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IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE WEEK

A bomb exploded with terrific force at Barcelona in the Marine parade which was thronged with holiday makers. A panic ensued and the air was rent with the shrieks and groans of the victims who numbered from thirty to sixty, including one woman killed and five persons mortally wounded. The bomb was conical in shape and was covered with cement. The perpetrator of the outrage is unknown. One witness states that early in the morning a child was seen to deposit a bomb at the foot of a tree, while another version is that the bomb was placed at the foot of a tree in the afternoon, and that the man who was seen to place it there was injured by its premature explosion. After the explosion Panama hats, parasols and wearing apparel were found strewn about and here and there were pools of blood. The detonation was heard throughout the city, and the force of the explosion threw a coachman from the seat of his carriage fifty yards away. The bomb was filled with nails and scrap iron. A workman, covered with blood, while running away from the scene was pursued by a mob which believed him to be responsible for the outrage and, being caught, was nearly lynched. The man was taken to a hospital, where he denied he had exploded the bomb.

C. F. Pfister, the Milwaukee millionaire banker, indicted for embezzlement, has caused to be issued a statement which explains what became of the mysterious \$14,000 which was turned over to him by the Wisconsin Rendering company. It appears from this statement that the money was paid to various persons for the purchase of a contract which Crilley & O'Donnell had with the city of Milwaukee for a rendering or garbage plant. It is stated that the firm, after securing the contract, found itself unable to perform the work and sold to the rendering company. Pfister acted as go-between. No part of the money went direct from Pfister to anybody for any illegal purpose. The whole transaction is mysterious in that persons connected in the deal gave testimony which led the grand jury to investigate and indict, and it was not until long after the indictment which exonerates the accused man. The Milwaukee grand jury is still engaged in probing affairs at Milwaukee.

A courier from Fez announces that the French-Algerian merchant, Bouzain, has been set at liberty, and that he is ill as the result of the bad treatment accorded to him while in prison. The sultan's action in yielding to the demands of France at the last moment averted the occupation of a Moroccan port by the French, as St. Rene Taillandier, French minister at Fez, had made his final demand for the release of the prisoner, and said that unless the demand was granted he would withdraw from the country. It is known French cruisers were in readiness to sail in that event to carry out the announced intention of seizing a Moroccan port. Bouzain is a French citizen, and the chief of an Algerian settlement, and was arrested owing to local troubles. The sultan, until France protested emphatically, refused to release him, on the ground that he was a Moroccan and not a French citizen.

Resolutions prepared for the Atlanta city council will set the splendid southern city right before the league of municipalities and the world. These resolutions severely condemn Mayor Woodward who made a

drunken spectacle of himself in his assault on municipal ownership at the Toledo meeting. The resolutions express that "regret be tendered the League of American Municipalities on account of the spectacle which the mayor made of himself," and that the mayor's "attitude toward the city of Chicago and the boorish manner in which he treated Mayor Dunne are heartily deplored and condemned," and further that "the conduct of the mayor upon the before mentioned occasion is not typical of Atlanta, but is strongly and severely condemned and regretted by the city council." It is probable the carousing mayor of Atlanta will be ousted unless he resigns.

Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, was exonerated by the report of Solicitor McCabe of the department of agriculture, which also declares there has been no discrimination in favor of the beef trust and against the small packers in the assignment of meat inspectors to the various plants. "Inquiry discloses the fact that Dr. Salmon had an unfortunate connection with the firm of George E. Howard & Co.," said Secretary Wilson. "While this connection was not an ideal relation for a government officer to have with a firm doing business with the department, I am convinced that Dr. Salmon never intended to profit by work done by Mr. Howard for the department of agriculture."

The matter of Senator Chauncey M. Peppew's indebtedness to the Equitable Life Assurance society has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. Officers of the Equitable announced that the indebtedness to the society of the Depew Improvement company was paid, the principal and interest amounting to \$293,350.82. The correspondence incident to the transaction was at the suggestion of President Paul Morton made public. In a letter Senator Depew disclaims all responsibility for the loan made to the Depew Improvement company, declares that the loss was due to depression in the value of real estate at Buffalo, and that it was never his intention to permit the Equitable to be a loser.

The final meeting of the congress of reformed religions at Geneva accepted the invitation of Professor Doane of Boston to hold the next congress in the United States and voted hearty thanks to Secretary General Wendete of Boston. The congress also resolved to formulate a declaration of the principles of liberal Christianity for acceptance at the next meeting.

Lidziapudzi, Manchuria, Sept. 4, 3 p. m.—The Japanese are continuing preparations for a battle. This has caused astonishment, coming at the moment when the peace treaty is on the eve of being signed at Portsmouth. The Russian advance posts report that the Japanese troops are very much dissatisfied with the peace agreement.

President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific railroad, when shown a press dispatch relating to the reduction in grain rates on the Great Northern railway, and Mr. Hill's statement to the effect that the reduction was made to increase the profit to the producer, remarked that this was merely following the policy adopted by the Canadian Pacific long ago.

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