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CABINET AND CONGRESS DISCUSS THE VENEZUELIAN WAR SITUATION

State Library. **the Conduct of the Allies Brought Up in Executive Session of the Senate.**

DEWEY'S FLEET WILL CRUISE NEAR L'GUAYRA

Neither England Nor Germany Has Yet Arrived at Any Decision as to Arbitration.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A lengthy discussion of the Venezuelan situation by the president and cabinet today resulted in a decision that up to the present nothing had been done by the allies requiring representations to them or other action on the part of the government. It was agreed to remain neutral and endeavor to bring about an adjustment of the Venezuelan trouble by arbitration. If, however, the administration feels called upon to act it will do so in an emphatic and positive manner that will leave no doubt of its intentions.

This position may possibly be made clearer by the statement that the president believes that in the Venezuelan affair this government should observe the rule, which he learned while living in the west, that a man should never draw a pistol except when he intends to shoot.

It is part of the administration's policy, also, that there shall be no premature outburst of oratory on the subject of Venezuela in congress. Only in the event of danger that the Monroe doctrine may be violated or interference with American commerce, before war is declared, is the government likely to take action that may have serious consequences.

"THE WAR" DISCUSSED IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Venezuelan question was introduced in the senate during the executive session this afternoon. In some criticisms of the conduct of the allies the view was expressed if arbitration was not accepted this government should not be slow in protesting against the policy now being pursued toward Venezuela. Teller declared that the allies are guilty of acts of war and the Monroe doctrine ought to be invoked to prevent a repetition of the conduct. Hoar concurred with Teller and pointed out the danger that might come from the formation of such alliances as that of allies. Bacon favored arbitration and

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declared the pending proposition looking to that solution was all that restrained him from publicly denouncing what he considered a great outrage. Stewart denounced the allies, while Cullom, seeking to head off unwise agitation, declared the full report had been called for and should be laid before the senate. Teller denounced in vigorous terms the sinking of Venezuelan ships, firing on forts and establishment of blockade. He declared them acts of war. He added, "We do not want war in Venezuela and we cannot and will not allow that country to be reduced to a state of dependence; and under the Monroe doctrine we must say that such an extremity must not be resorted to. In my opinion both those powers should have it brought home to them that they must arbitrate."

HOUSE WANTS INFORMATION.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative McCalla of Massachusetts today introduced in the house a resolution directing the secretary of state to inform the house concerning any working agreement between the governments of Great Britain and Germany and the diplomatic offices of the United States or any assurances by these governments to the diplomatic officers of the United States as to the nature, extent or purpose of joint demonstration of these governments against Venezuela and particularly with reference to the objection of the territory of Venezuela. The resolution asks that correspondence regarding this subject be transmitted to the house.

CABINET MEETING.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt and his cabinet had one of the most extended and important meetings today that has been held this fall. Foreign affairs practically consumed the entire time of the session. The Venezuelan situation was discussed in all its phases, but no conclusion was reached different from that which has actuated the president and his advisers throughout the consideration of the troubles. From an authoritative source the information is obtained that there will be no recession on the part of this government with respect to questions involving Venezuela or any other of the governments of South or Central America as laid down by the president in his message to congress. Every detail of the development in the Venezuelan section is being scrutinized with the utmost care.

Willemstad, Dec. 16.—The German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Charbydis have arrived here from Venezuela. They are coaling. Telling of the bombardment of Puerto Cabello, some officers state that each of the vessels threw 600 shells. Some of the cannon taken from Puerto Cabello were brought here.

The German cruiser Falke sent armed boats into the lagoon at Maracaibo and captured the Venezuelan gunboat Miranda.

FURTHER COERCION.

London, Dec. 16.—Replying to a question in the house of lords today, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, said that if the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect, further coercive measures would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany, and it had been decided to resort to a blockade of the ports. It was not intended to land a British force and still less to occupy Venezuelan territory.

PROTECTION FOR ITALIANS.

Rome, Dec. 16.—It is said here that Sgr. Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador at Washington, has asked Secretary Hay to request Minister Bowen to assume the protection of the Italians in Venezuela, if such a step

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became necessary, and that Mr. Hay complied with the request.

NO DECISION ON ARBITRATION.
London, Dec. 16.—At the foreign office this evening it was said that no decision had yet been arrived at in regard to the Venezuelan arbitration. That many difficulties have arisen in the way of arriving at a basis of what can be arbitrated and what can be otherwise settled. The outlook for a pacific settlement of the dispute is not particularly bright.

London, Dec. 16.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today, Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made by Great Britain to refer the dispute with Venezuela to arbitration.

THE SINKING OF THE SHIPS.
Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 16.—The governor of Margarita Island reports that British and German warships are off that island.

Minister Bowen, yesterday politely refused to have monster patriotic parade pass before the United States legation. Everyone here ropes that the arbitration proposed by Venezuela through Minister Bowen and Washington will be granted.

When the combined fleets seized the Venezuelan ships at La Guayra, the German commander delivered to the Venezuelan captains the following document:

"By order of my sovereign, and at the command of the commodore of the German squadron in West Indian waters, I, the commander of the Panther, request you to lower your ship's flag immediately and leave your ship with your crew within ten minutes. This is not a measure of war on the part of Germany, but only with the object of making a provisional seizure of your ship in order to oblige the Venezuelan government to recognize our just demands. In case you disobey and wish to defend your ship, I shall be obliged to prevent you from so doing by the discharge of arms. (Signed) 'ECKERMANN, Commander.'"

"December 1."

Further details of the sinking of the Venezuelan ships have been obtained from an entry made in the book of the signal men of the fortress of La Guayra. It is as follows:

"Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1902, 1:30 night. 'The admiral called me to see if I knew that the steamer Retribution, of the English navy, was towing the steamers Crespo and Totina of the national navy, three or four miles north. I had heard four cannon shots and saw the two steamers had disappeared and understood they had been sunk by the Vineta and Retribution. At the end of an hour the Retribution returned to the harbor alone. (Signed) 'Signal Command of the Fort.'"

The fact that the Retribution returned to La Guayra alone two hours after leaving with the captured vessels was confirmed by the English residents of La Guayra, consequently she did not have time to conduct the Venezuelan ships to Curacao or Trinidad.

THE TREATY WITH CUBA CONSIDERED BY CABINET

Washington, Dec. 16.—The treaty with Cuba, which was negotiated in Havana by General Bliss and which arrived in Washington in General Bliss' hands today, was presented to the cabinet and considered in detail. It is ready for presentation to congress and probably will be transmitted to the senate within twenty-four hours. It is regarded as highly important that it should be ratified promptly, as the present Venezuelan situation emphasizes the necessity for coaling stations in Cuba. While definite action upon the treaty by the senate, or by congress if the necessity arises to present it also to the house of representatives is scarcely to be expected before the holiday recess, the administration is hopeful of prompt consideration of it after congress reconvenes.

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IF ARGENTINA AND CHILI SHOULD JOIN

New York, Dec. 16.—The New York Herald says: Should Argentina and Chili be drawn into a defensive alliance with Venezuela, their navies, though not formidable, as judged by European standards, could introduce into the situation a not inconsiderable factor of available sea power.

In strength the navies of Argentina and Chili, roughly speaking, are about equal.

Argentina has four good modern fighting ships in her armored cruiser class. The General Belgrano, built at Leghorn, in 1897, has a displacement of 7,182 tons, triple expansion engines, twin screws and a speed record under forced draught of 20.2 knots.

She carries in her main battery two Elswick 10-inch guns and 14 six-inch quick fire guns. In her second battery are two Vickers-Maxims three-inch guns, 10 six-pounders and eight Maxims. She has four torpedo tubes, all above water line.

The General Pveyrredon, also built in 1897, the Garibaldi, built in 1895, and the San Martin, built in 1896, though not identical, are all vessels of the same general type.

Each has a length of 328 feet and is 59 1/2 feet beam, and each carries a complement of from 500 to 540 men.

There are slight variations in their armament, and the San Martin carries four eight-inch guns in her main battery instead of two 10-inch rifles, carried by the other three ships.

ARGENTINA'S COAST DEFENCE VESSELS.

The Almirante Brown is a coast defence battleship of 4,267 tons, with a complement of 380 men. Her sea speed does not exceed 11 knots. She carries 10 quick-fire Canet guns of six-inch calibre, 12 smaller guns and two torpedo tubes.

The Libertad and Independencia, also coast defence battleships, though somewhat smaller, are three knots faster. They are armed with Krupp and Elswick guns.

In the protected cruiser class Argentina's best ship is the Buenos Ayres, 424 feet length over all, 47 1/2 feet beam and 4,500 tons.

She has twin screws and under forced draught has exceeded 24 knots an hour speed. She is steel protected, carries six guns of eight or six-inch calibre and 32 smaller guns, with five torpedo tubes.

The Nuevo de Julia and the Vintencio de Maio, though somewhat smaller, are serviceable cruisers of the same type, with speed records under forced draught of about 22 knots. The Buenos Ayres has a complement of 400 men and the other cruisers of about 300 each.

Argentina also has seven gunboats (Continued on page seven.)

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PULLIAM GUILTY IS VERDICT OF THE JURY

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SCENE IN COURT TRAGIC AND PITIFUL

Verdict was a General and Complete Surprise in Charlotte—Sentence Today.

Special to the Gazette. Charlotte, Dec. 16.—Lawrence Pulliam was found guilty by the Federal court jury tonight, as charged in the bill of indictment. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

By Bell Telephone to the Gazette. Charlotte, Dec. 16.—The jury in the Pulliam case took the case at 6 p. m. At 10 o'clock they came into court and the foreman announced that they had reached a verdict of guilty. At the request of Judge Charles A. Moore, of counsel for the defense, the jury was polled. As the names of the twelve were called each man solemnly answered "guilty."

Both District Attorney Holton and Judge Moore asked Judge Boyd not to sentence the prisoner until tomorrow morning. Judge Moore says that in any event he will appeal to the circuit court of appeals at Richmond. The scene in the court room was a pitiful and tragic one, although there was no sort of a demonstration. Only a few were in attendance. The crowd included Mrs. Pulliam, the wife of the defendant, and his daughter, Miss Pulliam. Both the ladies and the defendant himself herd the verdict with stoical calmness. But the atmosphere of the court room was surcharged with sorrow. The verdict causes a general (Continued on fifth page.)

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