

THE MEXICAN MERGER

Limantour Explains His Government's Action

Says It Was Brought About by Fear That Big Railroads of the United States Would Absorb All Lines in Mexico.

(By the Associated Press.) Mexico City, Dec. 15.—In a remarkable speech before congress last night, Minister of Finance Limantour explained the reasons for the gigantic railroad merger just consummated by which the National and Central lines become the property of the republic.

From Hawaii Floats a Mutter of Coming Trouble With Japan.

(Continued from First Page.) longed sea and land campaigns which would call for immense expenditures against great natural obstacles. It was known here in June that the British admiralty had considered theoretically the possibility of war between Japan and the United States as likely to occur within 25 years, and some of the British naval men are reported to have expressed the belief that the contest would occur within five years.

FORTY ARE SAVED BY SWITCH TOWER.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—More than forty passengers in two northwestern elevated railroad cars were saved from being dashed to the pavement below at Washington Avenue and Van Buren street last night only by reason that a switch tower stopped the course of the coaches when they left on the curve. The accident is believed to have been caused by a defective frog.

CONTRACTS FOR A HUGE STEEL PLANT.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Announcement was made here last night that Jones and Laughlin, the independent steel operators who recently acquired a large tract of land at Alliquippa, Beaver county, about thirty miles from here, had awarded contracts for the construction of a new steel plant and blast furnaces to cost \$7,000,000. Work will be begun on Monday.

The Shah Slightly Improved.

(By the Associated Press.) Teheran, Dec. 15.—6:35 A. M.—The shah today remained in about the same condition as yesterday when a slight improvement in health was noted. There has been no further gain in strength, however, or noticeable advance towards permanent improvement.

WAKE PENSIONERS ARE GETTING THEIR MONEY.

The Wake county Confederate pensioners were getting their money today in the office of the clerk of the court. A total of \$6,126 is being paid out in this county, and Clerk Russ desires that all claimants be paid before Christmas. The total is divided into classes as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Class and Amount. 3 Special class (blind)... \$ 260.00; 1 First class... 45.00; 6 Second class... 405.00; 9 Third class... 315.00; 165 Fourth class... 18.00; 2,970.00; 112 Widows at... 18.00; 2,016.00.

and being for external use, you see it can do no harm. It positively cured the case of Faecumonia, after the doctor said there was no hope, so I want you to get a bottle and keep it on hand. Remember it is Gowan's Pneumonia Cure & it costs 25 cents and fifty and one dollar, but if it costs ten times that much get a bottle.

Truly, with love, JOHN.

LAUNCHING OF THE MONTANA

(By the Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Dec. 15.—The United States armored cruiser Montana was successfully launched at the Newport News shipyard today in the presence of a large number of people. The vessel was christened by Miss Minnie Conrad, daughter of W. G. Conrad, of Montana.

PILOT BOAT CUT NEARLY IN HALF

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 15.—The Sandy Hook pilot boat Hermit No. 7 was sunk by the steamer Monterey near the Sandy Hook lightship early today. The pilot boat was thrown overboard by the shock of the collision, and the other men who were asleep below, were aroused and tumbled on deck in time to take to the boats before the Hermit went down. McCarthy and the other two men who were thrown overboard were rescued.

WORK OF THE COLORED MASONS OF THE STATE.

At the meeting of the State Grand Lodge of Masons, colored, in Charlotte, which adjourned yesterday, there was an attendance of about 3,000 members, and the receipts amounted to \$4,000. The endowment fund for the families of deceased Masons was increased from \$125 a year to \$175. The sum of \$100 was raised for the colored orphan asylum at Oxford, and \$250 more for this purpose given out of the treasury.

OPEN MEETING OF THE RED MEN LAST NIGHT.

The open meeting of Oconeechee Tribe of Red Men in its wigwam over the Hart-Ward Hardware Company last night was well attended, and the address of the occasion by Representative-elect Charles U. Harris of this city on the colonial patriot Cornelius Harnett was much enjoyed. The speaker of the evening was introduced by Mr. George Tompkins.

DURHAM CATERING CO.

The Durham Catering Company was incorporated today in the office of the secretary of state, to do a general catering, cafe and restaurant business. The authorized capital stock is \$5,000, of which \$1,500 is subscribed by F. A. Ogburn, M. E. Newson, Jr., and B. W. Elliott, all of Durham.

HAS HEER VON BUELOW DUG HIS OWN GRAVE?

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The political fortunes of the Imperial chancellor Prince Von Buelow are regarded, both among statesmen and other persons about the court, as having been placed in jeopardy by his advice to Emperor William today to dissolve the reichstag. Politicians are already saying that if an adverse majority is returned to the reichstag Von Buelow's chancellorship would end.

THE EXECUTIVE STAFF

No Change Made on South-ern in the Personnel

Promotion of Fairfax Harrison to That Body an Exception—Result of the Meeting of the Directors in Washington Yesterday.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington last night says: Many important appointments were made by the directors of the Southern Railway Company at a meeting held in this city today. A formal statement, issued by the directors at the conclusion of the meeting, said that the appointments make no changes whatever in the executive organization of the company, with the exception of the addition of Fairfax Harrison to the executive staff.

The appointments made today were given as follows, in the directors' statement: Alexander B. Andrews, vice president, with headquarters in Raleigh, N. C.; J. M. Culp, vice president in charge of traffic with headquarters in Washington, D. C.; C. H. Akert, vice president in charge of operating and maintenance departments and immediate charge of operating departments east and south of Harrison Junction, Nashville, Chattanooga and Memphis, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.; Thomas C. Powell, vice president in general charge of operating department of St. Louis-Louisville lines, and of the traffic interests of the company in the west, with headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.; Henry B. Spencer, vice president in general charge of construction and purchasing departments, with offices at Washington, D. C.; Fairfax Harrison, vice president, assisting the president in matters of finance and matters relating to the treasury and accounting departments and performing such duties as the president may direct, with headquarters at Washington.

THE SKATING CARNIVAL LAST NIGHT A SUCCESS.

There was not a dull moment at the Masquerade Skating Carnival last night from the time the doors opened until the delighted crowd had gone. Early in the evening it was evident that the winner of the lady's gold watch for the best gotten up costume would be either Mother Goose, Bo-peep or Liberty, though when at 9:30 Mrs. W. T. McChesney, Mrs. Charles Garvin and Mr. James Jordan, as judges, declared in favor of Bo-peep, the applause indicated satisfaction at their decision. The judges being then removed Bo-peep's identity was discovered to be Miss Marie Terrell. It was almost as difficult to decide who was entitled to the gentleman's pair of sterling silver military brushes, for Black Mammy with her babies, Uncle Sam and the Ballet Girl, each had hosts of admirers, indicating their preference by prolonged applause, but Uncle Sam secured the coveted distinction.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM TAKE THE OLD STANDARD GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The department of justice has received from the district attorney at San Francisco a telegram giving in detail the statement of agreed facts between the city authorities and himself in the matter of the Japanese school controversy and has transmitted the telegram to Secretary of State Root for his consideration.

ANNUAL SERMON TO JUNIOR ORDER.

The annual sermon to the members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will be preached by Rev. J. C. Masee at the Tabernacle Baptist Church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every member of Capital City Council, No. 1, is requested to meet at the hall at 7 p. m., so that they can go in a body to the church, leaving the hall at 7:15 and arrive at the church promptly on time.

THE RETAIL CLERKS' UNION OFFICERS.

The Raleigh Retail Clerks Union held an important meeting last night, at which officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President—C. R. Boof. First Vice President—John Bragg. Second Vice President—C. L. Sykes. Treasurer—J. T. Holt. Recorder—R. P. Snel. Financial Secretary—J. H. Buffalo. Guide—J. T. Bonn. Guardian—M. H. Harp. The principal feature of the evening was the farewell address of Mr. R. P. Dixon, who will leave soon for Tennessee to engage in business there. The organization of the retail clerks of this city has never been in a more flourishing condition than it is now.

Passed Examination Successfully. James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all form of kidney and bladder trouble.

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COUGH NO MORE! No matter what kind of a cough you have, PENN'S CHERRY ELIXIR will stop it. The first dose gives relief. Try it. Price, 25c. At all druggists.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET TO DR. JOHN SHOEMAKER.

(Special to The Evening Times) The Mecklenburg, Chase City, Va., Dec. 15.—If it be true that there is anything auspicious in the brilliancy of a debut, the Mecklenburg County Medical Society may look forward to a splendid career from the success last evening of their initial social function—the reception and banquet to Dr. John V. Shoemaker, of Philadelphia, upon the occasion of his addressing the society and their guests on the "Mineral Spring Resources and Climatology of Virginia and North Carolina." All the conditions necessary for the success of such an evening existed, distinguished speaker, an appealing subject, a responsive company of congenial spirits and delightful surroundings.

Dr. Shoemaker is professor of dermatology in the Medico-Chi-College, at Philadelphia, and a recognized power in that institution. He is also editor of the Medical Bulletin and a lecturer of no small repute, being the author of several medical textbooks and treatises on technical subjects. His splendid address last evening fully sustained his reputation as a lecturer and thinker.

He spoke along the lines of definite and specific results from the use of mineral waters, and dwelt at some length upon the remarkable mineral water resources of this section of Virginia, especially the chloride of calcium and the lithia springs owned by this company. Although Dr. Shoemaker's address was scholarly and deep, it was not too technical for the understanding of the lady, a large number of whom enjoyed it together with the professional men present.

The speaker's subject being by no means an exhausted one and especially pertinent at this time, his address is regarded as a distinct addition to medical knowledge, and his audience congratulate themselves upon the privilege of having heard Dr. Shoemaker on mineral waters. He received an ovation from his delighted conferees at the conclusion of his address, and was enthusiastically toasted at the banquet which followed.

FORMER ENGINEER OF THE SEABOARD PASSES AWAY.

The funeral of Mr. Frank Tighe, who passed away last night, will take place tomorrow morning from the Sacred Heart Church. The deceased was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the pull-bearers will be members of the order. Mr. Tighe was formerly an engineer on the Seaboard Air Line and has a brother on the road at the present time, Mr. M. J. Tighe. In addition to his brother he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. W. W. Card and Misses Mary and Margaret Tighe of this city, and Miss Annie Tighe of New York. He had been in bad health for some time past and recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. His mother died about a month ago.

A HAPPY HOME

is one where health abounds. With impure blood there cannot be good blood. With a disordered LIVER there cannot be good blood.

Tutt's Pills

revivify the torpid LIVER and restore its natural action. A healthy LIVER means pure blood. Pure blood means health. Health means happiness. Take no Substitute. All Druggists.

Advertisement for The National Cash Register Co., Carolina Trust Building, Raleigh, North Carolina. Includes image of a cash register and text describing its features and availability.

Advertisement for Head-Easy, curing headaches and neuralgia. Includes image of a bottle and text: "HEAD-EASY CURES HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA".

Advertisement for One Reason Why, featuring a large graphic of the words "One Reason WHY".

Advertisement for Thos. H. Briggs & Sons, featuring various products like razors, guns, and safes. Includes text: "The Greatest Headache Cure BROMO-PEPSIN".

Large advertisement for S. C. POOL, RALEIGH, N. C., featuring the text "WILL PUT ON SALE MONDAY OUR ENTIRE STOCK".

Advertisement for Arbuckle's Mocha Coffee, featuring the text "DON'T TAKE IT" and "ARBUCKLE'S MOCHA COFFEE IS BETTER!".