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BOWEN SENDS ULTIMATUM

Diplomat Describes Proposition as an Offense to Modern Civilization.

HE REFUSES POINT BLANK

Killing of Helpless Women and Needless Bombardments Do Not Entitle Allies to Consideration.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Minister Bowen has sent through the British ambassador here what amounts practically to an ultimatum to the allied powers of Germany, Great Britain and Italy regarding their insistence for preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela.

This note which the British ambassador received, shortly before 9 o'clock tonight, was cabled at once to London, copies being transmitted to the Italian and German embassies for transmission to Rome and Berlin.

It is in reply to the proposition submitted at a joint conference of negotiations this afternoon by the British ambassador urging that the allied powers be allowed two-thirds of 30 percent of the customs receipts of the ports of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello and that the United States and other claimant nations content themselves with the remaining one-third of this percentage.

In the note received by the British ambassador from Bowen tonight, the latter refuses point blank the proposition for 20 and 10 percent division on the ground that to recognize the principle it embodies, it would be absolutely offensive to modern civilization.

It is understood that in refusing this last proposition submitted by the British ambassador on behalf of the allies, Bowen takes the ground that he cannot accept in principle the contention that blockades and bombardment of forts and consequent killing of helpless women and children entitle any power or alliance of powers to preferential treatment at the hands of a civilized nation. It is claimed that should the peace powers and blockading powers agree to such a principle they would incorporate in the law of nations a doctrine in conflict with the tenets of all modern ethics.

REVOLUTIONISTS STIRRING.

As the Blockade Will Not Be Raised They Will March on Caracas.

Caracas, Feb. 2.—A revolutionary circular was distributed here today dated Caracas, February 2. It runs:

"General Matos' committee has received notification from Europe that the Venezuelan blockade will not be raised—if it is ever raised—for several weeks longer. Revolutionists should join the army before February 5 to march on Caracas."

CASTRO FEARS CONFLICT MAY CAUSE WORLD WAR.

President of Venezuela Claims He is Patient and Prudent but His Rights Are Not Respected Will Resort to Arms.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Herald's Caracas correspondent quotes President Castro as saying, in the course of an interview:

"I cannot grasp the news from Washington. I fear that the Venezuelan conflict will be made a pretext for a world war. I have answered, however, the demand for preferential treatment, as follows: 'The Venezuelan government desires preferential treatment for every creditor nation, at the same time keeping in mind and respecting its previous diplomatic agreements and obligations.'"

"As far as I can see the French claim is absolutely perfect, yet the blockading powers seem to desire to invalidate it. This is a strange procedure, indeed, when you recall that the French, Belgian and Spanish claims already have that solemn sanction which the blockading powers pretend to be desirous their own should receive."

"Yet I am hopeful, yes, always I am hopeful. Mr. Bowen has cabled me to be prudent and patient. I shall be both and we will exhaust all peaceful means, with the understanding that when that has been done we will not give in but will fight."

"We have concluded that if there is no honor among nations nor virtue in international agreements we must defend ourselves, and to insure tranquility we must take possession of Trinidad and other adjacent places from which, with the consent of unfriendly powers, filibustering expeditions have started and have made Venezuela wetter in blood."

"The Han High, which sailed from England and the expedition under the

command of General Carib Vidal, which sailed from Trinidad, landing arms two weeks ago at Higuerote, would cost England as much as the Alabama claims if we had equal rights with the strong?"

REJECTION OF BOWEN SCHEME MAY RESULT DISASTROUSLY.

English Press Has No Effect Upon Alliance of Two Nations, Berlin Government Ignoring Public Opinion.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Daily Mail says, according to the London correspondent of the Tribune, that the more the British nation struggles to escape from the German alliance and the Venezuelan imbroglio, the more irrefragably and inextricably is it involved, that there are obvious reasons why Germany should seek to protract the quarrel to the utmost possible limit, that she now controls British policy and that all the remonstrances of the British press appear to be futile. In some quarters serious complications are feared as a result of the rejection of Mr. Bowen's scheme.

It is curious that while Lord Cranborne's speech has been roundly condemned in this country it has given immense satisfaction at Berlin as showing the friendliness of the British government. The British press, it is said, may write against Germany and irresponsible politicians may make speeches, but so long as the government is friendly it does not much matter. The German press ignores altogether public opinion in England.

MAHAN CAUSES UNEASINESS.

Interpretation of Monroe Doctrine Supposed to Be Definite.

New York, Feb. 2.—England does not like Captain Mahan's definition of the Monroe doctrine says the Tribune correspondent in London. Captain Mahan, distinctly says that the United States will not and does not accept the burden of American responsibility, and it is taken for granted that Captain Mahan speaks for both political parties in the United States; that his utterance is more or less official and that it is not given to the world except after a full verification.

The article, consequently, caused a little uneasiness, especially in view of its bearing on what Lord Cranborne calls "the Venezuelan mess." England, however, has cordially accepted the broad principle of the Monroe doctrine, and there is little danger of a quarrel between the two great Anglo-Saxon peoples over its exact interpretation.

RESIDENTS PROTEST.

Proposal of Blockading Powers Not Accorded In.

New York, Feb. 2.—The members of the American, French and Spanish colonies here have held a meeting, says a Herald dispatch from Caracas, and addressed protests to their legations against the outrageous proposal of the blockading powers that "the United States should be the tool of Germany." The French colony declared that France cannot agree, that in the bankruptcy of Venezuela, Germany should receive special treatment on a loan which is comparative only to the Mme. Humbert loan.

The correspondent asserts that he has undoubtedly authority for stating that the French Atlantic squadron is in readiness to return to Martinique.

CASTRO'S TROOPS DEFEATED.

Battle Reported Resulting in Victory to Arms of Revolutionists.

New York, Feb. 2.—President Castro's troops have, says the correspondent of the Herald at Willemstad, island of Curacao, met with defeat at the hand of the Venezuelan revolutionists, at a point 40 miles south of Caracas.

SLUMP IN SOFT COAL.

Price of Anthracite Will Remain as Now Until Summer.

New York, Feb. 2.—All over town coal will be sold today for \$7.50 a ton. This is not a theoretical price, but anthracite can actually be obtained at that figure. It is expected that this rate will hold without much change until summer.

The high price for soft coal has had its back completely broken and the bituminous product is selling anywhere from \$2 to \$2.50 a ton. This slump effectively disposes of a certain bituminous combination which was forming to maintain the ton price for the coming years in the neighborhood of \$4.

GIBBETT FOR SPIES.

Famous Oak Tree in New York State Will Be Cut Down.

New York, Feb. 2.—"Spy Oak," said to be the largest tree in New York state, standing on the Pelham road, Westchester, has been condemned as unsafe and will probably soon be cut down, it having become hollow and in danger of falling. It is said that many spies were hanged from its branches in revolutionary times.

STILL IT IS NO SENATOR

A. L. Mills Recives Twelve Votes From Multnomah Delegation the Only Change.

KAY MAY VOTE FOR FULTON

Bill to Appropriate \$15,000 for the Erection of a Hatchery at Ontario Is Passed by the House.

Salem, Feb. 2.—(Special)—Another ballot and no election is the story of today's voting for U. S. senator. The only change in the condition of things is the bunching of 12 Multnomah votes for A. L. Mills. This would seem to indicate that something is brewing, but the result was not calculated to create particular excitement. However, the indications are, that Multnomah may not hereafter be so scattering and that votes from that quarter, even though they be complimentary, may still be of a substantial character.

It had been rumored during the early part of the session that Fulton would gain and Geer lose a vote in a change of front in the person of Kay, but when it came to voting the same old story was related, Geer still being upheld by the faithful 16. Nevertheless Kay stated later in an interview that which would indicate that he would assist in swelling the majority when it would be most needed to expedite an election. But that must be taken for what it is worth for the Marion county legislative delegation at a meeting tonight decided to continue to support Geer.

Leaders of the Multnomah delegation assert that there will be no break in a vote for Fulton. Fulton leaders claim gains are to be expected any day but no names are given. Important changes have been predicted for tomorrow or Wednesday but there is nothing tonight that indicates a change tomorrow.

Following is the vote recorded today:

Fulton34
Geer15
Wood14
Mills12
Scattering6
Absent8

The senate this afternoon passed the Mulkey bill prohibiting the circulation of papers made up principally of criminal news, of reports of the deeds of men convicted of crime in Oregon, and passed Steiwers' senate bill to reappportion the state into senatorial and representative districts.

The house has passed Banks' bill limiting a day's work for females to 10 hours and Test's bill to appropriate \$15,000 for the erection of a fish hatchery at Ontario.

MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

Movement on Foot to Change System of English Consular Service.

New York, Feb. 2.—A matter which is now engaging the earnest attention of the British board of trade, says the Tribune's London correspondent, is the question of improving the consular service and the system under which British commercial attaches and agents are appointed to foreign countries.

This is understood to be the first move in an attempt to bring the country's public system relating to trade and commerce more in accord with the wishes and interests of business men generally. Evidently the cry for a minister of commerce is beginning to bear fruit.

TUNNEL UNDER EAST RIVER.

Has Laid Idle for Ten Years, but Will Now Be Completed.

New York, Feb. 2.—After lying idle for 10 years the tunnel under the East river between Forty-second street, Manhattan, and Long Island City, will probably soon be rushed to completion. Plans for the tunnel are all ready, so the work could begin today, according to the engineer.

The New York & Long Island Railroad company, owners of the franchise, completely reorganized, has been studying the question of resuming the work for a year. New plans are complete, and practically all preparations have been made for a continuation of the long delayed project.

GOVERNOR AND STAFF.

Georgia Notables Will Be Entertained in New York City.

New York, Feb. 2.—Governor Terrell of Georgia, accompanied by Mrs. Ter-

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YALE GRADUATE OBTAINS FIRST RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

Young Man Is Resident of Colorado and Stood Higher Than 200 Other

New York, Feb. 2.—The first Ceell Rhodes' scholarship in Oxford awarded to an American has been given to Eugene Heitler Lehman, a Yale graduate of the class of 1902. He is the son of the late Moritz Lehman, a wholesale tobacco dealer of Pueblo, Col.

After graduating last June Lehman came to this city and took a graduate course in philosophy in Columbia. Last December he made application to Governor Orman of Colorado who had two of the Ceell Rhodes' scholarships to dispose of. Lehman's credentials, vouched for by Yale, stood higher than any of those submitted by 200 other applicants.

Lehman will enter Oxford next autumn. He is a pupil of Dr. Felix Adler and it is his intention to study the conditions of the Jews in Russia and the east, with a view to their emigration.

WAS SECRETARY FOR FILMORE

Movement on Foot to Elect Commander-in-Chief for G. A. R.

East Orange, N. J., Feb. 2.—A movement has been started in the New England states for the election of Major Austin S. Cushman of East Orange as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual encampment in San Francisco next October.

Major Cushman at one time was department commander of Massachusetts. For several years he was a lawyer in Washington and served a number of admiralty commissions. He was a clerk in the war department notwithstanding the Polk administration and private secretary to President Filmore in 1852.

SLAUGHTER WAS GREAT

Sultan's Force Defeats Rebels and Pretender Has Narrow Escape.

EARLY CAPTURE PREDICTED

At a Critical Moment Tribesmen Deserted to the Government and a Terrible Rout Speedily Followed.

Tangier, Morocco, Feb. 2.—The details of the sultan's victory Thursday over the forces of the pretender show that the battle was stubbornly contested and that the former's success was largely due to the cooperation at a critical moment of the Beni Ourten tribe, whose defection from the rebels the sultan had previously purchased.

The sultan's artillery, which was commanded by the minister of war, El Menebbi, consisted of eight Maxims and four Krupps. The sultan's troops opened the attack early in the morning and shortly afterward the pretender's camp was assailed in the rear by Beni Ourtens. In spite of the surprise and disadvantages of position, the rebels stubbornly maintained their ground and desperate fighting continued for three hours.

The slaughter was very great. The remnants of the rebel army then broke, abandoned the camp and fled in the direction of Taza. The imperial troops are pursuing and if Bu Ramara is not among the slain his capture is confidently expected.

El Menebbi is pushing on toward Taza with the object of entirely crushing the rebellion and punishing the disloyal tribes. He reports that he found the rebels much more numerous than expected but that he captured all their munitions.

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