

VENUEZUELA EVENTS  
RENEWAL OF WAR  
BY JOHN BUCKDOWN

Blockade of the Mouth of the Orinoco and Ports of Guanta and Carupano Is Raised.

ENGLAND'S THREAT EFFECTIVE.

Rehels Would Have Been Recognized as Belligerents Had Recent Order by Castro Been Enforced.

WASHINGTON MUCH RELIEVED.

Fresh Disturbances in South American Countries Would Seriously Affect Interests of Many American Citizens.

Caracas, March 13.—The blockade of the mouth of the Orinoco and of the ports of Guanta and Carupano, recently proclaimed by the Venezuelan Government, has been raised.

Washington, March 13.—The action taken by the Venezuelan Government in raising the blockade was viewed here with great relief, for, although there were no outward symptoms of trouble, it is now known that the enforcement of the decree would probably have resulted in serious friction, perhaps involving a renewal of hostilities.

British interests, next to our own, being the most important in the Orinoco section, the British Ambassador here was first to move after the announcement of the blockade decree.

The United States Government practically had decided to recognize the blockade if Venezuela stationed a sufficient number of ships at the mouth of the Orinoco to make an effective blockade. Plans were being supplemented in their work by certain shore batteries in command of postions.

But the British Government was not disposed to recognize the blockade, as it would work particular hardship to the British colonies in Trinidad and Guiana, which are already in a state of financial embarrassment.

JAMES F. CULLEN PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE'S RANK.

Brother Sleuths Congratulated Special Officer on His Appointment to Desmond's Regular Staff.

Information was given out yesterday by Timmy J. Ward, secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, that James F. Cullen, who has been connected with the

MAJOR BITTINGER TO BE REMOVED

Missouri Will Be Succeeded by North Dakotan as Consul General to Canada.

FORCED OUT FOR FAVORITES.

Northwest Politicians Demanded Berth for Major A. W. Edwards and President Dished Out Bittinger's Scalp on a Platter.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, March 12.—It is announced today that Major A. W. Edwards of Fargo, N. D., is to be appointed to the position now held by Major John L. Bittinger of Missouri, Consul General to Montreal, Canada.

So far as can be ascertained the appointment was decided upon by the President for political reasons, and has occasioned some dissatisfaction with recent events connected with the interview with Major Bittinger, of which complaint was made to the State Department by the latter's friends.

The general impression here is that Major Bittinger is to be removed because Major Edwards has to be taken care of to please the North Dakota delegation.

Nothing was known of it at the State Department, and at first it was thought that some mistake had been made. To-day, however, the story is confirmed and Edwards will be appointed.

He was appointed by President McKinley early in the first administration of the dead President. The place was one of a number voluntarily accepted by Bittinger, who is Executive.

Major Bittinger's resignation has been officially asked for by the Secretary of State. The cause assigned for this action is that Major Bittinger is a Montreal paper advocating the annexation of Canada to the United States.

BITTINGER'S LATE INTERVIEW.

Consul General Was Tired of Hotels in Montreal.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 13.—Major John L. Bittinger, while here on leave of absence from Montreal, was interviewed by the

ANALYSIS SHOWS DRAINAGE CANAL AFFECTS WATER HERE.

Professor Kelsor of Washington University Gives Testimony Showing Result of Experiment Made.

Professor E. H. Kelsor of Washington University was the principal witness before Commissioner Bright in the drainage canal case at the Southern Hotel yesterday.

SPINAL COLUMN FRACTURED.

John Heisser Fell From Tree While Trimming Branches.

John Heisser of No. 432 Broadway was brought to the City Hospital yesterday morning suffering from a fracture of the spine.

FIRE ALARMS HOTEL GUESTS.

A small blaze in the kitchen attached to the Illinois River was found to contain a large quantity of gas.

Stranger Struck by Car.

Max Weiss, a stranger, who says he came from Montreal, Canada, was struck by a Maryland avenue car at Boyle and Maryland streets.

ELABORATE SERVICES WILL MARK CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Services to commemorate St. Patrick's day at St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be on an elaborate scale this year.

The music programme will be under the direction of Charles T. Whipp, organist and music director.

St. Patrick's day three masses will be said, at 6, 8 and 10 o'clock a. m.

To-morrow evening and Monday evening special services consisting of the rosary and Benediction will be held.

The Bishop Tuttle will confirm a class at St. James Episcopal Church.

Services to-morrow morning at St. James Episcopal Church will be conducted by Bishop Tuttle.

Doctor Leon Harrison will speak to-morrow morning at Temple Israel on "The Divine Equipment for Christian Service."

Sodalities of the Church of Our Holy Redeemer, Webster Groves, will give a progressive ecumenical in the parish hall.

St. John's Young Men's Sodality will give a euchre and dance Wednesday evening, April 15, in St. John's School Hall.

The Reverend J. A. Dague will preach to-morrow morning at the Episcopal Home.

It is expected that the new organ in St. John's Church, South King's Highway, will be dedicated this week.

The Woman's Board of City Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will hold their monthly meeting Monday afternoon at the Sloan Mission.

The Reverend C. C. Stahmann, State superintendent of the Children's Home Society, will speak at the men's meeting of the South Side Y. M. C. A.

A service of song entitled "Ministering Angels" will be sung to-morrow evening at the Temple of Spiritualism.

C. A. Elmer has accepted the position of organist and choir director at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

The Reverend Samuel B. Moore of Moberly, Mo., will preach to-morrow morning at the Whittaker Place Christian Church.

A. B. Whittaker will lecture Monday evening at the Whittaker Place Christian Church.

The Reverend Charles L. Chalfant of Grace Presbyterian Church will to-morrow night preach the first of a series of sermons on "The Heresy of Transubstantiation."

The Reverend E. E. Barclay is supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on the corner of 14th and Franklin streets.

Doctor Nicolls to Preach.

Anniversary Sermon to Be Delivered by Samuel J. Spoke at Dedication.

Doctor James J. Nicolls, who preached the sermon at the organization of the Lathrop Park Presbyterian Church twenty-five years ago, will preach the anniversary sermon to-morrow morning at the service of thanksgiving.

UNION MISSION DEDICATION.

The Reverend J. H. Hendrick of Texas will conduct service.

Dedicator's Sermon to Be Delivered by Samuel J. Spoke at Dedication.

For March 15.—Lecture on the Sermon on the Mount—What Christ Taught.

Few deaths, even among those that have seen the forces campaigning, have faced horrible deaths so often and so frequently as the missionary, John G. Paton.

Such a confidence in God may be gained by any one who will simply take God at his word, and pray with a faith-filled heart for definite desires, definite deliverances, definite answers.

As a great ocean steamer nears a coast the captain and crew are filled with a sense of awe and wonder.

and the slightest wind that blows. He will bring us to the desired haven.

What though we fall, and bruised and wounded lie in the dust?

Oh! in his dust we lie, and in his dust we rise, and in his dust we live, and in his dust we die.

MISSION, No. 231 South Seventh, the Reverend J. H. Hendrick, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

COMPTON HILLS, Compton and Lafayette, the Reverend W. W. Newell, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

FOUNTAIN PARK, Fountain and Compton, the Reverend J. H. Hendrick, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

MAPLEWOOD, the Reverend George E. Bates, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

HIDE PARK, Hegen and Blair, the Reverend J. H. Hendrick, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

IMMEDIATE, Hancock and Hamilton, the Reverend J. H. Hendrick, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

OLIVE BRANCH, Sidney and Missouri, the Reverend J. H. Hendrick, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

WILLOW GROVES, the Reverend C. L. Kloss, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

WINDY GROVE, the Reverend J. H. Hendrick, Pastor—Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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