

## SIGN A PROTOCOL

AMERICAN-VENEZUELAN AGREEMENT APPROVED.

## INCREASE OF CUSTOM DUTY

Claims to Be Adjusted by a Commission—Of Whom It Will Consist—Commissioners to Meet in Caracas on the 1st of June Next.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hay, for the United States, and Mr. Bowen, for Venezuela, on Tuesday signed a protocol providing for the adjustment of United States claims against Venezuela by a commission to meet at Caracas.

This commission will consist of two members, a Venezuelan and an American, to be appointed respectively by Presidents Castro and Roosevelt, and in the event of disagreement an umpire to be appointed by the queen of the Netherlands.

The commissioners are to meet in Caracas on June 1 to make awards which are to be paid out of 20 per cent of the customs receipts at Puerto Cabello and La Guayra. The Hague tribunal is to decide what proportion of this 20 per cent comes to America and what proportion goes to other claimant nations.

It is expected that the minister for foreign affairs will be appointed as Venezuela's representative and that either Mr. Bowen or Mr. Russell, the United States charge, will be named to represent the United States.

Baron Gevers, the minister for the Netherlands, called at the state department Tuesday and gave notice of the acceptance by Queen Wilhelmina of the task imposed upon her, her consent having been previously sought by both parties to the arbitration.

Some light is thrown upon the unpleasant reference made by Mr. Haggard, the British minister at Caracas, to United States Charge Russell and published in the British blue book Monday by a naval officer now stationed at Washington, who was in Venezuelan waters and frequently at the American legation during the period referred to by Mr. Haggard. Without going into details it appears in this officer's statement that by trying to assist some British citizens in their distress without first losing the time necessary to hunt up and confer with the minister, the American legation incurred the ill will of Mr. Haggard, and the difficulty got to be rather personal, so that all the exchanges between the two ministers have since been of a most formal character.

The navy department Tuesday received the following cablegram from Commander Diehl of the Marietta, dated Willemstad, February 17:

"Raised blockade. War vessels withdrawn all blockaded ports."

NEW YORK—The Associated Press has received the following cable from President Castro:

"CARACAS, Monday, Feb. 16.—I charge the Associated Press to transmit, together with my gratitude, my sentiments of deference to the people of the United States."

"PRESIDENT CIPRIANO CASTRO."

## GETS THE AMERICAN MILLIONS.

Another English Earl Trades Title for Good Dollars.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mrs. William Thaw, formerly of Pittsburgh, but now residing in Washington, on Tuesday announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Alice Thaw, to the earl of Yarmouth.

Miss Thaw inherited \$1,000,000 in her own right from her father, who was an iron manufacturer, and will succeed to another large fortune on the death of her mother.

No date has been set for the wedding. She first met the earl of Yarmouth, who is the eldest son of the marquis of Hertford, about three months ago.

## MISSING MAIL CASH FOUND.

Pouch Containing \$50,000 Turns Up at Cincinnati Office.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The missing mail pouch containing \$50,000 has been found and is now safely housed in the office of the superintendent of mails here. The missing pouch arrived here Tuesday from Cincinnati.

The theory is that the pouch in this instance lost its destination tag, and that the mail clerks mistook it for one containing other empty pouches that were being sent back to Cincinnati. The pouch probably went to the Cincinnati pouch storage room and lay there unopened.

## EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO.

Houses Thrown Down in Several Towns.

MEXICO CITY—The state of Guerrero continues to report many and somewhat alarming earthquakes. Chilpancingo, which two years ago was almost destroyed by an earthquake, now reports another, which threw down houses, as also happened in the towns of Chilaua, San Diego and Mexical.

## MAN TO FEED WYOMING ELK.

Jeton-Yellowstone Superintendent Has Hay-Fed Wild Animals.

NEW YORK—Steps were taken here Tuesday to save 10,000 starving elk on the Jeton-Yellowstone reserves in Wyoming. Seven feet of snow covers their feeding ground and temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero have added to their sufferings.

News of the critical condition of the elk herds reached here from the chief of the United States rangers to A. A. Anderson, a special superintendent of the Jeton-Yellowstone reserves, who spends his winters in New York.

Mr. Anderson at once ordered that a temporary supply of wild hay, at his own expense, be distributed as soon as possible at convenient points by the force of thirty rangers. He then proposed that \$1,500 to \$2,000 be raised here by subscription to purchase more wild hay and it is believed that prominent persons will support the plan.

## CATTLE AGAIN DISEASED.

Foot and Mouth Epidemic Takes Fresh Start in Massachusetts.

WASHINGTON—The foot and mouth disease has become serious again in Massachusetts and Dr. Salmon will return to Boston in a few days to investigate the situation.

BOSTON, Mass.—The recrudescence of the cattle disease in Massachusetts reported by the bureau of animal industry at Washington is in the towns of Needham and Medfield in Norfolk county, some twenty miles southwest of Boston.

The cases were reported to the state cattle bureau last week and a herd of thirty-nine pure bred Jerseys was slaughtered on Monday after condemnation, by Drs. Thompson and Burfee, representing the federal authorities, and Dr. Austin Peters, of the state cattle commission.

## SAYS THE MONEY HAS GONE.

Chairman of Montana House Committee Makes Serious Charges.

HELENA, Mont.—Chairman Everitt of the Montana house committee on irrigation and water rights, to which was referred resolutions calling for investigation of the state arid lands committee, announced in the house Tuesday that inquiry had developed evidence of a shortage and that \$30,000 received by certain members of the commission had not been applied as the law directs. The charge was made that the money had been misappropriated. On motion of Mr. Everitt the committee was allowed \$300 to employ counsel and a stenographer with which to further prosecute an investigation.

## Senate Encourages Breeders.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The senate committee on finance on Tuesday agreed to report favorably the bill providing for free importation of thoroughbred live stock for breeding purposes. The bill extends the privilege to such live stock imported for sale.

## Garfield Gets Good Place.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The president Tuesday sent to the senate the nomination of James Rudolph Garfield of Ohio, to be commissioner of corporations in the department of commerce and labor.

## Small Blaze in the House.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Some little excitement was created in the house of representatives just before that body convened Tuesday, by the discovery of a slight blaze in the flooring of the east reserved gallery. The flooring had caught fire from a defective flue in the democratic cloak room and when discovered about fifteen feet of the molding was ablaze. The blaze was extinguished and the members suffered no inconvenience when the house met.

## SEES SALVATION IN TRUSTS.

Holds Combines Alone Able to Meet American Competition.

BERLIN.—Minister O. Comerie Meller, in the course of an address in the chamber of commerce, said:

"The United States will be Germany's chief competitor in the world's markets in the future. We must therefore learn from the Americans to adopt their business methods, the salient feature of which is the concentration of capital and trade into trusts."

The strong repugnance existing in Germany against such combinations will certainly be replaced in time by a better view, especially after the evils of the syndicates have been removed.

## HOUSE WELL ADVANCED.

The Appropriation Bills are Nearly All Through.

WASHINGTON.—The appropriation bills are well advanced in the house for this stage of the session. With nearly three weeks remaining only three supply bills remain to be acted on.

## THE TRUST BILLS

WHAT ATTORNEY GENERAL KNOX HAS TO SAY.

## ADMINISTRATION IS SATISFIED

The Legislation Will Give Opportunity to Test Many Points and Obtain Useful Court Decisions Without Harming Country's Industry.

WASHINGTON—Attorney General Knox, who is known to have proposed many clauses of the anti-trust bills recently passed, being asked the administration's opinion on the legislation, said:

The legislation affecting the trusts passed at this session of congress is satisfactory to the administration and the prompt response to the president's requests is highly gratifying. A long stride in advance has been accomplished and the promises of last fall have been made good.

The giving and taking of railroad rebates is now prohibited by a law capable of effective enforcement against corporations as well as individuals, and the courts of the United States are clothed with jurisdiction to restrain and punish violations.

The act creating the department of commerce vests in that department complete authority to investigate the organization and business methods of corporations engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, and, to that end, to compel the testimony of persons having the desired knowledge.

The legislation is concise in its terms, but comprehensive in its scope. Under its provisions a fair opportunity will be afforded to test the effect upon the tendency toward industrial monopoly of its guarantees of no favors for the great producer as against the small one.

Discretion is lodged in the president as to the publication of facts useful to the public and a wise administration of the law promises much that is helpful and nothing that is harmful.

The law to expedite the hearing of cases and giving an appeal directly to the supreme court from the court of first instance assures, within a reasonable time, authoritative decisions upon important questions on the knowledge of which future legislation, if necessary, can be confidently framed.

Upon the whole, the situation is eminently satisfactory and is the result of concessions, modifications of views and forms of expression upon the part of many earnest and thoughtful men who have endeavored, within a brief session, to meet a rational public demand in a rational and effective way.

## SHIRKS HIS PERSONAL TAX.

John D. Rockefeller Pleads Poverty to Commissioners.

NEW YORK.—John D. Rockefeller, jr., is supposed to be about the richest young man in America, but he owes \$400,000 and has only \$30,000 worth of personal property, according to the statement filed with the department of taxes and assessments.

Mr. Rockefeller was assessed at \$500,000. From what could be learned at the tax office he called there and stated that he had \$400,000 in debts and that his personal property above his debts was worth only \$30,000.

He said he was willing to pay taxes on an assessment of \$50,000 and the commissioners accepted his figures.

## ROOT NOT READY TO RESIGN.

Will Continue in the Cabinet for an Indefinite Period.

WASHINGTON.—"There is no foundation for the story," declared Secretary Root, referring to the publication of a rumor in New York that he will resign his position in the cabinet after the adjournment of congress March 4, and resume his law practice in New York.

He said that the report undoubtedly originated from chance conversations he frequently had with friends when ever he visited New York. He was asked if he did not expect to resume his law practice there and he invariably replied that he did, and when asked when he was likely to do so he usually gave the non-committal reply that he would take up his law business in New York "when his job in Washington was done."

## Many Cattle Are Perishing.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—Stockmen from the range country report that cattle are perishing by hundreds. A Tripp county man lost over 300 steers.

The deep snow begins about fifty miles west of here and the range for 100 miles west of that point is covered with snow two feet deep, making it impossible for stock to secure food.

## Sigsbee Prefers League Island.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Captain Charles D. Sigsbee, who has been considered in connection with the command of the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., has expressed a preference for assignment

## BAD BACKS.

Bad backs are found in every household.

A bad back is a back that's lame, weak or aching.

Most backache pains come from kidney derangements and should be promptly attended to.

Reach the cause of backache by relieving the kidneys and curing their ills.

Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only and cure the dangers of urinary and bladder disorders, from common inflammation, to Dropsy, Diabetes, Bright's disease.

Case No. 40,321—Mr. W. H. Hammer, well-known builder, residing at 125 N. Hinde street, Washington C. H., Ohio, says: "I am glad to endorse a remedy which possesses such inestimable value as Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me of inflammation of the bladder which had caused me much annoyance and anxiety because of the frequency and severity of the attacks. I have advised others to take Doan's Kidney Pills and I know they will not be disappointed in the results."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Hammer will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

## The Gospel of Art.

Work thou for pleasure, paint, or sing, or carve  
The thing thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses off the goal;

Who works for money, coins his very soul.

Work for work's sake, then, and it may be  
That these things shall be added unto thee.

## DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW?

If so, use Red Cross Ball Blue. It will make them white as snow. 2 oz. package 5 cents.

Many of the people who live in glass houses go into politics and they don't seem to mind it a bit.—Puck.

## DEFIANCE STARCH

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

A woman doesn't fully understand how essentially alike all men are until her boy gets old enough for other women to make a monkey of.—Puck.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

Tell a man he mustn't, and he will; tell a woman she mustn't, and you'll see.—Life.

Defiance Starch is put up 15 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for same money.

Justice only takes a man's part, but injustice takes it all.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Love may laugh at bolts, but politicians do not.

## An Amusing Verdict.

At Fort Scott (Kan.) the other day a jury in the district court returned a verdict finding a certain accused person guilty of larceny. The verdict had not been prepared in the technical form desired, and the judge sent the jury back to make the necessary corrections. The jury was gone for half an hour, and when it returned it brought in a verdict acquitting the prisoner. But a verdict even more amusing was perpetrated by a jury at Pittsburg last Monday. The case was a criminal one, and after a few minutes' consultation the jury fled into the box from its room. "Have you agreed upon a verdict?" asked the judge. "We have," responded the foreman, passing it over. "The clerk will read," said the judge. And the clerk read: "We, the jury, agree to disagree."

## Excavation Near Pompeii.

Excavation will shortly be commenced in a marsh near Sannazzaro, on the River Sarno, in the vicinity of Pompeii, because it has been ascertained that a very ancient city and necropolis were buried underneath during the eruption of Vesuvius several centuries before the destruction of Pompeii. A collection already exists in the museum at Naples of great historic value, consisting of indigenous vases and ornamental objects dating from the eighth and ninth centuries before Christ. The excavations are expected to lead to other important discoveries.

## A Bright Dog.

"Speaking about dogs," said Representative Beldler of Ohio, "I suppose I have the most intelligent fox terrier in the country, and he's only a puppy yet. The other day he spilled his milk and I cuffed his ears and chucked him out of the window. The next day, after he had spilled his milk again, he cuffed his own ears and went and jumped out of the window."

## ONLY TEN DOLLARS FOR THREE MONTHS TREATMENT.

Drs. Richards & Van Camp of 1464 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb., treat Catarrh and guarantee a cure. The doctors are old established and reliable physicians of Omaha. Their treatment includes a long leaser, inhaler, local and constitutional treatment, and they guarantee to cure any case of catarrh of the nose, throat or lungs in ninety days or refund the money. If you are afflicted or interested call or write for further information.

Engaged people put on magnifying glasses when they look at each other's virtues. The day they are married they take them off.

A mother not spoken well of by her children is an enemy of the state; she should not live within the kingdom's wall.

## An Ideal Woman's Medicine.



So says Mrs. Josie Irwin, of 325 So. College St., Nashville, Tenn., of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Never in the history of medicine has the demand for one particular remedy for female diseases equalled that attained by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never during the lifetime of this wonderful medicine has the demand for it been so great as it is to-day.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and throughout the length and breadth of this great continent come the glad tidings of woman's sufferings relieved by it, and thousands upon thousands of letters are pouring in from grateful women saying that it will and positively does cure the worst forms of female complaints.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all women who are puzzled about their health to write her at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Such correspondence is seen by women only, and no charge is made.

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