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## IS IT WAR?

### EXCITING NEWS FROM THE FRONTIER—ANOTHER MEXICAN ONRAGE—FIGHTING AT SAN ELISARIO.

Mexicans from both sides of the Rio Grande begin war upon the Americans—Volunteers to Repel the Invasion.

Information has just been received at headquarters to the effect that a battle is in progress at San Elisario, on this side of the river.

The Mexicans from both sides of the river joined together and have been fighting for several days since the 13th inst. Sergeant Ellis and five men are killed already.

Col. John B. Jones was sent by Gov. Hubbard a month ago to that vicinity, to organize a State frontier battalion in the interest of peace and order, and his forces are concerned in the hostilities.

Col. J. H. Taylor, Adjutant General and acting commander of this department during the temporary absence of Gen. Ord, says his avowed object is to effect that the United States military were not engaged in the fight. The armed participants, if of any regular organization, were Texas soldiers and special agents.

There is great indignation here, and State volunteers will probably be called for immediately to avenge this outrage upon our people. Great attention is being given throughout the State over the news. Many persons here have volunteered their services to repel the invasion.

The Government Will Take a Hand—Proper Orders to Be Issued at Once.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A special to the *Venez* from Austin says the Governor has received the following dispatch from Washington:

The President has received reports that he has received and considered your dispatches, and will aid you to the full extent of his authority to preserve order. Proper orders will be given to the military authorities in New Mexico.

GEORGE W. McCRAE, Secretary of War.

Telegrams received from the Secretary of War, Mr. McCrae, are to the effect that the trouble at San Elisario is now being treated as a military matter, who took command of the mob upon the pretext that Howard had returned to that place.

It is believed that Howard and the rangers are well entrenched and can only be stormed out or blown up, and can hold the fort till the arrival of the regular troops.

The Governor, Gen. Steele, and Major Jones have personally selected the rangers for their courage, coolness and sobriety. From these facts, it is confidently believed that the attack was unprovoked and unprovoked, suggested by a desire for vengeance upon Howard, and invited by the recent action of the United States government in commanding the orders to cross the Rio Grande in pursuit of the rangers, just at a time when the whole Mexican population was agitated by the news of the execution of *Los Grupos*. They think fear alone inspired the order.

No Further Advice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The government has not received any advice to-day from El Paso, and it is presumed that affairs in that section have quieted down.

THE DOUBLES AT MUSSEL SHOALS.

Too Much Whisky the Cause—All Quiet To-Day.

TROSCHELA, Ala., Dec. 16.—Everything is quiet at Mussel Shoals this morning. No further disturbances occurred during the night, except a few shots fired by the whites, who were themselves all night, many being badly cut up. The negroes all left town yesterday. The cause of the trouble yesterday was the placing of a load of whisky. There was nothing political in it. The whites concerned were chiefly Irish laborers working on the canal.

The Smoking-Blaire Reconciliation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The *World's* special says that a protocol of friendship, made yesterday between Blairst and Conkling, was fully carried out today in the city. The two men, who were seen together and both met face to face and simultaneously extended their hands for the first time, since the late of the *World's* special, both sat down and they entered into a protracted conversation.

The Bible in the Public Schools.

NEW JERSEY, Conn., Dec. 16.—The vote of the Board of Education of this city, to exclude the Bible from the public schools and to allow no religious exercises, has caused considerable excitement.

Relief Law Enforcement Continued.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The relief continues to enforce the excise law, and about fifty persons were arrested during the day. Most of the liquor saloons were closed, but a large number admitted customers by side doors.

Hold Attempt to Wreck a Train.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Early this morning a daring attempt was made to wreck a freight train on the Erie Railroad, at Oneida.

Latest from the Huron.

NEVADA, Va., Dec. 16.—The steamer B. and J. Milk, which came up from the beach, reports that the Huron is filling up rapidly with sand.

Death of an Eminent Surgeon.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 16.—Dr. Vivian Pinkney, a retired surgeon in the United States Navy, died yesterday at Easton, Talbot county, after an illness of three days. Dr. Pinkney held the relative rank of commodore, and was brevetted Major in the regular army for thirty-one years of active service. He was a brother of Bishop Pinkney of Maryland, and a cousin of the late Senator White, and was a few years since the representative to England of the United States Medical Convention.

Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Baroness Pauline de Bruckers, daughter of B. J. Hilday, of California, died this morning at the New York Hotel, in this city, from pneumonia. The Baroness arrived from Europe only a few days ago, and had cold almost immediately upon arriving here.

Suicide, or Murder?

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—About a year and a half ago a body of a merchant of Keen, N. H., named Foster, was found in the street during the night, and after investigation it was decided to be a case

## WAR NOTES.

### RECEPTION OF OSMAN PASHA BY THE RUSSIAN COMMANDERS.

The Defense of Plevna One of the Most Splendid Military Feats in History.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A correspondent at Plevna telegraphs the following concerning Osman Pasha's reception by the Russians:

The Russian officers greeted Osman Pasha's carriage, and for some seconds the two chiefs gazed into each other's faces without the least remark. Then the Grand Duke stretched out his hand, shook the hand of Osman heartily, and said: "I compliment you on your defense of Plevna. It is one of the most splendid military feats in history."

Osman replied sadly, rose painfully to his feet in spite of his wound, and said something to the Grand Duke. He then passed almost unperceived. The Russian officers cried *Bienvenue!* repeatedly, and all saluted respectfully. There was not one among them who did not gaze on Osman with the greatest admiration and sympathy.

Prince Charles of Roumania, who had arrived, rode up and repeated heartily almost every word the Grand Duke said and shook hands with Osman, who again rose and bowed, this time in grim silence.

He wore a loose blue cloak, with no apparent mark on it to designate his rank. He is a large, strong built man; the lower part of his face is covered with a short, black beard, without a streak of gray, and he has a large Roman nose and black eyes.

"It is a grand feat," exclaimed Col. Gallard, the French military attaché, "and you were almost afraid of seeing him, lest my expectation should be disappointed, but he more than fulfills my ideal."

"It is the feat of a great military chieftain," said young Skobeloff. "I am glad to have seen him. Osman Ghazi he is, and Osman the Victorious he will remain. In spite of his surrender."

Reported Death of Osman Pasha.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Bucharest says it is reported that Osman Pasha is dead, having committed suicide by taking poison.

LATER.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Various dispatches received at a late hour last night confirm the suicide of Osman Pasha.

Mehemet Ali.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—Mehemet Ali has arrived.

Mediation Probabilities.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Berlin says Germany will accept the mediation circular of the Porte, provided that it be agreeable to Russia.

Italy will act in concert with the other powers.

A dispatch from Vienna says that Austria refuses to participate in the mediation asked in the circular note of the Porte.

Constantinopolitan Discontent.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that the great discontent among the inhabitants of Istanbul, and several seditious placards have been posted throughout the city.

Support for Turkey.

PERTH, Dec. 16.—A great meeting was held here to-day advocating the support of Turkey.

## AT THE RANGES.

### A BIG DAY AND TALL SHOOTING—THE MILITARY OUT IN FORCE.

Selph Settles the Turken Question—Ten Military Shots Spoiling for a Challenge—Frogmore.

The Crescent City Park was hugely patronized yesterday, the large attendance being attributed principally to the fact that the badge and "solid meat" prizes were a trifle extraordinary, and even sufficient to "draw" some of the best shots in the city, including representatives from various military organizations.

THE TURKEY PRIZE.

That which the contestants termed the solid meat trophies, were competed for by the Washington Artillery, Louisiana Field Artillery, Vaundry and Crescent Rifles and Continental Guards, there being in all fifty-five entries, distance 200 yards off hand and with the army rifle.

Capt. Dudley Selph won the largest "solid meat" prize, Capt. Leathers the second and Corporal Henderson the third, as shown by the following scores: there being five shots each and one shot for ten.

Dudley Selph..... 5 4 5 5 2-23  
B. S. Leathers..... 5 4 4 4 4-22  
J. M. Henderson..... 4 5 4 4 2-21  
A. B. Burnett..... 4 4 4 4 2-21  
J. H. Dupre..... 4 4 4 4 2-21  
F. C. Adams..... 4 4 4 4 2-21  
F. C. Adams..... 4 4 4 4 2-21  
C. U. Thiel..... 4 4 4 4 2-20  
Thos. McQuibby..... 5 3 4 4 4-20  
H. M. Bradford..... 4 4 4 4 4-20  
H. E. Schmutz..... 4 4 4 4 4-19  
A. B. Burnett..... 4 4 4 4 3-18  
B. S. Kig..... 4 4 4 4 3-17  
L. B. DuPont..... 4 4 4 4 3-16  
C. F. Trust..... 2 5 3 4 2-16  
W. J. Edwards..... 2 0 3 3 3-15  
L. Sorapur..... 2 0 4 4 2-14

Ten of the military shots are anxious now to shoot with any ten men in the city, ten shots off hand, 200 yards, with their army guns, open sights, against the target rifle and globe sights. The scores do not feel very heavy, owing to imperfect ammunition. The best scores (in a possible 50) were as follows:

Dudley Selph..... 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4-37  
Henry Dupre..... 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4-37  
J. M. Henderson..... 4 2 4 4 4 4 4 4-37  
B. S. Leathers..... 0 4 4 4 4 4 3 4-37  
P. Mitchell..... 0 3 0 3 3 3 3 3-37  
A. Villaruz..... 4 2 4 0 5 3 3 2-37  
Geo. W. Carleton..... 0 2 3 0 2 4 3 4-37  
W. J. Edwards..... 3 0 3 0 3 4 3 0-24  
H. M. Bradford..... 3 0 3 0 3 4 3 0-24  
C. U. Thiel..... 0 2 0 3 0 3 0 3-24  
A. J. Pardo..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-2

WASHINGTON ARTILLERY RIFLE CLUB.

This club was out again for the usual weekly practice, 200 yards, off hand, ten shots each, but the scores do not feel very heavy, owing to imperfect ammunition. The best scores (in a possible 50) were as follows:

Dudley Selph..... 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4-37  
Henry Dupre..... 4 4 5 4 4 4 4 4-37  
J. M. Henderson..... 4 2 4 4 4 4 4 4-37  
B. S. Leathers..... 0 4 4 4 4 4 3 4-37  
P. Mitchell..... 0 3 0 3 3 3 3 3-37  
A. Villaruz..... 4 2 4 0 5 3 3 2-37  
Geo. W. Carleton..... 0 2 3 0 2 4 3 4-37  
W. J. Edwards..... 3 0 3 0 3 4 3 0-24  
H. M. Bradford..... 3 0 3 0 3 4 3 0-24  
C. U. Thiel..... 0 2 0 3 0 3 0 3-24  
A. J. Pardo..... 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-2

NEW ORLEANS RIFLE CLUB.

At this range the attendance was good, the day being devoted to another contest for the championship badge at 500 yards off hand, and to practice shooting. The badge shooting resulted as follows:

John S. Rainey..... 58  
C. Kressner..... 56  
M. Winteler..... 55  
J. C. Shipley..... 51  
Geo. Muller..... 38

FRONTIER SHOOTING, 500 YARDS, OFF-HAND.

C. Kressner..... 2 4 4 5 4 4 4 3 4 4 5-60  
Col. H. J. Holloway, of South Bend, Ind. 5 shots—4 4 4 5 4-22

Col. F. F. Coleman, of Pittsburgh, Pa., 15 shots—3 4 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4-66

SEXTON DEFEATED.

And by an Amateur Team of Six.

Sexton was worried yesterday, so much so, indeed, that he made up his mind that he wouldn't again show tackle half a dozen New Orleans amateur billiard players at one time. In the start he was confident that he could get away with the Crescent City team, but when the twenty-fifth inning was reached he had changed his mind.

THE PARISH COMMITTEE.

The Tenth and Eleventh Wards Ordered to Hold an Election on the 22d Instant.

parish, one of the most faithful Representatives in the Legislature, and one of the cleverest gentlemen in this or any other State (Shreveport Press, Dec. 13).

San Grant, colored, shot and dangerously wounded Felix Laven, also colored, near Montgomery, in Grant parish, last week. Grant went to Laven's house, and after calling him out, demanding and receiving some money due, shot him down on his own doorstep.

Quite a number of Iowa gentlemen have this summer visited our section with a view to selecting locations for a large number of families who want to come to Louisiana. We are glad to learn that in a short time several of these gentlemen will be here, and they will give a warm welcome, and will all find happiness and prosperity in their new homes.—[New Iberia Sugar Bowl]

The Madison Journal wants W. R. J. Clements, clerk of the district court of that parish, if he does not resign, to be ignorant and corrupt. There are already, it says, five or six indictments out against him. The grand jury, at its late session, reported against him and demanded his removal from office. If he does not resign, the people of the parish propose to bring the matter before the Governor and the Legislature.

In some of our country exchanges we find published delinquent lists of taxes and licenses due to the towns of the State. In that class we find the name of a certain town of Alexandria that not a single delinquent stands on her tax rolls. All have paid up their licenses, their taxes, and what is better, the corporation does not owe a single cent and has money in her treasury. Besides all this, she is in the way of her own right, owner of valuable real estate and property. Where is the town in Louisiana that can show so clean a financial record?—[Alexandria Democrat]

The weather has been generally favorable for the preservation of the frozen cane until the last few days, which have been warm, with foggy mornings. We hear various reports of the cane and its condition. On some plantations the owners are making syrup, and on others they are still making sugar, though generally of an inferior quality. These reports apply to the standing cane. Some of us have heard nothing definite from those who have had the cane cut, and we infer that the standing cane is still occupying the attention of planters. The loss of cane will be very heavy if this parish is not saved from a visit to their relatives here. The unfortunate lady has for some years been suffering from mental depression, and had a constant apprehension that she would lose her life through fire.

When the alarm of fire was given, the boat Miss Massey awakened her mother, and breaking the glass of a window, she leaped into the water, followed by her mother. When she rose to the surface she grasped her mother's arm, and together they were in the boat with the other, and clung to both with the tenacity of despair. In a short time, though it seemed an age to Miss Massey, a gentleman put off from shore in a skiff and conveyed her and her mother to the position. The elder lady was so grievously prostrated that they remained at a house near the scene for two days, when they were taken to New Orleans by the steamer Ouachita.

FOREIGN NEWS.

FRANCE.

Deputy Girardin.

Amnesty for Press Offenses.

ROME.

The Pope's Health Much Improved.

ITALY.

Resignation of the Ministry.

GRAND VISIT.

LOUISIANA.

PERSONAL.

BREVITIES.

SALE CONTINUED.

to remain one day. It is suggested, therefore, that the carnival week be devoted to a series of contests such as are named above, in order that the average visitor may have something to amuse him besides the venerable R. K. and that he may be induced to remain in the city a week at least, whereas, heretofore, the custom has been to remain not longer than forty-eight hours.

THE FIFTY MILE RACE.

How the Savages Run a Mile Dash and One Came to Grief.

Yesterday afternoon was a delightful one for our outdoor sports, the weather being spring-like and balmy, and hardly a cloud was to be seen in the sky. Whether it was the weather, or whether it was to see whether Prof. De Woolf could ride his fifty miles in two hours and a half, that brought out the crowd, it is a little difficult to say; but the fact was that the attendance at the Fair Grounds was fully as large as on any day of the late race meeting. There were quite a number of private teams on the course, and several ladies adorned the stand. The first event of the day was the professor's attempt to ride fifty miles in two hours and a quarter, and for that purpose some fifteen horses had been provided. There were the sorrel, the roan, the gray and the black, some of them good looking animals and some of them slightly otherwise. At a little before half past 2 o'clock Prof. De Woolf appeared, dressed in tight. He is a sinewy, well built man, active and quick of movement, and looked a horseman. At the word he bounded into the saddle and was off. A vigorous youth, armed with a long whip, materially aided the send off, for several whacks admonished the horse that business was ahead.

THE FIRST FIVE MILES.

were covered in 15½ minutes. As the Professor would arrive at the judges' stand he would leap from the saddle and, with a running jump, vault into the saddle of the next horse. Each animal was ridden a mile only at a time, and one was kept standing in the track ready when the Professor reached the home-stretch.

On the ninth mile the horse gave out and another was sent out, which met the rider at the three-quarter pole. The third five miles were run in 15½ minutes, the horse on the fifteenth mile letting down and losing much time at the pole. There was nothing exciting from this on, the thirty-second mile was reached. On the turn, near the quarter post, the horse stumbled and fell.

THROWING THE PROFESSOR HEAVILY.

The fall disabled his right arm, and he could not use it any more during the race. On the next mile, De Woolf looked very pale, and was evidently suffering much pain, but he kept on until he reached the home-stretch.

At the thirty-sixth mile, owing to some mistake, the rider was informed that he had completed the fifty miles, and he stopped. The running time had been, just 1 hour 54½ minutes. There was considerable talk in the crowd. On the turn, near the quarter post, the horse stumbled and fell.

The next thing on the programme was a mile dash between the Indians. Four representatives of wild Mexico came out full of buckskin and feathers, and one of them, Griffin Dexter's old son, who had been in the army, looked as if his eyes were hollow, and that he had been in some far as to say his bronzed complexion would not stand soap and water. He was to use the expression of a cab driver present, "a damn thin Indian."

The race was not what could be called exciting. The genuine Mexican, with a broad sombrero that he didn't have on, it having been left on the stretch, dashed ahead and took the race inside of three minutes. The wild Indian, with a savage eye, however, didn't look as well. It is a well recognized fact that benzoin overweighs a jockey, and the red man on the back struck became too heavy for his pony.

The Man-Not-Alive talk in the home-stretch over. He evidently enjoyed the soft place where he struck. After he realized his situation, he raised his head and concluded to get up. After a few moments he found his horse and the ring-through-his nose pony, and all came in some five minutes after the race was over. This Apache, when he reached the stand, in some very good English said many "ouas words."

The main race was not run, but Miss Leona walked the wire very gracefully.

CUSTOM-HOUSE TOPICS.

Again It is Said that Packard is the Coming Man for the Collectorship.

The very latest arrivals from Washington are of the opinion that the Collectorship question will be settled within ten days after Congress meets, and, from the general opinion expressed, Packard will be the successful candidate.

Some of those who seem to know what the arranged programme is assert that the President has stated that he will

SEND PACKARD'S NAME IN.

the moment Lawrence is rejected, should the Senate refuse to confirm him, and it is claimed further that Stanley Matthews, who heretofore has been considered one of Packard's opponents, will vote for Packard's confirmation, he having recovered from the rage he flew into some months ago when Packard let go his views upon the question to some of the Northern papers.

It is claimed also that the Washburn-Lawrence influence will be eased off, as it were, by the Internal Revenue office, which, according to report, goes to Geo. A. Sheridan, and that the Pension office to be considered at Washington enough for that wing of the party.

Lewis telegraphs that he is satisfied that his nomination will be confirmed, and has started homeward to make arrangements for a bond. In the meantime he can observe Biard

RAKE IN THE FEES.

of the Naval office, which will be heavy this month and which will be exceedingly light during Lewis' administration.

WEATHER AND RIVERS.

The Signal Service telegrams of yesterday report an increased temperature in the Northern and Western cities yesterday, the increase in one instance, at Davenport, Iowa, being 21 degrees, while at other points the average was about five degrees, as will be observed by the following summarized telegram:

Cairo 64, Cincinnati 59, Davenport 78, Dubuque 62, Galveston 64, Indianapolis 65, Keokuk 65, Leavenworth 60, Louisville 64, Memphis 67, Nashville 65, Omaha 49, Pittsburgh 57, Shreveport 71, St. Louis 61, St. Paul 61, Vicksburg 71, Yankton 56, Augusta (Ga.) 67, Corsicana 73, Key West 85, Mobile 67, Montgomery 67, and Savannah 65 degrees above zero.

THE JETTIES.

A Twenty-two Foot Channel Reported Over 200 Feet in Width.

The following was furnished last night: The official survey of Capt. M. B. Brown, U. S. A., commanding the *Albatross*, shows a twenty-two foot channel over 250 feet wide, entered through the works, which, according to this report, entitles Capt. Eads to his second payment of \$500,000.

A practical channel through the jetties was found with a least depth of twenty-three feet.

Call at Miller & Dielmann's and get your California wines, candies and fireworks. Prices are very low.