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TO USE MORE FORCE

Policy of the Allies Toward Venezuela.

LANSDOWNE'S REPLY

TO INTERPELLATIONS IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

Disclaims Any Intention to Land Troops or Occupy Territory—Will Blockade Ports.

LONDON, December 16.—Replying to a question in the house of lords today, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, said that if the seizure of the Venezuelan galleons did not produce the desired effect, further coercive measures 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. Replying to a question in the house of commons today, Under Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made by Great Britain to refer the dispute with Venezuela to arbitration. 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.

WARSHIPS OFF MARGARITA.

British and German Vessels Sighted—News at Caracas.

CARACAS, December 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 Guaira the German commander directed the Venezuelan captain the following document: "By order of my sovereign and at the command of the commodore of the German squadron, I have the honor to inform you that the German commander of the Panther, request you to lower your ship's flag immediately and leave your ship, with your crew, within ten minutes to the German vessels. In case you disobey our wish to defend your ship I shall be obliged to prevent you from so doing."
"BERKEMAN, Commander.
"December 10.
Further details of the sinking of the Venezuelan ships have been obtained from an entry made in the book of the signalmen of the fortress of La Guaira. It is as follows:
"Tuesday, December 9, 1:30, Night.
"The adjutant called me to see if I knew that the steamer Retribution of the English was towing the steamers Croso and Totumo of the national navy three or four miles north. I had heard four cannon shots and said the steamers had been sunk by the Vineta and Retribution. At the end of an hour the Retribution returned to the harbor alone."
"SIGNAL COMMANDER OF THE FORTRESS."
The fact that the Retribution returned to La Guaira alone two hours after leaving with the captured vessels was confirmed by English residents of La Guaira. Consequently she did not reach the city of Caracas and the Venezuelan ships to Caracas or Trinidad.

No Ultimatum From Italy.

Gen. Nord's Supporters Seem to Be Ahead in Haiti.

NO ULTIMATUM FROM ITALY.

Government at Rome Has Merely Asked Payment.

GEN. COLIN SEEKS ASYLUM.

An Immediate and Careful Examination to Be Made.

THE GRANT STATUE.

Commission Decides to Await Additional Data Before Making Award.

ARMY ORDERS.

NAVY ORDERS.

REPAIRS FOR THE BROOKLYN.

MIX-UP AT PRIZE FIGHT.

OLD MILLS IN ALASKA.

CONVICTED OF THEFT.

ATTITUDE OF GERMANY.

NO REPLY TO PRESIDENT CASTRO'S OFFER TO ARBITRATE.

BERLIN, December 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 estimated that Germany's 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.

RECIROCITY TREATY.

WHAT SHALL BE PAID FOR ISTHMIAN CANAL STRIP.

Document Brought Here by General Bliss, Signed in Havana Last Week.

It is Understood That This is Now the Only Barrier to an Agreement With Colombia.

RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED.

Resolutions of Northeast Citizens Sent to Chairman Babcock.

DISINFECTING THE CARS.

Latest Steps Toward Stamping Out the Cattle Disease.

Blew Out the Gas.

A TRANSFER STATION.

Petworth Citizens Want It Transferred to Richmond Street.

COL. JASPER N. MORRISON.

Very Ill in Hospital in San Francisco.

Death of C. G. Boryer.

Investigating New York Gamblers.

Fatality at Fire in Amsterdam, N. Y.

Subdivision of Lots.

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