

POPE AS MATCHMAKER.

Pius X Anxious for King Alfonso to Wed Duchess Marie Antoinette.

Pius X has, it appears, been the prime mover in the negotiations for a matrimonial alliance between the young King of Spain and Duchess Antoinette of Mecklenburg-Schwern.

SIR ROBERT HART TO RETIRE.

Sir Robert Hart has announced his intention of retiring this year from his long and distinguished career in the Chinese custom and revenue service.

STATESMEN FOND OF FRENCH NOVELS.

Two of the leading statesmen of Europe, instructed with the duties of the ministries of their respective countries, devote all their spare time to reading of yellow paper covered French novels.

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burg that Emperor Francis Joseph felt himself at length called upon to protest.

The decree of Emperor William, however, will affect not only Austria, but also Russia, and likewise where the Lutheran churches, notably Brazil, have been receiving large sums from the richly endowed state churches of Prussia for the propagation of Lutheranism.

MUSIC.

Concert Doings of a Day.

Miss Lella Morse and Mr. Kelley Cole gave a joint song recital in Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon in which they lifted up their voices together at the beginning and end of the programme and devoted the interim to an exploitation of their individual merits.

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MADDOO TO HAVE "EYES."

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Mr. Maddoo refused to tell what he had revealed, but Mr. Callahan disclosed some very interesting information. "What that was I cannot say now," Commissioner Maddoo declined to say if he had been deceived by the action of the Duke.

ALL POOLROOMS CLOSED.

Police Stationed at Downtown Places to Give Warning.

For the first time in many months the places of the poolroom men were deserted yesterday. With few exceptions not a finger was raised by them to cater to the gambling appetite of their big patrons.

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KEPT GIRL A PRISONER.

Victim Kisses Feet of Police Captain Who Aids Her.

In conversation with a Tribune reporter yesterday Isaac N. Seligman, who, with Jacob H. Schiff, Adolph Lewisohn and other wealthy philanthropic Hebrews, is waging war on the "cadet" system on the East Side, declared that within the next few days a special committee would be appointed to conduct a vigorous fight against the infamous system and those responsible for its maintenance.

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OBITUARY.

HENRY B. PIERCE.

Henry B. Pierce, president and treasurer of Hutchinson, Pierce & Co., died in his apartments in the Oakdale, in West Thirty-fifth-st., at an early hour yesterday morning.

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