

REVOLUTION AT PANAMA PEACEFUL.

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ORIGIN OF THE MOVEMENT.

Dates From Rejection of Hay-Herran Treaty—Was Not Unexpected—Interest of United States in Same.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 4.—Without firing of a shot and amid scenes of great enthusiasm the independence of the isthmus was not unexpected. From Sunday last all kinds of rumors had been in circulation, but it was not until Tuesday night that the hour so long looked forward to by the inhabitants of Panama and two days previously groups of people had gathered about the town discussing the situation, which caused alarm upon the part of the authorities and the houses of Dr. Emmanuel Amador, Joseph Arango and Frederico Boyd and other leaders of the popular movement were watched by police, but when word of their departure went out and out of these residences issued their orders and their plans were carried out. It was at first arranged that the revolution should take place at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, when a telegram was received from Colon, announcing that Gen. Tovar, with a detachment of 500 troops, had landed from Sagua on the cruiser Cartagena, some of the revolutionaries became disengaged and it seemed likely that the movement would collapse.

The more determined leaders of the revolutionists, however, called on Dr. Amador and urged taking no action at the time, but instead postponing the uprising. But Dr. Amador was full of enthusiasm and would not listen to any proposals to postpone the outbreak until later than Tuesday evening. This was the situation throughout the afternoon of Tuesday, when all the revolutionists were anxiously awaiting for orders from Dr. Amador. Gen. Tovar and Gen. Arango who arrived with a farmer from Colon, the governor of Panama and others were aware of the situation and they went to the headquarters of the battalion of the Colombian garrison here believing they could prevail on the soldiers not to take part in the revolution. The revolutionists waited up to proclaim the independence, but a change occurred in the plans and word was sent to Santa Ana, where over 2,000 men had congregated, for the revolutionists to disperse until 7 p.m., but they were already marching toward the Plaza Chiriqui, cheering enthusiastically for the independence of the isthmus.

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Nashville if he guarantees to maintain order. This proposal was tonight accepted by Col. Torres.

The British consul has suggested that if requested a contingent of troops will be sent to Colon from the British cruiser, Amphion, now at Panama. It is believed that the Nashville will be hardly sufficient for all emergencies. It is reported that the United States gunboat Dixie will soon arrive here. Public alarm in Colon is now somewhat abated.

The act of independence has just been signed at Panama.

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four squares. The first upper square to the left is blue. The first lower square to the left is white with a blue star in the center. The second upper square is white with a red star in its center, and the second lower square is white.

The cause of the revolution may be briefly summed up as being the result of the action of the congress of Colombia at Bogota in rejecting the Hay-Herran canal treaty. The Panamanians are almost unanimous in favor of the construction of the canal by the United States and it has been agreed that the United States will be invited to the meeting of congress that Panama would secede if the treaty was rejected, and would probably come to terms with the United States for the building of the great Isthmian waterway.

The revolutionary committee is composed of Jose Augustin Arjona, Frederico Boyd and Tomas Arias, who have charge of the government. The composition of the provisional cabinet is as follows:

Minister of the government, Eusebio Morales.

Minister of finance, Dr. Emmanuel Amador.

Minister of foreign relations, F. V. Della Espriella.

Minister of public instruction, N. Victoria.

Minister of justice, Carlos Mendoza.

Minister of war and marine, De Obarrio Jr.

The proclamation of the independence of the isthmus will be formally made at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of the president of the Colombian forces and the civil government of that place.

Later in the day it became known that Dr. Amador late last night offered to allow Gov. Tovar to return with his troops now at Colon disarmed to Cartagena, but Tovar refused. The prisoner is enjoying all the privileges possible.

Dr. Amador was in conference yesterday with government generals, the officer who is in command of the government warship Bogota sent an ultimatum to the revolutionists, giving them three hours in which to restore the Colombian government, the time to expire at 10 p.m. yesterday, but before receiving an answer the revolutionists had already taken control of Panama.

The grave reports from Panama are being given the most serious attention of the officials here, owing to the number of French property interests in the isthmus, but thus far the government has not taken action, as it does not consider that the revolutionary movement seriously imperils French personal or property rights. An official pointed out that if any of these rights were violated by the uprising, as the independence of Panama cannot become effective until the powers recognize the newly established sovereignty.

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