

### BRAZIL'S SHIPS CAN BE BOUGHT IF WAR COMES

#### Minister of Foreign Affairs Assures Americans of Friendship of His Country.

#### Straits Dragged for Mines, Admiral Evans Not Afraid for the Fleet.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 23.—That Brazil would sell her battleships to the United States in case of war was made clear yesterday by Baron Rio Branco, the minister of foreign affairs.

He said: "I cannot imagine any circumstances under which your country could go to war, but you may be assured that our friendship is real and permanent. In the event of your country becoming involved in any serious difficulty, I think it highly probable that Brazil would be willing to sell you her three Dreadnoughts now being built in England. One will be delivered in June, and will equal any battleship in the world."

During a conversation with Henry Reuter, the marine artist, relative to the discussion now going on in the navy, he asserted that Admiral Brownson did not inspire his criticisms. The genesis of Reuter's attack was in official and unofficial professional records, and there is a great deal of sympathy with his position in the fleet.

#### 300,000 People See Fleet Sail.

On a day like mid-August in New York, with a high breeze blowing across the hills about Guanabara bay, the United States battleship fleet sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The hills about the harbor were crowded with half a million Brazilians as the ships steamed slowly out in single file, escorted by sixteen warships of the Brazilian navy.

A thousand steam whistles sounded farewell as the armada headed toward the Straits of Magellan. Proceeding the fleet about four miles to the north, the cruiser Bremen, bound for Buenos Ayres, she has been anchored about 400 yards from the Minnesota for the past ten days.

The fleet was ready to sail thirty-six hours ago, but waited for the arrival of the mail from the North and the carrying out of the official program.

#### See No Danger of Mines.

President Alphonso Penna of Brazil visited the Minnesota and was received by Admiral Thomas. Admiral Evans, when the fleet sailed, was seated in an armchair on the bridge of the Connecticut. He has received no callers during the stay of the fleet here. His illness is only rheumatism, aggravated by the tropics.

He said today: "I wish to emphatically deny all reports of an accident to the fleet or any mishap to the machinery of the Minnesota. The conduct of the men while here has been exemplary."

"Although we now enter upon the most difficult part of the cruise, friends and relatives should be heartily reassured that there is less chance of accident to those on the fleet than to men on merchant steamers. There is absolutely no danger of mines. All the narrow portions of the course have been thoroughly dragged."

Capt. R. R. Ingersoll, chief of staff to Rear Admiral Evans, interviewed before the departure of the fleet, said that he had no special plans for the passage of the ships through Magellan Straits. They will go through, however, he said, as a solid fleet.

#### A VEGETARIAN SETTLEMENT.

The "crank" got to Kansas rather early. The first thing in the line seemed to have been a vegetarian colony organized in the East for the purpose of establishing a settlement in Kansas territory. C. H. DeWolf, of Philadelphia, was elected president; D. McLaurin, president, and H. S. Clubb, of New York, secretary. The place chosen was on a small creek about six miles south of Humboldt, Allen county. About 100 persons located there in 1882. The colony refused to indulge in the use of meat, tea, coffee, tobacco or other stimulant and lived only on vegetables and fruits. Though each colonist was to own his own property, the colony was to be to a certain extent co-operative. During the summer and fall of '83 the time was much sickness and the greater part of the colonists left the country. The only reminder of the colony which now remains is the fact that the stream on which they settled still is known as Vegetarian creek.—Kansas City Times.

#### HAWAIIAN COFFEE.

Do you ask your grocer for Hawaiian coffee when you order your groceries? Do you know that it is the best coffee that grows? Well, it is, and that is no fabrication. The coffee tree is to all intents and purposes a cherry tree, whose cherries grow along the stems and ripen at different times—a ripe and a green cherry standing side by side. The picking must, of course, be done by hand, and unless the farmer has a large family or cheap hired labor, such as is impossible in a sparsely settled territory, with few roads and no railroads, he can't afford to grow coffee. However, there is a revival in coffee farming, and as sugar becomes less profitable, as it is sure to, coffee will become a profitable crop for small farmers, of which there are as yet too few in this territory.—Exchange.

#### ALL ON HIM.

"Look here," remarked the thrifty man to his extravagant wife, "you're carrying too much mail, my lady."

"Indeed," she retorted, "I don't see why you should bother about that."

"Well, I think I should, since I have to raise the wind."—Exchange.

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### DISCHARGES BUTLER, CALLS FOR POLICE TO PROTECT HOME



MME. PASTOR, Wife of First Secretary of the Spanish Legation, Who Heard the French Servant's Threat to Kill Himself.

### French Servant Acts Strangely and Threatens to Kill Himself.

"Charlie," the French butler whose strange actions created considerable excitement at the home of Senor Don Luis Pastor, last night and necessitated the calling in of outside assistance, is believed by the police today to have carried out his threat to commit suicide. Efforts to locate the butler have failed, and it is feared he may have done away with himself.

Thinking that "Charlie" might return after he had been forced to leave the premises, and stir up some more excitement, Mme. Pastor, wife of Senor Don Luis Pastor, first secretary, telephoned the police of the Eighth precinct. Policemen Quill and Kleindinst responded in the patrol, and later Policeman Turner arrived and watched in front of the legation, 272 Q street, until 8 o'clock this morning.

#### Acted Strangely.

Early last evening the butler's actions were such that the other servants became afraid of him, and told Mme. Pastor that "Charlie" was doing some very strange things in the basement. She immediately had the butler summoned. There was a queer look in the Frenchman's eyes and Mme. Pastor feared the man might be temporarily deranged from the use of stimulants.

Going to the telephone, Mme. Pastor called up Dr. T. V. Hammond, of 1713 H street northwest, and told him of the servant's condition. Dr. Hammond said that he would hurry right over in his automobile. On his way to the house he stopped for Dr. James F. Mitchell, of 134 Nineteenth street. It took only a brief examination for the physician to determine that the man had been drinking.

"Well, I'll go away and won't bother anybody," said the butler. He left the house while the doctors were there.

About 9:30 o'clock there was a ring of the door bell and "Charlie" appeared in the vestibule.

"I came back for my clothes," he explained. The man was still apparently under the influence of stimulants, but Mme. Pastor allowed him to enter and get his garments.

That he realized he had made a mistake that would probably cost him his position was evidenced by the fact that just before leaving the house "Charlie" hung his head, and said to Mme. Pastor: "If you tell Senor Pastor of this I will lose my place. Then I will kill myself and end all my troubles."

#### Telephoned for Police.

After he left the house the second time Mme. Pastor feared that he would return again, and telephoned the police. Turner stayed in the vicinity of the dwelling all night, but the butler did not return.

When seen this morning Mme. Pastor said: "It has been very unpleasant for Senor Pastor and myself that all this became known. I simply discharged the butler last night, and later he came back for his clothes. We wanted him to stay away from the house, so I called up

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### MINISTER STARVED REPAIRING CHURCH SOLDIERS WRECKED

—General Hull

#### Judge Advocate Urges Congress to Reimburse Catholics in Philippines.

How an eminent bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, formerly of this city, lost his life as a result of the depredations of United States soldiers on church property in the Philippine Islands, was the story told to the House Committee on Insular Affairs by Judge Advocate General Hull, a son of Chairman Hull, of the House Committee on Military Affairs.

The man who lost his life was Bishop Rooker, at one time secretary to the papal legation here.

He was stationed at Jara in the island of Iloilo. General Hull, who was the head of the board which investigated the circumstances back of the claims of the Catholic Church against the United States for damage done to the property of the church by American soldiers, informed the committee that, in his opinion, Bishop Rooker died as a result of the life of privation, and meager eating he had to lead in his endeavor to live in Jara and make the church property habitable.

The committee is now considering a bill for the payment of damages to the church.

General Hull told of seeing Bishop Rooker in the Philippines.

"The bishop," said General Hull, "told me he would like me to visit him in Jara and have dinner with him, but he added that he was ashamed to have me because he had nothing but fish and a little bread to eat. This was because he was spending all his money and all the money he could find in trying to make the church quarters habitable and to restore them to the condition in which they were before the soldiers wrecked them."

General Hull said he believed this life of privation in the wrecked buildings was responsible for the death of Bishop Rooker.

### EIGHTY-SEVENTH HANGING BY NEWARK EXECUTIONER

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 23.—James Van Hise, of Newark, noted hangman, added another to his long list of executions today, when he officiated at the hanging of Saverio Curcio, slayer of Nicholas Ferras. It was the eighty-seventh execution for Van Hise.

Curcio was still weak from an effort to end his life by mutilating himself a few weeks ago, but this morning rallied and gained fresh strength before the time of the ordeal.

Curcio shot and killed Ferras on Christmas Eve, 1906.

### OIL TRUST CASE OPENS HERE TODAY

#### Hearing Before Examiner Ferris May Continue for Ten Days.

Uncle Sam's trust probe, which since September has been almost continuously sounding the internal workings of the Standard Oil corporation, was applied here today, before Examiner Ferris, by Special Counsel E. B. Kellogg, following the recess taken recently in New York city.

The basis was laid, through schedules submitted by Deputy Commissioner of Corporations Durand, for an exhaustive investigation for the first time into the Government's charges that the Oil trust has reached its present dominating position through a general system of rebating.

Not only will the now noted "Garfield report" on Oil trust rebating be made a direct agency in the examination, which it is now predicted by Inquisitor Kellogg will continue here for ten days at least, but it is believed that there will gradually develop those phases of the investigation by the Bureau of Corporations which were suppressed when the report was published.

That the Standard Oil is not to be caught napping is evidenced by the presence of its most notable counsel, John S. Miller, who arrived here this morning from the West on hurry orders, and during the introduction of railroad tariff schedules by Deputy Commissioner Durand. He joined counsel Rosenthal and Milburn in insisting that all of the schedules presented go into the record, notwithstanding Kellogg's suggestion that they might prove burdensome.

"If they do and we find a short method of covering them later in cross-examination, we will adopt that," announced Rosenthal, Miller nodding approval.

### HONORS FOR BELT COMING IN HOUSE

William T. Belt, chief of the Washington Fire Department, was given an unusual tribute by the House District Committee today.

The committee reported to the House for passage a bill providing that, when Chief Belt is retired from the service, he shall receive as his retired pay one half of the salary he is drawing at the date of his retirement.

This means that because of Belt's services he will be given every year after his retirement \$50 more than he would receive under the law governing the pensioning of fire chiefs as a rule.

### SALVATION ARMY LECTURE.

Lieut. Col. Alexander M. Damon, of the Salvation Army, will deliver a lecture at the Waugh Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, Thursday, January 23. The subject of the lecture will be "In Darkest America," and it will be illustrated by 100 views which have been collected in various parts of the country.



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