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# FUROPE 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 has been greeted in Europe with surwriter's long experience as an observer prise and great gratification. European affairs has there existed ich a widespread feeling of unrest and nervous apprehension as prevails the present moment. The gloomlest financial worlds alike. Today European capitals. Men who ordiven credence to such reports as the llowing: that the war in the far ast would speedily involve Great Brin. France and Germany; that Rusfinding her navy and army rotten almost immediately is patent to all. nd utterly unable to cope with Japan. as already seeking to drag in other order that the overwhelm-

olors; that Sweden and Norway were obilizing a large force on the Fin-Russia's condition is seen to be al-

v the best judges that she will be driven speedily out of Manchuria. been created in Europe by Russian ofof her wild threats are described by even friends as making war with her mouth in a way that signifies demorali-

## The Czar in a State of Mind

Stories come from friendly sources fluence at Constantinople. in St. Petersburg describing the czar being alternately in tears and again doer not possess his father's knowledge come government dispatches declaring of human nature. It has been repeat- the fear that the frontier will be vioedly shown that he is unable by intu- lated at any moment. Prince Ferdiferentiate between honest men and they have urged England to send warelever scoundrels, with the result that ships to the Bosphorus as an effective tourage that he is now helpless; and the powers that Turkey would not store M. De. Witte to favor. The lat- Balkan war, if it comes, should not er declined the royal advances in the be as effectively isolated as the far form in which they were made. It eastern conflict. must be admitted that most of Rus-

## War Imminent in the Balkans

Turning to the near east, the situation must be regarded as extremely serious. War may not be a question of ordings seem to dominate the polit- The sultan has gathered up courage days, but it is undoubtedly imminent. now that he believes the pressure has specially the wildest rumors disturbed been removed so far as Russia is concerned, and he openly declares his purparily preserve a phlegmatic calm have pose to defeat the Macedonian reform scheme. Moreover, he is rapidly mobilizing his forces on the Bulgarian frontier in the vicinity of Philippopolis, and his purpose to begin the war

The sultan's decision to take full advantage of Russia's embarrassment to resent Bulgaria's many aggressions g disgrace of a single-handed defeat is not without support among eastern light be avoided; that the sudden de- observers. The provocation to such acarture of the French and Russian am- tion has certainly been strong. It is ssadors from London must be inter- unfortunate that he prefaces it by nul- marine. meaning the severance of lifying the Macedonian reforms to Mr. Dayton said in this connection plomatic relations; that war between which he had previously agreed. He that because of competition the govurkey and Bulgaria would begin with- accomplishes this in a characteristic ernment was getting warships cona week; that the threatened revo- manner. He notified the powers that structed at the lowest possible price, selected to reorganize the gendarmeries, must not have higher rank than nent Turkish employment. This means that Turkey accepts only his strict promost desperate. It is fully expected fessional service under the direction of Turkish provincial governors, thereby strangling all hope of administra-

> Bulgaria Fears the Consequences of War Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria today gain 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 in-

tive reforms from without.

The Bulgarian representative has kept Lord Lansdowne informed of the a furius rage against his corrupt sultan's warlike preparations. The sittourage. Nobody goes so far as to uattor is now so serious that even if ccuse him of contemplating such an the porte desired to restrain the iminspeakable crime as flinging a fire- patience of its subjects it would be rand among the nations in order to difficult, as the Mussulman idea has onceal the humiliation of his empire, taken within the past fortnight the His situation is, indeed, pitiable. He most aggressive mood. From Sofia tion or by acquired judgment to dif- nand's ministers are so nervous that means of carrying out the promise of worse, he seems to abandon be allowed to attack Bulgaria. With nimself to his fate. In the week just England and France in full accord ended he made a wise attempt to re- there seems to be no reason why the

It is perfectly true speaking broadly, sia's diplomatic acts in the past few that the eevnts of the past fortnight days seem to be dictated by the coun- have altered the political conditions of sels of exasperation instead of with the the entire world. It is natural that Against these there has been Japan's give rise to pervousness and appreagnanimous assertion that she does hension, but sound reasons for such territorial advantage in the despondency as was witnessed in some resent struggle. This announcement quarters today do not exist,

#### can government until the chance was offered to get a canal treaty. If the canal proposition were not involved the Unted States would never have defended Panama, in his opinion.

"Ah, the canal," retorted Mr. Spooner." If the senator holds that the United States is to refrain from a ghtful course because it would be bjected to unjust criticism, he is welome to such logic." Mr. Spooner declared that if Mr. Tillman had been at Panama he would have been the chiefest of the conspirators."

"The senator pays me a great comliment," remarked Mr. Tillman. "It is the truth," retorted Mr. Spoon-

er," and when the senator declares it a compliment he unconsciously admits the force of what I say."

Mr. Spooner then resumed his speech saying that the Panama treaty would be ratified and the canal constructed without either violation of international law, or breach of any obligation. In conclusion, Mr. Spooner referred in complimentary terms to the recent efforts of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay to limit the zone of and the number of participants in the Russo-Japanese conflict, for which humane action, he said, posterity itself would be grateful. At 5:20 p. m. the Senate went into executive session, and five minutes later adjourned until Monday.

### **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. General debate on the measure will be conducted Monday, and a vote will be reached

Mr. Perkins wanted to know why it was, if warships can be built as cheaply in this country as abroad, this is not true with reference to the merchant

interrupted by adjournment, but will is so badly burned as to be unrecognizbe resumed Monday.

San Domingo to Be Taken

Under the Eagle's Wing.

next few weeks. The president has

made all arrangements for this latest

diplomatic triumph, and it is boldy

that the strife ridden country would

have been seized two weeks ago had

it not ben feared that such action

would have jeopardized the ratification

of the Panama canal treaty, now pen-

It developed this evening that Fran-

cis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of

backyard for the territory that is soon

tion in San Domingo, where he will

be on the spot ready to act when the

What terrible punishment the presi-

ient has in store for San Domingo no

one knows. Whether it will be a blood-

the head of the combined fleets of the navy no one knows. All Washing-

ton is anxious over the result. In the

dies will be watched with more than

Cleveland to Beat Roosevelt

The fact that the Hon . Stephen

Grover Cleveland cannot give utter-

ance to any views that he may enter-

usual interest.

administration's policy is unfolded.

West Indies, which is a sort

ding before the Senate.

# HERRICK SAYS NO

## Ohio's Governor Not a Candidate for Senator

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20 .- A conference of Republican leaders was held here 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. At the close of the conference Governor Herrick, who had been strongly urged to become a senatorial candidate, and who was generally believed to hold the key to the entire situation, issued the following formal statement:

"I did not want, for obvious reasons to make any statement of my position in the matter of the senatorship until Mr. Hanna had been laid away. I have felt, too, that the proper time could not arrive before today.

"Last November the people of Ohio elected me governor by an unprecedented majority. That election placed in my hands a trust for execution. My duty is plain and clear. I will execute

George B. Cox of Cincinnati, who has also been frequently mentioned in connection with the vacancy, said: "I am not and will not be a candidate for the place.'

It is now generally admitted among those who stand high in the councils of the party that the action of Governor Herrick and Mr. Cox today leaves the way clear for Representative Dick to become the candidate of the party for the vacant seat in the United States Senate. There is strong evidence that the support of both Governor Herrick and George B. Cox will be thrown to

### A Baltimore Fire Victim

Baltimore, Feb. 20 .- It was thought but a charred body, supposed to be that The rather uninteresting debate on of a colored man, has been found in the the naval appropriation bill was at 4:10 water at Bowley's wharf. The body

wilt which results from a fungus growth that chokes up the ducts of the stalk, causing the leaves of the plant to wither, has done considerable damage in Robeson and other cotton grow ing counties in the southeastern part oday, attended by Governor Herrick, of the State. At Senator Simmons' suggestion an appropriation was recommended for the investigation of the disease, with the object of finding a method of eradicating it. The appropriation is now included in the agricul-

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## The Neutrality Idea Accept 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 prought to a close today by the action of the state department in that trust and remain in the governor's sending an identical communication to the powers summing up the replies made to Mr. Hay's first note on the

The last reply received was that from Russia, and this so clearly acknowledged the principle involved in Secretary Hay's note that nothing remained but to address the powers informing them of the result of this government's action, and at the same time transmitting the text of the reply made by each country. It is felt here that nothing more can now be done to secure the neutrality of China and limit thez; one of hostilities as much as possible outside of that kingdom. The preservation of Chinese integrity must now rest with Russia and Japan.

# Comes to Their Rescue

New York, Feb. 20.-The clients of he brokerage concern of Baxter and Co., which had sixty branches around ago owing, it was said, to the violent dollar. E. E. Smathers, the horseman going to see that everybody is paid, according to his attorney, William

Europe, has cabled me that he will for home February 24 and that everybody will be paid by Baxter & Company. Mr. Smathers is not interested in the company. He does not own a share of its stock, but he sold out his business to Baxter & Company and advised his old clients to to be one of the most powerful ever trade with them. He therefore feels a moral responsibility for their losses and they will be made good. The as-000, and the liabilities \$700,000. Of this \$500,000 loss Mr. Smathers will pay \$200,000, and A. B. Baxter, J. B. Eiseman, E. R. Vansel and other Pittsburg people will pay the rest. There is not the least obligation on Mr. Smathers, but he insists that everybody be paid on account of his moral responsibility.'

WAR IN THE PARTY

# Governor Warfield Arrayed Against the Organization

was all arranged for him to speak, but field and the Democratic organization Loomis is going with Admiral Dewey at the last moment he discovered, to in Maryland are at odds. The governor be refuses to recognize the party leaders representative from the Tenth did not and now the senators, acting under inpropose to be cut off in that way, so structions, are holding up all the nomhe obtained leave to have his excellent inations. Among the first names he sent in was that of William C. McAfee, former fire chief, who was appointed state fire marshal. McAfee is not acceptable to the politicians and they will try to prevent his confirmation

> Freeman Rasin, the city leader, is being entirely ignored. The governor declined absolutely to consult his wishes or to ask for any recommendations, and to make matters worse he turned down all of Rasin's friends. Senator Gorman until now has held aloof and taken no part in the controversy, but he may be drawn in The governor declares that he will not appoint any man who is active in polities to a responsible position and that he intends to select only men accepta-

Assistant for Dr. Baskerville Payne, at Washington, as follows: Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 20 .- Special. Congress certain, as was stated in The Carnegie Institution has made an- secretary of the Republican National this correspondence several days ago. other grant to Dr. Charles Baskerville Committee, effective immediately." April 15th is the favorite day predicted of \$1,000 to be used in securing a re- Mr. Heath stated that the telegram for final adjournment. Senator Lodge search assistant. Dr. Fritz Zerbun, a told the entire story, and he had said to-day that Congress ought to be graduate of the University of Munich nothing to add to it. able to finish its work by April 15th and for ten years private assistant to at the latest. Some senators think ad- Prof. Karl Hofman at that institution, journment can be had as early as April has accepted the position. He expects accept the resignation. He has not deto arrive and begin his work with Dr. cided what is to be done about select-Baskerville in March. This is the sec- ing Mr. Hanna's successor. He would

# the agricultural department with all the vigor that is to be directed against the much detested boll weevil. The wilt, which results from a fungus IN AN ENCOUNTER ON LAND

# 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 one soldier was killed, five were severeland encounter occurred yesterday. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Corean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners, on whom they found maps and papers. The collision was presumably between reconnoitering parties. A general engagement is not expected immediately. racial feeling, even the wild tribes of A special Port Arthur dispatch says the Caucasus, the discontented Finns the Japanese fleet was observed February 18, cruising off that port.

Reports from northern Corea say the Coreans are showing a decidedly friendly attitude to the Russians. The Manchurian railroad is conveyng troops without difficulty to the

various points of concentration. Native reports says that Chinese pirates, since the outbreak of hostilities, have been displaying such activity in eastern Asiatic waters as almost to paralyze the coasting trade.

#### Sensational Report Unfounded

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.-With referblocked at the Baikal station during damaged and that there were no the night of February 18 by an ava. casualties. lanche of snow which fell from a the country and which failed a month neighboring mountain. A train having the report that eight Japanese war railed, and in the succeeding five cars

from Port Arthur today says the first ly injured and fourteen were slightly hurt. Traffic was expected to be resumed the following day.

Further advices from Port Arthur oday say that all the women and children and most of the male civilians have left that place, and that practically only the garrison remains.

The wave of pairlotism sweeping over the empire seems to be swamping and sullen Poles forgetting their grievances and comung forward to volunteer their services to the common fatherland. An instance of devotion among the czar's Hebrew afforded by the act of forty-five Jewish doctors in throwing up their practice to go to the front.

#### No Japanese Losses at Chemulpo

Washington, Feb. 20 .- Commander Takeshita, naval attache of the Japanese legation, said today that the report published this morning that one Japanese cruiser and one Japanese torpedo boat were sunk in the en aster to Russian troc's at Lake Baikal ment at Chemulpo was entirely un-(one report saying that three regiments founded. He called attention to the were drowned while attempting to fact that Admiral Uriu, who commandcross the ice covered lake), it is ex- ed the Japanese squadron at Chemulpo, plained that the trans-Baikal line was reported that no ships were lost or

Commander Takeshita also said that troops on board dashed into the ob- ships took part in the engagement was struction. The locomotive was de- a mistake, unless the torpedo hoats (Continued on page 2.)

# 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 graph station on the western end of torn down for a thousand feet, the great Ogden-Lucin cutoff on the Southern Pacific railroad. The explosion was caused by a collision between the operator at that point reporting to the failure of the air brake apparatus cloud of white smoke ascend from to operate. Eight of the dead and five Jackson and spread out at a great of the injured are Americans; the

others are Greek laborers. The explosion following the collision most in front of the telegraph station, placed in the company's general hose was terrific. Everything within a ra- pital.

town of Terrace, fifteen miles north, was shaken as though by an earthquake; window panes in the station at Colon, fifteen miles away, were shattered, and the sound of the explosion was heard in this city, eighty-one miles from the scene of the disaster. The ground upon which the trains were standing was torn up for over a thousand feet, leaving a great excavation thirty feet in depth. Fragments of a dozen freight cars and two engines were thrown incredible distances over persons have been killed, fifteen others building was blown to splinters and injured (several, it is believed, fatally) the dead and injured were scattered and a great amount of railroad prop- for humireds of feet in all directions, erty destroyed by an explosion of a most of them having their clothing torn car load of dynamite at Jackson, a tele- off. Telegraph wires and poles were

The first knowledge of the disaster came from Terrace, fifteen miles away, two freight trains, due, it is said, to headquarters that he saw an immense height. A relief train with doctors, nurses and stretchers, was hurriedly dispatched from this city. The train between the two trains, which met al- returned with the injured, who were

# 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

publican National Committee, wired his resignation of the latter position from here today, to acting Chairman, "Due to the death af Chairman Hanna, I tender to you my resignation as

Washingon, Feb. 20.-Mr. Payne will ond grant of a thousand dollars since not even say whether he believed it Rowan court the grand jury urgently Cotton wilt, a peculiar disease that January given Dr. Baskerville by this best to call the national committee recommends the establishment of a has attacked the plant in North Caro- institution for the continuance of his together and elect a secretary at this reformatory for this county and that time or wait until next June when the youthful criminals be sent there,

Chicago. It has already been determined by the powers that Louis A. Coolidge of Massachusetts, Washington correspondent of the New York Globe-Advertiser, is to be the new secretary. Mr. Coolidge is a personal friend of President Roosevelt and ex-Governor Murray Crane of Massachusetts, who will succeed the late Senator Hanna as chairman if the president can prevail upon him to take the place. which at present he is disinclined to

Mr. Coolidge was called to Masse achusetts this morning by the serious

# Fire Costs Fourteen Lives

Paris, Feb. 20 .- Fourteen employees of a celluloid comb factory, at the corner of the Boulevard Sebastopol and the Rue Etinne Marcell, lost their lives to-day in a fire which was started by an explosion of gas. About twenty other employees were injured.

# County Reformatory Proposed

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 20,-Special. In its final report at this term of

# Spooner Speaks for the Panama Treaty

for the Last Time, Urging a Careful Revision of the Treaty - Tillman Creates Diversion

Washington, Feb. 20.-The Panama Mr. Morgan, who spoke in opposition to the ratification of the canal treaty, saying this would be his last speech on the subject.

fareful revision of the treaty,, so as o make sure of the footing of the United States in Panama when the canal shall be constructed. He urged hat the treaty should be so amended of Panama and Colombia always would a matter of deep concern to the Ameri- ater has conducted himself so as to win lina and Georgia, is to be fought by research work.

Morgan Speaks on the Canal be found co-operating in all things in eprobation of the United States. Mr. Money made a brief speech declaring that he would vote for rati- meantime the junket to the West Infication of the treaty. Mr. Money described the action of the Mississippi legislature as very courteous in requesting him to vote for the treaty when it had a right to command him. In all cases not violating the conscientious scruples of a senator he believed the request of the legislature tain but what they are subjected to

that the revolution was a small one." through a coup de etat of a coup de

a lively passage at arms, good natural

almost microscopic inspection evidences should be obeyed. the fact that he occupies a very im-Mr. Spooner then resumed his speech portant position in the political firmon the canal question. Mr. Spooner's ament. Now the knowing ones are inline of argument was that the people terpreting Mr. Cleveland's latest dehal question was taken up and Mr. of Panama had been grievously opliverance as a bid for the nomination pooner, who held the floor, yielded pressed by the Bogota government, had at St. Louis. Particular emphasis in succeeded in throwing off their yoke, this connection is laid upon what he and the United States, through the has to say about a short platform. The providence of God, had acted on the Star and several eastern papers take side of liberty. "The argument is used this view. It is surprising to find so many Democrats who think that Mr. Mr. Morgan made an appeal for a remarked Mr. Spooner." Well, it was Cleveland is the one Democrat who big enough. It is not the first instance can most easily defeat Mr. Roosevelt. that revolutions have been successful, This idea is apparently growing all the while.

main, without a battle or bloodshed." High Compliment to Judge Pritchard Mr. Tillman and Mr. Spooner had The trial of August W. Machen, formunequivocally to permit the inter- as usual, and entertaining to the gal- er superintendent of rural free delivdestion of the United States in case leries. Among the listeners was Phil- ery, which has been in progress for necessity. He urged as a reason ippe Bunau Varilla, minister of Pan- weeks, is nearing an end. A verdict this suggestion his opinon that ul- ama, who sat in the diplomatic sec- will be reached in the early part of 1st. imately Panama would drift back into tion and followed the debate very at- the week. This case has had a special union with Colombia unless held in tentively. Mr. Tillman's point was interst for Tar Heels by reason of the sh by this country. In this con- that the terribly oppressed condition fact that Judge Pritchard is presidhection he asserted that the Spaniards of the people of Panama was never ing. The former North Carolina sen-

Yesterday Judge Kumler of Ohio, the Cleveland Occupies most distinguished lawyer appearing in the case, did the Tar Heel Judge a Big Place in the the honor to give expression to the following after concluding his speech, Public Mind which was declared by all the papers heard in Washington. "I wish to say to the court that on 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

Impending Change in

Map of West Indies

the day of Mr. Hanna's funeral I was sets are, as are figured, about \$200. approached by a man in the Ohio delegation. He was one of the foremost kept track of this case, and had never known of greater impartiality in a presiding judge. That, your honor, is the greatest compliment that could be

with the case. In fact he has done

himself more credit in this case than

anything he ever before attempted.

#### 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. Yesterday state, will leave here Monday for the he considered a good time for regaling the House with his oratory. It to witness the manoeuvres, but it is his disappointment, that he would unable to get the desired time. speech printed in the Record. This morning it appeared in that sleepy publication, and while Mr. Gudger never delivered a word of it, there appeared at the conclusion in brackets that stereotyped expression, "Pro-No one enjoyed the joke better than Mr. Gudger.

# Early Adjournment Expected

After the Senate votes Tuesday on the Panama canal treaty there will be little else before congress to excite animated debate, for the reason that the republicans have resolved to suppress! all character of legislation, save that embodied in the usual appropriation ble to him, regardless of partisans bills. There will be sixteen Democratic wishes. The trouble may disrupt the votes in favor of the treaty and seven- regular organization. At any rate the teen against it. The question of paying local branch of the machine will not Colombia for the loss of the isthmus of have police protection in the future. Panama is likely to keep up debate in As the new board of commissioners Heath, former first assistant postmas the Senate, but the administration has will not be made up of partisans it er general, and secretary of the Rebeen practically forced to accept the looks like a war which may affect polit-Democratic position with reference to ical legislation. this subject; so there will not be much of a discussion. The assurance that the Panama canal subject will soon be eliminated makes early adjournment of

# The Cotton Witt Pest