

VENEZUELAN HOSTILITY TO UNITED STATES

Matos, Foreign Minister, Said to Thwart Efforts for Closer Trade Relations.

CONSISTENT ANTI-AMERICAN

Forming Federation of Republics Which May Further Separate Them from This Country—Has Confidence of Gomez.

From an Occasional Correspondent of The Tribune. Caracas, Venezuela, Feb. 20.—No American can get anything from the government of Venezuela. This was the surprising statement that was made to me recently by a leading English resident of Caracas in the course of a discussion of the opportunities which Venezuela affords for the extension of American trade and the investment of American capital.

Just now Matos is engaged in a chimerical project for a pseudo-federation of the nations liberated by Bolivar—Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru—into a sentimental confederacy of some sort, and he has induced General Gomez to consent to the dispatch of envoys to these several countries to negotiate the project.

Of what avail are the efforts of Secretary Knox and the managers of the Pan-American Union at Washington to improve Latin-American trade relations by means of the recent conference at the capital, when these efforts are deliberately set at naught by the presence in the Foreign Office at Caracas of a man known to be hostile to the cultivation of closer relations between the two countries?

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More Cholera in Hawaii. Four Deaths in Quarantine. Japanese View of New Treaty. Honolulu, Feb. 27.—Four more deaths from cholera have occurred among the Hawaiians isolated at the quarantine station, because of contact with infected persons. This makes a total of six deaths since the disease appeared here.

The Kaiser's Thirty Autos. Berlin, Feb. 27.—Emperor William's well known fondness for motoring has just been shown by orders for four new automobiles built by German firms. With these additions his majesty will have thirty machines, including half a dozen motor baggage trucks.

Canadian Shoe Commission. Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Following the order of Judge Cannon, of Quebec, that the complaint of shoe manufacturers in that city against the American Shoe Machine Company be investigated, on the ground that its operations were in violation of the Canadian combine act, Mackenzie King, Minister of Labor, has ordered the appointment of a commission to undertake the investigation.

Mr. Chamberlain Goes South. London, Feb. 27.—Joseph Chamberlain, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain, left here to-day for the Riviera.

Six Plague Deaths in Amoy. Amoy, China, Feb. 27.—Six deaths from bubonic plague and five from smallpox were reported in this city and suburbs during the fortnight ending last Saturday.

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THE BRIAND CABINET OUT

President Fallieres Accepts the Resignation of the Ministry.

REASONS FOR RESIGNING

Inability to Unite Republicans in Support of a Tolerant Separation Programme.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Premier Briand, who succeeded M. Clemenceau as head of the French Cabinet on July 13, 1909, tendered the resignation of his ministry to President Fallieres this evening. It was announced this evening that M. Briand's successor would not be named until to-morrow, and it is understood that President Fallieres is decidedly of the opinion that the new cabinet must be prepared to follow the policy of the Briand ministry, which received the support of both chambers up to the last, and will call to the presidency a Senator, who according to the latest indications, will be either M. Monis, vice-president of the Senate, Raymond Poincaré or Jean Dupuy.

It is reported that the retiring Premier suggested M. Pichon, who was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Briand Cabinet, as the new Premier, but the latter gave it to be understood that he would accept neither the premiership nor a portfolio in the new ministry.

The Premier and the other ministers went direct to the Elysee Palace from the Ministry of War after the funeral of General Brun. On behalf of himself and colleagues M. Briand read a communication addressed to President Fallieres, in which it was said that the resignation of the ministry was imperative on account of the growing hostility of certain elements in the Republican coalition which were constantly blocking the government's programme that was dedicated to social progress and national order and security.

The cabinet's ambition was to carry out a broad programme of conciliation and appeasement. So far as the question of Church and State was concerned, the ministers were convinced that the Church and State having been separated, the work of legislation should be reasonable and tolerant and should show respect for all religious beliefs. The statement continued: "My appeal to fellow Republicans to stand together has been misunderstood by some and deliberately distorted by others. It is a regrettable fact that we have been unable to heal wounds which we believe to be the greatest and most fearful that has ever been offered to Parliament."

President Fallieres had not indicated whom he will request to form a ministry. He gave up the remainder of the afternoon to consulting with the leaders of the party, the presidents and vice-presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies. The availability of Senator Antoine Monis has been suggested to the President by an influential group. M. Monis was Minister of Justice in the Waldeck-Rousseau Cabinet, and for thirty years has been an important figure in public life.

For a year and a half M. Briand successfully fought the socialist parties, which he was originally affiliated, and on last Friday night when he was attacked on the ground that he had not entered on his law against the congregations, as set forth in the separation act, the government escaped censure by the slim majority of sixteen votes.

The retiring ministers are: Premier, Briand; Justice, Girard; Foreign Affairs, Pichon; Marine, Admiral Doue de Launay; Public Instruction, Faure; Finance, Klotz; Commerce, Dupuy; Agriculture, Raymond; Colonies, Corval; Labor, Lafferre; Justice, Wertheim; War, Dieudonné.

PICTURES CHINESE FAMINE

Missionary's Wife of Sale of Children—Sending Relief. The extent of the suffering caused by the famine in China was vividly pictured in the scenes described by Mrs. James N. Cochran in a letter recently received by her mother-in-law at her home in Plainfield, N. J. Mrs. Cochran is the wife of the Rev. James R. Cochran, who, with his brother, Dr. Samuel Cochran, is stationed at the mission in Hwai Yuen, China.

"The starving people," Mrs. Cochran wrote, "are driven desperate by the sight of the food that cannot get. They are constantly selling their children. Yesterday afternoon a great crowd gathered at the gate of the orphanage where I am, and one of the older mothers wanted to buy a child, and a wretched mother wanted to sell, and a ragged, desperate man, with his poor little half-starved child, waited. This had sight greeted us as we started out for our Sunday afternoon walk. It was bitter cold, and a winter night. The inquiry breakfast with the child and found a home for her with some kind people the next day.

There was no hope of the famine ceasing before June, it was said. Five thousand dollars have already been called over by Dwight H. Day, of No. 154 Fifth avenue, and Mr. Day will receive any other subscriptions for the sufferers.

CHARGED \$5 FOR HIS BLOWS

Brooklyn Grocer Decides Two Patrons Are Till Tappers. Abraham Raucher, a grocer at No. 422 1/2 First avenue, South Brooklyn, had such a crowd in his store last night that one might have thought an unusually attractive bargain sale for the housewives was in progress. The grocer's face was a good sign, but the fact was "Ab" was merely receiving the congratulations of his friends and neighbors on the clever way in which he got the best of two slick looking young gentlemen who had taken him for an easy mark.

For some time complaints have been pouring into the Fourth avenue police station that two well dressed young men had been robbing the neighborhood. The small merchants of the neighborhood had heard of the fate of some of their rivals, so he was on his guard when two nearly attired young men entered his store late yesterday afternoon.

After bowing politely to the proprietor they began to reel off an order for groceries. What struck "Ab" as strange was that most of the articles desired happened to be stored in the rear of the store. He cheerfully made two trips back and forth, nevertheless, there had to be noticed that a trading stamp book had disappeared from his desk. This fact moved him to action. He hurried to the door and looked it. Then he said: "Gentlemen, the amount of goods you have ordered totals up to \$5, so kindly shell out." Each customer obeyed the injunction by producing \$2.50. "Ab" next move was to open the door, and his next was to deliver several well directed blows, which sent the two sprawling into the street. They picked themselves up finally and went their ways in quick fashion. "Ab" has the \$5 and the groceries.

BOARDING HOUSE QUARANTINE

Follows Diphtheria Epidemic at Johns Hopkins—Cases in Church Home. Baltimore, Feb. 27.—With one death today from diphtheria and with patients and students infected out of the first 100 examined, the situation at the Johns Hopkins Hospital has become grave. The discovery by the Health Department that "carriers" of the disease, themselves not ill, were walking Baltimore streets, has led the officials to isolate a boarding house where the students and employees have been living. Some proprietors of students' boarding houses have refused to take students since the epidemic.

The Church Home and Infirmary, an Episcopal institute near the Johns Hopkins Hospital, was closed to patients and visitors to-day, following the discovery that three of the nurses had diphtheria.

At Johns Hopkins Hospital two additional cases of diphtheria were reported to-day among the nurses.

Two Fine Automobiles. Four Handsome Player Pianos. A Set of Handsome Furniture and a thousand other valuable prizes will be awarded in the Tribune's Great Proverb Contest, just beginning. See large announcement on another page.

FEW TROOPS IN JUAREZ

Large Force on Way Southward to Flank Madero's Forces.

TOWN IN SONORA TAKEN

Dynamite Used by Rebels—Several Prisoners Who Escaped from Chihuahua Shot.

El Paso, Feb. 27.—The Mexican military commander gave orders to-day to discontinue the regular schedule on the Mexican Northeastern Railroad, operating from Juarez south to Casas Grandes and Pecos, and commanded all cars to take south five hundred soldiers and two field pieces to-night.

These men will try to flank Madero, who is supposed to be south of Juarez, marching on Chihuahua, followed by five hundred federal troops who left Juarez on Friday. This movement will leave about four hundred soldiers in Juarez.

Mail advices from Sonora say that La Aurora was the scene on last Friday and Saturday of some hot fighting. Captain Iron attacked the town which was garrisoned by one company of federals, stationed in adobe houses. The federals fired through porches, but the insurgents procured dynamite from a nearby mine and bombarded the fortress with the explosive. The white flag was soon displayed.

Tribute was levied on Ladura merchants and citizens, Americans not being molested except in one instance, when a scouting party from Captain Iron's command took supplies from an American company. Iron sent a special messenger and paid cash for the goods taken.

According to dispatches received at Juarez to-day, the prisoners in the state penitentiary at Chihuahua attempted to escape on Sunday. Several were killed by soldiers and others who had succeeded in getting away were captured. Governor Ahumada directed the pursuit.

REBELS CAPTURE FRONTERAS

Five of Attacking Party Killed—Fifteen Citizens Defended City. Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 27.—Two hundred insurgents captured Fronteras, the capital of the Mexican district south of Douglas, today. Fifteen civilian soldiers attempted to resist and fired on the rebels, five of whom were killed.

INDIAN FIGHT IN NEVADA

Eight Shoshones and One Policeman Killed. Reno, Nev., Feb. 27.—In a fight yesterday, sixty miles west of Tuscarora, eight Shoshone Indians and one policeman were killed and the other members of the Indian band were captured. The fight took place at Kelly Creek, Humboldt County, twenty-five miles from Galena. No one was wounded.

The Indian band, twelve in number, began the fight when the state police force came upon them. For three hours the engagement raged. It ended only when "Ed" Hope, of the state police force, had been killed. Then the remaining four, a woman and three children, surrendered. Not one of their band escaped.

The police had been trailing the Indians for a week, believing they were the murderers of four stockmen, whose mutilated bodies were found ten days ago in a desolate canyon on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The victims' horses had been taken, and ponies which were found shot near by, the outlaws apparently finding the horn stock too weak to keep up in the fight.

When Captain J. E. Donnelly, of the state police, and his force approached the Indians started their regular war dance and then opened in a running skirmish, which extended over a mile. The remaining Indians hid in the brush and continued to fight.

Four bucks, two squaws and two children were killed and one young squaw and three children were captured. The property taken from the stockmen was found by the posse after the battle.

CARROLL F. SMITH REMOVED

Treasurer of State Hospitals Accused of Irregularities. Albany, Feb. 27.—Carroll F. Smith of Albany, formerly of Rome, treasurer of state hospitals, has been removed from office for alleged irregularities. Smith received a salary of \$4,000 and was bonded for \$100,000. The State Commission in January to-day gave out the following statement:

During the investigation of the accounts and methods begun for the State Lunacy Commission on November 1, 1910, by the Audit Company of New York, it was discovered that Carroll F. Smith, treasurer of the state hospitals, the advice of the Attorney General, and Mr. Smith has been removed from office and bonded for \$100,000. But from him are bonded and has succeeded to the duties of the office.

Dr. Albert Warren Ferris, president of the Lunacy Commission, refused to amplify the commission's statement further than to say that nothing had been found as a result of the investigation, and that the audit company reported the commission's accounts as correct. District Attorney Sanford declined to discuss the case.

It was said to-day that a shortage of about \$500 was discovered by the audit company when it examined the books of the commission and state hospitals, which were turned over to it at the time the beef and provision thefts were reported from the Matteawan State Hospital about three months ago. The shortage, it is said, has been made good.

Smith had been with the Lunacy Commission for more than twenty years. The Lunacy Commission is now being investigated by William Church Osborn and Mayer Van Kenna of Ogdensburg, at the instance of Governor Dix.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL SEES TOMBS

Caro Zetka, who occupies a place in the government of Japan similar to that of the Attorney General of the United States, was a visitor yesterday at the Criminal Courts building. He was entertained by Judge Foster, dean of the General Sessions judges, and by Justice Blanchard, of the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court. The distinguished Japanese, R. Kato, secretary of the Japanese Mutual Aid Association, who accompanied him, were escorted around the building through the Tombs section by Louis Hoffman, one of the attaches of the District Attorney's office.

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PROVERB CONTEST

OPENS WITH RUSH. First Picture Reprinted with No. 2 So All May Enter on Equal Terms.

COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL. Drawings Prove Interesting and Easy to Solve—Start To-day and Get in Line for Big Prize.

A countless army of persons are now enjoying the "fun" of solving The Tribune's entertaining and fascinating proverb pictures.

The great \$12000 contest opened yesterday with a rush, and the demand for copies of The Tribune was so large that it was difficult to fill all orders promptly. Early in the day it was learned that newsdealers throughout Manhattan and the other boroughs were running short on their supplies, and as a consequence the circulation department was kept busy in entering new orders and supplying additional copies. Many who failed to instruct their newsdealer to reserve The Tribune for them were unable to obtain a copy of The Tribune containing the first proverb picture. Therefore it has been decided to reprint Proverb Picture No. 1 again to-day, with Proverb Picture No. 2, in order to give those who missed it a chance to start in the contest to-day, on an equal footing with others.

Those who contemplate taking part in the contest should not be discouraged because they happened to miss the first proverb picture. The contest department has made special arrangements to keep a large supply of the back numbers of the proverb pictures and their answer blanks on hand, so that any one who wishes to enter the contest may do so at any time. In a competition of this nature readers are not hampered by a delay in starting. The only thing they miss is the fun of trying to solve the pictures as quickly as they appear each day. But there is plenty of fun to follow, and in order that those who missed the first proverb picture may not miss any more, it is decided to start to-day with proverb pictures Nos. 1 and 2, which appear on page 3.

The public has been quick to grasp the idea of The Tribune's Proverb Contest. Thousands of persons throughout the city have entered the competition and will follow it through for sixty-three days. Letters of commendation and hearty congratulations come in by every mail. Many telegrams to the Contest Department and comment upon the fine list of prizes to be awarded, as well as the entertaining and attractive features of the contest.

The contest furnishes a brain exercise that will benefit every member of the family, and at the same time acquaint readers with the very best literature, new and old. The young cannot fail to receive instruction and benefit from so interesting a study, while persons of mature years will be attracted and fascinated by fond memories of oldtime books and friends and school days long gone by, of which the illustrations will remind them.

The prizes furnish the greatest incentive of all. They are magnificent in their value and varied enough to appeal to every class. There are thirty-three grand prizes and one thousand other prizes that will go absolutely free to those who answer the greatest number of proverb pictures. The list of prizes is published to-day, with carefully explained rules, and they are published in full. The rules also are published, and contestants may avoid many errors by reading and studying them carefully.

Each contestant must remember, at all times, that each picture represents a complete sentence, and that the words, spelling, punctuation and proper construction of the proverb solutions are the essentials that will be graded by the judging committee, who will make the awards, and whose names will be announced later.

The Contest Department of The New York Tribune, at No. 154 Nassau street, will soon place on sale The Tribune's Proverb Book, which is being published as a guide and reference for the use of contestants. This book will contain only the most popular and familiar English proverbs, including all of the proverbs which will be represented by the illustrations to be published during the contest. The price of the book will be 25 cents at the office, or 5 cents extra by mail, prepaid to any address. Contestants may send in their orders now.

The time to start in this great proverb contest is right now, and if you have not already instructed your newsdealer to serve you with a copy of The Tribune every day you must do so at once, so that you will not miss any of the proverb illustrations.

If you live outside of greater New York and your newsdealer cannot supply you with The Tribune, write to the Contest Manager, The Tribune, No. 154 Nassau street, New York, and he will see that the paper is sent to you at once.

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GIRL HELD TO BE NEGRO

Only a Slight Bluish Tint in One Finger Nail. Baltimore, Feb. 27.—The irrelevance of expert testimony as to whether negro blood could be detected by means of superficial indications was demonstrated here to-day in the case of Luella Leffler, aged eleven years, whose white sister, Elizabeth, is reported to have the child released from a home for negro children on the ground that she was of white parentage. Judge Niles held that the child could not be released.

A prominent medical expert testified that he had examined Luella, and with the exception of a bluish tint in the "half moon" of one of her finger nails, had found no indications that she was of negro descent. Ex-Arcene Genesee Charles J. Bonafant, counsel for the home, then put on the stand a sister of the girl's father, from Pittsburg, who testified that they were negroes, that the family had always been considered negroes, and that an uncle of the girl had a dark brown skin. Probation officers of the Juvenile Court of Pittsburg produced a copy of the marriage license of the girl's parents, which showed that the father was a negro.

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May Take Jewelry Out of Country. "If this was done, as I think probably, I believe the thieves will make no attempt to dispose of their plunder in this country. They would consider that too dangerous an undertaking. Instead, I think they would make for Canada, and after the lapse of some time attempt to make their way back to Europe, perhaps sailing from Victoria or Vancouver for Japan, and thus to some European country."

Jewellers and gem experts agreed yesterday that the disposition of pearls of such rarity, beauty and value would be a difficult undertaking in any country, and particularly hazardous in the United States. One expert in precious stones said that if the thieves got 65 per cent of their actual value on a moderate estimate he would consider them lucky.

Mrs. Drummond, one of her friends said yesterday, had been advised just before sailing to take out a traveller's insurance policy on her jewelry. She laughingly replied that it was an unnecessary trouble and although the friend who made the suggestion urged it further she continued to ridicule the idea.

J. P. Meyer, assistant general manager of the Hamburg-American Line, took an active part in the search for the missing gems yesterday. The search of the ship and the members of its crew continued practically all through Sunday night, and it was early yesterday morning before it had been completed. Guards were stationed at the ship's gangways, and no one was permitted to go ashore. An official of the company said in the afternoon that some of the crew would be granted short liberty to-day.

Captain Knuth, of the America, began the search of the ship and crew by ordering the first mate to search his person and then his cabin. After that performance had been finished the captain did the same for the first mate, and then both of them searched the persons and quarters of the other officers of the ship. After this the crew, their possessions and every conceivable corner and nook of the ship were gone over.

The Drummonds put in a busy day consulting friends and detectives. Mr. Drummond, with a Chicago friend, Mr. King, visited the office of the Hamburg-American Line to ask if there had been any developments. They left orders at the Plaza that they were to receive no notes, telephone calls or messages.

SAY BRYAN REFUSED \$1,000,000. Story of an Alleged Bribe to Oppose Gold Bond Issue.

Omaha, Feb. 27.—According to an article in The World Herald to-day, William J. Bryan, when a member of Congress, refused an offer of \$1,000,000 to refrain from fighting a bill then pending, to issue \$100,000,000 gold bonds. At that time Mr. Bryan was a member of the Committee on Ways and Means and had announced that he would fight the bill.

According to the article, the offer was first made through a Lincoln, Neb., banker, now dead, who was a friend of Bryan, but this banker refused to submit the offer to Bryan. Later Bryan told this friend that the offer had been made to him, but did not say by whom.

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