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OUR ARMY READY FOR VENEZUELAN INVASION

of Attack on Caracas Should Force Be Necessary to Bring Castro to Terms.

President Will Call on Congress to Decide Upon a Course of Action in the Venezuelan Tangle.

By W. W. Jermane. Washington, Oct. 14.—Congress will probably be called upon by President Roosevelt to decide on the course of action to be taken by the United States in bringing the Venezuelan government to terms. The report made by Judge W. J. Calhoun on the result of his investigations reaching in Venezue. his investigations recently in Venezue-la will, it is said today, show that the New York and Bermudez Asphalt company has not received just treatment at the hands of the Venezuelan govern-ment. Judge Calhoun is now in New York preparing his report, which will probably be submitted to the state de-partment in two weeks. Secretary Root venezuelan imbroglio would be set-tled by diplomacy and without force. Unquestionably this hope is felt by the entire administration, and vet there are many indications that the United States government expects that eventually the attitude assumed by Venezuela toward property rights of American citizens will lead to the employment of force by this government. Army Plans for Attack.

The general staff of the army has The general staff of the army has prepared a careful plan for an armed attack by land on Caracas. Military and naval officials are carefully watching every move made by the Venezuelan government and particular cognizance was taken of the fact that President Castro recently ordered from the Croset company of France thirty field batteries and six mounted batteries of artillery.

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One of the questions which is said to have received careful consideration at yesterdy's cabinet meeting was the proposal of the French government for combination with the United States in securing a settlement of the claims of the two countries against Venezuela. Castro Is Bold.

The president has decided to go slow in this matter, as it is thoroly realized that Castro does not intend to recede from his position, either as regards this country or France, unless compulsion is threatened and perhaps applied.

President Roosevelt does not care to take the responsibility of sending an armed force, either military or naval, against Venezuela without the full knowledge and consent of congress.

knowledge and consent of congress. And yet it is evident that the interests of American property owners in Venezuela will have to be protected and that the Venezuelan courts, being absolutely under the influence of Castro, cannot be relied upon to afford such protection.

Judge Calhoun, it is belileved, will report that the courts of Venezuela were practically directed by Castro to render decisions adverse to the claims of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt company

DID POISON KILL HIM, A YEAR AGO?

Remains of Mathias Harff of Has san Township May Be Disinterred by Authorities.

Was Mathias Harff, who died nearly year ago, poisoned? That question has been asked a number of times recently by residents in and around the Harff farm in the town of Hassan, Hennepin county. It has been asked by the administrator of the Harff estate and the solution of it is being eagerly sought by some of the relatives and friends.

The question was asked of County Attorney Al J. Smith a few days ago and whether or not that official will be able to answer it remains to be seen. John Russell, Jr., the administrator, went to the county attorney, stated his suspicions and the grounds for them and asked that the body of Mathias Harff be disinterred and a post-mortem

and asked that the body of Mathias Harff be disinterred and a post-mortem examination of the remains be made by the coroner. The matter is still in abeyance and it is probable that, if the body is taken from its grave, the estate or the relatives will have to pay the expenses of disinterment.

Mathias Harff died nearly a year ago under somewhat peculiar circumstances. He was about 74 years old. He was not well, but it was given out by his physician that he would live for at least a year. The family and friends had but fairly settled down to that idea when one morning they found him dead and from no apparent cause. He left a \$1,000 life insurance policy and considerable property. There was no will. The widow made no petition for letters of administration and finally, after several months, one of the daughters made application in the probate court and John Russell was soon after appointed administrator.

administrator.
Shortly after Mr. Harff's death rumors of poisoning began to be heard.
Mr. Russell stated to the county attorney that he had, after a fashion, investigated these rumors and that, in his opinion, the facts warranted an official examination.

LESS THAN CENT ON DOLLAR.

Boston, Oct. 14.—Less than one cent on the dollar is the amount the credi-tors of Burnett, Cummings & Co., who failed on May 27 for \$1,714,368, will receive on their claims, according to the report of the trustee in bankrupt-cy, Joshua M. Sears, which is nearly ready for petition to the United States court, the value of all the assets being but a few hundred dollars. The area of the most part are banks creditors for the most part are banks and railroad companies. The company controlled a number of unprofitable street railroad enterprises.

General Staff Has Plan Blind School Team in a Football Game

Sign ss Eleven from Kentucky Puts up a Snappy Contest Against Players Superior in Weight, Also in Vision.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 14.—The they played a snappy game, the football team of the Kentucky Institute for the Blind was defeated today by the Crestillar and the ball is put cent Hill football team by a score of 25 to 0. The Crescent Hill team is

into place in the same way.

Professor Greggory says that with a little more practice his men will improve their team work till it is as ac-25 to 0. The Crescent Hill team is composed of strong players and outweighs the blind boys. Notwithstanding these handicaps, however, the blind team put up a good exhibition, the stars being Captain Elwood, Short, who played full, and Baxter Coodert, right guard.

Professor Gregory, who is athletic instructor at the institute and devised a game of baseball for blind boys, which is now in use in various institutions

Professor Gregory says that with a little more practice his men will improve their team work till it is as accurate as it was last season, when they defeated several strong teams. They go into the sport as enthusiastically as though blessed with vision, but will have no roughness or brutality about it. They work by the sound of their mates, aided by the shouts of these in the crowd, who invariably help out the blind boys.

Henry Irving Died of a Broken Heart

Veteran Tragedian Crushed in Spirit and Broken in Health by Loss of Theater and Fortune.

New York Herald Special Service. London, Oct. 14 .- Sir Henry Irving died of a broken heart over the loss of the Lyceum theater in this city, which had passed out of his hands on account

accorded him there always gratified his countrymen; who regarded him as an eminent missionary in the cause of Anglo-American fraternity. Many of his warmest personal friends in the United States were Chicagons.

had passed out of his hands on account of persistent financial misfortunes, to become a second rate music hall. His death has shocked and saddened all Britain. To the last the veteran tragedian remained in English estimation the noblest figure on the Anglo-Saxon stage.

Irving felt that he belonged as much to the United States as to Great Britain. He had planned, indeed, that his farewell tour thru the United States in 1906 should be his real farewell to theatrical life. His frequent trips to the United States and the unusual honors warmest personal friends in the United States were Chicagoans. He loved Chicago and liked to play there.

It will grieve Henry Irving's admirers to learn that despite the fortune earned in his long career, he died a comparatively poor man. He has sunk vast sums in the elaborate but unsuecessful production of "Faust," "Coriolanus," "Robespierre" and "Dante," and it was the run of bad luck which these plays encountered that caused him to fail in his tour two years ago to America. Neither his spirit nor his health survived his humiliation.

HUNDREDS LEAP FROM FIRE PERIL

Flames Trap Throng in Grand- "Prophet" Not Paralyzed, but stand and Sweep Acres at Ohio Fire.

Bucyrus, Ohio, Oct. 14.—While the county fair was in progress this afternoon, a gasoline stove used by a concessioner under the grandstand exploded and within two minutes the big building was a mass of flames. People in the grandstand, interested in the race that was in progress, were unconscious of their danger until smoke and flames began to creep from the floor at their feet.

A panic ensued in which the one exit from the stand was blocked. The urnal Special Service. from the stand was blocked. The only way to safety was to leap to the

track in front of the stand. A drop of fifteen feet made this dangerous. In the excitement, women and children leaped, falling upon each other.

Many were injured by the fall and spirits.

Hundreds of people were burned and bruised, though no fatalities are re-ported. Half of the exhibits were ruined, while those in the buildings that were saved were damaged by being ruthlessly torn from their places In half an hour many buildings, small and great, were transformed into a sea

NOT DOWIE, ILL

His Steed Is Lame Be-

By Publishers' Press.

cock, Oct. 21.

City of Mexico, Oct. 14.—John Alexander Dowie left this city yesterday afternoon, going to Tampico. A sensational report published to the effect that Dr. Dowie on his way to the Na-ticnal railway station suffered another

tional railway station suffered another stroke of paralysis is indignantly denied by his friends.

The clerk of the Palace hotel, where the doctor has been staying, says the rumor is incorrect, saying the only ground for the rumor is that the horse behind which the doctor was riding, slipped on the pavement and lamed himself. The doctor took another carriage and proceeded on his way. The riage and proceeded on his way. The doctor and his party are reported to have departed in first-class health and

BEELL TO WRESTLE COLLINS. Calumet, Mich., Oct. 14.—Arrange-ments have been completed for a wrestling match between Joe Collins, cham-pion of Canada, and Fred Beell, cham-pion heavyweight of Wisconsin, to take place at the Kerredge theater, Han-

BANKERS REGET INDORSEMENT OF SHIP SUBSIDIES

Admit They Have No Business Touching on Subject-Other Things They Shunned.

CULLOM'S PLACE ON COMMITTEE SECURE

Mackenzie Will Not Sumbit Estimates on Needed River and Harbor Work.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Those members of the American Bankers' association who are still in town are saying when the convention being in the hub-bub immediately preceding adjourn-ment, a resolution favoring ship sub-sidy legislation was introduced and that a mistake was made yesterday

adopted.

The bankers of the country are not experts on the subsidy question, and probably very few of them have any sort of exact information concerning it. sort of exact information concerning it.
Some of the bankers are now saying
that it was an act of questionable propriety to force on their gathering a
snap vote on a matter of this kind.
Fortunately the declaration will do
no harm, for the circumstances under
which it was brought about will prevent its having any effect on congress
or the country.

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It is probable that the incident was chiefly due to the fact that Secretary Shaw, in a speech to the bankers the day before, advocated the subside, and followed the speech with a reception to the bankers at his home. Perhaps the bankers who presented the resolution felt that it would be fair to indorse the secretary's speech by a resolution as an act of reciprocity.

Other Better Topics.

is controlled by republicans, and neither Absconder, With Express Com- With Robert Hilliard, She Quells

him.

In attempting such a thing they would war aginst all precedents established for more than a century and having all the force of law, and would also do something that might imperil their own chairmanships in future years. The entire story is without foundation years. The foundation.

It is also untrue that the president turned Cullom down in refusing to appoint Lieutenant Governor Sherman of Illinois to the interstate commerce commission in succession to Governor Fifer,

Man From Pacific Coast.

The president knew of Fifer's proposed retirement several months ago, long before it came to the attention of Cullom or any Illinois politicians. He then decided to fill the vacancy, when it should occur, by naming some man from the Pacific coast. He had already arranged to do this before Cullom called this week to request the appointment of Sherman, and had been in correspondence with the man he had picked out. The situation was explained to Cullom,

who is entirely satisfied.

The president is not dissatisfied with Cullom's management of the Santo Domingo treaty. Cullom has favored that

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McCURDY INTRENCHED IN GUARDED LUXURY

Britain's Sheltering Arms Over Norway



pany's Hundred Thousand, Writes to Newspapers.

Special to The Journal.

Chicago, Oct. 14.—George E. Cunliffe, the absconding Adams Express agent, who disappeared with \$100,000, has written a letter to a Chicago newspaper in which he "guys" the press and po-lice for failing to catch him. He laughs at the stories to the effect that he had been seen in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The letter, which is written on stationery of the Morton House, Grand Rapids, Mich., is as follows:

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"Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 12, 1905.
—Sitting tonight in the lobby of the Morton House, I am amused at the antics of the detectives thruout the country, especially your chief of police of Chicago. I have read today's Herald and American. I am possibly in Chicago, and I may be in St. Paul or Minneapolis, but you will see from this letter I am in neither place, and when you get this I will not be here. It amuses me to see how bright your brightest of bright detectives are. But they are only human, and not mind they are only human, and not mind readers. Of course I will not be here when you get this letter.

—"George Cunliffe, Pittsburg, Pa.

Turmoil Over Fire on

the Stage.

ournal Special Service.

Pittsburg, Oct. 14.—Blanche Bates forgot she was "The Girl from the Golden West" and Bob Hilliard mo-Golden West" and Bob Hilliard momentarily laid aside the role of "The
Stranger" and outlaw, on the stage of
the Belasco theater this afternoon as
they gave an impromptu performance
of fighting the flames, thereby saving
the theater from disaster and the audience of 2,000 from panic.

During the third act, when the two
lovers met in the "garl's" room, in
the light of an oil lamp, and the outlaw
lover begged for a kiss, the struggle
which ensued resulted in overturning
the lamp and setting fire to the rug.

which ensued resulted in overturning the lamp and setting fire to the rug. Hilliard at once seized the lamp and carried it to the wings. Returning, he rolled up the burning rug, stamped out the fire as best he could, and hurled it back to join the demolished lamp.

But a woman cried "Fire." Then scores rushed from their seats and a stampede was imminent. Miss Bates rushed to the footlights and cried: "Turn on every light in an instant." The electrician obeyed and the audience became calm. became calm.

Insurance President Sits in \$2.000 Chair at a \$6,000 Desk on a \$12,000 Rug, in His Office.

Like McCall, He Sticks to His Post, Tho Loud Demands Be Made for Resignations of Insurance Chiefs.

NORTH DAKOTA AROUSED

Grand Forks, N. D., Oct 14.—
A convention of New York Life policyholders in this county has been called for Oct. 25 to select three delegates to attend a state convention of policyholders to be held here Nov. 3, that convention to select five delegates to attend a national convention to be held in New York city at the call of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston.

New York, Oct. 14.—According to the statement of a corporation lawyer of high standing, it is a most disagreeable task to obtain access to President McCurdy's private office, since the Armstrong investigation committee began to probe the affairs of the Mutual Life.

This lawyer, who wished to see Mr.

This lawyer, who wished to see Mr. McCurdy on a matter of extreme importance to those whom he represented, after subjecting himself to many humiliations and annoyances, finally got into the president's own office, where he found Mr. McCurdy sitting in a magnificent chair in the center of a wonderful rug, with his feet resting upon an elaborate cushion. Near-by was an exquisitely ornamented gilt table. There were no papers, books or other evidences of work upon the gilt table. Mr. McCurdy has in his suite a \$2,000 chair, a \$6,000 desk or writing table, and a \$12,000 rug, but whether the furnishings the lawyer saw were those identical articles he was unable to say.

The ordinary person who tries to see President McCurdy goes thru this experience: He asks the elevator man where McCurdy is, that functionary refers him to the head elevator man or starter, who stands in the main hall. The latter refers the inquirer to the Mutual Dife's information bureau on the main floor. The functionary there usually diverts the visitor from his desire to see the president by taking him to some sub-officer of the company. If the visitor refuses to be diverted, he is told that the president is not in. In the case of the newspaper men they are all taken from the information bureau to the publicity department, and that is as far as they get. How to Run Guards.

McCurdy Like a King.

Those who have passed the many gray-coated guards with which Mr. McCurdy keeps himself surrounded in the Mutual Life building, and the bulwarks of red tape behind which he shields himself, say that he carries out his king-like character in his speech. He invariably refers to the Mutual as "my company," to its trustees as "my trustees," to its officers as "my officers." It was noticed that when he was testifying under oath on the wit-

cers." It was noticed that when he was testifying under oath on the witness stand, that he spoke of the actuary of the Mutual as "my actuary." But nobody, so far as is known, ever heard Mr. McCurdy refer to the Mutual's assets as "mine," tho he has been known to speak of the policyholders as "my policyholders." Mr. McCurdy is said to be fond of mystery and surrounding his comings and goings with the secrecy which monarchs sometimes find necessary. For this reason he often uses the little private elevator which runs from the inner office to that of A. C. Fleids on the ground floor of the building.

The street entrance to Mr. Fields' of fice looks like the side door of a saloon.

Standing by McCall. New York Herald Special Service.

Directors of the New York Life Inby John A. McCall, the president of the company. No official action has yet been taken to that effect, but the anthe less authorative that a large majority of the board has informally resolved to sustain Mr. McCall in his position, despite tremendous pressure brought to bear upon them for his removal in the form of letters from the policyholders and resolutions of vari-ous organizations, demanding his withdrawal from the presidency.

Disapproved by Directors.

This decision on the part of the di-rectors does not mean that all of them approve or even condone some of the approve or even condone some of the acts of the McCall administration recently made public thru the inquiry. Many members of the board have pro-Many members of the board have professed surprise and deep regret to learn of the diversion of money paid to the republican campaign funds on the sole responsibility of Mr. McCall and Mr. Perkins. Nor do they approve of the methods employed in devoting large sums to the influencing of legislation thru Judge Hamilton, nor of the lax system, or lack of system, whereby Judge Hamilton has been permitted to hold hundreds of thousands of dollars without making any proper accounting therefor.

Never Reaped Personally.

Members of the board, however, maintain that while Mr. McCall may have been guilty of errors of judgment and sins of omission, there has been no scintilla of evidence to show that he has in any way profited by being the head of the company. As regards the political contributions, the directors are inclined to dismiss the incident as an error of judgment on the part of Mr. McCall,

In the matter of the maintenance of a bureau for the suppression of unfriendly legislation and the expenditure for that purpose of vast sums without vouchers or detailed accountings, the board is content to take the view that, altho the system may be pernicious, Mr. McCall did not originate it and did the best he could with conditions as he found them. They believe

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