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Russian Papers Discuss Russo-French-American Understanding.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—The Russian press is greatly pleased with the declaration of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcasse, regarding the Russo-French-American understanding. The Novoye Vremya says:

"The United States attaches itself to the same reasons which united the latter—because they pursue common aims, whose realization will benefit all."

The paper expects a closer understanding, which will strengthen peace.

The Novosti expresses itself in the same tone, but holds the opinion that United States politics is too changeable to inspire complete trust, Japan, more than the United States, being entitled to a leading role. In her conduct in China she displayed great tact and won universal esteem. There has been no friction between the Russo-Japanese troops.

The Novosti anticipates a more complete understanding between Russia and Japan, culminating in a permanent alliance.

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Fortunes for Mosby's Men.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—John White and Robert Lee France of Edgewater expect to get a share of the \$2,000,000 left to members of Mosby's famous guerrillas by Baron Robert Von Massow of the German army.

Mr. White is a salesman in Jevne's Madison street store, and lives near his old comrade-in-arms in Edgewater. Baron Von Massow served through the war with Col. Mosby's men and afterward fought in the Austrian and Franco-Prussian wars. He was a man of wealth, and always had an affection for the Confederate raiders with whom he fought in the '60s.

Col. Mosby estimates the number of men in his old command now living at 100. Mr. White thinks 400 is nearer the truth. This would mean that each of the 400 would get \$5,000.

Col. Mosby is now the general attorney for the Southern Pacific in San Francisco.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Names for New Warships.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Connecticut, Louisiana, Tennessee and Washington have been selected as the names of the four warships authorized by the House, and the bill for the construction of which is now pending in the senate.

Secretary Long announced to-day that these names had been selected by the department, and would be assigned to the new ships in the order of authorization.

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Law to Give Them Fees in Cases Compromised by Claim Agents.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—Senator Rollin's bill providing that attorneys contracting to prosecute a suit for a client are entitled to fees where a compromise is effected without their knowledge and making the compensation part of the claim, which was passed by the senate has been approved by the house and will be sent to the governor for his signature.

The passage of this measure is calculated to materially effect the business of claim agents, whose chief duties consist in bringing about settlements of suits against corporations by whom they are employed.

It is estimated by lawyers that suits aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars are disposed of yearly through the efforts of claim agents to compromise, after the plaintiff has secured a lawyer's services.

The argument was urged that many persons who have valuable claims for damages against corporations are led to settle for a mere pittance, whereas if they had pushed the suit they would realize well for damages sustained.

HE MAY BE A CANDIDATE.

Mention of Wheeler's Name Starts Up Discussion in Alabama.

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 13.—A report from Washington to the effect that Gen. Joseph Wheeler will probably be a candidate for his former seat in Congress for the eighth Alabama district, now held by Judge William Richardson, has provoked general discussion here.

Since Gen. Wheeler's retirement from the army his friends have intimated on apparent good authority that he would not be averse to serving the district again.

Judge Richardson, the present congressman, has been Gen. Wheeler's opponent several years.

A Heart Shown in Court.

Wabash, Ind., Feb. 14.—There was a ghastly scene in the circuit court here yesterday, where the trial of Rinkard for the alleged murder of his wife was going on. A murmur of horror ran through the crowd when Dr. Whetson produced in court the heart of the murdered woman and showed the bullet holes and explained just how death had been caused. Many persons left the court room, unable to bear the sight, and several of the jury wined. Dilies, an insurance agent, testified that Rinkard asked him an hour before the shooting if the insurance of his (Rinkard's) and his wife's was all right. The defense will claim insanity of Rinkard.

Confessed and Skipped.

Brazil, Ind., Feb. 14.—Yesterday a stranger appeared in the Christian church, where Evangelist Uhdike is holding revival meetings, walked to the altar and asked to be baptized. After having been immersed, he made a startling confession to the preacher. He said that he had killed three men, stolen ninety-eight horses and had made considerable counterfeit money. He declared that in 1880 he robbed Senator Culbertson's father in Texas of \$60. He was driven out of Texas by the militia and went to Mexico. Subsequently he visited many towns in Ohio and Pennsylvania, committing many depredations. He left town as mysteriously as he came.

WHEN IDY HAD A BEAU.

The other night down at our house when Idy had a beau,
Me an' Mandy heard a stompin' at the parlor door, you know,
An' when the door was opened up, I holler'd:
"Idy Winn,
This is a purty time o' night to come a trompin' in!"

An' Mandy ketch'd me by the arm, an' whisper'd terse and low:
"For heavens sake quit hollerin'! Fer Idy's got a beau!"

My face turned red's a comet trailin' through the skies at night,
An' I heard Idy whisper: "Wait until I git a light!"

An' out she comes an' says: "Pa, that jist shamed me nearly dead
It's cold as ice in there an' you folks pile right into bed,
So's we kin have this room," she says, and we picked up to go,
Fer that's the first time in her life that Idy had a beau!

Well, talk about a fasted girl! The likes I never saw—
She called her father mother and she called her mother paw!

An' help me straighten up this room, fer gracious sake!" says she,
An' here I let my brogans drop an' then she scowled at me!

I says: "We'll go right to bed as fast as we kin go!"
Fer that's the first time in her life that Idy had a beau!

We got into the bed at last an' heard him take a seat;
We listened to the pie-sant laugh that Idy rippled sweet,
Says I, a kind o' whisperin': "Well, that's a sweet sound
Than we have been accustomed to with jist ourselves around!"

Says Mandy, sort o' sighin' like: "Girls will be girls you know—
That's jist the way I fetched you in, back thirty years ago!"

—Edward Singer in the Indianapolis Sun

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Dr. Hober's Sui generis Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

MORE OFFICERS NEEDED.

West Point Class to Be Graduated Ahead of Time.—Westerners.

New York, Feb. 9.—There is such a lack of officers in many of the regiments of the regular army that the war department has decided that the cadets of the class of 1901 at West Point shall be graduated next week, February 18, instead of waiting 'till the usual graduating month, which is June. It is said that nearly all these new young officers will be at once assigned to regiments in the Philippines.

The graduating class numbers 73 men. Among them are the following:

G. H. Bair, Illinois; C. Burnett, Illinois; W. G. Caples, Missouri; Guy E. Carleton, Missouri; F. W. Clark, Illinois; E. H. DeArmond, Missouri; D. D. Gregory, Missouri; F. Keller, Missouri; H. A. Meyer, Jr., Arkansas; J. G. Pillow, Arkansas.

Four years ago, when the class began its military life at West Point, it numbered 129 members. The falling off of fifty-six members from the first day's roll call shows that it is a pretty hard road traveling at West Point for the young man who finally reaches the end of his four years' work successfully, hazing or no hazing.

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment will give prompt relief. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

TO SIGNAL ACROSS THE OCEAN.

Tesla Completes His Plans and Has Selected Site for a Plant.

New York, Feb. 13.—The plans for the machinery of wireless telegraphy to signal across the ocean have been completed, and a site for the plant having been secured by Nikola Tesla the project will at once actively begin. It is estimated that the time required to perfect the apparatus will be about eight months. No details have been made public by Mr. Tesla concerning the work to be done.

Woman's Head Split Open.

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 24.—William Faris, a woodsawyer, this afternoon split open the head of Mrs. Laura King, a colored woman, with an ax, inflicting fatal injuries. Faris was quarreling with Mrs. King's mother, when the daughter called Faris a vile name. Faris grabbed an ax and dealt the woman a blow with the weapon on top of the head, dividing the skull and laying the brains bare. Faris made his escape on a west-bound Missouri Pacific train. State and city officers are close on his trail and it is believed he will be quickly captured.

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FREEDOM FOR THE FILIPINOS.

A Republican in Congress Asks That Pledge Be Made.

SHOULD BE DONE AT ONCE.

Washington, Feb. 9.—In the House to-day Mr. Brown, republican from Ohio, made a speech urging that congress should now give definite assurance to the Filipinos as to the purposes of this government. He advocated the speedy adoption of a resolution declaring that "It is the purpose of the United States in retaining possession of the Philippine Islands to aid their inhabitants when they submit to the authority of the United States, in establishing a capable and stable free government, and when the purpose shall be fully accomplished the United States, under such reservation and conditions as may be wise and just, will relinquish sovereignty in those islands."

The reading of Mr. Brown's resolution caused something of a sensation, coming from the republican side and the democratic members broke into applause.

Mr. Brown urged that, in all fairness, this assurance should be given to the Filipinos without further delay. It might be the plan even now in mind, but what was most essential was that the assurance be given immediately and definitely to the Filipinos. He characterized the idea of breaking the pledge given to Cuba as the "climax of greed and as a doctrine of freebooters and pirates."

At the close of Mr. Brown's speech he was surrounded by a number of his colleagues and congratulated on the boldness and vigor of his utterances.

Mr. Dinsmore (Ark.) said the country was to be congratulated on the speech just made, as it gave evidence of a courageous purpose to disregard the policy of the party in power.

The signs of the times indicated a deliberate purpose to break faith with Cuba. As to the Filipinos, there was no doubt they had expected assistance from the United States rather than aggression. Despite the assurances that the defeat of Bryan would end the war, the war was still on, growing bloodier as it progressed and entailing vast expenditure.

PERRY DRY TOWN NOW.

Women Rid the Kansas Burg of All Its Liquor Joints.

Perry, Kan., Feb. 15.—All the joints in Perry were visited by a band of determined women, armed with axes and hatchets, to-night, who left devastation in their wake. The women, fifteen in number, accompanied by several men, whose mission was to see that no harm came to their better halves, started out at 6:15 o'clock. At the first joint visited the proprietor was the essence of politeness. He invited the women in, told them to help themselves, and held a lamp while the crusaders destroyed ten barrels of whisky and thirty-seven kegs of beer. The joint contained no fixtures of value.

At the next joint the women demolished the handsome fixtures and destroyed six barrels of whisky and twenty-five kegs and twenty cases of beer. One of the women was drenched with beer, as it spurted from an opening in the keg made by an axe. A large crowd of spectators had by this time assembled and heartily applauded each onslaught.

The keeper of the third joint was apprised of the approach of the women and substituted water for beer in a number of bottles. Even these were not overlooked. Several barrels of liquor in the cellar were discovered and emptied before the joint was abandoned.

The last place visited was a drug store. Little liquor was found there. One woman broke a bottle of carbolic acid and her hand was severely burned.

One of the jointists set up the cigars to the entire crowd. The fixtures in this joint, which were owned by a brewer, were demolished, the crowd carrying away many pieces as souvenirs.

The sheriff of the county, the prosecuting attorney, the mayor and city marshal, were all in town, but made no attempt to interfere with the women. Great excitement prevails, and it is thought that Perry will remain dry for a time, at least.

ENORMOUS COST OF IMPERIALISM.

Federal Appropriations \$300,000,000 More Than at the Beginning of McKinley's Term.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Representative Cochran of Missouri to-day made a vigorous speech in the house, showing the enormous expenditures of the government for military purpose. After stating that the aggregate will reach \$780,000,000, Mr. Cochran said:

"Is the Nicaraguan Canal to be built? No; the bill providing for that great waterway sleeps in the pigeon-hole of the senate committee room. Are the increased appropriations made necessary by any great public works commensurately beneficial to the tax payers? No, increased expenditures in the prosecution of war in the distant Orient with conquest and booty as the undisguised purpose of the hideous performance, account for the stupendous aggregate of taxation imposed upon the people."

"Mr. Chairman, I declare that with the solitary exception of our war for the liberation of Cuba, all the wars of the past 15 years, and there have been many in various quarters of the world, have been instigated by avarice and prosecuted for the purpose of robbery."

Mr. Cochran then directed attention to the assault of the Italians upon Abyssinia, which, happily, resulted in the defeat and discomfiture of the freebooters; to Kitchener's murderous campaign on the upper Nile; to the assassination of the Boer republics by Great Britain; to our ruthless war upon the Filipinos, and vehemently denounced the pretense that these bloody enterprises were actuated by the spirit of Christianity or on account of a desire to promote the progress and happiness of the race. He declared that the seizure of Chinese ports by Germany, Russia, France and England had occasioned in the Celestial Empire civil war, that nothing else should have been expected, and that the land grabbing nations who thus despoiled the venerable Empire were responsible for the civil war which recently compelled the Western Powers to send armed forces to Peking.

Mr. Cochran cited the quantities of precious loot from Peking which have been exhibited in private residences in Washington, and, commenting on this, he asked:

"Are we at war with China? If so and these spoils are the legitimate trophies of the victors, to whom do they belong? To the gentleman who displays them in his private residence or to the government? If China be in law a friendly Power and our troops were drawn thither by exigencies arising out of civil war, if they went there to protect our minister and citizens against violence threatened by insurrectionary forces, then what shall we say of the American soldiery guilty of plundering the households of the Chinese capital?"

Mr. Cochran declared that if the United States are to join hands with land-grabbing nations of the Old World, we must expect the decay of morality and the sense of honor which heretofore have formed the nation's ideals, and exclaimed, "how rapidly are we learning the lesson!"

Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, the minority leader, also commented upon the vast total of appropriations at this session of congress, which, he said, would reach \$800,000,000.

Four years ago, when President McKinley's administration began, the annual appropriations were about \$470,000,000. He conceded that the appropriations would naturally increase every year, but why, he asked, this prodigious increase of over \$300,000,000? The war had been over two years and could not be charged with these increases, for the increases were not confined to the army and navy appropriation bills. There was an increase in every one of the appropriation bills.

The house devoted nearly the whole day to the sundry civil appropriation bill, fifteen of the 134 pages of which were disposed of.

Senate Committee to Submit Substitute Resolution.

Jefferson City, Feb. 13.—The Senate committee on constitutional amendments to-day decided to submit a substitute joint resolution providing for a constitutional convention. The substitute is drawn by Judge Sherwood of the supreme court.

REPUBLICANS ARE ARRAIGNED.

Democrats Bring Out Startling Figures on Appropriation.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The alleged extravagances of the republican members of congress were brought out yesterday by the democratic members during the consideration of the sundry civil bill. Mr. Bell of Colorado produced figures to show that in a single decade the per capita cost of carrying on the government machinery had increased from \$4.75 to over \$10.

Mr. Cochran of Missouri declared that the total for the next year, if reckoned in gold, would exceed the appropriations of 1864, when the federal government had 1,200 ships on the sea maintaining a blockade from Galveston to the Chesapeake, and 1,000,000 men on land engaged in the most tremendous military enterprise of the history of the age.

"Talk about progress and christianity," he said. "If progress and christianity means mopping under many flags of plunderers and the swords of Christian soldiers dripping in the blood of plundered people, it is time to quit or fling away the masquerade and say: 'Progress has turned freebooter, christianity slumbers and God is dead!'" (Democratic applause.)

He also argued that, from any economic standpoint the "game" in the Philippines was not worth the cost. "We have already," said he, "spent money enough there to build the Nicaraguan canal, to fortify every foot of its course, construct what new warships we need, and we are to-day no nearer peace than when the first gun was fired."

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CATARRH

Catarrh has become such a common disease that a person entirely free from his disgusting complaint is seldom met with. It is customary to speak of a bad cold, a simple inflammation of the nose and throat. It is, in fact, a complicated and very dangerous disease; if not at first, it very soon becomes so. The blood is quickly contaminated by the foul secretions, and the poison through the general circulation is carried to all parts of the system. Salves, washes and sprays are unsatisfactory and disappointing, because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. S. S. S. cures. It cleanses the blood of the poison and eliminates from the system all catarrhal secretions, and thus cures thoroughly and permanently the worst cases.



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