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Beautifully Trimmed Hats that represent every smart fad now in vogue.

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The Best Values We Ever Offered

Flowers specially priced for corsage bouquets, furs, gowns—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Millinery Section—Second Floor.

CARRANZA FORCES BADLY DEFEATED

Troops of "First Chief" Meet with Crushing Reverses at Apizaco and Puebla.

VICTIMS REACH VERA CRUZ

Nine Cars of Wounded and Four Bodies of Officers Arrive at Seaport on Morning of December 20.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It appears from late dispatches, says a State department statement today, that the constitutionalists met a crushing defeat at Apizaco and Puebla.

It is reported that on the morning of the 20th, nine cars of wounded and four dead officers arrived at Vera Cruz. It is said that more were expected.

Further details of an ineffectual attempt by General Blas Oquendo, a former federal commander, to capture Piedras Negras, Coahuila, with a force of twenty-five men, organized in Texas, were received today at the department. General Oquendo was killed, seven noncommissioned officers and fifteen men were captured, and the remainder of the force fled back to Texas.

clearing a general amnesty. Disorders are feared in Manzanillo, where the Gutierrez forces in possession of the city are threatened by an attack from Carranza troops, assembling in the vicinity. Secretary Bryan said today he was without advice of reported disorders in Mexico City or Vera Cruz.

Fuery Meaker, a British subject imprisoned at Navolato, Sonora, has been released by order of Governor Maytorena under 5,000 pesos cash bond. Meaker's automobile was seized by Carranza troops and used in transporting soldiers and he was charged with aiding an enemy. He is manager of a ranch owned by interests in New York City.

Maytorena Conference Delayed. NACAO, Aps., Dec. 21.—Rain-soaked roads prevented the proposed meeting today between Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, and Jose Maytorena, the Villista leader in Sonora, to discuss plans for moving the Mexican war away from the international boundary at this point. Maytorena's automobile was mired some miles away from the designated meeting place four miles east of here, and General Scott, with General Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the American forces here, returned to camp. The meeting will be arranged later.

NEW POSTMASTER AT LUCAS, S. D., BOYCOTTED

SIoux Falls, S. D., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Something unique in the way of boycotts is reported by arrivals from the Rosebud country, who state that the removal of the postoffice at Lucas, a small roadside town, from one large store to a rival establishment has resulted in a boycott being declared against the postoffice.

When the new postmaster was installed a few days ago and removed the postoffice to his store from the store of his chief competitor in business, the proprietor of the latter store gathered his friends about him and organized a boycott on the new appointee, with the result that most of the outgoing mail is dropped in a box in the store where the postoffice formerly was located. As the salary of the Lucas postmaster is based upon the number of stamp cancellations this boycott is seriously affecting his salary and leaves him with little to do except scribble over the small number of

cancellations that can appear on his postoffice records.

It is probable he may apply to the United States authorities for such relief as can be given him in an effort to have the boycott declared off.

GREAT BATTLE NEAR WARSAW YET UNDECIDED

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less of a trench as an achievement worthy of note.

A prominent neutral traveler, who reached London today from Berlin, expressed the opinion that the Germans are not thinking seriously of a Zeppelin invasion of England. According to this observer, they regard the apprehension and the precautions against Zeppelin attacks taken in London and other English cities as a good joke.

Cleveland Hotel Keeper is Murdered

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—William J. Troy, 61, proprietor of several hotels, was found stabbed to death in a room in the Troy hotel at St. Clair avenue and Ontario street early today. There were a half dozen wounds in his body. The fact that over \$200 of Troy's money and a diamond ring were reported missing caused the police to work on the theory that robbery prompted to crime.

CREW OF BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY LEIPZIG IS LANDED

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A telegram received here from Buenos Ayres informs the Foreign office that the crew of the British ship Drummuir, sunk at sea by the German cruiser Leipzig, has been landed at Port San Antonio, Argentina, by the German ship Serikita. The Leipzig was one of the German cruisers destroyed by British ships in the naval engagement off the Falkland Islands December 8.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 21.—Mrs. W. B. Dow, aged 35, was struck while crossing the street by an automobile driven by Dr. W. D. Farrell, and died in a few hours. Mrs. Dow was doing her Christmas shopping.

"SAFETY FIRST" OR STRIKE, IS THREAT

Enginemen to Walk Out if Conditions Under Which They Work Not Made Less Dangerous.

STONE IS THEIR SPOKESMAN

Board of Arbitration Must Regulate Surprise Tests, Says Grand Chief at Hearing in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Threats that the enginemen of western railroads will strike if the board of arbitration fails to regulate surprise tests in a manner which will eliminate danger to the men were made before the board at today's session.

The threats were made by Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and William S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, representing the men. They were occasioned by remarks of W. L. Park, vice president of the Illinois Central, and F. A. Burgess of the engineers' organization, both members of the board, and by James M. Sheehan, attorney for the railroads.

Sheehan's Statement. Sheehan stated that the railroad managers had assured the officials of the brotherhoods that only such surprise tests as took into consideration the safety of the men surprised would be used. This brought Carter and Stone to their feet. "I will inform the board," said Stone, "that we have heard this assurance before. In 1906, in 1907 and in 1909 we tried to get the roads to eliminate dangerous efficiency tests, and each time we went back to the men and told them that it was all right, that the roads would conduct only fair tests, and just as regularly the roads did nothing of the kind.

Men Will Act. "Now if the assurance of the railroads does not remove this danger to the lives and limbs of our men, if federal and state laws do not, and if this arbitration fails to do so, I can assure you that the men will. I do not wish to try to intimidate this board, but the strength of the men will be used if necessary to protect themselves when all else fails."

Carter said: "Safety first is a good advertisement, but we want a system that will not cause an engineman, suddenly confronted with a red light to jump when there is no real danger. We invite efficiency tests.

"There is not in the world a body of men who conform to the duties of their positions so closely as the enginemen, and if the law cannot protect them, as it has not in Kansas, the men will protect themselves by their united strength."

On Stand Again.

O. F. Modenback, a Rock Island fireman of El Reno, Okl., who testified Saturday that in January, 1909, he and his engineer, named Thompson, had jumped from their cab of their locomotive when a red light, turned on at a point, suddenly confronted them in a snow storm at Dover, Okl., was on the stand again.

Sheehan stated that an exhaustive inquiry failed to show any record of the accident which witness said had resulted in a broken collar bone for Thompson. Reports, Sheehan said, showed that Thompson had worked that month, and accident and train records showed no report of any such occurrence. Witness clung to his story, except that he seemed a little uncertain as to the exact time of the accident and could not recollect the first name of the engineer.

STATE COMMANDER OF G. A. R. IS DEAD

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Pilmore county until 1876. From there he went to Chicago, Ill., where he served as county superintendent of schools for six years and was postmaster four years. He was a member of the Nebraska legislature 1889 and 1890. He organized the Geneva National bank and was its first president.

In 1892 Mr. Dempster moved to Lincoln and in 1893 to Omaha. He took position with the Bankers' Life insurance company as superintendent of agents.

Mr. Dempster was commander of the survivors of the battle of Shiloh and was department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and past commander of the U. S. Grant post No. 119, Fifty-second Illinois infantry.

He was a member of Tanager temple (Shriners), Mt. Calvary commandery, Knights Templar, Capital lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Bellevue chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons. He had been president of the Men's club and of the Business Men's Bible class of the First Presbyterian church.

Had Large Family.

He is survived by his widow, two brothers, A. R. Dempster, Sioux Falls, S. D., George Dempster, Chicago, three sisters, Mrs. Charles Stone, Elgin, Ill.; Mrs. John W. Burgess, Beatrice; and Mrs. George Smith, Geneva; sons, Edward J. Dempster, Geneva; Dr. Roy Dempster, Granger, Wash., and John Henry Dempster, Sioux Falls, S. D.; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Troyer, Fairhope, Ala., and Mrs. Mabel Christenson, Sioux Falls, S. D.; and three stepchildren, Mrs. H. Clarence Myer, Omaha; Edwin N. Robertson, Concordia, Kan., and Claude H. Robertson, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Dempster was first married to Miss Flora Paxson in 1865. His first wife died in 1892 he married Mrs. M. E. Robertson of Lincoln.

CRUISER TENNESSEE SAILS FOR PORT OF JAFFA

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 21.—(Via London)—The United States cruiser Tennessee, which is looking after American interests in eastern Mediterranean, left this port today for Jaffa. It recently arrived here from the island of Sicily.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPER HIT BY AUTO AND IS KILLED

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G. A. R. VETERAN ANSWERS THE LAST CALL



JOHN A. DEMPSTER.

MEN EXECUTED IN MEXICO CITY DAILY

Sixteen Executed Last Week, Shot Down in Streets, Bars, Cafes and Private Dwellings.

MANY POLITICAL OFFENDERS

It is said that one hundred and forty persons slaughtered in Chihuahua Capital During Last Month.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Additional reports of wholesale executions of political offenders in the interior of Mexico reached the border today. Persons arriving from Mexico City stated that sixteen men had been killed at the national capital during the last week. Reliable reports from Chihuahua City said that 140 persons were killed there during the last month.

Many former federal army officers as well as Carranza supporters are named as having met their death. In most cases the killings were accomplished by shootings in the streets, saloons, restaurants or private dwellings. Some days ago General Villa's troops took several prominent prisoners to Chihuahua City from Mexico City, where they were captured.

Held for Ransom.

It is not known if they are numbered among the killed. Among them were General Miguel Delgado, a former commander, and several other federal generals, Guillermo Terrazas, of the landed Chihuahua family of that name, and Castulo Baca a rich resident of Parral. Baca is reported as held for ransom, together with Luis Terrazas, Jr., who has been detained at Chihuahua several months.

Complaint was made today to consul T. D. Edwards, against the imprisonment at Juarez of Albert Gonzales, said to be an American citizen. He was arrested on a charge of being a spy.

DAUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Jose Escalante and Esteban Cruz, Mexicans, arrested at Nacoari on charges of having murdered Thomas R. Francis and R. E. Dunn. British subjects, confessed the crime today and were promptly executed, according to a message received by J. T. Paxton, British vice consul here.

A firing squad detailed by Carranzista officers at Nacoari closed the careers of Cruz and Escalante, who were charged also with several other crimes. Dunn and Francis were robbed and then killed two weeks ago at a mine near Nacoari. Dunn at one time lived in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Belgians Vote to Pay Ninety-Six Millions to Germans in Year

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Reuters Telegraph company from Amsterdam says:

"Under pressure from the German authorities nine Belgian provinces sent representatives to Brussels, who on Saturday held a so-called landtag session. It is asserted that this diet deliberated concerning a war levy of 98,000,000, which must be paid to the German government in twelve monthly installments.

"The representatives agreed to issue treasury bonds, guaranteed by the nine provinces and a group of bankers, headed by the Belgian Societes Generale, undertook to advance the money. The German government promised that all requisitioned goods would be paid for in cash if the installments were regularly received."

German Cruiser Reported Sunk Off the Scotland Coast

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Persistent rumors are current that a German cruiser has been sunk off the coast of Scotland. It is also rumored that two British destroyers arrived at Leith, Scotland, badly damaged.

There is no official confirmation of these reports.

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\$350 Steger & Son	\$190	\$350 Schmoller & Mueller	\$195
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In this department we carry a full and complete line of Christmas boxes and baskets (both filled and to be filled) in sizes from 1 to 5 pounds, including fancy work baskets, fancy silk and gold baskets, Japanese rattan baskets, silk hand embroidered boxes.

SOMETHING NEW, Royal Cream Chocolates. A delicious chocolate, butter cream center, covered with bitter sweet chocolate, lb. .75c Swiss Milk Chocolates, lb. 60c Bitter Sweet Whipped Cream chocolates, per lb. .60c A large assortment of sweet chocolates, lb. 40c and 50c Heller's Imported Austrian Fruit Filled Chocolates, lb. .80c

Heller's Imported Hard Candies, per lb. .60c Heller's Imported Chocolate Santa Claus, ea. 15c, 30c, 50c Pure Sugar Christmas Mixed Candy (hard), 2 lbs. .25c Pure Sugar Xmas Cream Candy (mixed), per lb. .25c WINE AND CIGAR DEPT. In our liquor department we have the largest stock of high grade wines, liquors, champagnes and cigars in the west. All of the standard brands for household and medicinal purposes. FRUIT BASKETS, filled to order . \$2 and up MEAT DEPARTMENT In our meat department we have secured for our Christmas trade the finest selection of turkey, quack, spring lamb, suckling pigs, ducks, crown roasts, beef tenderloin, English mutton saddles, all put up in a style not to be surpassed.

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Daily Matinee, 2:15—Night, 8:15. This week 4 Acts & 30 songs, (Hessie & Mary) Hall, Herman Stone & Co., Loretta, Eugene & Loretta, The Seven Colonial Girls, Bada & Bada, Joe & Lew Cooper, Orpheum Traveling Troupe.

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