

WAITING ALLIES' ANSWER

Powers Are Slow in Stating Their Demands.

CASE MAY GO TO THE HAGUE.

England, Germany and Italy insist on Preferential Treatment in Settlement of Their Claims and Peace Proposals Consequently Halt.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Venezuelan situation is still very uncertain and officials are awaiting with some concern the developments of the next forty-eight hours. No final answer has come to Minister Bowen's offer of a guarantee, as demanded, as a preliminary of the raising of the blockade and the relief of the unfortunate situation in which the blockade places the people and government of Venezuela. The contention of the three allies that they shall be given preferential treatment in settlement of claims as against all the other creditor nations is the point on which the negotiations now hang fire. Minister Bowen is insistent that the allies shall not have preferential treatment in the matter of the payment of the claims and in all his conferences with the representatives of the European governments he has made his position clear. It is said he has declined to modify his decision on this line. Pressure has been brought to bear on the allies to show the justice of Mr. Bowen's contention. The rejection of his proposition for the treatment of all the creditors alike, it is believed here would result in throwing the case to the Hague tribunal, before which body all the nations having claims against Venezuela would be placed on an equal footing. It is known that the allies would prefer that this should not be done, as consideration of the claims by that body would entail much delay in their settlement and there are other features which make it desirable to the allies that the claims be settled outside of that body. One of them is that if they came before the Hague, Venezuela would have the right to set up counter claims as an offset to those presented by the allies. These it is said might reduce considerably the amount of money to be paid by Venezuela. For these and other reasons it is not surprising to well informed persons here that the European governments are taking time to consider fully their reply to Mr. Bowen's proposition before making their final answer. At the same time the fact that they have not agreed upon their answer has caused an uneasy feeling in Washington, and some apprehension as to the future. Minister Bowen continues hopeful of a favorable answer to his proposition.

Allies Refuse to Accept Terms. London, Jan. 30.—Great Britain, Germany and Italy have sent a joint reply to Minister Bowen. They refuse to accept the proposal that all the countries having claims against Venezuela should be placed on an equality with the three co-operating powers.

CHINA PLANNING OUTBREAK. Plot Hatching for Simultaneous Murder of Foreigners. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 30.—According to advices received from north China, fears are being entertained that China is planning another outbreak similar to that of 1901.

The North China Daily News says: "It has been learned on good authority that Yung Lu, the real ruler of China and the man who is reported to be responsible for the murder of Professor Hubert James of the Peking university, will centralize the command of the military forces of the empire under himself and his henchmen, Yung Shai Kai and Tung Fuh Siang."

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Rescued by Ship in Open Ocean and Placed in Custody on Suspicion. Liverpool, Jan. 30.—The British steamer Brunswick, from Brazil, arrived here yesterday and landed five survivors of the British bark Veronica, Captain Shaw, from Ship Island, Miss., Oct. 6, for Montevideo, who were picked up at sea before arriving at

Funchal. The men reported that the Veronica was burned at sea Dec. 20. The police have detained four of them on suspicion of having mutilated and murdered Captain Shaw and seven of the crew of the Veronica, after which they are alleged to have set fire to the ship.

Three of the men in custody are Germans. The fourth an American, William Smith. According to the account of the mutiny, given by the Veronica's negro cook, whose name is Moses Thomas, the murders were planned so that the victims had no chance of defending themselves. Each was stunned or murdered separately by these mutineers, who lay in wait for them in a dark part of the ship, armed with belaying pins. The bodies were then thrown overboard. Thomas says he barricaded himself and begged hard for mercy or he would have suffered the same fate.

BRUTALLY TREAT AMERICANS. Miner Tells a Story of an Outrage in Nicaragua.

San Francisco, Jan. 30.—With his flesh cut and bruised by the beatings he had received at the hands of his Nicaraguan jailers, George Williams, an American miner at Corinto, sought refuge on board the Pacific Mail steamship City of Panama, which has arrived at San Francisco.

Williams had been a prisoner in the hands of the Nicaraguans for three months and was released at the instance of the United States consul general at Managua. His arrest, he declares, was a pretext to enable the Nicaraguan government to reclaim a valuable gold mine he discovered near San Fernando, and to which he secured title before the Nicaraguans were aware of the value of the property.

Williams will demand heavy indemnity from the Nicaraguan government. Urge Retaliatory Policy. St. Johns, Jan. 30.—The agitation in favor of a retaliatory policy against the United States should the Bond-Hay treaty be defeated is growing in force. The Press, an independent opposition journal, declares that if the treaty is rejected the government owes it to the dignity of the British colony to act promptly and decisively. It is thought that retaliatory legislation will probably be adopted, without meeting with opposition.

Expect Revolution in Honduras. San Francisco, Jan. 30.—William Davidson, a mining man who arrived here from the lower coast, reports that a revolution was expected to break out in Honduras at the time he left Tiurigaipa, a few days ago, as the result of a disagreement over the returns of the late presidential election. There were three candidates for president and the judges had not been able to decide which one was elected.

Assassin Dies in Prison. Constantinople, Jan. 30.—The Armenian drug clerk, Agap Hatchikians, who was arrested on Jan. 19 for attempting to assassinate the Armenian patriarch, Ormanian, died in prison yesterday. It is supposed that he was put to death in order to hush up the matter.

Cromer Praises American Missionaries. Khartoum, Jan. 30.—Earl Cromer, the British agent in Egypt, speaking at a banquet here yesterday, paid a tribute to the work of the American missionaries in the Soudan, where the natives were learning that foreigners visiting them were no longer slave dealers, but bitterly opposed to slavery.

Major Glenn is Acquitted. Manila, Jan. 30.—Major Edward F. Glenn of the Fifth Infantry, who was tried by court-martial on the charge of unlawfully killing prisoners of war, has been acquitted. Major Glenn has been ordered to return to duty. The verdict is popular.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

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TWENTY-THREE ARE DEAD

Horror on Southern Pacific Railroad Becomes Greater.

CORONERS FIGHT OVER VICTIMS.

Officials of Two Counties Contend for Possession of Bodies—Inquest is Delayed and Witnesses Summoned to Appear Before Each.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 30.—A revised list of the killed in the collision on the Southern Pacific Wednesday, near Valls, places the number of dead at twenty-three, of which six have been identified. The injured number twenty-one. The dead: John W. Bruce, engineer; R. Wilkie, engineer; George McGrath, fireman; J. M. Hilton, capitalist, Cambridge, Mass.; J. E. Cassidy, volunteer, Texas; S. S. Elder, Jr., Bisbee, Ariz., child about six years of age; unidentified, sixteen.

There is a conflict between two coroners as to jurisdiction which is likely to seriously delay matters. One coroner had a deputy on the ground who took possession of the bodies of the victims. The other coroner arrived after the bodies had been put on the train and were on the way to Tucson. Both have summoned witnesses to appear in the courts.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 30.—Lynn Helm, an attorney of this city, and his wife, both of whom were passengers on the westbound Sunset Limited, wrecked near Valls, Ariz., Wednesday, arrived here. Mr. and Mrs. Helm were asleep in the rear Pullman car of the train and escaped without injury. He attributes the escape of the two Pullman cars of the westbound train to the nerve of Engineer Bruce, who stuck to his engine and set the airbrakes. Mr. Helm says:

"The crash came at 3:11, as was discovered later by the stopped watch of one of the dead engineers. There were three distinct shocks. The first resulting from the setting of the powerful brakes. So suddenly was the air thrown on that the trucks of our car leaped into the air seemingly two feet. This was the greatest shock to us. Then followed two other jars. I looked out of the window and observed a great glare of light. It was caused by the burning cars. The baggage, postal and day coaches seemed to flash up in one blaze, at the touch of the engines. It was the most sudden conflagration I ever witnessed. There were no groans from the twenty or more victims buried in that burning mass. All must have been killed instantly. The flames were so fierce that those who were not killed instantly by the shock must have perished within a minute or two from the intense heat. The grand crash must have signaled the death of all, and therefore the complete destruction of cars and inmates mercifully saved victims from the tortures of the flames."

FOUR DEAD IN THE RUINS.

Explosion Wrecks a Packing Plant at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 30.—Four men were killed, one fatally and three others seriously injured and half a score of others more or less severely hurt, in an explosion which wrecked a large section of the Eckart Packing company's plant at 7 a. m.

The dead: John Foyt, Fred Matthews, Henry Piepenbrink, Conrad Miller. John Yobst is fatally injured. The explosion occurred half an hour after operations had begun for the day, and is believed to have been due to an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar of the section of the factory destroyed.

There were a score of men at work in the several departments of that section of the plant, and scarcely one escaped injury of some sort. The force of the explosion was terrific, completely wrecking a section of the building.

Trolley Wreck at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Jan. 30.—One of the worst wrecks the Pittsburg Traction company has experienced since its organization occurred last night. A score of passengers were injured and two cars were destroyed and traffic was delayed for several hours. Eight victims are in the hospital. Thomas B. Davis is perhaps fatally hurt. A car on the Homestead branch struck a huckster's wagon. After going some distance it backed up the hill to see what damage had been done. Just then it was met by a second car coming down the hill at a terrific pace. When the collision occurred the trolleys were crossed, causing a fire, which consumed both cars in the wreck. Fortunately all of the injured passengers were taken out before the flames reached them.

Stricken at the Palace.

Rome, Jan. 30.—Foreign Minister Prinetti had an attack of paralysis of the right side while being received in audience by King Victor Emmanuel yesterday. He was removed to his home in a serious condition.

Iowans Inspect Fair Site.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Several members of the Iowa commission yesterday inspected the World's fair grounds. The state capital of Iowa is to be reproduced by the commission on the site allotted Iowa.

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