

## WAR IN THE SENATE! SOUTHERN SENATORS FLEE

Rumours abound throughout the capitol that while meeting in closed session yesterday attempts were made to arrest several high standing Southern Senators including the always popular Senators; Huckabee of Georgia, Kimes of Arkansas and Thompson of Mississippi.

The arrest warrants alleged that these senators have supported witchcraft within their native States, conspired to overthrow the rightful government and unlawfully order agents of the United States military to act against the government.

This reporter has not been able to substantiate these rumours but having visited the homes of several senators to find them abandoned it is clear that they no longer remain in the capitol. Senator Kimes has been a highly vocal opponent of the 'Witchcraft Prevention Act' and had recently accused key senatorial members of operating a 'private militia no better than a lynch mob' and had called for a public inquiry.

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The Senate divided.

### CRISIS IN NEW YORK

After rioting in the streets and concerted attacks on military and government buildings by armed civilian militia martial law has been declared throughout the state of New York. Large numbers of civilians have been seen leaving the city many carrying all of their worldly belongings. Travellers are warned all rail travel within the state is now being restricted with carriages subject to random search by military groups.

General George Decker recently appointed commander in chief stated that witchcraft in any form will not be tolerated in the United States and his generals in the field will ensure that those witches in the rural areas of this country particularly those in the south will be found and tried for their crimes. He makes particular note of General Alexander James who will be taking over the role of coordinating the actions of troops throughout the South.

### UNUSUAL WEATHER IN THE SOUTH ABATES

The reports of unusual weather and other strange occurrences in the southern states around Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas appear to have abated.

Several new travelling exhibitions of the 'wonders of the frontier' claim to have acquired objects and livestock created by the 'miracles' though in these uncertain times how long these sideshows can continue to operate is in question.

### PORT CITY BURNS

Reports have crossed the Atlantic of a catastrophic fire in the city port of Naples, Italy. The report indicates that shortly after a flotilla of ships arrived from the new world several fires and a large explosion were witnessed around the port itself and the Duomo di Napoli constructed on the site of the ancient Temple to Apollo has been completely destroyed. Those worried about friends of family in the region can contact the Italian embassy in New York

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