

CONFERENCE ON VENEZUELA.

A Long One Held Between Minister Bowen and Mr. Herbert.

DIPLOMATS VERY ACTIVE.

British and Italian Ambassadors and German Charge d'Affaires Also Discuss the Situation.

Washington, Jan. 25.—A long conference between Minister Bowen and Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, beginning at noon, followed by further conferences between Sir Michael, Senator Mayer de Planche, the Italian ambassador, and Count Quadt, the German charge d'affaires, indicated today the nature of the diplomatic activity in Washington today.

The negotiators declined to discuss the results of today's meeting, but general statements by them that the situation in Venezuela warrants hope of early relief.

A significant of what has been accomplished in the last 24 hours. By this time the London, Berlin and some foreign offices are in possession of Mr. Bowen's third proposition, stating the nature of the guaranty he is prepared to offer for Venezuela if his initial request is complied with and the blockade maintained by all the negotiators as to the nature of this guaranty.

Mr. Bowen has been advised by the German foreign office of the responsibility for the bombardment of the San Carlos fort. This explanation was that given by the Associated Press from Berlin.

Minister Bowen and also the state department are greatly impressed with the attitude of the representatives in the attitude of the allies throughout the present negotiations. While acting at all times under instructions from their superiors, they have expressed matters greatly by their straightforward manner of dealing with Venezuela's representative. This fact has especially appealed to the Washington officials, who, while not participating in the preliminaries, necessarily are vitally interested in their results.

Although Germany is sending a special envoy to conduct the negotiations for the blockade, Minister Bowen has taken the opportunity to express his absolute satisfaction with the manner in which Count Quadt has represented his government. The German charge, of course has been acting in accordance with instructions from Berlin, but the point was made today by Mr. Bowen and by officials of the Washington government that the activity of Germany's representative from the day of Bowen's arrival and the judgment she has shown have done much to aid in bringing about the ultimate solution of the trouble.

Tomorrow there will be conferences between all the negotiators, but no definite action is expected regarding the blockade before Tuesday or Wednesday. Throughout his negotiations here, Mr. Bowen has dealt separately with the German envoys, while they have kept in constant touch with one another. There has been no joint action on their part. The important fact was developed today that the triple alliance negotiators have agreed to accept the blockade simultaneously. This fact was learned tonight from a European diplomat who is acquainted with the details of the alliance, and explains the fruitless efforts made by Ambassador Meyer at Rome and Henry White, the American charge at London, as well as by Mr. Bowen, acting for Venezuela.

That Gold Spoon.

There are some men who seem to be favorites of fortune. They are industrious, cheerful workers, full of overflowing energy of splendid health, and success seems fairly to drop into their hands. It is of such as these that the less hardy and less successful man says in a recent issue of "The Golden Spoon." "That fellow was born with a gold spoon in his mouth."

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to secure the consent of at least one of the allies to lift the blockade. The iron-clad nature of the alliance already has been communicated to the state department by Charge White, and it is this fact which was responsible for the grave apprehension heretofore felt regarding the outcome of the diplomatic activity in Washington.

A favorable answer to Minister Bowen's last proposition, and it is the belief of all the negotiators, that the answer will be favorable, will mean the immediate withdrawal of all the blockading ships, while a declaration to accept the guaranty offered by Mr. Bowen must result in the continuance of the blockade by all three allies—Great Britain, Germany and Italy.

Minister Bowen feels very optimistic tonight of the future of the Venezuelan matter. He adheres to the belief expressed by him in the statement he gave out at midnight last night, that the case would be settled soon and satisfactorily. His latest proposition, the important feature of which is the matter of guaranty as a preliminary to the raising of the blockade, will be in the hands of all the allies by tomorrow afternoon, and Mr. Bowen thinks an answer might be received in Washington within a very few days, or possibly Tuesday.

Mr. Bowen declined tonight to discuss the announcement made by a Brussels newspaper to the effect that a commission appointed by the United States will be charged with the administration of the maritime customs in Venezuela. The inference drawn from his remarks was that while the statement as a whole was incorrect, yet there was an element of probability to some features of it.

"Didn't Know It Was Loaded." New York, Jan. 25.—Miss Elsie Heron, 20 years old, shot and seriously wounded her cousin, Lester Carroll, 14 years old, last night while she was visiting the family.

"I didn't know it was loaded," protested Miss Heron, when she was arrested. The girl took Lester upstairs to show him her father's new revolver. She pointed it at him in play. Just then the pistol went off and the bullet struck the boy in the chest. His chances of recovery are about even.

H. M. TELLER IS ELECTED.

He Will Succeed Himself in the U. S. Senate.

SENATOR WOLCOTT'S VIEW.

He Declines That the Assembly That Elected Teller Was Legally Constituted.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 24.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Democratic members of the senate and house of representatives of the fourteenth general assembly of Colorado cast their ballots, 11 in number, for Henry M. Teller to succeed himself as United States senator, and he was declared elected by President W. H. Adams, who presided. The result was reached after a week of untiring effort on the part of the Democratic leaders, during which many rumors of treachery had been circulated and many delays had occurred by reason of the absence from roll call of different members of the assembly. Since Monday morning the Democratic branch of the senate has been in practically continuous session and since Wednesday at noon the joint session of the Democratic members of both houses has been continuous.

From yesterday morning all the Democrats were ready to cast their ballots for Mr. Teller except Representative M. J. Madden of Denver. The absence of Mr. Madden was unaccounted for until this afternoon, when it was learned that he was at home ill with grip and had been forbidden to leave his house by his physician. In spite of his condition, however, he decided to attend this evening, and at the hour named was in his seat and cast his vote for Mr. Teller. There were no Republican members of either house present, and the legality of the election was not admitted by the Republican leaders.

The session today has been uneventful and when at 4:45 p. m., Representative Madden came into the senate chamber he was greeted with a burst of applause. This was renewed when on the roll call for a ballot he cast his vote for Mr. Teller and when the call was finished and the result announced the cheering was prolonged.

Senator Teller was escorted to the platform and expressed his thanks for the patient zeal of the friends which had won for him a victory. He was elected six years ago by a practically unanimous vote of the legislature, and he disclaimed the belief that any act of his since then had turned their sentiment of the people of Colorado against him. He said he expected to have to defend his seat against a contest by the Republicans. He denied that he had been threatened with treachery.

United States Senator Thomas M. Patterson followed in a speech in which he declared that the Democracy of the state is now more closely united than ever before. He declared that he did not think it likely that a contest would be made against Senator Teller. These speeches were followed by congratulatory remarks from former Governors Adams and Thomas C. J. Hughes, Jr., and T. J. O'Donnell, all of whom have been talked of as candidates for the senate, and Democratic State Chairman Milton Smith.

The joint session then adjourned.

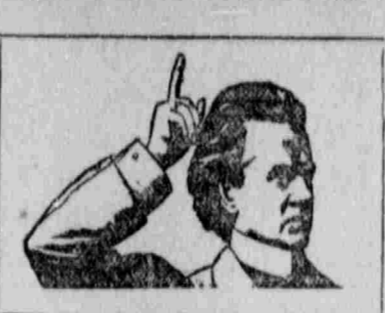
WOLCOTT'S VIEWS. Denver, Colo., Jan. 25.—The climax in the senatorial fight in Colorado came tonight when ex-Senator E. O. Wolcott, the candidate of the so-called "stalewart" wing of the Republican party, announced his practical withdrawal from any further contest and urged the people of Colorado to accept the situation as it stands by the election yesterday of Senator Henry M. Teller to succeed himself.

WHAT TELLER SAYS. Denver, Jan. 25.—Henry M. Teller, who was elected for his sixth term in the United States senate, speaking at a joint legislative session, in which only Democrats participated, left the city last night for his country place at Grand Junction, Gov. Peabody, who went to Canon City to spend the Sabbath at home, was a passenger on the same train. The two distinguished citizens met on the train and Gov. Peabody extended congratulations to the senator.

"My election, I feel sure, was perfectly legal and regular," said Senator Teller in conversation with friends, "for I succeeded in getting the majority vote of the house of representatives to sign a certificate for the governor and shall expect it, but if I fail to secure gubernatorial credentials, I shall be able to take my case before the senate nevertheless. When asked if he would sign a certificate of election for Senator Teller, Gov. Peabody replied, 'I will cross that bridge when I come to it.' It is understood, however, that the governor will be in no haste to act in the matter, but will allow the fullest time for the determination of all issues before he signs a certificate for any person. The Colorado senator's term does not begin until March 4, and he is not likely to need any certificates until Congress assemblies next September. Unless an extra session should be called, D. B. Farley, chairman of the Republican state committee, whose resignation has been demanded by a majority vote of the committee, in recognition of his opposition to the candidacy of E. O. Wolcott for the senate, has given out a statement declaring that the Republicans will not recognize Teller's election. "In my opinion," he said, "the election was illegal and no attention will be paid to it by the state central committee or either faction of the Republican party in congress or senate. The election is invalid for the reason that the proper officers did not preside over the joint session."

She Poisoned Her Parents. Corning, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Nelle Knizley, the 13-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Knizley, of this city, who was recently sent to the Susquehanna Valley home at Binghamton, has written home a confession that she had been systematically administering poison to her foster-parents, with the hope of killing them so that she could obtain their property. Mr. and Mrs. Knizley have been made very ill lately after their meals, and Mrs. Knizley is now gravely ill as a result of it. It is alleged that the poison taken into her system. At one time Mr. and Mrs. Knizley ate canned meat and were poisoned. Physicians attributed the illness to the canning. A neighbor informed the Knizleys that Nelle had told their daughter that when her foster-parents were dead she would have their property, and that she had given them a dose which should kill them. Mr. and Mrs. Knizley then recalled that the girl asked

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Heed himself by the joint session of the Democratic senate yesterday. The announcement was made in a signed statement in which Mr. Wolcott charges certain Republican leaders associated with the anti-Wolcott forces in the Republican ranks with treachery, deliberate, and continuous, although he disposes of others of the anti-Wolcott crowd by characterizing them as "dupes" of the main conspirators. He refers to the refusal of the anti-Wolcott members of the house to unseat the Democratic members from Arapahoe county, and calls it "a crime against the Republican party and against justice." Mr. Wolcott declared that Lieut.-Gov. Hagstott, when he withdrew from the senate chamber and with him a dozen senators whose seats were undisputed organized another senate, was assured of support by his associate in the state government, which support "fell away from him" however.

Continuing, Mr. Wolcott says: "There were three joint sessions of the general assembly. At the last one the Democrats voted for Teller. No other joint session had been held and no Republicans had voted in a joint session. The election of Mr. Teller was included with fraud: first in the trickery of adjournment by the Democrats of the house; second, in the arbitrary and fraudulent expulsion of two legally elected senators. There is, however, no other legally constituted senate, as might have been held but for this conspiracy (referring to the alleged combination between Democrats and anti-Wolcott Republicans), and it is now the duty of the people to elect a new senate by the people of Colorado against him. He said he expected to have to defend his seat against a contest by the Republicans. He denied that he had been threatened with treachery.

University of New York. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The 116th annual report of the regents of the university of the state of New York shows that during 1902, institutions of higher education including professional, technical and other special schools reported 34,363 students and a total net property of \$2,931,575.

Castro's Troops Deported. New York, Jan. 25.—President Castro's troops have been defeated by the Venezuelan revolutionists in an important battle about 40 miles west of Puerto Cabello, says a dispatch to the Herald from Willemstad, island of Curacao. Scattered bodies of the defeated Cuban soldiers are arriving in Puerto Cabello. Their commanding general was captured by the revolutionists.

To Study Union Iron Works. San Francisco, Jan. 25.—A. C. Gary, treasurer of the United Shipbuilding company, has arrived here from the east. He says he has come to join President Lewis Nixon and some of the other officials of the big shipbuilding combine for the purpose of making a thorough inspection of the Union Iron Works and studying its shipbuilding facilities. Incidentally they will attend the annual meeting of the Union Iron Works, which is to be held this week.

Congo Free State Scheme. New York, Jan. 25.—The king of the Belgians has said a private visit to London in furtherance of a new scheme for the better government of the Congo Free State, a London dispatch to the Tribune says. It is reported to be his intention to introduce a strong British element into the administration of that colony. King Leopold, it is believed, has taken this step as a means of weakening the growing demands for an international inquiry into the true state of affairs in the Congo Free State, but it is not surprising to learn that the wish to strengthen his administration by a few competent Englishmen has created much indignation in Brussels.

A NEW BOER TREK. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain Starts One. London, Jan. 25.—Col. Secy. Chamberlain started on Saturday on an interesting wagon trek from Potchefstroom to Mafeking, accompanied by the Chamberlain, Dr. Arthur Hodge, Maj.-Gen. Baden-Powell and others. Relays of mules had been arranged to enable the party to travel at about 10 miles an hour. There was a picturesque scene outside of Ventersdorp, 31 miles northwest of Potchefstroom. A commando of Boers met the party and escorted it into the town. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Chamberlain. The colonial secretary was conducted to the house of the landrost, and the commando of Boers drew up in a half circle outside. Soon after Gen.

them who would get their property if they both died. After they had become ill again they discovered that a package of rat poison had disappeared. They accused Nellie of putting poison in their food, but she had protested that she was eating the same food that they were.

Anglo-German Alliance Unpopular. New York, Jan. 25.—The Anglo-German alliance becomes more unpopular every day, according to a dispatch from London to the Tribune. Rightly or wrongly, the feeling is growing that the Berlin government is doing its best to involve England in a quarrel with America. It is difficult to say what will be the outcome of the San Carlos incident.

Died in Church. Elizabeth N. J., Jan. 25.—While the services were in progress in Christ Church here yesterday, the congregation was startled by hearing a loud moan and seeing John Rowland Moorehead, one of the oldest communicants, fall back in his pew. He died in the vestibule of the church a few minutes later. Heart disease was the cause. Mr. Moorehead was in his eighty-third year, and came to Elizabeth over a quarter of a century ago, from Pittsfield, Mass.

Nurse Training System Inquiry. New York, Jan. 25.—Official inquiry is to be made of charges against the nurse training system in Bellevue hospital, says the Standard. A nurse, who recently resigned, and who, in an affidavit, said that man nurses were in the habit of giving poisonous drugs to patients in order to prolong their lives until after the close of period of duty of the nurses in attendance. The alleged object of this procedure was to shift the duty of "looking out" the bodies. Other grave irregularities are also charged.

The nurses make general denial of Boas' charges, but their work is too hard. One nurse, they assert, some times has from 15 to 25 patients to take care of during the night, and these patients have to be watched closely.

Fort San Carlos Blown Up. New York, Jan. 25.—Persons in close touch with the blockading forces say, according to the Herald's Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, correspondent that Fort San Carlos, which commands the entrance to Lake Maracibo, has been captured by the Germans and been blown up. They also report that the German sunbat Panther has been disabled and is being towed to sea, Curacao.

To Cross Sea in Small Boat. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 25.—"Eric the Red" will be the name of a boat built here for a clergyman, who plans to sail from here across the Atlantic to his old home in Norway. The owner is somewhat advanced in years, but was a sailor when young. His name is withheld for the present by Capt. C. W. Foster, who is building the boat.

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Delaney arrived and was received by Mr. Chamberlain. After the presentation of an address of welcome Mr. Chamberlain made a speech to the commando, in which he congratulated the Boers on being the commander of so great and gallant a man as Gen. Delaney. The colonial secretary continued: "I hope he is my friend, and I hope you are all my friends. We fought a good battle and there is nothing to be ashamed of on either side."

Alaskan Boundary Treaty Signed. New York, Jan. 25.—Hardly any attention has been paid to the announcement that the Alaskan boundary treaty has been signed, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. The Daily Telegraph, however, says there will be universal satisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic at the prospect of eliminating the last ground for disagreement between England and America. The announcement comes at a most opportune moment, for it ought to convince the most stubborn, that as far as these two countries are concerned, if a certain number of what the German chancellor calls "Achivi" have lost their balance, the "Regees," at least, have kept their heads.

To Form Trunk Combine. New York, Jan. 25.—It is announced that a meeting of trunk manufacturers will be held in this city tomorrow with a view of forming a combine. The meeting is the result of a proposition recently made to western men to form one general association instead of two. The manufacturers of trunk supplies have asked to be allowed to come into the combine, the capitalization of which will be \$20,000,000.

Beecher Memorial Plans. New York, Jan. 25.—Among the suggestions being considered in connection with the Beecher memorial is one to place in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, a series of 18 stained glass windows to typify the struggle for religious and political liberty, and commemorate great leaders in the movement. Some of the scenes suggested would be Savonarola preaching religious liberty, Martin Luther posting his defiance of Rome on the door of his church, and in the French revolution, Patrick Henry exclaiming, "Give me liberty or give me death." The windows, which will be in Lincoln at Gettysburg. Stained glass experts express the opinion that the broad stained windows would be admirably adapted to pictorial treatment.

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\$500.00. CONGRESSMAN MONTAGUE LESSLER, WHO SAYS THAT AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO BRIBE HIM.

THE house committee on naval affairs is investigating the charge that Representative Montague Lessler of New York, one of the members of the naval committee, had been approached with a bribe of \$5,000 for his support of a proposition looking to an appropriation for additional submarine torpedo boats. Lessler is the young State Island congressman who defeated Perry Belmont. He is only thirty-four years of age.

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