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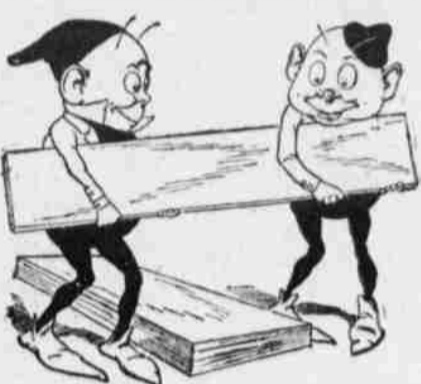
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**DRAWS DARK PICTURE OF RULE OF RUIN IN VENEZUELA**

Writer of Note Describes Results of Castro's Rapacious Regime—Foreign and Home Industry Destroyed and People Starving.

Over the signature of Stephen Bonsai, who writes from first hand knowledge of affairs in Venezuela, the New York Times prints an article on "Cipriano Castro, Cattle Baudit of the Andes." Mr. Bonsai says: It is undoubtedly a mistake to characterize Castro as a South American type. He is fortunately an exceptional man in any continent.

For many years now Castro has had no relations with the respectable classes among his fellow countrymen, except those which the jailer has with his prisoners and the burglar with those whom he robs. One after another the European and the South American powers have at the instance of self respect been compelled to sever all relations with the "bad man" of Caracas. The representatives of Colombia, Chile, the United States and France recently withdrew, and now even the stolid, long suffering Dutch minister has gone, until today the diplomatic officers remaining in Caracas can easily be transported in a four seated barouche.

**Looks Out For Own Profit.**

From the day when Castro entered the astonished capital with the (in view of his acts) almost sacrilegious words, "God and the Federation," emblazoned upon his yellow banners he has ruled the country according to the dictates of his personal caprice and for the greatest profit to himself and his Andean comrades.

Several of the half hearted defenders of the Castro regime, and a few such there are, say that all the friction which has resulted in the almost complete ostracism of Castro by the civilized world has arisen over the claims of foreign concession hunters. After all, it is asserted, these men invested their money in the country with full knowledge of the conditions obtaining there, and several of them in advance committed themselves to the position of promising to seek no redress for their wrongs, real or fancied, except at the hands of the Venezuelan courts.

**Courts Are Castro's Creatures.**

This view of reasoning sounds well but it is not in accord with the facts. When the American concessions which have now been confiscated or are disputed were made there were courts in Caracas which commanded confidence, and Castro has abolished them or changed their personnel without observing the due processes of the law in so doing.

The other charge which the partisans of Castro bring has much more foundation in fact. The accusation is that during the Matos rebellion all the foreigners aided the Matos forces with men, money, arms and information. These charges have never been proved by evidence that would stand scrutiny but here at least there is some basis in fact. In three years Castro had hampered and indeed in many instances, as in the asphalt concession, absolutely ruined every enterprise in the land conducted by foreigners.

**Matos Failed to Save Country.**

Then Matos, an honest man of good antecedents and with the best blood in the country flowing through his veins, made his bid for the presidency in the revolutionary way, the only way, owing to the utter defiance of the electoral laws by the usurping cattle thief, that was open to him. Matos failed because he was not a man of war, and during the last four years Castro has devoted himself to the Indian punishment of those whom he suspects, undoubtedly with some reason, of having abetted his rival.

As a result the commerce of the country has dwindled to nothing; the bountiful crops are not harvested because there is no money in the land; people are starving in what was actually the land of plenty; only the black death travels from deserted port to grass grown Caracas, inflicting the last touch to a gloomy picture.

**POINTS OUT DANGER IN USE OF "STERILIZED" COTTON.**

Investigator Finds Microbes in Material Used For Surgical Purposes.

Startling results are announced in an examination made by the distinguished French savant, M. Nonnotte, of a large number of commercial brands of "aseptic" and "sterilized" cotton. Cultures were made from thirty packages of cotton purchased at random, and in every instance flourishing colonies of microbes were obtained. Two of the packages yielded typhoid bacilli.

In the preparation of cotton for surgical purposes the raw product is carded, washed in soda, bleached with hypochlorites and finally washed in diluted sulphuric acid. After each of these operations the cotton is washed in plain water, and during these washes are introduced the microbes discovered by M. Nonnotte.

Partly as a result of this investigation physicians are turning to the use of the absorbent linen surgical dressing known as "oxolin." This is not only free from the microbial dangers of cotton, but is also more cooling and more absorbent. Physicians and hospitals are now ordering "oxolin" by the ton from the North Brookfield (Mass.) mills where it is manufactured.

The Scientific American in commenting on M. Nonnotte's investigation says, "These results prove that it is unsafe to apply commercial absorbent cotton to wounds or in oedema, erythema and other inflamed conditions of the skin."

**NEED FOR REGULATING VIVISECTION OF ANIMALS.**

Prohibition Not Advocated, Only Law That Will Make Needless Cruelties Impossible.

The New York Society for the Prevention of the Abuse of Animal Experimentation has authorized the following statement. The society does not want to be confused with other organizations that advocate the entire prohibition of vivisection:

Reports lately appearing in the press of frightful cruelties incident to the practice of vivisection again show the need for some such legislation as was proposed in the Davis-Lee bill introduced at the last session of the New York legislature.

Aside from the opposition of some members of the medical fraternity, there was a strong public demand for the enactment of this measure after it became known that in no way interfered with serious scientific research or necessary and humanely conducted experiments upon living animals.

In substance, the bill provided that all experiments shall be under the authority of a college, hospital or board of health and that the places where such experiments are conducted shall be registered. It was also provided that anesthetics should be used in all cases where the success of experiments would not be interfered with and that the animal must be killed after the experiment has been made unless the usefulness of the experiment required that the animal be permitted to live. Brief reports of all vivisections were required to be made for a permanent public record.

**GERMAN TELEGRAPH CENSUS.**

Shows Why United States With Twice the Population Sends Only Half as Many Messages as Great Britain.

An investigation just completed by the German government shows that Great Britain sends the largest number of telegraph messages a year—34,000,000. The United States, with twice the population of the United Kingdom sends only 65,000,000 messages. Germany 52,000,000 and France 58,000,000. The position of the United States in the next telegraph census will undoubtedly be improved by the quick, low cost service of the new telegraph company the Telepost.

The United States has 1,155,480 miles of telegraph wire, four times as much as the United Kingdom, but the American companies earn only \$24 per mile against earnings of \$39.09 in Great Britain, where the average cost per message is only 16 cents as compared to an average cost of 32 cent. here.

In Germany the government finds it profitable to carry a ten word message between any two points in the empire for 12 cents. This is the rule upon which the Telepost will operate here—a flat rate of twenty-five words for 25 cents between all points.

The success of the German system appears to confirm the wisdom of the Telepost in making a rate without regard to distance. With the largely increased business that is shown to be the result of low rates and good service and with the economies made possible by the Telepost's automatic system, experts who have studied the question believe that the new company will make a larger profit at 25 cents for twenty-five words than the old companies make at much higher rates.

**THE MOST NOURISHING FOOD.**

Dietists Say That It Is Current Bread. New Ways of Making This Staple.

Some of the most distinguished diet specialists in the world assert that current bread is the most nourishing article of diet that can be as regularly eaten as white bread. White bread made with a liberal quantity of dried currants is already very popular. Here are two new recipes for making current bread with whole wheat flour and with potatoes:

Scald to not both one and a half cups sweet milk and one cup water. When tepid add one-half cake compressed yeast after soaking ten minutes in cool water, two tablespoonsful of sugar and a teaspoonful of salt. Stir in enough whole wheat flour to make a stiff batter. Allow to rise three hours is long enough if kept warm—overnight if cool. When light add one egg one tablespoonful of melted butter, one cup of cleaned and dried currants. Beat well, then add whole wheat flour to make a soft dough. Work well, mold into two loaves, place in greased pans, brush over with melted butter, let rise until light and then bake in hot oven.

Boil one medium sized potato in a quart of water until soft. Scald one small cup of flour with the hot potato water and add washed potato beaten thoroughly to prevent lumps. When cold add one cake compressed yeast soaked in a little cold water. Let stand six hours to rise, then add one pint warm water, one pound thoroughly washed currants, one tablespoonful of lard, salt, two beaten eggs, one cup brown sugar, cinnamon if desired and flour to make a stiff dough. Knead ten minutes, put into covered pan in a warm place to stand overnight. Bake in the usual way.

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