

ASKS PRESIDENT FOR HELDING HAND

Young Woman Succeeded in Amateur Performances and Determined Upon a Stage Career.

CASTRO TURNS DEAF EAR.

Terrible Condition of Captives in Fortresses Is Disclosed by a Special Investigation.

Special Correspondence of The Republic. Maracaibo, Venezuela, Dec. 4, 1904.—A grave condition of affairs exists in Venezuela due to the administration of President Castro.

JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN ARMIES WINTER WITHIN RIFLE SHOT.

Mukden Returns to Its Old Life of Activity and Social Gayety—Natives Become More Assured During Cessation of Hostilities and Business Thrives as Never Before Because of Leaven of Modern Energy Introduced by 250,000 Foreigners—Animosity of Cossacks Against Japanese in Sharp Contrast With Feelings of His European Brother—Mikado's Men Prone to Commit Suicide in Defeat.

DAY ALONG THE OPPOSING LINES SOUTH OF THE SACRED CITY.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. Mukden, Nov. 29.—A month back the natives of Mukden were on the verge of panic. The Russians were retreating from Mukden, and so the story went, were not going to stop short of Tieling or Harbin. Everyone who had the means either left the city or prepared to do so.

CHASSIS TO JAP LINE.

After it went a Cossack in hot pursuit. The Cossack followed the chase, but the pig, threading the forest, gained the open ground and headed for the Japanese lines, less than 400 yards away.

GENERAL'S PALACE.

"I don't patronize anything but palace," he explained as we mounted to follow him. "And there being none hereabouts, I had one built."

TENDENCY TO SUICIDE.

One of the most inexplicable things to the Russian soldier is the habit of the Japanese to commit suicide when they are confronted with defeat. There are so many self-witness reports of this nature that it is impossible to discredit them all.

ALONG OPPOSING LINES.

On the Front Lines of Russian Defense. Below Mukden, Nov. 30.—The thermometer is below zero. There has not been snow yet, but it is perishing cold, and snow is about as prohibitive prices.

BUYS SECOND MEMPHIS PAPER.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Announcement has been made that Gilbert D. Rainey, who recently bought the Memphis Morning News, has acquired control of the Memphis Evening Scimitar, and beginning next Monday the two papers will be consolidated as an afternoon journal, to be known as the News-Scimitar.

INSOMNIA VICTIM A SUICIDE.

Woman Sought Rest at Bottom of the Ocean.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—A woman who committed suicide by throwing herself from the steamer George W. Elder on her way up.

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FRENCH WOMEN VOTE AGAINST AMERICAN METHOD.

MINISTERS RECEIVE WEST INDIAN COTTON KERCHIEFS.

FRENCHMEN TO CELEBRATE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

PRISON PARDONS COME AT CHRISTMAS

Executive Clemency Extended at Jefferson City and Springfield.

CONVICTS FARE SUMPTUOUSLY

All Privileges Possible Extended to Unfortunates Under Care of the Two States.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The convicts of the Missouri State Penitentiary tomorrow will sit down to the finest Christmas dinner in the history of that institution.

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Texas Senator's Action Causes County Collector to Appeal to Attorney General.

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Altoona, Pa., Dec. 24.—Frank Mower, aged 82, became suddenly insane from grief over the death of his wife and wandered into the mountains.

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Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Fire in the Tulane Hotel this afternoon, which threatened serious damage, was finally gotten under control.



PE-RU-NA—THE SANTA CLAUS OF HEALTH VISITS MILLIONS OF HAPPY HOMES

SULTAN FORBADE DIVINE SARAH TO PLAY LAIGLON.

GOOD UNTIL JAN. 1st, 1905.—You can't get a better Christmas Day. Then have the recipient bring them back to us ANY TIME after the holidays to have their eyes thoroughly tested and the proper lenses adjusted.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS ROBBER. Man Claims Diamonds Bought by Other Persons.

PARIS EATS 35,000 HORSES. MULES AND DONKEYS IN YEAR.

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