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MAY BAR DICTATOR

FRANCE TALKS OF SOME SORT OF REDRESS FROM HIM.

Permission to Land Will Be Given Only on the Condition that the Venezuelan Belligerent Offers an Apology for Past Offenses.

If President Castro, of Venezuela, goes to Bordeaux, France, he will not be allowed to set foot on French soil until he has offered a formal apology for the fashion in which he has treated France. This decision was made by the cabinet, but was kept a secret, as it was suspected that Castro would disembark at Santander, Spain, and become his physical condition may be such that humanitarian motives might render immediate care at a hospital imperative.

But should he arrive at Bordeaux, and his illness not be serious, the cabinet has determined that some signal redress must be exacted from the Venezuelan president for his ignominious expulsion of M. Taigny, the French chargé d'affaires, from that country in French claims.

Permission to land will be made conditional upon the dispatch of an official telegram of apology to the French government, and the dispatch of telegraphic instructions to Caracas for the immediate execution of the arbitration award in the matter of French claims.

Dr. Domingo Castillo, the Venezuelan consul general at Hamburg, and D. Escalante, consul general at Liverpool, passed through Paris on their way to Santander, presumably to meet President Castro.

PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY.

Banks at Pine Bluff Continue to Crumble and Fall Into River.

A continued rainfall and the consequent softening of the already crumbling banks has renewed apprehension at Pine Bluff, Ark., and it is not improbable that considerable additional property loss may occur, notwithstanding the rapid recession of the Arkansas river, which at nightfall Sunday had fallen a foot. The embankments protecting the wholesale district and county court house are impaired to such an extent that it is feared they will give way.

Property valued at \$25,000 dropped into the river Sunday, and the caving in of the bank was still in progress late that night.

The greatest damage Sunday occurred in East Barrage street, where 150 feet of ground fell into the river. The warehouse of the Arkansas River Packet company, valued at a high figure, is threatened.

A BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

Two Soldiers Killed and One Fatally Injured at Fort Sill.

Privates Bryant and Maxwell, of Battery C, First field artillery, at Fort Sill, were killed outright and Private Rich, of the same battery, is not expected to survive as a result of the breaking of a bridge over which a detachment of artillerymen were riding. The party of twenty-five artillerymen were making a run to a prairie fire northeast of the post. Eight men and horses were on the bridge over Cache creek when it went down. Some had passed over and others had not yet reached the place. Several other men were injured, but not seriously. It was necessary to destroy several horses. The bridge has been in an impassable condition for several weeks. Cache creek was up, and its deep, swift current assisted in causing the deaths.

TWO KILLED IN COLLISION.

Passenger Trains Collide on the Santa Fe Near Amarillo.

Two persons were killed, two seriously injured and a number were less seriously hurt by the collision of two Santa Fe passenger trains Sunday. The dead: E. Maxon, of Roswell, N. M., engineer; J. J. Smith, mail clerk. Seriously injured: W. H. Nelson, of Amarillo, conductor; Fireman Holstein.

Having order to meet at Haney, a station near Amarillo, Tex., the north-bound train arriving first reduced speed. The southbound train came down the track about the same time. Frost prevented a reduction of speed after the airbrakes were applied.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$4.50. Top hogs, \$5.70.

A Conscription Contribution.

The secretary of the treasury has received through the collector of customs at Georgetown, D. C., a conscription contribution of twelve \$100 bills. The money came by express from an unknown person in Chicago.

Big Oil Tank Explodes.

A 75,000-gallon oil tank of the Standard Oil company near Bayonne, N. J., exploded Saturday. Greenville, a nearby village, was temporarily panic-stricken.

PRIMARY FRAUDS RAMPANT.

Special Chicago Grand Jury After Repeaters.

The ballots of men long residents of other cities, of temporary absentees, of the insane, and even the dead, were cast in Chicago. "Repeaters" voted in platoons, with the connivance of willfully unseeing judges and clerks of election, and fraud rampant, to an extent hitherto unknown in a city never famous for the purity of its political atmosphere, rendered the resultant party nominations worthless. These and other startling allegations were made Friday in the report of the special grand jury, which, after several weeks of delving into charges growing out of Chicago's first primary, returned 81 indictments against two score or more politicians and others, adjourned.

The investigation, owing to physical limitations, merely scratched the surface of the situation, according to the report, and doubt is expressed that there has been an honest city or general election in Chicago in years.

The findings of the inquisitorial body characterizes the primary election as a disgrace to the city. Voting machines are urgently advised as a step in a remedial direction, and a wider application of civil service is recommended. It is stated that while the jury cannot affirm that no frauds were perpetrated by civil service employees, it is significant that the inquisitors found none such.

On the other hand, the report remarks the fact that although the police were in the vicinity of every polling booth, the investigators received no aid from them in seeking to fasten responsibility for conditions which prevailed.

BIG REQUESTS MADE IN WILL.

Boston Man Distributes Over Three Hundred Thousand.

A will which contains many public bequests and provides for practically every employe of one of Boston's largest business houses has been made public in the document left by the late Caleb Chase, a wholesale grocer. The gifts aggregate more than \$300,000.

To certain members connected for many years with the firm is given \$2,000 each; to the fifty-five traveling salesmen \$1,000 each, to members of the sales and office departments \$500 each, to members of the shipping departments and factory \$250 each, to widows of four deceased salesmen \$500 each, to the People's palace, Salvation army \$15,000.

A bequest of \$10,000 each is made to ten local charitable institutions, and ten similar societies will receive \$5,000 each.

SAD STORY OF A STUDENT.

Failure in Hard Struggle to Educate Himself Causes Rash Act.

Meyer Stein, a medical student at Columbia university, was removed to a hospital Thursday night, a prisoner, charged with attempted suicide. He was apparently suffering from poisoning. It is thought he will recover.

Behind the charge is a story of a young man's struggle to educate himself and at the same time support a wife and child with indifferent success, leading to desperation. Stein was married a year and a half ago, but later his wife was obliged to return to him, while on the other hand she pleaded with him to defer their planned reunion until he had gained the goal of his ambition.

Score For Uncle Sam.

The certificate of Attorney General Bonaparte requesting that the case of the government to compel the New Haven railroad to relinquish its holdings of stock in the Boston and Maine railroad be expedited was granted Friday at Boston by the United States circuit court and the contention of the railroad that the expediting act is unconstitutional was overruled.

To Scare Venezuela.

Three Dutch warships have made a demonstration against Venezuela. Together they steamed along the coast from Puerto Cabello to La Guayra at a distance of 3,000 yards from the shore. One battleship returned to Willemstad and two cruisers going to Maracaibo, where they will make a similar demonstration.

An Officer with Washington.

Having been buried for nearly a century in an obscure corner of Driggs farm in Maryland, near Washington, the body of Maj. l'Enfant, an engineer officer of the colonial army, who assisted George Washington in laying out the national capital, is to be removed at government expense with military ceremonies to Arlington cemetery in Virginia.

Powers Hold Conference.

The conference of the powers called by Great Britain for framing a code of laws for naval warfare and for the formation of an international prize court recommended by The Hague congress was opened at the foreign office at London Friday.

Big Oleo Seizure.

More than 12,000 pounds of oleomargarin, shipped by the Narragansett Dairy company, of Narragansett, R. I. were seized by revenue agents. The officers say that while the oleo is artificially colored, it was being handled as an uncolored product and as such the manufacturers paid a government tax of one-fourth of 1 cent a pound, as against a tax of 10 cents necessary on colored oleomargarin.

ALEXIS OVERTHROWN; NEW RULER IN HAITI

Bloodless Revolt Deposes Aged Executive and Makes Legitimate President.

NOT A SHOT FIRED IN COUP.

Movement Led by Citizens of Port au Prince—Committee of Safety Controls the Capital.

Through a well-organized and suddenly executed coup a bloodless revolution in Haiti was accomplished Wednesday. The people of the capital seized power, deposed the President, Nord Alexis, set up a provisional government of their own, and made Gen. Legitime their new President.

The only leader remaining loyal to Alexis is Gen. Camille Gabriel, his nephew, who for the last six months has directed the policy of the administration. He remained at the palace with Alexis. All the ministers and high military officials under Alexis took refuge in the foreign legations. These are the same men who nine months ago were protesting vociferously against the granting of the right of refuge to unsuccessful revolutionists by the foreign diplomatic and consular representatives.

The revolution had been well organized. Early in the day bands of citizens, organized and armed, moved quietly about the town and took possession of various points of vantage. The movement was directed by Gen. Canal, a member of the Senate. Not a shot was fired. The soldiers of Alexis saw that the rebels had the upper hand and quickly let it be seen that they had no intention of starting a fight that might result in much bloodshed. The presence of the American cruisers, Des Moines and Tacoma, and the French cruiser Duguay Trouin undoubtedly had a restraining influence.

Gen. Nord Alexis, who has been President of Haiti since 1902, was born in 1821. He was elected for seven years. The salary is \$24,000. Haiti is the western or French portion of the island of Santo Domingo. Its area is 9,242 square miles and its population 1,500,000. It is a country of revolutions. In October, 1907, sixteen men were sentenced to death on a charge of conspiring to overthrow the government. In January, 1908, an army of insurgents, under Jean Jumeau, marched on the capital, Port au Prince, but were repulsed by government troops under the leadership of Gen. Celestin Cyrrique, the minister of war.

The stirring events of the exciting and historical day that saw President Nord Alexis driven from his capital with an infuriated mob at his heels, were followed by a night of looting, pillage and murder in Port au Prince. Twelve men were killed before order was restored. The passions of the populace had been aroused, and after being defeated in their endeavors to do bodily harm to Alexis, they turned their attention to well-stocked storehouses and the residences of the supporters of their late president. They were rapidly getting out of hand when the authorities succeeded in controlling the situation.

55 SHIPS BUILT IN MONTH.

Vessels for Oceans, Lakes and Rivers Completed.

Forty-two steam and thirteen sailing vessels were built in the United States in November, according to a report of the bureau of navigation in Washington. All of the steam and seven of the other vessels were of steel. The total gross tonnage was 9,100. Thirty of the vessels are for use in the Atlantic and gulf, eight for the Pacific, eight for the great lakes, and nine for western rivers.

POLITICS and POLITICIANS

William R. Hearst was the heaviest backer of the Independence party in the recent election. His contribution was \$12,295.

The belief that the subject of woman's suffrage is gaining the public ear in the East has been strengthened by the discovery of the existence of an organization known as the Secret Suffrage Council in New York City, the membership of which includes a number of wealthy and prominent men and women.

At a dinner given by the Cincinnati Commercial Club, Taft was the guest of honor, along with Congressman Longworth and others of local or national prominence. He expressed himself as full of hope that investors would now go ahead and make possible the continuation of great enterprises. He gave fair warning that no favors could be expected from the next administration by men who break the law.

One of the most interesting results of the recent election in Colorado, where the returns came in very slowly, was the reelection of the famous judge of the Juvenile Court, Lindsay, who ran independently after both the Republican and Democratic organizations had refused him a nomination because of his exposure of grafting politicians of high degree in both parties. Lindsay's election was made possible by the almost unanimous support of the women voters, who, though differing on the national ticket, almost without exception marked their ballot for the children's friend and helper.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

Number of Appointments Announced by Sheldonberger.
Deputy Labor Commissioner—Will M. Maupin, Lincoln.
Deputy Oil Inspector, Second District—T. J. O'Connor, Omaha.
Chief Game Warden—Dan Gelius, Omaha.
State Veterinarian—Dr. Paul Jackson, South Omaha.
Colonels on the Governor's Staff—Sophus Kiehn, Omaha; Thomas Byrne, Omaha; E. W. Bennett, Omaha; P. C. Marshall, Omaha; S. P. Benjamin, Omaha; W. E. Murphy, South Omaha; L. D. Utterback, Nebraska City; J. H. Quigley, Valentine; Charles Lehman, Milligan; N. H. Weiss, Hebron; G. G. Thompson, Alma.
Chief Oil Inspector—Arthur F. Mallen, O'Neill.
Deputy Oil Inspector, First District—E. E. Harmon, Auburn.
Deputy Fish Commissioner—W. J. O'Brien, South Bend.
Deputy Game Warden—Isaac King, Superior.
Deputy Food Commissioner—L. J. Tuel, Lincoln.
Steward Norfolk Asylum—Herman Gerecke, Norfolk.
Steward Lincoln Asylum—Horace E. Bishop, Lincoln.
Steward Hastings Asylum—S. E. Gridley, Saunders county.

LAND VALUES IN MERRICK.

Some Good Prices Paid for Merrick County Lands.

Merrick county land is still selling at top prices, two land sales having recently been consummated which for the amount of money involved set a new record for land deals in the county. The Anthony ranch, west of Central City, comprising 520 acres, has been sold for \$39,200. The ranch includes a half and a quarter section. The half section was bought by Frank Campbell, who paid for it at the rate of \$90 per acre, the entire purchase price being \$28,000. The quarter section was bought by W. A. McCullough, who paid \$11,200 for it, or at the rate of \$70 per acre. The other land deal involved 577 acres of land belonging to the estate of the late Adam Oliver Smith. The property is about a mile northeast of Central City and is known as the old Hart ranch. The entire tract was divided into four pieces and sold for an average of \$43.40 per acre. The land included in this sale had no improvements or buildings of any kind on it, and besides was far from being the best land in the county.

HARTINGTON MAN ON TRIAL.

Herman Evers Accused of Crime that Arouses Community.

The district court in session at Ponca secured a jury to try the case of the State of Nebraska against Herman Anton Evers, of Hartington, on the charge of criminal assault upon 82-year-old Pauline Juding, also of Hartington. A change of venue was taken from Cedar county to Dixon county on account of the feeling aroused in that community.

Evers is a German 49 years of age, a naturalized citizen of the United States. The people became so much agitated about the case that it became necessary to bring Evers to Ponca in the night and his presence remained a secret until the trial was begun. It was feared the Hartington people might deal with Evers independently of the courts.

LOVER TRIES TO END LIFE.

Despondent Man Makes Three Fatiguing Attempts.

Desperately fighting his physician, Gus Crooks, formerly deputy sheriff of Fall River county, S. D., made three attempts to commit suicide at Lincoln. He swallowed chloroform and was unconscious when found. His mouth was pried open with a poker and a stomach pump used. Blinding a nurse, he swallowed another dose a few hours later. Once more he was revived. Once more he managed to get a cloth saturated in chloroform and wrapped it around his head. The doctor arrived in time to revive him again. Crooks is despondent over the refusal of a South Dakota girl to marry him.

Priest Slowly Recovering.

Late Sunday night Father Stauber, of Hartington, suffered a stroke of paralysis. Present reports from the bedside are favorable and strong hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Sold Liquor to Indians.

Two traveling saloonkeepers, Axel Lotting and Benson & Rinderhagen, were brought to Fremont to answer to the charge of selling liquor to Indians in violation of the state statute.

Constructing New Bridge.

The work of constructing a new bridge across the Platte river at Louisville has been commenced, and it is expected to be ready for traffic within three months.

Golden Wedding.

A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Rork, of Tekamah, surprised them by giving a little party in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Ruser Case Begins Thursday.

The trial of Mrs. Emil Ruser and John Slager was begun at Papillion Thursday. Both are charged with shooting with intent to kill, and Mrs. Ruser is accused of being an accomplice to the crime in addition.

Religion Sweeping Doniphan.

Religious enthusiasm is sweeping over Doniphan and the surrounding country. Interest radiates from a revival meeting conducted by Evangelist Enslow, of Chicago, began some two weeks ago.

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR EASY READERS

FATHER AND CHILDREN UNITED.

York County Man Goes Back to England to Live.

Oliver Baggs, one of the oldest residents of York county, is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the meeting of his two daughters for the first time in thirty-five years. The story of Oliver Baggs, coming direct from England to York county thirty-five years ago, leaving two motherless children with friends, hoping to make enough to bring them over here, and his settling on a farm near York, where he worked to accumulate and helped to make the history of the great and wonderfully prosperous growth of York and York county, and when he was ready to send for them he learned that they had been adopted and left for other parts of England and lost all trace of their whereabouts. For the last two months Justice Post, of York, has been making inquiries, writing the rectors of churches or parishes, telling of the two little girls, and through this correspondence Oliver Baggs received a letter stating that one daughter was unmarried and that the other daughter was married and now had a family grown, and welcomed Mr. Baggs to England, offering him a comfortable home in his old age. Mr. Baggs will sell off his real estate and will leave next month for England and his children, with the best wishes of his many friends and old acquaintances.

JOHNSON COUNTY CORN SHOW.

Annual Institute Now in Session at Tecumseh.

The annual Johnson county farmers' institute, corn show, and industrial contest was held at the court house in Tecumseh on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. A splendid program had been arranged, including some of the most entertaining speakers of the west, assisted by home talent. Thursday afternoon and evening was devoted to the ladies, and Friday afternoon and evening was given to the boys and girls. There was a corn contest for the men and another for the boys, and the girls were engaged in an industrial contest, where they showed their handiwork, cooking, etc. From its fund the institute purposes to send a number of boys and girls to the national exposition at Omaha that they may get the benefit of the lectures and exhibits. The prize winning corn in all classes will be taken to Omaha and entered for contest there. On Wednesday and Thursday the officers of the institute served a free dinner. It was a splendid meeting.

KEARNEY CHURCH DEDICATED.

Bishop McIntyre Preaches Over Opening New Methodist Edifice.

The new Methodist Episcopal church of Kearney, which was completed last week at a cost of \$28,000, was dedicated Sunday with fitting ceremonies. Three services were held. At the morning service Bishop Robert McIntyre, of Minneapolis, delivered a stirring address. In the afternoon citizens had charge. Mrs. Louise Collins spoke on "The Old Church," N. P. McDonald on "The New Church" and Senator Norris Brown on "What the Church Stands For." At the evening service Rev. William D. Parr, of Kosciusko, Ind., was the principal speaker. After his address the church was formally dedicated by Bishop McIntyre. The service was in charge of the pastor, Dr. Abbott. The church building is 120x70 feet.

CAVE-IN BURNS TWO.

Rescuers Uncover the Men and Find One, August Johnson, Dead.

The cave-in of a bank at the steam shovel in the National Stone company's quarry at Louisville buried August Johnson and Leo Buck Tuesday afternoon. The alarm was given and in a few minutes all the men in the quarry were working to rescue them. Soon the lifeless body of Johnson was taken out, badly crushed. Buck, who was more fortunate, was lying under the crane, which served as a partial protection, and was rescued alive. Although he was badly bruised and has one arm broken he will probably recover.

FOUR NEW SUPREME JUDGES.

Gov. Sheldon Names Judge Jacob Fawcett, of Omaha, as One.

John J. Sullivan of Columbus, Jacob Fawcett of Omaha, W. B. Rose of Lincoln, and Jesse L. Root of Plattsmouth, have been appointed supreme judges by Gov. Sheldon. The appointments were made late Monday afternoon, though all day it was generally supposed around the state house these would be the men. The terms will be as follows: One year, Sullivan, and Fawcett; three years, Rose and Root. The salary is \$4,500 a year.

Good Price for Land.

As an evidence that farm land near Tecumseh is steadily going up, the sale of Paul Huston's farm is given. Mr. Huston's place included eighty acres and is two miles west of Tecumseh. The improvements are ordinary. Wallace Faris paid \$4,500 for it, or \$112.50 per acre.

Start Alfalfa Meal Plant.

A number of local capitalists have formed a stock company and purchased the buildings of the starch works and power house at Nebraska City, and will start an alfalfa meal plant, with a capital stock of \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Captures Escaped Convict.

Ed Kiser, who escaped from the penitentiary Oct. 19, was located by Geo. E. Pursell, sheriff of Brown county, near Salix, Ia., and returned to Lincoln Nov. 25.

STATE CAPITAL

LINCOLN

The report of Dr. J. E. Sward, secretary of the Board of Secretaries of the State Board of Health to the Board of Health filed Wednesday is devoted almost entirely to a discussion of tuberculosis, what has been done and what should be done to prevent the spread of this disease in Nebraska.

According to Dr. Sward this disease costs the state in finances, loss of time from work, over \$5,000,000 every year, besides over 600 lives. Dr. Sward makes the following recommendations: Each state should provide sanatoriums for its own tubercular indigent. Persons in the advanced stages of the disease, if hopeless, should be kept within the confines of their own state.

All consumptives entering a state should show that they are capable of self support, and will receive benefit from the Nebraska climate.

All cases of tuberculosis should be registered, in order that immigrating cases, escaping observation at the state line, can be reported later, if found indigent.

The board of secretaries of the state board of health should have complete control of these matters and of this census. Every private, local or state hospital should be inspected under the surveillance of the state board of health, and members of the board of secretaries should receive compensation and expenses while doing this work. The board also recommends that all schools should be inspected.

Enclosed with the report is a copy of a bill to be presented to the next legislature providing for the establishment of a bacteriological laboratory at the state university at a cost of \$5,000 and \$7,000 for maintenance for the biennium.

The closing days of the biennium has brought to the hearts of the convicts in the state penitentiary a longing for freedom and to their relatives on the outside a hope that the chief executive may see the light as they see it, and the result is a multiplicity of applications for clemency.

Previous to the last legislature anyone who desired a pardon had the privilege of making application to the governor at any time and there was little or no publicity about the proceedings. People were at liberty to call upon the chief executive at any time and make a plea.

The last legislature enacted a law that all hearings upon an application for executive clemency should be held in public and that the application should be published at least two weeks consecutively in some newspaper prior to the hearing. The law also provided that the attorney general should sit with the governor in the hearing.

Because of this law it will be practically impossible for those who have not already had their names published to do so now. The governor already has a number of hearings dated and to begin the publication now it would be at least three weeks before the hearing could be had, and then the governor will have gone out of office before the case could be passed upon.

Because of this many who are now contemplating making their application would save time and money by simply waiting until the administration changes.

If anyone interested in Nebraska has ever offered a reward for the oldest triplet in Nebraska he should send the reward to the office of Governor Sheldon for delivery. The governor has received a picture of three women, and accompanying the picture was a letter. The picture is of the three best looking young people that ever had their pictures taken together in Nebraska. Here is the letter which came with the picture.

Gen. A. Nelson, Nov. 26.—Hon. George F. Sheldon, Governor: Dear Sir—We saw a notice in one of the Omaha papers that there was a prize given for the oldest triplet in the State of Nebraska.

Now, we are going to compete for that prize. We are 48 years old November 6, 1903, and weight, respectively, 178, 180 and 182 pounds, and enjoy good health. Our names are Mrs. Agnes Hickley, Mrs. Laura Ames and Mrs. Christina McCullough.

Dr. Ward, dean of the college of medicine, Nebraska university, has just received an official communication from England, from which the following is quoted:

"I have now the pleasure to inform you that the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons have added the University of Nebraska to the list of those institutions recognized by this board at which the curriculum of professional study may be pursued and be admitted to the final examination in medicine, surgery and midwifery on production of the required certificate of study."

This is a very high honor, being shared by only six other medical colleges in the United States.

Governor Sheldon has appointed the following delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors congress to meet in Washington December 9 to 11: P. H. Moley, Mason City, H. T. Clarke, Omaha; William L. Yetter, Omaha; W. D. Windham, Plattsmouth; H. D. Watson, Kearney; E. Benjamin Andrews, Lincoln; Frank Edgerton and Frank Collins of Washington.

Certificates of election have been made out to the democratic electors by Governor Sheldon and a letter sent them to appear at the executive office "at noon Saturday preceding the second Monday in January" to meet and organize.

The fees collected by the various state officers and state departments during the biennium just closed amounted to a grand total of \$361,692.21.