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CASTRO AGREES TO THE DEMANDS

Will Comply With Conditions Laid Down by Powers as Preliminary to Arbitration

BOWEN NOTIFIES THE STATE DEPARTMENT

No Further Details Received Thus Far—Some Interesting Gossip at Washington as to Outcome

Washington, Dec. 31.—Castro has agreed to meet all the just demands of the foreign powers. He made this statement to Minister Bowen yesterday, who forwarded it to the State Department this morning. The Department immediately transmitted it to the United States Ambassador at the capitals of the countries interested.

This agreement is taken to mean that Castro practically complies with the conditions laid down by the powers as preliminary to the reference of the Venezuelan dispute to the Hague court of arbitration. No further details of the agreement have been received by the Department.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Confidence is felt among the officials of the State Department that Castro will not interpose any objections to the proposals, but will accept them promptly, although it is intimated in some quarters that the conditions of the powers may be such that Venezuela might be compelled to reject the arbitration plan. It is also said that the powers may insist on concessions and privileges which they realize could not be accepted by Castro, with the exception that a refusal might be followed by successes by the revolutionary party, through which more advantageous terms might be made by the powers than are expected from the Hague court.

Members of the House and Senate Committee on Foreign Relations are following attentively the successive steps and looking ahead to estimate, if possible, the effect of future movements.

The main question of discussion among them is "How is the award of the tribunal to be collected?" Assuming that an award will be made against Venezuela and that it will be a sum in excess of her ability to discharge it out of hand, the question arises, "What means will the allies adopt to compel payment of the dollars?"

The interest of the United States in this feature of the case is twofold: first, because this Government wants to see the Venezuelan Government relieved from its obligation and freed from menace, and, second, because this Government cannot allow the means of settlement to proceed to the point of occupation of territory.

Some interesting gossip was going the rounds today about the arbitration case. It was said that President Roosevelt is personally disappointed that he could not have the arbitration in his own hands. He is said to have expressed himself vigorously within a day or two. The President, it is said, wanted to emphasize the position of this Government that the Central and South American republics cannot shield themselves behind this Government to repudiate their debts. He thought he could do that in a manner so marked that it would serve as an example for a long time to come, and keep the little republics from repeatedly threatening to get Uncle Sam into hot water.

ONE KILLED IN HEAD-ON CRASH

Two Passenger Trains on The Pennsylvania Come Together With Dire Results

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 31.—A head-on collision occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad a mile and a half west of Middlesex last night. The engineer of the passenger train bound for Erie, Neil Dougherty, was killed. Engineer Shallenberger fatally injured. Both firemen and express messengers and almost a score of others were seriously hurt.

Both engines were demolished and are lying on their sides while the express, baggage and smoking cars are a total wreck. Six of the injured were brought to a Sharon hospital on a special train.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts for tonight and Thursday. For Charlotte and vicinity: Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday, probably light rain; warmer Thursday.

THEIR REASON FOR SELLING.

Member of Firm of Murphy & Co., the Brokers Is Interviewed.
The News yesterday noted the fact that the well known brokerage firm of Murphy & Co., had changed hands. Capt. Harrison Watts represents this firm in Charlotte.
It is not given out what price was paid by A. B. Baxter & Co., for the business, but it is understood that it was a good one, since the brokerage business of Murphy & Co. is one of the largest in the country.

Mr. John Murphy, one of the leading members of the firm gives out the following in regard to the transaction: "Many of the stockholders in the firm of Murphy & Co. desire to enter other lines of business, and as we had an opportunity to secure a good price for the business and to sell to a good, responsible house, we decided that we would accept their proposition."
"The deal was consummated in New York last Saturday, and it becomes effective after the close of business December 31. The firm that succeeds us is A. B. Baxter & Co., who have been doing business during the past ten years in New York City and Pittsburg, Pa.

"This is a firm of good standing, very wealthy, and with all the facilities to handle the big business satisfactorily. The different offices of Murphy & Co. will be continued and the various employees will be retained by the new firm."
"When we turn over the business to A. B. Baxter & Co. we give them also our best wishes and good will, and commend them to our patrons as a good, reliable firm with which to deal."

Died At Pest House.

Mr. Luther Griffith, an inmate of the pest house, died last night of smallpox. Mr. Griffith was taken to the pest house several weeks ago. He seemed to be getting better but yesterday there was a change for the worse and death came during the night.

SAFE CRACKERS ARE NEAR HERE

Gang Operating Just Across the Line Believed to Have Headquarters Close By Charlotte

Just across the line, in South Carolina, there is a gang of safe-breakers that are getting in some good work. It is believed by the officers here, that one of these gangs of thieves are making their headquarters near Charlotte.

It seems that the thieves have divided into two gangs. One gang started in from the North Carolina line and struck South Carolina south of Charlotte. Simultaneously the lower part of the State was visited. The other gang operated in the Piedmont section, and along the Georgia State line, and the latest report of the cracksmen came from Seneca, where the safe of the Courtney Manufacturing Company was blown open.

Detectives who have visited Charlotte say that suspicious characters have been here. These were shadowed. It seems that these gangs have better chances to commit their depredations in the country districts and it has been in such places that the largest number of thefts have been committed.
In many instances the robbers have fled without carrying off their tools, and from this evidence left behind the authorities are convinced that experts are at work. Many of the sheriffs think that the gangs came south from Massachusetts. Copies of Boston newspapers and other articles from that State have been picked up, which naturally led to the opinion that the robbers have business connections in New England.

It will be recalled that Christmas morning, two safes in Charlotte were tampered with. One at the Doyne & King Supply Co., and the other at the office of J. W. Lewis & Co. While neither of the safes were cracked, it is the general impression that dynamite would have been used had the burglars been given more time.

There is no question but that this gang of lawless men are in hiding near Charlotte and the police will keep a sharp look-out for them.

Locomotive To Burn Soft Coal.

Reading, Dec. 31.—The Reading Railway Co. just turned out of its shops at this city a locomotive erected especially to consume soft coal and it is now being tried on the main line division. If it proves a success 'tis said all future locomotives will be designed to burn soft coal and will have an improved fire box. The Pennsylvania Railroad is experimenting with the same device.

Taps Sound for Col. Morrison.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The funeral of the late Lieut. Col. Joseph Newton Morrison, of the Judge Advocate General's department was held at Arlington this morning. Military honors were given the body. He died on a transport en route to the United States from the Philippines.

Dr. Lorenz Sails For Home.

New York, Dec. 31.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the famous orthopedic specialist sailed for England at 6:30 this morning on the White Star Liner Collier.

FEZ IN THE GRASP OF THE PRETENDER

He Cuts Off Water Supply and Has the Whole Town at His Mercy

GOVERNMENTS RUSH WARSHIPS TO MOROCCO

Powers Notify the Emperor That they Will Remain Neutral in the Event of Pretender Gaining Throne

Tangier, Dec. 31.—The Pretender is reported to be within twenty miles of Fez. Communication with the town has been closed and the British consul at Fez has been fully authorized to do whatever seems best to protect his countrymen.

The British minister has instructed his counsel to recommend to the Englishmen in the interior that they make for the coast of Madrid. The rebels have cut off the water supply of Fez, and unless the Southern Kables come to the aid of the town the Imperial authorities will be forced to capitulate within three days.

The Spanish authorities are fitting up wireless communication between Ceuta and Melilla in order to keep in constant touch with the force of events. Great Britain and France have assured the Spanish government that they desire to maintain status quo in the Pretender gaining the throne.

Barcelona, Dec. 31.—The Spanish cruiser Rio De Laplata is ordered to proceed to Tangier.

Tangier, Dec. 31.—The Sultan of Morocco summoned all the local notables and urged them not to abandon hope, stating that his army would gain a victory over the Pretender's forces in the end.

Lisbon, Dec. 31.—The Portuguese Government has decided to send a warship to Morocco to protect Portuguese interests there.

Guetra, Morocco, Dec. 31.—A Moor, under English protection, was murdered by natives between Ceuta and Fetuan.

KING GEORGE DYING.

Fugitive Crown Princess May Become Queen At Any Hour.

Vienna, Dec. 31.—Tagelblate says King George of Saxony is dying and that the fugitive Crown Princess Louise may become Queen any hour. To avoid this complication if possible the Saxon court intends to rush the divorce proceedings, basing them on the Herman Civil law. The court will ignore the Catholic ecclesiastical prohibition against divorce.

Corner Stone of Carnegie Library.

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 31.—The corner stone of the fifty thousand dollar Carnegie library here was laid this morning. A box containing papers and valuables was placed in the stone by Mayor Viehmann and the stone was cemented by Prof. Armstrong, secretary of the library trustees. No special exercises or dedication will take place until spring.

Mr. Chas. T. McCord, the popular representative of the Crystal Soap Works of Milwaukee, leaves in a few days on an extensive Southern trip.

TEN PARDONED BY THE GOVERNOR

Jack Hardy of This County Among Those to Start the New Year a Free Man Once More

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—The John B. Ross Co., of Charlotte, was incorporated today with a capital of seventy-five thousand.

Jack Hardy, of Mecklenburg, is pardoned. He was convicted of robbery in July 1900 and sentenced to ten years. The Governor says the pardon is recommended by the solicitor, the jury and others and Hardy would not have committed the offense if he had been sober.

W. J. Roscoe, serving fifteen years from Richmond county for murder, is pardoned on the recommendation of the judge and jury.

Eight other minor pardons are granted including pardons to three fourteen-year-old boys.

TAMPERING WITH FIRE BOX.

Three Youngsters Arrested On This Charge.

Three white boys, Edmund Beattie, Baxter Oment and John Brumfield, were summoned before the Recorder this morning on the charge of tampering with one of the fire alarm boxes on North College street. Only one of the boys charged with the offense, appeared. He was given a severe lecture and ordered to return tomorrow morning when the trial of the cause will be gone into.

Will Crawford, the negro charged with slashing Nannie Springs with a knife, was before the court this morning. Crawford was captured in Greensboro and Officer Hunter returned last night with his prisoner. Crawford did not deny the act but said that he did not intend any harm. The woman displayed a scar of about five inches long, on the throat, just under the right ear. The crime was committed more than a year ago. Since that time Crawford has been making himself scarce around Charlotte. He was located in Greensboro and was arrested. After hearing the evidence Acting Recorder Hilton bound Crawford over to the next term of the court in the sum of \$200. He went to jail.

W. H. Smith forfeited a bond of \$3 for being drunk.

SIXTH ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW.

Will Be Held In Charlotte January 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The sixth annual exhibition of the Charlotte Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held in the store room, No. 228 North Tryon street, January 12, 13, 14, 15. The exhibition this year promises to be better than any previous one. Already a large number of inquiries have been sent in by those who wish to exhibit their poultry and pets.

The store room where the Poultry show will be held is being placed in order and everything points to the success of the show.

The officers of the Association are: B. S. Davis, President, Charlotte; E. G. Warden, 1st Vice-President, Nevin; Rev. J. A. Dorrittee, 2nd Vice-President, Charlotte; Jno. B. Taylor, 3rd Vice-President, Charlotte; J. B. Taylor, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlotte; S. W. Porter, Superintendent, Griffith; Jos. Warden, Assistant Superintendent, Nevin.

The board of directors is composed of the following: B. S. Davis, Charlotte; D. H. Mayes, Charlotte; W. D. Harrell, Ellenboro; W. B. Alexander, Charlotte; S. W. Porter, Griffith; J. A. Dorrittee, Charlotte; H. W. Widdington, Charlotte; O. L. Barringer, Charlotte; J. M. Gibbs, Statesville; E. G. Warden, Nevin; J. B. Taylor, Charlotte; Wm. Jose, Charlotte; L. H. Hamel, Charlotte; A. W. Banks, Charlotte; T. W. Long, Charlotte; Geo. Windler, Charlotte.

The members of the executive committee are: B. S. Davis, W. B. Alexander, L. H. Hamel, J. B. Taylor, Rev. J. A. Dorrittee, Geo. Windie, A. W. Banks, Wm. Jose.

Judge: F. J. Marshall, Atlanta, Ga.

TO INTRODUCE THE NEW YEAR

Father Time Will Do the Honors at Midnight at the U.S. Naval Observatory at the Capital

Washington, Dec. 31.—Arrangements have been made with Father Time for the observation of the proper introduction of the New Year by the United States Naval Observatory in this city.

A series of telegraphic signals will be sent out from the observatory tonight beginning at 11:55 and ending at midnight. They will be similar to those sent every day at noon from which clocks all over the United States are regulated.

The wires of the telegraph companies and Press Associations, as well of those of the telephone companies in many large cities will be connected with wires leading from the observatory for the purpose of transmitting the signals.

Open House At Y. M. C. A.

The Association building will be a scene of activity tomorrow. In the morning ping pong, parlor croquet and other games will afford entertainment.

In the afternoon there will be a game of volley ball between "Davidson" and "Charlotte" and indoor base ball between the "business men" and "young men."

POSSE IS AFTER NEGRO DESPERADO

Sheriff Wallace and His Men, Fully Armed, Are Hunting Will Harris

MALLARD CREEK IS SCENE OF THE CHASE

Fight is Expected When Negro is Cornered as He Declares He Will Not Be Taken Alive

There is a man hunt in progress in Mallard Creek township today. The individual who is being hunted is Will Harris, the negro who has terrorized that community for the past two years.

At an early hour this morning, a party headed by Sheriff N. W. Wallace and Mr. W. S. Orr, left for the Mallard Creek section. In the posse, were several police officers and a number of citizens who are known as plucky men. Each of these carried shot guns and pistols and if Will Harris is in that section of the country he will be taken either dead or alive.

Last night a party of citizens headed by Officers Black, McCall, Pitts, Summerrow and others, went in search of Harris. Several times they thought they had landed their game but just as many times did the negro evade the officers. He was run from one end of Mr. John Mason's farm to the other.

At a late hour yesterday evening a bloodhound was secured and put on the negro's trail. The dog ran Harris for several miles but finally lost him. Harris shows considerable sense. Yesterday while the posse was close on to him, and the blood hound was successfully trailing him, the negro ran up on a lot of cows. He dodged among the cows in such a manner as to completely frustrate the dog and the animal was unable to track the negro from that point.

Harris has a wife and one child who lives about six miles from Charlotte, in the Mallard Creek Section. The woman admits that her husband comes home and says she saw him twice yesterday, though he did not come inside the house. Once she went to him when he was standing under a large pine tree that is about 100 yards from the house. At another time she met him in a thicket some distance from the house. She does not seem to desire to thwart the purpose of the posse and each story she has told, so far, has been found to be true. She is aware of the fact that her husband is a dangerous character and while she does not let Harris know it, she is just as anxious as the officers that Harris be caught.

A report came to the city this afternoon that Harris had burned another barn in the Mallard Creek Section last night. Col. Tom Black heard the report but says he could not get any confirmation. It is said that at least one hundred men, armed to the teeth, are scouring the woods throughout Mallard Creek and if Harris is hiding there he will certainly be apprehended.

Alleged Murderer Captured.

East Radford, Va., Dec. 31.—Lee Furrow, the boy accused of murdering Sam Scott Wednesday night at East Radford, was captured by William Harris at Belpshire Saturday and brought to Radford last night. Furrow, who is only 17 years old, claims that the shooting was done in self-defense. He will receive a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 13 bales. Best price 8.25. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 15 bales and the best price was 7.90.

UNCLES SAM HAS BARRELS OF GOLD

Starts New Year With Larger Surplus Than This or Any Other Country Ever Held Before

Washington, Dec. 31.—The United States Treasury will start the New Year with more gold in its vaults than this or any other government ever held at any time before.

There is now in the treasury building at Washington and the various sub-treasuries throughout the country, \$615,319,367 in gold. These holdings are four times as much as the present holdings of the Bank of England, and one and a half times as much as the Bank of France, four times those of the Imperial Bank of Germany, and nearly twice as much as the Imperial Bank of Russia.

SOUTHERN MAKES CHANGES.

Most of These Are in the Nature of Promotions.

General Freight Agent E. A. Niel, of the Southern, has issued the following circular announcing a number of changes in the freight department of the Southern. All these changes will take effect tomorrow. Most of these are in the nature of a promotion and come as New Year's presents to those intended:

M. B. Henry, traveling freight agent at Augusta, will be transferred to Jacksonville, Fla., in a similar capacity.

Charles E. Bell has been appointed commercial agent at Augusta, vice M. B. Hutchinson, resigned, to go with the Clyde Line. Mr. Bell has been commercial agent of the Southern at Savannah.

C. A. Emerson has been appointed commercial agent at Savannah, succeeding Mr. Bell, who is transferred to Augusta.

W. A. Turner, formerly traveling freight agent at Columbus, Ga., will be transferred to August, Ga., in like capacity, and he will be succeeded at Columbus by T. R. Barlow formerly located at Chicago.

Clifton Jones, division freight agent at Columbus, Ga., has resigned on account of ill-health. The position of division freight agent at this point has been abolished.

J. R. Mock, at present chief clerk in the division freight agent's office at Columbus, Ga., has been appointed commercial agent at Columbus, with jurisdiction over the Columbus division.

S. C. Black, formerly traveling freight agent for the Southern at Dallas, Tex., has been transferred to Mobile, Ala., as commercial agent, J. D. Towling, present incumbent at Mobile, being transferred to Dallas.

The foregoing include all the changes made in this section by the Southern, effective January 1, 1903.

A. AND N. BUYS ATLANTIC HOTEL

Hostelry at the Famous Seaside Resort is Absorbed By The Railroad Company

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31.—A special to the News and Observer says that the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad had purchased the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the road was held at New Bern for this purpose yesterday. The purchase price paid for the property was \$14,000, with one thousand cash and remainder to be paid in thirteen annual installments of one thousand dollars each.

This famous seaside resort hotel is located near Cape Lookout, and is one of the most popular resorts on the Southern coast, particularly with the people of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and other Southern States. The pleasures at this historical resort are many and varied; excellent game, fishing, unexcelled at any resort in the country, such as the beautiful and dashing Spanish mackerel, the gallant blue, the massive drum and others too numerous to mention. Splendid yachting, boating, sailing and surf bathing are also enjoyed here during the summer season.

The Board of Directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad have appointed a committee to look after the work of putting the property in first-class condition and it is said that many improvements will be made. The hotel will hereafter be conducted by the railroad.

Those Postal Clerks.

"How about those postal clerks going away?" was asked today of a gentleman who is well informed in the matter.

"It has not been decided," said he. "There are 175 of them named in this proposed removal and I understood they are all opposed to it. I tell you I believe if the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce would make a concerted protest against this proposal it would never be put into effect."

It is a question of great importance to Charlotte and all of this is respectfully submitted.

Intending Immigrants Debarred.

Washington, Dec. 31.—During the month of November 463 intending immigrants were debarred from landing in this country. Twenty-eight were returned within a year after landing. Three were prevented from coming ashore because of insanity; 240 because likely to become public charges; 89 because suffering from loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, and one for being a convict; 50 because he was a contract laborer. The number permitted to land was 55,177.

Canfield Raid Was Illegal.

New York, Dec. 31.—Magistrate Brann, handed down a decision in the Criminal action against Police Inspector Brooks by Richard A. Canfield, in which he holds that the inspector exceeded his authority by forcibly entering Canfield's gambling house December 1.

TABLES TURNED ON RIOTOUS PEOPLE

Manager of Circus Takes Revenge By Releasing Two Wild Bulls Into Crowd

JURY IN DILEMMA OVER WANSTEAD WRECK

Says Wrong Order Did It But Does Not Fix Responsibility -- Count Tolstoi is Writing a New Book

Madrid, Dec. 31.—A panic ensued at a bull fight at the Equestrian Circus today because the spectators became enraged at one of the Matadors who was unable to kill a bull.

They threatened to destroy the circus and the manager released two other bulls and turned out the lights. The bulls, bellowing furiously, stampeded through the circus. The spectators became panic-stricken and the efforts to escape trampled each other.

Finally the police arrived and ordered the lights re-lit. Three persons were killed and fifty-two injured.

London, Dec. 31.—Count Tshertkoff, English agent of Count Tolstoi, has received a telegram stating that the author is much better, though still experiencing a certain amount of weakness. He is now busy correcting "An appeal to the clergy of all countries," shortly to be published and which is described as the most powerful indictment against ecclesiastical error.

London, Dec. 31.—Emile Carlos, a Swiss valet, was remanded in the police court today charged with stealing diamond sleeve links and dress suit case, from Tod Sloan, the American jockey. Sloan protested against the prisoner being remanded, saying he could not wait for the trial as he wanted to go abroad. He was, however, bound over to attend trial.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Propaganda decided that Bishop Quigley, recently nominated Archbishop of Chicago, will be supreme in his diocese. The congregation thinks the proposal to divide the Arch Diocese unadvisable. It is believed Rev. Muldron will be auxiliary bishop but with lessened powers.

Wyomyn, Ont., Dec. 31.—The coroner's jury investigating Friday night wreck at Wanstead, last night found that the wreck was caused by a wrong order. The responsibility was not fixed, the jury not agreeing as to whether the operator Carson or Dispatcher Kerr was to blame.

London, Dec. 31.—An attempt has been in progress some time past to combine the iron factories of West Scotland, failed, several manufacturers backed out at the last moment.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—The Leylander Liner Bohemian, from New York Dec. 20th, collided with steamer Tadema in the Mersey this morning but the damage is unknown.

Drew the Steel Range.

Mrs. J. W. Usher, the mother of Usher Bros., the East Trade street merchants, drew the \$60 Buck Steel Range offered by the Mecklenburg Roller Mills. The lucky number was 2842.

Bishop's Brother Here.

Mr. W. E. Bishop, brother of Arthur L. Bishop, is in the city, looking after his brother's interests. Mr. Bishop is a native of Petersburg.

ROOSEVELT STIRS UP HORNET'S NEST

Factional Fight on in Earnest Over the Naming of a Fort Near the City of Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—The determination of President Roosevelt that the new army post near this city shall be named Fort Benjamin Harrison is provoking a spirited controversy, led by friends of the Hackleman family, who wanted the post named in honor of a Major General killed in the civil war.

Tuesday the Backleman forces forwarded to Washington the information that the post at Helena, Mont., was named after Harrison while Harrison was President and that if a similar name is chosen for the Indianapolis post it will lead to confusion.