

that Castro saved money for Venezuela by the Mixed Commissions of 1903 is ridiculed by the Congressional committee:—

"It is perfectly absurd that General Castro should pretend to have saved and saving to Venezuela of 346,000,000 bolivars in the foreign claims which were paid to the Mixed Commissions. Inasmuch as this reduction was merely the logical result, or the lack of proof, of the fact that General Castro had no claims. It is opportune to recall the fact that it was General Castro himself who granted the right to Venezuela to represent Venezuela, and which representation resulted in the payment of 346,000,000 bolivars, which compromised the decorum of the nation."

"The fact that General Castro was so merciless in drawing against the Treasury Department. The report says:—

"We find that General Castro had alleged expenses of representation the sum of 6,171,213 bolivars between the years 1897 and 1903, and in 1897, 1898, and for this there is no reasonable explanation if one considers that the expenses of representation were paid to him fortnightly, together with his salary."

THE CHIEF HAPTS WITHOUT REASON.

"It also appears that General Castro, from December, 1897, to October, 1898, received for the amount of 1,000,000 bolivars, ostensibly for the payment on account of claims, which he said, were imported from Europe and New York to the national government. From an examination of the receipts of the Treasury and vouchers in the Direction of the Treasury it appears that there were "

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