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VIEW OF NATIONAL POLICY

Friendship With Britain Based on Motives."

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CONFESS. Feb. 2.—Reginald Lewis has confessed to be-coming a member of the Abington several weeks worth of jewelry, etc.

HEBRY TRIAL. Feb. 3.—With jury box to be filled use of pro-emptory prays in the trial of charged with bribery, of jury sitting to- passed at the fore-

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JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINED

PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF EMPIRE'S RESOURCES

Alliance With Great Britain Stands on an Enduring Foundation.

Tokio, Feb. 2.—Speaking before the lower house of the diet to-day Foreign Minister Komura outlined the foreign policies of Japan in a carefully worded speech, delivered before a full and attentive house.

The foreign policy of this empire should have as an object the maintenance of peace and the development of natural resources.

With reference to Great Britain he said that the far-reaching importance in the relations of the two countries with other powers happily and uniformly contributed to the consolidation of the general peace of Eastern Asia, which was one of the principal objects of the agreement.

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Touching on the relations of Japan with France and Germany, he said that they were on an equally satisfac-tory footing and that the declara-tion of Chancellor Von Buelow in the Reichstag clearly manifested the frank and friendly attitude of that government.

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abused by Americans. The recent events, he said, had proved that the anti-Japanese sentiment in America had not subsided.

Count Hattori declared that Japan's dignity had been injured thereby and he immediately urged the govern-ment to enforce the principle of equal opportunity, which alone could solve the question of the rights of Japanese in foreign countries.

The house then adjourned.

RUSSIA STOPS INTO BREACH

TURCO-BULGARIAN DIFFICULTY IS SOLVED

Amicable Settlement Due to Able Diplomacy of M. Ivolsky.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The Turko-Bulgarian deadlock over the amount of money to be paid to Turkey by Bulgaria because of the Bulgarian declaration of independence is practically broken, and the war cloud in south-eastern Europe has been dissipated by the acceptance of a plan proposed by Russia, which reconciles in a novel manner the Turkish claim of 120,000,000 francs (\$24,000,000) and the Bulgarian offer of 82,000,000 francs (\$16,400,000).

This plan is based on the in-demnity of 8,000,000 francs (\$1,600,000) which would be paid to the defendant in the Berlin treaty of 1878, Turkey is to pay to Russia for a hundred years. These payments bear no interest. The Russian proposal is to remit them until the Turkish claim against Bulgaria is satisfied. Russia will collect, instead, 82,000,000 francs from Bulgaria in similar instalments. These payments will bear interest, and the amount of this interest will recoup the annuity.

Bulgaria has formally assented to this proposal, and the Russian govern-ment has assurances that the plan is satisfactory to Turkey.

The settlement of the Turko-Bul-garian difficulties is stated in well-informed circles, involves the recogni-tion of the Empire of Bulgaria, whose proclamation of independence precipitated the crisis. As soon as the details of the arrangements have been worked out, the protocols will be signed.

It is understood that Turkey will take the lead in recognizing Emperor Ferdinand, and waiting for a confer-ence of the powers to go. The other powers will perform following this ex-ample. The Russian scheme also will obviate the necessity for international control of Bulgarian finances, which would have been almost inevitable had Bulgaria been forced to float an ordi-nary loan to cover the payment for the railroad and the Rumelian tribute. As it is, Bulgaria will not be so burdened as it would be to keep up the military establishment. The settlement is a great relief to the Russian officials, upon whom the task fell. Last week they professed optimism on the ulti-mate result of their diplomatic nego-tiations, but they now admit that war between Bulgaria and Turkey was an imminent possibility unless the dead-lock were broken.

Tribute to M. Ivolsky. London, Feb. 2.—A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg says that the powers have agreed to Russia's plan for the payment of the Turkish claim against Bulgaria, which is to cancel sufficient instalments of the Turkish war indemnity to enable Tur-ke to borrow the sum of 125,000,000 francs (\$25,000,000) demanded from Bulgaria. Bulgaria undertaking to re-imburse Russia to the extent of 82,000,000 francs (\$16,400,000) by the annual payment of 7,000,000 francs for interest and sinking fund. Thus instead of receiving 8,000,000 francs yearly from Turkey, Russia will draw 5,000,000 from Bulgaria.

editorial the Times says with reference to Russia's sacrifice in Bul-garia's interest: "Seldom has it seem-ed possible to attain so many and such varied ends of high importance at so small an outlay. Russia may well be proud of the minister who conceived so statesmanlike a design. M. Ivolsky has taken a step which deserves the gratitude and admiration of all Europe."

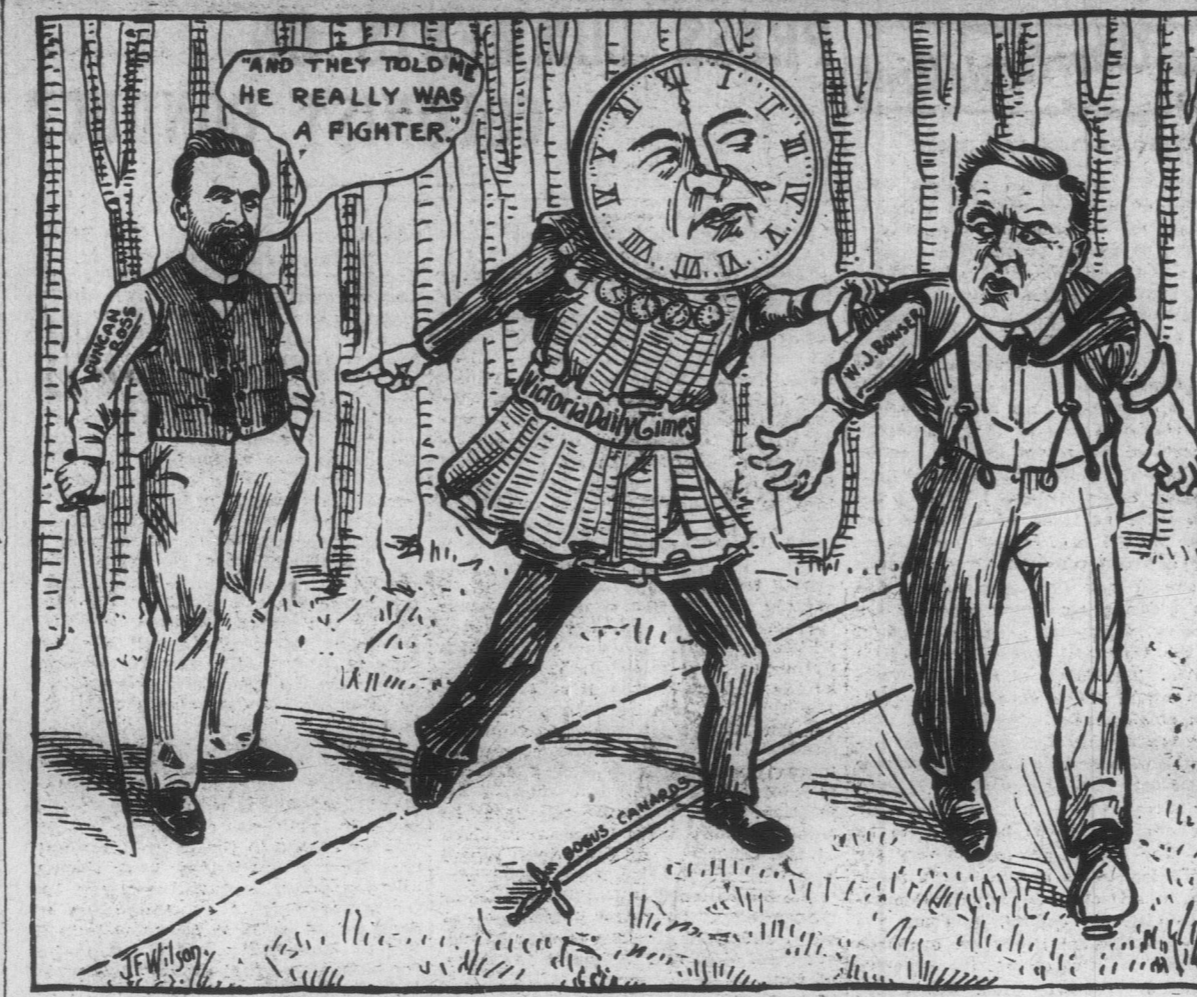
ANTI-SPORTING LAW BEFORE CALIFORNIA

Bill to Prohibit Pugilistic Con-tests Where Admission Is Charged.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 2.—Senator Willis, of Redlands, yesterday intro-duced a sweeping bill which prohibits all pugilistic contests in places where admission is charged, and makes a violation a felony. Under the penal code the punishment would be not more than five years in the state prison.

Foreign Policy Attacked. The foreign minister's speech was received with applause by the govern-ment of the house, but Count Hattori, an opposition member, began a bitter and sensational attack on the foreign policy of the government. He said that Japan had not determined foreign policies and that this was shown by her present attitude towards America where Japanese were denied an equal opportunity and were even

WRESTLING IN CHICAGO. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2.—Yusuf Mahmoud won from Raoul de Rouen in a wrest-ling match yesterday in two straight falls.



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WHEAT WAS MIXED. Judge Decides Against Supply Firm in Seed Case.

In the County court Tuesday Judge Lammpan gave judgment in the case of Wetenhall vs. Brackman & Ker, finding in favor of the plaintiff. The case was a peculiar one. The defendant company sold seed spring wheat to the plaintiff, ten sacks being the quantity taken. The wheat had been imported from the state of Washington for seed purposes. According to the contention of the plaintiff the wheat which should have been of spring variety was mixed with fall wheat, which of course did not mature, and the crop was lessened in consequence.

The defendant was that there was no fall wheat in the seed. Expert wit-nesses had been examined, but the judge came to the conclusion that there was a mixture of fall wheat in the seed, although he felt satisfied it was not known to the defendant com-pany. He placed the shortage of yield on the 10% acres at 119 bushels, and assessed the damages at \$124.85.

COAL COMPANY MEETING. The annual general meeting of the B.C. Collieries, Ltd., was held Monday evening in Pioneer hall with about 50 shareholders present. George Glover, the president, occupied the chair. The retiring directors were George Glover, Wm. McCarter and Samuel Johns, and these the two first mentioned were re-elected along with F. C. Radiger. The principal business of the evening was the consideration of a proposal to issue debentures to raise money enough to crown grant the property, the year lease of which expires next year. This plan was decided upon. A con-siderable amount of prospecting has been done on the property in the Simil-iamen valley, and it is showing up well.

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Premier McBride promised that the matter would carefully consider the matter and give an answer in a few days as to what will be done, for this session at least. The premier intimated his belief that whatever the decision may be for the session, the question must become a provincial issue ere long.

The deputation represented every section of the province and all creeds, political views and religions, united as British Columbians to ask for a reform which they believed was in the best interests of the province. In it were farmers, professional men, clergy-men, merchants, laborers, and employ-ers of labor in other lines. They were received in the executive council room by Premier McBride, Hon. Dr. Young, Hon. R. G. Tallow and Hon. F. J. Fulton.

Dr. G. A. McGuire, one of the Van-couver members, and himself a staunch local option advocate, introduced the deputation.

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ANOTHER SEARCH FOR COCOS ISLAND TREASURE

Captain Brown Sails From San Francisco—Romance of Pirates' Hoards.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 2.—Captain James Brown sailed from here yester-day to get the fifty-nine million dollars of treasure which is reputed to lie buried on Cocos Island.

There is a glamor of romance about the above brief dispatch. Cocos is-land, the name of which is well known to Victorians, owing to Admiral Pal-isser's expeditions from this port, is a desolate rock 500 miles west of Costa Rica, set in the wastes of the Pacific, out of the beaten track of vessels. Its utility is nil except as a treasure hunters' ground. According to legend two distinct caches of treasure made on the island. In 1821 a British pirate sailed thither with loot and buried it in the sand. Then came dull unap-preciative justice. Some of the pirates were hanged, others were put in jail there to lose their memory. That treasure was never found.

The second legend is seventy-four years old. In 1835 the people of Cal-iso, Peru, were expecting their city to be captured and looted by revolution-aries. While awaiting their doom, a British ship, the Mary Dier, sailed into port and the authorities of Caliso had an inspiration. They went put their valuables aboard trusting to the hon-esty of the captain, and then, when the revolution was over, he would re-turn and restore them intact. Cap-tain Thompson, although an English-man, was not honest, and scarcely had the vessel cleared from port than he and his companions fell from grace. They made for Cocos island and buried the spoils. Then turning pirates in real earnest they captured other ships and added to the hoard. Time went on and retribution overtook the pirates. Their ship was blown ashore on the Peruvian coast and the crew were one and all sentenced to death. Eight of them were shot while three were pardoned on condition that they revealed where the treasure lay hid. Captain Thompson died. One of the other two men named Keaton escaped, and after a few years made his way to Cocos island accompanied by a United States captain. On the way to treasure island they quarreled as to the division of the loot, and when in the vicinity of Cocos, whether acci-dentally or on purpose, one of them was drowned. The survivor went back to the United States and confided his knowledge to a Captain Rickett, who in turn passed it on to Admiral Pal-isser. The latter took warships to the scene of fabulous wealth some nine years ago, and searched in vain for weeks. In 1892 he went again and found the island had been leased to a German, named Geisler, who had been doing a bit of digging on his own ac-count. They joined forces, and after the division of the loot, and when in the vicinity of Cocos, whether acci-dentally or on purpose, one of them was drowned. 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