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## ANSWER FOR CASTRO

### IT IS IN THE FORM OF THREATENING WARSHIPS.

#### Castro's Coolness Toward the American Minister Complicates the Situation and May Call for Action by the United States.

A Washington, D. C. dispatch says that three French warships are now off the Venezuelan coast prepared to deliver the answer of France to President Castro's treatment of M. Taigny, the French representative to Caracas, by a naval demonstration in Venezuelan waters. Two additional warships will join them as soon as they can make the trip across the Atlantic. Until the demonstration has been initiated the French government will share with the president and Secretary Root the knowledge of the exact form which this expression of her displeasure at President Castro's action will take.

In the meantime the delicacy of the situation at Caracas is greatly increased by news which has recently reached Washington from the Venezuelan capital regarding the attitude President Castro now appears to be assuming toward Mr. Russell, the American minister. Unless this attitude is radically modified it may be necessary to dispatch an American warship even nearer the Venezuelan coast than has already been planned. President Castro will be given to understand that any treatment of an American representative such as that given to M. Taigny will not be tolerated by the Washington government.

The only cause which can be assigned for President Castro's coolness toward Mr. Russell is that the former insists upon regarding as personal rather than official the efforts which Mr. Russell, acting under instructions from Washington, has made to assist a peaceful settlement of the Franco-Venezuelan troubles. The request of the French government that its interests in Venezuela be looked after by Mr. Russell was immediately granted, for the reason that such a request is invariably granted by a friendly power no matter how difficult the task.

France has adopted a simple program for her treatment of the Venezuelan situation. It provides for an immediate and comprehensive apology by President Castro for his treatment of M. Taigny, which treatment the Paris officials regard as "insulting" and "intolerable." Until this apology is made discussion of the claims and other grievances which France has against Venezuela will be withheld.

### CITY HONORS DEAD.

#### Chicago's Tribute to Memory of Marshall Field.

Funeral services for Marshall Field were held at Chicago Friday at his late home and in the First Presbyterian church. The services at the home were characterized by simplicity and brevity and none but those immediately connected with the family and the household were in attendance. The services at the church an hour later were attended by many friends of Field. This service, too, was private, admission to the church being gained only by the presentation of a card. In the afternoon memorial services were held in the auditorium, which was packed to the doors by the employes of Marshall Field & Co. Rev. John A. Morrison, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at all three services.

### HANGING AT LOUISVILLE.

#### The Slayer of Fannie Foster is Legally Executed.

William Vandansen, a white man aged 23 years, was hanged at Louisville, Ky., Friday for the murder last fall of Fannie Foster.

Vandansen occupied his time in jail by making toys, among them being a miniature gallows with a body suspended. For this he received an offer from a Kansas City man, but declined it and gave the trinket to the jail steward.

### Tackle Football Problem.

The faculty representatives of the Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association, known as the "Big Nine," and other western universities, met at Chicago Friday for the purpose of considering what shall be done with the present game of football.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.75 @ 4.90. Top hogs, \$5.35.

### Wright Goes to Japan.

A Washington special says: Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines, has been named by the president as the first Ambassador to Japan.

### Only One Was Killed.

One person was killed and a dozen injured when a car on the elevated railroad in Brooklyn, N. Y., fell to the street Friday. The car jumped the track at a switch.

## 18 MINERS KILLED.

### Explosion Causes Disaster in West Virginia Mine.

A Charleston, W. Va., dispatch says: Eighteen men are believed to have been killed in a terrific explosion Thursday in one of the mines of the Detroit and Kanawha Coal Company at Detroit, on Paint Creek, this county, twenty-five miles from here.

That more men were not in the mine at the time of the accident was due to the fact that almost all of the day men men consisting of miners, loaders and drivers, were eating their dinners on the outside, and thus escaped the fate of their comrades. The explosion occurred at 12:30 o'clock. The force of the explosion was so great that tons of wreckage and debris were hurled from the mouth of the mine, blocking the entrance and making the work of rescue difficult.

News of the disaster quickly spread to nearby mines and hundreds of men were soon at the scene, eager to join in the effort to rescue the entombed miners if alive or recover their bodies if dead.

The ventilation fan was blown out of position by the explosion and it was not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon that it had been repaired and put back in place. As soon as it was set in motion a fairly good current of air was sent circulating through the entrance. The first rescue party consisting of fifteen men entered the mine at 5:30 o'clock. The work of replacing the fallen brattices and removing the debris which obstructed their progress was slow work.

The first body reached was that of G. P. Neal, which was discovered 150 yards from the entrance. The other men were working much further back than Neal and he has no hope of reaching them until late. Even though the men survived the explosion it is almost certain that they will succumb to the deadly aftermath.

Mothers, wives and children of the entombed miners crowd about the mouth of the pit and declare they will not leave until they know the fate of their loved ones.

The cause of the explosion is not yet fully determined, but it is believed that a blast ignited the dust which accumulates in the mines.

### KILLED BY INDIANS.

#### Former Iowa Doctor Is Murdered in Old Mexico.

An account of the murder of Dr. Emil H. Klueber, formerly a prominent German physician of St. Louis, Mo., by Indians near his home at Toluapampa, Mexico, is contained in a letter written by Klueber's son-in-law to St. Louis friends.

It states that on December 23 Klueber was called to the bedside of a sick Indian, and next day his dead body, horribly mutilated, was found lying on a cot in a hut in the Indian village.

Klueber was born in Germany. He came to St. Louis shortly before the civil war and served as a regimental surgeon of an Illinois regiment. Later Klueber went to Iowa and from there to Mexico about twenty years ago.

### TO ROB STOCKMEN.

#### Light on Conspiracy at the Kansas City Yards.

Evidence of the existence at the stock yards in Kansas City, Mo., of an organization of men to defraud shippers by a system of overweights and underweights was disclosed at the trial there of Jay J. Miller, a trader, charged with perjury.

Miller's trial is the first in the case of eleven weighmasters and others indicted last year. Miller testified before the grand jury that indicted the men that he knew nothing of the existence of the alleged crookedness and the prosecution is trying to prove he did.

### Death Probably Natural.

At Philadelphia Coroner Jermon, who is making an investigation into the death of Mrs. Anita Morrow, also known as the "Countess de Battancourt," who was found dead at her home there under mysterious circumstances, said Thursday that he believed the remarkable old woman came to her death through natural causes.

### To Honor Robert Fulton.

Several prominent men met at New York Thursday to form an association to perpetuate the memory of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat. It is proposed to do this by erecting a monument to cost about \$6,000, the money to be raised by popular subscription.

### Iowa Middy Is Accused.

Midshipman Chas. M. James, of Grinnell, Ia., a member of the second class at Annapolis, Md., was served Thursday with the charge of hazing. The charge is supported by eight specifications, the greatest number of distinct offenses yet charged against a midshipman.

### Anarchists Put to Death.

Six Jews, members of the Warsaw anarchists' committee, were executed Thursday in the court yard of the Warsaw citadel. They were arrested.

### Beef Trust Case Opens.

The trial of the beef trust cases at Chicago, which was set for Thursday, did not commence until late in the day. The first session of the court was occupied by the opening statements of the attorneys.

### Socialistic Demonstrations.

Great demonstrations of socialists were held at Hamburg, Germany, to protest against the suffrage law. They caused a complete block of traffic.

## SENATE IS SHOCKED.

### Tillman Makes Violent Attack on Roosevelt.

The recent forcible removal from the White House at Washington of Mrs. Minor Morris was made the subject of emphatic denunciation by Senator Tillman in the senate Wednesday. His remarks called out remonstrances from Senators Hale, Hopkins and Daniel, and led to the very abrupt closing of the doors and the sudden adjournment of the senate in the middle of the afternoon.

The speech abounded in Senator Tillman's peculiar expressions and was characterized by many and exceptional personal thrusts at the president and at times he wept over what he regarded as the indignities to the lady and his voice and eyes were full of tears when he declared in the face of protests from his fellow senators that he would demand an investigation of the White House incident.

The reference to the treatment of Mrs. Morris constituted the latter half of a speech based upon the senator's resolution making inquiry of the president concerning the status of our relations with the republic of Santo Domingo, and was added to illustrate his theory that the present administration is tending towards imperialism.

In the first part of the address he characterized the course of the United States in Santo Domingo as a great extension of the Monroe doctrine and said that if pursued the policy would lead the country into many serious complications. He accused the president of putting the treaty into execution in the face of the senate's refusal to act, denounced the senate as willing to submit seditiously to all that is asked of it and implored senators to show their independence and thus teach the executive a lesson and at the same time serve the country.

With reference to the Morris occurrence he declared that the president had been derelict in failing to punish his subordinates for their course, and quoted statements from persons said to have been witnesses to show that the proceedings had been inhuman. He informally presented and said that he would Thursday formally present a resolution for an investigation of the entire incident.

### CADETS LET OUT.

#### Four Annapolis Hazers Are Publicly Dismissed.

At Annapolis, Md., at noon Wednesday when the full brigade of midshipmen were paraded for regular dinner formation Midshipmen Patterson, Paro Marzoni and W. W. Foster, of the first class, and Tremor Coffin, Jr., of the third class, were publicly dismissed from the United States navy for hazing fourth classmen.

The order of the secretary of the navy was a short one and in each case was addressed personally to the midshipmen directly concerned.

### PILOT FOR FRANCE.

#### Fallieres is Chosen President of the Republic.

Paris advices state that M. Clement Armand, president of the senate, was Wednesday elected president of France to succeed M. Loubet.

Fallieres was elected on the first ballot. The revised figures are as follows: Fallieres, 448; Doumer, 371. Fallieres was born Nov. 6, 1841, at Mezin, department of Lot et Garonne. The new president is a son of a magistrate's clerk, and the grandson of a blacksmith.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

#### Man and Woman Found Dead in Chicago Hotel.

The dead bodies of a young man and young woman were found Wednesday morning in a room at the St. James Hotel at Chicago. Each had been killed by a bullet fired into the mouth, but it is impossible to tell which of the two used the revolver.

The man registered as Ralph Rose, but his body was later identified as that of Frank Kouba, of Algonquin, Ill. The name of the woman is not known.

### DISSATISFIED WITH PAY.

#### Engineers and Firemen on B. & O. to Ask Increase.

The engineers and firemen on the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio systems, it is reported at New York, are dissatisfied with their pay. It is said they are preparing to ask for an increase.

In spite of the belief that the firemen of the Lackawanna Railroad are taking a vote on the question of a strike the officials at New York still think a strike is a remote possibility.

### Sea Reclaiming Its Own.

The changes now taking place in that part of Southern California which is known as the Salton sink, Salton sea, Imperial Valley or Colorado desert, have resulted in the director of the United States geological survey ordering an immediate survey of the entire area.

### Run on Bank Ends.

A run was started at Pittsburg, Pa., Tuesday, on the Washington National bank by foreign depositors and had practically ceased Wednesday. The deposits far exceeded the withdrawals.

### Hits Italy and Hungary.

The report of Immigrant Inspector Marcus Braun was received by the house at Washington, Wednesday. It is severe in its strictures upon the governments of Italy and Hungary.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Union Pacific Ice Houses Burn—Big Structures Destroyed Through Workmen's Carelessness—Will be Rebuilt at Once—Largest in the World.

A North Platte special says: Workmen on the two new ice houses of the Union Pacific Railroad used a bucket of tar between the two buildings and this caught fire from the lamp which was being used to heat the tar, and immediately an enormous conflagration began, which destroyed more than one-half of the largest ice house in the world. The fire occurred Saturday.

Immediately upon the starting of the fire the alarm was turned in and the firemen of both the city and the Union Pacific were on the ground in a very few minutes. The plant is in the western portion of the city and because of not being adequate for the enormous business of the road, two new additions were being built and were well high completed when the accident occurred. They were of new lumber and the molten tar catching ablaze started the fire with terrific force, and it was evident from the start that none of the buildings connected could be saved.

The fire burned all the afternoon and evening and the firemen continued to work with might and main. The nine large houses, six 31x112 feet each, were utterly and entirely destroyed. These nine buildings stood side by side along the track of the railroad, making a total length of nearly 300 feet and a width of 112 feet by about 40 feet high, and were well constructed at a cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000.

All telegraphic connections to the west of here, except the Postal lines, were destroyed by the fire, but the force got out extra wires and surrounded the burning buildings and so made new connections.

The capacity of the houses burned was estimated at 32,000 tons of ice and their destruction is complete, although control of the fire was gained.

The melting ice and the water poured onto the fire by the firemen made almost a small river of water as it coursed down the depression of the earth along the railroad tracks.

Fully 2,000 people witnessed the fire.

### MAYOR STOPS GAMBLING.

#### All Card Tables Are Ordered Out of Saloons at O'Neill.

Mayor Doyle, of O'Neill, has ordered all cards and all tables removed from the saloons of that city. The order followed a recent holdup in which Laurence E. Peterson, from Madison County, lost \$16 in a fleece game. Ed Mahon was arrested for the work, convicted and made to pay back the \$16, together with other fines, and was ordered out of town. After Mahon left Mayor Doyle ordered all tables removed from the saloons, threatening to revoke licenses in case the order was not complied with.

### Teachers to Meet at Norfolk.

The North Platte Nebraska Teachers' Association will meet in Norfolk this year. The meeting place has been in doubt, Columbus having been a candidate for the meeting. Norfolk being more centrally located, it was announced Thursday by Superintendent Bodwell that the convention will be held there. Superintendent Wilson, of Wayne, is president of the association. Five hundred teachers are expected.

### Woman Dies from Burns.

Mrs. Christ Nutzmann, wife of one of the most prominent farmers and stockmen of Bertrand, was terribly burned at her home, and died as the result of her injuries. Mrs. Nutzmann's clothing caught fire from the stove while she was getting supper. Every particle of clothing was burned from her body, also the hair from her head. The family were former residents of Otoe County.

### A New Stone Plant.

A company of Omaha and Lincoln stockholders has been formed for erecting a crushed stone plant along the bluffs bordering the Platte River between Ashland and South Bend on the Burlington's old main line to Plattsmouth. The timber has been cleared, the formation uncovered and the material for the crushers has been ordered. Two crushers will be installed and about eighty men employed.

### Woman Killed by Train.

The Overland Limited, eastbound, struck and killed a woman who was walking on the track at a point one mile west of Clark Saturday evening. A letter from the cashier of the bank at Hinton, Ia., indicates that her name is Mrs. L. E. Frary, that she had a son, Earl Frary, working near Correctionville, Ia.

### Bad Nebraska Prairie Fire.

A prairie fire burned all night east of Kimball and a number of ranches are reported to have been devastated. Thousands of acres of range have been burned over.

### Reed Must Stay in Prison.

The life sentence of James J. Reed, of Douglas County, the murderer of Glenna Hynes, has been affirmed by the supreme court of the state, Chief Justice Sedgwick dissenting.

### New Hall Dedicated.

The feature of the series of meetings of the farmers and stock raisers of the state at Lincoln was the dedication of the new agricultural hall at the state farm grounds Thursday afternoon. This structure cost \$60,000, and \$10,000 was expended in its equipment.

### New Farmers' Telephone.

The Nebraska Telephone Company has just completed a new farmers' line running northeast from Beatrice.

## PANIC NARROWLY AVERTED.

### Fire in Basement of Oliver Theater at Lincoln During Play.

Fire broke out in the basement of the Oliver theater at Lincoln Wednesday night during the rendition of "Ben Hur." It required several minutes of hard work on the part of the fire department, which arrived promptly, to control the flames, a greater part of the audience, however, being unaware of the danger. The fire started under a room occupied by a drug store adjoining the theater lobby.

A man with a seat near the door smelled the smoke and heard the engines on the street. He left his seat hurriedly and started for the doorway with a cry that the building was on fire, but so indistinctly did he shout that not over a dozen heard him. Before he could repeat the cry a policeman grabbed him by the throat and dragged him into the lobby.

A woman who followed faintly as she reached the door and was carried out. Not over half a dozen others left the theater, a thrilling scene on the stage opportunely occupying the attention of the crowded house. The fire was confined to one room and the damage was small.

### STATE WINS AT LAST.

#### Can Collect Railroad Taxes on Basis of State Board's Valuation.

Judge Munger, of the federal court at Omaha decided the railroads of Nebraska must pay their taxes. Such is the essence of his decision in the Burlington case, which has been fought for the state by Attorney General Brown. This decision will apply also to the Union Pacific and to the collection of taxes for 1905, as well as 1904, of both roads.

This suit was for an injunction against the collection of taxes for the year 1904 on the basis of valuation fixed by the state board of equalization and assessment. Another suit, identical in character, had been brought with relation to the taxes for 1905, and the Union Pacific, as well as the Burlington, had instituted the same suits.

The total assessment for the Burlington and Union Pacific for the two years amounts to \$2,056,482. Together they have tendered \$1,448,680. The Union Pacific tendered or paid \$256,000 in 1904, when its assessment was \$348,000, and \$275,000, when its assessment amounted to \$385,000.

### WIFE DESERTER CAUGHT.

#### Runaway Husband Was Living with Girl in Desolate Hut.

Hiding from the law and living in a desolate hut with his 16-year-old girl wife, Morris McKibbin, after a year's pursuit by the detectives of Nebraska, has been apprehended at Norfolk. He was charged with eloping with a 16-year-old girl and with deserting his own wife and three small children in Fillmore County for that purpose. The little wife was formerly Frieda Freese, of Exeter. She left for that place, where she will live with her parents.

McKibbin has been living at Norfolk under the name of Johnson and had been doing day laborer's work on cement sidewalks.

### Newspaper Changes.

A Fullerton dispatch says: As soon as R. G. Adams sold the Fullerton Post to A. B. Currier and the politics of the paper was changed from a Democratic to a Republican one, the Democrats and Populists, not to be outdone, combined and secured the News-Journal, edited by J. W. Tanner, to represent their interests and principles. About three years ago Mr. Tanner came into the Republican ranks and became editor of the News-Journal and he now remains as its editor under the new management.

### Death from Peculiar Accident.

August Wirth, a young married man aged 27, met a peculiar death from the muzzle of his own shotgun near Verdigris. The gun was accidentally discharged while Wirth was walking along and from the effects of the rebound flew out on the prairie. In some manner the gun turned a somersault when it hit, reversed its muzzle and but so that the barrel pointed directly at Wirth, and then, catching its trigger on a weed, was discharged a second time, sending the charge of shot through Wirth's lung.

### Fire at Falls City.

The residence of Dr. W. H. Ker was destroyed by fire at Falls City Saturday morning. The fire caught in the roof from a defective flue and had made such headway before it was discovered that it could not be of under control until most of the building was destroyed. All of the contents was saved. The building will be rebuilt at once.

### Court in Northeastern Nebraska.

A West Point special says: The terms of the district court for the year 1905 in the various counties of the Eighth judicial district have been fixed by Judge Graves as follows: Stanton, Jan. 22, Sept. 10; Cumming, Jan. 4, Sept. 17; Dakota, Feb. 12, Oct. 1; Cedar, March 5, Nov. 12; Dixon, March 10, Dec. 8; Thurston, April 9, Oct. 15.

### Disastrous Fire at Verdigris.

Fire Wednesday morning destroyed three buildings in the business heart of Verdigris, including the postoffice and a quantity of United States mail. The loss is about \$11,000.

### Elevator at Fremont Closes.

The Westbrook-Gibbons Grain Company has decided to close its elevator at Fremont, and Agent Morrison will be transferred to some other point and the building removed.

### Omaha Puts on the "Lid."

According to the police the "lid" was down tight in Omaha Sunday for the first time in many years, not one of the 245 saloons in the city being open. This is the result of a vigorous campaign recently inaugurated by the Civic Federation.

### Drive Results in Two Dead Wolves.

In the wolf drive held northwest of Beatrice Thursday two wolves and about 100 rabbits were killed. About 300 persons participated in the hunt.



By unanimous vote Friday morning the state board of public lands and buildings adopted rules for the conduct of the home for the friendless which will take from the visiting or advisory board every particle of its power and leave the management of the home in the hands of the superintendent, Mrs. Johnson. This action on the part of the board came about over the frequent eruptions caused by a disagreement of superintendents and members of visiting boards over the conduct of state institutions. This same board put the finish to the visiting board to the old soldiers' home for the same reason, making such a recommendation to the legislature which resulted in the law creating that board being repealed. The board also allowed the contractor erecting the hospital and new barn at Grand Island \$7,623.50 on his contract.

So far this year the Burlington and the Union Pacific Railroads have not tried to force onto the state officers the usual annual courtesies. The Missouri Pacific and the Great Northern, however, came across on time with the little pasteborders and they were returned. The Great Northern remembered Gov. Mickey, Treasurer Mortensen and Auditor Searle, while the Missouri Pacific sent passes to Gov. Mickey and Attorney General Brown, Superintendent McBrien received none at all. All the passes so far received by a state officer have been returned. The heads of departments and deputies have come in all right and in some instances the passes are enclosed in handsome black leather cases. It is said this is the first year the Great Northern has sent passes to the officers.

Nebraska's capital city has enjoyed prosperity in a marked degree during the year just ended. An annual review published by one of the local newspapers shows that \$2,440,000 was expended during the year on new buildings and public improvements, while a forecast, based on announcements already made, indicates that a much greater sum is to be spent during the year 1906. The building permit record for the last year shows that over \$1,900,000 was spent on new buildings, most of them residences, the number of the latter being over 900. From every standpoint 1905 was the most prosperous year in Lincoln's history.

By voting to insure the outbuildings at the Hastings asylum the state board of public lands and buildings this morning went back to the old order of things which were in vogue years and years ago. Since the Hastings fire a year ago, in which several hundred dollars damage was done to an outbuilding, the board has had under consideration the advisability of insuring these buildings, but nothing was done until Thursday. The outbuildings will be insured for \$18,000 at a premium of about 4 per cent. No contract has yet been entered into, but the board has about decided who will write the policy.

"Either abolish the office or enact laws by which it will be able to perform the duties which it is supposed to perform and for which it was created." The above is the substance of a recommendation which will be made to the next legislature by the head of the department of industrial statistics, commonly known as the deputy labor commissioner. After three years' efforts to get information of interest and value to the people regarding Nebraska and the department has come to the conclusion that the laws are not adequate and therefore should be amended and broadened or the department abolished.

Mayor Brown, of Lincoln, inspired by the recent hot fire in Minneapolis, has sent a communication to the city council to see that the proper investigation is made into the safety of the hotels and other buildings which require by ordinance a fire escape. A year ago an investigation was made of downtown buildings and this year the mayor desires that nothing be left undone to insure the safety of the public from fires.

Secretary of State Galusha and Land Commissioner Eaton returned from Grand Island Friday morning, where they, with Treasurer Mortensen, had been to inspect the soldiers' home. Both declared the home was never in better condition than under its present management. A new barn has just been completed and the hospital is almost finished, which makes the institution complete insofar as buildings are concerned.

State Superintendent McBrien has issued his official ruling in the matter, and C. S. Coney will be recognized by the state department as the county superintendent of Starjorn County, notwithstanding that W. H. Hyland, until Jan. 1, superintendent, and at the recent election a defeated candidate for re-election refuses to turn over the office and recognize his successor.

A Nebraska organization of alumni of Oberlin University will be formed this year, with the initial meeting and banquet at Lincoln, Feb. 6. President King will be present. The invitation includes not only graduates, but also former students and parents having children attending at Oberlin.

The delegation of Chinese now touring the United States was scheduled to reach Lincoln Jan. 18 and spend the day inspecting the state university and other state institutions.

Gov. Mickey has issued a requisition for the return to Seward County of J. C. Morgan, who is wanted there on a charge of appropriating to his own use some \$300 belonging to his employer, Joseph Brown. Morgan is under arrest in Cass County, Iowa.

The state board of health met Wednesday afternoon in the office of the governor and sent out instructions to the secretaries to file a report with the state auditor regarding vital statistics as required by law.