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VENEZULAN REBELS DEFEATED.

Forces and Their Ammunition Captured—Fight Took Place on the Camatagua River.

Caracas, Feb. 3.—The government troops under Alcantara, a graduate from West Point, have defeated a force of rebels numbering 900 under the revolutionary general Ducharme, on the Camatagua river, about 50 miles south of Caracas. The rebels were routed, their ammunition and 230 prisoners were captured.

On receipt of the news of the victory prices on the stock exchange here jumped four points.

Since the route of Gen. Matos and his army of 10,000 men by President Castro near La Victoria October 18, the remnants of the rebel forces have been dispersed in all directions. These scattered bodies of rebels, believing that arms and ammunition had been landed, lately reunited, and to the number of about 2,000 under Gens. Roland and Ducharme, assembled at Altigracia, at the entrance of the Gulf of Maracaibo and at Arituco, a village 60 miles south of Caracas.

Gen. Ducharme with 900 men advanced up the Camatagua river. President Castro sent a force of 1,000 troops against him under Gen. Alcantara who took the rebels by surprise and routed them after a seven hours' fight.

Alcantara captured 30 officers and 200 soldiers, 40,000 rounds and all the rebels' reserve ammunition and 50 animals. The balance of Ducharme's army fled in the direction of Orinoco.

THE NEGRO IN BOSTON.

Roosevelt's Colored Appointee Put in a Room Away From Whites.

Boston, Feb. 3.—"No place being available" at the federal building for the accommodation of William H. Lewis, the negro recently appointed United States assistant district attorney, by President Roosevelt, carpenters are now busy remodeling the rooms allotted to the district attorney.

Up to the time of Lewis' appointment there were three men connected with the department, and each of these men had a separate office. With the qualification of Lewis yesterday arose the question of where he would have his official quarters. Each occupant of a special office said that he had no room in his own office for another. In two of the offices, however, there are two desks, and only one of them is used, and there is plenty of room; besides those who are acquainted with the doings at the federal building say that if Lewis was a white man there would be no need of giving him a separate office, as any of the other attorneys in the department would manage to make room for him.

Murder and Suicide.

Raleigh, N. C., February 3.—A special from Winston-Salem, N. C., says:

Banks Miller, a young man shot his wife tonight, and then killed himself. Both died in a few minutes. Miller and his wife had a dispute yesterday and decided to separate. She left her husband, taking their two children to the home of relatives. Tonight Miller called to see his wife and, after talking over their misunderstanding, the wife consented to live with her husband again. As he started to leave the room he asked his wife to come to the door and kiss him good-night. She complied with the request. Miller immediately thereafter turned round and fired at her, the ball taking effect in her right breast. The husband then placed the pistol to his head and fired. When the officers arrived at the house, Miller and his wife were lying on the floor dead. There were two eye-witnesses to the tragedy.

Lee S. Overman, the new Senator from North Carolina, was 49 years old on the 3d of this month. He is a lawyer of ability, a native of Salisbury, and in 1874 graduated from Trinity College, N. C. He was private secretary to Governor Vance and has been a member of the State House of Representatives five times, having been Speaker once. In 1895 he was the Democratic candidate to succeed Senator Vance. In 1900 he was the State Democratic Presidential elector. He is of winning personality, of commanding presence and a skilled parliamentarian. His wife is a daughter of the late United States Senator and Chief Justice Augustus H. Merrimon.

Nearly Forfeits his Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

INCREASED INTEREST IN SOUTHERN WATERPOWERS.

Coal Scarcity Turns Renewed Attention to Great Possibilities for Power Development.

The present scarcity and high price of steam-coal has again aroused interest in the great water-power possibilities of the Southern States.

In magnitude and convenience of location for manufacturing purposes more desirable undeveloped water powers are to be found in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia than in any equal area elsewhere in the United States. Several of these, whose development is thoroughly practicable, are capable of furnishing power in greater quantity than is to be obtained elsewhere, except at Niagara and at Sault Ste. Marie, and at a very low cost per unit of power developed.

Many of the smaller water-powers of these States have already been developed and used in the operation of cotton mills, but recently the larger powers, of magnitude sufficient to supply the needs of a manufacturing city, have been receiving much attention and a number of important projects looking to their utilization are now under way.

Large developments are now in progress now on the Yadkin River, near Salisbury, N. C., where the plans, it is said, contemplate a final maximum development of 60,000 horsepower; and on the Catawba River, near Rock Hill, S. C., where the Catawba Electric Power Company has almost completed a large plant which will supply power to Rock Hill, Charlotte, and other towns within reach of its transmission lines; while on the Chattahoochee River in Georgia preparations are being made for the construction of a great plant from which power will be transmitted to Atlanta.

In addition to these localities at which construction work is already in progress, other developments of considerable magnitude are projected on the Savannah and Coosa rivers, and one of the largest cotton mills in the Southern States will soon be in operation on Smiley's Falls, on the Cape Fear River. Other smaller enterprises are being considered on the Dan River and its tributaries.

On the streams to the west of the Blue Ridge developments are now being made on the French Broad River below Asheville, N. C., and are projected at several points on the Little Tennessee and the Hiwassee rivers in North Carolina, on the Watuga River in Tennessee and on the Holston River in Virginia.

Considerable impetus has been given to the development of southern water-powers by the investigations carried on for several years by the hydrographers of the United States Geological Survey, who have collected much data regarding run-off and discharge, which is widely used by engineers and others interested in these matters. The Government work in investigations in North and South Carolina has been under the charge of Hydrographer E. W. Myers, and that in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee is under Hydrographer M. Hall.

Four Bank Robbers Caught.

Peoria, Ill., February 4.—A special to the Journal from Cambridge, Ill., says: The First National Bank here was robbed of about \$10,000 at 2 o'clock this morning by four men and within a few hours the robbers were captured by citizens and marched to the county jail, where they are now held pending an examination. No trace of the money has yet been discovered, but it is believed it will be found soon, as the robbers had practically no time for effective concealment of it. While the robbers were working in the bank snow began falling. This increased in volume and it was an easy matter for the posse to track the robbers to a barn two miles east of the city. The men were found buried beneath the straw and were taken to the jail.

Anderson, February 3.—The safe in the store of the Pendleton Manufacturing Company, at Autun, about ten miles from here, in this county, and near Pendleton, was blown open about 1 o'clock this morning by three robbers, evidently professionals, and about \$100 in money and stamps was taken.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 4.—Tobacco sales on the Wilson market have been very large during this week, amounting in two days to about 400,000 pounds. Prices on yesterday were very good, better in fact than at any time since the Christmas holidays. All the tobacco now in the hands of farmers will be sold during this month. There is a movement on foot among the farmers of this section to decrease the acreage of tobacco during the coming season. All have begun to realize that there is now an overproduction, and the only way to restore these prices is by cutting down the production.

Mr. F. F. Herndon, private Secretary to Hon. A. F. Lever and a promising young lawyer, was in town last Saturday. He has resigned his position with Hon. Lever and will associate himself with the law firm of Spears & Dennis and will be the partner located here. We give him a warm welcome.—Bishopville Leader.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Final Business of the Session. Supervisors Urged to Organize County Associations in the Several Counties of the State.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—The State Good Roads association concluded its annual convention yesterday afternoon after a session which occupied most of the morning.

The reports from each county by the respective supervisors were continued and disposed of. A resolution advising the supervisors to form branch associations in their own counties was adopted.

An executive committee consisting of E. McIver Williamson, Darlington; J. M. Major, Greenwood; T. F. S. Seagle, Greenville; W. P. Cantwell, Charleston, and the president ex-officio, chairman, was appointed. This committee was formed for the purpose of conferring with the legislature in regard to the passing of an act allowing counties to vote on the question whether bonds should be voted for permanent improvements of roads, the amount of bonds to \$200,000, to be used \$20,000 worth at a time, until the whole amount is used, provided that much is necessary.

The only other business of interest transacted was that the time of meeting was changed from the third Monday in January to the third Wednesday in that month. The place will be Columbia, as usual.

The convention just held has been one of the most earnest gatherings in the cause of building better public highways that has been held in South Carolina, and it is thought that much good has been accomplished. The supervisor and other delegates have indicated to the general assembly the legislation they would like to have and it is believed that the memorial will be given due consideration.

LEGISLATURES IN ARMS.

South Carolina's Struggle in 1876 Recalled by the Conditions in Colorado.

We do not deny that there is a deplorable lack of law and order and the requirements of civilization in some parts of the South; but there are others. We read in the newspapers of members of the Colorado Legislature sitting at their places with huge revolvers decorating their desks and surrounded by guards prepared to resist by violence and bloodshed the attempts of a certain faction of Republicans aiming to be members of the same body to enter the halls. The situation is curiously like that in South Carolina in 1876. Democrats and Republicans each claimed to have a majority of the House, and each organized under its own Speaker. On a certain day the Democratic members marched to the State House, headed by Col. J. E. Orr, now the respected and staid president of one of the largest cotton mills in the State, who knocked aside the door keeper and led his cohorts in. The rival bodies occupied the same hall, the Speakers sitting side by side, two nights and three days, as we recollect. The United States troops were at the front door, and while they would not eject the Democratic claimants they refused to give permission for any of them to go out and return. Consequently, these legislators were kept locked in the chamber for the time indicated, along with their Republican opponents, everybody armed to the teeth, and expecting trouble to break loose each minute. A member from each House addressing and recognized by his own Speaker and speaking at the top of his voice was a common incident of this nerve-racking period. Reporters and others who had the right to go in and out of the chamber freely, smuggled the butts under their waistcoats, for the Democrats, each of whom had an average of three revolvers, besides the gun wrapped in his blanket or overcoat, and probably the Republicans were equally well provided.

What a dramatic moment it was for the seventy-odd weary and red-eyed white men who had been expecting during all the hours of a long night to engage at any moment in a fight in a locked hall with their Republican and negro opponents reinforced by hundreds of deputy sergeants at arms, when the murky and chilly dawn of the December morning was suddenly cut by the sharp, familiar rebel yell. Both factions adjourned to the windows and looked out on a line of red shirts, many of them Confederate veterans, double quickening in swift cadence up the steep hill from the special train that had brought them in. These were the advance guard of 5,000 of the same kind who arrived before noon—clattering in on horseback at full speed, singly and by squads, tumbling hurriedly from regular and special trains, eager to fight anything or anybody for Wade Hampton and white rule.

But that was twenty-six years ago, and the fight was for a principle, and involved the very life of the State. This affair in Colorado is a mere squabble over a United States Senatorship, probably with a good deal of boodle involved in it. So far as the morality and respectability and civilization of the transactions are concerned, South Carolina appears to have very much the better of it.—A. B. Williams in Richmond Times.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

THE CHIEF OF POLICE

IN BAMBERG KILLED.

Shot Down Wednesday by Joe Davis at Latter's Home.

Special to The State.
Bamberg, Feb. 4.—Chief of Police J. B. King was today shot and killed by Joe Davis, at the latter's home on Factory Hill, a suburb of this town.

It seems that Davis and his wife had been having a row this morning, and that Davis had been threatening her with punishment of a summary kind. She came down with the avowed intention of having her husband placed under a peace bond.

Sheriff Hunter, to whom she came, sent Chief of Police King up to try to settle the matter. When Mr. King arrived at the house and ascended the steps, Davis, who was in the front room, it is said, called to him to stop. Mr. King continued to advance to the front door, on which he tapped. Whether he pushed the door open, or whether it was opened from the inside, is not clear, but as the door opened Davis, who was standing just inside, fired on the officer, using a double-barrelled shot gun, loaded with small shot. King reeled from the piazza and expired a few seconds later.

Davis came down town and gave himself up. As soon as the news was known a great deal of excitement prevailed, but there is absolutely no danger of any hasty action.

Mr. King was originally from Batesburg, and was for some time in business in Columbia, from which place he removed to Charleston, coming from that place here to take charge of the dry goods business of J. A. Spann. He was elected to his present office on the force and took charge Jan. 1st. He was a most excellent gentleman, and leave a wife but no children. The inquest will be held at the court house tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

HOBSON WILL GET OUT.

The Secretary of the Navy in Accepting Capt. Hobson's Resignation will Express High Appreciation of his Services.

Washington, February 5.—Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, of the corps of naval constructors, insists on the acceptance of his resignation from the naval service. Secretary Moody received a telegram from him today to that effect. He thanked the department for its indulgence in the matter, but said his decision to resign was final. His telegram was in reply to one from the Secretary of the Navy, requesting the withdrawal of his resignation, and that he make a trial of the duties to which he had been assigned at the Bremerton Naval Station, as the navy did not wish to lose the services of an officer whose record had been so brilliant. Constructor Hobson is now in New York.

Secretary Moody has decided, in view of Constructor Hobson's declaration to reconsider his proffered resignation, to accept the same. He will take occasion to formally record the navy's high appreciation of the officer's worth.

THE VICTIM OF A MEAN TRICK.

New York, February 5.—Capt. Richmond P. Hobson, of the United States navy, who was in the city today, said he had information from a reliable source that legislation which would have enabled him to go on the retired list had been held up in the House naval affairs committee, at Washington, by Congressman Bankhead. The Congressman represents the 6th Alabama district, in which Capt. Hobson lives, and the Captain said he believed, on the information which has come to him, that Mr. Bankhead's opposition was due to his political interests. Capt. Hobson said that construction work in the tropics, where the reflection of the sun's rays on the water is intense, had impaired his eyesight. He had been invalid from a Manila hospital after being forced by weak eyes to quit work. "The construction work required of me," said Capt. Hobson, is just the kind which my impaired eyesight has made me unable to perform. There was nothing for me to do but to retire or resign. I could not go on attempting work for which I was physically disqualified. My application for retirement was approved by the construction bureau and by the President, and all went well until it reached the House committee on naval affairs, of which Mr. Bankhead is a member. The opposition in that committee left me no other course than to resign."

Washington, Feb. 3.—The navy department is unwilling to allow Constructor Hobson to retire from the navy, even upon resignation outright and the abandonment of the privilege of going upon the retired list. The reason for the unwillingness is the pressing need of the construction corps for the services of just such young officers as Mr. Hobson, and the effort will be made to induce him to remain on duty. The construction corps has lost the services of four able officers during the past year and with the rapidly increasing amount of construction work the navy department feels that it must stop the drain.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme.

NEW HOME WORD CONTEST

Fill out this blank, mail or deliver it in person to T. B. Jenkins, Jr., Sumter, S. C., and your name will be entered as a competitor in our Big Word Contest, which will close on the First day of May, 1903, the contest to be decided by the following rules: Anybody will be allowed to compete. No restrictions as to age or sex. The competitor who shall make the largest number of words from the single word



GREYHOUNDS

shall receive as his or her prize our handsomest Drop Cabinet, Automatic Lift, Ball Bearing, NEW HOME Sewing Machine, which retails at

\$70.00.

In case that two or more persons have the same number of words, the one sending in his or hers first shall receive the prize. No proper names shall be counted, and anyone using a letter not in the word, shall have their entry forfeited. You will be allowed to use the plural of a word already used; for instance, making the word ground, and making again, grounds. No letter can be used twice in one word. The name of the winner will be published in all three of the weekly papers published in Sumter, with all the words given in full, and the date of delivery. Competitors are advised to keep a copy of their lists, and remember that the NEW HOME Sewing Machine is without a rival for beauty, ease of running, and durability, and is sold in Sumter only by

T. B. JENKINS, JR.

Any other information furnished cheerfully on application.

CUT THIS OFF AT BLACK LINE.

T. B. JENKINS, Jr., Sumter, S. C.
Dear Sir: I wish to have my name filed as a competitor in your word contest for the handsome, Drop Head NEW HOME Machine, and agree to abide by all rules governing the contest.

Name
Address
Age Name of Machine used in Family
How long in use
Yours respectfully,

CAPT. HOBSON'S RESIGNATION.

It is not Accepted Because the Government is Loath to Lose so Valuable an Officer.

Washington, February 4.—Admiral Taylor, chief of the navigation bureau, has made the following recommendation to the Secretary of the Navy concerning Capt. Hobson's resignation:

"The bureau is reluctant to recommend the acceptance of this officer's resignation, believing that time should be given him to reconsider his decision and make trial of the new duties at the station to which he has been assigned, that the Government may retain the services of an officer whose record had been so brilliant."

Secretary Moody today telegraphed this recommendation to Capt. Hobson, with the statement that the department approved it and transmitted it to him for his consideration.

The correspondence attending the tender of the resignation was made public today. Capt. Hobson gives as a reason for his action the bad condition of his eyes and concludes his letter as follows:

"Upon thus severing my official connections with the navy I beg to make the following standing and permanent request: That upon the approach of war or a similar emergency the President forward to Congress the application I hereby make to be restored to the navy and assigned to active duty during the period of emergency.

"In conclusion, I beg to repeat that I am completely devoted to the navy, regarding the navy's past as the most glorious of records and its future as the most important factor in the working out of our country's role of beneficent world service, and I shall endeavor in every possible way to render service to the navy, purposing during the time of my life to accomplish the very maximum of useful service to the navy and the nation."

The attitude of the construction corps to which Mr. Hobson is attached is disclosed in this endorsement upon the letter:

"The bureau recommends acceptance, to take effect February 5, 1903."
"G. T. Bowles."

A Weak Stomach

Causes a weak body and invites disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures and strengthens the stomach, and wards off and overcomes disease. J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Chriesman, Tex., says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and run down in weight. All that money could do was done, but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol, I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefited me, and after taking four bottles I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health." J. S. Hughes & Co.

SAFE ROBBERS STILL AT WORK.

The Second Safe Blown Open in Anderson County in Twenty-four Hours.

Anderson, February 4.—The second safe robbery in twenty-four hours in this county occurred about 2:30 this morning at Iva, on the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway, about seventeen miles below here. The store of W. P. Cook was entered, and his safe was blown open by nitro-glycerine and about \$35 in cash and a gold watch belonging to Mr. Cook's wife were taken. A clerk was sleeping up-stairs over the store, and was awakened by the explosion. He fired two shots at the robbers from the head of the stairs, but they made their escape. The alarm was given and searching parties organized, but about this time a heavy rain fell, which made it impossible to track the robbers, two in number. The postoffice is also in this store and a lot of stamps were in the cracked safe, but none was taken. Up to 10 o'clock tonight nothing further was heard of the robbers. Like the ones at Autun the night previous, they disappeared.

Four men were arrested here this afternoon on suspicion of having committed some of the recent safe robberies, and parties came here from Iva and Autun, but could not identify them, and they will probably be released in the morning. They were travelling in a wagon and claimed to be selling garden seed, and that their homes were near Asheville. Their effects were searched, but nothing was found that could connect them with the robberies.

Rock Hill, February 3.—Miss Sophie D. Whilden, a member of the faculty of the music department of Winthrop College, died this morning at 5 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia, which first developed last Wednesday.

New York, February 3.—Jack Munroe and Tom Sharkey signed articles today for a twenty-round contest to take place some time after four months.

A Good Thing.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures coughs, colds and lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 25 and 75 cts. China's Drug Store.