



A cablegram from Berlin under date of January 17 says: In the negotiations which are about to begin at Washington, Great Britain is quite determined that the irreducible condition of arbitration is that President Castro shall pay or give collateral security for sums already specified. The powers will not consent to raising the blockade until Venezuela complies with the unalterable condition. The allies place the responsibility for further delay upon Venezuela.

The special grand jury in session at Chicago recently for the purpose of investigating the causes for the coal shortage in that city has returned indictments against forty coal dealers.

By an explosion of powder in the turret of the battleship Massachusetts on January 17 at San Juan, P. R., five men were killed and four injured.

The entire ship building interests of the Ohio and Mississippi valley will be consolidated and merged into one company with a capitalization of more than \$5,000,000, according to reports from Louisville, Ky.

Abram S. Hewitt, former mayor of New York city, died in New York city on January 18 at the age of 81 years. In 1874 Mr. Hewitt was elected to congress, serving with exception of one term until 1886, when he was elected mayor of New York.

It was reported from Constantinople on January 18 that Turkey was experiencing an unusual thing in the form of a heavy snowstorm. It was said that the storm was so heavy that all communication between Constantinople and its environs had been interrupted and the European train service was suspended.

On January 18 it was announced from Brussels that Mahud Pasha, brother-in-law of the sultan of Turkey and leader of the Turkish reform party, died in exile.

The fourteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America met at Indianapolis, Ind., on January 19. President John Mitchell was given a most flattering reception on his arrival in the city. Delegates from every part of the country were in attendance.

On January 17 it was reported that a German cruiser had shelled Fort San Carlos at the entrance to Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, for an hour, the fort returning the fire with such effect that the cruiser withdrew. The commander of the fort reported that only three men were wounded, the fort sustaining no damage.

Former Secretary of War R. A. Alger, appointed by the governor of Michigan to succeed the late Senator James McMillan in the senate, was elected on January 20 to fill out the unexpired term.

A dispatch from Montgomery, Ala., under date of January 19, says: Will-

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iam Dorsey Jelks, who on the death of Governor Sanford, in June, 1901, succeeded to the office of governor of Alabama, and was elected last November to a full term of four years, was today formally inducted into office.

China has made a reply to the note recently submitted by all the ministers of the powers represented there with the exception of the United States as to the payment of the indemnity on a gold basis. The reply states the inability of China to comply with this demand and asks the ministers to suggest plans for relief, also requesting that the customs tariff be placed on a gold basis as a means toward the payment of the indemnity. This reply has been submitted by the ministers to their several governments.

On January 19 the state senate of Colorado adopted a joint resolution binding the United States senator to be elected at this session of the legislature to favor the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

According to a Denver, Colo., dispatch under date of January 19 two separate senatorial bodies are in session, one presided over by the lieutenant governor, the other by President Pro Tem Adams, a democrat. It seems that the trouble lies in the attempt of the majority to unseat a number of members and more trouble is looked for before a choice for senator can be made.

It is officially announced from Rome that Pietro Mascagni, the composer, has been appointed to the directorship of the Rossini lyceum, the musical conservatory of Pesario and considered as the highest in the Italian musical world. Signor Mascagni was deprived of the directorship last summer in consequence of his determination to go to the United States on a concert tour.

It is announced from Havana that the residents of the Isle of Pines deny the assumption of the Cuban government that the United States has no interest in the island, and have gone so far as to resist the payment of taxes to the Cuban government. It is said that since the war about 300 Americans have taken up their residence in the island and their hope is to have the island declared a territory of this country.

The bubonic plague recently reported as being confined to only one town of Mexico has spread to several Mexican towns and the people are reported to be dying in great numbers.

The hearings before the anthracite coal strike commission at Philadelphia, Pa., goes on apace although it seems that interest in the proceedings is decreasing owing probably to the large amount of routine business. On January 20 it was announced that the commission had examined 400 witnesses of which 174 were called by the striking mine workers, 155 by the non-union men, sixty-three by the operators and eight by the commission.

Samuel W. Pennypacker was inaugurated governor of Pennsylvania on January 20 to succeed W. A. Stone; W. M. Brown was inaugurated as lieutenant governor and Boies Penrose was

elected to succeed himself as United States senator.

Reed Smoot, an apostle of the Mormon church, was chosen United States senator from Utah on January 20.

United States Senator Charles W. Fairbanks was re-elected from Indiana on January 20.

Former Governor William Joel Stone was elected United States senator by the Missouri legislature, to succeed Senator Vest.

Senator H. C. Hansbrough was re-elected United States senator from North Dakota on January 20.

Thomas Platt was elected to succeed himself as United States senator from New York, receiving the solid republican support with the exception of three votes cast for Secretary of War Elihu Root.

The Von Ketteler memorial arch erected by China in memory of the German diplomat killed by boxers at the outbreak of the disturbances some time ago, was dedicated on January 18 at Pekin, China. Diplomatic representatives of the different powers, the entire foreign community of the city and German officers and civilians from

other cities were in attendance.

It was reported from Vienna on January 19 that twenty-five thousand garment workers and their assistants went on a strike for an increase in pay and a reduction in their hours. They assert that the present piece rates are inadequate and that they are compelled to work from fourteen to sixteen hours a day for starvation wages. They demand a rate of payment which will permit them to live decently and a working day of eleven hours.

Congressman Albert J. Hopkins of Illinois was elected United States senator to succeed Senator Mason on January 20.

Jacob H. Gallinger was elected United States senator to succeed himself from New Hampshire.

Orville M. Platt has been elected as senator from Connecticut for a fifth term.

It will be remembered that some months ago the supreme court of Nebraska passed on the question of the use of the Bible in the public schools. Another trial of the question was held and on January 21 the court decided that "the law does not prohibit the use of the Bible in public schools;

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