

CASTRO VOLUNTARILY RESIGNS DICTATORSHIP OF VENEZUELA IN ORDER TO RESTORE TRANQUILLITY IN TROUBLED REPUBLIC

ENGLAND'S LORD CHIEF JUSTICE NAMED AS MEMBER OF ALASKAN COMMISSION

Sir Louis Jette and Sir John Douglas Armour of Canada Will Act With Alverstone as Great Britain's Representatives.



LORD ALVERSTONE

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The British embassy here has been formally advised of the appointment of Lord Chief Justice Alverstone of England, and Sir Louis Jette, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Quebec, and Sir John Douglas Armour, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, as members of the Alaska Boundary Commission, provided for under the Hay-Herbert treaty. Sir Michael Herbert has informed the State Department of the appointments.



SIR LOUIS JETTE

REPRESENTATIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN ON THE ALASKA BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

MISS BARTON NO LONGER IN CONTROL

Red Cross Board to Retire Her From the Management.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—As the result of recent conferences of the executive board of the American National Red Cross Society, Miss Clara Barton probably will be retired from active control of that organization. The new executive, according to the agreement which now prevails, will be Rear Admiral William K. Van Reypen, United States navy (retired), formerly surgeon general of the navy. The enforced retirement of Miss Barton is considered to be a regrettable, but absolutely necessary, step for the re-establishment of the Red Cross in public confidence. It is characterized, moreover, by those who are familiar with the situation, as a final step toward establishing harmony, and it is also represented that even under the most favorable auspices the continuation of Miss Barton's management of the organization could not produce so much good as the efforts of a new trained and energetic executive. A meeting of the board of trustees of the Red Cross will be held here within the next ten days, when, it is expected, the tentative agreement reached by the executive committee will be formally approved. The plan also proposes to create a position of honorary president for life, which will be tendered Miss Barton in recognition of her services.

MUMMY OF AN INDIAN WHO FELL IN BATTLE

Scalp Is Missing and the Aborigine's Body Is Pierced by Two Arrows. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 21.—Gross, Kelly & Co. have a mummy on exhibition which is a great curiosity. The body is evidently that of an Indian, large and stately. It was excavated from a cave near Tuerosa, fifty miles west of Magdalena, last week by a party of explorers. With the mummy were found a large bow and some pottery of old designs. A notable peculiarity of the curiosity are two arrows run through the body, one through the shoulder and the other through the back. A moccasin, which was well preserved, was on one of the feet, and the scalp was missing.

HIGHWAYMEN SHOOT DOWN PASSENGERS

Fierce Battle on a Car Near Los Angeles.

Masked Robbers Kill One Citizen and Hurt Others.

Railway Laborer Opens Fire and Desperado Gets the Bullets.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Three masked robbers attempted to hold up a car on the Los Angeles-Pacific electric line running between Los Angeles and Santa Monica about a mile west of the city limits at 9 o'clock to-night, and after a pistol duel between C. W. Henderson, one of the passengers, and one of the robbers, the other two highwaymen began shooting right and left through the crowded car.

One passenger was killed and three wounded. The dead man was H. A. Griswold, a tourist from Iowa.

The injured are J. C. Cunningham of Los Angeles, a prominent trunk manufacturer, shot through the left thigh, thigh bone broken; the wound is considered very serious. Ellis Pearson of Sawtelle, the Soldiers' Home station on the electric line, shot through the left leg, a flesh wound. Dr. C. H. Bowles, 453 South Hill street, Los Angeles, shot through the left hand, several bones in his hand broken.

It is believed that one of the robbers was badly wounded, because he was heard to cry out and was seen to half fall off the car immediately after Henderson began shooting at him.

OBSTRUCTION ON TRACK.

The hold-up occurred at the head of a deep cut near the junction of the Ocean Park electric line. The robbers had placed a steel rail, a large bench and a cement barrel on the track at a point near where it runs through a large vineyard.

Charles Curran, the motorman, saw the obstruction when the car was several hundred yards from it, because the car was equipped with a powerful searchlight. He at once turned off the current and ran slowly to the place. The car struck the obstruction at greatly reduced speed.

The moment the car struck, three men wearing white masks or handkerchiefs over their faces sprang from the weeds alongside the track. One of them boarded the front end of the car and the other two the rear end. The man who boarded the front end commanded the passengers who were occupying the open seats at that end to put up their hands, and when one of them did not comply he fired a shot.

Henderson was seated within six feet of the point where the robber boarded the car, and having seen the obstruction he drew his revolver. The instant the robber fired at the other man Henderson opened fire on him, shooting as fast as he could pull the trigger. The robber then turned his gun upon Henderson, but as he did so he was seen to bend over and then cried out as if in pain. Then, straightening up, he began shooting at the bunch of passengers who were huddled in the front seats. One of his bullets struck Ellis Pearson in the left leg. Henderson continued firing, and the robber was seen to fall as he struck the ground.

SHOWER OF BULLETS.

While this was going on on the outside of the car a tragedy was being enacted in the inside, that portion of it which is fully enclosed. The two robbers who had entered the rear door commanded the passengers to raise their hands, and most of them did so. Before any attempt could be made by the robbers to search the passengers for their valuables the shooting began on the outside of the car. Then the other two robbers began shooting right and left into the crowd of passengers.

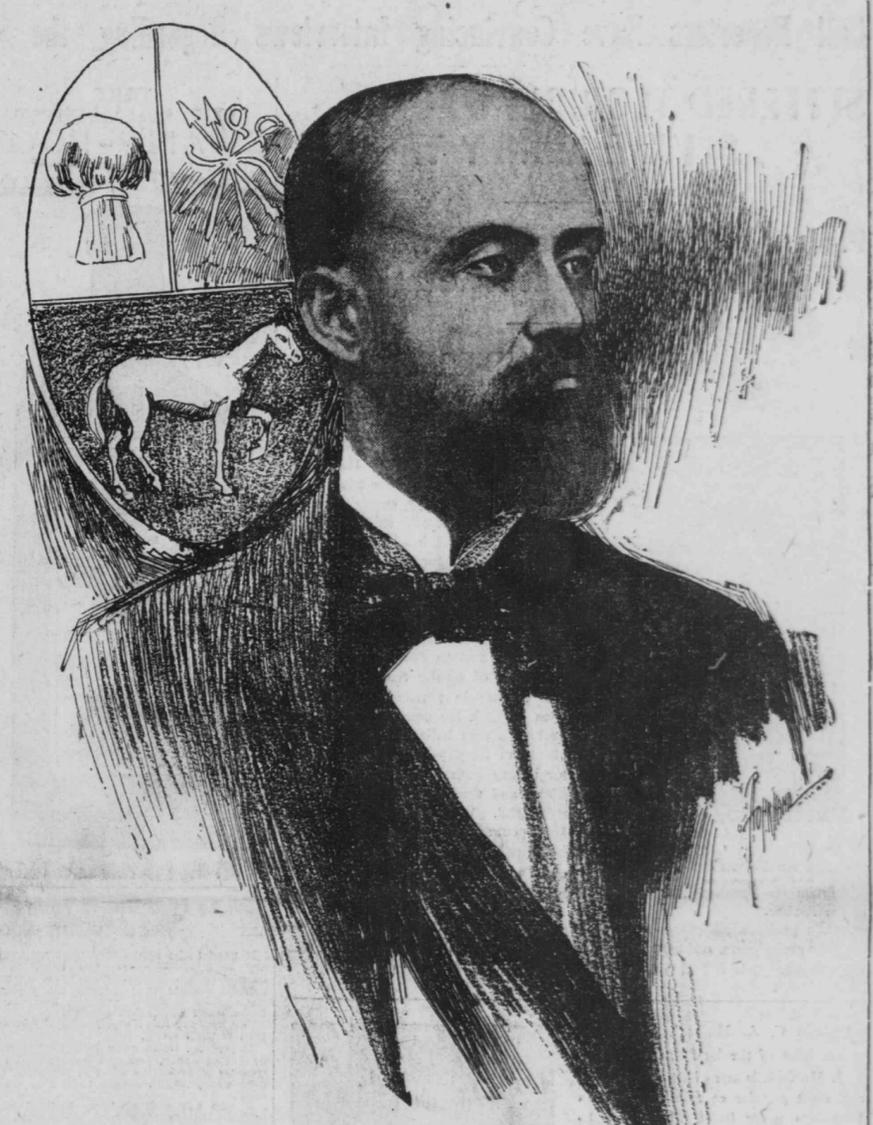
Griswold was seated about the middle of the car, with his back turned toward the robbers. At the command, "Hands up!" he tried to secrete his watch under his legs, and one of the robbers, thinking he was about to draw a gun, fired point blank at him. The bullet struck him in the back of the neck and he fell over into the lap of his aged mother, who was seated at his side.

Dr. C. H. Bowles was near the front door and at the command of the robbers he raised his hands. While he had them in the air one of the bullets from a robber's revolver struck his left hand and shattered the bones. After emptying their revolvers the robbers backed out of the door and sprang off the car and disappeared. Which way went none of the passengers know.

GIRL'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The car proceeded with all possible speed to Sawtelle, the nearest point where medical aid could be secured. Griswold expired before the car had gone a mile. He never spoke after he was shot, and when his body was lifted from the car at Santa Monica his watch was found under him on the seat. His mother was covered

CARACAS, March 21.—President Castro has resigned. He placed his resignation of the Presidency of the republic of Venezuela in the hands of the President of Congress after reading the Presidential message to-day. Senor Castro handed over the exercise of the Presidential functions to the President of Congress. In the ordinary course of events President Castro's term would have ended on February 20, 1908. He was elected President of Venezuela in February of last year, for six years, beginning February 20, 1902.



GENERAL CIPRIANO CASTRO, WHO HAS RESIGNED PRESIDENCY OF VENEZUELA.

MRS. BURDICK SAYS A WORD TO THE CALL

Denies She Will Try to Shield the Name of Pennell.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 21.—For the first time since she returned to her home on Ashland avenue, where her husband was murdered, Mrs. Burdick broke her silence to-day to deny that when she was called to the stand at the inquest on Monday she would say that, in her belief, Arthur R. Pennell was not the murderer. The statement that she would seek to clear the name of Pennell was attributed to her attorney, Frederick B. Hartzell. Scarcely had it been made public before Hartzell denied it, and Mrs. Burdick spoke only long enough to say it was untrue.

"I have made no such statement," she said, "and I have nothing further to say." Mrs. Burdick will be the star witness at the inquest on Monday, in all probability, and only then will it become known, definitely just what letters the District Attorney has in his possession that passed between her and Pennell. From a single letter which is said to have contained this threat, "I feel that I must kill him" (meaning Burdick), the number has grown to at least a score, according to rumors. The District Attorney has refused to discuss them, and so does Superintendent Bull of the police force and Chief Detective Cusack.

Talks to-day with several detectives who have been working on the case made it clear that they were unwilling to believe that some one in the house had not guilty knowledge of the crime. The significant features, so far as the house is concerned, are the open door and the window slightly raised. The murderer unquestionably left by the door. Did some person leave the window open for him in case he chose to come in or leave by that way? That he did not do so is shown by the unbroken snow on the sill. If he had a key, who gave it to him? The lock on Burdick's door is a complicated one, and it would be hard for even a professional crackman to pick it. There were no marks of a jimmy on either the window or the door.

WILD WEST PLEASES THE QUEEN

Alexandra Goes Twice to See Buffalo Bill's Rough Riders.

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LONDON, March 21.—Queen Alexandra has fallen a victim to the delights of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Twice within six days the Queen went to the Olympia to see the Indians, cowboys and rough riders of the world perform. The only part of the show she did not approve of was the storming of San Juan Hill. The heavy firing of the guns made her head ache, so on both occasions of her visit that spectacle was put first on the programme and finished before she arrived.

Not only the Queen, but the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria and Princess Margaret Patricia of Connaught went to see the show twice. The King went once. The tiny Princess Mary of Wales had the great treat of accompanying her grandmother and her parents upon both visits.

ICEJAM BLOCKADES THE NIAGARA CHANNEL

Checks the Flow of Water on the American Side of the Falls. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 21.—The wide channel between the American shore and Goat Island, known as the American Falls, was almost dry to-day. The shallowness of the water was due to an immense ice jam at the head of Goat Island. The ice started to jam in the rapids above the falls this afternoon, and to-night only a few small rivulets of water are flowing over the American side of the falls. The park was crowded with spectators of the unusual sight, while those on the Canadian side were attracted by the thunder of three times the normal amount of water passing over the brink of the Horseshoe Falls. Several persons walked across the almost dry bed of the river on this side to-night.

WHITE MEN SELL NEGROES INTO SLAVERY

Arrests in Alabama Reveal Ante-Bellum Conditions.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 21.—Robert M. Franklin, William T. Joiner, L. A. Grogan, Jesse London and John McDaniel, all of Goodwater, were brought to the United States Court this morning by Deputy Marshals Gibson, Trammell and Colcott of Montgomery.

The men, all of whom are white, are charged with having kidnaped Madison Davis, a negro, last July and sold him to Elijah Turner, who is alleged to have charge of lime works near Calais, Ala. All are under indictment.

It is alleged by Davis that there are twenty-seven other negroes confined in the stockade at Calais and kept there in involuntary servitude.

The men under indictment are among the most prominent citizens of Goodwater.

with his blood and was almost insane from fright and grief. The bullet which killed him grazed the cheek of Miss Anna Funk, who was traveling with him. At Sawtelle Pearson was taken off the car and conveyed to his home. The other wounded persons were taken to Santa Monica and given surgical attention. As soon as the shooting was over Henderson, who had fired at the robbers, sprang from the car. He had fired all his cartridges and feared they would kill him if he remained. He ran across the vineyard and struck a wire fence and was knocked down. While in that position he saw two of the robbers run to a roadway near by and climb into a buggy and drive toward this city.

Every available officer was sent to the scene as soon as the news of the robbery reached the city, but no trace of the robbers was found. Owing to the confusion incident to the shooting practically no description of the men was secured, except that one was an unusually tall and the other two of lower stature.

REWARD FOR OUTLAWS.

The general manager of the company stated to-night that the company will offer a reward of \$1000 for the capture of each of the robbers. The highwaymen secured nothing whatever from the passengers. That many more were not killed or wounded is little short of miraculous. Inside the car were thirty or more passengers and there were more than ten shots

NEW AIRSHIP WILL CONVEY TEN PERSONS

Santos-Dumont Preparing to Construct His Tenth Courser.

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PARIS, March 21.—Extending from the Rue Longchamps to the Seine at Neuilly is M. Santos-Dumont's new balloon ground of 18,000 square meters. Thirty-five fir masts are to be part of the framework of the big balloon shed, which will have four partitions. Two central aisles will be reserved for big airships, and narrow ones for storage and the repairing of various "Santos-Dumonts."

M. Santos-Dumont said that the big balloon which he intended building here, the "Santos-Dumont X," will be of 2000 cubic meters and the basket will carry at least ten persons.

FIVE MEN OF TUG'S CREW DROWNED IN COLLISION

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—Five men of the crew of the tug Pilot of this city were drowned in a collision between the tug and the steamship Winifred in the Delaware River, off Marcus Hook, Pa., late last night. The remaining three members of the crew were saved. The following were drowned: ALONZO HAZARD, engineer. JOHN BENNETT, mate. FRANK ATKINSON, steward. ALBERT PAINTER, deckhand. PORTUGUESE FIREMAN, name unknown.

The Winifred was towing the barge Conemaugh from Port Arthur, Texas, to this city, and became fogbound in the Delaware Bay on Thursday. The tug Pilot had towed the Conemaugh and guided the Winifred from the anchorage and was pulling in hawser when the steamer crashed into her amidships with terrible force. The tug soon sank. The Winifred was uninjured.

fired. Bullets were found imbedded in the woodwork in many places when the car reached this city at midnight.

H. A. Griswold, who was killed by the robbers, was a visitor from Manson, Iowa. He was president of the Manson Bank and was a man of wealth. He came here several months ago for the benefit of his mother's health and had been living at the Hotel Corona. He also had a cottage on the beach at Santa Monica and was en route thither when he met his death. His body was brought to this city late to-night.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The first intimation received by Secretary Hay of President Castro's resignation was given him by the press dispatch announcing the fact. He would not discuss the news beyond saying that it was unexpected. Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's plenipotentiary here, likewise had not been informed until shown the dispatch. Until officially advised, he said, he would be unable to give expression to any views on the subject.

Late to-night Secretary Hay received a dispatch from Mr. Russell, United States Charge d'Affaires in Caracas, confirming the report of President Castro's resignation, but stating that he doubted if the Venezuelan Congress would accept it. From an authoritative quarter it was learned that this move on the part of President Castro had long been contemplated. Representations were made to him several months ago by the leaders of Venezuela that his resignation would have the effect of enabling the people of that country to present a solid front to the world in the matters in controversy with the several powers. The statement was made that the resignation is the result of a secret agreement with the leaders referred to, that President Castro should temporarily relinquish his office pending the adjustment of the questions which Minister Bowen has in hand. It was intimated that while President Castro nominally gives up his office it is the intention to keep it within the family by an arrangement to make Castro's nephew Vice President, so that he would succeed to the Presidency.

It is the belief here, based on information which has been up to now kept inviolate, that the present plan is to allow President Castro to remain out of office for a short time and then re-elect him at the next election.

When told later that President Castro had turned over the functions of his office to the President of the Senate, General Velutini, the Associated Press informant expressed much surprise, in view of the reputed understanding upon which the resignation was based. Velutini is said to be one of the cleverest and shrewdest men in Venezuelan public life. It is believed that if the Venezuelan Congress refuses to accept the resignation, as intimated by Mr. Russell, the United States

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