

her equipment at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, she will be utilized in the German operations against Venezuela.

ENGLAND MAY GET OUT, LEAVING GERMANY ALONE.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—It is stated here that there is reason to believe that orders will or have been sent to the British commander in Venezuelan waters to take no further aggressive action at present, pending a decision being arrived at on the proposal of arbitration.

BERLIN NOT WILLING NOW TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—It is intimated in official circles here that the proposal of President Castro, of Venezuela, to submit the claims against that country to arbitration have been received too late.

As a result there will be no hesitation in carrying out the aggressive policy which has been begun. No indication has been given as to the exact course to be pursued, but it is believed that other ports will be shelled by the warships and marines landed if an absolute surrender of their position is not made by the Venezuelans.

VENEZUELA IN DESPAIR APPEALS TO U. S. FOR AID.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 15.—Officials here are depending entirely on the United States to assist them. A movement is on foot, headed by prominent doctors and lawyers, to request President Castro to resign and ask Vice-President Ramon Ayala to assume the Presidency and form a Cabinet without party tendencies.

President Castro during the day visited the tomb of Bolivar. The Government reports that the German cruiser Panther is going to Maracaibo to destroy the forts there.

CASTRO TELLS ENGLAND THAT HE WANTS PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An expression of a desire for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties has been received in London from the Venezuelan Government. In the House of Commons to-day Lord Cranborne, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, denied that Great Britain was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships.

SOUTH AMERICA UNITED, MAY DEFY THE BIG POWERS.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 15.—The bombardment of Puerto Cabello has brought about a feeling that Venezuela's difficulty with Great Britain and Germany has gone past the diplomatic stage. The people are anxious for war and hopeful that Argentina and Chili will come to the assistance of their sister republic.

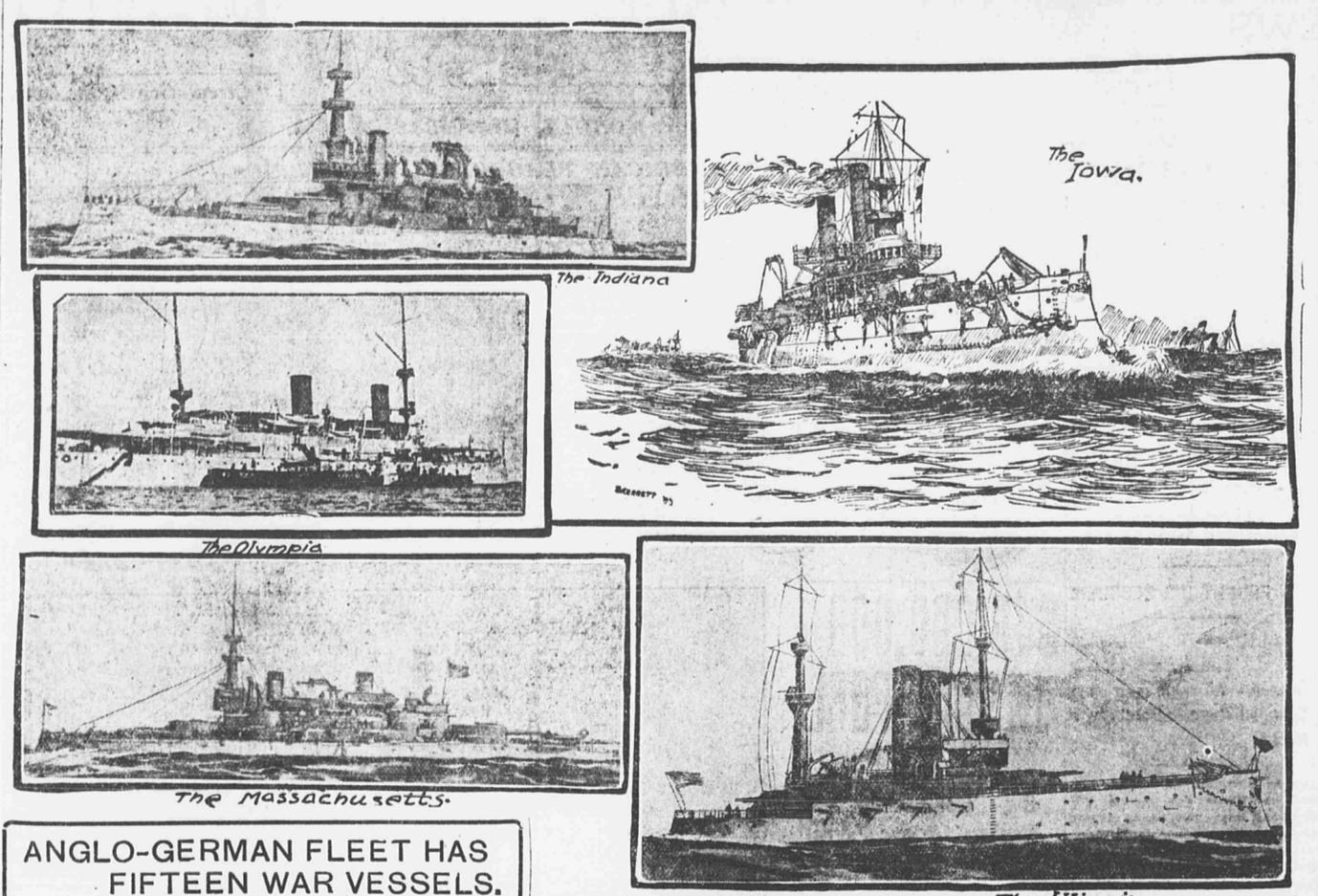
ARGENTINA AND CHILI MAY TAKE PART.

Diplomatic correspondence with that end in view has been going on. It is known that Argentina has sought to learn whether the Government of the United States will remain passive in the face of the drastic measures taken for the collection of trifling debt. Venezuela has asked its aid.

HOSTILE INTENT PLAINLY SHOWN.

Details of the bombardment at Puerto Cabello emphasize the haste with which the allied fleet carried out their hostile intent.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S POWERFUL WARSHIPS, WHICH ARE NOW WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE VENEZUELAN COAST.



ANGLO-GERMAN FLEET HAS FIFTEEN WAR VESSELS.

Table listing the allied squadron of the British and German navies in Venezuelan waters, including ship names, classes, and counts.

WHAT THE MONROE DOCTRINE REALLY IS.

But with the governments who have declared their independence and maintained it, and whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interference for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States.

ITALY HOPES FOR A SETTLEMENT.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The statement published in the United States to-day that Signor Di Riva, the Minister of Italy to Caracas, had gone on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan, at La Guayra, is denied here.

ECUADOR OFFERS TO HELP VENEZUELA.

QUAYQUIL, 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 and to all the other South American Consulates, shouting, "Long live Castro! Long live Venezuela! Long live the South American Countries!"

ENGLAND ASKS ABOUT CUBA.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—When questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the negotiations for a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba and how it was proposed to protect British rights under the most favored nation treatment in Cuba, Under Secretary Cranborne said representations had been made in Washington on the subject, but that he had not seen them.

VETERAN MERCHANT BEGINS LIFE AGAIN.

Meyer Jonasson at Seventy Will Now Start in to Regain His Lost Fortune.

FIGHT OVER WILL FOR \$2,000,000.

Fifteen Relatives Who Attempt to Overturn Bequest to 'Jack' Prager Say Morris Prager's Estate Was Underestimated.

HAD HYSTERIC IN COURT.

One Daughter Fainted, Another Went as Man Was Convicted.

MERGER AGAIN ATTACKED.

Policy-Holder Tries to Prevent Prudential-Fidelity Deal.

CARLEY SAYS HE IS A VICTIM.

Broker Who Failed for a Million Dollars Accuses Financiers in Court and Talks of Extortion.

WENT TO SMOKE AND LOST HIS LIFE.

Swan Stepped Out on a Fire-Escape on Cliff Street and Fell Five Stories to His Death.

PAID ALIMONY GLADLY.

Aged Mr. Bower Remarkably He Was Glad to Be Rid of Wife at Any Cost.

STRENUOUS TEST FOR LAWN MOWER.

Harris Lifted 60-Pound Dumb-bell for Civil-Service Board and Now He's in a Hospital.

TO SCARE VANDERBILT.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 15.—Francis D. Carley, a New York broker, who failed recently for over a million dollars, made some sensational statements in the United States District Court here to-day.

STEAMER CRIPPED AT SEA.

Peruvian Arrives at St. John's in Battered Condition.

CARNEGIE GOES SLEIGHING.

His Health Restored and Family Installed in New Mansion.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning a man was found dead in his bed.

FORCE GIRLS TO WORK IN MINES.

Judge Gray's Indignation Aroused by Stories of Children Who Toil at Night on Twelve-Hour Shifts.

DENOUNCES THEIR FATHERS.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Little girls between ten and twelve years old, who work in the mines all night on twelve-hour shifts, were witnesses to-day before the Strike Commission.

CANFIELD A FELON, SAYS JEROME.

Brann he decided it would be best to ask for a summons.

OLD THEATRICAL MAN DEAD.

Gabriel Harrison Established First Brooklyn Playhouse.

DEPT. DEAD IN SALOON.

Otto Tobin, thirty-nine years of age, of No. 79 East Eleventh street, dropped dead early to-day in a saloon owned by...

NOTED TEMPERANCE WORKER DEAD.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Benjamin P. Dunnington, Treasurer of the American Baptist Publication Society, died at his residence in this city to-day.