



Renewed activity on the part of the ladrones near Manila, P. I., was reported on February 23 and it is said that recently they captured several of the native constabulary in some of the villages near Manila. Reinforcements have been sent to the troops who are warring against these outlaws.

Mr. Russell, the United States charge at Caracas, reported to the state department on February 23 that a great deal of apprehension is being felt in Venezuela on account of the delay in handing over the captured vessels to the government authorities. It seems that Germany is still insistent in regard to the payment of her claims against that country and this action is regarded as a breach of trust.

An Associated press cablegram from Porto Cabello under date of February 23 says that one Venezuelan vessel had been returned by Germany, on that date.

It was recently reported that Canada will make a remonstrance against the appointment by the United States of Senators Lodge and Turner on the Alaskan boundary commission. This remonstrance is based on the ground that it has been the understanding of Canada that three judges of the United States supreme court were to serve as commissioners.

The United States supreme court decided the prize money case brought by Admiral Dewey in behalf of himself and the officers and men of his fleet on account of the vessels sunk at Manila, in his favor, but an adverse decision was given in the case of similar nature brought in behalf of Admiral Sampson.

On February 23 at Galveston, Tex., the corner stone of the \$125,000 seawall was laid with imposing ceremonies. This wall is three miles in length and is designed to give absolute protection even from a stage of water equal to the great tidal wave of the 1900 storm. It is reported that the city has been exempted from state taxes for a period of eighteen years as assistance in the erection of the great wall for its protection.

It will be remembered that recently the European powers sent a joint note to Turkey demanding of that power better treatment of the Christians, particularly in Macedonia. On February 23 the sultan returned his answer to this note in which he agrees to institute the desired reforms in Macedonia.

According to advices from Chicago a movement is on foot to merge the interests of all the firms that comprise the beef trust. It is regarded as certain that April 1 will see the culmination of these merger plans which may eventually control the meat business of the world.

A testimonial sword was presented to Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor, who commanded the battleship Indiana in the Spanish-American war, by the people of Indiana through the general assembly on February 23, at Indianapolis. This sword is a beautiful piece of workmanship and cost \$1,600.

It was recently announced that a

joint resolution has been introduced in the Hawaiian territorial legislature petitioning for statehood.

On February 24 it was reported that the revolutionary movement in South China is growing more serious. Several engagements have taken place with the rebels and the troops sent against them have been defeated, the rebels pillaging the towns. The Russian ambassador has asked the cooperation of this country to stop the illegal importation of arms to China, and this request has also been made to Belgium, Germany and Great Britain.

The most violent eruption of the Colima volcano which has occurred in years took place on February 24, according to a dispatch from Mexico City. The eruption was accompanied with a severe earthquake shock.

On February 24 it was announced that a bill had been passed by the Illinois legislature appropriating \$9,000 for a life-sized statue of Frances E. Willard, to be placed in the national statutory hall at Washington, D. C. On the same day a bill appropriating \$5,000 for the relief of the famine-stricken people of Sweden and Finland, was also passed.

The supreme court of New Jersey in session at Trenton rendered a decision on February 24 in regard to the rights of stockholders to examine the books of corporations organized under the laws of that state. According to this decision, this right is denied to stockholders, except in such cases where this right shall be germane to the status of a stockholder.

A fight took place between the miners and sheriff's posses at Staniford City, W. Va., on February 25 when the sheriff attempted to arrest several of the miners for violation of an injunction issued by Judge Keller some time ago. During the struggle three miners were killed and several badly wounded.

A convention which is to discuss municipal ownership and franchises began its sessions at New York city on February 25, and continued for three days. One speaker suggested that this movement is due to indignation at corruptness of private ownership and it was hoped that the advantages of municipal ownership will be better understood by means of this meeting.

By a unanimous vote the Delaware house of representatives on February 25 adopted a resolution requesting congress to call a convention to propose a constitutional amendment authorizing the direct election of United States senators by the people.

An interesting item of news was given out on February 25 when, according to United States Consul McWade at Canton, it was asserted that an American physician, Dr. Adolph Ratzag, has discovered a means of curing and exterminating the disease of leprosy which has hitherto been considered incurable.

R. J. Gatling, inventor of the Gatling gun, died in New York city on February 26, at the age of eighty-four years.

After a spirited contest, Mrs. Cor-

nella Cole Fairbanks of Indiana was unanimously re-elected president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution society, recently in session at Washington, D. C.

A great mass meeting was held in New York city on February 26 to do honor to the memory of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. The meeting was held under the auspices of the committee having charge of the thank offering fund of \$20,000,000 raised by the Methodists throughout the country to celebrate the advent of the twentieth century. President Roosevelt was the principal speaker of the evening.

A disastrous fire visited the center of the business district of Cincinnati, O., on February 26, occasioning a loss of over \$2,000,000.

The czar of Russia has come to the relief of the starving Finns and has ordered that extensive relief works be started without delay in Finland. The proposed Idensalmi-Kayana railway is to be begun at once, added to which work will be an expenditure of \$300,000 on another line, the establishment of a bank with a capital of \$2,000,000, which sum is to be used in making loans to the peasant farmers, and public works amounting to \$140,000 are to be constructed, thus giving work to the people.

Advices from Pekin under date of February 27 report the ambushing and slaughter by the rebels of 500 imperial troops in the province of Kwang Si, northern China.

#### In 1904.

Those who deserted in 1896 and 1900 do not want to adopt a platform in 1904 with bimetalism only left out. They want to adopt a platform that will leave out every and all planks that demand justice for the whole people. They want to make a platform that will be so nearly like the republican platform that it will be

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necessary to have the party name attached to it to tell which is which. The 6,500,000 democrats who followed W. J. Bryan will never consent to give up all their principles for what? For the purpose of getting a few party traitors to vote the democratic ticket. The democrats who voted the democratic tickets of 1896 and 1900 will make the platform for 1904. They will put into it what they think is right. And there is no assurance that a platform founded on right and justice will forever be defeated. The time may come—may be here now—when the common people of the nation will vote solidly for their interests by voting the democratic ticket as the plutocratic despoilers of the people now vote for their interests by casting all of their ballots for the republican party.—Joplin Daily Globe.

#### The Boys.

'Twas a shrewd old farmer spake the other day the while he combed from beard and hair the seedlets of the hay:

"Our Freddie is a business man, an' makin' piles in soap; Ezekiel is a doctor an' feeds the people dope. Our Mary Ann is pretty, an' full of education. She's bagged a dude from town who's rich as all creation.

"Hennery's a preacher, an' runs a gospel shop; Pete's a politician a-climbin' to the top; Willum is industrious—he stays with me an' marm—an' me an' him an' her get a livin' from the farm.

"But Tom!—it really seems Tom never had no sense. He couldn't take a hammer and pound nails into a fence. But marm, she's not despairin'; or if she is she don't show it. Says she: 'You leave that Tom alone; he fixin' to be a poet!'"—Atlanta News.

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