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Charles Bonaparte

Charles Joseph Bonaparte, who succeeds Paul Morton as Secretary of the Navy today, comes of a distinguished race. He is the grandson of the youngest brother of the great Napoleon, and but for imperial decree of the Emperor Napoleon, would, in all probability, be a distinguished member of the Bonaparte family in France instead of living in America.

The origin of the American Bonapartes is one of the world's romances. Jerome Bonaparte, the founder of that branch, was the youngest brother of Napoleon and was born at Ajaccio, Corsica, December 25, 1784. Jerome was educated under a Madame Campan at Paris and next at Julliy. He was placed in the French naval service where he remained until 1801 when he was sent as lieutenant to St. Domingo under General Leclerc, his brother-in-law. Returning soon to France, as a bearer of dispatches, he received an independent command and sailed again for Martinique. During the hostilities of 1803 between France and England, he cruised between St. Pierre and Tobago, but for some reason he was compelled to leave the station and then went to New York.

While in the United States he visited various cities and at Baltimore saw Miss Elizabeth Patterson, the daughter of a distinguished Maryland family. She was one of the beauties of her day. She and Jerome fell in love almost at their first meeting and the young French officer disregarding the inevitable consequences, asked her to become his wife. They were married on December 24, 1803. Jerome and his bride remained in the United States for several months, but after the Empire of his brother was declared, Jerome and his wife left America for France.

His marriage had not pleased the Imperial will, however, for Napoleon had higher plans for his brother than the marriage to the daughter, beautiful and refined as she was, of a wealthy and eminent merchant of the United States. Napoleon refused to permit the wife to land in France. The Emperor refused to recognize the marriage and had the marriage annulled by a decree of his council of state. The Pope refused, however, to sanction the divorce. Madame Bonaparte went to Holland upon being refused a home in France, but evidently under the influence of the Emperor, she was not permitted to go ashore, and finally she went to England, where in July of 1805 she gave birth to a son who was named Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte and who was the first of the American Bonapartes.

Although the marriage had been annulled by order of the Emperor, the legality of the marriage was naturally unquestioned in Madame Bonaparte's own country, and after her return to America her position at the head of society was recognized. The family have since been among the leading families of the south and have always taken a prominent part in social and political affairs of the State of Maryland.

Jerome was finally induced to acquiesce in the separation and was made a rear-admiral. In 1807 he was transferred to the land service with the rank of general-in-division. On August 12 of the same year his imperial brother compelled Jerome to be married to Frederic Catherine, the daughter of the King of Wurtemberg, although Jerome's own American wife was living at the time. Within less than a week Westphalia was erected into a kingdom and Jerome was placed on the throne. In the campaign of 1812 against Russia, Jerome commanded a corps of Germans and distinguished himself by several acts of bravery, but through some neglect disarranged some military plans of the Emperor and was ordered home in disgrace. After the fall of the Empire in 1815 Jerome finally settled near Vienna under the name of the Prince De Montfort, a title conferred upon him by his father-in-law. In 1852 Jerome was recalled to Paris by Louis Napoleon and made a marshal of the Empire, and in the event of the failure of a direct succession to Louis Napoleon, heir to the French throne. Jerome had only one child, a son by his American wife, and by his German wife two sons and a daughter.

The Future Of The Pacific

The powers are not oblivious of the new era which is dawning for the Pacific. As the ancient world found the Mediterranean broad enough for its gossies, and the modern world the Atlantic, so the future, and the near future at that,

will find the Pacific none too expansive for the fleets which its commerce will bring into existence.

Three or four factors have contributed within the past few years to point unmistakably to the Pacific as the great highway of commerce in the future. These are the awakening of the Orient to modern life, as is seen in striking fullness in Japan, and in unmistakable, though greatly slighter degree in China, in the development of the commerce with the Orient, and partly as a consequence of these and partly as the result of the widespread march of events, we have the beginning of cable laying in the Pacific, and the construction of the Panama Canal. Cable laying is but beginning. But already there is the Pacific Commercial Cable stretching across the ocean from east to west, and the All-British Cable stretching from Canada on the north to Australia on the south. Then there is cable extension to the Carolines, and cable connection between Australia and the Orient.

The completion of the Panama Canal will undoubtedly work the greatest revolution in trade routes that has ever been known. Imagination can hardly cope with the changes that will undoubtedly be made, with the transposition of distances between centers of trade. A study of the map of South America in relation to its distances by ocean route from various ports of Europe and various ports of North America will give some idea of the changes that will thus be wrought. All of these changes will work to the increase of traffic on the Pacific.

When the Pacific becomes such a great highway of traffic as the Atlantic is now, the political importance of its littoral and its islands will be correspondingly increased. The Powers are not overlooking any of this. Germany, which under William, has developed an ambition to be a colonizing power and a world power, is especially active in securing foothold. The defeat of Spain by the United States gave her the opportunity she had long coveted of securing the Caroline group. The Marshall Islands are now hers. She owns a part of Samoa. She has a strong foothold in the Solomon group, and the Bismarck Archipelago, and is active in colonizing in German New Guinea. Everywhere she controls she is giving trade advantage and usually trade monopoly to German subjects and German steamship lines. She overstepped herself in this particular in the Marshall Islands where, having practically turned over the government of the group to the Jaluit Gesellschaft, a German corporation, that concern undertook to kill all competition in trade by excessive trading licenses and export taxes. But our Australian neighbors, who had previously built up the trade, appealed to the British Government, and Germany has receded from the position taken by the Jaluit Gesellschaft and taken away from that trading company most of its powers of government.

Great Britain, of course always has been strong in the Pacific, but

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she has adopted a new colonial policy with the object in view of developing a solidarity of interest and sentiment in her Pacific Ocean possessions. It is in the light of this policy and of these conditions that her recent action in regard to Tonga must be considered to be rightly understood.

France and Great Britain face each other in the New Hebrides, almost the last group of islands in the Pacific that does not bear allegiance to any European or American power. Each is sparing for advantage there, ready to seize the group if excuse offers, and ready to prevent the other from seizing it without sufficient justification. France has lately completed a very imposing residence for its representative in the New Hebrides, and now Great Britain is about to build a still more imposing one. These things influence the Polynesian.

These are but indications of the great movement that is taking place in the Pacific, and go to show that in certain aspects, the Pacific is the center of world movements.

Of the Kanakas in Queensland, who have to be deported at the end of 1906, about two-thirds came from the Solomon Islands, while the remainder are natives of the New Hebrides.

The picture painted of conditions in Australia by a disinterested but keen observer, which appears in another column today, does not present the island continent very favorably. Nature has been unkind to Australia recently and man seems to be doing his best to make things ever worse by bad government.

The Emperor of Japan has thanked Togo and his navy for their brilliant achievements. So far as can be ascertained, Nicholas has not yet had anything to whisper into Rojstvensky's ear.

The Russian navy today has more submarine ships than has any other navy, but still Japan is not afraid.

An interesting subject for debate among students of military and naval affairs in the future will be "Which made the worse record, the Russian navy or the Russian army?"

That controversy over whether the Catholics persecuted the Protestants or whether the Protestants persecuted the Catholics is going too far back for safety. Any unprejudiced student of history knows that each sect took its turn at persecuting the other for the glory of God when it got the chance.

A month from today will see the Dominion of Canada increase from seven to nine provinces. The area hitherto known as the Northwest Territories is to be admitted to the Confederation as two great self-governing provinces. Twenty-five years ago this country

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An Advertiser reporter has discovered that there really is something of a knack in playing cricket after all. This will be gratifying news to our British friends who have been cherishing the idea for some time.

Those daily poems may be signed by Charlie McCarthy but the mark of Sol's master hand is on them just the same.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

It is understood that the Standard Oil Company is much agitated at the prospect of having its luck of profits and steady losses laid bare by the merciless hand of Commissioner Garfield.—Kansas City Journal.

A Colorado man raised a sugar beet last year weighing forth-three pounds. This has escaped general attention hitherto, on account of one or two other things Colorado was busily engaged in raising last year.—Chicago Tribune.

The French Antarctic expedition did not reach the pole, but it found such an encouraging lot of difficulties in the way that other expeditions will, doubtless follow soon.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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