

CASTRO REFUSES TO PAY UP;
UNCLE SAM TO USE "BIG STICK"Venezuela Declines to Settle Claims of Americans and
a Naval Demonstration Will Follow.

UNITED STATES MAY SEIZE CUSTOMS HOUSES

New York, Feb. 2. — According to Washington advices to the World, dispatches received at the state department yesterday from United States Minister Bowen at Caracas, indicate that a rupture with Venezuela is imminent. Mr. Bowen's patience is at last exhausted, and he has recommended that he be recalled and that diplomatic relations with Venezuela be severed. He says that the attitude of the Castro Government remains uncompromising to the last degree, and that he can see no encouraging indication of a peaceable settlement of the American claims. He advises that force be applied as the only means of bringing President Castro to terms, and that as the first step a formidable naval demonstration be made at once at La Guaira, the port of Caracas.

Mr. Bowen's report was at once sent to the President, and soon afterward Mr. Roosevelt held a long conference with Secretary Hay, who is ill at home. What conclusion was reached could not be learned, but the importance of the subject was proved by the fact that the President himself carried the dispatches to Mr. Hay's home.

JAP SURGEONS
LEAD ALL OTHERS
MINES MAY BE
STATE OWNEDSince May 6 Only Forty Deaths
From Disease in Mikado's
Armies.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Jan. 29. — Noon.—Via Tien Tsin, Feb. 1.—Japanese field surgeons and field hospitals have accomplished a triumph, according to statistics obtained by the Associated Press from the chief surgeon of Gen. Oku's army.

There have been in the entire army since the landing on May 6, only 40 deaths from disease.

The figures show that up to Dec. 1 there were treated 24,642 cases of disease. Of these 40 resulted fatally, 18,578 patients recovered, 5,609 were sent to Japan, and the remainder were undergoing treatment when the figures were compiled.

It is believed that these figures are unequaled in the history of warfare. There were only 133 cases of typhoid and 242 of dysentery, while of beriberi there were 5,070. The other cases of disease were not serious. The casualties in Gen. Oku's army from May 6 to Dec. 19 were: Killed, officers 219, men 4,917; wounded, officers 743, men 29,337; missing, officers 4, men 40,818. Sixteen per cent of the wounded died, 19 recovered in the field, and 65 per cent were sent to Japan. Eighty-five per cent of the wounds were inflicted by rifle shots, 8 per cent by artillery and 7 per cent by cold steel. The largest percentage of recoveries was in the cases of chest wounds. Most of the recoveries were due to the small caliber of the rifle bullets.

Tschenketchen, Manchuria, Monday, Jan. 30. — Delayed in Transmission.—The Japanese offensive in the neighborhood of Delantchen, fourteen miles southeast of Tschenketchen, has everywhere been beaten off. The Japanese left their killed, and carried off a couple of hundred wounded. The Russians subsequently found a large number of frozen corpses of Japanese wounded, which had tried to crawl off from Chenhatin Pass. The appearance of these corpses was frightful. The bodies were scarcely clothed.

Russ Losses 14,000.
Mukden, Wednesday, Feb. 1. — Delayed in Transmission.—After the Russian bombardment of Sandipai yesterday the Japanese tried to drive them off, but failed. The indications are that the Japanese will abandon Sandipai.

The usual artillery duel is proceeding at the center.

Ten Japanese battalions, which attacked the Russian left were repulsed, with heavy loss.

The latest returns of the Russian losses during the recent fighting show that 13,000 men were killed or wounded, Gen. Kondratievich being among the latter.

Abandoned the Coast.
New York, Feb. 2. — A woman, Korea, dispatch to the Herald, dated Tuesday, via Seoul, Wednesday, says: The Russian supply station at Ten Hille has been abandoned. The Russian troops have retired northward to Song Chien after destroying the telegraph line. It is rumored that they will move further north soon.

Russia's elaborate preparations for a campaign on this coast have apparently been abandoned.

Twenty-Three Grandchildren.
Sandwich, Ont., Feb. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Jamieson, pioneer residents of Sandwich Township, celebrated their golden wedding by a happy reunion of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, aged 79 and 72 respectively, are the progenitors of 23 grandchildren.

Bets for Russia.
London, Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Brussels to the Times says: "There is curiosity in shipping circles at Antwerp over the arrival in a steamer from New York of ten torpedo boats, which were shipped in sections by an American firm for transportation to Sebastopol. The Japanese consul has asked his Government for instructions."

The plan for teaching Castro a vigorous lesson was completed weeks ago, but the President decided to defer its execution until after the adjournment of Congress. The plan includes a naval demonstration, which, if it fails to bring Castro to terms, will immediately be followed by the seizure of custom houses, which will be held until all the American claims have been satisfactorily adjusted.

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Lumbermen From Pacific
See Northwest MembersHave a Proposition to Place
Duty on Lumber Entering
the Dominion.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2. — Jardine (New Westminster), and Paterson (Vancouver), representing British Columbia lumbermen, will meet the Northwest members this afternoon and talk over a proposition for placing customs duty on

PROTEST BROUGHT
BETTER SERVICE
GRAND TRUNK TO
BRIDGE ST. CLAIRNo Complaints Lately as to Pere
Marquette Road—The Tunnel
Improvements.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2. — The engineer of the railway commission is in communication with the head officers of the Grand Trunk in regard to suggested improvements in connection with the operation of traffic through the Sarnia Tunnel. The commission is satisfied that the G. T. R. is proceeding with these improvements as rapidly as possible.

In regard to the grievances of the people along the line of the Pere Marquette Railway, Mr. Bernier says that the commission have not received any complaints for some time past, which no doubt means that the service has been improved.

WHITNEY AV MORRISBURG
Big Gathering to Greet Conservative
Leader at Native Town.

Morrisburg, Ont., Feb. 2.—Mr. J. P. Whitney arrived yesterday from Toronto, to be here at the demonstration and reception which are to be tendered to him this afternoon and evening. Notwithstanding the cold weather this morning, large numbers are coming in from all parts of the country. A number of the members from Ottawa came in on the noon train, which also brought a large crowd. A special train from the west will make its appearance this afternoon, and will bring hundreds more. A procession is being formed and will parade the principal streets of the town.

At the evening speeches will be delivered by prominent public men. It is not expected that Whitney will make any important announcements regarding the composition of his cabinet.

A DASH FOR LIBERTY
Murderers Seize Locomotive and
Speed Away From Wards.

New York, Feb. 2. — A Houston, Texas, dispatch to the Press says: Knocking the engine of a locomotive unconscious with blows with scotch-shovels, two life-prisoners, both murderers, jumped into the cab, pulled wide the throttle, and sped off to the yard of the Huntsville penitentiary to (Wednesday) amid a shower of bullets from the windows.

The engine abandoned the engine after a wild dash of five miles and were caught hiding in a thicket. One of the men was shot through the chest, and the companion would not desert him. The two convicts, Tippin and Wilson, were members of a stone-belted freight engine had been used in moving freight cars laden with rocks in the inclosure, and in carrying away the broken product.

Just before the engine was attacked Mallory, the engineer.

TRIED TO CHEAT GALLOWS
Attempt Made to Supply Condemned
Woman With Poison.

New York, Feb. 2. — A Montpelier, Vt., dispatch to the Press says: An attempt to enable Mrs. Mary Rogers to commit suicide and cheat the gallows came to light tonight (Wednesday). A package, accompanied by \$200 in bills was sent to one of the officers in the prison, with the promise that if he delivered the package to the condemned woman, she would be free before the day of execution, he would receive another similar present.

The note was received last week. It was postmarked Boston, and when he opened it the two \$100 bills appeared, together with a folded package. The note inside read: "If you will see that Mary Rogers receives the enclosed powder and dies before the day of the execution, you will receive another letter containing a like sum."

Mrs. Rogers is under sentence to be hanged tomorrow (Friday) for the murder of her husband, Governor Bell, who was under consideration a petition for her reprieve.

A Stabbing Affray.
Petersburg, Feb. 1.—Last night a stabbing affray took place in the Italian quarter here. Levero Cupido now lies in St. Joseph's Hospital, stabbed, it may be fatally, in several places. The police are looking for Panphilio Marfesa, who is the guilty party.

John Kavanah Wanted.
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Thirty years ago Kate and John Kavanah came to this country from New Ross, county Wexford, Ireland. They went different ways and have never met. Now Kate Kavanah is dying at her home, 568 Fargo avenue, in this city, and is anxiously trying to locate her brother, to leave him her property.

Russian Censor Removed.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 2. — Emperor Nicholas has signed the appointment of M. Muraviev, Minister of Justice, to be ambassador of Russia at Rome. M. Muraviev, hitherto the assistant of Minister Muraviev, has been promoted to be minister of justice.

Muraviev, Chief Russian Press Censor, has been removed from his post.

GOOD, BUT INCAPABLE
Mirsky Lacked Courage to Insist Upon
Proposed Reforms.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The papers today discuss the retirement of Interior Minister Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky. The Novoye Vremya says: "The circumstances of Sviatopolk-Mirsky's leaving the sympathy of the Russian people, sympathy towards this sincere, good man, and his unrealized hopes."

Continuing, the Novoye Vremya remarks that Sviatopolk-Mirsky did not possess the self-confidence necessary to insist upon the programme which had the sympathy of the Russian people.

The Russ refers to the administration of Sviatopolk-Mirsky as a "ministry of good intention," and adds that "in view of its short duration it would be unjust to demand any results."

Steel Works Resume.
Hallifax, N. S., Feb. 1.—The train service of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company was cleared up this afternoon. Only one blast and three open hearth furnaces were kept in operation while the shunting lines were tied up.

To Investigate Charges.
Toronto, Feb. 2. — A commission will be issued by the Ontario Government this afternoon empowering the committee appointed to investigate certain charges made against members of the faculty of the University of Toronto, to take evidence under oath and order the production of such documents as the committee may deem requisite to the full investigation.

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PRINCESS IS RECOVERING
King's Youngest Daughter Passed a
Comfortable Day.

London, Feb. 2.—Last evening's bulletin stated that Princess Victoria, who was operated upon for appendicitis, has passed a very comfortable day and is making satisfactory progress.

GOOD FOR WINDSOR
Canadian Curlers Capture the Russell
House Trophy From Americans.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2. — Dr. Ashburn's Windsor rink came over last night to play off the finals for the Russell trophy, laid over from last Saturday, the closing day of the Detroit bonspiel. Such a felp did the Canadians hit up that they exceeded even their expectations and departed to the land of the beaver with the vase, which for all time in future will decorate the quarters of the Windsor club. The score was 22 to 13.

HIT BY FAST EXPRESS
Essex County Man Instantly Killed
Near Comber, Ont.

Comber, Ont., Feb. 2. — Elber Moon, a farmer, of Rochester township, Essex county, was killed by the fast express M. C. R. express at an early hour this morning at Ruskon station, four miles west of here. The unfortunate man was driving across the track at the time. His buggy was struck and demolished, but the horse escaped injury. The body was badly mangled.

AFTER REAL FIGHTERS
Guatemala Enlisting Boers and Englishmen to Invade Salvador.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—Capt. Chapin and Dix, of the Boer War Show, and 60 Boers, Australians and Englishmen, leave here today for Guatemala. The agent who has been negotiating with them in St. Louis and Chicago says that the men will be given concessions in Guatemala. Some of those who refused his offers say the men are being enlisted as a reserve force to invade Salvador, and that inducements were offered to the entire company.

Gorky Released.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 2. — Maxim Gorky, the author, who was arrested shortly after the disturbances at St. Petersburg, Jan. 22, has been released from custody.

Some Warm Exchanges
In North Sea Inquiry

Clado Condemns the British Press While on Stand as Witness.

Paris, Feb. 2. — A continuance of the cross-examination of the Russian officers at today's session of the international commission, inquiring into the North Sea incident developed considerable feeling and several sharp exchanges of remarks. Capt. Clado particularly criticised the hostile attitude of the British press. He said: "I am not a very temperate officer, but I am a private letter severely condemning the British press, using one phrase which Capt. Clado said he considered necessary to withhold. Baron Taube, the Russian judicial adviser, remarked that it was doubtless some strong seafaring expression."

Capt. Clado replied: "I will not say the phrase was strong, but it was bitter."

Capt. Clado referred to an alleged mis-statement that Russian torpedo boats remained upon the scene without rendering aid to the trawlers. He declared that no such torpedo boats remained.

Hugh O'Beirne, agent of Great Britain, said he had heretofore refrained from asking a delicate question, namely, why none of the Russian ships remained to give assistance, after knowing that peaceful fishing vessels had been struck.

Capt. Clado answered that Admiral Rojestvensky had fully explained that he did not consider the injuries to the fishing boats were serious, whereas the squadron, having just escaped from an attack by torpedo boats, it was desirable to withdraw the squadron so soon as possible from the vicinity of such attacks.

Admiral Beaumont (Great Britain) closely questioned the witness on who gave the order to fire. Capt. Clado saying it was Admiral Rojestvensky.

Lieut. Ellis, of the Russian battleship Alexander III., also maintained his testimony on cross-examination.

STRIKERS KILL HOULIGAN
Flocks of Warsaw Workmen Put Thieving Criminals to Death.

Warsaw, Feb. 2.—All the bodies of those killed in the riots have been removed from their homes to police stations. The relatives are not allowed to bury them. From the police station in the Novi Sviat district along the corpses of 50 men and 2 women were taken Monday night in four hospital vans to the Jewish, Lutheran and Catholic cemeteries, and remained there for identification until Tuesday when they were buried. Twenty-one bodies are still unidentified.

During the days of Sunday and Monday the workmen's residence district was unprotected by the police, and the Hooligans seized the opportunity to loot many dwellings. A large body of workmen yesterday went to a suburb where criminals abound and instituted a rigorous search of their houses. Wherever they were able to identify stolen property the workmen promptly killed the persons found in their possession.

About 100 other criminals were injured in fighting with the workmen. The latter were not only actuated by revenge for their losses, but were enraged because the hooligan element brought discredit on the strike movement.

Started for Ottawa.
Halifax, Feb. 1. — Mr. A. L. Borden left for Ottawa last evening, a day earlier than he had expected, so that he might arrive previous to the Carleton Place convention. He proceeded by the Maritime express, which, on account of the storm, was six hours late in leaving Halifax. The snow blockade is being gradually raised, but all belated trains have been coming in today.

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NICHOLAS LECTURES WORKMEN;
PROMISES TO IMPROVE LOTGives Them a Square Meal and Tells Them to
Keep Out of Mischief.

MINISTER MIRSKY'S RESIGNATION IS ANNOUNCED

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1. — Emperor Nicholas this afternoon received at Tsarkoe-Selo a deputation of 34 workmen, representing the employees of the factories and workshops of St. Petersburg. The deputation was accompanied by Minister of Finance Kokovsov and Governor-General Trepo, and proceeded by the imperial railroad to Tsarkoe-Selo, where carriages were awaiting them, and they were driven to a point near the imperial pavilion. On arriving there the workmen were admitted to one of the halls of the palace. The Emperor entered the hall, accompanied by Grand Duke George Mikhailovitch, Gen. Hesse, the minister of the imperial court, and the commandant of the palace. The workmen bowed to his majesty, who said: "Good-day, my children."

The workmen replied: "We wish your majesty good health." The Emperor then said: "I have summoned you in order that you may hear my words from myself and convey them to your companions. The recent lamentable events with such sad but inevitable results have occurred because you allowed yourselves to be led astray by traitors and enemies to your country. When they induced you to address a petition to me on your needs, they desired to see you revolt against me and my Government. They forced you to leave your honest work at a period when all Russian workmen should be laboring unceasingly in order that we might vanquish our obstinate enemy. Strikes and disorders, which obliged, and always will oblige the authorities to call out troops, as a result of which innocent people were victims. I know that the lot of workmen is not easy. Many things require improvement, but have patience. You will understand that it is necessary to be just towards your employees and to consider the condition of our industries. But to consider me as a rebellious mob in order to declare your wants a crime. In my solicitude for the working classes I will take measures which will assure that everything possible will be done to improve their lot, and secure an investigation of their demands through legal channels. I am convinced of the honesty of the workmen and their devotion to myself and I pardon their transgression. Return to your work, my children, and carry out the tasks allotted to you."

"May God assist you."

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Mirsky's Successor.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 2. — M. Dougan's appointment as minister of interior was signed yesterday, although it has not yet been promulgated. It is believed that his appointment will be only temporary.

The friends of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky express regret for the sake of his future fame that he did not resign the ministerial office, which was formerly the school of Tsarkoe-Selo.

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