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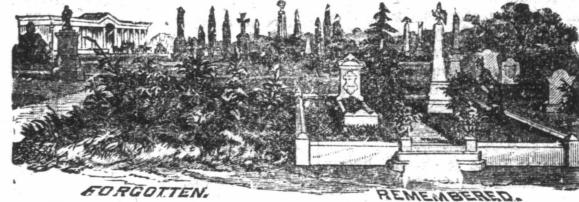
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mian Canal project came to be a cer-sail a day earlier than the day he, ing for my gore. Give it to them, if

Demand on Venezuela.

arms. The Venezuelans owed Germans, the English, and the Italians large amounts which they kad put off paying until their creditors began to suspect that they never intended to pay at all. The Kaiser apparently counted on the resistance of the Ven-

come, and on December 8th., 1902, slee plain that the next steps would be the this country. combardment of Venezuelan towns and he occupation of Venezuelan terri-

Test of Monroe Dectrine

"Here came the test of the Monroe Doctrine. If the United States per mitted foreign nations, under the pretence of supporting their creditors' claims, to invade a weak debtor state by naval or military expedition, and At this point the direction of the

"England and Italy were willing to come to an understanding. Germany refused. She stated that if she took possession of territory, such possession would only be 'temporary,' but such possessions easily become permanent, and besides, it is difficult to trust to guarantees which may treated as 'scraps of paper.' President Roosevelt did not shirk the test. Although his action has never been officially described, there is no reason now for not describing it. One day, when the crisis was at its height, he summoned to the White House Dr. Holleben, the German Ambassador and told him that unless Germany consented to arbitrate, the American squadron under Admiral Dewey would be given orders, by noon ten days later, to proceed to the Venezuelan coast and prevent any taking posses

sion of Venezuelan territory. Giving Information.

'Dr. Holleben began to protest tha his Imperial master, having once refused to arbitrate could not change his Royal Tobacco Store, Water Street. mind. The President said that he was not arguing the question, because arguments had already been gone over cott streets. until no useful purpose would be served by repeating them; he was simply giving information which the Ambassador might think it important to transmit to Berlin.

(Being the third and last of a series dent, but said nothing of the Venezu-sident, that the prime motive of evof articles dealing with letters pub- elan matter. When he rose to go, ery British subject in America is lished in The Life of John Hay, by the President asked him about it, hostillity to England, and the prime and when he stated that he had re- motive of every German-American is Here is an instructive passage from ceived nothing from his Government, hostility to every country in the Volume II. of The Life of John Hay, the President informed him in sub-world, including America, which is stance that, in view of this fact, Ad- not friendly to Germany. "From this time on, as the Isth- miral Dewey would be instructed to The Irish of New York are thirst-

tainty, the Germans redoubled their the President, had originally men-you think they need it." efforts to get a foothold in the west-tioned. Much perturbed, the Ambas- Count von Buelow, says Mr. ern hemisphere and if posible within sador protested; the President in-Thayer, "was the Kaiser's chief adstriking distance of the Canal. In formed him that not a stroke of pen viser during the years of Hay's sec-May, 1901, Hay received information had been put on paper; that if the retaryship. The Count promoted, that German warships had been in- Emperor would agree to arbitrate, he, he did not invent, the policy of specting the Santa Margarita Islands, the President, would heartily praise covering the 'lost' Germans for off the coast of Venezuela, with a him for such action, and would treat Fatherland. He encouraged the Kaisview to ocupying them as a naval it as taken on German initiative; but er's growing ambitioin, serving as the base. Later he learned that the Kais- that within 48 hours there must be medium between the great industrial-

on the desolate coast of Dower Cali- White House and announced to Presi- marked, as brutal as possible. During fornia. Both these essays came to dent Roosevelt that a despatch had his ten years' service the Pan-German just come from Berlin, saying that ist propaganda passed from the stage the Kaiser would arbitrate. Neither of dreams to that of an unrestrained Admiral Dewey (who with an Ameri- impulse. When he was dismissed by can fleet was then manoeuvring in a sudden caprice of the Emperor, he the West Indies), nor anyone else had the satisfaction of knowing that knew of the step that was to be taken; he had succeeded in leaving Germany the naval authorities were merely re- without a friend in the world-except fend the Monroe Doctrine by force of quired to be in readiness, but were Austria, which was really her servant

staunch an advocate of arbitration."

Prince Henry's Visit Referring to the visit to the United ezuelans to furnish him a pretext for States of Prince Henry of Prussia, Mr. occupying one or more of their sea- Thayer writes: "Prince Henry's visit, Washington, Dr. Holleben, attempted board towns. In order to disguise the however, was really intended to solid- rather crudely to imitate the alternatfact that this was a German undertake lify the German-American movement ing brusqueness and blandishment ing he looked about for accomplices in behalf of the Fatherland. Through which the Kaiser adopted toward this who would give to it an international his somewhat inept informers, Dr. Government according as its acts semblance. It happened just at that Holleben and his satellites, the Kans-pleased or displeased him. When time that Germany found herself isol- er had been led to believe that a mil- William was checkmated in Venezuela ated, as France and Russia had re- lion Germans were already organized and England cooled in her alliance newed their bond of friendship. Eng- and most eager to bow down and do with him, Holleben, working on in land, too, always suspicious of Russia, homage to a Hohenzollern as their structions which he must have had and recently irritated by France, seem accepted lord. But it turend out that from Berlin-for no German officia the German-Americans were not yet acts without instructions-strove By offers which cannot yet be made entirely Prussianized. Many of them irritate our people against England public Germany persuaded the Tory had joined the German societies with- He declared that before the outbreak Government to draw closer to her. out suspecting that these were intend- of the Spanish War, England surpass-The immediate result of this adven- ed ultimately to substitute Imperial ed the other Powers in hostility to us ture in international coquertry was German for democratic American and as a proof of this he recalled the the joint demand of Germany and ideals. Prince Henry's whirlwind pas fact that Pauncefote headed England on Venezuela to pay them sage from city to city evoked every-members of the Diplomatic Corps who their dues. Venezuela procrastinated where curiosity—for Americans are interviewed President McKinley "The Allies then sent warships and always eager to be amused—but it protest against American menace established what they called a "pa- failed in some quarters to stimulate Spain. Now everyone in Washington cific blockade" on the Venezuelan the pro-Prussian and pro-Hohenzol-knew that Pauncefote went simply

-in order to show how 'practical' and most difficult to deal with.

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er was secretly negotiating for the an offer to arbitrate or Dewey would ists and the militarists and the Empurchase of two harbors 'for his own sail with the orders indicated. Within peror. Outwardly a sleek man, he personal use' whatever that meant- 36 hours Dr. Holleben returned to the made German diplomacy, as Hay renot told what for On the announce- and Turkey, which was subsidized b ment that Gearmany had consented to her gold. In so short a time to sucarbitrate, the President publicly com- ceed in alienating the world's symplimented the Kaiser on being so pathy from his country was a feat of which no other contemporary states man could boast.

Working Against England

"Von Buelow's mouthpiece orts (December 8th, 1901,) During lern enthusiasm which had been ex- the dean of the Diplomatic Corps ar the following year. Secretary Hay pected. From that time forward, how- that he had consistently worked tried to persuade the blockaders of the ever, the paid agents and organizers strengthen friendship between Eng unwisdom of their action. He persist- pushed on their work secretly, and land and the United States. The ently called their attention to the fact they were aided by many enthusiasts, Holleben had waited until Paunce that a 'pacific blockade' was a con- not all of whom suspected the object fote was dead before uttering this tradiction in terms and that its en- for which they were being used. It low insinuation against him caused forcement against the rights of neu- is enough to cite the close league be- such general contempt that the Kaistral nations could not be tolerated. tween the Irish and German ele-er, perceiving that the little plot had He also urged arbitration. Germany ments of Tammany Hall-a league to failed, recalled him at a day's notice deemed that her opportunity had now which Hay has several times referred Hay found German diplomacy the and Great Britain severed diplomatic how 'ideal' was one element of the trifles assumed a pompous gravity relations with Venezuela, making it pro-Hohenzollern propagandists in which might have been excessive great matters were at stake. Germans seemed to be afraid tha

"'It is a singular ethnological and they would not be taken at their own valuation, and so they constantly kept reminding those with whom those had to deal, of their importance. Two or three American warships happened to be at Villefranche when the French President paid a casual visit to Mar seilles. The Marseilles municipality out of common poditeness, invited the ships to visit the port on the day when Mrs. Gallivan-Duckworth St. East the President was there. This they Mrs. Peckford-Foot Signal Hill Rd | did, and the incident, which had no significance, would have been promptly forgotten had not the German Forpartment that the Emperor would feel sighted if our ships did not pay F. Fitzpatrick-Gower Street (top their respects to him. To such trifles do the controllers of empires sometimes descend. Another small embarrassment was caused by William's presentation to the American people of a statue of Frederick the Great; but here also Hay, by his urbanity, prevented friction."

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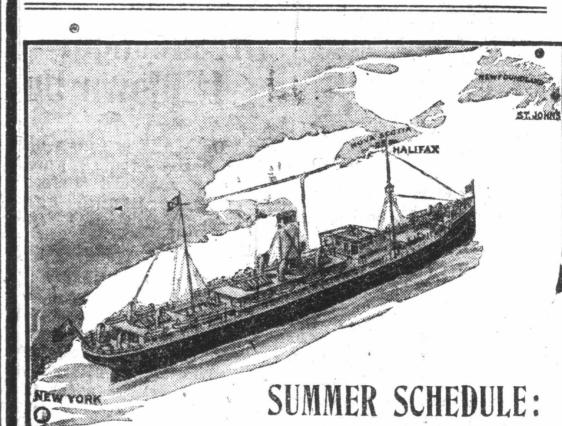
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