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ARGENTINA IS READY FOR WAR

Her Citizens Are Becoming Expert with the Mauser Rifles.

"FOREIGN LEGIONS" OF SOLDIERS ORGANIZED

The People of Buenos Ayres Are flocking to the R. F. Ranges where they are furnished with ammunition for practice...

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 22.—General Mitre, president of the boundary commission...

The people are flocking to the public rifle ranges. Each citizen is allowed to shoot thirty-five cartridges from a Mauser rifle...

Senior Concha Subercaseaux, the Chilean minister here, had a conference yesterday evening with General Rosen...

The retirement of Senator Portela has been accepted by the public with great indifference.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Information was received here today by Senator Garcia...

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Several persons were arrested, but were subsequently released.

OPERATION ON ALGER.

The General's Condition Serious but He Stood the Operation Well.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—An operation was performed today on General R. A. Alger...

At 7 p. m. the following bulletin on General Alger's condition was issued:

"Temperature, normal; pulse, 74. Only slight nausea following the anæsthesia. All symptoms are favorable."

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LOUBET UNVEILS STATUE TO BAUDIN

All the French Ministers Present at the Ceremonies—President's Remarks Loudly Cheered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 22.—President Loubet unveiled today in the Faubourg St. Antoine a statue to the memory of Deputy Charles Baudin...

"You will see how a representative of the people can die for twenty-five francs a day," he then mounted the barricade...

There was considerable apprehension of disturbances at today's unveiling, owing to the insistence of the national president of the municipal council...

All the French ministers were present at the unveiling of the statue.

President Loubet, M. Fallieres, president of the senate, Ernest Rouvier, president of the chamber of deputies...

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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL NELSON A. MILES.

HOLOCAUST NEAR DUBOIS

Four Persons Burned to Death. Five Others Are Seriously Injured by Fire.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 22.—Word reached here today of a terrible holocaust that occurred about three miles from Summerville, Jefferson county, yesterday morning...

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LONG DENIES REPORT.

States That He Has No Idea of Resigning from the Cabinet.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Secretary Long's attention having been called tonight to reports that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet...

He said there was not a word of truth in the report and that he had not the slightest intention of resigning.

Chicago Jury Imposes a Fine of \$2,000 as Punishment in Conspiracy Conviction.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The jury in the case of Lawyer Alexander Sullivan, on trial before Judge Abner Smith, for conspiracy to abet a fugitive from justice, came into court today with a verdict of guilty.

The charges against Sullivan were an outgrowth of jury bribing scandals involving the Chicago courts.

Sullivan's counsel entered a motion for a new trial, which Judge Smith will not act upon tomorrow.

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FERRYBOAT DESTROYED

The Pere Marquette Strikes a Bar—Coal Passer Scalded to Death.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22.—While entering Lansing harbor last night, during a heavy southerly gale, the Pere Marquette coal ferryboat No. 16 struck a bar, disabling the machinery and breaking the main feed steam pipe.

Great volumes of steam instantly escaped like a geyser, and a coal passer, who scalded to death and two other coal passers, whose names are unknown, were also terribly scalded.

When day broke, the life saving crew, by means of their cannon, threw a line to the wrecked craft and began rescuing the crew with their breeches buoy apparatus.

The entire crew of thirty-three men and the body of Taft were taken off the wreck in this manner. One by one the men were hauled over the churning ice on the suspended cable.

The operation occupied four hours, and was witnessed with breathless interest by an immense crowd of people.

It is believed that the vessel will prove a total loss. Boat and cargo are valued at \$200,000 and are fully insured.

Canal Company's Decision Too Late

The Offer of the Panama People to Sell Out to the United States Will Not Be Considered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 22.—Senator Chantoney M. Dewey, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press today, said that had M. Hutin, formerly president of the Panama Canal company, offered to sell the canal for \$40,000,000...

According to a dispatch from Paris the Associated Press, dated December 21, the shareholders of the Panama Canal company that day adopted a report which proposed, among other things, to adopt as a basis of negotiation of the sale of the canal to the United States the figures and declarations contained in the conclusions of the Isthmian canal commission's report...

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THE PRESIDENT REBUKES MILES

TICKET FORGERS IN KANSAS CITY

Evidence That They Have Been Defrauding the Railroads to a Great Extent.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—A gang of forgers of railroad tickets has been operating in Kansas City successfully during the last few weeks, according to H. C. Townsend, of St. Louis, general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, who has been investigating the fraud with the aid of other railway men.

Mr. Townsend said: "The losses of the western roads will amount to thousands of dollars. There have been three classes of forgeries. Some days ago it was discovered that a bogus perforating stamp had been used to imitate the stamp that is used to mark tickets at the Union depot."

The forgers used a stamp which was exactly like the one that is used at the Kansas City Union depot to stamp return ticket coupons but the manufacturers suspected something was wrong and refused to sell it.

The forgers then bought a stamp, such as is used in tanks for perforating checks, changed the dies from "paid" to "K. C. H. D." and have used it on many forged tickets.

"The second class of forgeries included conductors' train checks. The forgers used a stamp which was exactly like the genuine, but they have smooth edges instead of perforation. Wholesale frauds have been committed by using forged livestock contracts, which are exchanged for tickets. We have no means of knowing how many bogus livestock contracts and conductors' train checks have been forged. I know that hundreds of fraudulent contracts were printed here in Kansas City. We have evidence to show that a Kansas City broker knows something about the forgeries. The Missouri Pacific has since referred severe losses but our road is only one of many that have been defrauded."

Dozens of the forged tickets, it is said, have been secured by the railroad officials.

Mr. Townsend has telegraphed for C. C. Mead, of Chicago, chairman of the Western Passenger association to come to Kansas City to prosecute the ticket forgers.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president has publicly rebuked Lieutenant General Miles, commanding the army, for commenting on the Schley controversy. The severity of the reprimand administered yesterday through the secretary of war, while practically unprecedented in his characterization of the indiscretion committed by an officer of such exalted rank, is regarded as less personal than as designed by its severity to prove an example for the benefit of officers of all grades in both service, and to emphasize the determination of the commander in chief to put an end to the intolerable bickerings which have become too common in the military and naval arms of the government.

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