute.

The bond company is not at all inclined to prosecute the case, provided that the money is forthcoming within a reasonable time.

The United States Fidelity and Casualty company is represented in Butte by the J. E. Rickards company.

### BILLINGS SHERIFF HAS HIS PRISONER

HUBBARD TAKES WALTER COX BACK TO ANSWER TO A CHARGE OF FORGERY FILED THERE.

Sheriff George W. Hubbard of Yellowstone county, left this afternoon for Billings with Walter Cox, a young man wanted in that city for forgery. According to the officer from Billings, Cox is badly wanted in several Montana towns and at least one in Wyoming on similar charges. It is alleged that Cox forged and passed checks at Billings, Red Lodge and Sheridan, Wyo.

Cox was arrested Saturday in the Northern Pacific lumber yards by Policeman Parlin upon complaint of F. A. Staples, who charged that the name of his brother was forged to a check for \$28.50. The check is said to have been cashed at a dry goods store where a small purchase was made.

Cox is a bridge carpenter and has been employed at that vocation by Edward Staples of Billings.

### MRS. CLARK SEEMS TO BE IMPROVING

Mrs. William A. Clark, Jr., is reported to be somewhat improved this afternoon, and her condition is described as being about the same as it was Saturday. Sunday she developed some unfavorable symptoms and more alarm was felt than at any time since the operation last week.

The attending physicians are very hopeful today, and if the patient continues to hold her own, as she has been doing for the past 24 hours, there is strong hope that she will begin to gain soon.

### CLARK BALL BEATEN BY FITZ

Goes Down and Out in the Thornton Hotel Lobby From a Blow From the Bulky Fist of the Cornishman, Who is Enraged Over the Fact That Munroe Has Signed Contract.

Tossing from side to side, wracked from bodily pain and mental anguish and groaning over his present discomforts Clark Ball, yesterday the manager of Robert Fitzsimmons and today of Munroe, the new stellar attraction in the world of pugilism, lies on the bed in his room at the Thornton hotel and wonders when he will be physically able to take the road again.

Ball was knocked down and rendered

Five stitches were taken in the cut on the head and his bruised face and lacerated arm also bear evidence to the brutal treatment he received at the hands of Fitzsimmons.

Fitzsimmons' motive in assaulting his manager was jealousy of Munroe. Ball and Munroe signed a contract shortly after midnight last night, wherein the man who stayed four rounds with Jeffries



The special correspondent in Venezuela of Collier's Weekly, from which these illustrations are taken.

catching Ball on the point of the jaw and sending him to the floor, bleeding and insensible.

Fully 50 people witnessed the affair and all were incensed at what they termed the pugilist's cowardice. Fitzsimmons glanced at the unconscious form and remarked

with a sneer: "What if he is my brother-in-law? I'll show him how to talk to me."

At 2 o'clock Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Kid Eagan and Billy Armstrong boarded the train for Pocatello. They left without

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### SPECIAL ELECTION COUNT IS ALL IN

C. C. BEVER IS DECLARED ELECTED BY ONE VOTE—BUT SOMEBODY IS NOT SATISFIED YET.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.

Billings, Dec. 29.—On the face of the returns of the special election, as canvassed today by the board of county commissioners, sitting as canvassers, C. C. Bever, the republican candidate, is elected to the legislature by a majority of one vote over S. S. Morse, the democrat, Bever having received 580 votes and Morse 579. Nevertheless the matter is still in doubt. It is asserted by Morse in Junction precinct, where 12 votes were cast—eight for Bever and four for Morse—one man voted who had not been registered properly prior to the previous election. It is hoped by the friends of Morse that the election in Junction precinct will be invalidated by this fact.

This afternoon the board is hearing lengthy arguments on the subject. John T. Smith of Livingston appears as attorney for Morse, while County Attorney Hathorn is looking after the interests of Mr. Bever.

### STRATTON WILL IS UP IN COURT AGAIN

LITIGATION INVOLVES A FORTUNE OF FROM TEN TO TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 29.—The will of the late W. S. Stratton, involving a fortune of between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000, came up for probate today before Judge Orr of the county court of El Paso county.

The case was called at 10 o'clock, when attorneys representing the executors who offered the will, and I. Harry Stratton, the son, who is fighting the will, appeared and asked for a continuance until 2 o'clock in order that the two sides might get together on a course of procedure in the hearings that are to follow. The case was continued.

At the afternoon session the executors' attorneys will produce the will and bring forth evidence attesting the validity of the signatures of the testator, whereupon the attorneys for the son will begin their fight upon the grounds that the multi-millionaire was of unsound mind at the time he drew the will in August, 1901.

There are 30 of the most prominent lawyers of Colorado in the case.



ROBERT FITZSIMMONS.

unconscious last night shortly after 1 o'clock, by Fitzsimmons, in the lobby of the Thornton. After being dazed by the blow from the pugilist's fist and as he was in the act of falling, Ball's head came in contact with the sharp point of a furniture fixture, and a gaping wound was opened in the scalp.

The fighter's manager was removed to his room on regaining consciousness and following the advice of his physician, Dr. Smetters, he remained in his bed today.

agreed to show under Ball's management for ten weeks and for this service Ball agreed to pay Munroe \$500 per week.

When Fitz and Jeff heard of this they were both enraged that Ball should have deserted them for the new idol. Ball spoke to Fitz in the hotel lobby and asked him to decide what was due him as manager for past services. Fitz replied that he owed Ball nothing. The latter made a hot retort and the Cornishman's fist shot out like a piston rod on a fast express.



CLARK BALL.