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## NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

### CRESPRO'S TROOPS IN COMMAND OF THE ORINOCO.

CARACAS, April 1.—The Government troops commanded by General Rodriguez have been repulsed near Ortiz. There was a sharp engagement, in which General Rodriguez's force was compelled to retreat, though the loss on either side was not heavy.

The revolutionists occupied Ortiz, a town of 7,500, in the state of Inguarico, and then began in advance on Cura, a city of 10,000 inhabitants, sixty miles southwest of Caracas.

Success at Ortiz was followed by seizure of the national gunboat Nueve de Julio, which was stationed at Esmeralda, on the Orinoco river. This success gives the revolutionists command of the upper end of the river, and will be of great advantage in future operations.

News of the reverse has greatly depressed the followers of President Palacio, who continues his dictatorial course.

General Arango has an organized force of 8,000 men at Merida, and is preparing to join the troops under the revolutionary leader General Balista is marching from Zamoras with 1,000 soldiers to fight for the revolution.

President Palacio is in supreme power in Caracas. He has informed Congress that he would resign the moment a successor was elected and centralized form of government proclaimed under the new constitution, which has been ratified by the States.

The President thus named was under Palacio's decree to be the first under the new constitution, and was to be ineligible to re-election. These terms were not excepted. When the news of his refusal was taken to Palacio he issued a decree dissolving Congress and sent troops to arrest the members who refused to bow to his will.

Senators and Deputies fled when Palacio's soldiers marched in the halls of Congress, evidently fearing a repetition of the scenes when Mangao forcibly dissolved Congress in 1848.

The dissolution of Congress and arrest of members caused tremendous excitement throughout the city.

Fear of personal violence, added to fear of loss of property and financial panic, followed.

A run was made on the Bank of Venezuela, where the Government has deposits amounting to \$4,000,000. Paper money is depreciating and great distress is threatened.

### A NEST OF SHYLOCKS.

Senator Irby Offers All His Bank Stock for Sale.

COLUMBIA, S. C. Mar. 31.—United States Senator Irby has written a

letter to his local organ, in which he states that on the strength of his advice last spring the alliance borrowed a great deal of money from the banks in Laurens. He finds now he says, that the banks, forgetful of past patronage, are extorting the last cent that common decency will allow from the farmers on the loans. He says that in the helpless and impoverished condition of the farmers, the banks force them to pay 1 per cent per month, and do it as if they were conferring a great favor upon the borrowers. The letter concludes; "I have always opposed such financial schemes, and naturally I am more opposed to them now than ever. I am a stockholder in one of these banks. I condemn the practice, and will not be a party with these shylocks to indirectly rob the people. Two weeks ago I gave them notice that I would sell my bank stock, and I asked the cashier of the bank to sell it. I intend to sell it, and this explanation is made lest some enemy of mine will charge me with being a party to what I conceive to be a moral crime." So bitter is the hostility of the Tillman administration to corporations that the managers of the railroads are organizing an association to protect their companies from unfavorable legislation.—East Oregonian.

### WENT BACK TO JAIL.

Early yesterday morning a knock was heard at the big door of the Fulton county jail. Jailer Miller opened the door and a rugged man came in. There was a haggard look on the fellow's face. It was Jim Wesson, the moonshiner who escaped from the Fulton county jail a week ago to go home and see his sick baby.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Miller," he said in a broken voice "I hope you and Cap'n Morrow don't care, but I heard that the baby—" He stopped a moment until his lip quit quivering so and went on: "I heard the baby was sick and I thought about wife watchin' of it at home, an' I just had to go. I was sorry, an' wrote you I'd come back. An' I done it. They done buried the baby an' I come back an' I hope you ain't mad."

Captain Miller did not—could not—utter a word of reproach. "I'm glad you have come back, Jim," said he.—Atlanta Constitution.

### Settlers to be Dispossessed.

FRESNO, April 1.—An apparently well founded report is circulated here to the effect that the Southern Pacific Company proposes to dispossess west side settlers all along the line from White's Bridge to Huron. It is believed that the railroad company, having completed its extension along the west side to Huron, intends to lay claim to the alternate sections for ten miles each side of the track, in accordance with the law of Congress governing such matters, and that certain lands as far back as the twenty-

mile limit will be claimed by the company as lieu lands in place of such pieces as may have been disposed of already by the Government. A considerable part of these lands have been settled and occupied by poor and industrious farmers, and this attack upon their property by the railroad corporation will be a hard blow for them to bear. The recent service of ominous-looking subpoenas without any explanation of the proceeding has aroused a deep feeling of hostility toward the railroad company, and it begins to look like another Mussel Slough affair.—Ex

### PRIZEFIGHTING IN VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., April 1.—Under the law of this state prizefighting is made a felony and punishable as such. For some time past the sports of the country have been in the habit of pointing to Norfolk county as affording a field in which pugilists could indulge in contests without fear of inviting the law. At the session of legislature in 1888 an act was passed incorporating a park in Norfolk county, giving the incorporators numerous privileges. Among others it is claimed that it allows prizefighting. It is reported a mill occurred in Norfolk county very recently, and Governor McKinney is determined that the law of the state shall not be openly violated by these men, and in a letter to Judge Portlock, of Norfolk county, he writes:

"I see from the papers that there was recently a prize-fight in your county, which, under the statutes, is a felony. I have waited to see what action would be taken in the case by your juries. Please let me know if the parties have been indicted; and if not, why. Were the parties arrested by warrant? If not why. If there is any defect in the law, please let me know so that it may be remedied."

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Governor McKinley, when spoken to about the challenge from Rhode Island of the Democratic committee to meet ex-Governor Campbell in joint debate, said he would be glad to do so, but it has been intimated that a joint debate would be arranged between himself and ex-President Cleveland, who was going to Rhode Island. In either case he was at the service of the committee.

PROVIDENCE (R. I.) April 1.—In response to an invitation of Chairman Owen of the Democratic State Committee, that Governor McKinley meet ex-Governor Campbell here to-morrow in joint debate, Chairman Goodwin suggests that, as ex-President Cleveland and ex-Speaker Reed are also in this city, the debate should comprise McKinley and Reed on one side and Cleveland and Campbell on the other. He further suggests that the debate should include the silver question as well as the tariff.

In an interview this evening, Governor McKinley expressed his belief that Harrison and Cleveland

would be the candidates selected for the Presidency.—The Republic.

The saltpetre discovery in a cave in Umatilla county has been visited by mining experts and has been pronounced genuine and of great value. There are evidences, also, of a practically inexhaustible deposit. At least 100 tons are now in sight. Men will be put at work soon to run a cut through the cave down to bedrock in order to accurately determine the extent of the deposit. Saltpetre must be plentiful in the locality, since it is stated that nearly 8000 sheep have died there during the several years past. The cause of their loss, heretofore mysterious, is now made plain. Saltpetre in its refined state is worth \$500 per ton, which gives one an idea of the great value of the find should the deposit prove extensive.

CHICAGO, April 2.—There are four youths on the West Side who are lying in a precarious condition all on account of a medicine-advertising agent. It seems that a fakir was discovered this morning by the youths while distributing some new panacea in the shape of sugar-coated pills. Boxes containing four each of the sweet covered pellets were left at every door for several blocks. The residents of the houses did not have a chance to try the samples, however, for the boys kept a short distance behind the peddler and gathered up the boxes at the door steps as fast as he left them. Willie Schuyler, a youth of about 8 years, reaped a heavy harvest and soon secured and devoured the contents of forty four boxes. It took three doctors from 1 o'clock in the morning to 3 o'clock in the afternoon to restore Willie to consciousness, and he may yet die. The other boys are also under the doctor's care, but they stopped at something like a dozen boxes and their cases are not so serious. The pills were for headache and contained strychnine.

There is a certain boarding house in Astoria that is much patronized by young business men, but where, alas, the seductive American hash is served with awful frequency. About a month ago one of the boarders, a young man, got in the habit of saying to the landlady, "Please give me some Hebrews 13 8." He kept this up so long that the mistress of the house finally got inquisitive and asked him what he meant. She could see no reason why her hash should be called "Hebrews 13 8." In reply to her question he told her to look in the Bible at that epistle and that chapter and verse. The landlady did so and there found "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."—Exchange.

In New York last year 1,434 husbands procured divorces from their wives on the ground of drunkenness. During the same year 12,432 wives procured divorces from their husbands on the same charge.