



It was recently announced that Russia is massing a formidable array of warships in the Mediterranean and it is expected that this fleet will proceed to Port Arthur in the very near future, to be in readiness in case of trouble in Asiatic waters.

An Associated press cablegram from Manila reports that Bayan, the strongest Moro stronghold in the island of Mindanao, has submitted to the American forces commanded by Captain Pershing, and this peaceful submission is regarded as being a great triumph for the Americans.

Four hundred Americans in Havana on February 15 observed the anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. The wreck was draped with flags and crape and tributes were paid to those who lost their lives in the disaster.

The ravages of the bubonic plague continue at Mazatlan, Mexico, and a relief fund has been started in Mexico City for the benefit of that vicinity. A general appeal is to be made throughout Mexico in this behalf.

A mass meeting of 10,000 Macedonians was held at Sofia, Bulgaria, on February 15 to protest against the action of the government in dissolving the Macedonian committees in Bulgaria. The re-establishment of these committees was demanded and the judicial punishment of individual offenders.

The text of the protocols signed on February 13 by Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies were made public on the following day. The justice of the allies' claims is recognized by Venezuela, and on their side the allies concede that the cash payment shall be for the seizure and plundering of the vessels of these allies. Other matters are to be left to be arbitrated by a commission composed of two judges and in case of their disagreement the dispute is then to go to The Hague for final settlement. As before stated the allies are to return the Venezuelan vessels taken and this action has already been accomplished by the German authorities who on February 17 returned fifteen fishing craft and schooners.

On February 16 Minister Bowen began the work of providing for the settlement of the claims of the United States against Venezuela and also the claims other nations hold against the South American republic. The protocol between this country and Venezuela was signed on February 17 and provides the arbitration of the claims by two judges, one from each country, and an umpire. This commission is to hold its meetings at Caracas and shall assemble not later than June 1.

A. A. Ames, the fugitive former mayor of Minneapolis, Minn., who defaulted his bail of \$10,000 and fled from that state, has been apprehended in Hancock, N. H., and it is believed that he will be returned to Minnesota for trial.

Destructive storms have swept the southern portion of the United States recently and from many places come reports of loss of life and valuable property. Many rivers of the south are flooded and it is feared that more serious damage will result.

The death was announced on Feb-

ruary 16 of Denis J. Sweeney, who has long been known as Chicago's veteran fireman and who was the former chief of the fire department in that city. During the great fire in Chicago in 1871 Sweeney did much to save property and gained his reputation as a fire-fighter at that time.

The anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor five years ago was observed at Philadelphia, Pa., by the launching of the new battleship Maine on February 15 at that city. The new vessel is commanded by Captain Loutze and is manned by her full complement of 640 seamen and marines. Her armament consists of twenty guns.

It was reported on February 15 that Lieutenant General Miles with Mrs. Miles and Colonel Maus of his staff and Mrs. Maus, have returned to Washington after their tour of the world. The trip was planned as a military inspection of the United States army in the insular possessions and also with the design to ascertain the latest developments in European military practices. The results will be embodied by General Miles in a special report.

The "beef trust" case in Chicago was treated on February 18 by a decision rendered by Judge Grosscup in the circuit court. According to this decision the Sherman anti-trust law was violated by the beef packers, and a temporary injunction was granted against them.

A concern known as the Western Alaska Construction company of Chicago has been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a railroad in Alaska which will open up all the mineral tracts of that territory. Surveys of the proposed route have been filed with the interior department at Washington.

An interesting claim growing out of the Boxer disturbances in China some years ago was recently settled by the payment by China of \$34,663 to the relatives of the murdered missionary family Atkins. The money was paid through the state department.

According to advices received from San Salvador on February 18 the trouble between Salvador and Guatemala which gave rise to rumors of impending war, has been settled and their differences have been arranged.

A dispatch to the Associated press from Salt Lake, Utah, under date of February 15, says: A special to the Tribune from Bingham, Utah, says: "A large meteor struck the earth in the vicinity of this place at 4:04 o'clock Saturday morning. The falling body, when it collided with the earth, caused windows to rattle and the houses to tremble, while a sound like a mighty clap of thunder awakened the inhabitants from their sleep. The people thought there had been an earthquake and much alarm was felt until the true nature of the shock was learned."

According to an Associated press cablegram from Rome under date of February 19 the pope celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election to the papal office on that day. In recognition of this jubilee he has donated \$20,000 to the poor of Rome. One of the presents received by the

pope was a gold tiara which cost \$25,000.

The religious disturbances which marked the closing of the congregationist schools in France last summer were revived on February 19 when the nuns in a village in Brittany reopened their school and the police had considerable trouble with the populace before they were able to proceed to carry out the closing orders again.

It was officially reported from Berlin on February 19 that diplomatic relations between Germany and Venezuela have been renewed. The new minister, Herr Pellidramm, will sail for Caracas immediately.

On February 19 the Russian foreign minister, Count Lamsdorff, communicated to the French government the fact that Russia had received the last of the adherence of the European powers to the joint note to Turkey regarding the subject of reforms, and Russia's note to the sultan with the unanimous consent of the powers was presented. In brief, this note demands

better treatment of the Christians under Turkish jurisdiction and although Macedonia is not specialized, it is conceded that the situation in that country needs reformation. It is also announced that this note is only the first step in the plans for the betterment of the condition of the people under Turkish rule.

The collision of a train with a trolley car near Newark, N. J., on February 19 resulted in the killing of twelve school children and the injury of thirty others.

Early in the morning of February 20 fire destroyed the Clifton hotel at Cedar Rapids, Ia., cremating nine of the guests and causing injuries to forty-two persons before they could be rescued from the burning building.

After a close and long drawn out contest extending over the entire session of the Oregon legislature C. W. Fulton was selected United States senator from that state on February 21. The session of the legislature expired at midnight on the same day.

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