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FRANCE BREAKS WITH CASTRO

Diplomatic Relations Severed on Account of Sanb to French Envoy.

CONFISCATION OF CABLE THE REAL ISSUE

American Minister Will Look After French Interests—United States Interested in Similar Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Although the present breach in the diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela is technically chargeable against the personality of M. Taigny, the French charge at Caracas, the real issue, as it is understood here, is the attack by President Castro upon the properties and franchise of the French Cable company. The president asserted that the cable company had lent active assistance to the Matos rebellion. Therefore, he began proceedings in the Venezuelan courts against the company on that score and also complained that the company had violated the terms of its concession in not laying certain coast lines of cable and especially in crossing the island of Santo Domingo with land wires subject to frequent interruption in times of rebellion on that island. The courts sustained the president's view, and in fact practically took possession of the company's offices at certain points when the French government intervened. In the absence of the regular minister, M. Taigny presented a written protest to the Venezuelan government. President Castro regarded this note as insulting to his government and refused to have anything more to do with M. Taigny. But the French government refused to allow the dispute to be made a personal one and declared that M. Taigny in his presentment had followed precisely the instructions of his Foreign office.

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The French government regarded as offensive, he could not prevail on President Castro to resume his official relations with the French charge. The climax came on New Year's day when the French government, supposing that a satisfactory settlement had been reached, received with the usual honors at the New Year's reception, the Venezuelan minister at Paris, only to learn that President Castro had refused to like for M. Taigny at Caracas. This occasion touched the pride of the French government, which felt it had been made the victim of double dealing and deceit, which fact the French ambassador in Washington was not slow to communicate to the State department. Mr. Russell reported his failure to effect a settlement, thereby making himself unpopular in Caracas and then came notice from the French government that diplomatic relations with Venezuela were completely severed. There is a hint of punitive measures on the part of the French government, which is regarded officially as very unpleasant with possibilities of serious consequences.

Critchfield Claim Good. It is now admitted that the relations between President Castro and Minister Russell are not all that could be desired. The negotiations regarding the New York and Bermuda Asphalt company's claim have failed, but Secretary Root is determined to exhaust every method of diplomatic procedure and has directed Minister Russell to take up the Critchfield claim, which is without complications and involves no charge on the part of President Castro on the company. This company invested about \$600,000 in a railroad and an asphalt plant under agreement that they were to be exempt from all except a few specified taxes. It is charged that about a year ago President Castro imposed a prohibitive tax on the company, in violation of the agreement. The Critchfield claim is a fair claim and Mr. Russell will devote his best endeavors to have it satisfactorily settled. The State department has been advised that cable communication with Venezuela has been interrupted.

Ultimatum Highly Probable. PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Venezuelan question, although subordinated in public opinion to the Moroccan conference, is occupying the serious attention of the Foreign office, but the strictest discretion is observed in this connection.

A highly placed diplomat, however, declared today that it might be considered certain that the moment was rapidly approaching when a crisis would occur in Venezuela. He was unable to state the exact character, which events would assume, but asserted that a perfect understanding had always existed between France and the United States. The two governments were in absolute accord on the question at issue, France's line of conduct being based on that of the United States. France was merely desirous of securing perfect respect for its rights.

Though M. Maubourquet, the Venezuelan charge-d'affaires, has not received his passports, diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela are considered to have been broken off. There is no question on the present of a naval demonstration, but there is no doubt that the French government intends to have the fullest recognition of and respects for its rights. An official note issued tonight says that although an ultimatum has not yet been sent to Venezuela, France cannot tolerate much longer President Castro's refusal to accede to the French demands without considering the advisability of taking stronger means to enforce them.

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"GRAFT" HEARING AT ST. LOUIS Policeman Who Resigns Rather Than Testify is Tried for Violating Oath.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—The Board of Police Commissioners at the weekly meeting today took up the investigation of alleged graft in police circles. Ten officers were given trials on different charges. Among them was the case of Patrolman William Hamberstroh, charged with having violated his oath of office. Hamberstroh recently tendered his resignation as a policeman when summoned to appear before the grand jury to testify concerning the accusations that graft was going on in the police department. Captain Johnson refused to accept the resignation and Hamberstroh declared he would resign anyway. Captain Johnson thereupon preferred charges against the officer on the ground that he had violated his oath of office.

Hamberstroh walked about in the bad lands for many years under Sergeant George W. C. Colestock, who committed suicide last Tuesday night because he had been accused of having accepted bribes from resort keepers for immunity from arrest. Hamberstroh is believed to have information concerning police irregularities in the "bad lands." Investigation into the charges of graft in the police department is also being conducted by Circuit Attorney Sager. He stated tonight that he has found a woman who will tell all about what she asserts to be an alliance between members of the police department and criminals. She lived in the center of the "bad lands." Mr. Sager also stated that three policemen had today told him of secret orders they had received from superior officers not to molest certain resort keepers. These four witnesses will go before the grand jury Monday.

JAPS DESIRE MORE SHIPS Toyo Kisen Kaisha Makes an Offer for Pacific Mail Steamship Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The Examiner says today: A dispatch from Washington states that the consul general at Yokohama has informed the State department that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the Japanese Steamship company, is negotiating to buy the transpacific line of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The dispatch then goes on to say that E. H. Harriman's recent visit to Japan may have had something to do with this proposition and that the Japanese government is behind the intended purchase.

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ROGERS CASE COMES UP TODAY Standard Oil Magnate Secures Postponement Until This Morning.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Before Justice Gilchrist in the New York supreme court today counsel for H. H. Rogers of the Standard Oil company were successful in securing a further postponement until tomorrow morning of the rule against Mr. Rogers to show cause why he should not be compelled to answer certain questions asked by Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri in the hearing in this city to determine the relationship, if any, between the Standard Oil company, the Waters-Pierce Company and the Republic Oil company. Mr. Hadley through counsel strongly opposed the postponement on the plea that it was necessary for Mr. Hadley to close the hearing tomorrow in order that he might meet court engagements in the west on Monday. The delay was secured through the plea of one of Mr. Rogers' counsel had a case on hearing in another court.

Attorney General Hadley resumed the hearing before Commissioner Sanborn this afternoon and A. V. Jockel, formerly of the Standard Oil company and later with the Waters-Pierce Company in Oklahoma City, was again called as a witness. He was cross-questioned by the attorneys for the oil interests, but reaffirmed much of his testimony given on direct examination. The witness refused to answer a question asked by one of the attorney general's attorneys. He said he did so on advice of counsel and added: "I've got the habit, too."

After the hearing in court tomorrow morning in the Rogers matter the hearing before the commissioner will be resumed and concluded during the afternoon or evening. Mr. Rogers in his answer set forth four reasons why he should not be compelled to answer these questions as follows: The first claim was made that the questions were immaterial; second that a contest regarding the admissibility of the same questions is pending before the courts in Missouri; third that the attorney general of Missouri has no legal right to take depositions in New York; and that the questions are under consideration in the courts of another state; fourth, that the attorney general of Missouri is not asking the questions at issue for purposes of public policy, but is bringing the proceedings in order to gain advertising and personal notoriety as a foe of the Standard Oil company.

To support this last named claim, the answer set forth that the newspapers have been fed with sensational stories by Mr. Hadley and his associates, holding up Mr. Rogers to contempt and ridicule. It was further contended that newspaper photographers and artists have been given a free hand at the hearing before Commissioner Sanborn, causing Mr. Rogers great annoyance. Oka Enters Tokio. TOKIO, Jan. 11.—General Oka, who commanded the left army during the war with Russia, made a triumphal entry into the capital this morning. The general and his staff drove in imperial carriages to the palace. The greatest enthusiasm was manifested by the people who lined the route.

JOHN W. HILL IS ACQUITTED Trial Judge Orders Verdict in Case Against Former Official of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Upon the instruction of Judge Audenried the jury today acquitted John W. Hill, former chief of the filtration bureau, who was on trial charged with forgery and falsifying the records of his bureau for the benefit of a firm of contractors. Former Chief Hill shed tears of joy as his son Henry clasped him in a close embrace. For an hour Mr. Hill was the center of a struggling crowd, all anxious to grasp his hand and offer congratulations on his vindication. In addressing the jury when court opened today Judge Audenried said that in order to convict Mr. Hill the commonwealth would have to prove intent to defraud. There was no suppression of material facts by Mr. Hill in his recommendations to the director of public works for changes in the specifications. The commonwealth had not proved its charges of forgery and falsification of records and there was nothing to do but acquit the defendant.

The bills of indictment were then submitted to the jury and a verdict of not guilty was rendered. KANSAS CITY'S GAS ORDINANCE Company Given Right to Sell Natural Gas at Twenty-Five Cents Per Thousand.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—An ordinance granting a franchise to the Kansas City Gas company to supply gas for thirty years at 25 cents a thousand feet was passed by the upper house of the city council last night. The ordinance has already been passed by the lower house and Mayor Neff said today that he would sign it. An ordinance recently passed by the council, but vetoed by the mayor and declared unconstitutional by the courts, granted this company a similar ordinance, with the difference that it gave the grantees the right to return to the use of artificial gas at \$1 a thousand, in case the supply of the natural product should fail.

The present ordinance permits a return to the use of artificial gas at 70 cents a thousand. Experience is Sometimes a Dear Teacher. So many parents of young children do not realize the danger from cramp until they have had the experience of one awakened in their own home. To one awakened in the middle of the night by the peculiar rough cough and find their little one suffering from a fully developed attack of cramp and nothing to do but to call for help. A good remedy at hand is of incalculable value in a time like this and nothing better can be obtained than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been thoroughly tested in hundreds of cases and not only cures cramp, but when given as soon as the first symptoms appear it will prevent the attack. The fact that this remedy contains no narcotics makes it perfectly safe to give to the children. Have you friends? In the east? In the west? In the old country? Send them each a copy of the Jubilee Edition of The Bee. Advertise Omaha.

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