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EUROPE FEARFUL OF A WIDESPREAD WAR

Russia May Seek to Avert Disgrace by Dragging Other Nations Into the Complications--The Sultan Determined to Have Revenge on Bulgaria--Signs of Preparation

London, Feb. 20.--Never during the writer's long experience as an observer of European affairs has there existed such a widespread feeling of unrest and nervous apprehension as prevails at the present moment.

Turning to the near east, the situation must be regarded as extremely serious. War may not be a question of days, but it is undoubtedly imminent. The sultan has gathered up courage now that he believes the pressure has been removed so far as Russia is concerned, and he openly declares his purpose to defend the Macedonian reform scheme.

The Czar in a State of Mind

Stories come from friendly sources in St. Petersburg describing the czar as being alternately in tears and again in a furious rage against his corrupt entourage.

Bulgaria Fears the Consequences of War

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria today again appealed to the powers to maintain the status quo and to avert hostilities. England was particularly appealed to with the strong suggestion that it exert the utmost restraining influence at Constantinople.

Spooner Speaks for the Panama Treaty

Morgan Speaks on the Canal for the Last Time, Urging a Careful Revision of the Treaty--Tillman Creates Diversion

Washington, Feb. 20.--The Panama canal question was taken up and Mr. Spooner, who held the floor, yielded to Mr. Morgan, who spoke in opposition to the ratification of the canal treaty.

Mr. Morgan made an appeal for a careful revision of the treaty, so as to make sure of the footing of the United States in Panama when the canal shall be constructed. He urged that the treaty should be so amended as unequivocally to permit the intervention of the United States in case of necessity.

HERRICK SAYS NO

Ohio's Governor Not a Candidate for Senator

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.--A conference of Republican leaders was held here today, attended by Governor Herrick, George B. Cox of Cincinnati and others, to discuss the situation in connection with the election of a United States senator from Ohio to succeed the late Marcus A. Hanna.

Dull Debate in the House

Washington, Feb. 20.--The House spent the major portion of its session today discussing the naval appropriation bill, but the debate was slow and without particular interest.

A Baltimore Fire Victim

Baltimore, Feb. 20.--It was thought that not a life was lost in the fire here, but a charred body, supposed to be that of a colored man, has been found in the water at Bowley's wharf.

Impending Change in Map of West Indies

San Domingo to Be Taken Under the Eagle's Wing. Cleveland Occupies a Big Place in the Public Mind

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Feb. 20.--Special.--San Domingo is to be made a part of the map of the United States during the next few weeks. The president has made all arrangements for this latest diplomatic triumph.

War in the Party

Governor Warfield Arrayed Against the Organization

Baltimore, Feb. 20.--Governor Warfield and the Democratic organization in Maryland are at odds. The governor refuses to recognize the party leaders in making up his list of appointments.

Assistant for Dr. Baskerville

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20.--Special.--The Carnegie Institution has made another grant to Dr. Charles Baskerville of \$1,000 to be used in securing a research assistant.

HAY'S TASK FINISHED

The Neutrality Idea Accepted by All the Powers

Washington, Feb. 20.--The successful efforts of Secretary Hay to secure recognition by Japan and Russia of the neutrality of China during the pending war were brought to a close today by the action of the state department in sending an identical communication to the powers summing up the replies made to Mr. Hay's first note on the subject.

Will Pay in Full

A Friend of Baxter & Co. Comes to Their Rescue

New York, Feb. 20.--The clients of the brokerage concern of Baxter & Co., which had sixty branches around the country and which failed a month ago owing, it was said, to the violent rise in cotton, seem to be in a fair way to get out of their predicament.

Gudger's Speech Applauded

Representative J. M. Gudger, Jr., is an enthusiastic advocate of good roads. He has given the subject no little study and prepared himself to make his maiden effort in the House in behalf of the Brownlow measure.

Cleveland to Beat Roosevelt

The fact that the Hon. Stephen Grover Cleveland cannot give utterance to any views that he may entertain but what they are subjected to almost microscopic inspection evidences the fact that he occupies a very important position in the political firmament.

High Compliment to Judge Pritchard

The trial of August W. Machen, former superintendent of rural free delivery, which has been in progress for weeks, is nearing an end. A verdict will be reached in the early part of the week.

The Cotton With Pest

Cotton with a peculiar disease that has attacked the plant in North Carolina and Georgia, is to be fought by the agricultural department with all the vigor that is to be directed against the much detested boll weevil.

RUSSIANS AND JAPS MEET IN AN ENCOUNTER ON LAND

The Forces Supposed to Be Reconnoitering Parties. A General Engagement Not Expected Immediately--Chinese Pirates Taking Advantage of the Situation

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.--A dispatch from Port Arthur today says the first land encounter occurred yesterday. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory.

Freight Trains Blown Sky High by Dynamite

Twenty-five Lives Lost and Many People Injured--The Shock Felt at Great Distance From Scene of the Accident

Ogden, Utah, Feb. 20.--Twenty-five persons have been killed, fifteen others injured (several, it is believed, fatally) and a great amount of railroad property destroyed by an explosion of a car load of dynamite at Jackson, a telegraph station on the western end of the great Ogden-Luclu cutoff on the Southern Pacific railroad.

Perry Heath Drops His Job in a Hurry

Since the Death of Hanna He Has No Desire to Be National Secretary to the Republican Party. His Probable Successor

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.--Perry S. Heath, former first assistant postmaster general, and secretary of the Republican National Committee, wired his resignation of the latter position from here today, to acting Chairman Payne, at Washington.

Fire Costs Fourteen Lives

Paris, Feb. 20.--Fourteen employees of a celluloid comb factory, at the corner of the Boulevard Sebastopol and the Rue Etienne Marcel, lost their lives to-day in a fire which was started by an explosion of gas.

County Reformatory Proposed

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 20.--Special. In its final report on this term of Rowan court the grand jury urgently recommends the establishment of a reformatory for this county and that youthful criminals be sent there.