

THE PROTOCOL SIGNED.

Differences Between Venezuela and Powers Referred to Hague. BLOCKADE DECLARED AT AN END.

Minister Bowen as the Representative of Venezuela Has Ably Discharged a Difficult and Delicate Task.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the peace negotiations at Washington, tonight signed with each of the allies' representatives here a protocol providing for the immediate raising of the Venezuelan blockade and for the reference of the question of preferential treatment of the claims of the allies against Venezuela to The Hague arbitration tribunal.

The Italian protocol was signed at 11.50 and the German protocol at 12.10 o'clock, the presence of Baron Sternberg at the White House musicale delaying a final close to the negotiations until after midnight.

Mr. Bowen signed a duplicate for Venezuela, Sir Michael Herbert for Great Britain, Signor Mayor des Planches for Italy and Baron Spec von Sternberg for Germany. Immediately on the signing of the last protocol cables were dispatched to London, Berlin and Rome announcing the fact. It is expected that the commanders of the blockading fleet within the next 24 hours will receive their orders to withdraw their vessels at once.

By the provisions of these preliminary protocols, which have required more than three weeks of constant negotiations, Venezuela makes two distinct gains, the immediate raising of a blockade from which she has been suffering for some weeks and the return of all the vessels, war and merchant, which have been captured by the allied fleet.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy receive advance payments of five thousand five hundred pounds each, Great Britain receiving her payment on the signature of the protocol and Germany and Italy within 30 or 60 days from date. Germany, in addition, will receive five monthly installments until the full amount paid here in advance aggregates \$340,000. As a guaranty for the satisfaction of their claims Mr. Bowen pledges the allies to share with the other creditor nations in 30 per cent. of the customs of the two post of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello. This percentage will be set aside beginning March 1 and retained in the Venezuelan treasury until The Hague tribunal decides whether it shall be distributed without preference among all the claimant nations, or whether the allied powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy shall receive preferential payments.

Italy by her protocol gains immediate payments of her first class of claims, without further adjudication, as soon as the point passed on the remainder of her claims. In round numbers the adjudicated Italian claims amount to \$560,000, from which will be subtracted \$27,500 to be paid her sixty days from the signature of her first protocol.

The protocols in providing for reference of the question of preferential treatment to The Hague do not state in detail the methods of procedure by which the case is to be laid before the tribunal. This will be done in second set of protocols, the preparation of which will begin at once.

Upon the signing of the protocols tonight congratulations were exchanged by the four negotiators. Mr. Bowen then dispatched a brief cablegram to President Castro informing him of the signature of the protocols providing for the immediate raising of the blockade.

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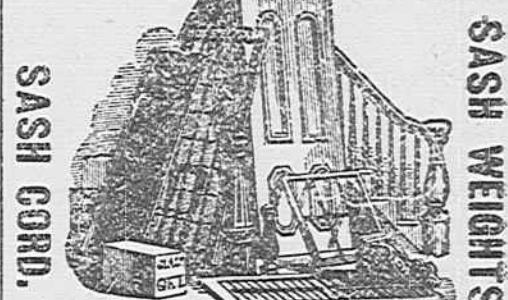
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