

COLOMBIAN TROOPS CONCENTRATING

Evident Intention is to March
Them Into Panama and Attempt
To Subjugate It.

UNITED STATES WILL STEP IN

Will Maintain New Republic's Independence Against All Comers.

PROTECTED ZONE TO BE ENLARGED

Will Include Entire Territory of Panama—Sound Military Policy Requires This.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Versailles, which has arrived here from Savanilla, reports that Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men from Cartagena, near the mouth of the Atrato river (on the gulf of Darien), to open a way through the Darien mountains into Panama. Other troops from the department of Cauca, Colombia, are said to be converging on Panama and from all parts of Colombia troops are reported to be

IN WASHINGTON.

Dr. Herran, Colombian Charge
And Gen. Reyes Have No News.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, today authorized the statement that if troops

from Cartagena have landed near the mouth of Atrato river, as reported by the French steamer, which has arrived at La Guayra, it is directly in opposition to the advices of both himself and Gen. Reyes.

REYES' FIRST INFORMATION.

Gen. Reyes stated that the La Guayra steamer, which arrived at the mouth of the Atrato river, reported that the French steamer, which has arrived at La Guayra, it is directly in opposition to the advices of both himself and Gen. Reyes.

his dispatch was the first information he had received of the reported movement of the Colombian troops. He

declared, however, that if it is true as stated, that such movement has taken place, it was without any order from him. Upon coming to Washington, as the special representative of

The Colombian government, Gen. Reyes temporarily relinquished the command of the Colombian army, the duties falling upon Gen. Castro, second in command. Gen. Reyes confirmed the statement recently made by Admiral Coghlan in a report to the navy department that prior to his departure for Washington he gave instructions to the Colombian troops to make no hostile demonstration until he was heard from, and said that these troops were

now awaiting orders, which, however would not come from him direct, but from the government at Bogota. Asked as to the probable length of his stay in the United States, he replied that it was indefinite. He would, he said, hold another conference with the

UNITED STATES' STAND.
The general has been fully informed by the president himself as to the intentions of the government of the United States respecting the Isthmus. He was told by the president that as we

was today the president's message to Congress the United States has determined to maintain the independence of the new republic of Panama against all comers. While this guarantee is

contained in a treaty now pending before the United States senate and as yet unratified, the administration hopes for some time past been acting upon the theory that the treaty is in full force. Therefore, all necessary preparations have been made to exert whatever physical force may be necessary to protect the isthmian transit.

ENLARGED PROTECTED ZONE.

And instead of confining the military and naval operations to the narrow strip of the right of way across the isthmus, it has been decided that sound military policy requires 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

News has reached Washington of the reported movement of Colombian troops towards the isthmus but the reports come in a roundabout manner and throw doubt on their reliability. The point of 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 Bogotá, which in turn will depend on the reports made to the Colombian government by the first Reyes and by the two

A current report is to the effect the Colombian naval vessels are participating in the movement toward the isthmus.

rus, but it is said at the navy department that they are so insignificant in power and size that the smallest of the warships on the east side of the east side of the isthmus could speedily terminate their activity.

SHOT AND KILLED.

Man Mistaken for a Strike Breaker and Likely Slain by Pickets.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Mistaken for

John Ouschowski, a trunkmaker, has been shot and killed. The crime is attributed by the police to union pickets of the striking tanners of the American Hide and Leather company, whose principal plant is located a block from the site of the shooting. No arrests have been made.

The district has been turbulent since the tanners' strike began a month ago. One man was shot soon after the trouble began. Pickets have surrounded

The police found in Ouschowski's pockets a certificate of deposit for \$1,000, \$50 in money and a gold watch. The victim left eight children and a widow, who have practically nothing but the money mentioned above. Ouschowski was a member of the

Trunk and Bag Makers' Union.

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