

OFFER OF MEDIATION.

Argentine Could Not Accept the Offer of the United States.

New York, Dec. 16.—According to The Herald's Buenos Ayres correspondent official reports give the following account concerning the offer of mediation by the United States:

The United States minister in Santiago informed his government that President Rieco was disposed to accept mediation, Secretary Hay thereupon instructed Minister Lord to extend the good offices to Argentine.

Minister Lord conferred with the foreign minister, who declared that he did not believe it opportune to accept foreign mediation at the present time. The Tribunal, President Roca's organ, strongly denies the truth of a despatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Washington announcing that the Argentine minister, Senor Garcia Merou, requested the mediation of the United States. The paper says the Argentine minister in Washington never did such a thing.

Brazilian and Uruguayan papers declare that neither country could remain neutral in case of war, in view of the importance of the interests which would be affected by the struggle.

HOUSE CONTESTS.

Hearings of Contested Cases Will Begin Early in January.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The hearing of the contested election cases will begin early in January before the various election committees of the house. There are seven of these contests, including that made by ex-Representative Lenz of Ohio against the sitting member from the Seventh Ohio district, Representative Tompkins.

One of the contests begun by Gen. Walker of Virginia, for a seat from the Ninth Virginia district, has been terminated by the death of the contestant after all testimony had been taken and briefs filed.

The remaining cases are: Seventh Alabama district, N. E. Speers against Representative Burnett.

Third Kentucky, J. M. Moss against Representative Rhea.

Twelfth Missouri, Wm. Horton against Representative Butler.

Third North Carolina, J. B. Fowler against Representative Thomas.

Seventh North Carolina, A. B. Denzer against Representative Stokes.

Fourth Virginia, C. E. Wilson against Representative Lassiter.

AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Man Who Shipped Himself on a Steamer Paying Himself Out.

New York, Dec. 16.—Johann Beck, the man who shipped himself in a box on the Hamburg-American steamer Palatia, which arrived at this port on Dec. 2, has applied to United States Commissioner Shields for his first citizenship papers. Beck said he was 30 years of age, and was born in Austria. He swore allegiance to the emperor of Austria.

Beck is now employed at a hotel in this city as a painter. He is meeting a bill for \$70 presented by the Hamburg-American line. Of this, \$29.50 is for third class passage, \$15 for expressage or the box in which he came, \$2.50 for the ambulance in which he was taken to the hospital in Hoboken, \$10 for a fine for violating the immigration laws and the remainder for messages. He has paid \$50 of it already.

Deaths in Boer Camps.

London, Dec. 16.—The delay in the publication of October and November returns from concentration camps which have just been issued is apparently due to the government's desire to accompany the announcement of the high death rate with an official explanation. Blue book just issued shows 3156 deaths of whites in October of which number 2526 were children and 2500 of whites in November of which 2271 children. This makes the total number of deaths for the last six months 13,941 or death rate approximating 253 per year per thousand. Among colored persons there were 1208 deaths in two months. The blue book also contains the government plans for breaking up the camps, as recently outlined.

Boers Killed and Captured.

London, Dec. 16.—Reporting to the war office from Pretoria, Kitchener says Bruce Hamilton, after a long night's march, surprised Piet Valtjenslaager at dawn on Dec. 13 at Kilkraens, 25 miles northwest of Ermelo, killing 16 Boers and capturing 76 Boer prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at the farms. He also recaptured one of Benson's guns. The other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. Right Hon. St. John Broderick, secretary of state for war, wired congratulations upon General Bruce Hamilton's brilliant achievement.

Evidence Against Trusts.

Austin, Dec. 16.—Since the recent anti-trust litigation in this state was started many letters have reached the attorney general's department from men who claim to have information to give concerning the existence and operations of various trusts, combines and monopolies which are alleged to be doing business in Texas. Judging from the number and tenor of the letters there is hardly a manufacturer or product sold in this state that is not controlled by a trust, combine, etc. These letters come from the most part from persons who were formerly in the employ of these alleged anti-trust violators and some of them profess to be able to produce documentary evidence against the concerns in question.

SENSATION IN BASEBALL.

Spalding Says Freeman Must Get Out if He Stays In.

New York, Dec. 16.—Albert G. Spalding threw down the gauntlet to the national league magnates Friday night. He announced positively that he would not withdraw his name as a candidate for the presidency, but that he would force the magnates to vote on it. Furthermore, Mr. Spalding said:

"When the vote has been taken, when my election shall have been unanimous, and when they shall come to me and ask me to be their president, if I accept the honor my one condition will be that Andrew Freedman must get out of baseball absolutely and entirely. He must be wiped off the baseball map. On his record in baseball, and I speak only of his baseball record, I openly and publicly charge Andrew Freedman with being a traitor and a marplot. He has done more to ruin baseball than any other four forces that have existed in the history of the game."

The magnates were thunderstruck by the audacity of Spalding's deft, but there was a tone of pleasure and exultation over the prospects of a fight such as has never been known in the history of baseball.

Just before 1 o'clock this morning the Brush-Freedman faction walked out of the meeting room in a body and left the hotel. They refused absolutely to say a word. Then followed the election of Mr. Spalding as president.

Probably Fatally Hurt.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 16.—A rear-end collision occurred on the Shreveport branch of the Katy about three miles east of this city Friday. A westbound freight train, in charge of Conductor Frank Connor, had stopped to steam up, as the supply of coal had run low, and another freight train, in charge of Conductor Mike Kiersey, was following and ran into it. The engine of Kiersey's train crashed through the cars and two cars of merchandise, all of which caught fire and were destroyed, together with the woodwork of the engine. Conductor Connor was perhaps fatally injured, being hurt internally and one lung torn into. Brakemen Bodie and Irwin were injured, as was also Freeman Austin.

Woman Fatally Burned.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Albert Bertsch died at her home, about a half mile west of town on the amateur road from the effect of burns received Thursday. Mrs. Bertsch's clothing caught fire from burning gasoline which had been ignited by friction. She was engaged in washing a garment with the fluid, rubbing the cloth, which had been saturated with gasoline, with a brush, and the friction ignited the gasoline. The flames flashed over and her clothing was on fire in an instant. She ran into the yard with the flames enveloping her.

Brookman Out on Bail.

Houston, Dec. 16.—The habeas corpus hearing of James B. Brockman, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of Police Officers Herman Youngst and J. C. James on Wednesday afternoon came up before Judge A. C. Allen of the criminal district court. The judge announced that the hearing would be continued until 9 o'clock next Thursday morning, and that he would fix the bond at \$1000. The court accepted a bond, which was shortly prepared, and the prisoner was released from custody.

Fell Through a Trestle.

Ector, Tex., Dec. 16.—A railroad man by the name of J. C. Griffith was picked up in an unconscious state under Canny bridge on the Texas and Pacific railroad two miles west of here, and brought to this place. He fell through in trying to walk the bridge. He has a discharge from the Cherokee, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad. This shows that he has been division switchman at South McAlester, I. T. He claims to live somewhere near Clarksville, Tex. He is in a critical condition.

Reserves Called to Arms.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 16, via Galveston, Tex.—A contingent of the Chilean reserves has been called to arms. It numbers about 50,000 men. No move of the military forces under arms has commenced, however. Everything is quiet here, in expectation of the announcement of Chile's answer to Argentina, which, according to public opinion, will be firm and serene.

Depot Agent Dead.

Valley Mills, Tex., Dec. 16.—S. A. Rice, agent for the Santa Fe at this place, dropped dead on the depot platform just as northbound passenger train pulled out from the station Thursday afternoon. Heart failure was the cause of his death. The remains were sent to the former home of the deceased at Vicksburg, Miss., for burial.

Tragedy in South Carolina.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 16.—Edward Hollis, a drummer residing at Lima, 11 miles from this place, shot and killed his wife and his sister-in-law, fired unsuccessful shots at his mother-in-law and his son and afterwards shot himself.

Signed an Alliance.

New York, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Herald from Colon, Colombia, says: General Follaco, a Colombian government officer, says that according to the latest news he has received, Chili and Colombia have signed a treaty of alliance.

Two Negroes Hanged.

Helena, Ark., Dec. 16.—Frank Cannon and Wm. Kelley were hanged here Friday for the murder of Isaac Lane and his wife, near here last July. All were negroes. Cannon and Kelly confessed the murder.

JENNINGS DAILY RECORD.

N. L. MILLER, Editor, Publisher and Proprietor. Entered for transmission through the mails at second-class rate.

Home Happenings.

Interesting Items Concerning Jennings and the Neighboring Country.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE. Table with columns for routes and times.

M. H. Anderson is up from Mayville today.

A. F. Lyons of Lake Charles was doing business here today.

W. I. Wilder has moved into G. W. Bullick's house on east Second street.

J. H. Wright, of Rayne, paid a dying visit to friends in Jennings yesterday.

N. L. Miller has added a new kitchen, bath room and pantry to his house.

J. Harris and A. D. McFarlain went to Lake Charles this evening on business.

This cold weather makes the oldest inhabitant remark: "Cold as a number on record."

Capt. D. E. Sweet is in the Parish capital today on business connected with his office as mayor.

G. W. Bullick and family have moved into their new home in the second story of their brick building.

Capt. Von Shoeler, president of Prairie Mamou Oil Co. is in today on business connected with the company.

Norma V. Houck arrived from Lake Charles on the flyer today, and will visit her parents at La Gonda place during the holidays.

Wm. Boon of Decatur, Ill., who has been visiting friends here the past week will depart for his home tonight on account of the illness of his wife.

J. E. Foster & Sons have nearly completed their large steel lumber shed, which will contain the bulk of their building material in a fireproof enclosure.

George Gordon came over from Beaumont this morning for a short visit to his sister, Miss Claudia Gordon, one of the teachers in our city school.

A new postal card will be issued on January first to be known as the McKinley memorial postal card, the postals now in use is to be discontinued and the old plates destroyed.

Richard Thrash and J. N. Quesenberry have purchased J. F. Dudley's restaurant. The boys will run the place on the short order plan for the present, but will arrange later to serve regular meals.

J. J. Keller, Vice president of the Perfect Baking Powder Co., St. Louis is here to take a look at the country. He is deeply impressed with this country and believes we have a wonderful future before us.

An auction sale of household property and other implements will take place at the residence of H. T. Miller on Lake Arthur avenue next Saturday at 1 p. m. Mr. Miller and family are going to Springfield, Mo., where there son Fred will enter college.

A pleasant and highly enjoyable party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Savoie on last Friday evening in honor of Emile, a brother of P. D. Savoie. The evening was spent very pleasantly, games and other amusements were indulged in. Light refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Myrta and Laura Ellis, Jessie Lavender, Grace Ritter, Lizzie Case, Mabel Maury, Anna Outjes, Moses, John Outjes, Raleigh Moses, and Will M. Hearne and family.

Marvelous Acrobats.

The stars of the ring performance beneath the big tent of Sells & Gray's United Shows are the six Eddys, usually called the Eddy family. There are three young women and three men. Their specialty is acrobatics and the marvelous feats they accomplish in this line of work have never been surpassed, or even equaled by any performer, or group of performers, in the world. They were abroad all last winter, filling notable engagements, and came to America especially to join the Sells & Gray's shows. The date of their appearance in Jennings is Dec. 21 next Saturday when two performances and a grand street parade will be given. Miss Eddy the Tybellis and the Earl Sisters, a famous area few of the others with the show which the papers say are great.

Buy Stoves.

We have just received a car load of Garland cook and heating stoves. We have samples in the building formerly occupied by the Jennings Times. Don't buy a stove until you see us as we want to sell them.

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Home For The Holiday.

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Delinquent Taxes.

After December 31, taxes become delinquent. Pay your taxes now and avoid overlooking it. The Abbeville Rice Mill has already received over 13,000,000 pounds of rice has milled 28,000 sacks. Everything there is activity and bustle.

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Wood for sale by W. H. Kistner. 294

Rice Land \$100 Per Acre.

The following interrogatory was returned from W. W. Dason of Crowley to James McDonald, secretary of the Business Mens' association of Victoria, Texas:

How long have you been raising rice? Answer—Fifteen years.

Do you consider it a profitable investment on good land with plenty of water? Answer—Yes. Rice growing is unquestionably the most profitable branch of agriculture there is.

Do you consider investments in irrigating plants profitable where there is plenty of water and fine land? Answer—Yes. What has caused the wonderful growth of your city? Answer—The development of the rice industry. The rice industry opens up new farms, causes the building of canals, rice mills, warehouses, etc.

In your judgment what percent has rice culture added to your city's business? Answer—All business here depends entirely upon the rice industry.

What percent has rice culture added to your vicinity's and city's land values? Answer—in thirteen years it has raised value from \$1.25 per acre to an average of \$40 within a radius of six miles of Crowley.

What were the investments in your vicinity fifteen years ago and what are they now? Answer—None fifteen years ago. Now have invested in mills and warehouse in Acadia parish over \$1,000,000. In irrigating \$2,500,000.

State any further facts that you may deem of interest on rice culture. The development of our lands for rice farms has been the stepping stone to all the good things we enjoy. And we have only begun to develop as yet. Look for the time in the near future when every acre of land that will produce a good crop of rice to be worth \$100 per acre.

W. W. Dason.

M. E. Hulbert has just received an invoice of story books entitled "After Many Days" by our home author J. L. Hempstead which are selling at 75 cts. They make very nice Christmas presents as they are short stories, many of which tell of the early days in Acadia, and Calcasieu parishes. The books are handsomely bound in cloth.

Rice is King. John O'Connor, of Chicago, of the Louisiana Rice and Irrigation Company, came to the city Thursday, and was met by C. L. Parde, of Jennings, general manager of the company, says the New Orleans Picayune.

"I am here," said Mr. O'Connor at the St. Charles. "For the purpose of making arrangements for large extensions in our system of canals and irrigation plants. The results of the season have been so gratifying that we have decided upon a much larger increase of plant than at first proposed.

"We will take in and irrigate 10,000 acres more land than our plans called for, and involves extensive charges and enlargements of our plans. I leave for Jennings to look after the details of the extension."

"Going into the oil deal" asked the reporter.

"The rice deal is big enough for me," was the cheerful reply, "and I feel that there's enough money in the rice industry in Louisiana to satisfy the most grasping. Louisiana is in the swim, however you take her, whether on the surface or under it and her future seems brighter every day than it seemed the day before."

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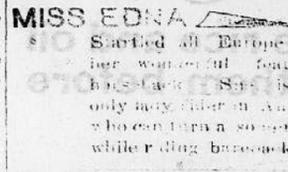


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