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HIS FATE IN VENEZUELA

President Castro of Venezuela May Be Deposed.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 16.—Following the outbreak of an infuriated mob of people of this city in a demonstration against President Castro today, in which thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed and pictures of the president burned in the thoroughfares, it is expected that steps will be taken in a day or two to depose the man who for so long has dictated the policy of the country. But a leader is lacking to take Castro's place.

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Soon after daybreak an enormous crowd gathered in the streets and marched up and down for a time. No attempt was made by the police to stop them and the mob attacked the building of the lottery monopoly through which Castro and his lieutenants have enriched themselves at the expense of the people. It was stripped of furniture and thousands of lottery tickets destroyed. Statues and pictures of the President were piled in a great heap in the Plaza Bolivar and burned by the cheering crowds. A number of drug stores, belonging to Senator Thielens, a son-in-law of Gen. Mendonza, former minister of finance, and a staunch supporter of the dictator, were destroyed by the angry mob.

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PREMIER SCOTT FORCES FIGHTING

Haultain Must Prove His Craft Charges Against Calder or Resign His Seat.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 14.—There was no lack of interest taken in the opening debate in the Saskatchewan legislature today, and quite a display of oratorical fireworks took place between Premier Scott and F. W. G. Haultain, leader of the opposition. The incident was the outcome of Mr. Haultain's reference to a speech made by Premier Scott at Regina, after the provincial general election, in which the Premier declared that if the opposition continued to make a campaign of personalities against Liberals, then he would resort to kind.

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ASKED TO DEFINE A REALTY BOOM

Witness in G. T. P. Arbitration Case Declares There Was No Boom in Edmonton Property.

The Bechtelmont sub-division in the north of the city comprises 130 acres converted into 747 lots. These lots were bought in May, 1907, at \$400 per lot. Before the following July, 1907, the lots were sold at an average price of \$238 per lot, the highest price being \$375. The G. T. P. right of way was put on the sub-division on July 17, 1907, passed through the sub-division and expropriates about 40 lots, for which value railway offers \$175 per lot as compensation to the owners.

DENIES CONFESSION IN BROWNVILLE AFFAIR

Boyd Coneyers, Negro Soldier, on Whose Alleged Admissions Colored Troops Were Dismissed by Roosevelt Says He Never Made a Confession.

Monroe, Ga., Dec. 17.—"I was asleep at the time the shooting at Brownville took place and knew nothing of it until I was awakened by the shots and ordered to 'Get your gun,' said Boyd Coneyers, the negro who has figured so prominently in the evidence furnished by President Roosevelt in support of his course in discharging the negro soldiers. 'I was in no way connected with the riot and I don't know anything of the guilty parties. The alleged confession secured from me is bogus, and the story that I took my life in my hands by the government detectives, is laughable. I have told all in all the investigations I know nothing of the shooting, and that is all there is to it. I was promised the broadest kind of immunity by Mr. Brown, but I have seen no reason why I should confess something I did not do.'"

G. T. P. Decreases Values.

Mr. Clarence Trueman was the first witness called on Tuesday afternoon. He told of being a party in the syndicate which purchased the Bechtelmont property in May, of 1907, for \$400 per lot. He said that the value of the property had depreciated since then, and that the high grade of the railway shafts of all lots to the north from direct access to the street.

Denies Alleged Confessions.

Coneyers has been visited by four detectives during the past few months and claims that the statements attributed to him are untrue. He said that he was in the presence of some of the men who were in the house at the time of the shooting, and that he saw no reason why he should confess something I did not do.

Two Others Visited Him.

Mr. Baldwin next visited Monroe and Mr. Coneyers, though no new developments were brought out. The last visit of a detective was that of A. B. Hays in November. Hays visited Coneyers at his home here and secured from him a statement, which was a commercial note. McGarity says the statement contained nothing tending to show Coneyers was a party to the riot or knew anything definite about it.

FOR SICK AND DESTITUTE

The Salvation Army has in progress a movement which is the commendable object of bringing relief and good cheer to the sick and destitute in our midst. Mrs. Travis, of the 10th ward, has been delegated to canvass the city for funds, clothing and food.

No Real Estate Boom.

Mr. Dickinson supported the evidence of his colleague, Mr. Trueman, as regards the purchase and sale of the Bechtelmont lots and the damage that the adjoining lots had sustained.

Opens New Parliament.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Turkey has opened its new parliament today when the new Ottoman parliament will hold its first session. This assembly was provided for by the constitution granted by Sultan Abdul Hamid last July, and is the first body of its kind in the empire for more than thirty years.

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ALDERMAN LEE MAYOR FOR 1909

Returned by Immense Majority Over Opponent. Aid. Gariepy Heads Aldermanic List.

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THE COUNCIL-ELECT.

Mayor—Robert Lee. Aldermen—Robert J. Manson, G. S. Armstrong, William G. S. Armstrong, D. R. Fraser, E. McInnis, Andrew B. Agar, J. H. McKinley, D. R. Fraser.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

Alex. Taylor, A. E. May, Walter G. Gray, H. A. Gray and W. H. Clark.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

J. E. Lessard, Jos. McAllister, W. J. Pearson and J. T. J. Collison.

COULD WHIP CREATION WITHOUT ANY GUNS

President-Elect Taft Refers to Some Characteristic Yankee Peculiarities Extending Back to the McKinley's Action in War With Spain.

New York, Dec. 16.—President-elect Wm. H. Taft, speaking tonight at the dedication of a McKinley monument in Metropolitan temple, told to an audience which repeatedly interrupted him with applause the story of his association with the president, and declared with reference to the Philippine Islands that the policy laid down by Mr. McKinley in 1898 has been the policy of the present, as it will be the policy of his own administration.

Was it a Hold-Up?

"As a matter of fact, said Mr. Walsh, 'I bought Bechtelmont in order to hold up the work on the canal. This insinuation was denied, Mr. Trueman showing that his company had attempted to buy other property but bought Bechtelmont because it was the cheapest available. To Mr. Walsh, the purpose of securing information other than that possible to the layman. The many stories that have recently been printed about the canal including one that the work would only result in failure, Mr. Taft said, had not caused him to plan the trip, but had confirmed his intention to make the voyage.

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