

CASTRO'S HOPES OF PACIFICATION

His Trip to Europe Undertaken Partly for Diplomatic Purposes

SEEKS PEACE WITH WORLD

Position Taken By France in Regard to His Landing at Bordeaux

Santander, Spain, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Guadalupe, with President Castro, on board, came in here today. It was learned soon after his arrival that Castro will continue on board the steamer to Bordeaux, and that from Bordeaux he will travel overland to Berlin.

The Guadalupe came into Santander flying the flag of Venezuela. In addition to President Castro, there were on board his wife, his sister, Senora Castro, two aides and three physicians, Dr. J. A. Baldo, Dr. Pablo Acosta, Dr. J. A. Baldo, Dr. Pablo Acosta, Dr. J. A. Baldo, Dr. Pablo Acosta.

The mystery of the president's trip to Europe was dispelled soon after the Guadalupe dropped anchor. The reports that Castro is critically ill, that he was deserting Venezuela forever, that he was plotting to overthrow the government, and that he was coming to Europe with the double purpose of being examined by European specialists and to settle with the world, are all differences with foreign powers. As President Castro is his own Minister of Foreign Affairs, he is confident of being able to conduct the negotiations to this end to a successful conclusion, and he believes that he will return to Caracas in February with Venezuela at peace with the world.

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Western Cattle Sold

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Some two hundred choice cattle from Manitoba and the Northwest were sold at the east end cattle market today at 4 to 5 1/2 cents per pound.

Countersellers Sentenced

Milton, Ont., Dec. 9.—Thos. and Milton Crozier pleaded guilty when arraigned here today for their second trial on charges of counterfeiting, and were sentenced, the father to seven years in Kingston penitentiary, the son to one year in the Central prison. Six weeks ago Thomas Crozier was sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary and Milton Crozier to two years. The case was retried on technical and a new trial granted.

Railway Commission Orders

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The railway commission has ordered the daily inspection of electric bells at all railway crossings. Another order stipulates that where freight cars are used on passenger line passenger trains they must be equipped with air brakes, steel tires and metal trucks designed for passenger service. Where these requirements are not complied with on account of exceptional circumstances, trains must not be run more than thirty-five miles an hour.

Democratic Objections

Washington, Dec. 9.—The correspondence between Japan and the United States in regard to the estimate for maintaining the integrity of China and protecting the interests of American citizens in the Orient was the subject of discussion today in the Senate committee on foreign relations. In view of the fact that the Republican senators have not yet attended a caucus, the session of the committee was brief. The Democratic members of the committee, however, outlined their opposition to the estimate, stating that they were dissatisfied between the two governments unless it is sent to the senate in the form of a treaty for ratification.

Tariff Opinions

London, Dec. 9.—In reply to the board of trade's invitation to various chambers of commerce to express their views on the proposed changes in the tariff, the British Chamber of Commerce should urge the United States to restore the tariff which prevailed prior to the McKinley tariff. According to the chamber, have proved practically prohibitive in the low-priced woolen goods, and must therefore have resulted in a loss in the revenue of the United States.

RUET'S TRIAL

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—One of the most remarkable trials in the history of California will end with the discharge of the jury that is tonight considering the case of Abraham Ruef, charged with the bribery of a former supervisor to procure the passage of a trolley ordinance. Ruef in duration of the trial has been the subject of unusual occurrences that have attended its progress. The trial has become the subject of much newspaper comment. Ruef has thrice appeared to answer three of the scores of indictments pending against him. In the first case, Ruef was charged with the bribery of a French restaurant, the defendant pleaded guilty. The case was afterwards dropped. Ruef was again charged on having bribed supervisors in the application of the Parkside Realty company for a trolley franchise. Ruef was discharged after seven hours of deliberation.

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IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Prominent Guatemalan Hurt—Minister's Injuries Likely to Prove Fatal

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senor Don Juan Harrios, Guatemala's minister of foreign affairs, who was in Washington on a special mission for his government, was probably fatally injured, it is believed, when he was struck by a motor car in a city street. Harrios, a wealthy coffee planter in Central America, was badly hurt in an automobile accident late today.

MORE HOPEFUL NEWS COMES FROM TURKEY

Vienna, Dec. 9.—The news received here from Constantinople is of a more hopeful nature, and the feeling is growing in favor of a negotiation for peace. The Austro-Hungarian government is inclined to entertain only half the amount claimed by the Turks, and steadily declines to recognize any claim in the way of territorial compensation.

SKIDEGATE SHAKEN

Vancover, Dec. 9.—An earthquake, travelling apparently from north to south, threw the inhabitants of the town of Skidegate, Queen Charlotte Islands, into a state of nervous apprehension on the afternoon of November 30, according to news brought south by the fishing steamer Celestine Empire which reached here this morning from the northern halibut banks. It was estimated that the shock lasted fully seven seconds. No other tremors were felt, greatly to the relief of the people of the town, who became somewhat alarmed on observing that two Indian huts had been thrown to the ground. The buildings knocked down, however, were tumble-down affairs which did not require much assistance to fall.

Church Union Question

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GRAND SYSTEM OF WATERWAYS

Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington Favors Big Scheme

INVOLVES HEAVY OUTLAY

Proposal to Ask for Issuance of \$500,000,000 of National Bonds

Washington, Dec. 9.—Sentiment in favor of the issuance of government bonds for a comprehensive improvement of the rivers, harbors and canals of the country, to the end that this nation shall have the greatest system in the world, gained considerable headway at the annual meeting of the rivers and harbors congress here yesterday.

The scheme contemplates the issuance of \$500,000,000 worth of federal bonds for internal water courses; to be distributed over a ten-year period at \$50,000,000 annually. Following the election of President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft, both of whom, before the joint construction meetings yesterday, advocated the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements, increased endorsement was today given to the project at the rivers and harbors congress by such leading figures as Vice-President Fairbanks, Andrew Carnegie and Joseph Ransell, president of the congress.

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China Showing Modern Tinge

Western Forms Mixed With Old Customs at Funeral of Late Emperor

EXPENDITURE IS ENORMOUS

Character of Recent Edicts Further Shows Occidental Influence

Pekin, Dec. 9.—The body of Kuang Hsu, the late Emperor of China, was today carried with much ceremony from the hall in the Forbidden city, where it has remained since the emperor's death, to the funeral home at the Coal Hill mortuary. It will continue to lie in state there pending the construction of the imperial sepulchre, which will be in the eyes of western observers, and weird in the eyes of western observers, was led by Prince Chun, the regent, for a short distance from the streets of the imperial city thousands of mourners knelt in the dust until the coffin was no longer to be seen.

The funeral observances were notable for a strange admixture of modern Chinese customs with western forms and practices, a fact that shows the modernization of the nation in recent years. Many of the old customs, such as the use of the old style of funeral forms that have been observed for centuries, were today ignored. This departure has brought much loyal criticism, but in spite of this the throne yesterday ordered the grand council to consider another memorial looking to the alteration of existing funeral observances to conform to modern methods.

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