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GERMANS TRY TO

Force Passage Into Venezuelan Harbor.
Cruiser Panther Repulsed.

Things are again getting decidedly hot in the British. German and Venezuelan imbraglio.

The Panther forced its way to the entrance of Lake Maracibo and began to shell Fort San Carlos. The fort replied with its force of four guns and made things too hot for the Panther to hold its position. She steamed away in a crippled condition. The fort suffered no damage and had only three men wounded by the Panther's shells.

The excitement in Venezuela is again intense and everyone talks fight.

Do Mussels Move?

To the Editor of the Scientific American:

I do not pose as a scientist, and yet the question: "Do Mussels Move?" that has been going the rounds of the country press, and has found its way into the Scientific American of this date, has both amused and surprised me—a Missouri boy—and I suppose has surprised all Missouri boys who have lived near a stream.

The smooth thin-shelled mussel lives in the streams on the sandy bottom. The corrugated heavy-shelled mussel lives in the mud and is the commercial mussel, i. e., the shell from which buttons are made.

Often in clear water one can see the smooth-shelled mussel on the edge with a trail or track behind it that extend one or six feet. The side opposite the hinge is slightly open and the mussel protruding a quarter of an inch, is feeding. Its lips, belly or feet are corrugated like the belly of a snake, and with the exception of the mussel's movement being in a straight line, is identically the same, being propelled by contraction and expansion.

When a large stream is full and causes "back water" in the smaller streams, and then recedes rapidly, the life habits of the large, heavy mud mussel are just as easily seen.

When a mussel is moving, if it is picked up quickly and squeezed, it draws back into the shell, and a fine stream of water will be forced out, like the water from the tube of a muzzle-loading gun when being cleaned.

The iridescent coloring of the inner side of the thin-shelled mussel is as fine as that of any sea shell.

Monroe City, Mo., Jan. 3, 1903.
R. F. HIXSON.

The foregoing letter was published in the Scientific American of Jan. 17. It was written in a fit of disgust at the finely woven theoretical theories advanced by some Library Scientist who had broken into print.

We Don't Think.

Major Howell, of Atlanta, Ga., and President Orr, of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, have started in to raise \$20,000 to advertise Atlanta and Georgia. About all of the advertising this city and vicinity has ever gotten was through the Democrat, it furnishing the labor and the grease. It has for nine (9) years, always, been to the front of and for any and every measure that would or possibly could advance the interests of the city or country and has never received a dollar for it and ducedly little encouragement. There is not a paper in the state—our subscribers will bank on the statement—that has so persistently worked for roads and bridges and let the outer world know what kind of town and country Monroe is.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between David R. Davenport and Robert E. Lear, under the firm name of Davenport & Lear, was by mutual consent of the undersigned, dissolved and fully terminated on the 31st day of December, 1902. Any unsettled business of the old firm should be promptly settled up with Mr. Davenport, who is authorized to settle all outstanding either due from or to said firm.

January 15th 1903.

DAVID R. DAVENPORT,

KATHERINE S. LEAR, Executrix
Estate of ROBERT E. LEAR Deceased.

Through Others Eyes.

The Philadelphia Record, too sees the thing this way, without any conditional appendage. The Record remarks:

It is estimated quite easy and safe to offend the race prejudices of the merchants and business men of Charleston by making a black man collector of customs at that port, especially when the act promises some personal and political advantages in connection with the southern delegates to the next republican national convention.

But while trampling on the race prejudices of the south let President Roosevelt conquer his own, or, at least, have sufficient courage of his opinions to ride his colored hobby the full length. He and his republican supporters in congress have the appointment of numerous officers of the army and navy, and in the selection of these officers they can signalize their superiority to the narrow prejudices of race which they affect so much to despise in other people. Have not the negroes the same political and social right to share in the offices of rank and distinction in the military and naval service that they have to share the collectorships and postmasterships in the south? An answer is that the appointment of colored army and navy officers would not be practicable, and if practicable would inevitably cause great mischief and demoralization in the respective military establishments. Grant it. But ought not this inspire in President Roosevelt some consideration for the prejudices of the citizens of the south, who are just as repugnant to have negro collectors and postmasters as are the army and navy to have negro colonels and admirals? The Washington Post asks questions that are just as naughty.

ITEMS FROM FARMERS

Of Farmers, For Farmers And Pertaining To Farmers.

Leonard Gosney has finished hauling the 300 bushels of wheat he sold to the Monroe Milling Co., at 60 cents.

Hiram Clough is making arrangements to build a nice residence in the spring.

W. B. Davis, of Emden was in the city Friday and informed us that he had finished hauling his 1901 crop of wheat to the mill. He received 60 cents per bushel for it. He said, the yield in 1901 would not compare with that of 1902 but on the other hand, the quality of 1902 wheat raised by him would not compare with that of 1901.

Yates Bros. & Sullivan have sold for M. A. Hornback his 149 acre farm 2 miles south of city to J. A. Hays for \$8,000.

These are busy days for the corn shellers in the Queen of the Prairies. Car load after car load of the pretty white and yellow grain is being shipped from here. Strings of farmers wagons loaded with corn is a common sight on the streets and wagons loaded with baled hay play a close second. There is not near enough stock in the country to consume the bumper crop of 1902.

A queer sight at the Joe depot Saturday, was great stacks of baled hay placed there by Ed E. Yates, because he could not get cars to ship in.

"There is no money in farming." Now let us demonstrate that trite saying: Sixty days ago John A. Bethea bought 17 shoats from Mr. Clark. He after keeping out the big one of the bunch, has sold 16 of them to Ruff Christian, of Warren. In the deal Mr. Bethea is one fine shoat and \$100 a head. No there is no money etc. The pigs or shoats are about 5 months old.

V. C. Spalding shipped 2 fancy fox hounds to E. P. Moore, of Shelbina, Saturday.

J. F. Bottorff sold William Truitt, a good cow and calf for \$40.

Butler Yates and son have delivered 1300 bushels of corn to A. H. Green at 35 cents per bushels.

O. O. Nitchman is the right kind of farmer and knows a good country and good thing when he sees it and does not want all of it himself. After reading the DEMOCRAT a few months he wants his friends to read it, so ordered it sent J. H. Mackneeley, Lucas, Iowa. By the way when it comes to handling big loads of corn Mr. Nitchman is it, so far for on Saturday he brought in a load that weighed 58½ bushels and brought 35 cents.

A new cattle disease has broken out at Birch Tree, Mo. Their throats swell up and they are unable to sawlow. Several large herds are effected.

Will T. Clark shipped 6 car loads of cattle Sunday. It is the bunch he has been feeding north of the city. He still has 114 head of stockers on hand.

D. D. Melson has sold 86 head of sheep to John Jordon. Now John will have a lamb and wool story in the spring. Good for John, and he does not hide his light under a bushel.

John L. Owen took 12 head of beeves to the Bluff City market Monday.

Samuel and John Elzea are this week delivering 800 bushels of wheat to the grain buyers of this city.

Jerry Harris has sold 2,000 bushels of corn to John Kendrick at 34 cents.

Ed E. Yates was strictly in the baled hay business this week, for he shipped out 13 car loads of it.

Market Report.

Cattle	.....\$2.50@3.00
Hogs	.....\$5.50@6.00
Sheep	.....\$2.50@3.50
Lambs	.....4.00@5.00
Chickens	.....9c
Turkeys	.....13@15c
Ducks	.....08c
Geese	.....7c
Eggs	.....18c
Corn	.....35c

Shipments for week ending yesterday noon. Sharp and Gray 3 cars of sheep; Sharp and Stoddard 1 car of sheep; W. T. Clark 6 cars of cattle; W. H. Bird 1 car of cattle; Barger and McClintic 2 cars of hogs; Ed E. Yates 13 cars of hay; Sharp and Gray 1 car of hogs; A. H. Green 4 cars of hay and 4 of corn. Monroe Milling Co., 3 cars of corn. Total 38 cars.

The signal service report taken to the farmers from the postoffice, is not sent out from the Hannibal Station, but is taken from St. Louis morning papers and with a rubber logotype transferred to slips of paper.

Ennis Tooley has 100 head of cattle on half feed.

Frank D Proctor is delivering 3,000 bushels of fine white corn.

Barger and McClintic have bought hogs from the following farmers in the past few days: — Broughton 10, H W Wood 5, J W Wood 1, J L Morthland 15, J Christian 12, J Quinn 6, — Antone 9, J Gibson 18, W. Bland 24, I R Underhill 5, R E Tompkins 9, Jim Ryan 1, W Whitmer 2, F M Redman 30, I Longacre 5, J B Gray 1, B Swigart 4, B Morthland 3, B McFarland 3.

Protest—Request.

After all there is a vast difference in Teddys appointing a negro to the position of assistant district attorney in Boston and the negro postmastership at Indianola, Mississippi. The Boston man was backed by the professors of Harvard Law School, by the two Massachusetts Senators and by the district attorney. On the other, hand, the postmistress of Indianola, was protested against. Now Teddy let out the kinks and take another try at it. An honest try.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in postoffice, Monroe City, Mo., on Jan. 20, 1903.

J. F. Blackburn,
Charley Carlston,
E. J. Clark,
Cal Crane,
Mrs. Eliza Mackeloy,
Ella White.

To obtain any of these letters persons must say advertised.—
J. P. PATTON, Postmaster.

Gonzales Dead.

Editor Narcisso Gonzales, of the State, shot by Lieutenant Gov. Tillman died of peritonitis, Monday. The people of South Carolina are wild with excitement over the tragedy. The murderous assault was unprovoked. Tillman is in jail.

The Burlington branch, H. & St. Joe is getting there in leaps and bounds. It is putting on four more eight wheeled Moguls with tender capacity of 6,000 gallons of water.

GEM OF A WEDDING.

Was That of R. Elmo Jackson And Miss Ella Gentry Hawkins, Yesterday At First Baptist Church.

One the prettiest marriage contracts ever entered into in this city, was by Richard Elmo Jackson and Miss Ella Gentry Hawkins, at the First Baptist Church at 1:45 p. m. yesterday. Rev. I. W. Read officiating.

It was a union of two of the oldest families of Marion and Ralls counties.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and potted plants. Scarcely had the ushers, Prof. Thomas Dawson and Harry Jackson seated the hundreds of friends present when to the strains of sweet music the bridal party came sweeping into the large auditorium.

The bride was becomingly gowned in a handsome blue broadcloth trimmed with straps of same and wearing a hat to match the gown. The bridesmaid, Miss Martha Redman, of Palmyra, wore a gown and hat which was the counterpart of the brides. The groom and his attendant Ennis Tooley were dressed in dark business suits for immediately after the ceremony the bridal party left the city for Covington and other points in Kentucky to remain a month.

When they return they will go to housekeeping in the pretty home north of the city, prepared for them by the grooms parents.

The young couple were raised in and near this city and their union means a hearty, God bless you from every one.

The duty of 67 cents a ton on coal has been practically a prohibitive one and there have been few importations over the border in spite of the fact that there are nine large mines in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick where coal is produced with unusual cheapness. It is now known that vessels from Canadian ports have carried coal for ballast and have thrown it overboard rather than pay a duty on it in entering American harbors. In the light of present conditions the coal tariff seems little less than a crime, and yet the coal schedule is no worse than many others provided in the Dingley bill.—Quincy Herald.

Watch the Dogs.

On the night of Dec. 2nd a mad dog went to the home of H. A. Warinner and bit his two dogs. One of the Warinner dogs showed signs of hydrophobia on the 9th day and in a few days the other also showed signs of hydrophobia. Both of these dogs died, but it is not known whether or not they bit any other dogs. The dog which bit the Warinner dogs was not killed and it is not known what became of it, or how many animals it may have bit and it will do no harm to watch for mad dogs.

The Great Southwest.

An opportunity for the investor and the homeseeker to see and learn more of the wonderful prosperity in Missouri, Kansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Texas, is given by the low rate excursions to the southwest via M. K. & T. R'y on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Ask for further particulars and literature.

JAMES BARKEE,
Gen'l Pass. & Tkt. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.