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MEXICAN WAR NEXT

She is Anguishing for a Fight.

SHE WANTED TO SEE THE SIGHTS

A Prisoner Shot, a Murderer Hanged, and an Earl Dead—Such is the News.

Amenability of Regular Troops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A very important opinion as to the amenability of officers of the regular army to the jurisdiction of municipal courts was rendered today. In response to a request from the secretary of war, the attorney-general rendered an opinion to the effect that the expression "laws of the land," in the 59th article of war, includes city ordinances and by-laws, and therefore that a soldier may be arrested, tried and punished by the proper civil authorities for the violation of a city ordinance, and that if he escapes to a military reservation, his surrender may be demanded by the proper civil authorities, and should be made by the military officer in command. This opinion, if sustained, will have a far-reaching effect upon the use of soldiers in organized municipalities, army officers fearing that in certain cases the army will be powerless to act in cases of disorder similar to that which existed in Chicago, if a board of aldermen pass an ordinance prohibiting the public appearance of troops under arms.

The Seattle Telegraph Bought by the Post-Intelligencer.

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—A bill of sale of the Seattle Telegraph to the Post-Intelligencer was filed with the auditor today. The consideration is specified as \$1 and other valuable considerations to assume a debt of \$10,283 on typesetting machines, otherwise the Telegraph is to be delivered free of all incumbrances. The Post-Intelligencer agrees to carry out the city printing and advertising contracts as far as possible, but reserves the right to reject any. A mortgage was also filed today by the Post-Intelligencer for \$100,000 to Jacob Furth, banker, as trustee, on the Post-Intelligencer and Telegraph plants. The Post-Intelligencer will issue bonds for \$100,000.

Guatemalans Killing Mexicans on the Frontier.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 7.—The latest reports from the Guatemalan frontier state a Mexican colonel, member of the staff of General Lullane, has been assassinated by Guatemalans, and from unofficial sources it is learned a company of 170 Mexicans had a skirmish with 400 Guatemalan guerrillas, in which two Mexican soldiers were killed. This particular body of mounted Guatemalans are reported still hovering about the vicinity of the Mexican troops, but it is believed, after making the attack, they retired to the Guatemalan side of the international line. Should official information confirm these reports it is highly probable the Mexican government will at once demand reparation in a satisfactory manner for the outrages.

Another Break by Cleveland.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—President Cleveland has sent a cable message here, saying he has reconsidered his decision not to send an American delegate with the Turkish commission appointed to inquire into the Armenian outrages, and will allow the American legation here to nominate a delegate. The Turkish government is manifesting a great desire to show the powers that the United States was first asked to send a delegate with the Armenian commission, but declined. The Earl of Kimberley, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, was also requested to nominate a delegate, and immediately assented.

The Chinese at Fort Arthur.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A Shanghai dispatch says the Chinese at Fort Arthur are making presents to the Japanese who recently captured that place. They are giving dramatic performances for the entertainment of the visitors. The same dispatch says the Chinese merchants engaged in the shipping trade are transferring their vessels to the protection of foreign flags. A strong anti-foreign feeling still exists in Peking, but despite that fact the families of the British and Russian ministers are returning.

Wanted to See New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Late last night a handsome, dark-haired young woman, say with diamonds, was arrested in Koster & Bial's, on a charge of disorderly conduct. At the Thirtieth-street police station she said she was Annie Willis, 25 years old. She said she was

a California girl, and had come to New York to see what it was like. She was stopping at the Fifth-avenue hotel she said.

Unsuccessful Bank Robbery.

LINNEUS, Mo., Dec. 7.—Sheriff Barton has received word from Marceline that the First National bank of that city was broken into Wednesday, the vault blown open with dynamite and \$6,000 stolen.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—Advices direct from Marceline, Mo., say that the crackmen failed to get a cent from the First National bank.

Forged American Bonds.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A telegram from Belfast says 20,000 American school bonds have been placed in Ireland and \$195,000 in London during the last ten years. A large amount of these securities are believed to have been forged work. The placing of the alleged forged securities is said to have been done by a member of an American banking house. One of the partners is reported to have absconded.

A Somanbulist's Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Mary Bastido, aged 90, of Jersey City, has been subject to somnambulism for some time. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning she left her bed and crawled out of a rear window to an extension. Then she walked to the edge and fell into the yard, about fourteen feet below. His left arm was fractured, and she was injured about the head. She died at noon.

Ratification and Taking Effect of the Chinese Immigration Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The president today signed a proclamation announcing the ratification and taking effect of the new Chinese immigration treaty. Secretary Gresham's proclamation is precisely similar to those usually issued in such cases, and is confined to a recital of the text of the treaty, with notice to the public of its ratification.

Farmers Hunting Cattle Thieves.

HENNESSEY, Oklahoma, Dec. 7.—A posse of farmers who have been following a band of horse and cattle thieves near the Glass mountains, in Cheyenne and Arapahoe counties, seventy miles west of Hennessey, captured three of the thieves and drove the rest away, after wounding several.

An Escaping Prisoner Shot.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 7.—Frank Meyers, a convict, after testifying in court, was fatally shot today. He broke away at the jail door, knocking Deputy Wilkerson down. The prisoner ran down the street, followed by Wilkerson, who fired three shots, felling the prisoner. Meyers was serving a six years' sentence for burglary.

A Murderer Hanged.

RAWLINS, Wyo., Dec. 7.—Frank Howard was hanged here today for the murder of Charles Horn of Dixon December 31st, 1893, in a fit of jealous rage caused by Horn's attention to Grace Bigtold. Howard was calm, but very pale. He made no statement. His neck was broken by the fall.

The Czar and the Clergy.

WARSAW, Dec. 7.—It is stated here the czar has informed General Gurko, governor of Warsaw, that he must not interfere with Catholic clergy. General Gurko, who tendered his resignation on the 1st inst., is to be succeeded by Count Puschkin, now governor of Odessa.

General Scammon, an Old West Point Teacher, Passed Away.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—General Mlakim P. Scammon died in Audubon Park today. He was a graduate from West Point in 1837, served in the military academy as professor of ethics and mathematics, and was a tutor of Generals Grant, Rosecrans and Newton, and was a room-mate of General Bragg.

Earl of Oxford Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The sudden death of the Earl of Oxford is announced. He will be succeeded by his nephew, Robert Horace Walpole, who, in 1888, married Miss Louise Melissa Corbin, of New York, and was sued for breach of promise by a German governess of Constantinople.

Defaulting Bank Cashier.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 7.—Cashier Brice, of the City National bank, is reported to be a defaulter in the sum of \$37,000. The loss has been made good, and the bank declared perfectly sound.

Servant—There's a horrid tramp at the back door. Mistress—Show him right up to the best bedroom and then go out in the street and shriek. Quick, or he will get away. The Astors indeed!—The Smiler.

The skeleton in the closet was not able to conceal its delight when the old man kissed the hired girl. "That means a room-mate for me, sure as a gun," it exclaimed.

COBLENTZ SUICIDES

Was Warden of the Washington Penitentiary.

HE WAS SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

Tom Reed's Boom Got a Boost From Platt of New York and Quay of Pennsylvania.

Turkish Line of Defense.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Communications from the ports to the British foreign office indicate that the line of defense to be pursued regarding the Armenian atrocities will be that the Armenians and Kurds both engaged in a civil war; that outrages were committed on both sides. Turkish regulars were called upon to suppress the feud, and finding the Armenians entrenched, called upon them to surrender. The Armenians refused, and were thereupon attacked by the troops, who were at first repulsed.

It is admitted that a number of Armenians who surrendered upon being offered pardon for their share in the disturbances were executed, but the story that fortified villages were stormed by the troops, that they might murder the male inhabitants and outrage the women, are denied. Sekki Pash, who is in command of the force that is said to have committed the outrages, has caused the women who were taken prisoners by the Turkish troops to be closely guarded. The informant, referring to the subject, says if the ports shall fail to punish the guilty parties the only alternative will be European occupation of Armenia.

Against Women in Politics.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 8.—By a vote of 77 to 65 the legislature has set its face against any effort in the way of bringing women into politics. Governor Atkinson, on assuming office, was anxious to make Miss Helen Dortch, a good-looking literary woman of 18 years, his private secretary. It was found that the preceding legislature had conferred a military rank upon that office. Through Representative Bonfoulet Governor Atkinson then sought to have an act passed making women eligible to hold statehouse clerkships, with the view of appointing Miss Dortch to the place of assistant librarian, and it was this measure which the legislature squelched yesterday. Grand Master Shannon, of the Masonic fraternity, has offered Governor Atkinson the use of his name for the appointment, with the view of conferring the place upon Miss Dortch as his agent.

Standard Oil Magnates.

TYLER, Tex., Dec. 8.—Attorney-General Henry said today:

"I am not at liberty to give out the precise course that this state will pursue in the Standard Oil prosecution. As to the situation in New York, we will try to remove any defect in the requisition papers, and will have counsel to represent us, on Governor Hogg's application. Should our requisition to the governor of Missouri be refused, the same course will be pursued. Aside from the supposed defect in the papers, the governor of New York certainly has no ground for refusing to grant the requisition. The efforts of defendants to avoid coming to Texas will be futile."

A Chicago Divorcé Elopéd With the Wife of Another Man.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—It was discovered today that Conrad Haney, one of the most prominent Chicago divorcees, has eloped with Mrs. George W. Brandt, wife of the manager of a prominent baking powder company. Haney is the pastor of the aristocratic Union church on Lake avenue, and has been recently prominently spoken of as the successor of Professor David Swing, for the pastorate of Central church. He left a handsome wife and four children destitute.

It is stated Brandt caught his wife and the preacher yesterday at a downtown hotel, and Brandt gave the minister twelve hours to leave town. Haney did not wait, but flew, accompanied by Mrs. Brandt.

Treasury Officials Pleased.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The slight, but steadily sustained improvement in treasury finances since the various provisions of the new tariff law are becoming operative, and business being adjusted to the changed tariff schedules is very gratifying to treasury officials. This improved condition is shown in the daily receipts, which, for the month of December to date, aggregate \$6,500,000, nearly \$1,000,000 a day, Sundays excluded. Of the receipts, \$3,635,523 have been from customs, an excess of \$750,000 over the same period last December,

thus indicating a total revenue from this source for the month of December between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000, against \$10,000,000 during November last.

Shot Through the Head.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—A Walla Walla special says: Warden J. A. Coblentz, of the state penitentiary, shot himself through the head at 5:30 this evening. He had been asked to resign by the penitentiary commissioners, and it is supposed killed himself because he feared the humiliation of removal.

Coblentz was formerly acting collector of customs, and about four years since killed Holt, the smuggler, and was severely blamed for it. He also killed a man in Arkansas before he came here. He was in the government employ in Arkansas.

Reed's Boom Growing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Reed's boom for the presidency grows. There was gossip about the house today that Tom Platt had intimated a preference for Reed, and this, coupled with the understanding that Quay has come out for the Maine statesman, served to give Reed stock a boom. Platt and Quay opposed Harrison at Minneapolis, and in the minds of republican leaders there is no likelihood of their support being captured for the ex-president.

Storm in the Azores.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from St. Michael's reports that a violent hurricane passed over the Azores islands. Ponta del Gada (the largest town of the Azores) breakwater demolished by floating rock. A crane on the dock was swept away, and the German brig Adelheid was totally lost with part of her crew. The British steamer Ituni was also badly damaged, and the British steamer Fulwell broke adrift and was damaged in a collision.

Acts of Brigandage.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8.—The porte received dispatches from the governor of Van, dated November 29, December 6, announcing acts of brigandage there, and the capture of a part of a band of 20 Armenians who wore the Kurdish dress, and were armed with modern rifles. Six of the prisoners belong to the Armenian revolutionary committee. Several were killed and wounded on both sides during a skirmish, previous to the capture of the brigands.

Free Silver Coinage.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 8.—A largely attended conference of free-silver democrats of the state, including some of the most influential members of the party, adopted resolutions here yesterday pledging every honorable effort to get the party in this state to adopt free silver coinage as the leading issue in the next campaign. An executive committee of twenty-one was named and an organization effected.

He Succeeded in Dying.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 10.—Joe H. Conrad, a former Helena merchant, who sought to commit suicide by taking strychnine, succeeded in dying at his hotel, where he has been under the care of the city physicians since his attempt to take his life Friday last. His wife was in the city at the time of his death.

District of Columbia Day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Today being the second Monday in the month, under the rules, the house devoted its time to the consideration of District of Columbia business. On motion of Heard, of Missouri, chairman of the District of Columbia committee, the house went into committee of the whole.

Navy Surgeon Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Dr. J. Mills Browne, ex-medical director and ex-surgeon-general of the United States navy, died last night of paralysis, aged 63. Browne was attached to the Kearsarge during the civil war, and was aboard her when she sank the Alabama. He was retired as surgeon-general May 10, 1893.

He Shot Two Brothers.

CERRILLES, N. M., Dec. 10.—Elutario Leyba shot Emil d'Iao in the head at Bena Blanca last night. The shooting was the result of an old grudge. David d'Iao, Emil's brother, asked Leyba why he shot Emil. Therefore Leyba shot David just below the heart. Emil will recover. David will die.

Governor Without Knowing It.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 8.—Governor Altgeld has gone to Hot Springs for his health and Lieutenant-Governor Gill is in California. This makes Dayton Craft, speaker of the house, governor pro tem. Craft is in Austin, Cook county, unaware of his importance.

New boy—Lady wants to see you, sir. Fortune teller—Who is she? "I don't know." "Then follow her home and find out. How the dickens am I going to tell a woman's fortune if I don't know who she is?"—New York Weekly.

CARLISLE'S CURRENCY

Secretary Details the Features of His New Plan.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BANKING

National Banking Laws Should Not be Altered—Injustice Done the State of Washington—in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Secretary Carlisle appeared before the house committee on banking and currency today to present in detail the features of the new currency plan proposed in his annual report and indorsed in the president's message. Besides the full membership of the committee Senator Romero, the Mexican minister, and many members of congress were present. Carlisle took up each section of his recommendations.

First—To repeal all laws requiring or authorizing the deposit of United States bonds as security for circulation, and second, to permit national banks to issue notes to an amount not exceeding 75 per cent of their paid-up and unimpaired capital, but to require each bank before receiving notes to deposit a guarantee fund consisting of United States legal tender notes of 1890, to the amount of 30 per cent upon the circulating notes applied for.

This percentage depends upon the circulating notes outstanding to be maintained at all times, and whenever the bank retires its circulation in whole or in part, its guarantee fund is to be returned to it in protection to the amount of notes retired.

Carlisle said he was satisfied the present law requiring the present deposit of a bond to secure circulation prevented an elasticity of currency. He said:

"The provision outlined gives ample protection without the deposit of bonds as required by the present law."

Carlisle said the practical value of the reserve fund currency was shown in 1893. There was a demand for money, aggregating \$400,000,000. The treasury did its best to meet the stringency, but by the time the notes were ready to distribute the demand had gone by, and many of the packages of notes were returned unpaid.

The secretary invited criticism on this particular section.

Chairman Springer asked how the secretary's plan differed from the Baltimore plan.

Carlisle explained the technical difference. The Baltimore plan proposed a deposit of 50 per cent under certain conditions, while the treasury plan proposed a deposit of 30 per cent. When a bank fails the treasury plan contemplates an assessment on all national banks, they in turn having a lien on the failed bank.

Representative Hall, of Missouri, suggested there was a prevailing opinion it was unsafe to place the power of the currency in the hands of corporations and banks.

"It will work automatically," said Carlisle. "The banks will not expand the currency unless the public needs it. Their interest will be to expand and contract as common interests demand it. These interests will, therefore, control at all times."

The secretary further said: "This flexibility was much more desirable than a rigid system, by which a certain amount of currency was outstanding. At one time the stringency was so great the banks drew out \$13,000,000, under pressure, and if it had not been for the Canadian banks, who sent currency into this country, serious results might have ensued."

Controller of Currency Eckels appeared before the committee and made an elaborate statement. He contended the national banking laws were not to be lightly dealt with and should not be altered unless it was absolutely known the change would be beneficial.

Financial Crisis in Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 10.—The Commercial bank of Newfoundland, having headquarters in this city, suspended payment this morning, owing to the failure of several of the largest fish exporting houses to respond to

liabilities to the bank. This has involved other banks, and has crippled some concerns here. Four have closed their premises, and others will close tomorrow. Small depositors are demanding gold from the union and savings banks, and the gold reserve is being steadily drained. If they are able to get a run, everything is safe, but the chief danger is the difficulty in getting more gold into the country. At present the people are very peaceful, and some are unable to appreciate the gravity of the situation. Business men are trying to effect an arrangement with London bankers or with the Canadian concerns which will be urged to extend business to this center.

A Fight With Robbers.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 10.—Four men implicated in the Ben Brooks' train robbery by the confession of Sam Evans, nephew of Captain Sam Evans, of this city, are now in jail here, and the official claim to have a sure case against them is all. The four prisoners are Sam Evans, of this city, who is highly connected; John Ward, Walter Sullivan and Walter Gardiner, all young farmers, who live within a mile of where the robbery was committed. Evans claims his share of the plunder was large enough to fix him all right after he got through with the trouble.

A Weak-Kneed Murderer.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—Claus A. Blixt, the confessed murderer of Catherine King, is a pitiable object today. He weeps continually and says he wants to die. He says Harry Hayward controlled him, as he did Miss King, by hypnotic power. A large crowd assembled in front of the municipal court today expecting Blixt would arraigned, and ominous mutterings were heard. It was decided Blixt should be taken directly before the grand jury. After reading Blixt's confession, Howard said the story was a fake, concocted by Blixt to save his neck.

He Turned On the Gas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Charles Johnson and Gustav Wennerberg, owners of a cigar stand on Fourth street, were smothered to death this morning at their lodging on Stevenson street by illuminating gas. When they retired late last night one of them accidentally turned on the gas, after extinguishing the light, the gas fixture being defective. Both men were prominent in athletic circles, having participated in many tug-of-war contests.

A Rifle in Constantinople.

VIENNA, Dec. 10.—All foreign diplomatic relations at Constantinople have been suspended on account of exchange of views on the initiative of Great Britain proceeding with a view to taking joint action with the king on the Armenian question. The porte is very anxious at this new turn of affairs. The Turkish ministry, assisted by Kiamit Sed and Chakir Pasha, sat continuously from Saturday until noon yesterday.

Mexican Border Troubles.

OAXACA, Mexico, Dec. 10.—Reports have been received here of a number of skirmishes between Guatemalans and Mexicans on the border, and the people are aroused to the highest pitch of excitement. The Mexican troops are anxious for the war to begin, as they are confident of an easy victory over the Guatemalans. The volunteer troops of this state are being drilled daily and are ready to march to the front.

Are Sending Inferior Oil.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The government has instructed the Hamburg chamber of commerce to inquire into the complaint of the inferior quality of recent importations of petroleum by the Standard Oil Company. It is charged that the Pennsylvania oil fields are exhausted, and the oil recently imported came from Indiana and Ohio.

Trainrobbers in Jail.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 10.—Burglars robbed the Burlington depot at Batavia last night, and taking a hand car started towards Ottumwa. Detective Harrison and other officers pursued on an engine. A battle was fought and one of the burglars was killed and two escaped. Harrison received a flesh wound.

Passenger (in rowboat during sudden squall)—Oh, we shall sink. Boatman—I can swim. Passenger—But I can't. Boatman—Never mind. I'll teach you. Fliegende Blatter.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE