

# CASTRO'S SHIPS SUNK

## Allies Take La Guaira, the Port of the Venezuelan Capital.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 10.—The combined British and German fleet is entering this harbor and the first vessels are now 300 feet from the coast. Landing of marines has begun.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 10.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Curacao at 9 o'clock last night when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at La Guayra. Violent speeches were delivered at various points.

The warships marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed the mob then moved on to the German legation shouting "Death to the Germans." The windows were shattered with stones and attempts were made to force the doors, but the latter resisted the efforts and Madame Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who has been in the city for the past two months and there fore could not leave. She was with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the German consulate and to the residence of Dr. Kessler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstrators.

The excitement was still intense when at 10 o'clock at night the government ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents.

One hour later 205 persons prominent in the social and commercial life of the city were crowded together in the police station.

All the British residents were arrested except Albert Cherry, of the Venezuela British-owned Central Railway, and Mr. Wallace, manager of the telephone company who escaped to a place of safety. GERMAN CONSUL ARRESTED TOO.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German consul, Blohn Valentiner, and Herr Knapp, manager of the German Central railway. Herr Simms, chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police near Bolivar square and also arrested.

Amid the cries of "Death to the Germans" and "Down with the Foreigners" the police directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the German club, vociferating and uttering insults. The Belgian charge d'affaires, F. J. S. Goffart, was arrested by mistake for a German because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the police station but released 10 minutes later.

On learning these incidents United States Minister Bowen and Secretary Russell went at once to see President Castro and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koebler, Mme. Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician and Consul Valentin Blohm.

Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of the Venezuelan government to represent British and German interests during the imbroglio. The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad from Caracas to

Valencia. The populace is still intensely excited and the situation is regarded as critical.

The British and German flags have been publicly burned. THE CAPTURE OF THE VENEZUELAN FLEET.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—The Venezuelan fleet was captured yesterday by 10 German and 4 British cutters. They went alongside the Venezuelan vessels and ordered them to surrender, and without a shot being fired the British and German forces seized the Venezuelan fleet in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the vessels, which were undergoing repairs, were broken up.

The German Steamer, Panther, steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action.

The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor, and at 2 o'clock this morning the General Crespo, Tutumo and Margarita were sunk.

The Ossun was the only vessel spared in view of the protest made by the French charge d'affaires, M. Quievreux, who notified the commander of the allied fleet that the Ossun is the property of a Frenchman.

As 10 o'clock last evening 130 German sailors were landed and proceeded to Dardanel, a suburb of La Guayra, in which is situated the residence of the German consul, Lentz, whom, with his family, they escorted back to La Guayra and placed on the warship Vineta. On their way back to this port the German sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers but no collision took place.

At 5 o'clock this morning a landing party of 30 British seamen went to the British consulate and conducted the British consul, R. Schunck, and his family on board the Retribution.

The Englishmen's houses were surrounded by Venezuelan policemen but when a party of 320 sailors landed in the afternoon and marched to their release, the policemen made no resistance, and the inmates were conducted to the Retribution without trouble. The British and German warships, however, in the meantime had learned for action.

The German and British residents at La Guayra have also been arrested, with the exception of Messrs. Fieldwick, Prince and Le Page, the English directors of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their house and who were today rescued by the allied forces and taken on board the Retribution.

No one here can explain the action of the allied powers in taking action without giving Venezuela time to reply to their note.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Quail arrived here this afternoon. The German cruiser Panther left this morning in the direction of Carunano, and the German cruiser Fake has sailed for Puerto Cabello, on a search for the remainder of the Venezuelan fleet.

Troops are expected here from Caracas, as the government is credited with the intention of repulsing any landing by the allied forces.

All the banks and stores here are closed. Great excitement prevails as the population fears the town may be shelled or other action taken by the Anglo-German vessels.

CASINO CALLS PEOPLE TO ARMS.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Venezuelan government communication to its representative here protests that great Britain and Germany, acting in concert, have committed an act of hostility in a manner as arbitrary as it is unprecedented by the seizure of Venezuelan vessels lying at La Guayra.

The communication says that indignation in Venezuela is at its highest pitch and the government is resorting to justifiable reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the railways and other undertakings belonging to them.

At the same time adds the communication, President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms. He has decreed a general amnesty for all political offenses and has ordered the restitution of the confiscated property of Venezuelan citizens.

WHAT BRITAINS' CLAIMS ARE.

New York, Dec. 10.—The principal British creditors whose claims are to be enforced by the ultimatum against Venezuela are according to the Tribune's correspondent in London, railway and harbor improvement companies. Some of these companies complain of defaults of interest guaranteed by the Venezuelan government and another corporation which took the bonds claims that a considerable amount of unpaid interest is due it. There are also claims for damages to railways and other property from war losses and also for unpaid charges for freight on the government's account. The British claims in the main are based on government defaults or negligence and are not uncollected private or business debts.

VENEZUELA.

Move Made by Britain and Germany.

Warships Captured—The British Claims.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the combined German and British fleet seized and towed outside the harbor of La Guayra all the vessels which were there. These were the warships General Crespo, Tutumo, Ossun and Margarita. The ships were manned by 300 men. The news of the capture of the warships is not yet general known in the capital. Great excitement will undoubtedly prevail when it is announced.

It is said on good authority that the captain of the British cruiser Retribution this afternoon sent a special courier to Caracas with an ultimatum for compliance with the note deposited yesterday by the British and German ministers at the home of the Foreign minister before their departure from Caracas. It is said the ultimatum gives a maximum of forty-eight hours to accede. The note demands an immediate cash payment of \$34,000 to Great Britain and Germany and a settlement of claims arising from past revolutions by a mixed tribunal, the same as the last agreement made with France. It also said that the British minister at the last moment failed to present claims except for \$10,000, but his demand is not duly supported by legal documents and facts, and is considered absurd.

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The German claims are larger in amount and more varied in their nature, and the responsibility of the Venezuelan government for the redemption of obligations is less obvious in certain sections of the account.

There are no intimations here of the accounts either of the French or American claims which must be considered also.

The precautions taken by the United States in ordering a strong fleet to the Venezuelan coast do not escape attention. It is considered a sign that the Washington authorities are on their guard against the taking of too drastic measures on the part of either Germany or England for the collection of a debt from a weak power distracted with revolution. European nations have been financing railways and harbor improve-



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for half a century, but they have not been accustomed to depend on naval demonstrations for the collection of defaulted interests.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The foreign office here had not received, up to noon, anything from La Guayra since Monday evening, when Charge d'Affaires Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi cabled that he had gone on board the Vineta. The officials here have no confirmation of the announced arrest of all the German and British subjects at Caracas, and are therefore disposed to discredit the statement. They say that possibly a few Germans and Englishmen have been arrested under some pretext by President Castro, but the Foreign office authorities consider it extremely doubtful that he would permit the arrest of all the Germans and Britishers at Caracas.

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# BUGLARY AT TRURO.

# Town Safe Blown Open With Dynamite.

# The two Robbers Secured Little Booty.

Truro, Dec. 10.—Dynamite was used last night by two burglars to blow open the town safe. Only a small amount of booty was obtained, the office receipts of yesterday having been deposited in the tank to the extent of the copper cents. An envelope containing \$7.90, belonging to the funds of the British and Foreign Bible Society, deposited for safe keeping by John D. McKay, was taken. The burglars apparently entered the basement at a clumsily fastened door in front as marks of rubber shoe feet in two sizes are in the snow. The owners then traversed the basement to the main stairway, passed through the Y. M. C. A. parlors from the rear and forced a door leading from the reading room to the town office. This door was well locked and barred, and heavy desks were behind but all were pushed inwardly to gain access. A three eighths inch hole was drilled above the lock, then a funnel was used to pour dynamite into the inner recess. This funnel was made from part of a small cup taken from the cover of a small exercise book never sold in Truro so far as is known. The dynamite still had

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been granulated and part of the unused contents lay in a little heap on the clerks desk. The safe is ruined, but all papers are in good order. The burglary occurred at half-past two this morning. F. B. Schurman, living two doors south, heard the explosion while in the cellar fixing fires. He thought a sleeper had fallen from bed upstairs, but made no investigations, as everything remained quiet as usual when he returned to his room. Ex-Mayor Thomas's coal office was also entered during the night. The safe was not locked and contained no money. All the safe drawers, however, were tampered with, and the contents were

# Bleeding Piles

In Nov., 1901, Mr. Sherwood Walker, a fireman on the Canada Atlantic Railway, living at Madawaska, Ont., wrote:—"I am a great sufferer from bleeding piles. Sometimes the protruding piles come down, causing much misery and uneasiness, and at other times I am subject to bleeding piles, and they bleed to such an extent as to make me quite weak. If Dr. Chase's Ointment will cure this awful ailment you will have my everlasting gratitude."

On March 1, 1902, he wrote:—"According to my promise, I now take pleasure in writing to you. If you remember, you sent me a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment for bleeding piles some three months ago. I used it faithfully, and can say that it proved a Godsend, for it has entirely cured me of bleeding piles."

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