

### MAKING LAWS—

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### VOLUME THIRTY-TWO

## UPRISING IN CHINA; FOREIGNERS SLAIN

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Consul Rodgers at Shanghai Sends Alarming Story to State Department at Washington—American Gunboat Ordered to Scene of the Trouble—Critical Situation.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Consul General Rodgers, of Shanghai, cabled the state department today that the American mission stations at Nan Chang, province Kiang, have been destroyed. The probable cause is local. A telegram received from those points state that fourteen American missionaries escaped, but the Kingham family, English, two adults and two children, are reported killed. The American gunboat El Cano, at Nankin, has been ordered to proceed immediately to Kiu Kiang and will probably arrive Wednesday. The scene of the trouble is four hundred miles up the Yangtze river. The inland British missions are reported to be safe.

A cablegram from Commander Fletcher, senior officer of the Raleigh, at Shanghai, today confirmed substantially the Rodgers report.

A later cablegram from Rodgers says the reports of Nan Chang trouble are conflicting. It is reported to have originated in a dispute between French Jesuits and Chinese officials. The Chinese magistrate stabbed himself. In a riot which occurred yesterday six Jesuits and two members of the Kingham family were killed. The Chinese troops were protecting refugees going to Kiu Kiang. The American mission building is understood to have been saved and order is now restored.

Pekin, Feb. 26.—The American Methodist mission has a station at Nan Chang. No news of the missionaries has been received here. It is supposed they escaped to Kiu Kiang.

### CASTRO TO FIGHT AMERICANS.

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Williamstad, Caracas, Feb. 26.—Advice received here from Venezuela says that President Castro has broken up the Monroe doctrine, clear out the French from Venezuela and then start on Americans, Englishmen and Germans, who, he declares, are worse than Chinese. He is reported as saying that he will clear the country of foreigners. He is very bitter against Americans, who, he says, are after his country.

The populace is yearning for an American protectorate and the better class of Venezuelans are reported as saying that the situation demands immediate intervention by the United States for the sake of humanity.

### ATTACK MADE ON CUBAN TOWN.

Two Officers Killed in Fight Between Rioters and Rural Guards.

Havana, Feb. 26.—The quartered town of Guanabacoa, occupied by five rural guards, was attacked early yesterday morning by about thirty rioters, armed with rifles and revolvers who entered from the rear and began shooting into the dormitories of the troops, shouting: "Down with the liberal party!" and "Down with the rural guards!"

The dazed soldiers returned the fire, whereupon the rioters fled. None of them has been killed. A corporal on guard was killed and four rural guards were wounded.

### GERMANS HONOR KAISER.

Give \$12,000,000 to Charity On Occasion of Emperor's Silver Wedding.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The German people have subscribed between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 for new hospitals and other charitable works in honor of the silver wedding anniversary of Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria, which will be marked Tuesday by the wedding of Prince Eitel Fritz.

Their majesties announced several months ago that they would not receive presents from their subjects on the occasion of their silver wedding. They urged all who contemplated a wedding gift to give the money to charitable enterprises.

The result was almost unparalleled in German history. Municipalities, mercantile companies, and private individuals poured out money for charity. As a result 100 new hospitals or extensions to new hospitals will be dedicated Tuesday.

### Reception at the Palace.

Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria received deputations from the reichstag, the Prussian diet, the Prussian houses of lords, and other governmental bodies at the palace yesterday, who offered congratulations on the silver wedding anniversary of their majesties, which occurs next Tuesday.

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