

VENEZUELA ASKS EQUAL TREATMENT

For All Creditor Nations in Europe
And America.

FRANCE REMAINS FIRM.

Wants to Retire Her Right of Dis-
cretion Collection—New Proposition
Submitted to the Allies.

Caracas, Feb. 1.—In reply to Minister
Bowen's inquiry as to what Venezuela
wishes to do regarding the demands
for preferential treatment made by the
United States, President Castro has tele-
graphed:

"The Venezuelan government desires
equal treatment for all the creditor
nations in Europe and America, keep-
ing in mind, in this respect, its diplomatic
obligations and anterior stipulations."
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NEW PROPOSITIONS.

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volving a compromise of the allied
contention for preferential treatment
in the settlement of their claims
against Venezuela have been
submitted to the governments of Great
Britain, Germany and Italy by their
representatives at Washington, and
no answers have been received.

At yet there is reason for the belief
that the allies will see a way to ac-
cept the latest proposition. This com-
promise has been suggested by one of
the representatives of the allies here,
and while it has not formally received
the endorsement of Minister Bowen, it
is not that he will not enter serious
negotiations to its adoption provided the
United States and the other claimant
nations are not prejudiced in principle.

The details of the proposition now
under consideration by the three al-
lies are not obtainable, but in gen-
eral way it is understood to be
modification of the allies' contention
that they be recognized as Venezuela's
creditors in the payment of the
loan for a short period, perhaps
months or a year. Great Britain,
Germany and Italy shall receive ex-
actly 25 per cent of the customs
duties on the ports of Porto Cabello
and La Guayra and that at the end
of the period, the exact length of
which is yet open to decision, all the
claims nations be placed on the same
basis and at the expiration of that
time the 25 per cent of the receipts of
the two ports be divided among all
claimant nations in ratio based on
amount of each nation's claim.

The plan is regarded as a compro-
mise which will enable the allies to
obtain their share of the Venezuelan
resources.

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That Gold Spoon.

There are some men who seem to be
favorites of fortune. They are indus-
trious, cheerful workers, full of over-
flowing 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 success-
ful man says enviously:

"That fellow
was born with a
gold spoon in
his mouth."
And yet, on
analysis it will
be found that
this success is
largely due to
splendid health, the endowment of a
healthy mother.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives
the mother health to give her child.
It cures nervousness, nausea and sleep-
lessness. It makes the body comfortable and
the mind content. It gives physical
vigor and muscular elasticity so that the
baby's advent is practically painless.

"I will endeavor to tell you of the many
benefits I have derived from taking Dr. Pierce's
Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. B. E. Roberts,
son of Medicine Lodge, Barber Co., Kan. "In
the fall of 1901, I was expecting to become a
mother and suffered terribly with pains in the
back of head; in fact I ached all over. Suffered
with aching-down pains; I was threatened
with weeks with mishap. A lady friend
told me to use Dr. Pierce's medicine. She had
taken them and felt like a new woman. I began
using the 'Favorite Prescription' and took four
bottles before my baby came and two after-
wards I suffered almost death with my other
two children, but hardly realized that I was
sick when this baby was born and she weighed
eleven months old and has never known an
hour's sickness; at present she weighs thirty-
seven pounds. I owe it all to Dr. Pierce's
'Favorite Prescription.'"

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak
women strong, and sick women well.
Accept no substitute for this medicine
which works wonders for weak women.
Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the
most desirable laxative for delicate
women.

waters without a serious loss of pres-
tige. Whether the claimant nations out-
side the tripartite agreement will as-
sent to this scheme, is not yet known.
The British ambassador called by ap-
pointment on Secy. Hay this afternoon
and it is believed that some such plan as
this is under discussion, the British am-
bassador wishing to acquaint himself with the
exact attitude of the United States regard-
ing Lord Lansdowne's contention for
preferential treatment for the allies.

France has it in her power to con-
tinue the present deadlock in the
Washington negotiations, but she has
been hampered here in that it has
closed all the Venezuelan ports to com-
merce and has prevented for the time
being the collection of the 13 per cent
of the receipts pledged her by treaty.
It is the hope of the representatives
of the allies at Washington that in case
their governments accept in principle
the kind of compromise suggested they
will not insist that the period for pre-
ferential payments be made so long as
to prevent its acceptance by the other
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Mayor Des Planches, paid an informal
call on Mr. Bowen this afternoon to as-
sure the latter that the representatives
of the allies still were communicating
with their governments and hoped to
present an answer in a few days. Sig-
nor Mayor Des Planches afterward
called at the British embassy.

Minister Bowen returned the call of
Baron von Sternberg at 4 o'clock this
afternoon and remained for some time
discussing the situation. The German
minister also received a call from the
British ambassador today. The Ger-
man minister has called at length to
Berlin stating his personal views on
the situation. It is not believed that
he is averse to an acceptance in prin-
ciple of Mr. Bowen's proposition.

To Improve British Consular System

New York, Feb. 2.—A matter which
is now engaging the earnest attention
of the British board of trade, says the
Tribune's London correspondent, is the
question of improving the consular
service, and the system under which
British commercial attaches and agents
are appointed to foreign countries. This
is understood to be the first move in
an attempt to bring the country's pub-
lic system relating to trade and com-
merce more in accord with the wishes
and interests of business men generally.
Evidently the intention is for a minister
of commerce to be appointed.

Castro's Troops Defeated.

New York, Feb. 2.—President Cas-
tro's troops have, says the correspond-
ent of the Herald at Willemstad, Island
of Curacao, met with defeat at the
hands of the Venezuelan revolution-
ists at a point 40 miles south of Car-
acas.

May Absorb Union Iron Works.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Max Pam of
New York, chairman of the United States
committee of the United States Ship-
building company, has arrived here to
join President Lewis Nixon and other
officials of the United States Ship-
building company, who have come to in-
spect the plant of the Union Iron Works,
which is owned by the corporation. He
says that he does not think there will
be any consolidation between the United
States Shipbuilding company and the
United States Steel company.

"Spy Oak" Condemned as Unsafe.

New York, Feb. 2.—"Spy Oak," said
to be the largest tree in New York
state, standing on the Polaris road,
Westchester, has been condemned as
unsafe, and will probably soon be cut
down, it having become hollow and in
danger of falling.

King Visits Duke of Devonshire.

New York, Feb. 2.—The King and
Queen visited the Duke of Devonshire
and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth,
says a dispatch from London to the
Tribune. There is probably no other
house in the United Kingdom, where
royalty is received with so little trou-
ble or preparation inasmuch as a
complete set of magnificent state apart-
ments is kept for this very purpose.
Much of the furniture, completely reor-
ganized, is of exceptional interest, and came
to the former dukes of Devonshire as gifts
or perquisites of office. Thus, the state
bed is that in which George II died, and
the chairs and footstool served at the
coronation of George III, while the
state music room contains magnificent
chairs used at the coronation of Wil-
liam IV.

Mansfield Buys the Amorita.

Boston, Feb. 2.—The schooner yacht
Amorita has been sold for Mr. Thomas
McKee of Pittsburgh to Mr. Richard
Mansfield, the actor.

DENSE FOG IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—A dense fog which
settled down over Chicago last night
was the cause of the probably fatal
shooting of one man, the wounding of
another, and a number of accidents in
different parts of the city.

A collision of pedestrians, which the
victims say was due to the fog led to
the shooting. Patrick Walsh, who was
probably fatally wounded, and his com-
panion, Patrick Nolan, slightly wound-
ed, were walking with whom they col-
lided at Fulton and North Halsted
streets. The assailant escaped in the
fog without pursuit.

The fog seriously impeded all traffic.
Even in the downtown district the at-
mosphere was so misty that motormen
were unable to see their way.

Yellow Fever Aboard the Bernard
New York, Feb. 1.—There was one
death from yellow fever on board the
Booth line steamer Bernard which
arrived here this afternoon from
Panama and Barbados. Charles W.
Caine, the ship's steward, was taken
sick on Jan. 21, after leaving Panama,
and died on the 23rd. The patient
showed marked symptoms of yellow
fever. Caine was buried at sea the
same day. He was a native of Liver-
pool and 54 years of age. When the
Bernard reached quarantine, Capt. Cox-
on stated that two of the members of
the crew were ill, they had been sick
since Jan. 25, but were in a fair way to
recovery. Both men were removed to
Swineholm island in hospital for treat-
ment. The steamer will be thoroughly
disinfected.

NEW RUSSIAN CUSTOMS.

The Increase in Rates Is From 50
To 100 Per Cent.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—The Novo-
Vremya publishes an article in which
it analyzes the new Russian customs
tariff which was promulgated Jan. 28.
The paper says the increase in rates
over the existing tariff is 50 per cent
for the great majority of imports and
over 100 per cent for many groups,
among the latter being delicatessen
and various manufactures of wool,
leather and metals. The tariff, it con-
tinues, is characterized by a more de-
tailed differentiation whereby the low-
er-priced articles are taxed less than the
higher priced ones.

A. T. STEWART'S WILL.

It is Again Ordered Opened for
Contest.
New York, Feb. 1.—By an order
granted by Judge Leventritt, in the
supreme court, the will of A. T. Ste-
wart has again been opened for con-
test. The old documents are to be sub-
mitted.



KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY AND CROWN PRINCE
GUSTAF, WHO IS NOW REGENT.

OWING to the ill health of King Oscar Crown Prince Gus-
tave regency of Sweden and Norway. King Oscar II. is seventy-four
years of age and has been king since 1872. Crown Prince Gus-
tave Adolf, duke of Wermland, is forty-four years old and has been regent
temporarily before.

and cab drivers experienced difficulty in
avoiding accidents. Further out, ex-
traordinary caution was necessary to
avoid collisions. Street cars moved
slower than usual and elevated trains
also were delayed.

To Complete East River Tunnel.

New York, Feb. 2.—After lying idle
for 10 years the tunnel under the East
river between Forty-second street,
Manhattan, and Long Island City will
probably soon be resumed to completion.
Plans for the tunnel are all ready, and
the work could begin today, according
to the engineer. The New York and
Long Island Railroad company, owner
of the franchise, completely reorgani-
zed, has been studying the question of
resuming the work for a year. New
plans are completed and practically all
preparations have been made for a con-
tinuation of the long delayed project.

STANDARD OIL DOINGS.

Vienna, Feb. 1.—It is reported that
the Standard Oil company is making
an investigation into the conditions
prevailing at the oil fields of Galicia
with a view to purchasing the entire
properties. American experts are now
at Borslav, an important petroleum
center in Galicia, conferring with the
owners. The price named is \$10,000,000,
but this is exclusive of some of the
largest oil wells. The Standard Oil
company's trade in Germany was re-
cently suffered by the competition of
Galician oil; the enormous production
in Galicia causing prices to fall to the
lowest point. The Standard company,
the largest oil producer in the world,
yesterday reported a loss of \$163,000
on last year's workings.

Phipps Makes Gift to India.

Calcutta, Feb. 1.—Henry Phipps, di-
rector of the Carnegie Steel company,
who is traveling in India, has handed
to Lord Curzon \$100,000 to be devoted to
some practical object or to scientific re-
search that promises to be of enduring
benefit to India.

Six Persons Drowned.

Vicksburg, Miss., Feb. 1.—Two cars
from a westbound freight train broke
away at the incline of the Queen &
Crescent railroad here tonight and
rushing down the grade, plunged into
the river. One was a combination
freight and immigration car, and it is
stated that it contained a family of six
persons bound from points in eastern
Alabama for Arkansas, all of whom
were drowned.

ARMS FOR MILITIA.

Washington, Feb. 1.—In accordance
with the terms of the militia law
recently passed by Congress, the en-
tire citizenry of the country is to be
supplied with the regular army ser-
vice rifle. The state militia organiza-
tions aggregate approximately 115,000
men nearly double the number in the
regular army establishment. They will
be furnished their new arms as rapidly
as they can be manufactured by the
national armory at Springfield, Mass.

RHODES' SCHOLARSHIP.

Eugene H. Lehman, Yale '02, Gets
First American One.
New York, Feb. 2.—The first Cecil
Rhodes scholarship in Oxford awarded
to an American has been given to Eu-
gene H. Lehman, a Yale graduate of
the class of 1902. He is the son of
the late Morris Lehman, a wholesale
tobacco dealer of Pueblo, Colo.

A. T. STEWART'S WILL.

It is Again Ordered Opened for
Contest.
New York, Feb. 1.—By an order
granted by Judge Leventritt, in the
supreme court, the will of A. T. Ste-
wart has again been opened for con-
test. The old documents are to be sub-
mitted.

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