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CASTRO MILITARY DICTATOR

There is No Republican Government in Venezuela.

PRESIDENT NEVER ELECTED TO OFFICE long will that administration remain in of- few days."

All Things Are Uncertain in This Country Where Revolutions Are the Chief Recreations-Dictator Castro's Humorous Ways.

(Copyright, 1901, by Collier's Weekly.) There is no republican government in in the place of such a government. President Castro is the dictator-he signs himself supreme chief of the republic, but be has never been elected to office and the dictator arranges all things for himself. During the early part of Andrade's administration President Castro, who was then in the position of a local politician "up the state," and who had given valuable assistance in placing Andrade in office, came to Caracas to receive a just reward for his services. President Andrade refused to comply with Castro's demands for a public appointment, whereupon Castro strode into the center of the Plaza Bolivar and, flourishing his bat above his head, proclaimed to the assembled people that he was then going away, but that before a year had passed he would return as president or Venezuela. He had declared to the people



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it. In October, 1899, Castro entered the control of the government.

guaranty may hold good as long as the existing administration is in power. But how dent. 'I have not seen you about these last fice? The most uncertain of all is the man who sits in the president's chair. According to the unwritten law regarding the journey?" length of the presidential term, President Castro had little time to lose in gathering in his reward for the time, funds and trouble which he had expended on his revolution. The asphalt lake at Guanoco had been carefully developed, and the here?" Venezueians were beginning to recognize Venezuela. A military dictatorship stands its value. The tax on the exported asphalt was 2 bolivars (40 cents) on the ton. In the long run this tax would amount to a substantial revenue. But how long could power? During the fifteen months of his dictatorship President Castro has devoted dictator- But still, it may not always be considerable time and attention to the New York and Bermudes company

Story of the First Concession. The story of the first concession of this lake and its subsequent history may be taken as a fair example of the usual method of procedure here in such cases. About twenty years ago a man named Hamliton came to this country. He was presentable in appearance, of quick intelligence and glib of speech, and he gained the favor of President Guzman Blanco. He was given by executive decree the exclusive rights to all mineral and other natural products in the state of Bermudes for wenty-five years. This decree was later ratilled by an act of congress. When Hamiton discovered the existence of the asphalt lake near Guanoco he sold his conession to the New York and Bermudes

Operations on this lake were carried on by the company unmolested until 1897, when the first signs of the trouble appeared by certain Venezuelans filing claims for parts of the property. Thereupon the company bought in fee simple all the land surrounding the lake. On January 4 of the next year the government annulled the Hamilton the affair was brought to the high court the case was decided against the government, and the Hamilton concession derights to the lake both by the concession and by their proprietorship

After Castro had made himself dictator Marcano, a Venezuelan, a definite title a large slice of the lake known as the Venezuelan mine. These two mines comorige about five-sixths of the entire lake. Sullivan of the Warner, Quinlan & Suffivan company purchased the Felicidad mine for \$40,000 without a guaranty title

from Marcano. Thus on the surface the present difficulles appear to be nothing more than a disoute over the title to a part of the lake but the man who sold the mine to Sullivan Guayra. had received his title from the government. total dicregard of both the New York and lictator in the land.

Dictator Castro's Humorous Ways. a low voice and in broken English. "I will hands, says, "No smash-up-never-fine tell you a story of the court. In a trial not | engine."

that he would do this thing, and he did came too independent. As he left the court curves and grades you could look back at of the town, but the earthquake has nothcapital at the head of a victorious army of understand, he was not told why he was suddenly the train glided past some kind revolutionists, and, having ousted Andrade arrested. They simply took him to prison, of factory, with a few stray goats grazing The air became cool like a summer evening from the Yellow House, assumed complete where they kept him for ten days and then on the sunburned grass about the walls, on the eastern coast at home when the let him go. President Castro met the judge All things are unstable in this land. A as he entered the court house.

'Yes. I have been away.

"'Did you gain good health on your

" Yes, good health." "'Did you acquire any valuable knowledge?"

" 'Yes, also some knowledge, master

"'And you know now who is

"'Very well,' concluded the president, you may resume your seat on the bench." 'And you can also see who is master here," added the old gentleman, using the the administration count on being in pretext of wiping his spectacles to bend closer. "It is our friend Castro who is

> The controversy over the asphalt lake was sufficiently entangled to begin with, but, of course, a revolution must break out to further complicate affairs-and this uprising has occurred in the near neighborhood of the asphalt lake. The government has threatened to dispossess the New York and Bermudes company, the revolution is against the government, whereby, for the time being at least, the government troops have plenty of work on hand, and the people who comprise the revolutionary forces are hostile to the asphalt company. As to what will be the exact outcome of such a situation it is impossible to say. problem of the revolution must solve itself according to the erratic customs of this Meanwhile no other information country. comes to Caracas from the uprising other than that carried by word of mouth. All kinds of rumors are being circulated through the town-after dark-and, of course, they receive but little attention. -WHAT

The relationship between the people and the government may be likened to the attitude which the small boys bear to the firecracker with a defective fuse. The fuse has been lighted, has sputtered, and the concession, but recognized the rights of the spark has disappeared. The small boys company as proprietors of the lake. When stand motionless at a respectable distance. There is a tense stillness over all, while each one wonders how soon will the firecracker explode. The chief talk here conclared valid. Thus the company had legal cerns itself with revolutions. But the talk is spoken at night or under cover; revolutions are never mentioned in the open daylight. And from the outside, as if stretchhis minister of progress conceded to Guerra ing languidly beneath the warm southern sunshine, the country scems wonderfully ontented with itself, and at peace.

Over the Hills to Caracas. A great stillness overhung the sea when the steamship Maracaibo plowed through the last waters of the Caribbean, and in the half asleep in the strong sunlight. light of a sinking sun raised far ahead as the northern coast line of Venezuela. The night had aiready come when the vessel,

way which has never had an accident. You The government will guarantee the title, stone pier as you land. You are told the the minister of progress to give these con- is an army officer and has neglected to cessiona? Just this, President Castro is shave; by the driver of a rickety carriage; by the poorly clad gentleman who wants 'And if any affair is brought to the porter who carries your trunk on his head ourt," said an old gentleman, speaking in and a somebody else's parcel in his free

room he was arrested and put in prison. You the rear side of the mountain range. Then ing to do with the vegetables and the flies.

the train stopped. "This is Caracas," said a gentleman sitting nearby.

went by; then a series of sidings, where a

On first entering the town the stranger might wonder why Caracas had been built where it stands. There is no particular eason why it should not have been built there; nor any apparent reasons why the founders should have chosen that site. Perhaps, as I heard it said, it had been

placed "underneath that star." All roads in Caracas take their beginning to the Plaza Bolivar. You inquire of the hotel propriedr, which is the way to the apitol.

"Go to the Plaza Bolivar," he says, 'cross over and then turn to your left.' You ask the shopkeeper how to find the Pantheon.

"At the end of this street you will come to the Plaza Bolivar," answers the shopkeeper. "Then turn to your right, walk past the streets and you are arrived." Thus it is with all given directions Caracas. No matter where you are, no matter where you wish to go, it is judged always to be the wisest plan to walk first to the Plaza Bolivar and then make a fresh start from there.

This plaza, an open park in the very center of the city, where there are trees and richly colored grass, affords a strong contrast to the narrow, unclean streets, the blank doorways, the white and barren walls, the fierce sunlight and the heated smells, and in the plaza stands a statue of the patriot Bolivar himself, seated on a rearing stallion, his bared head turned one side toward an imaginary multitude, and with just such an expression on his face as who should say, "Well, what of it?"

City Needs a New Cont of Paint. When viewed from one of the surroundng hills the town appears flat and close to the ground-just a level stretch of brown-tinted roofs, broken only here and there by the domes on the opera house and the capitol, and the spires of the several churches, but toward where the mountains begin to rise again are situated the summer dwellings of some of the more influential Venezuelans. Mr. Loomis, the United States minister, resides in one of thesean old Spanish villa formerly owned by the Count de Toro-where there are lawns and palms. The city needs a new coat of paint. Even the walls of the capitol are badly blistered. Those houses where attempts three drinks before going home the other have been made to relieve the glaring day, and as I am ordinarily an abstemious whiteness of the predominant stucco walls man I thought to disarm criticism by men have faded-faded brown, faded green and the grip. Every one knows what's good faded pink. It is a pale city which lies for the grip. Even my wife knows, but

A certain period is remembered here dura high range of mountain, which was known ing which the streets were well paved. If speak, when out driving at home you come to a place where the road is being repaired, you at half steam ahead, glided past the red know how the carriage bumps and swings. carried on between American companies. light at the end of the breakwater at La That is a slight exaggeration of the general condition of these streets at present. The From La Guayra, over the mountain open market, which is held every morning. The concession was given to Marcano in range, a railway runs to Caracas-a rail- is che'ly composed of people, vegetables and prompt and energetic treatment. I can Bermudes company's rights as proprietors are first informed of this by a man with in little piles in the street; the flies arand the decision of the high court in '98. white hair, white cap, and white linen suit, range themselves on the vegetables. If a dosing me with somebody's specific for the And the Venezuelan mine is also for sale, who stands in the bright sunlight on the vender sells some onlons he picks them grip, and she kept that up until I went to What were the reasons which prompted same by the custom house interpreter, who turbing that particular mass of flies, which me up once to give me another dose. There are flies around the basket of hardboiled eggs, which are eaten on the spot; a tip because he told you; and the negro a fringe of flies about the puddle of milk more or less of a puzzle, you know-but you long ago a judge on the supreme beach be- After a couple of hours or so of swinging count in part for the worn-out appearance | won't care who knows it."

When night came all this was changed Then a row of dirty buts with tiled roofs wind blows fresh from the sea. A round moon lifted clear above the crest of the "Have you been away?" asked the presi- few empty cars stood in the sunlight; then mountain range. Because it was Sunday evening the military band played in the Plaza Bolivar, and the people gathered there to listen. Some of them hired chairs, which

were used in the places of benches; mos of them wandered slowly up and down. Revolutions the Chief Recreations. In a neighboring seat at a neighboring table sat a man who knew the nature of

this land. He spoke of revolutions. "Trouble may break out right here in the capital temorrow. Yet it may take months before the revolution is strong enough to come here. They have failed to hold Carupano. And they must capture some port to get arms from outside."

The band had stopped playing. The people were leaving the plaza. Although by this time the cafe was almost deserted, the man never raised his voice above the level tone in which he had begun to speak. He could barely be heard across the small table, and he was bending over so that a button on his coat clicked constantly against the rim of his beer glass. Then the man continued to tell of former troubles; of the time when Puerto Cabello was attacked at night, and when the sun rose 200 men were seen lying dead: spoke of the way in which a revoluion gathers power; told of the battle between Castro and Andrade, when the generals of the latter had been bought by Castro, and, instead of charging, as they were ordered to do, they retreated. The bartender began putting up the shutters to cover the rows of bottles. The empty glasses were collected and rinsed behind the

"Castro-the little monkey," said the man 'He also won't last long. None of them last long. But the revolutionists, they don't know what they want. They want change, they know that. the next man will be just as bad as Castro. A president is only in office a short while and of course he takes what he can get. You would say that there is no hope for the country. Another man may come in tomorrow. It will be just the same. Today our Castro is in power. You

cannot stop him, for Castro is dictator.' More Comfortable to Tell the Truth Chicago Evening Post: "Don't," said the sorrowful man. "With all emphasis I say tropical gardens and an avenue of royal 'don't,' meaning don't frame up any excuse to explain the alcoholic character of your breath. It doesn't pay. I had two or have been painted in light colors, which tioning incidentally that I had a touch of what she knows about it and what I know about it do not exactly coincide, so to 'Throat trouble you?' she asked.

" 'A little,' I replied, not knowing what

else to say. "T'll rub it with turpentine," she said. "I protested, but she insisted. Grip, she held, was an insidious thing, and required flies. The venders arrange their vegetables, testify that the treatment in this instance But she insisted upon was energetic. from his stock on the ground, thereby dis- bed in self-defense. Even then she woke rise up with a quick swish and buzzing. don't know whether she desired to teach me that honesty is the best policy or was sincerely sorry for me-woman is always that has been spilled on the sidewalk; files may put it down as a certainty that I'll crawling over the body of the cur terrier not take another drink for the grip. Weil, asleep in the shade of an old box. The hardly. When I tip up a glass again it earthquake shock of last October may ac- | will be because I want the contents, and I | \$1.65 to \$1.75. All of the others remain

Anticipating a Lively Season They Get Ready for Work.

LARGE INCREASE OF OUTPUT EXPECTED question when the adoption of the scale

It is Now Believed that Building Demand Will Require an Increase of at Least Twenty-Five Per Cent.

Many chunks of clay from the hills about Omaha will be converted this summer into shapely building blocks and enter service in the life of this growing city. The brick manufacturers are planning for an increase of about one-quarter in their business this season over the work of last year. It is early for any definite calculations along one. this line, but from the general prospects and the inquiries that are received they

Of course the work of the the brickmaker is an after thought in the building plans when they are considered in advance. About the first man to hear of new buildings and contemplated homes is the architect; after that the general contractor gets a whack of the cheaper labor. Now, if there are to at the business and the brick and lumber-

The first-named class have already told of many improvements to be made this as well. However, I do not anticipate but spring and there are others for which the what this matter will be straightened out drawings are being made. Large business blocks, of course, mean more to the brickmaker and it is said that the season will any serious disputes between employers and bring forth the usual supply of these.

Preparing for an Increase. One prominent brickmaker in discussing the situation said: "I believe the factories in this city will turn out one-quarter more brick this year than they did last. At least we are going ahead to prepare on that basis. Everything points to a good year and I believe we will have it. The conditions are all of the best. We considered 1899 and 1900 good years. Last year about 20,000,000 brick were made in this city for building purposes, but this year we will

go far ahead of that figure. "At present everything looks favorable I anticipate no trouble with the men, although the wage scale has not been adjusted for this season. Last year the brickmakers had a conference and arranged this matter harmoniously. This has not been done this year and I guess the others are waiting for some one to take the initiative in calling the conference. While there are some differences, I believe all will be adjusted amicably in time for the

"The demand for brick locally is good and at the same time calls are coming from the outside. One firm had a call the other day for brick for shipment to Wyo ming for use in a coal mine. We will ship large numbers of brick all through Ne branka this year.'

The relations of the men in the yards to their employers do not appear at this time to present any elements of trouble. The new wage scale has been presented to the brickmakers, but they have not acted upon it as yet. It calls for some things which have not been favored by all of the employers, yet it is said by one in a position to understand the situation that when the time comes all will be straightened out to

the satisfaction of all parties. Provides for More Pay. The scale provides for increased pay for three groups of men. The head burners are to be raised from \$2.75 to \$3 a day, the feeders from \$1.85 to \$2 and the bank men from the same as last year. These changes will

BRICK MAKERS ARE ACTIVE be accepted quicker than will some of the conditions attached. One of these is a decrease in the day's work. The task system prevails in the brick yards. Under this a man is supposed to do so much work to make a day. Last year it was the handling of 30,000 brick, and the motion of the men

is that this be cut to 20,000 for this year. The size of the brick will also raise a comes up for consideration. The mer propose a brick not larger than 4x8x2%, but the manufacturers claim that this is not good. It is said that this is not even maximum as brick are now made and may be the cause of some discussion.

Another proposition which is liable not to meet with favor among the makers regards the number of men to be employed The men desire that the number employed in a kiln be increased one man for every five arches over twenty. Other conditions suggested are that all engineers must be members of the union and that all men employed about the yards shall be members of a union or express a willingness to join

Speaking of this phase of the situation a maker said that there would be less opbelieve the business in their line is going position if unionism could be carried into power in the Council Bluffs yards. "Labor over there," he said, "always has been cheaper than on this side of the river and in some sales those makers can enter into direct competition with us on equal terms, except that they have the advantage be unions in the yards, we might as well have everything union, but we wish this could be carried to the yards in the Bluffs when the makers once get together. fail to see anything which I think will cause employes in the Omaha yards."

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