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WILL LET COLOMBIA STRIKE FIRST BLOW.

That the Leynote of Instructions
From Washington.

Washington, Dec. 19.—“Let Colombians take the initiative,” is the restraining keynote of specific instructions which Secretary Moody has cabled to the American naval commanders in isthmian waters. It was announced today that while the situation on the isthmus was in no way alarming to the Washington government, it was sufficiently delicate to necessitate the most careful and diplomatic handling, and for this reason secrecy has been enjoined upon officials of the department regarding the operation of the ships and marines.

At a conference held today between Secretary Moody and Brig. Gen. George F. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, the latter reported that upon 24 hours notice he could get under way to Colon with the new Caribbean sea battalion which is under orders to assemble at Philadelphia. This battalion, which it is intended shall go south on the cruiser Dixie, now on her way to Philadelphia from Colon, will probably sail between Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Gen. Elliott has been informed that unless the isthmian situation enters upon a decidedly more peaceful phase in the meantime he will command this battalion and upon his arrival will organize the three battalions of marines on the isthmus into a brigade of which he will assume supreme command.

In official circles tonight it was stated that Panama, while disclaiming any obligation to Colombia for the recent payment of a portion of her debt, will voluntarily and as an act of comity assume such share of it as in her judgement may be deemed proper.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by J. F. Mackey & Co., druggists.

Now for Cheap Sugar.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The president signed the Cuban reciprocity bill a few minutes before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The president then issued a proclamation, reciting the passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill and declaring the Cuban reciprocity treaty to be effective ten days from today.

Now that the bill has become a law, a question of great interest has arisen, namely, the effect of the reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar upon importations of sugar from other countries. The British government has served formal notice upon the state department that under the favored-nation-clause, it expects that British sugar from British West Indies shall be admitted into the United States on equal terms with the Cuban sugar, and it is not doubted that Germany, France, Austria and the other great beet sugar-producing countries will do likewise. An old holding of Attorney General Ol-

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ney in President Cleveland's administration was adverse to such demands, but the question promises to be reopened with vigor.

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Arkansas' Governor Fights.

Hope, Ark., Dec. 19.—During a joint discussion here today between the three candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, a personal encounter occurred between two of the candidates, Gov. Jeff Davis and Associate Justice Carrol D. Woods of the supreme court. Gov. Davis struck Judge Woods on the head, causing the blood to flow freely. As Judge Wood attempted to retaliate he was seized and kept from reaching the governor. Later he disengaged himself and struck the governor on the arm.

The principals were arrested and placed under bond for their appearance in the mayor's court Jan. 15.

As Gov. Davis was closing his speech today, he accused Judge Wood of having gone to New York to secure information against Senator James K. Jones, in the last campaign for United States senator. The governor said he himself had fought Senator Jones in the open, but that Judge Wood had knifed him, and was a traitor.

Judge Wood quickly arose and said the governor would have to retract or be held personally responsible hereafter.

“Why not now?” said Gov. Davis, accompanying the remark by striking Judge Wood with a cane. Officers interfered and prevented further trouble, after Judge Wood struck the governor on the arm.

This is the former home of [ex-Senator Jones.]

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