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The Government has issued a decree establishing a State of siege for thirty days throughout the Republic and has ordered the mobilization of the National guards.

Troops remaining loyal to the Government have been sent to meet the mutinous troops who are marching on Buenos Ayres.

PRESIDENT STANDS BY INDIANS.

Says They Have the Right to Educate Their Children in Schools of Their Choice.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Secretary Hitchcock regarding his authority for granting contracts for the education of the Indians in the denominational schools.

The President says that inasmuch as a legal authority exists to grant the request of the Indians, unquestionably they are entitled by moral right to have their money used to educate their children at the schools of their choice.

The President directs the Interior Department to continue the practice unless Congress directs otherwise or the courts hold that the decision of the department of justice to this effect, is wrong.

The President also urges the passage of the Lacy bill, authorizing the allotment of annuities to Indians in the same way as their land is allotted.

NOTED WOMAN PHYSICIAN DEAD.

Dr. Augusta Smith Dies From Being Struck by Street Car.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Feb. 4.—Dr. Augusta Smith, one of the most widely known women physicians of the United States is dead as a result of being struck by a street car. She was 73 years old.

SIXTH WIDOW DEAD.

One of the Surviving Wives of Brigham Young Dies of Pneumonia.

By Associated Press. Salt Lake City, Feb. 4.—Lucy Bigelow Young, the sixth wife of the late Brigham Young, is dead of pneumonia.

ENGLAND HAS NOT TRIED TO STOP WAR

English Foreign Officer Says There is no Foundation for the Report That British and German Embassies Have Held a Conference in Berlin.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 4.—The foreign office declares there is no foundation for the report that conferences have taken place at Berlin between Chancellor Von Buelow and the British Ambassador LaSalle with the object of bringing about peace between Russia and Japan.

Officials here know nothing of any proposals from either Germany, Great Britain or elsewhere suggesting an effort, joint or otherwise, to stop the war.

GENERAL STOESEL REACHES CEYLON ON WAY TO RUSSIA

Former Commander of Port Arthur Denies That He Surrendered Prematurely. One of the Negotiators of the Surrender Makes a Statement.

It Would Have Been Murder, He Says, to Have Held Out a Moment Longer. 400 Men Were Dying Daily in Hospitals and Garrison Had no Supplies.

By Associated Press. Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 4.—General Stoessel, former commander of Port Arthur, arrived here today enroute to Russia. He denies the published statements that Port Arthur was surrendered prematurely. Colonel Reiss, one of the negotiators of the surrender, said: "The garrison could not have held out a moment longer. It would have been murder. Only fifteen roubles remained in the military treasury out of a million and a half at the commencement of the siege. Four hundred men were dying daily at the hospitals principally from wounds and scurvy. General Kondratenko was the hero of the siege."

Colonel Reiss further declared that the Japanese were "admirable soldiers but poor in the use of the bayonet compared with the Russians and French."

FIGHTING AT CHANTANDHENAN.

Kuropatkin Reports Fighting Yesterday Morning.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—General Kuropatkin, telegraphing under date of Feb. 4, to Emperor Nicholas, says: "The village of Chautandhenan has been completely occupied by our troops after a fight at five o'clock this morning. We reconnoitered the villages of Fanshen and Foutzova, occupied by the enemy, and after several volleys, sharpshooters entered Fanshen and shot and bayoneted many Japanese. The latter were reinforced and attacked the sharpshooters, who retired, carrying off thirty dead and wounded."

"On our right flank, the Japanese left one hundred corpses of which number we buried eighty-seven."

RESUME WORK AT WARSAW.

Some Also Stop Work—An Unsettled Situation.

By Associated Press. Warsaw, Feb. 4.—The employes of the Vistula Railroad shops here have resumed work. Freight traffic has been resumed on the railroads. The strike in the Sosnowice district has spread to the railroad men and other classes of workmen. The men remain quiet. Shops have been re-opened at Kallsiz, although the strike continues there.

700 KILLED AT LIUTIAOKON.

All Interred After Battle of Heikoutai There Were 900 Dead.

By Associated Press. Tokio, Feb. 4.—The Russians lost seven hundred in an attack on the Japanese near Liutiaokon Thursday. The Russian dead are already interred. After the battle of Heikoutai the number was nine hundred.

Schooner Wrecked Near New York.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—The schooner D. M. Anthony, Captain Hatfield, bound from New York to Norfolk, struck on a shoal a mile and a half north of False Gap life saving station last night during a blinding snow storm and may be a total loss. The crew of six was rescued by life-saving men.

Cotton Statistic Bill Passes.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Senate today passed the House joint resolution authorizing the director of the Census to publish additional statistics relating to cotton. It also provides for gathering statistics relating to marriage and divorce.

The Building and Loan Bill.

The new bill which has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Duns in regard to the building and loans of the State, and which is regarded as one of the most important measures before the present Legislature, has been set for discussion on the 8th inst.

On that date a number of prominent citizens from Charlotte will go to Raleigh to push the bill as far as possible, and it is hoped that the measure will meet with success. Some slight changes in the wording of the bill may be made, however.

Postal Receipts.

The receipts of the Charlotte Post-office from the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards and postal on second class matter for the month of January, amounted to \$6,918.85. Same month last year, \$7,107.19. Money order department, \$7,400; corresponding month last year, \$12,800.

Rural Free Delivery carrier delivered 20,601 pieces of first class mail, 21,691 newspapers and 4,694 circulars and packages. Making a total of 46,986 delivered during the month.

Five Men Injured in Explosion at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 4.—Five men were seriously injured, two probably fatally, by an explosion, which wrecked the paint works of the Wheeling Corrugating Company today.

A SENSATIONAL INCIDENT.

At This Afternoon's Session of the Recorder's Court.

There was a sensational occurrence at the Recorder's court this afternoon growing out of the charge made against the Gray Drug Company to the effect that the latter had sold liquor on January 31 on prescription without having paid the county license.

After Mr. Gray had stated to the court that he had tried to obey the law but that any violation which he had been guilty of was unintentional, the court held that the license was not granted until paid for and required a \$25 bond of the defendant company.

Mr. Gray then asked the Recorder if he, the Recorder, did not come to the Gray Drug store last November and asked for a pint of liquor without a prescription, and that he, Mr. Gray, replied that he did not have the liquor in the store.

The Recorder in substance replied that he did not claim to be any more law abiding than the average citizen of the city; that he did try to do his duty and that he would not be intimidated from performing his duty by any such statements as Mr. Gray had made and that he had told Mr. Gray the liquor was for an old servant and that he, the Recorder, would get it from a lot of confiscated liquor at the city hall. The Recorder characterized the incident and its relation by Mr. Gray as disreputable and said that he meant to do his duty as Recorder and that he would not be intimidated by Mr. Gray or anyone else.

Mr. Gray stated that he had always tried to observe the law.

The case was bound over to the February term of the criminal court.

POSTAL TO RELAY HERE.

Splendid Additions to be Made to Charlotte Office.

It is practically settled that the Charlotte office of the Postal Telegraph Company in the city will be made the relay office for all points between Washington and Atlanta; also that the local office will be newly equipped throughout and besides installing new instruments and apparatus, new dynamos will be put in here to take the place of the gravity batteries now in use.

These changes will make the Charlotte office one of the most up-to-date in the South and at the same time the relay office here will largely increase the work in Charlotte.

The Postal has now become thoroughly established in the South and has received a liberal patronage from the business men of the section. The announcement of the improvements at the Charlotte office and the establishment of a relay office will be received with gratification by the friends and patrons of the company.

The new equipment for the office will be of the finest make and will be installed as soon as possible, thereby adding greatly to the facilities of the company for doing business here.

Mr. W. O. Gaffney, the accommodating and obliging manager of the Postal, deserves well of the company for which he is an untiring worker. He is not only a splendid operator, but besides has executive ability of a high order.

Perfectly Satisfied With Himself.

Quite an amusing incident took place at one of the corner drug stores last night. A young man who was evidently proud of his looks, stood before a mirror and with an unsteady hand placed and replaced his hat. He could not, for the life of him, get the headgear to appear as he would have. At last, after a supreme effort, he placed his hat on one side of his head and sauntered forth.

A young man who stood near heard the self-satisfied youth remark: "Well, I am good looking and every one knows it too."

IT BREAKS THE RECORD

Just see how THE NEWS' circulation is increasing. It is simply wonderful the way the people are flocking to it. Its January circulation was the largest in its history, showing a splendid gain over January, 1904, as follows:

Average Circulation January, 1904 3,627
Average Circulation January, 1905 4,476
Gain 849

THE NEWS has a much larger circulation than any other evening paper in the two Carolinas. And THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT still leads the van, as the following figures show:

Average Circulation January, 1904 3,210
Average Circulation January, 1905 5,495
Gain 2,285

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Rumors That He Is To Be Superseded by General Linevitch Are Current in St. Petersburg Since General Gripenberg Has Been Relieved.

Associated Press Tries to Find Out If True, and Gets Answers Which Are Rather Uncertain. War Department and Prominent General Will Not Say.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—Rumors of General Kuropatkin's handing over his command to General Livevitch, Commander of the first army, have been current in St. Petersburg since the announcement that General Gripenberg had been relieved of his command of the second army. The Associated Press is unable to obtain any confirmation of the reports, and the war office declares they are improbable but are unable to deny them.

A distinguished general told the Associated Press that evidently there had been friction between General Kuropatkin and General Gripenberg, and added:

"I have heard a great deal of talk about Kuropatkin's asking to be relieved, but nothing can be said on the subject at present."

WANTS RECOMMENDATIONS.

In Event of New S. C. Federal District President Will Accede to Wishes of People.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 4.—Representatives Finley and Aiken, of South Carolina, discussed with the President today a proposition to create a new judicial district in South Carolina. The House Committee on Judiciary has reported a bill providing for a new district. The congressional delegation from State is anxious, in the event of the enactment of the law, that the judge appointed should be a resident of the district. It is quite probable the President, if the bill is passed, will accede to the wishes of the people of the district in that respect. He told his callers he would be glad to consider recommendations for the appointment from South Carolina Congressmen, members of the bar, and residents of the district.

INVITED TO MONTGOMERY.

Alabama Delegation Calls on President and Extends Cordial Invitation.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 4.—A delegation of citizens from Montgomery, Alabama, headed by Senator Pettus, of Alabama, and Hilary A. Herbert, former Secretary of the Navy, called on the President today and extended a cordial invitation to visit Montgomery when he should make a trip through the South. President Roosevelt accepted his callers that it would afford him pleasure to accept the invitation, provided he could make arrangements to do so, although, at this time, he could give them no definite assurance.

Weather Conditions.

The cold wave is drifting eastward over the Great Lakes and the Ohio valley with decreasing intensity. Its influence, however, continues to be felt throughout the South today, together with cloudy and unsettled conditions. Rain is falling along the Gulf coast and there is snow in many interior sections. From 5 to 8 inches of snow fell in 24 hours in Mississippi and Alabama, and from there northward over North Carolina and Tennessee from one to two inches covers the ground. The weather is moderating in the West and Northwest.

G. R. OBERHOLZER, Observer.

MODERATION APPALLING.

What City Physician Thinks of Whiskey Prescription Statistics.

The facts and figures given in The News yesterday in regard to Recorder Shannonhouse's visits to the drug stores of the city, created great interest.

One of the physicians who was included in the list of those who had written prescriptions for whiskey, stopped at The News office this morning to discuss the matter. He stated that, in the language of one of our "moderation was appalling."

Think of 69,000 people in Mecklenburg county only calling on the physicians for 848 prescriptions in 31 days.

"Why, to be frank with you, the amount of whiskey represented by those 848 prescriptions would not give more than one teaspoonful to every man, woman and child in Mecklenburg."

"If this is not prohibition, or as near to it as can possibly be, I am badly fooled."

The opinion as expressed above is shared in by several other physicians, but these declined to be quoted.

VIRGINIA JURY CONVICTS AGAIN

Fishburne is Convicted of Voluntary Manslaughter and Sentenced to Five Years in the Penitentiary. An Account of the Tragedy.

By Associated Press. Roanoke, Va., Feb. 4.—The jury in the case of Charles R. Fishburne, a young banker and society man charged with the murder of Dr. Fred Lefew, a prominent young physician, October last, brought in today a verdict of voluntary manslaughter and fixed the punishment at five years in the penitentiary.

The tragedy was the result of Fishburne's slapping Lefew's young stepson for calling "Ice" at him, the word referring to a motor-cycle Fishburne had been riding. Fishburne went to Lefew's home and informed the doctor of the slapping. The men quarrelled and Fishburne stabbed Lefew.