

VENEZUELA HAS NEW GOVERNMENT

Gomez. Whom Castro Left in Charge Before Departing for Europe. Establishes One.

OLD MINISTRY IS REPLACED

Strict Censorship Maintained but All Venezuela is Said to be in a Great Ferment.

Port of Spain, Dec. 21.—Vice President J. Vicente Gomez, to whom Gen. Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He has replaced the old ministry with a new body of men who represent various factions in the state, and who have figured prominently in various ways in the country's political history.

Not only has Dr. Jose de Jesus Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in Castro's suite abroad, also has been removed from his official position as minister of education. Gen. Diego Ferren, the minister of war, has been superseded by Gen. Rodolfo Olivares, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

Secret advices from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro sailed, and that the crisis was reached a few days ago, when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps.

The revolutionary factions played a prominent part in the demonstrations against the absent president. These were temporarily checked by a show of force, and later the revolutionary influence that threatened to sweep the country was overcome in a measure by promises that could not be held long in abeyance.

The establishment of a new government in Venezuela has been expected daily and it is probable that it was the outcome of the demands which began almost the day that Castro sailed for Europe.

Before leaving, Castro, in proclaiming Vice President Gomez his temporary successor, said to the nation: "Surround him and lend your co-operation to the fulfillment of his mission, as if it were I myself, and you will have done your duty."

In the same proclamation President Castro gave utterance to what might be taken as a farewell message: "The Venezuelan nation is already on the road to true prosperity and greatness because of the strict fulfillment of obligations and the condition of the revenues; and because of the state of peace which we enjoy and which it is your duty to maintain that my work may endure."

On Dec. 14 the people of Caracas arose against Castro. They tore down the statues and pictures of the president and burned them in the public places; they wrecked buildings and applied the torch, sweeping through the city and gathering strength and fury with every new act of violence.

Gomez was far from secure. It was brought forcibly home to him that he must either withdraw from the office or cast aside those of Castro's ministers who still were trying to force the Castro rule upon the people. Apparently he chose the latter course. He first declared the country in a state of defense, thereby securing control of the army, and then appointed a new cabinet.

On several other occasions when Castro has turned over the government to Vice President Gomez it was freely predicted that Gomez would succeed

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Castro as president of the republic. He had many supporters in the anti-Castro party, chief among those in favor of his candidacy being Gen. Arango, the former minister of war, who worked earnestly to place Gomez in power.

WASHINGTON VIEWS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—That a new cabinet in Venezuela may have an important bearing on the relations of that country with the United States is the opinion of state department officials. This depends, however, on the constitution of the new body and whether the vice president and the element composing the cabinet are willing and anxious to resume diplomatic negotiations with the United States.

The elimination from the new cabinet of those who were closely affiliated with Castro's rule is gratifying to the officials here, who hope that under the new order some progress may be made toward adjudicating the claims of the United States against Venezuela, which have been pending for so long a time. If Venezuela, under the new dispensation, shows a disposition to resume diplomatic relations with the United States, the state department would lend its aid in that direction without hesitation. It prefers to be on friendly terms with our South American neighbors. For these reasons the appointment of a new cabinet may have an important bearing on the relations between the two governments.

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CARNEGIE GIVES AN ENTERTAINMENT

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THE STEEL TRUST.

Mr. Carnegie said that the Union Iron mills, which started originally with a capital of \$7,500,000 was later consolidated with the Edgar Thompson steel works, being the Carnegie Brothers and Co. Thus Mr. Carnegie brought together his iron and steel business.

"My partners, young partners, received an offer for the mills to convert them into this great new company, consolidated with the others. I sent my cousin out to Pittsburgh, who was a partner himself, to ask the young men if they were all in favor of making this change; that if they were I would acquiesce because I had made up my mind when I was young that I would never spend my old age grubbing for more dollars. I said to those young men, 'I will do whatever you wish,' and they all wished to sell out. Now I had nothing whatever to do with the negotiations. They made their bargain and came to me and asked what I would sell for, and I said I would sell for the same amount of bonds as they were to receive, 7 per cent preferred stock. You see they were continuing in the business and they took 7 per cent stock, and I took 5 per cent bonds. Then they got \$1,500,000 more of common stock and I declined to take any common stock because I thought it was water."

COCKRAN'S QUESTIONS.

"I regarded water as not a thing financially to be used as a beverage." "Well, I was satisfied with the bonds." Mr. Carnegie here said that he could have got the common stock in addition to the bonds.

You have asked the committee to be careful about going after specific facts on which to fix their tariff legislation," explained Mr. Cockran, "I thought it important for the purpose of getting the exact facts in considering possible tariff legislation to show how this company has grown from a very small beginning to the stupendous amount of \$1,700,000,000 as the value fixed by Mr. Gary.

"First of all I wanted to find out how much the company is paying, how much it was sold for, and how much of that and then I was in hopes I could find the corresponding growth of the other companies and get an idea of what the profits on steel might be."

"If you wanted to get the steel corporation to tell you the cost of everything, go to them and get it," responded Mr. Carnegie.

"The only difficulty is that we have the same difficulty with every one that we have with you. The moment it touches information exclusively within your control you do not care to give it, and the committee has that difficulty all the time." "Because I am no longer in steel, I have retired," Mr. Carnegie said resignedly. "I have no interest in the United States Steel company, because that is what you are talking about. I have not a dollar in it except bonds. And I have never bought a share of the stock," continued Mr. Carnegie, "and I have never bought a share of stock on the New York stock exchange in my life, or sold a share of stock on the New York stock exchange."

Mr. Cockran asked if the decrease in the price of steel was a commodity has been accompanied by an equally steady increase in the rate of wages. "I hardly think so," replied Mr. Carnegie. "I would not be prepared to endorse that."

DAIZELL OBJECTED.

Representative Daizell objected to Mr. Cockran's questions. "I want to ask a question to see whether or not I understand your testimony," he said to Mr. Carnegie. "Your opinion that steel can be put on the free list is not based on any figured cost, but on broad general principles, taking into account that we do not import much steel, and we do export some steel, and taking into account also the great resources of the country and the business prosperity of our people." "As I understand you, that is your position. Do I state it correctly?" "Yes, that is true," affirmed the witness. "There had been a general consensus of opinion among steel men that the tariff was a back number. I have heard the remark—"

"I thought I understood you. I am glad to have you continue my understanding," agreed Mr. Daizell, apparently pleased with the reply.

GARRY'S COMMENT.

New York, Dec. 21.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation directors, after reading the testimony of Andrew Carnegie, before the ways and means committee, tonight said that while his figures had been contradicted by Mr. Carnegie, they were nevertheless accurately computed as to the cost of steel production.

"The figures that I gave the ways and means committee with reference to the production of steel are absolutely accurate," said Judge Gary. "It is too serious a matter to give information on so important a topic that may be wrong or misleading. When I told the committee what it cost per ton to produce steel, I told them what I know to be the truth, and the truth based upon careful investigation as well as complete knowledge and experience in connection with the steel business."

"I realize the importance of the hearing. I certainly did not testify falsely. I had a full comprehension of what was being sought by Congress. I gave the information I did according as I know and believed it to be true." "I do not want to criticize Mr. Carnegie. He is a fine man and able. I really do not think he meant what he said in his reference to me. Just his way of saying something in a certain mood. I will not enter into any discussion of what he said. I can only repeat that my figures are accurate. I shall say nothing more than this."

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