

## UNITED STATES READY TO DEFEND

### But Mexican Situation Not Regarded Alarming

Still Troops are Held Ready to Strengthen the Department of Texas. Conditions in Southern Mexico Reported as Being Worse.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 5.—Chihuahua advises state that rioting among the troops has been resumed. It is reported that General Pasqua Orozco will be made the State's Governor.

As Reported to State Department. Washington, Feb. 5.—Although the commanders at El Paso and other army posts on the Mexican border have received orders to hold themselves in readiness for possible mobilization, unless the situation becomes serious and the non-combatant Americans in Mexico are endangered probably only one regiment of infantry, with a troop of cavalry and a battalion of field artillery, will be sent to join the troops already in the Department of Texas.

While dispatches to the State Department seem to point to a betterment of affairs at Juarez and other points in North Mexico, messages from American representatives in Southern Mexico indicate that the situation is worse. Zapatistas are reported in control of most of the territory between Cuernavaca, in Morelos, and Chilpanzingo, in Guerrero. It is not believed that the 25 Americans at Cuernavaca are in danger. Reports to the Department say the Federal garrison there is large and well equipped.

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## LEVER BILL PASSES.

Will Change Time for Inquiry as to Cotton Acreage.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The House today passed the Lever bill providing that the United States Department of Agriculture's inquiry into the acreage planted of cotton shall be made July 1st instead of June 1st of each year.

Attend Season End sale at Polvogt's Wednesday a money saving event. 2t

## POINCARÉ IN THE LIME-LIGHT

### France's Prime Minister An Interesting Figure

Man of Great Versatility and Considered a Power.—Captain Lux's Recent Escape Has Invoked a Discussion of the Spy System—Serum to Cure Backward Children.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Raymond Poincaré, the new prime minister, is one of the most interesting figures in the French Republic. In him are combined all that one understands by French culture, dignity and charm of manner, added to a reputation of stern integrity that is nation-wide.

This is the third time that the French Academy has supplied the Third Republic with a prime minister. The first was the Duke of Broglie in 1873, and the second was M. de Freycinet in 1890.

Poincaré comes to power with ripe ideas on the subject of government. He once expressed the triple wish, which may be taken as the key to his attitude, that deputies would legislate without attempting to govern, that ministers would govern on their own responsibility, and that justice should know no politics. He is a consistent opponent of socialism, but has expressed himself grateful to socialists for the opportunities they afforded for studying their theories and discussing them calmly and dispassionately. His versatility is to a considerable degree a matter of family influence, for his father, uncle, elder brother and cousin have all been distinguished in science and literature; and, as was said by Lavisse when Poincaré was introduced into the Academy, they might be said to constitute a little family university all by themselves. Poincaré has denounced anti-patriotism in the present State of Europe as a most ghastly deception and places love of country above all other considerations.

In his private and domestic life, the new premier is anything but a recluse. He has a fine house near the famous Bois de Boulogne, where he entertains largely, but his family, his friends, his books and his works of art occupy the greatest place in his affection and his attention. He does not miss many first night performances at the theatre. He is fond of racing and may occasionally be seen at Longchamp and Auteuil. He is also a lover of animals and his companions while at work and study are a handsome collie dog and a pure-bred Persian cat.

A lawyer by profession, Poincaré is equally at home in art, literature and philosophy. A curious battle, not down on the program of the opposing generals, was fought recently in the historic suburbs Ain-Zara, one of the last towns to be captured by the Italians in the Tripoli war. At midnight a furious howling was heard coming from a score of dogs attached to the Italian army who had last been seen turning about the outposts. An alarm was at once given and all the soldiers seized their rifles and prepared themselves for a night attack from the Turks and Arabs. It was not a man attack this time, however, but a surprise visit from about fifteen dogs attached to the Turkish forces. Soldiers leaned upon muskets and watched one of the fiercest engagements of the campaign. The dogs fought with something of the savagery formerly seen among the canines of Constantinople, and when the soldiers finally cleared the field of action five dogs were found dead and a number mortally wounded.

The recent sensational escape of Captain Lux of the French army from a German fortress has brought into lively discussion the question of spying. A leading French monthly has invited leading members of the French Academy and of the French Institute to give their opinion. The majority considers that the employment of spies is dangerous, demoralizing and useless. Jules Claretie declared that Germany on principle buys all spying information offered to her, but that Napoleon always refused to confer any decoration on a spy, whatever risks he might have incurred.

Baron D'Estourmelles de Constant answered that while he considered espionage unworthy of any civilized nation, he still thought that it was preferable to attempt to suppress it under a system of armed peace. He thought, however, that the question

might be referred to the Hague conference. Professor Perrier recently announced to the Academy of Medicine the successful result of a long series of studies pursued by Dr. Dupuy into the causes and remedies of backward and generally feeble children, who do not grow, cannot learn and, later, become life's failures, if nothing worse. Dr. Dupuy having first established that the principal cause of this state of physical and moral inferiority was an insufficient secretion of certain internal glands, sought and found a simple and effective remedy by making a serum from the same glands taken from animals and administering it to the patients in graduated doses. The results of experiments lasting over three years were most gratifying. Not only was the physical growth increased, but the mentality of the children developed in a highly satisfactory manner. These internal glands, whose functions, until a few years ago, were unknown, are believed to be of vital importance in the maintenance of the general health, and Dr. Dupuy is of the opinion that their irregular action is a considerable factor in causing many non-infectious diseases such as arteriosclerosis and epilepsy. As matter of fact, the use of the doctor's gland preparation has given good results in connection with several of these maladies.

## WAS GIVEN THE BOUNCE TODAY

### Lorimer Committee Discharges Reporter

Employee Who Caused Sensation Saturday Dismissed as Reporter But Held as a Witness—His Friends Say His Conduct Was Due to a Nervous Breakdown.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Lorimer Senatorial Investigating Committee today summarily dismissed Milton Blumenberg, its official reporter, because of his conduct at the hearing Saturday night.

Pending disposition of contempt charges against him, Blumenberg will be held as a committee witness. He is also official reporter of the proceedings of the Senate, but it is said he will not be employed there until the charges are cleared up. Blumenberg created a sensation by charging that the stenographic notes of the alleged confession of Charles McGowan, the Hines-Lorimer witness, had been "faked" by a stenographer in the employ of the detective agency. Blumenberg's friends declare the outburst was caused by a nervous breakdown.

## ROOSEVELT LEAGUE BUSY IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 5.—"The Roosevelt League of New York," a new organization, is today mailing to Republican voters all over the State twenty thousand copies of a letter urging Roosevelt's nomination for the Presidency. Each envelope has enclosed three post cards to be passed by the recipient to friends, on the plan of an endless chain.

## FIFTEEN PEOPLE INJURED

By Derailment Today of a Norfolk and Western Passenger Train.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 5.—A Norfolk and Western passenger train, east-bound from Columbus, was derailed today 23 miles west of Petersburg. Fifteen people were injured, some seriously. The train had five coaches and four sleeping cars.

## IN PLAY BROTHER KILLED HIS LITTLE SISTER

Leonardtown, Md., Feb. 5.—Shot by her brother, who, in play, pointed his rifle at her thinking he had drawn the load, Helen Owens, seven years old, is dead at Redgate and her brother "Ned," aged 16, who did the shooting, is in critical condition from paroxysms of grief.

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## IN MEMORY OF GOEBEL

Old Political Times in Kentucky Recalled Today.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 5.—Memories of Kentucky's most exciting political times were revived today, when the legislature held exercises in honor of William Goebel, shot to death during the memorable Taylor-Goebel gubernatorial struggle, a dozen years ago. The exercises were held in the Chamber of the lower House. Congressman Augustus O. Stanley delivered the principal eulogy.

Season ends sale begins Wednesday at Polvogt's. 2t



MILITIA GOING ON DUTY CHASING BOYS AWAY FROM THE JAIL

## KING AND QUEEN BACK

Their Majesties Reached London Today From the India Trip—Were Given a Rousing Welcome and an Ovation All Along the Route.

London, Feb. 5.—King George and Queen Mary have returned to England from their memorable journey to India. After three months' absence, during which they were crowned Emperor and Empress of India, and received the homage of many princely vassals in the vast eastern empire they were heartily welcomed back. Their present stay in the British Isles will be short. They are due to pay a round of state visits to European courts this Spring and Summer. After breakfast aboard the Medina, with Queen Mother Alexandra, the Prince of Wales and other Royal children, their Majesties landed and were saluted by the guns on the forts around Portsmouth. The King inspected the guard of honor and then boarded a special train, and traveled here. The stations along the route were decked with flags. Premier Asquith, with other cabinet members, were the first to greet their Majesties. Religious services, for the safe return of the King and Queen, were held this afternoon in Westminster Abbey and the churches throughout the British Isles.

## HORSE'S SNEEZE CAUSED DEATH OF A MAN

New Haven, Feb. 5.—Albert Nagel died here today from the glanders, after nine weeks' illness. He contracted the disease from a horse, which sneezed in his face. Nagel was a native German. Coming here he learned English but contracting the glanders he lost the power of expression of English.

## STRIKE REPORTS MADE HIM FATALLY CRAZY

Jersey City, Feb. 5.—After reading accounts of the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass., Edward Fortman, a Jeweler, became suddenly insane here last night and fired over a score of revolver shots at imaginary "strike rioters." He shot and possibly fatally wounded a policeman, who tried to capture him, and finally shot himself fatally.

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## TRAGEDY'S HARVEST

Was a Big One in New York City in 1911 and Showed an Increase—Caustic Criticism Made on the Recklessness of Auto Drivers.

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## SENSATIONAL TRIAL NOW ON IN TEXAS

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Noted Confederate Officer Passes. Washington, Feb. 5.—M. H. Clark, of Clarksville, Tenn., Jefferson Davis' confidential clerk during the Civil War and last acting treasurer of the Confederacy, died today aged eighty two years.

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## MEETING TODAY TO DRAFT BILL

### Bar Committee in Session In Raleigh

Would Increase Number of Judges, Facilitate Court Procedure and Reform Jury Challenges—Law Class Before the Supreme Court Today.

Special to The Dispatch. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 5.—A special committee of the State Bar Association met here today for the purpose of providing a tentative legislative bill to divide the state into three judicial circuits of eight districts each, thus increasing the sixteen judges to twenty four, to prepare a recommendation for facilitating speedy trials of cases in court and to amend the law with reference to the selection and challenging of jurors, C. W. Tillett, Esq., of Charlotte, is chairman of the committee.

Fifty one young men are standing the examination today in the Supreme Court to practice law. Judge Platt D. Walker is giving the examination.

## TWO CAR LOADS OF POWDER EXPLODED

Belton, Mo., Feb. 5.—A boy was killed, several injured and considerable property destroyed today, when two car loads of powder, on the Kansas City Southern tracks, exploded at Vandalan.

## ATHLETIC CONTESTS HELD

Fourth in the Series at the Boys' Brigade Saturday Afternoon. The fourth series of athletic events at the Boys' Brigade was held Saturday afternoon. There were 18 contestants.

The 440 yard run was the first event. This was run on Church, Third, Nun and Second street. The event for men was won by J. U. King with Geo. Bornemann, second, and R. C. Burnett third. The same event for boys was won by Louis Hill with James Monroe, second; U. C. Ellis, third; Chas. Bell fourth, and H. Ferguson, fifth. In the strength test, showing up a 50-pound dumb bell, C. W. Davis won with 16 times; W. R. Doshier, second, 10 times; J. U. King, two times, and George Bornemann, one time; Burnett, not scoring. The strength test for boys was showing up a 25-pound dumb bell. This was won by Edgar McCartney, 10 times; Chas. Bell, nine times; Irving Davis, eight times; Jas. Monroe, seven times, and Louis Hill and U. C. Ellis tied for fifth place with six times. The third event, the running broad jump, was won by J. U. King, 15 feet 3 1/2 inches; W. R. Doshier, second, 15 feet, four inches; Geo. Bornemann, third, 15 feet 2 3/4 inches; C. W. Davis, 10; U. C. Ellis and Louis Hill, James Monroe, nine each. E. McCartney, seven; I. Davis, three, and T. Ferguson, one.

## CUT DOWN SHIPMENTS TO RAISE PRICES

Chicago, Feb. 5.—To show that the packers frequently curtailed their shipments to certain points to increase prices and give the market stability was the evidence presented to the jury in the packers' trial today.

## Underwent Operation.

Friends in the city will be sorry to learn that Mr. John Welis, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Wells, underwent an operation yesterday in a Richmond, Va., hospital. Reports received today indicate that the young man is resting easily, and that he may be strong enough to be brought home Wednesday of this week. His friends will hope that he will be inconvenienced only a short time as a result of the operation.

Mr. Fluidub—You women are mighty slow. During the time you took to select that hat I went out and made \$200. Mrs. Fluidub—I'm so glad, dear. You'll need it.—Puck.

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