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BATTLE IN PROGRESS.

SOLDIERS KILLED AND WOUNDED BY WARSHIPS' GUNS.

Engagement Renewed — German Ships Return to Attack of San Carlos.

Maracaibo, Jan. 23.—The bombardment of Fort San Carlos by the German cruisers Vineta, Panther and Falke was continued Wednesday afternoon until 6 o'clock. It was resumed yesterday at daybreak. The first shells were hurled at the fort at 4 o'clock at long range. At 6 o'clock the Panther, being of light draught, closed in and again became actively engaged. The fort replied. At 8 o'clock the engagement was proceeding as fiercely as that of Wednesday. Twelve dead and fifteen badly wounded Venezuelan soldiers were counted in the fort at 7 o'clock Wednesday night by the correspondent of the Associated Press.

The Panther left her position close in to Fort San Carlos, which she took up earlier in the day, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and joined the Falke. This ship was half a mile outside the bar and about five miles from the fort. At 3 o'clock the correspondent of The Associated Press in a rowboat approached one side of the fort, out of range, and from this point witnessed the long range fire of the German cruisers, which was continued from 3 until 6 o'clock. The Vineta and the Falke were close together, and nearer the fort than the Panther; the first two vessels at a range of one and a half miles poured a continuous rain of shell upon the fort, and only stopped firing with the advent of dusk at 6 o'clock. At this hour the German vessels retired seaward, after having made a second ineffectual attempt to land troops in the Village of San Carlos, situated at the base of the fort.

At 7 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the correspondent who was accompanied by a Government telegrapher bearing a telegram from President Castro to the commandant of San Carlos landed on the island and entered the fort. The walls of the fort are terribly battered, and there were many evidences of the fierce engagement. Twelve dead Venezuelan soldiers were counted behind the ramparts, and fifteen other men, seriously wounded, were lying on a low platform. The fort is literally covered with pieces of broken shells. It was seen that a great many of the German shells had not exploded. The magazine had a very narrow escape, two shells having come within an ace of penetrating it. The walls of the fort which face towards the entrance of the lake suffered particularly, and were damaged. It is estimated by Commandant-General Bello that the German ships fired more than 1,600 shells at Fort San Carlos. Although the damage inflicted upon the fort by the sustained fire of the German cruisers is very great, it is not all that could be expected from such a continuous fire from modern high-power guns. The Village of San Carlos suffered greatly. The aim of the German gunners appears to have been inaccurate, for more than 60 per cent. of their shells exploded in the village before reaching the fort. The cannon mounted at San Carlos have not sufficient range to reach the Falke and the Vineta, so the fire from these vessels was not returned, as they kept out of reach of the Venezuelan artillery. The Vineta and Falke are by too great draught to cross the bar. The Panther alone can do this, and this fact explains why the last-mentioned cruiser was the only one to come in close to the fort. Some of the artillery of the fort has been destroyed by the German fire, but there are still five guns that can be used.

General Bello is a soldier of remarkable courage and daring. He has shown bravely, and is in no way intimidated. He will not abandon the fort, but will resist so long as it is possible for him to do so. He declares that on January 17, the occasion of the first bombardment, the Panther fired upon him first, without reason and without provocation. The report that the biggest of the three attacking vessels was either an English or an Italian ship is untrue. It is known that all three vessels are German.

A fisherman from the village of San Carlos has arrived here with his family. Two of this man's children were killed by German shells. He reports that more than twenty-five Indian fishermen have been killed or wounded at San Carlos.

London, Jan. 23.—The continuance of warlike operations in Venezuela by Britain's unmanageable ally is the cause of much searching of hearts here. It cannot be dismissed as an exclusively German method of collecting debts, for the two powers, by the terms of the alliance, are jointly responsible for the coercive measures. The rumors that the Washington Government is protesting against the belligerent operations at Maracaibo cannot be confirmed here, for the Foreign Office does not allow any leakage of Government secrets. Infinitely these rumors are credible, since it is known that the Washington Government, from the outset, has sought to prevent aggressive action by the blockading fleets in firing upon the fortifications.

Whatever may be the explanation of the present coalition, the fact remains that the British Court and the Balfour Government between them have assumed the responsibility for operations in Venezuela which are neither in the interest of peace nor calculated to promote good feeling with the United States. This fact is well informed publicists whose abhorrence of the ill-starred alliance steadily increase.

BRANTFORD COAL CASE.

MECHANICS' FUEL COMPANY LAYS THE INFORMATION.

President Thomas Elliott and the Executive of the Ontario Coal Association Charged With Conspiracy Under Section 520 of the Criminal Code.

Brantford, Jan. 23.—Action has been entered against Thomas Elliott, President, and the executive members of the Ontario Coal Association, charging them with what amounts to a conspiracy to lessen competition in the purchase and sale of coal. The information is laid at the instance of the Mechanics' Fuel Company of Brantford, a company possessing a charter from the Ontario Government, enabling it to deal as a corporation in the sale of coal and wood in the City of Brantford. According to the charter, the shares of the company are valued at \$10 paid up. The purchase and constitution of the Ontario Coal Association binds its members to blacklist any dealer, miner or operator who supplies coal to any company whose paid-up share is less than \$50 per share. The complaint of the Mechanics' Fuel Co. is that the action of the Ontario Coal Association is directed against its interests, is calculated to prevent it from doing business, and that it is calculated to lessen competition in the purchase and sale of coal in this city.

The information is as follows: The information and complaint of Wesley A. Farrow of the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, taken this 22nd day of January, 1903, before the undersigned, Thomas Wood, Esq., Police Magistrate for the City of Brantford, who said that he is informed and believes that Thomas Elliott, of the said City of Brantford, on and prior to the 12th inst., did enter into an agreement with Noel Marshall, J. B. Fairgrieve, W. G. Craig, C. C. Ray, A. J. McIntosh, J. M. Daly, John C. Hay and James Swift, or one of them, to unduly lessen competition in the purchase or sale of coal.

The section under which action is taken is 520 of the Criminal Code of 1892, and reads, and, if a corporation, is liable to a fine of not less than \$200 and not more than \$4,000, or to two years' imprisonment. The actual wording of the section under which it is understood the prosecution will take place is as follows: "Every person is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 and not less than \$200, or to two years' imprisonment, and if a corporation, is liable to not less than \$1,000, who conspires, combines, agrees or arranges with any other person or persons, or with any other person or persons, to unduly lessen competition in the production, manufacture, purchase, barter, sale, transportation or supply of any such article or commodity."

The defendants are called upon to appear for preliminary hearing before the Police Magistrate on Tuesday, Jan. 27. It is understood that the Crown Attorney will undertake the preliminary prosecution, but that the defendants may not object to be tried by the Magistrate. In that case, after the preliminary hearing, the case will be sent over to the Assizes in Brantford next March.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Disputed Responsibility For Shortage of Coal.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—The question of who is responsible for the apparent shortage in the supply of anthracite coal was the subject of considerable debate by the attorneys representing the parties before the strike commission. It was testified that the miners are not obeying President Mitchell's request to make extra efforts to produce more coal to relieve the situation. This was followed up by James H. Torrey and Everett Warren, both of Scranton, who represent several of the large companies challenging the correctness of Mr. Mitchell's statement that 3,000 men are idle and ready to go to work. C. S. Darrow, for the miners, replied that he would show that it was the operators and not the men who were responsible for the shortage in the production. "If I don't," he said, "I will ask the commission to find against us."

SOUFRIERE'S ACTIVITY.

St. Vincent Volcano Again in Eruption.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, Jan. 23.—A brisk eruption of the Soufriere volcano, on this island, occurred at noon yesterday. Into the clear sky shot up a twirling, incandescent cloud, followed by black smoke, which rapidly ascended to a great height. It was visible throughout the island. Sand is falling at Chateau Belair.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

May Agree to Act Together in Morocco.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Temps yesterday printed the following despatch from Madrid: "Ambassador Cambon presented his letters to the King. The Epoca publishes a series of articles recalling the Ambassador's services to Spain during the peace negotiations with the United States, and The Epoca and The Herald and all the Liberal press express the desire to see the commercial and political relations between Spain and France strengthened by the presence of the new Ambassador, whose knowledge of Algeria and Morocco renders more easy the establishment of a cordial understanding between the two countries. It is believed that M. Cambon's presence will soon result in a full understanding providing for the co-operation of France and Spain in the affairs of the disturbed Moroccan district."

Miserable Survivors.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The latest advices from Andijan, Russian Turkestan, which was partly destroyed by earthquakes in December last, say the exodus from that city continues. Not a single lawyer, banker, druggist or shopkeeper remains in the city, and the few necessaries on which the miserable survivors of the population subsist are brought by hawkers from different towns. The suffering from cold is intense, and falling the speedy erection of suitable shelters, many more people must die as a result of the recent disasters.

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