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GERMAN CONSUL
RAISES ISSUE
Resists Inspection By Customs Officers at El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—An incident which may become of international importance occurred this afternoon, when Consul Max Weber of the German Government at Juarez, Mexico, refused to submit to the inspection of United States customs officers on the border.

A Stanton street carecoming from Juarez to the El Paso side and well crowded, was stopped as soon as American territory was reached, and all passengers requested to alight. This all did with the exception of Consul Weber, who told Inspector Caples that he would alight as a personal favor to him, but would refuse to recognize his official authority unless compelled by force.

Inspector Caples, after a conversation with Collector Garrett, told the consul that he would be compelled to use force if resistance was made. Mr. Weber then alighted, but requested a note stating that the force had been used to compel him to submit. This the customs officials gave him and with the note as a basis Mr. Weber stated that he would call the attention of the Treasury Department to the matter.

Mr. Weber bases his complaint upon the claim that he is a well-known citizen of Juarez and the representative of a foreign Government, and should under the courtesies usually accorded consuls be immune from the humiliation which he says the inspection caused him. The local customs officials will aid Mr. Weber in his complaint, as they also wish a ruling upon a point which has become a serious hamper to their vigilance in guarding the border against the smuggling of contraband goods.

OLD INAUGURAL BIBLE.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—The Bible used in administering the oath of office to Governor Lanham today belongs to the Supreme Court library. It is a small book, bound in the vogue of fifty years ago and bears on the fly leaf the inscription: "Property of the Republic of Texas." It is said that every Governor of Texas has been sworn in on this Bible.

CALIFORNIA MUST ACT.

Washington, D. C.—A conference of members of State Boards of Health declares that California must act against the plague or be cut off from the sister States.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER.

German Claims In Venezuela Resulted from Effort to Injure a British Project.

Arnold White, writing from London, sums up the situation in Venezuela, and shows his countrymen how Germany has made a catspaw of them:

"Facts are beginning to leak out. They are almost incredible. It seems that the German Disconto Gesellschaft financed a wild cat railway project for the construction of a line between Caracas and Valencia. An English company, also of the wildcat variety, at the same time was endeavoring to construct a line over a portion of the same route—from Capon to Valencia.

"The Germans, bent on beating their British rivals, expended £3,000,000 sterling in constructing 111 miles of line. The working expenses of this section after its opening amounted to 60 per cent. of the gross earnings. The Venezuelan government, like most impetuous parties, was ready to promise anything, and accordingly guaranteed 7 per cent. on the capital. Of course the Venezuelan government defaulted. German patience was soon worn out.

"But here comes in the unconscionable humor of the situation. The Germans, having expended extravagant sums on the construction of a line to ruin the English company, have now successfully claimed the use of the British navy to collect their arrears of interest in a concern which never had the remotest chance of paying a dividend to Germans, and only existed to injure Englishmen. Our government tamely obeyed the crack of the kaiser's whip."

CUBA TAXES AMERICANS.

Residents of the Isle of Pines Prepare to Resist Payment.

Havana, Jan. 20.—Three hundred Americans, property owners and residents of the Isle of Pines, are preparing to resist forcibly, if necessary, any further exercise of sovereignty there by the Cuban Government. Formal demand has been made upon Minister Squiers for the protection due to American citizens on American territory, and Mr. Squiers is conferring with President Palma.

American residents on the island say they own and occupy more than two-thirds of the land there. They assert that the Cuban Government is levying oppressive and unlawful taxes in the Isle of Pines, and spending the proceeds in the Island of Cuba. Administration of justice in the Isle of Pines is said to be unreliable.

The protesting Americans say they have settled in the island with their families and mean to stay. Before investing their money in the purchase and improvement of real estate they received official assurances from Washington that the Isle of Pines was territory of the United States. They refuse to pay further taxes to the Cuban and ask that steps be immediately taken to establish a government in the island under American authority.

The situation is becoming serious, and an open rupture is likely to occur if President Palma sends rural guards to the Isle of Pines to enforce collection of taxes.