

zuela, says: Michael McTurk, the head magistrate of British Guiana, who has been identified for years with the usurpation of Venezuelan territory, has been relieved of his magisterial duties in order that he may command an expedition charged with fortifying the entire length of the Cuyuni river lying in the disputed territory. This news has caused a great stir here. El Liberal, in a leading editorial, calls the attention of the government to the military preparations on the Guiana frontier which, although London denies it, are actively going forward. On the British island of Trinidad the forts are being repaired, and the militia is being drilled in the method of handling the new heavy guns. In the name of the people of Venezuela this government is asked to fortify Amacuro, Cangrejos and Cuyuni, on the frontier, in order to be ready for war if arbitration fails. The moral effect of increasing the military strength would be to unite the country, it is urged, and command the respect of President Crespo's bitterest enemies.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.**—A trading firm in this city has received advice from the English consul on the island of Yap, one of the Pelew group in the South Seas, regarding one of the most atrocious sea tragedies that has been reported for months.

The boatswain stole quietly forward and gave word to the crew that the time had come to act. He secured a sharp hatchet from the cook's galley fuel box, and stealing below to the skipper's cabin he struck at Capt. Brown with the weapon, nearly cutting the sleeping man's head from his body.

Provisions gave out, and when cruising off Andrew Island the schooner was manned solely by the boatswain, two Chinese and a half-breed. The vessel was steered into port and the king of the island gave the murderers food enough to last them several weeks. Before the vessel sailed again, however, the king became suspicious, boarded the craft, rescued Mrs. Brown and her boy, the former more dead than alive, and took the mulatto prisoners.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.**—Ex-President Harrison, in his argument before the U. S. Supreme Court, as special counsel in the California irrigation case, in favor of sustaining the constitutionality of the Wright act, said he thought there were a few general principles and a few subordinate causes growing out of decisions of the Supreme Court which were applicable to the present case. There he regarded as tax cases. The power exercised in both cases was the same, it was the power of taxing a portion of the property of a citizen for the use of the state. If anything was clear, made clear by reason, by decisions of this court, it was that the taxing power of the state was a full one. It found its only limitation in the statement of the Constitution of the United States.

**OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 24.**—Office Down, the drummer boy in the Dodge street school, calmed a panic and prevented a terrible calamity among 500 children. He is less than 14 years old, but the moment he heard the bell gong sound the alarm of fire, he did not forget he had important business. It was

the crisis for which his little head had been trained and his courage in the presence of a rattled principal and excited teachers saved a dead and injured list.

The boy waited until Mr. Allen told him everybody was safe and then he came down the front steps. The crowd cheered, and last night 500 families sang the praises of his young courage.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 24.**—The national Armenian relief committee has made an announcement which is in part as follows:

Now that the president of the American National Red Cross, Mrs. Clara Barton, and her staff have left for Turkey, the general work of raising funds and organizing Armenian relief committees throughout the United States will be pushed with redoubled efforts by the national relief committee. The president of this committee is Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the treasurers are Brown Bros. & Co., of New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.**—The supreme court was the center of attraction at the Capitol today. The news that ex-President Harrison would appear in the California irrigation case drew thousands through mud and rain to the Capitol, and for two hours before noon the halls were thronged and the doors besieged. Owing to the limited space in the old Senate chamber, where the Supreme court sits, few persons gained admission. In the court room were some of the most prominent men of the country, including Joseph Choate.

**OMAHA, Jan. 25.**—United States Senators-elect Frank J. Cannon and Arthur Brown, of the new State of Utah, passed through this city last evening en route to Washington.

In conversation Senator Cannon said he was heartily in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. He favors protection and high protection at that. In his opinion high protection and free silver go hand in hand, and both are essential for the improvement of the condition of the country.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 25.**—Nathan O. Murphy, territorial delegate from Arizona, is at the Holland House. Mr. Murphy has been governor of Arizona, and is just at present engaged in an aggressive fight to secure the admission of that territory as a state into the Union. He said, in speaking of the possibility of success in that direction:

"The people of Arizona are a unit for self-government, and as their representative I am doing all in my power to secure for them their constitutional rights in this respect. Six weeks ago there was practically no opposition to admitting Arizona. It was generally conceded that the remaining territories should be admitted, and that the responsibility, expenses and trouble of their governments transferred to their own people. But lately considerable irritation has developed on account of the monetary dispute, and motives un-American, sectional and selfish have caused several hasty and I think ill-advised representatives to announce their opposition to the admission of any more Western states, whose senators, they think, would disagree with the East on the money question. The

merits involved are temporarily obscured on this account. I have, however, too much confidence in the ultimate justice and love of fair play of the American people to think that an entirely extraneous issue will be allowed to prevent justice being done to a loyal and patriotic subdivision of this country."

**ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.**—"The fitting out of the flying squadron was merely to show Europe that England was prepared to defend her corner against the nations. I do not think any one in Great Britain ever thought the squadron was placed in action to be used against the United States." This was the statement made by Sir Wheelman Pearson, M. P., from Colchester, Essex county, England, at the Southern hotel today. Sir Wheelman, who has contracts with the Mexican government for the construction of the harbor at Vera Cruz, en route to that city, accompanied by Lady Pearson.

**PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 26.**—Opposite Blennerhassett Island in an old Indian mound near Cedarville, O., was found a stone image of a woman in a sitting posture. It is smoothly and beautifully carved, well proportioned, and shows the female features clearly and regularly.

**BERLIN, Jan. 27.**—Hon. Theodore Ruoyon, United States ambassador to Germany, expired suddenly and unexpectedly at 1 o'clock this morning, of heart failure.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.**—The two senators from Utah, Frank J. Cannon and Arthur Brown, were on the floor of the Senate today for the first time. They were in the center of an animated group in the rear of the chamber, where the senators gathered to extend them a warm welcome.

Rev. Dr. Wilburn, the blind chaplain, prayed eloquently for bleeding Armenia. "Hear the cry of our agony," he prayed, "on behalf of the people of Armenia, despoiled, tortured, their homes in ashes, their men and women and children slain at the edge of the sword, their women dishonored. Arouse and unite the powers of Christendom, the queen, the czar, the kaiser, kings and princes, their ministers and people, that the sultan shall be forced to sheathe the bloody sword and stay the frenzied rage of his fanatical soldiers and subjects."

The induction of Utah senators occurred immediately after the chaplain's invocation. Dubois (Rep. Idaho) presented the credentials of Cannon, and Burrows, (Rep. Michigan) those of Brown. The credentials and the two new senators proceeded to the desk of the Vice President, where, with uplifted hand, the oath of office was taken.

Brown was assigned a desk in the rear and the extreme left of the chamber, Cannon immediately before him.

The Utah senators then drew lots. Cannon won the long term, expiring March 3, 1899; Brown the term until March 3, 1897.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 26.**—The police of the West Thirtieth street station have been notified that a part of a collection of antiques have been stolen of Dr. Jahn of No. 5 East Thirtieth street.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 27.**—A special to the World from Havana says the plan of campaign adopted by the com