# BIG STICK FOR VENEZUELA

NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE.

REVEALED BY CORRESPONDENCE

Tentative Program is to Place Prohibitive Tariff on Venezuelan Exports of Coffee, Exclude Asphalt, or Leave Matter to President,

Washington, April 1 .- The long expected correspondence between America and Venezuela respecting pending American claims against the latter country was submitted to the senate and is almost certain to create a profound impression. It will be difficult to digest the vast mass of material which Secretary Root has placed before congress, but even a cursory inspection of the documents makes it evident that negotiations have reached a critical phase.

All of the correspondence and documents were referred to the senate committee on foreign relations. Those members of the committee who have already familiarized themselves with the situation have arranged tentatively a program, which consists of three propositions, as follows:

Place a prohibitive tariff on Veneguelan coffee, the exports of which constitute 45 per cent of the entire Venezuelan foreign trade and 90 per cent of the coffee is taken by the United States; exclude all importations of asphat from Lake Bermudez, the product of which has been taken almost entirely by the United States; authorize the president to exercise the general power to take whatever steps he may consider necessary to treat with Venezuela in the future.

The most interesting features of the correspondence are those in which Secretary Root figured. Various attempts had been made by preceding administrations to effect a settlement of the American claims, the late Secretary Hay having gone so far as to lay down what was regarded as almost an ultimatum. But all of these attempts failed of success, and after a lapse of many months Secretary Root felt bound to again strive to reach an agreement.

In a letter to Minister Russell on Feb. 28, 1907, Mr. Root reviewed the difficulties encountered by the various American claimants and instructed Mr. Russell to demand remedy and redress. Intricate as may seem the complications of the various cases, they are crystal when compared to the muddle of concession on concession, revocation of mining titles, wild land titles and titles under changing constitutions and varying laws; intrigue, revolution, imprisonment and death, all of which are woven and interwoven in the case of the claim against Venezuela of the New York and Bermudez company. The company is now completely dispossessed of what is regarded as the largest asphalt lake in the world, and has been condemned by Venezuelan courts to pay that government a fine of \$5,000,000 for inciting revolution.

Though repeatedly requested, Venezuela has refused to arbitrate this case and it is the opinion of Solicitor Scott that it is inadvisable to resubmit the claim through the ordinary channels.

### FORESTRY BUREAU UNDER FIRE

Western Congressmen Continue Their Attacks on Pinchot,

Washington, April 1.-After having undergone many changes the paragraph of the agricultural appropriation bill relating to the bureau of forestry was finally passed by the house. Mondell (Wyo.) and Smith (Cal.) continued their attacks on the bureau and in this they were supported by Bonynge (Colo.) and Cushman (Wash.). These embraced charges that the bureau had created timber monopolies in favor of large corporations, illegally assumed jurisdiction over water rights belonging to the western states and juggled with figures in order to obtain large appropriations from congress. The work of the bureau was vigorously defended by Hepburn (Ia.) and Scott (Kan.). Considerable time was devoted to discussing an appropriation by Humphreys (Miss.) to increase the appropriation for the improving of soils, which was carried. A little less than onehalf of the bill had been completed when the house adjourned.

Nearly the entire session of the senate was consumed in consideration of Roosevelt is an intolerant man, after a bill to permit the building of a dam the fashion of King George III, arose on the Snake river, Washington and an adjournment was only reached after Heyburn (Ida.) announced that newspaper story covering what purhe would not permit a vote to be ported to be the details of an intertaken. During the discussion of the view Thursday between the president bill Senator Teller made a speech in disapprobation of executive encroachment.

the nomination of David Jayne Hill to be ambassador to Germany.

Death of Joseph Howard.

New York, April 1.—After an illness of almost a year, Joseph Howard, Jr., one of the most prominent newspaper men in the country, it dead. He was seventy-four years old. Howard had been in the newspaper business all

Oklahoma Scales Oil Rates. Guthrie, Okla., April 1.-The corporation commission signed the final order for a reduction of freight rates on crude petroleum and fuel oil, which means a reduction of 50 per cent on crude and 40 per cent on refined oil.

## ALDRICH BILL PASSES BOMB PLOT HUNT YIELDS CLEW NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

CURRENCY PLAN GOES THROUGH SENATE BY VOTE OF 42 TO 16.

Measure Provides for Not More Than \$50,000,000 of Emergency Currency. State, County and Municipal Bonds Basis of Circulation.

Washington, March 28 .- The Aldrich currency bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 42 to 16, in the main a party vote. Previous to the taking of the vote on the Aldrich bill a vote was taken on the Bailey substitute, authorizing the government, instead of the national banks, to issue the emergency circulation, for which the bill provides. The vote on the substitute stood 42 to 13, and this vote was entirely partisan, even Senator LaFollette casting his vote with the Republicans.

Three Democrats, Teller, Johnston and Owen, voted for the bill, and five Republicans, Borah, Bourne, Brown, Heyburn and LaFollette, against it.

An interesting feature of the passage of the bill was a reiteration by Aldrich of his promise to bring in a bill for an investigation of the entire banking system of the country, with a view to instituting reforms.

Provisions of the Bill.

As passed, the bill provides for not more than \$500,000,000 of emergency currency, to be issued to national state, county and municipal bonds, to be approved by the secretary of the distribution of the currency over the United States and in accordance with the unimpaired capital and surplus of banks in each state. Banks are to taining any statement from the man. pay for this emergency circulation onehalf of 1 per cent a month during the first four months it is circulated and afterwards three-quarters of 1 per cent a month. The bill provides that no bank shall pay less than 1 per cent on government funds deposited with

As amended, the bill carries an important change in banking laws relating to bank reserves. This amendment provides that of the 15 per cent reserve required to be kept by banks not in reserve cities, four-fifths of this is to be kept in the vaults of the banks, and of that amount one-third can be in the form of securities of the kind required.

By another amendment, the period during which one-half of 1 per cent interest is to be charged was reduced from six to four months, after which three-quarters of I per cent is to be charged until redeemed.

At the instance of LaFollette, an amendment was adopted prohibiting any national bank from investing its funds in stocks or other securities of a corporation, the officers or directors of which are officers or directors of the bank, and providing a penalty of imprisonment of from one to five years. In accepting this amendment, Aldrich stated that he had not time to consider the amendment fully, but was in sympathy with its general purpose. He said it could be perfected in conference.

The proposition to insert a provision for a government guarantee of deposits in national banks was the subject of an extended debate, and was defeated by a vote of 11 to 46, most of the Democratic vote being against the proposed amendment.

Republican leaders in the house were very reticent about predicting the course of the Aldrich bill in that branch of congress. Speaker Cannon refrained from making comment and some of the chiefs of the majority were equally silent. Enough was gathered, however, to justify the prediction with reasonable certainty that when the bill goes to the house from the senate it will be referred to the committee on banking and currency, despite current report that jurisdiction over it might be given to the committee on rules.

Inquiries on the Democratic side showed a general understanding that the majority will hold pretty fast to its agreement to support the currency bill introduced by its leader, John Sharp Williams This bill was reported favorably to the house by the Democratic members of the banking and currency committee as a substitute for the Fowler bill.

DIEKEMA DEFENDS PRESIDENT Michigan Congressman Denies Charge

of Intolerance Made by Williams.

Washington, March 28 .- The question of whether or not President in the house of representatives. The discussion was founded on a local and Representative Diekema of Michigan, in which the president was repsented as thumping his desk and be-The president sent to the senate rating Diekema for having joined in the report of the subcommittee of the judiciary committee censuring Judge Wilfley of the United States court in China, On the statement of Representative Williams (Miss.), the minority leader, that he proposed to offer a resolution to ascertain if the president had encroached upon the privileges of a committee of congress. Diekema absolved the president from the suggestion of intolerance made by Williams, and said that the president, in the conversation which took place, had displayed the greatest liberality in receiving his explanation of the cir umstances leading up to the filing of the report. He denied that the president thumped his desk, but admitted that he gesticulated a good deal,

Berkman Arraigned in Court Charged with Advising Union Square Meeting.

New York, April 1.-Further evidence has been unearthed by the police in connection with the Union square bomb throwing tragedy which is of such important nature that Alexander Berkman, treasurer of the Anarchists' Federated union, was arraigned in court on an affidavit chargsquare meeting. Detective Lieutenant Warzansky told Magistrate evidence to the court at the present time. The magistrate held Berkman in \$500 ball for examination on Friday afternoon. Bail was furnished. Berkman, before his arraignment, denied that anarchists had anything to do with the bomb throwing.

Comptroller Metz received an unsigned letter, in which the writer declared that Saturday's bomb throwing 'demonstrates the commencement of a battle between the city officials and the unemployed," and that unless Mayor McClellan and the comptroller provide money for new subways so that there will be work to be done, they will suffer death.

Selig Silverstein, in whose hands the dynamite bomb prematurely exploded as he was preparing to throw it at the police during the Union square demonstration last Saturday, is dying and the physicians at Bellevue hospital state that the bomb banks upon the deposit by them of thrower will not live twenty-four hours. Cerebral meningitis has developed from the fearful wounds made treasury. The currency is to be issued by a piece of the exploding missile with a view to securing an equitable and paralysis of the lower limbs is setting in. Silverstein is slightly delirious and there is little likelihood that the coroner will succeed in ob-

## MME. GOULD BECOMES ILL

Trouble in Family Over Attentions of Prince De Sagan.

New York, April 1.-Mme. Anna Gould, who recently secured a divorce from the Count de Castellane, is ill with bronchitis and stomach trouble in the apartments of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse, in the Hotel St. Regis. Mme. Gould is said also to be in a very nervous condition. She went to the St. Regis after a conference with her brothers and sister at the home of Miss Helen Gould, where Mme, Gould had been staying since her arrival from France.

Since arriving in New York Mme. Gould has met the Prince de Sagan several times in company with Mr. and Mrs. Morse, and there has been much discussion of the possibility of an announcement that she had become engaged to marry the prince. Some of the members of the Gould family are reported to be opposed to such an engagement.

After announcing that he would soon depart for France and that Mm Gould would return to Paris when her health permitted, Prince de Sagan asserted at the Waldorf-Astoria that Mme. Gould had engaged Coudert Brothers as personal counsel to look after her interests in the fortune of Jay Gould. Legal advice had been received, he asserted, which held that the codicil in the latter's will relative to depriving any of his children who should marry without the consent of the majority of the executors of the estate of one-half of their share would not withstand an attack in the courts.

For the first time, too, the Prince de Sagan declared himself a formal suitor for the hand of Mme, Gould.

### MINORITY SCORES A VICTORY

Bills for Reinstatement of Negro Soldiers Will Be Adversely Reported.

Washington, April 1.-The five Democratic members of the senate committee on military affairs succeeded in defeating both the Warner and Foraker bills for the restoration to duty of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, who were discharged without honor because of the affray at Brownsville, Tex. The success of the minority was accomplished by voting as a unit against the divided majority. The effect will be to cause both bills to be reported adversely. A majority vote of the senate would enact one of the bills, however, and Senator Warner is hopeful that his measure will yet became law.

The essential point of difference between the two bills is that the Warner measure provides that the president may reinstate any soldier upon becoming satisfied that he is innocent of the charge against him; while the Foraker bill compels the reinstatement of such soldiers if they take oath of their innocence.

Low Rates for Chicago Convention. Chicago, April 1.-Vice President McCullough of the Northwestern railway announced that low excursion rates would be granted from all points on that line to Chicago for the Republican national convention, to be held here in June. The basis of the rates, Mr. McCullough said, would be practically the same as that announced by western roads for the Democratic convention in Denver.

Judge Holt Sustains Morse's Demurrer New York, April 1.-Judge Holt in the United States district court sustained the demurrer interposed in the interest of Charles W. Morse in the involuntary bankruptcy petition filed against him by Receiver Hanna of the National Bank of North America. In sustaining the demurrer, Judge Holt granted leave to amend the petition within ten days upon the payment of

NEW MOVE IN EXPRESS CASE Supreme Court to Meet Week Earlier

to Pass on Question. Lincoln, March 30,-Attorney General Thompson took an unexpected step in the suit of the state to enjoin the express companies from violating the reduced rates provided for in the Sibley law. He obtained the consent ing him with advising the Union of the supreme court for a special session to be held April 1, at which time his request for a temporary in-Droege that he would not divulge the junction will be taken up. The date of the special session is six days prior to the regular meeting of the court. The attorney general has notified the agents and attorneys of the companies that he will ask for action on his request for a temporary injunction. It is believed the court will be in a position to act, as it will have before it the showing made two weeks ago why the request of the state should not be granted and the reply and answer of the attorney general to this showing. The application of the state for the appointment of a referee may also be acted upon at the special session of the court. The express companies have a counter injunction suit in the federal court to restrain the enforce- and was found to contain arsenic in a ment of the Sibley act and testimony is now being taken by the companies

#### TWO DIE UNDER THE WHEELS Woman Leaps in Front of Train With Boy in Her Arms.

final judgment.

in New York city. The two suits are

considered to be a race as to whether

Holdrege, Neb., March 28.-Mrs. Matilda Nelson, aged thirty-three, sprang in front of a Burlington passenger train, holding her nine-year-old son in her arms. Both were instantly killed, the woman's body being ground to pieces. The pair were walking on the track four miles from town. As the train approached, the engineer blew the whistle and the woman stepped from the track. Just as the engine was about upon them she pushed the boy back on the track, despite his struggles, and followed him. Poverty and alleged domestic troubles are supposed to have prompted the act.

#### KINKAIDER SHOOTS FARMER

Assassin, Supposedly Insane, Kills Self When Cornered by Posse.

O'Neill, Neb., March 30.-Eric Borg, one of the most prosperous and highly respected farmers of this county, was shot and probably mortally wounded by John Price, a Kinkaid homesteader, who lived about four miles from Borg's place. About five hours after the shooting, when hotly pursued by Sheriff Hall and a posse, he entered a shanty on a homestead about a mile from his home and put a bullet through his brain. Borg and Price never had any trouble, and the shooting can only be accounted for on the theory that Price was insane

### FARMER IS SHOT ON STREET

Instantly Killed by Acquaintance After Words Over Family Affair.

Broken Bow, Neb., March 30 .- John Sanderson, a farmer living several miles east of here, was shot and in stantly killed by James Carland, a resident of this place. The shooting took place in front of the State bank and was witnessed by a number of people. According to eye witnesses the two men met and had words over family matters, when Carland drew a revolver and fired three shots into Sanderson's face, killing him instantly. Carland gave himself up after the shooting. Sanderson leaves a wife and family.

Father Gives Up Life to Save Babe. Omaha, March 30 .- Morris Christensen of 1325 South Twenty-fifth street, gave up his life in rescuing his little son from drowning in their cistern. His dying thought as he stood, his head under two feet of water, was that he must keep the baby's head above until help arrived. When neighbors arrived and grasped the baby from his upstretched arms, just as it was sinking beneath the water, his arms evidently giving away, he fell to the bottom of the cistern and was lifeless when taken out.

Wheat Weevil Works Havoc.

Cook, Neb., March 30 .- J. H. J. Tetan, living seven miles northeast of buildings vs. Richard B. Howell. This this place, discovered this week that a quantity of his last year's wheat has been ruined by wheat weevil. He county issued an injunction against had about 800 bushels which he con- the state board from exacting a porcluded to sell. He took a load to the elevator, where it was found to be literally alive with wheat weevil. Nearly all of the wheat was affected and the heart was eaten out of most of it. leaving nothing but the hulls. This is the first case of the bug in this

Seeks to Enjoin Express Companies. Lincoln, March 28 .- In a spirited answer to the cross-petition of the express companies, Attorney General Thompson asked the supreme court to issue an injunction to prevent the companies from charging rates in excess of the provisions of the Sibley law, which reduces rates 25 per cent. He accused the corporations of "contumaciously" resisting the law.

Democratic Editors In Session. Lincoln, March 31.-At a complimentary dinner which he will tender to them tonight, W. J. Bryan will explain to the Democratic editors of Nobraska what he believes to be the leading issues of the approaching campaign, state and national. This afternoon the Democratic Editorial associaWOMAN THRASHES A LAWYER

Hooker County Widow Takes Law in

Her Own Hands in Mullen, Mullen, Neb., March 28.-Mrs, Mary Shearer, a widow residing five miles west of town, met O. F. Hamilton in McBride's pool hall here and administered to the man of law a sound thrashing. Hamilton is a lawyer who was hanged in effigy from the bandstand in the public square a little over a year ago for certain irregularities in his practice, for which he was later and Cakes. disbarred from pleading before the land department. The present trouble was occasioned by the attorney's alleged attempt to get possession of Mrs, Shearer's team on the strength of an old mortgage which, it is claimed, has been satisfied, the note being destroyed.

#### FIND ARSENIC IN THE TEA South Omaha Man Is Held on Poisoning Charge.

South Omaha, March 27.-Acting upon advice received from the county McCloud on the charge of having attempted to poison his wife and child. The tea which contained the arsente was analyzed by an Omaha chemist quantity sufficient to cause death.

McCloud was arrested by Captain Troutan. It is alleged that last Thursday McCloud made some tea for the state or federal courts first render his wife and little daughter. The child drank the tea and became seriously 411. Mrs. McCloud, however, failed to drink any of the beverage.

#### PRAIRIE FIRE NEAR MULLEN Goat Ranch in Hooker County Cleaned of Grass.

Mullen, Neb., March 28 .- Prairie fire west of town, started by the Burlington passenger train Thursday morning, raged north over a vast strip of country toward the Loup river. The property loss will be enormous, as many new settlers have moved into that section within the last year. The Muhlback goat ranch had a narrow escape and a herd of 800 goats would have perished had not help gone out from lown. The fire burned to within a few feet of the buildings, while the go its were held on a small patch up. of plowed ground.

#### PATTERSON FOR WATER RIGHT Omaha Man Seeks to Protect Rights

of Company to Platte Water. Lincoln, March 28 .- D. C. Patterson, trustee for the Fremont and Omaha Power company, has made two filings with the state board of irrigation for water from the Platte river to protect the rights of the proposed power plant to furnish power for the city of Oma- years 1887 to 1907 are being ha. One of his projects is similar to the old Seymour Park Canal Water Power company of Omaha, the proposed cost of which is \$3,500,00, and the other is similar to the plans of served after Feb. 1st, and colthe Fremont Canal and Power com- lected. Save yourself extra pany, the work to cost \$3,950,000.

### STATE APPEALS ANTI-PASS SUIT Dr. Martin's Case Expected to Test

Constitutionality of Act. Lincoln, March 27 .- An appeal to test the legality of the King anti-pass act was filed in the Nebraska supreme court. Dr. D. T. Martin, a Union Pacific surgeon, was prosecuted in the district court of Platte county on the charge of being a passholder and he to strictly forbid hunting on my premwon the suit. The state appealed, as ises in the future. Parties found huntserting that he did not give the major ing on my land at anytime hereafter portion of his time to the service of will be prosecuted to the full extent of the railroad.

Cattle Quarantine Modified.

Lincoln, March 31.-Governor Sheldon, when he returned from Washington, announced that after May 1 Nebraska cattle may be shipped to South Omaha and interstate points. Cattle west of the center of the state will be under the jurisdiction of the state veterinarian and he will isolate stock afflicted with scabbles. Recently, the whole state was quarantined and Governor Sheldon secured permission from the federal authorities to modify the rule, so that it would not apply to sections of the state where no disease exists.

Wants to Advance Soldiers' Case. Lincoln, March 27 .- Attorney General Thompson filed a motion in supreme court to advance the case of the state board of public lands and suit in the supreme court arises from the fact that the district court of Hall | Fp April 2-4 w tion of the pensions of members of the soldiers' and sailors' home at Grand Island when the old soldiers became members of the home.

Valley Postoffice Robbed.

Valley, Neb., March 31.-For the fifth time safecrackers robbed the safe in the local postoffice. Postmaster Johnson says they were paid for their trouble for the first time, but he would make no statement of the amount of his loss, until he could make an examination of the safe. No one was permitted to go near it until bloodhounds were brought here from Lincoln to take up the trail. A special government agent has arrived

Lincoln Lawyer Is Convicted. Lincoln, March 30 .- A jury in the district court declared R. J. Greene guilty of extorting money from Lincoln liquor dealers. Green was indicted on the charge of filing remonstrances before the excise board and exacting cash payments for the withdrawal of the suits. The offense is punishable wa fine of from \$200 to tion of Nebraska is holding its annual \$500, or to present in the penitentiar in five years.

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### Take Notice.

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By order of County Board. Fred Mollring, Treasurer.

### Notice to Hunters.

Owing to the fact that hunters have shot several of my horses, two fatally, during the last two weeks, I will have the law. W. R. KENT.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT.

Frank W Sharp, defendant, will take notice that on the 5th day of March, 1908, Watson & Watson, the plaintiffs herein, filed their petition in the County Court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, against the said defendant, the object and prayer of which is to recover the sum of four hundred and twenty dollars dae plaintiffs from the defendant, and that a sum of money in the possession of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company has been attached by process of garnishment issued out of said court, which said fund in the possession of said railroad company it is sought to apply to the payment for the said claim of the plaintiffs.

You are required to answer said petition on You are required to answer said petition on the fore the 4th day of May, 1908.

Dated March 21, 1908.

WATSON & WATSON.

Plaintiff.

Notice to Creditors.

The State of Nebraska, | es. In the Hox Butte County. (see, County Court, In the matter of the Estate of Gustaf Jensen,

In the matter of the Estate of Gustaf Jensen, Deceased.
To the creditors of said estate:
You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Albance in said County, on the 28th day of October, 1908, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months, from the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1908, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 23rd day of April, 1908.

1908.
Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 30th day of March, 1908.
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