

LOW AND BEAR NOW FACE TO FACE.

Trouble in China Over a Strip of Land May Become Very Serious.

Russia Wants It, but Great Britain Refuses to Give It Up for the Asking.

Insistence on Her Attitude Likely to Bring the Long Expected Eastern Crisis.

PEKIN, Jan. 1.—An imperial edict, marks that China is "passing through a severe crisis in her history." It reminds Viceroy and Governors of the numerous edicts that have been issued...

CARDINAL VAUGHAN ON THE SIGNS OF UNION.



His New Year's pastoral, read in all the Catholic churches of London yesterday, speaks for closer union of the church in all English-speaking countries.

The Catholic Prelate's New Year's Pastoral Is a Plea for a Closer Bond of Race.

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THE POISON IN CHINA'S RULER.

Twenty Men Were Tortured and Three Beheaded for the Conspiracy.

OPIUM IN HIS COFFEE

Plot Was Directed by a Former Chinese Official in Russia's Good Graces.

TOOLS WERE MADE SCAPEGOATS

Dowager-Empress Punished Guilty Ones to Clear Herself of Suspicion.

HONG KONG

Dec. 16.—Some excitement has been caused here by the publication in the Crown Official Gazette of the details of an investigation into the plot to poison the Emperor of China. It was supposed at the time that the attempt was in the interest of Russia and made by order of the Dowager-Empress.

KAISER IN A CLASH WITH HIS CHANCELLOR.



Chancellor von Hohenlohe.

The resignation of Prince von Hohenlohe, Germany's Prime Minister, is expected to occur this week, caused by the Kaiser's refusal to stop the expulsion of foreigners from Prussian territory.

Von Hohenlohe Will Be Forced to Resign Because of Disputes Over "Expulsion."

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Nearly all the Tagblatt, the Vorwärts, and the Lokal Anzeiger, expect the resignation of Chancellor von Hohenlohe this week, immediately after his return to Berlin. The Kaiser, it is authoritatively stated, will not permit the Chancellor to interfere with the system of expulsions inaugurated in Prussia by Baron von Koeller, the reactionary former Minister of the Interior, now Governor of Schleswig-Holstein.

KAISER CHECKS AUSTRIAN INTRIGUE.

Nips in the Bud a Plan to Alienate Russia's Friendship for Germany.

Special Cable to the Journal.

Copyright, 1899, by W. R. Hearst. Berlin, Jan. 1.—The Muenchener Allgemeine Zeitung publishes an article which makes sensational revelations regarding an alleged correspondence between the Kaiser and Kaiser Wilhelm. It is claimed that the Kaiser discovered and thwarted a plan of the Austrian diplomat to entice the Emperor against Germany and to use the imperial trip to Palestine for the creation of an Austro-Russian entente.

CHINESE REFORMER MAY VISIT AMERICA.

Kang Yu Wei's Presence in Tokio is Frowned Upon by the Government of Japan.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Advices from Tokio say that Kang Yu Wei, the Chinese reform leader, who is now a refugee in Japan, intends to visit England and America to raise funds for a political propaganda.

PREMIER TO FIGHT DUEL.

Baron Banffy Challenged by a Member of the Hungarian Diet.

Budapest, Jan. 1.—M. Horanszky, member of the Lower Chamber of the Hungarian Diet, who in a recent debate characterized Baron Banffy, the Premier, as a "cheat and a traitor," and who was challenged by the Premier to a duel, which failed, owing to the inability of their seconds to agree upon conditions, has issued a challenge to Baron Banffy. It is expected the encounter will take place to-morrow morning.

GEN. PORTER CALLS ON FAURE.

Paris, Jan. 1.—General Horace Porter, the United States Ambassador, and his staff made a New Year call upon President Faure, who, when responding to the congratulations of the diplomatic body, tendered through the Papal Nuncio, dwelt upon the love of France for peace and her endeavors to promote it.

Wide World Cleanings.

A congress for the annihilation of tuberculosis will convene in Berlin, on May 23. It has been computed that more than 100,000 inhabitants of London are employed at night work. Emperor William himself designed the costumes in which the Emperor was arrayed during his visit in Palestine. Of the thirty-eight soldiers who have resigned from the Ottoman Empire since the conquest of Constantinople, thirty-four have died violent deaths.

NOBLE IMPOSTOR DEALT IN HEARTS.

PARIS

Jan. 1.—The Marquis de Massa, who is known to the police as one of the most dangerous blackmailers and marriage swindlers, was sentenced yesterday to two years imprisonment. The particular crime which led to the conviction of the Marquis was the attempt to swindle a young Spanish widow, Mme. de Sierra. The Marquis, who is a handsome and affable young man, had advertised for "an unnumbered young lady, who would be willing to marry an army lieutenant of noble parentage and distinguished bearing."

General Merritt Not in Command Yet

General Wesley Merritt did not take command of the Military Division of the Atlantic, United States Army, yesterday. It was said at Governor's Island that no one there knew when the transfer would take place, but that it would probably be within a few days. General Shafter, who commands the division, is in Washington.

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THE KAISER A BUSY MAN.

He Calmly Goes from "Execution Among Wild Boars" to Meeting of His Cabinet.

This is the way a German daily describes the busy work on one day of the German Emperor: "After doing execution among the wild boars of Hanover the Kaiser returned to Potsdam at 8:20 p. m. on Friday. "At 9 o'clock on Saturday morning he heard the reports of the chief Military Cabinet and of the chief of the General Staff. At noon a Government Commission from the Camarones was received in audience. "On the same evening His Majesty attended a theatrical given by the officers. "At 9 o'clock the following morning His Majesty returned by special train to Potsdam, to be present with his imperial couple at the reopening of the Garrison Church with military honors."

COUSIN OF THE CZAR TALKS IN OMAHA.

Predicts Trouble for the United States in Managing the Filipinos, but Russia Not Jealous.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—Duke Cyril, a cousin of the Czar of Russia, passed through Omaha on his way East to-day. He was accompanied by Lieutenants, Cante and Papanoff, of the Russian Navy. He predicts trouble for this country with the Filipinos. So far as Russia is concerned, he said, there is no jealousy over the advent of the United States in the far East. On the question of the Czar's disarmament plan he had nothing to say. "Chicago, Jan. 1.—The Grand Duke Cyril reached here this morning. He was given a breakfast at the Virginia Hotel by Baron Schillingbach, the Russian Consul, and left for the East at 3 o'clock in the afternoon via the Michigan Central, to see Niagara Falls. He will sail from New York on the Fuerst Bismarck, on Wednesday.

HUMBERT, IN FEAR, SET 3,000 FREE.

Italian Throne Was Menaced on Account of Political Prisoners.

That King Humbert of Italy released 3,000 political prisoners last week is the result of the agitation inaugurated by the Italian "Political Prisoners' Aid Society," which was recently organized in England and the United States. King Humbert's act of amnesty, therefore, is not regarded by philanthropists as one of generosity, as the whole country was threatened with revolt on account of the oppression of the masses and the arbitrary imprisonment of political offenders as common criminals. The amnesty was the direct result of the Aid Society's support of the King and the menacing situation in Italy.

MOVES A BOAT WITH AN AIR PROPELLER.

Vienna, Jan. 1.—According to the Wiener Freie Presse, Count Zeppelin, the inventor of a steerable balloon, invited a number of friends to accompany him on a trial trip of a boat propelled by a wind-screw instead of a screw under the water. This screw is described as being similar in construction to the ordinary three-winged windmill sails. It is kept in motion by a small engine. The boat, which usually has a very smooth surface, the boat reached a speed of fifteen knots per hour. The only objectionable feature of the sail was the terrific noise made by the wind screw, which has to be kept in rapid motion. The inventor promises to remedy this defect.

"YOUR GOOD BROTHER," SAYS KAISER TO CZAR.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—At a banquet given yesterday at the Military Academy of Medicine, Lieutenant-General Kurpatkin, in obedience to the Czar's command, read a letter from William to Nicholas expressing the former's congratulations upon the celebration of the academy's centenary. The letter concluded as follows: "I am very pleased to renew to Your Majesty the assurances of my high esteem and unalterable friendship, in all of which I am your good brother." The reading of the letter was received with resounding cheers for William.

BOSWELL FOR A DEAD EMPRESS.

Christomanos Book Records Many Sayings of the Victim of Luccheni.

VIENNA, Jan. 1.—Constantin Christomanos, the author and reader to the late Empress Elizabeth, has just published a book of reminiscences of his career at court. In his biography of the Empress he depicts her as the scene of feminine perfection, a woman of eminent goodness of heart, with few startling caprices. Most interesting are his quotations of the utterances of the Empress on the important questions of the century and her opinions of great men and women. On the education and emancipation of women the Empress said: "Woman should be free, for she is often more worthy than man. I regard Sand as an excellent example of this. But I am opposed to the so-called higher education of women in general. I find women most worthy when they are not such bookworms. I hate 'piano ornament ladies.'"

KAISER'S REWARD TO ARTIST.

Herr Adolph Menzel is, by His Order, Raised to the Nobility. Berlin, Jan. 1.—Emperor William has conferred the Order of the Black Eagle upon Herr Adolph Menzel, the famous German painter, now in his eighty-fourth year. Herr Menzel is thus raised to the nobility. In a dispatch accompanying the decoration Emperor William explained that this mark of honor was the highest ever given to an artist. "It is intended," he said, "as a token of my gratitude for services rendered my house, and also as a stimulus to the younger generation of artists in the domain of art, in which you have so conspicuously shone."

PUGILIST CLAIMS TO BE TYSON'S HEIR.

Australian's Millions May Fall to an Old Lightweight Champion Known as "Jimmy." London, Jan. 1.—According to the Morning Ledger, an heir for the vast fortune of Millionaire Tyson, the richest man of Australia, who died last month, has at last turned up. His name is James Tyson, an old lightweight champion, who is known to the sporting fraternity simply as "Jimmy." Mr. Tyson died intestate. He was a bachelor and did not care what became of his millions after his death. Of this he frequently boasted to his friends. James Tyson, the alleged heir, is said to be a grandson of a brother with whom the millionaire quarrelled in his youth. James Tyson has employed a lawyer, who will go to Australia with him to lay claim to the estate.

QUEEN GIVES OUT NEW YEAR'S FAVORS.

Rewards Officials for Faithful Service by Raising Them to the Peerage.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The list of New Year honors included many names. Baron Cromer, former Minister Plenipotentiary in the Diplomatic Service and British Agent and Consul-General in Egypt, recently appointed Governor of Malta, is created a Viscount. Sir Philip Currie, British ambassador at Rome, and Sir Henry Hawkins, who recently retired from the exchequer Division of the High Court or Judicature, are raised to the peerage. Sir Henry Thompson, the distinguished pathologist, received a baronetcy. The remaining honors are of the usual type—rewards for political services and merit promotions in the civil, diplomatic, Indian and colonial services. Major-General Gascoigne, former commander of the Canadian militia, is appointed a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

SPAIN URGENT ABOUT PHILIPPINE PRISONERS.

Madrid, Jan. 1.—The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Duke Almodovar del Rio, is about sending a note to Washington to request the American Government of its undertaking by the terms of the treaty of Paris, to obtain the liberty of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines. The Cabinet has decided to open a credit of 30,000,000 pesetas for the repatriation of Spaniards in Cuba and the Philippines.

CUBANS IN HAVANA ARE EASY TO CONTROL.

McCullough Enthusiastic Over His Plans for New Police Organization. Havana, Jan. 1.—Superintendent John McCullough is enthusiastic over police organization in this city. Speaking to a friend on the subject to-day, he said: "As chief of the police of New York, I came to learn the characteristics and peculiarities of every nation on earth, but have never seen a people so docile, tractable and easily managed as the Cubans. All they need is kindness and politeness, and you can do everything with them. Since the order by which the Cubans abandoned their arms has been practically no police in Havana, yet in a city of more than two hundred thousand inhabitants the small number of crimes and robberies is marvellous. There is no reason why Havana should not be the most orderly, law-abiding city in the world."

ITALY SENDS A SQUADRON TO COLOMBIA.

South American Republic to Be Forced to Give Satisfaction for a Series of Insults.

The Admiral in Command Has Been Instructed to Insist on an Explanation of

Decorations Granted Humbert's Officers and Colombians Are Called Degradations.

LONDON

Jan. 1.—A special dispatch from Rome says that an Italian squadron is now en route to Cartagena. Admiral di Brocchietti, who commands the squadron, has been instructed to insist upon satisfaction for the insults to Italy which occurred during the debates in the Colombian Chamber. In a special cable dispatch to the Journal dated Rome, December 27, it was announced that the second class cruiser Pizarro, under command of Admiral di Brocchietti, had been ordered to sail for Colombia to demand satisfaction for the insults recently heaped upon Italian naval officers. These insults were the result of the Caraccioli affair last July, when an Italian fleet, under command of Admiral Cattini, visited Colombia to enforce the payment of damages awarded by President Cleveland, as arbitrator between the two countries. This same squadron later visited Venezuela, and while there the Venezuelan Government conferred certain decorations upon the Italian Admiral and his chief officers. These same decorations were worn by many of the deputies of the clerical party in Colombia. As soon as these learned of the honors conferred on the Italian officers the deputies sent back their decorations to Venezuela, declaring that there was no honor in wearing them after the order had been degraded by being conferred on the Italians. In a lively debate in the Colombian Chamber the Government officially approved of this action of the deputies. It is for this national insult that Italy is sending a war ship to Colombia, and not in connection with the Caraccioli matter, which was definitely settled last September by Colombia paying Cleveland's award of \$200,000 for personal damages and guaranteeing payment of Carruti & Co.'s liabilities.

THIEVES IN TWO CHURCHES.

Sacriligious Burglars Rifle the Clerical Money Boxes. Special Cable to the Journal. Copyright, 1899, by W. R. Hearst. CANNON, Jan. 1.—Burglars last night entered the Anglo-American Church of St. George at this place. The offertory was rifled and other damage done. Trinity Church, at Nice, was recently rifled in much the same fashion.

KING MENELIK FRIENDLY.

He Promises King Humbert a More Generous Frontier. Special Cable to the Journal. Copyright, 1899, by W. R. Hearst. ROME, Jan. 1.—King Menelik has written a letter to King Humbert protesting a friendly demarcation of the Abyssinian frontier.

HEAVENLY REWARDS.

She Writes to Washington Demanding Haste in Complying with the Paris Treaty Terms. Madrid, Jan. 1.—The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Duke Almodovar del Rio, is about sending a note to Washington to request the American Government of its undertaking by the terms of the treaty of Paris, to obtain the liberty of the Spanish prisoners in the Philippines. The Cabinet has decided to open a credit of 30,000,000 pesetas for the repatriation of Spaniards in Cuba and the Philippines.

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CUBAN REFUGEES FROM TAMPA REACH HAVANA.

Havana, Jan. 1.—The steamer Mascotte brought here to-day more than two hundred returning Cuban refugees from Tampa. Former Consul William R. Springer arrived on a Government mission to close the American consulate and file the archives. Senator Daniel of Virginia, was a passenger on the Mascotte, accompanied by his wife.