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Money Pouring In. Mexico City, January 25.—Some of the wealthy families of this State have left and others are preparing to leave in a short time on account of a fear that the choleraic plague may reach this place. Money is still pouring in from all parts of the country.

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DIPLOMATS ACTIVE WITHDRAWALS FROM CONTEST.

Wolcott Issues Statement Urging People to Accept Election of Teller. The Venezuelan Situation Discussed by the Interested Parties. RESULTS NOT GIVEN OUT But General Statements Warrant Hope of Early Settlement.

BOWEN'S THIRD PROPOSITION

Concerning Guarantees Has Been Communicated to the Powers. IF ACCEPTABLE, THE BLOCKADE WILL BE LIFTED AT ONCE—Important Disclosure Made That Joint Agreement Exists Concerning Its Raising.

Washington, January 25.—A long conference between Minister Bowen and Sir Michael Herbert, Signor Masera Des Piancetta, Italian ambassador, and Count Quadt, German chargé d'affaires, indicated diplomatic activity in Washington today over the Venezuelan situation.

WARSHIPS FIRED FIRST VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES INSIST GERMANS WERE AGGRESSORS. Say the Attack on Fort San Carlos Was Premeditated and Planned in Berlin.

REPORT FROM BRUSSELS. Alleged an Agreement Will Be Reached Next Week. Brussels, January 25.—A dispatch to the Petit Bleu from Berlin states that an agreement in the Venezuelan question will be reached next week, and that a commission appointed by the United States will be charged with the administration of the marine customs offices of Venezuela.

CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION. United States Legation Trying to Find Out Who Fired the Shot. Caracas, January 25.—The United States legation here is conducting an investigation here for the past six days, but the point as to whether the Panther or Fort San Carlos fired the first shot has not yet been ascertained.

ENGLISH PLEASED

With the Treaty for Settlement of Alaskan Dispute. STRONG PROOF SHOWN Of the Uninterrupted Friendliness Existing Between Two Countries.

FRICTION WAS ALMOST CERTAIN On Account of Long Standing Dispute in Course of Time. THE ONLY REGRET EXPRESSED Is That There is No Provision for an Empire—Canadians in Doubt as to Its Effects.

London, January 25.—The signing of the Anglo-American treaty to settle the Alaskan dispute at Washington Saturday has given great satisfaction to the English press, on the ground that it gives at a critical moment in the Venezuelan situation, an undoubted proof of the uninterrupted friendliness existing between Great Britain and the United States.

ASSEMBLING FOR CONFERENCE. Meeting to Settle Long Standing Dispute Between Trades Unions. Indianapolis, Ind., January 25.—The officers and delegates of the international organizations connected with the printing, photograph engraving and electrotyping industries have already arrived in the city for the conference, which will be held tomorrow to settle differences between the trades unions.

HOW VIEWED AT TORONTO. Toronto, Ont., January 25.—An Ottawa dispatch to the Mail and Empire says: The news from Washington of the signing of a treaty to refer the Canada-Alaskan boundary dispute to arbitration was not unexpected.

TO MEET IN LOUISVILLE. Will Probably Demand a Twenty Percent Increase. Louisville, Ky., January 25.—A committee of the conductors, trainmen and switchmen of the St. Louis-Louisville line of the Southern Railway will meet in Louisville this week to consider the advisability of demanding an increase in wages.

THE OAKLAND EVENT. California Oats to Be Run Next Saturday With a Fine Lot In. San Francisco, January 25.—The chief event to be decided at Oakland this week is the California oats for 1910.

Thought She Was a Burglar. Knoxville, Tenn., January 25.—Bogers Johnson, aged 15, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Russell Swagarty, at his home at a late hour tonight.

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