

A PREMATURE SCARE

England Not Alarmed by the Situation in China.

UNDERSTANDING WITH GERMANY

Russia is Not Expecting Immediate Trouble—Japan's Part in the Game.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—In well-informed circles the general impression prevails that the scare in newspapers and among the public in regard to the far East is at least premature.

This view is strongly supported by Prince Henry's visit to Queen Victoria at Osborne, by his subsequent trip to London, and by the autograph letter which the prince is said to have taken to her majesty from Emperor William, etc., of which confirmation is forthcoming.

But there is no doubt that Great Britain is quietly preparing for all events. Should it become clear that Germany and Russia have commenced a game of grab, Great Britain will be prepared to assert her claim for a division of the spoils.

The public scare seems to have arisen from the idea that the proceedings took Great Britain by surprise. This is impossible, for, since her intervention in the Chinese-Japanese war, it has been known that Germany has only been awaiting a favorable opportunity to obtain a foothold in China, and at various times it was reported that Lappa, Que-moy and Amoy had been secured, while a year ago German ships surveyed Kaio Chou bay, all of which was known at the British foreign office.

That Russia does not expect trouble is shown by the fact that she has not one battle-ship in the far East. But, of course, if Russia does not leave Port Arthur in the spring, her stay there may lead to other grabbing.

From a trading point of view, it is pointed out that the opening of three new foreign ports will probably be as little harmful to Shanghai as Boston and Philadelphia are to New York. Not a few people regard the Times' editorial expressing satisfaction at the Behring sea settlement, and protesting against the "loose insinuations of bad faith on the part of the United States government, which have been thoughtlessly and unjustly made in England," and Japan's withdrawal from the attitude she had assumed in connection with Hawaii, as indications of an Anglo-American-Japanese alliance.

New York, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Maxim Gomez from his headquarters in Las Delicias, Cuba, gives the following authorized statement from the insurgent commander-in-chief:

"All I have to say regarding this great and heroic war in Cuba is a complete ratification of our manifesto issued at Monte Cristo. You may make it known to the American people that it is the firm resolution of the army and people of Cuba, who have shed so much blood in order to conquer their independence, not to falter in their determination until triumph crowns their efforts."

New York, Dec. 25.—A Madrid dispatch to the World says: An impassioned article appears in the Correspondencia Militar, the organ of the army, entitled, "Give Unto Caesar That Which Is Caesar's." After formulating against the Yankees and calling them culpable accomplices of Gomez, the paper says it is now unable to re-

strain its indignation against the filibusters who are non-combatants and not versed in the ways of war. As regards Spain's protest against these bandits, Europe has entered her verdict.

GOVINA CHANGED HIS MIND.

Returns to Cuba as a Member of the Cabinet.

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—Senor Antonio Govina, secretary of the autonomist party, who has for nearly a year past resided in the United States, has cabled to the government his acceptance of a post in the colonial cabinet. In March last, Senor Govina left Havana for the United States. On his departure it was understood that he was starting only on a short trip for his health and relaxation. Many friends went to the wharf and boarded the steamer to see him off. Once on board, Senor Govina surprised his friends by pointing to Morro castle flag and stating that he would not return until the flag was changed.

WAS HE INSANE?

If So, Many of His Macaulay Ideas Were Tinged with Lurid Sanity.

"This man," said the keeper of the asylum, "is one of our most interesting patients."

"What is his peculiarity?" asked one of the visitors.

"He thinks he is the historian Macaulay. What are you working at this morning, Mr. Walk—I mean my lord?"

"At this time the United States has not a friend among the leading nations of the earth. France, the old-time ally of the republic, has been alienated by an effusive display of American sympathy in behalf of the Germans during the Franco-Prussian war.

"Is he really insane?" asked one of the visitors.

"This is the incurable ward," responded the keeper briefly, and they passed on to the next ward.—Washington Star.

Why He Said His Prayers.

Prayer was the topic in a certain Sunday school class in Syracuse on a recent Sunday. One little boy who had felt very smart during the class hour was asked if he prayed every morning.

Excellent Reply.

One day, shortly before Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, one of her royal daughters remarked anxiously: "Mamma, it will tire you to bow for all those hours on jubilee day!"

Lady Detectives.

An official of the French detective department says that numbers of ladies well known in Parisian society do not hesitate to offer their services as detectives on condition that they are paid. Some of them, in fact, receive pay varying from \$150 to 250 a month.

RUSSIA REACHING OUT

Troops Occupy Kin Chow, Near Port Arthur.

THE VIEWS OF SENATOR MORGAN

Why Uncle Sam Should Not Stand Idly By and See the Dismemberment of China.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Russians have occupied Kin Chow north of Port Arthur.

Uncle Sam Not Disinterested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—According to a Washington correspondent of the Herald, Senator Morgan, of the committee on foreign relations, said tonight that it would be impossible for the United States to remain complacent should European nations undertake the dismemberment of China.

"If partition of China involves the abrogation of treaties, this country would be left to make terms with each European nation separately in the territory to which its sovereignty extended; therefore, unless the powers now ambitious for territorial extension, take into account the character of our commercial relations it will be necessary for the government to intervene in self-defense.

"If the cession is absolute, then American interests must be taken care of through the treaties of America and the country to which the absolute cession is made respectively. If the territory is given up merely for a time, there will be a mixed responsibility, and it is a good time for intervention and the exercise of American diplomacy.

"The German occupation of a part of China and the prospective occupation of other parts by various European nations is an effort to complete a cordon of offenses against American commerce from Vladivostok to Marseilles or to Liverpool. That cordon it being stretched to contract the trade of 600,000,000 people who have direct trade and intercourse with the Pacific ocean.

"There is a great deal in the Chinese problem that vitally interests Americans and demands action by the state department and by congress.

A Step Toward Co-operation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Alger has received word that Hon. Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, and J. A. McKenna, of the same department, by invitation of Alger, will arrive here tonight to confer with the secretary regarding the pending Klondike relief measures.

Alger hopes with a personal conference with the Canadian officials to arrange for a permit from the Canadian government for fifty United States army men to serve as guards for an expedition to pass through Canadian territory.

Another object of the conference is to adjust some customs subjects involved in the expedition, such, for instance, as remission of duties on food supplies to be sent in. Another object is to secure the co-operation of the Canadian mounted police, which it is not doubted will be cheerfully extended and will be of great value, through their familiarity with the country through which the expedition must pass.

A cablegram was received today by the secretary from Kjellman, the government reindeer-herder, now in Alten, Norway, stating that he is busy collecting the reindeer needed for the transportation of supplies to the Klondike.

Burt in the Lead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—It is officially announced that Horace G. Burt, third vice-president of the Chicago & North-western railway, has been selected for the presidency of the Union Pacific. Burt's election as president is expected to carry into effect the policy determined upon by the reorganization committee, when it was supposed Clark would be able to continue in the management of the property, but which is impossible, owing to Clark's ill-health.

Mrs. Luetgert's Brother.

PUEBLO, Dec. 27.—Herman Bickless, who is said to be a brother of Louise Luetgert, and who is also said to be an inmate of the state insane asylum here, is not in that institution at present. A

man of that name was committed to the asylum in 1888, but was discharged some five months later and is said to be a resident of Pueblo, but diligent search fails to locate him here. At the time of his committal it was thought that he was rather weak minded, not absolutely insane.

Some communications have been had by the attorneys for Luetgert with Supt. Tombs, of the asylum, but he is not able to throw any light on the case. Nothing definite is known as to whether the man named is a brother to Mrs. Luetgert or not.

Consumption Positively Cured.

Mr. R. E. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store.

For Chinese Waters.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27.—The German warships Deutschland and Gelfon, under command of Prince Henry of Prussia, have arrived at this place on their way to China.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by Druggists.

Train Broke in Two.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 27.—A wreck occurred at the Memphis road depot last night. Local train No. 56 broke in two on the down grade coming into town, and the two sections came together in front of the station. Five persons were injured, two seriously. The injured are as follows:

Miss Tilly Smith, of Liberty; Mrs. Shelton; Col. Jesse Poore, of Golden City and Floyd Quintard.

Appointment by Van Wyck.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mayor Van Wyck has selected John W. Keller for commissioner of the department of charities. The place is worth \$7,500 a year. Keller was editor of Truth at the time of the appearance of the famous letters in the Garfield campaign. Later he became managing editor of the Recorder, and when that paper suspended he went to the staff of the Journal and Advertiser, writing a column called "Cholly Knickerbocker."

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Blakeley & Houghton's drug store. 50 cents per bottle. 5

A Tennessee Lynching.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 27.—A telephonic message from Glendora says Joe Hopkins, the murderer of two men, was captured by a mob this morning, hanged by the heels and burned to death in that position.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Haeneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

AN OLD MINER'S STORY.

Greenhorn's Experience With a Don Juan Car.

THE GREENHORN, Dec. 23, 1897.

EDITOR CHRONICLE: Since my last effusion the Old Miner has made me another visit. He is a quaint old fellow this Old Miner. His form is erect, his eyes bright, and he has, despite his 70 years, a sturdy independence about him that is simply charming. He is a bit prosy, a trifle tiresome in his retrospection, but that is because what he tells me and what he sees as he gazes into the fading embers of life's dying fire are two very different things. He shows me the skeleton of by-gone days, but to him it is still clothed in the flesh. I showed him the CHRONICLE with the story of "How the Greenhorn Got Its Name," and he laughed a deep, hearty laugh that shook his sides, made his eyes moist, and ended with a sigh. "I remember that idiot," said he, "he used to oil his drill to make it cut easy; but that other fellow, I knew him too. He told me he got a letter from that girl every week, and that they were the light of his life. I saw four of them. But then he's dead."

"Say! Did you know that the old miners used to think the Garden of Eden was located here? No? Well you see, some old Missourian came out here with a Bible in his pack, and he told the boys about the four rivers that ran out of the garden, and then one of them he gets to figuring that Powder river flowed to the north, Burnt river to the east, one fork of the John Day to the west and another to the north, and then he says, 'There you are.' I never took much stock in the story, and then, besides, it's a poor country for snakes and some kinds of apples. And then there ain't no fig leaves nor any of them tropic figs like that; and besides this ain't no country for none of them airy costooms, not even in August. If God had made the first man to fit this country, He would have made his feet ten feet long for snow-shoos. He would sure."

"This same old Missourian he figured it out that Greenhorn was also the mountain that the devil took the Savior up to offer Him all the gold dust and placer ground from Seven Devils to John Day. I've forgot how he had it fixed up, but it was all right. At any rate this Missourian he said that when the two climbed up old Greenhorn, the devil called particular attention to the hydraulics over at Robinsonville and Dixie Creek, and the big placers around Canyon City. And this Pike county Bible sharp he says that when old forked-tail offered the whole business and a lot more to the Savior if he would fall down and worship him, that there was an Israelite who was in the mercantile business down in Canyon City loafing up on the summit and overheard the whole conversation. This Missourian, he says that this Israelite twiggled the devil a wink and got him to one side, and he says: 'Say, mister, I'll take you up on that lay-out if the other fellow don't.'"

"This Missourian never told whether the trade was made, but I dealt with one of them Canyon City Hebrews afterwards for a long time and I don't think he was the fellow. If he charged other people like he did me for his goods, he had a better thing."

But enough of the Old Miner for a time, because I want to tell you about our cat. A couple of homeless mice concluded to stay with us for the winter, and the first night chewed up Hill's genuine German socks to make themselves a bed. That made Hill mad, and he borrowed a cat at the Don Juan, a sort of a Don Juan cat, too, and brought him home in a barley sack. When the sack was opened the cat began to make things sing. He made a rush at the window to get out, fell tail foremost onto a cup full of quicksilver upsetting it, raised merry Cain generally for half an hour, and then climbed into the rafters, where he raised up his feline voice in a manner that was soul-harrowing. At the end of thirty-six hours, by leaving the doors open, we got him out, and he acted as though he was reconciled. The next night being cold, we worked two hours, coaxing, wheedling and persuading the poor "pretty kitty" back into the house. It took two of us four hours to get the d—d cat out after he was in three days. About 3 o'clock every night for three nights his alarm clock would go off, and the way he would call on all to get up was a caution. Five of us would chase the blamed brute from that hour until daylight trying to put him out, but it was no go. Praise heaven! he has not come back, and if he has gone to

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gladden the heart of some other poor miner with Christmas presence, our blessing goes with him. It will be seen from this that not only where mines are concerned, but in judging the qualities and conditions of cats, a man may be a GREENHORN.

Natural Hot Water.

Dr. E. H. Marshall, of Boise, Idaho, says that in the vicinity of Boise there is a store of subterranean hot water which is being used to heat that city, and with excellent results. The water was discovered about six years ago, and when first tapped gushed to a height of 40 feet and almost scalded to death the workmen who were boring an artesian well. The water was found at a depth of about 400 feet, and has natural pressure enough to raise it to the top floors of ordinary buildings, whence it will flow down through coils of radiators, heating the whole building. The water is said to have a temperature of 170 degrees Fahrenheit, and a company has been formed for piping the streets and supplying the hot water for heating purposes. It is claimed that a saving of 50 per cent. can be effected over the ordinary method of heating. There is a large area of ground near the city where the hot water spouts above the surface when tapped, and a number of well drillers are at work endeavoring to enlarge the area.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

Indian Agriculturists.

The Indians on the Shoshone reservation have to the present time this season sown 125,000 pounds of grain, and it is expected they will sow as much more before the close of the planting season. The department is not giving the seed to the Indians this year as heretofore, but is loaning it, and expects the Indians to repay it when they harvest their crops. The pupils of the Indian school are farming extensively under the direction of the Indian agent, Capt. Wilson, and the teachers of the school. They have put out 12,000 cabbage plants, and have a model garden. A test will be made on the farm with sugar-beet seed, the department having furnished a large quantity for experiment. Under the present management of Indian affairs the Indians of the Shoshone reservation are improving rapidly in condition, and the majority of the tribe will soon become self-supporting. Great interest is being taken by the Indians in school work, and the agency school is having a very successful term.—Omaha Bee.

THE NEW JUDGE'S TRIALS.

He Did Well on the Bench But Missed His Latin.

Some years ago one of the laymen who find places on the bench of the highest court of New Jersey, thanks to political influence and accommodating governors, was a builder or contractor living in the northern part of the state, a man notoriously ignorant of law and unfitted for any judicial position, says the New York Post. Not long after his appointment a judge of a federal court who knew the man met him, and, with rather an amused smile, asked: "Well, judge, how do you get along on the bench?"

"Oh," was the reply, "I get along very well. You see, I have been on the grand jury a good deal and so had picked up considerable about law. But, judge," he went on rather earnestly, "I find I've got to study Latin."

"Indeed! That's rather a serious business for a man of your age to take up, is it not?"

"Yes, but I've got to do it. You see, there are so many words I don't understand. Now, look here, what do they mean when they say laches?"

He pronounced the word "latches," and as he spoke he made a motion with his index finger as of a man lifting a latch. The future course of the judge's study of Latin is not recorded.

Outrageous Crime. DES MOINES, Dec. 27.—Robbers last night broke into the house of the aged Mrs. Kimball, ten miles east of Des Moines. She is unconscious and will probably die. The floor and walls are covered with blood, showing that a terrible struggle took place. It is not known whether the robbers secured any booty. Subscribe for THE CHRONICLE.