

WAR SIGNS IN NEAR EAST

Alarming Reports Current—Bulgaria Checks Bands.

London, Feb. 22.—Telegrams from Vienna and Sofia published here this morning give alarming, but unconfirmed, details of preparations pointing to a war between Turkey and Bulgaria.

PREDICTS BALKAN WAR.

Turkish Minister Thinks Hostilities Cannot Be Averted Much Longer.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Chelik Bey, the Turkish Minister here, believes war in the Balkans is impending. He said to-day: "I have prevented my transmitting heretofore any report several days ago about the reports of trouble in the Rumanian provinces. I hope to see a conference with him on this subject, and to correct the false impression which already has been given of my government toward the reforms in Rumania. I shall give you the substance of the cable dispatch from my foreign office."

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SAYS HE'S GIBSON MODEL.

Old Beggar, Who Was Formerly a Butler, Arrested.

Detectives Barry and Flynn, of the "Begar squad," arrested last evening, near the Cafe Martin, on a charge of begging, Thomas Hughes, seventy-two years old, of No. 26 Third-ave. In his pocket was a letter, signed by L. J. McCarthy, saying: "Please call and pose for Mr. Gibson next Wednesday."

MRS. HAZEN'S ROBBED.

Burglar Gets Jewelry Worth \$5,000 at Boarding School.

Mrs. John Cunningham Hazen's school in Pelham Manor was visited last night by the "Twentieth Century Burglar," and as a result a number of the pupils lost jewelry worth more than \$5,000. This burglar, who has been operating throughout Westchester County for the last few months, paid Mrs. Hazen's school a visit while the pupils were at dinner, between 6:30 and 8 o'clock. He left no trace, and the police have dubbed him the "Twentieth Century Burglar," because he ransacks a house by the light of an electric lantern instead of matches or a candle.

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AGAINST VENEZUELA.

BLOCKADES UPHELD.

United States Commissioned to Carry Out the Hague Decision.

The Hague, Feb. 22.—The Arbitration Tribunal, which has been considering the claims of the blockading powers for preferential treatment of their claims against Venezuela, has decided unanimously that the three blockading powers—Great Britain, Germany and Italy, have the right to a preference of 30 per cent of the customs duties at La Guayra and Porto Cabello, the litigants to pay their own costs in the procedure and divide equally the costs of the tribunal. The United States is commissioned to carry out the decision of the tribunal within three months.

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COMMENCEMENT HONORS AT VASSAR. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The selection of commencement speakers at Vassar College was announced to-day. They are Miss Florence Felton, of Poughkeepsie; Miss Anna Prentiss Stearns, of Bangor, Me.; Miss Mary Tost, of Staunton, Va.; Miss Emily Hamilton Welch, of Brooklyn; Miss Isabel Wheeler, of Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Alice Forman Wyckoff, of Dutch Neck, N. J. They are the six honor students standing highest in the class. Each speaker selects her own subject.

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THE DOCTOR'S BROTHER-IN-LAW DENIES DROWNING REPORT.

Regarding the disappearance of Dr. Oswald D. T. Robertson, who was reported as having been drowned, with his wife and three children, on Long Island Sound, Dr. Robertson's brother-in-law, Dr. Charles V. Robertson, of No. 49 West One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st., said last evening that he received a call on Sunday night from a man describing himself as F. A. McCarty. The visitor said he was a brother-in-law of Dr. Robertson, that the doctor was alive and was in good health in Kingston, where he had an extensive practice. Dr. Robertson's brother-in-law said that the latter got the story from Charles Vickers, who was said to work in a saloon at Twenty-sixth-st. and First-ave., and who was formerly a patient of Dr. Robertson. No Vickers is known in any saloon there.

REGRET OVER VERDICT.

The mixed commissions met at Caracas, Venezuela, in June