

AN ADMIRAL-IN-CHIEF

England to Create a New Office in Her Navy.

England has already provided for the chief command of her military forces in the event of war.

The government has now at the instance of King George resolved on the creation of an office of inspector general of the navy.

The House of Parnell. Old Lady Conington, whose death has just taken place, was a cousin of Charles Stewart Parnell.

The Parnell family, which holds originally from the town of Conington, in Cheshire, has been settled in Ireland since the days of Charles II.

His nephew, John Parnell, was created a baronet of Ireland, and was the fourth and last male descendant of the family.

Cardinal Gibbons Greeted. Receives many Christmas Messages from European Rulers.

The Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Cardinal Gibbons is busy exchanging Christmas greetings with foreign Catholic rulers and prelates.

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VERDI AND SACRED MUSIC. The Musical Art Society began its eighteenth season at Carnegie Hall last night.

A Fine Old Peer. Lord Wrottesley, who is making such a wonderful recovery from a fracture of the thigh, despite his eighty-seven years of age, represents one of the oldest families in England.

One of the Wrottesleys was with Simon of Montfort at the battle of Evesham. Another distinguished himself at the battle of Crecy, under Edward, the Black Prince, and was one of the original Knights of the Garter.

Although the family is so very old, its pedigree is relatively modern origin, having only been created in 1835, in favor of Sir John Wrottesley, who had represented the county of Devon in a number of parliaments.

Lord Wrottesley's only daughter, Evelyn, was married last summer to the Hon. Henry Fowler, son and heir of Lord Wolverhampton, lord president of the Privy Council, and son of a Methodist minister.

DICKENS DINNER IN LONDON. Americans Join in a Celebration at the George and Vulture.

London, Dec. 22.—Several Americans were present at the Dickens dinner of the Atlantic Union last night in the George and Vulture, George Yard, Lombard street, which was a favorite resort of the novelist when he was in town.

CORNELL MEN TO GIVE CONCERT. The Cornell University Glee Club will give a concert at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Saturday evening, December 31, under the auspices of the Cornell University Club of this city.

HONORED BY FAKIRS' CLUB. Samuel T. Shaw, Founder, Gets Loving Cup at Housewarming.

The hundred and ten members of the Fakirs' Club had a housewarming last night at their clubhouse, No. 41 West 74th street.

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BRADY'S NEW PRODUCTIONS

Robert Mantell in "King Lear" Leads Long List.

William A. Brady announced yesterday his theatrical plans for the rest of the season, chief of which is the presentation of Robert Mantell in Shakespeare's "King Lear" and other plays.

Immediately following Albert Chevalier's engagement at the Hackett, Mr. Brady will produce "The Merchant of Venice" with George Broadhurst, entitled "Brought and Paid For." Next Monday night he will present James K. Hackett in "The King's Game."

The playhouse, Mr. Brady's new theatre in 48th street, will be ready, he says, by the middle of January. It will be opened by Grace George in her new play, "Sauce for the Goose."

German Tragedian Arrives. Von Posart Says He Doesn't Know of Playing with Sothern's Company.

Ernest von Posart, the German tragedian, who comes here for a season of ten weeks, arrived last night, on the North German Lloyd liner George Washington, from Bremen.

It had been announced several days ago that he was to play the part of Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," in German, with the English-speaking company of E. H. Sothern.

Passion Play in Pictures. On the afternoon and evening of Christmas Henry Ellsworth will present at the Lyric Theatre his pictorial reproduction of "Oberammergau," the famous Passion play.

Theatrical Notes. Miss Ellen Terry, who has returned to this city for the holidays after a successful lecture tour in the West, will give her lecture "Children in Shakespeare" at the Empire Theatre on Thursday, December 23, at 8 p. m.

Ernest Charles La Montagne. Many well known people, especially of the Long Island set of New York society, are thrown into mourning by the death, yesterday, of Ernest Charles La Montagne, at his home at Woodmere, Long Island.

Senora Ana de Cespedes. Paris, Dec. 22.—Senora Ana de Cespedes, de Cespedes, widow of the first President of Cuba, died here to-day.

What is Going on To-day. Free admission to the American Museum of Natural History, New York Zoological Garden, Meeting of the Iowa New Yorkers, Hotel Astor, 2 p. m.

What is Going on To-day. Christmas Eve at the Metropolitan Opera House, 8 p. m. Meeting of the New York Society for the Relief of the Colored People, 415 p. m.

What is Going on To-day. Meeting of the State Charities Aid Association, Academy of Music, No. 11 West 43d street, 8 p. m.

What is Going on To-day. Dinner of the Putnam Association, Hotel Astor, 7 p. m.

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