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His Offer at Arbitration Does

No Guarantee That It Would Lead to Anything Definite.

Something More Than Word of Unreliable Venezuela Is Necessary.

mainst a recurrence of acts which led to the present situation."

The Foreign office appears to be without official cognizance of the attitude of the Washington Government, although it is convinced unofficially that Washington is anxious that further hostilities be avoided. It is known that the Foreign office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would be willing to guarantee the fulfilling of Venezuela's pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action or pending the award of arbitration. This inquiry resulted in a direct negative from the United States. With the guarantee of the United States, With the guarantee of the United States the Foreign office says arbitration in the Venezuelam matters would be an immediate probability, but with only the word of a government hitherto unreliable, arbitration is difficult of accomplishing, even upon the mit of such a method of settlement. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Under Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made by Great Britain to refer the dispute with Venezuela to arbitration.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hay's note exempting United States ships from certain restrictions of the Venezuelan block.

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Berlin, Dec. 16.—Secretary Hay's note exempting United States ships from certain restrictions of the Venezuelan blockade is favorably received by the German Government. The Foreign office trears the matter as not raising any essential difficulty, and as being within essential difficulty, and as being within precedent, since U. S. Sherman made a precedent, since U. S. Sherman made a status of United status of United States of United Cable Board, is on his way to Bamfield Cable Board.

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Shortly.

REY COUNCIL NOTES

The application of D. G. Macdonell to the council for a telephone franchise assic measures. When the reply came was found to be not only a rejection all Italy's demands, but its tone was fieldly displeasing, and it was therefore to follow suit with a start Britain and join in callied naval demonstrations. There one Italian vessel now at La Guayra, d two more understood to have sailed lay for Venezuela waters from Naples, far as Secretary Hay's proposal to

siderably in excess of those of Great Britain, and the course of the Rome Government in not acting hastly in the matter has commended itself to the State Department.

Before leaving this morning, the Italian ambassador gave Secretary Hay every assurance that his Government wished to act strictly in accordance with President Roosevelt's interpretation of the Mouroe doctrine. One of the comforting features of the day's developments, to the official mind, was the reception of an intimation that so far as Great Britain was concerned, she was disposed to accept the view of the State Department here as to the limitations for a "peaceful blockade," that is to say, the disposition is to avoid interference with neutral shipping which however must not give actual aid to the Venezuelan Referendum must not give actual aid to the Venezu

must not give actual aid to the Venezue-lan Government.

There is more reason to believe that at present there is a difference of opin-ion between the allies relative to the blockade, and that Britain with her great commercial and shipping interests is reluctant to consent to the imposition of irritating burdens upon it every time there is a serious friction between two nations, yet, not justifying a declaration of war.

Unreliable Venezuela is Necessary.

Keep Bubonic Piague Out of Lendon, Dec. 46.—At the Foreign of the child of Series arrived at in regard to the child of Series arrived at in regard to the child of Series arrived at in regard to the child of Series arrived at in regard to the child of Series arrived at in regard to the child of Series arrived at in regard to the child of Series are series at the series of the three Venetics has do what can be abstracted of the child of Series and the control of the child of Series and the control of the Control of Series and Series and

To Bisley

Canada Asked to Take Part in Palma Trophy Shot in July.

Ballot Stuffing at Ottawa on Referendum Vote to Be Prosecuted.

Precautions Being Taken to Keep Bubonic Plague Out of Canada.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Provincial Government received the long-talked of offer from an English syndicate today for the purchase of two million acres in New Ontario. Conductor Frank Mulvey was hurt in

Conductor Frank Mulvey was hurt in an accident to a construction train at Ingersoll, and had his arm amputated. He died today from his injuries.

Oakville, Ont., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The reason for the suicide of Thomas Howarth banker on December 3 was a note falling due that day for \$4,000, and one about due for \$1,000, neither of which he could meet.

Ladysmith, Dec. 16.—(Special) IS Urged The Tyee smelter was blown in the this evening at 7 o'clock, and the the machinery worked without a hitch, the water supply, which was lacking yesterday, proving ample for the lady purposes.

ing yesterday, proving ample for all purposes.

There is a large supply of ore on the roast heaps, and in the bins, and the smelter will work continuously day and night while the great ore reserve of the Tyee, estimated from present developments at 1,00,000 tons, holds out. The attention and the shipped to a refinery until such time as a converting plant is installed at Ladysmith.

The blow in was done without way of business—although the residents regard it as a great event in the history of the town.

Mr. Clermont Livingston, resident director of the Tyee mine, and Mr. Thomas Kiddie, manager of the smelter, are being congratulated on all hands at the success of the enterprize.

FOR THE STATES AND ADDRESS OF THE STATES AND

Leading Citizens of Caracas Present Note to President Castro.

And to Give United States Min-ister Fower to Make

"In view of the acts of violence alterady committed, and of the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force by the force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the Government and people of Venezuela having complied honoraby and worthily to the demands of the national honor, we consider with all due respect that the moment to yield to force has arrived. We therefore respectfully reason that full power be given to the minister of the United States of America, authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the wearnel leart the present conflict in the present conflict i

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powers.

Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to arbitration proposals.

The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken not to re-

were reluctantly undertaken not to recover debt, but after a long and patient
delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels. He believed the
Germans also had claims besides the
financial ones.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if
the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States
vessels?

Advising Him to Yield to the Demands of the Powers.

Advising Him to Yield to the Demands of the Premier replied: "Neutrals are not consulted when you are in a state of war with a third party."

"Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healy.

The Premier replied: "Does the honorable member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade."

Palpitation of the heart, nervousness, trembling, nervous headache, cold hands and feet, pain in the back, and othe forms of weakness are relieved by Carter's Iron Pills, made specially for the blood, nerves and complexion.

Not Vote

The Privy Council Decides in Favor of Province in the Homma Case.

Holding That Legislature Can Refuse the Franchise to Orientals.

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And to Give United States Minister Ower to Make
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Indian on any such register shall, upon summary conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace, be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50."

The term Japanese applies to those naturalized as well as aliens.

Homma appealed from the collector's decision to the courts and the late Chief Justice McColl ordered his name placed on the list. The Full court, in March, 1901, upheld the Chief Justice's decinant the province appealed to be Privy council, before whom the case was argued last summer.

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