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### DEWEY'S FLEET WILL BE KEPT NEAR VENEZUELA.

The Warships' Movements are Now Directed From Washington.

### HAY CABLES THE POWERS

Through Our Ambassadors he Asks an Early Opinion Upon Bowen's Arbitration Proposal—An Intimation That England Won't Interfere With Our Vessels.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Disposition of the men-of-war of Admiral Dewey's fleet during the holidays is to be made under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, in view of the increasing complications arising in connection with Venezuela and the wish of this government not to arouse suspicion unnecessarily by dispatching a large naval force to Venezuelan waters. Admiral Dewey cabled the Department yesterday in regard to the orders for his fleet during the Christmas holidays, though Secretary Moody did not announce the receipt of the dispatch until today. Orders are now in preparation for the various vessels and will be forwarded to the Admiral in the next day or two.

No reflection upon Admiral Dewey is intended by the Navy Department in deciding to draw up the orders for his ships instead of giving him a free hand in the matter, as it was expected would be done. That there may be a thorough cooperation of the navy with the State Department in the handling of the Venezuelan situation, however, it seemed that the question could be satisfactorily settled here, as the Navy Department is in possession of all the facts regarding the action of the allied powers, and danger of conflicting with the policy of the State Department will be averted.

### Further Coercive Measures in View.

(By the Associated Press.) 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.

### ITALY GIVES US NOTICE.

She has joined the Allies and will respect the Monroe Doctrine.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Italian Ambassador, today, called at the State Department and advised Secretary Hay that Italy has joined the allies in the operations against Venezuela. He requested that Mr. Bowen assume charge of the Italian interests in Venezuela and the Secretary granted this request subject to the approval of Venezuela. Italy enters the combination on the same plane as to abstention from territorial seizures as Germany and Great Britain.

Falling to hear from Europe as to Mr. Bowen's proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan troubles, Secretary Hay, today, addressed cablesgrams to the United States Ambassadors at London, Berlin, and Rome, instructing them to call the matter again to the attention of the governments to which they are accredited with a view to securing an early expression of opinion from them.

The Italian Ambassador explained to Secretary Hay that it had been the hope of the Rome government at first to reach a satisfactory settlement of her claims against Venezuela, such as France had secured. To this end, a polite but firm note was addressed to the Caracas Foreign Office after the ultimatum of Germany and Great Britain had been sent. Pending a reply to this note the Italian authorities did not resort to drastic measures. When the reply came it was found to be not only a reflection of all Italy's demands, but its tone was wholly displeasing and it was therefore necessary for Italy to follow suit with Germany and Great Britain and join in the allied naval demonstration.

have agreed to assist each other in the pressing of their claims against Venezuela, there is the feeling that the reply of Germany, Great Britain and Italy should be unanimous.

### THEY WILL RESPECT OUR SHIPS.

Germany Does Not Receive Very Favorably the Arbitration Proposal. (By the Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hay's note excepting American ships from certain restrictions of the Venezuelan blockade is favorably received by the German government. The Foreign Office treats the matter as not raising any essential difficulty and as being within precedent, since Germany made a similar reservation in the Cretan blockade. The precise status of American vessels under the blockade will be defined in an official notification.

Minister Bowen's communication to Germany, through the United States government, in behalf of President Castro, received here yesterday, was a simple proposition to arbitrate the questions in dispute and was not accompanied by any conditions. The German government has not yet replied to President Castro's offer of arbitration, being still in correspondence with the British government on the subject. It is intimated that Germany's reply is not likely to be ready for some days. The opinion in the cabinet appears to be that President Castro's proposals are merely a move in a game designed to see what Germany and Great Britain are now willing to do and as a test also of American public feeling. The prevailing idea here at present is that it is too late to arbitrate and that the acceptance of the offer to do so would place Germany in the position of having put her hand to the plow and as looking backward.

### KINDER STICKS IN HIS GORGE.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 16.—Judging from statements given by the Foreign Office the Venezuelan situation tonight does not appear to be any nearer a settlement. Up to a late hour tonight no suggestion had been made that Great Britain could eventually see its way to submitting its claim to arbitration, and the Foreign Office points out that Venezuela's offer to arbitrate is extremely vague. The Foreign Office claims that some matters are impossible to arbitrate, instancing the disrespectful treatment of Mr. Haggard, British Minister to Venezuela, and all of his representations.

It is known that the Foreign Office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would be willing to guarantee the fulfilling of Venezuelan pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action or pending the award of arbitrators. This inquiry resulted in a direct negative from the United States. With the guarantee of the United States, the Foreign Office says arbitration in the Venezuelan matter would be purely a matter with only the word of a government hitherto unreliable, arbitration is difficult of acceptance.

### DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET.

Venezuelan Situation Emphasizes Necessity for Coaling Stations in Cuba. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt and his Cabinet had one of the most extended and important meetings 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. 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 and any of the other governments of South or Central America as laid down by the President in his message to Congress. Every detail of the developments in the Venezuelan situation is being scrutinized with the utmost care.

### JEROME'S SECRET INQUIRY.

Proceedings Aimed at Richard A. Canfield Were Begun Yesterday.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 16.—The secret inquiry instituted by District Attorney Jerome before Justice Wyatt, of the Court of Special Sessions, aimed at Richard A. Canfield, was begun today. The district attorney refused to say whom he had summoned as witnesses, saying that it would be a misdemeanor if he did so. A. A. Housman, the broker, who is in attendance, said he had given testimony to the effect that he never had been in Canfield's place and was then excused.

After the adjournment at noon Mr. Jerome, accompanied by his assistants, Mr. Sanford, and two other men whose identity is unknown, went before Justice Wyatt and Mr. Sanford swore to information on which a warrant was issued. District Attorney Jerome announced later that the warrant was for the arrest of Jesse Lewishohn, and that Mr. Lewishohn had been arrested. According to Assistant District Attorney Gans, Mr. Lewishohn was asked if he knew Canfield personally. He refused to reply to the question. Jesse Lewishohn is a member of the firm of Lewishohn Brothers, bankers, who are heavily interested in copper mining.

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It is Said That Roosevelt Finds Charges Against Him Unwarranted. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—While no official announcement has been made it is understood that the President has decided to appoint Dr. W. B. Crum, the colored applicant, as Collector of the Port of Charleston, S. C. Investigation of the charges involving the integrity of Dr. Crum has been made by the President and it is stated they have been found to be unwarranted. Unless other charges are made and substantiated the President, in accordance with his original intentions, will appoint him.

It is understood, also, that the President will appoint V. P. Clayton as United States Marshal of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Marshal Cunningham. Mr. Clayton was Marshal Cunningham's first deputy and is now acting marshal.

\*\*\*\*\* New Orleans, La., Dec. 16.—General George Mooreman, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans, died suddenly tonight, aged 61 years. He was on the staff of General N. B. Forrest and other Confederate leaders during the Civil War, earning many special mentions, and was commander of Mooreman's Cavalry Battalion. He has been adjutant general of the U. S. Army since its organization. He expired while at his desk in his New Orleans office.

### THE TUNNEL FRANCHISE

The New York Board of Aldermen Pass Upon it Favorably. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 16.—The board of aldermen, this afternoon, ratified the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel franchise by a vote of 41 to 35.

### Colin Flies to the U. S. Legislation.

(By the Associated Press.) Port-au-Prince, Hayti, Dec. 16.—General Saint-Prix Colin, Minister of the Interior and opponent of General Nord in the contest for the Presidency, has sought refuge in the United States Legislature. There has been much firing in the city and great excitement prevails.

### Confirmed by the Senate.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Confirmations by the Senate. Lloyd C. Griscom, Minister to Japan; Michael Jenkins, collector of internal revenue, for the District of South Carolina.

### Lieutenant Dockery U. S. A. Returns.

First Lieutenant Oliver H. Dockery, Jr., of the Third U. S. Infantry, arrived in this city yesterday from Rockingham, where he has been visiting his father. His regiment is now stationed at Columbus, Ohio, and he is here on a two months' leave of absence. Lieut. Dockery formerly lived in this city, where he enlisted in the First North Carolina Volunteer Infantry, Company K, known as the old "Governor's Guards." From Cuba he went to the Philippine Islands, where he spent the past three years. He returned to the United States last summer.

During the campaign in the Philippines Lieut. Dockery's name was often mentioned in the government dispatches for gallant conduct and meritorious service. A woman's idea of showing a man she loves him is to ask how much he loves her.

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In response to an inquiry from Mr. Hale, Mr. Morgan said that out of the twenty-nine and a half months the commission had spent six weeks in Nicaragua and two weeks in Panama. "That is a very remarkable statement," said Mr. Hale. "It is a true one," replied Mr. Morgan, "and shows the necessity of our doing something to regulate these expenses."

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Mr. Cone has had very little trouble with his help. He has shown them that he was the friend of labor in more ways than one and the village looks very little like a mill town. It is clean, its streets well kept, while in a magnificent school maintained in great part by money from his own pocket and the children are being educated by a corps of most excellent teachers eight months in the year. Besides this every night at 12 o'clock a free warm meal is provided for all night operatives and the mills are making money and the cones have studiously turned the cold shoulder on all the recent propositions to enter the cotton mill merger or trust.

### FILLED HIS LEGS WITH SHOES.

Trade Between Friends Calls for Deal in Lead Gifts to Firemen. (Special to the News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Dec. 16.—The news of a shooting among friends in East Durham has come to light. Charles Horton gave Bill Person a \$15 overcoat for a fifteen cent watch chain and twenty-five cents. After the trade Horton wanted to trade back, but his friend would not agree. Horton then went for a shotgun and Dr. Cheatham was summoned to pick out between sixty and seventy-five bird shot from his legs. An exchange of properties has been made and the two are friends again.

### THE NEWS OF SMITHFIELD.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Smithfield, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. B. G. Moseley, who has been running the Tuscorora Inn for the past ten months, has rented the Gurley Hotel and moved in today. Mr. W. Tumor Peacock and wife have rented the Tuscorora Inn and are moving in today. They expect to run the hotel in a first-class manner and give the travelling public every comfort and convenience and the best of attention.

Mr. J. Wayland Allen, who has been in business here for the past six months, has made an assignment. Jno. A. Narror, attorney, is named as assignee.

Mr. Allen Lee, who has been in the drug business here for several years past, has sold out his business to Messrs. Boyette & Hardee, who will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Lee has made many friends during his stay here who regret to see him leave.

One of the first things that the next House of Representatives will do to do will be to elect a Speaker. Old Johnston county has a candidate in the race for this position and is demanding recognition by electing Ed. S. Abell Speaker of the next House.

The people of Smithfield in general are a quiet and peaceful people, but occasionally they get their wrath kindled, and nothing causes this quicker than failing to get their News and Observer. Last Sunday your correspondent noticed quite a number of citizens wearing a "long" face, and all because their News and Observer did not come. It no doubt missed connection in Selma, for some reason, as it came in Monday morning.

being intended only for the volunteers who get no pay. A few days ago the old city stables were sold to C. W. Barbee for \$8,900 and the city market bought \$4,600, both being sold at auction. The aldermen have confirmed the sale of the former and refused the latter, ordering a new sale of the property.

There is now issuing from the press of H. E. Seaman one of the finest souvenir books of Durham ever published in this section of the State. In this book there is not an advertisement of any kind, it being devoted entirely to showing up the advantages of Durham. The plates are all very beautiful, made especially for this edition. In addition to showing many of the streets, fine residences, schools, etc., the book also has some fine cuts of the improved road work going on in the county. After examining the book the aldermen last evening voted \$300 to pay for the actual expenses of the publication. The book was published upon the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce.

### ONE SOUTHERN LEAGUE ONLY.

Peace Agreement Adopted at Meeting of Baseball Association. (By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—At a meeting of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs held here today the peace agreement recently reached at Memphis looking to but one league in the South next season was adopted as amended at a conference of the leaders held last night. When the meeting was called to order Nashville club, moved that Memphis be reinstated. This was carried by the following:

Nashville, Birmingham, New Orleans and Shreveport for the motion.

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### SHOT HIS STEPFATHER DEAD.

Boy Defends His Mother—Justifiable Homicide Says the Jury. (By the Associated Press.) Natchez, Miss., Dec. 16.—Allison E. Blandes, a sixteen-year-old boy, in defense of his mother last night, shot and instantly killed his stepfather, Albert Clements, at their home in the city. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

### PRITCHARD UNDER THE KNIFE.

The Senator Undergoes a Slight Surgical Operation—He is Resting Comfortably. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Pritchard (N. C.) today underwent a slight surgical operation. It is stated at the hospital that while the operation was painful it was not serious, and that the Senator is resting comfortably.

### The Waters Recede Rapidly.

(By the Associated Press.) Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Reports from the surrounding country are to the effect that the waters are rapidly receding, and railway traffic is beginning to move more regularly. The break in the Southern Railway tracks near Grand Junction will be repaired this afternoon. West of the river the continuous rain of the past three days caused much damage to farmers; stock is especially suffering in the lowlands. The report that three men had been swept away by a current at Collierville, Tenn., has not been confirmed. The weather today was clear and cold.

### Burglars Rob the Post-Office.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 16.—At Big Stone Gap early this morning, burglars blew open the safe in the postoffice, taking about \$800 in stamps and \$400 in money. They entered the room by boring out a panel in the door. The postmaster had received a large supply of stamps from the department last night, which had not been invoiced. The same gang, a little later, entered a hardware store and got \$100 in money.

### CORPORATION COMMISSION WORK.

Began Bi-monthly Session and Take up the Accumulated Cases. The North Carolina Corporation Commission began its bi-monthly session yesterday morning and the docket of accumulated cases was called.

There are 72 cases on the docket, these being as follows against the railroads: Two complaints of discrimination, fifteen complaints of overcharges, seven complaints for damages, one non-delivery of freight, eleven petitions for depots, five petitions for sidings, one condition of road bed, one complaint of storage charge, one complaint of demurrage, four complaints of excessive freight rates, five complaints of failure to furnish cars for moving freight, seven complaints of switching changes, one complaint of routing of freight, and one complaint concerning telephone service.

### TWELVE NEW ROUTES

Representative Pou's Work for Rural Delivery.

Representative Klutz Circulating Petition to the Speaker Asking Early Consideration of Appalachian Park Bill. (Special to the News and Observer.)

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representative Pou has secured twelve new free rural delivery routes for his district to go into effect February 1st. This increases the number of routes in his district to 40. He has renewed his energy in working for rural free deliveries, as he regards this work as of probably more importance to the people of his district than anything he could accomplish here while Congress is Republican. No district ever had a more faithful representative than the Fourth now has.

Representative Klutz is circulating a petition to the Speaker asking that an early day be set for considering of the Appalachian Park bill. He secured a large number of signers today.

Senator Pritchard, who underwent an operation at a hospital here, is doing nicely.

Senator Pritchard called on the President yesterday relative to several North Carolina places. He recommended the nomination of W. B. Steele as postmaster at High Point, N. C., to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the postmaster and laid before the President the name of Daniel W. Patrick as collector of customs at New Bern, N. C., to succeed Mayer Hahn, the incumbent.

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(Special to the News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—There will be a meeting of the State Bankers' Association executive committee at the Hotel Guilford here Thursday. The members of the executive committee are: Geo. W. Montcastle, president of the Bank of Lexington; Lee H. Battle, cashier of the City National Bank, Greensboro; Jno. F. Bruton, president of the First National bank, Wilson; Wm. H. S. Burgwyn, president of the First National Bank, Weldon; E. S. Jerman, cashier of the Commercial and Farmers Bank, Raleigh; Jas. P. Sawyer, president of the Battery Park Bank, Asheville; W. L. Persons, cashier of the Bank of Pee Dee, Rockingham; Andrew Moreland, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington; C. N. Evans, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank, Charlotte.

One of the questions to be decided is the selection of a place and time for holding the annual meeting of the association next year. It is thought that the meeting will be held either in Asheville, Wilmington or Morehead City.

Mr. W. Wood returned last night from attendance on the burial of his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Peterson Ward, who died at her home at Chalk Level, Va., last Saturday. She was seventy-one years of age, a woman of estimable virtues and had been a faithful and active member of the Missionary Baptist church for more than fifty years.