

BLAME THE CONSUL

Turkish Authorities Say American Representative Was in Too Much Hurry.

WOULD NOT WAIT FOR OFFICIAL ACTION

Wanted to Send American Citizen from Country Without Governor's Sanction.

FIGHTS WHEN POLICEMEN MAKE ARREST

Say that Moslem Officers Were Wounded in the Face.

ATTARIAN WENT TO SECURE HIS WIFE

American Has Been in This Country Four Years and Desired to Have His Family with Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Attarian, the Armenian whose arrest precipitated the attack by Turkish police upon United States Consul Davis, at Alexandria, Syria, has been a resident during the past four years of Paterson, N. J., where he has been employed by a miller.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 9.—The Turkish official report of the incident at Alexandria, complained of by the United States consul, W. H. Davis, has been telegraphed here by the governor of Beyrut, Syria, as follows:

Attarian, a native of Khirpat, who has for some years been abroad, recently returned the country, secretly and had been traveling in the interior, with a Turkish passport. On his arrival lately at Alexandria he claimed the protection of the American consul and asked for his assistance to enable him to embark for Egypt.

MAY UNITE PRESBYTERIANS

But One Doubtful Note Heard at Meeting Now Being Held.

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ELECTION IN SAN DOMINGO

Provisional Government Issues Call for One to Take Place Next Month.

SAN DOMINGO, Dec. 9.—A decree of the provisional government was issued today providing for the election of electors to take place January 15, preparatory to a meeting of Congress and the election of a president of San Domingo, who will probably be chosen from the Jimenez or Vasquez parties.

PRESBYTERIANS HELP SCHOOLS

Commissioner Appointed to Secure Endowment of \$12,000,000 Meets in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The commission for the endowment of Presbyterian educational institutions appointed by the general assembly last May and charged with the duty of raising the sum of \$12,000,000 for institutions of learning under the control of the Presbyterian church met today.

OPENS OLD PERU-CHILE SORE

Explanation of Ten-Year Compact Anticipated by Secret Moves.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A great sensation has been created by the rumor, referred to in a London dispatch to The Associated Press, that the minister of the interior presented to the chamber of deputies, Monday a motion for the annulment of a treaty of commerce between Chile and Peru.

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SPENCER'S BODY CREMATED

At His Request, the Remains Are Reduced to Ashes at Hempstead.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The attending physician certifies that Herbert Spencer died peacefully. The distinguished writer having no near relatives living, was attended by a nurse and his secretary.

CHAMBERLAIN GIVEN SUPPORT

His Fiscal Proposals Are Endorsed by the Kingdom's Chambers of Commerce.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Central and Associated Chambers of Agriculture of the United Kingdom endorsed Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal proposals at a meeting held in London today.

DREYFUS EXPECTS REVISION

Reporter of Case Will Probably Submit Recommendations Next Week.

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OMAHA MAN AN OFFICER

National Bill Posters Elect Isaac Kilias as One Vice President.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—The convention of the National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers today agreed on a new wage scale for advance crew men, and the same was forwarded signed by the representatives of all the traveling circuses, who were in waiting in another assembly room.

SENATORS WANT NEW JURY

Alleged Missouri Booklers File Application for Special Verdict.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 9.—Council for Senators Farris and Smith, who are to be tried next week on charges of bribery, filed application in the circuit court today for a special jury in each case.

RUSSIA IS MAKING THREATS

May Land Troops in Corea to Prevent Opening of Port.

REPLY TO JAPAN'S NOTE NOT FINAL

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Missouri Supreme Court Reverses Decision of Lower Tribunal in Famous Bribery Case.

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LINEUP ON MARSHALSHIP

Conference of Nebraska Delegation Discloses the Lay of the Land.

FIVES OF CONGRESSMEN FOR MATTHEWS

Dietrich Already Committed to Him and Senator Millard Finds No Solution of the Differences.

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Waiting to Learn Result of Visit of Special Envoy Reyes.

MINISTERS AT WASHINGTON SURPRISED

Say that Movement of Forces is Without Their Knowledge.

UNITED STATES TO PROTECT REPUBLIC

Unratified Treaty Will Be Construed to Permit This Nation to Stop Belligerent Forces Entering Panama.

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ATLANTA WATCHES FRONTIER

COLOM, Dec. 9.—The United States cruiser Atlanta is still patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast and keeping an outlook for any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to land troops on the isthmus.

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MOVEMENTS OF THE ATLANTA ARE ENTIRELY OF A PRECAUTIONARY NATURE

The United States gunboat Bancroft left today to patrol the western end of the San Blas coast in co-operation with the Atlanta. It is expected that the latter vessel will return here in a day or two to report.

DENY RESPONSIBILITY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian chargé d'affaires, today authorized the statement that if troops from Cartagena have landed near the mouth of the Atrato river, as reported by the French steamer, which has arrived at La Guayra, it is directly in opposition to the advice of both himself and General Reyes.

GENERAL REYES STATED THAT THE LA GAYRA DISPATCH WAS THE FIRST INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED OF THE REPORTED MOVEMENT OF COLOMBIAN TROOPS

He declared, however, that if it is true, as stated, that such movement has taken place, it was without any orders from him. Upon coming to Washington, as the special representative of the Colombian government, General Reyes temporarily relinquished the command of the Colombian army, the duties falling upon General Castro, second in command. General Reyes confirmed the statement received from the Colombian plenipotentiary in a report to the Navy department that prior to his departure for Washington he had given instructions to the Colombian troops to make no hostile demonstration until he was heard from, and said that the troops were now awaiting orders which, however, would not come from him direct, but from the government at Bogota.

ROOSEVELT HAS BEEN INFORMED

The general has been fully informed by the president himself of the intentions of the government of the United States respecting the isthmus. He was told by the president that, as was set out in the president's message to congress, the president had declined to maintain the independence of Panama against all comers. While this policy is contained in a treaty now pending before the United States senate and as yet unratified, the administration has for some time past been acting upon the theory that the understanding is in full force. Therefore, no necessary preparations have been made to exert whatever physical force may be necessary to protect the Isthmian transit. And instead of confining military and naval operations to the narrow strip of the right-of-way across the isthmus, it has been necessary to make military preparations which require the extension of the protected zone to include the entire territory of the Republic of Panama. Consequently, no Colombian troops will be allowed to cross the frontier to Panama; or, if they cross, they will be ejected in due time.

WASHINGTON RATHER DOUBTS

News has reached Washington of the reported movement of Colombian troops toward the isthmus, but the reports come in a round-about manner, throwing doubt on their reliability. The point on the Gulf of Darien, where the Colombian troops are reported to have landed, is believed to be just about on the dividing line between the territory of Panama and Colombia, and it is probable the troops will not cross the border without instructions from Bogota, which in turn will depend on the reports made to the Colombian government by General Reyes and by the two commissioners, Jimenez and Blanco, who left Washington two days ago on their return to Cartagena. A current report is to the effect that Colombian naval vessels are participating in the movement toward the isthmus, but it is said that the Navy department that they are so insignificant in power and size that the smallest of the warships on the west side of the isthmus could speedily terminate their activity.

WILL KEEP COLOMBIANS OUT

The policy of the Navy department with respect to the entry of Colombian troops into Panama was said today to be to prevent a conflict being initiated. To this end, having in mind previous experience on the isthmus, the naval commanders in those waters have been given instructions to keep the Colombian troops from the isthmus at points where a fight

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