



On January 31 United States Minister Powell and a representative of the government of San Domingo signed a protocol providing for arbitration of claims in dispute between the Dominican government and an improvement company of New York, the government also is to pay the company \$4,500,000 for all its rights and franchises.

The powers of Great Britain, Germany and Italy have rejected Minister Bowen's proposition for a settlement of the difficulty with Venezuela. These three powers insist on preferential treatment in the payment of claims, and it is feared that this attitude will bring the negotiations to a standstill.

Representative John N. W. Rumble of the Second Iowa district died in Chicago on January 31, at the age of 61 years. He has been a member of congress for one term, and the funeral was held at his home at Marengo, Ia., on February 3, the house of representatives being represented by a committee selected by the speaker.

J. R. Whiting, former member of congress and prominent in state democratic politics in Michigan, died at St. Clair, that state, on January 31. Mr. Whiting was influential in framing the Wilson tariff bill.

A strike among the employes of the Netherlands Railroad company in the Netherlands has caused a suspension of traffic and all the trains on that road are tied up.

News received from Tangier, Morocco, is to the effect that the sultan's troops have routed the forces of the Moorish pretender, many of the troops being slain or captured. One report says that the pretender himself has been captured and taken to Fez.

It was reported on February 2 from London that Lord Milner has asked to be relieved from his post as governor of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies and high commissioner of South Africa, but at the desire of the government has consented to remain until the end of July when he is to be transferred to a government position in India.

A society known as the Thomas Jefferson Memorial association was recently organized at Washington for the purpose of erecting at the national capital an appropriate and national memorial to "The Author of the Declaration of Independence." Admiral George Dewey is president of the organization.

An Associated press dispatch from Joplin, Mo., under date of February 2, says: "The Venezuelan company," which organized here several days ago to enlist men for colonization in Venezuela, has, it was stated today, received over 1,000 men, all with military training, and some of whom are stated to have held commissions in the United States army and navy. Applications for membership are pouring in from all parts of the United States and Canada. The company expects to secure large land grants from the Venezuelan government.

Venezuela's ultimatum in regard to the payment of the claims held against that country by Great Britain, Germany and Italy was sent to those powers on February 2 by Minister

Bowen. In this communication Venezuela absolutely refuses to concede to these nations preferential treatment in the payment of their claims and this position is sustained by all the unallied claimant nations.

Negotiations have been under way for a long time for the construction of electric traction lines in St. Petersburg, and on February 1 it was announced that an American company had gained the important concession which is to cost not less than \$60,000,000.

It was reported from Caracas, Venezuela, on February 3, that the government troops had gained a battle against a force of rebels numbering 900 about fifty miles south of Caracas. Thirty officers and 200 men were captured, together with a large quantity of ammunition.

A resolution passed the Missouri house of representatives unanimously recently to have the committee on constitutional amendments prepare an amendment to remove the state capital from Jefferson City to St. Louis with a provision that the latter city shall raise \$1,000,000 and give the use of the world's fair buildings.

It was recently announced that the German government has decided to readmit the Jesuits, who, since July, 1872, have been excluded from Germany. Chancellor von Buelow, in the reichstag, said he would use his influence to instruct the Prussian members of the bundesrath to support the repeal of the anti-Jesuit laws, so far as to permit individual German and foreign Jesuits to reside in Germany, but not to allow the founding of Jesuit chapters.

The finding of an important document relating to the Dreyfus case in France is asserted by a French newspaper will cause the reopening of that famous case. It is claimed that this document is in the hands of the war ministry and important disclosures are looked for.

An important move in the direction of municipal ownership of public utilities was made recently when the legislature of Nebraska passed a bill which was subsequently signed by the governor enabling the city of Omaha to acquire and operate its own water plant under the direction of a water board to be appointed by the governor.

It is reported that a plan is under way to create a new state from the eastern part of Montana and the western part of South Dakota, the new portion to be known as Montague and extending from the Belt mountains in Montana to the Missouri river in North Dakota. Another plan somewhat similar in effect is the annexation to Utah of that portion of Arizona north of the Colorado river and to make that river the boundary line between Utah and Arizona.

It was recently announced that Emperor William of Germany has decided to send a delegation to this country with the Frederick the Great statue about June 1.

Recent reports from China are to the effect that the activity of the Boxers against the foreign element continues and that great apathy is being displayed by foreign govern-

ments in regard to the matter. It is said that in the province of Kansu a large army is being organized to proceed against the foreigners, and trouble is anticipated.

What is regarded as a break in the senatorial deadlock that has existed in Delaware for the past seven years was made on February 5 by the announcement that J. Edward Addicks had withdrawn from the candidacy for the United States senate.

After a sitting of exactly fifty-one days the anthracite coal strike commission concluded its hearings on February 5 and adjourned till the 9th of February when it took up the hearing of the arguments presented by the counsel representing the various sides. 566 witnesses have been heard before the commission and 9,200 pages of testimony are recorded.

Ex-United States Senator H. L. Dawes died at his home in Pittsfield, Mass., on February 5, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Dawes was a member of congress as representative from 1857 to 1873, in the latter year succeeding Charles Sumner in the United States senate and served as senator from Massachusetts until 1893 when he was succeeded by Henry Cabot Lodge.

An Associated press cablegram from London under date of February 6 reports the outbreak of serious disturbances in Bulgaria. It is said that 5,000 refugees from Macedonia have arrived in Bulgaria on account of Turkish atrocities, and a struggle between that country and Bulgaria is apprehended.

On February 6 a resolution instructing the United States senators from Kansas to vote for the Cuban reciproc-

ity treaty and the Colombian canal bill passed both houses of the legislature in Kansas.

The Acre dispute between Brazil and Bolivia is becoming a serious matter. A Brazilian force has captured a fort in the disputed district taking 300 Bolivian prisoners, but these were afterwards released.

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