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tion, imperfect training and bad discipline of combatants at the front. Theoretically General KUROPATKIN was the ablest soldier that Russia could call upon in the emergency, but all his reasons for the humiliation of the empire may be reduced to his final cause of defeat, the poor tools he had to work with, and even at that he must bear the responsibility for not employing them to the best advantage.

It should be happy to assume the entire responsibility for the Japanese war. "But this would be untrue historically and injurious to the cause, for it might diminish in our army which is great, in spite of reverses—the consciousness of the importance of examining from all sides the causes of our misfortunes, in order that we may avoid them in future."

The world is little interested in bureaucratic mismanagement and inefficiency. As Russia had enough men in Manchuria for the purposes of military gendarmerie, if the commander had been equal to the test, the vital question is whether the commander had the trained men he could depend upon in a war so short that there was no time to retrain and rediscipline his army.

A campaign of six weeks against tuberculosis begins in New York to-day under the auspices of the Charity Organization Society. A feature of it that promises "the greatest good to the greatest number" will be a free exhibit of photographs, charts, models, maps and appliances, with trained attendants to explain them, at the American Museum of Natural History—the same exhibit that was maintained at the world's tuberculosis congress in Washington last September.

On almost every day conferences of physicians and health officers and meetings of laymen and organizations will be held for discussion and information, the object being to obtain the cooperation of all classes and occupations in the work of combating tuberculosis. The most eminent professional and public men have volunteered, as well as a host of others whose life work is to fight the common enemy.

It is impossible to conceive of the labor and energy and unselfishness that will contribute to the great demonstration in this city designed to be both a warning and an education for its people. A Human Game License. That old favorite of "debating societies," capital punishment, has never been more minutely debated than during the last few weeks in the French Parliament.

For the last five years the death penalty has practically been suspended through the President exercising his right of pardon. The extreme radicals and the Socialists wish to have it removed from the Code altogether, and attack it with as partisan a spirit as if the electors they represent were all potential assassins. The Moderates and moderate classes are clinging to the penalty as anxiously as if they were all probable victims. They point out that during these five years of pardoning the murder rate has gone up 30 per cent., and the total of crimes almost doubled.

It appears from an interim vote that the side inspired by the instinct of self-preservation will win, though a curious compromise, the first novelty of the debate, has just been suggested. To the proposed total abolition of the penalty, M. BERRY has moved an amendment which practically amounts to this, that no person shall be allowed to commit more than one murder in the same year. For cases where this limit is exceeded he would retain the guillotine.

that the concurrent and identical declaration made at Tokio binds only the Katsura Ministry that utters it. It certainly does not bind that Ministry's predecessor, the Saionji Cabinet, which recalled Viscount AOKI from Washington for proposing similar concurrent announcements. It will not necessarily bind the present Ministry's successor.

If then the so-called agreement arrived at by Secretary Root has nothing solid about it for the Senate to take hold of—nothing to afford a warrant for the exercise of the Senate's share of the treaty making power—shall we dismiss it as of no value? On the contrary; these solemn declarations of purpose, though they bind absolutely only those who utter them, are calculated to exert a profound and lasting influence upon the attitude of our State Department and that of the Mikado's Foreign Office. From the position taken in 1900 by Secretary HAY with regard to China's territorial integrity and the "Open Door"—although that position was defined in a declaration only—we have never swayed and are unlikely to swerve. Secretary ROOT, having announced that should an effort be made by an outside Power to encroach upon China's independence, or upon Japan's territorial possessions, or in any way to disturb the peace of the Pacific, our State Department would forthwith consider what counter measures it should take concurrently with Japan, we may feel reasonably certain that his declared intention will be noted heedfully and carried out faithfully by his successor.

For the concurrent declarations made by our State Department and the Tokio Foreign Office practically intimate that if the respective Executives should have their way they would desire reciprocally to guarantee the respective possessions of the two countries in the Far East against foreign aggression. Where two countries want the same thing and want it hard enough, it is apt to get accomplished, treaty or no treaty. Our State Department is bound by no treaty to rescue the revenues of the Dominican Republic from the clutch of its foreign creditors. Our Senate refused to sanction such a treaty. Nevertheless, we have managed to do it, to the signal advantage of that Commonwealth and to the furtherance of the peace of the Caribbean.

For years it has been the familiar complaint of the Fire Department that there was not sufficient water to supply its needs at large or threatening fires. Now, according to a correspondent whose letter is printed elsewhere in THE SUN, there is cause for fear that inside the high pressure district the department will use too much water. The danger is one that may exist, but it is much to be preferred to the old one of dry mains.

Perhaps the firemen do use too much water from the new service. It is new, and they have been trained to look for too little, not for too much. If they are too thorough in wetting down it is a fault that can be cured, one that familiarity with the new system will do away with in time. The new weapon needs trained men acquainted with its powers and capable of using it with caution and with reason. The officers of the department may be too generous with water now, but this is a fault they will outgrow.

The high pressure service calls for men who understand it. When they are provided, as they will be soon, the town may see a situation in which there will be neither too little nor too much water at fires. Then the insurance rates will reflect accurately the value of the high pressure fire service. Representative AUGUSTUS F. PABODY GARDNER of Massachusetts believes that if the present methods of legislation in the House are unsatisfactory the rule should be amended, and that abuse of the Speaker by the men who gave him the power he has is not only unfair but silly. Mr. GARDNER must be blind to the advertising possibilities of attacks on Mr. CANNON.

The authorities at Ottawa having affirmed the validity of the anti-automobile act of Prince Edward Island, those old fashioned people who abhor an automobile may now resort to a region where the horn of a car is never heard. Prince Edward Island lies east of New Brunswick and north of Nova Scotia in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. There is room enough on the island for all persons who have an antipathy to the automobile if they can get there. Prince Edward is 150 miles long, thirty-five miles in extreme breadth, with an area of 2,133 square miles. About two-thirds of it is under cultivation, the rest in timber. The surface is rolling, the greatest elevation being about 500 feet. For scenery the island is not especially famous, but the marine views are pleasing, and the low sandy nature of the coast is occasionally relieved by red sandstone cliffs that reach a height of 100 feet. Springs are abundant and the roads fairly good. No fault can be found with the climate in summer, and the island is not so frequently wrapped in fog as the coastal mainland. Prince Edward Island has been called the Garden of the Gulf, and it is the gardeners or farmers who by combining for the free and uninterrupted transportation of their products have excluded the automobile. There are few manufactures, and the tillers of the soil are supreme. Scotch, English, Irish and Acadian French form the most part, with a sprinkling of Micmac Indians, the people are peaceful and home loving lot, who welcome the alien hospitably, but Prince Edward Island does not loom large in the guide books as a summer resort, lacking the attractions of Cape Breton, for instance. Yet for a life of simple pleasures, where few do not sleep because everybody is abed by 9 o'clock and there is no occasion for speed laws, Prince Edward has few equals. Compared with it Nantucket, another anti-motor land, is pandemonium in the vacation season.

Representative-elect WILLIAM H. WILBY of the Eighth New Jersey Congress district, who defeated L. G. CLAY, the present member, says that he will introduce in the Sixty-first Congress his bill, twice neglected by the Committee on Banking and Currency in the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congresses, providing that paper money when once returned to the Treasury for redemption shall not be used again. If clean paper money is a hobby of Mr. WILBY it is one that physicians, as well as business men, will approve of, and a kind of currency reform that everybody can understand. "The evil" (of dirty paper notes), says Mr. WILBY, "is as much worse in the West than it is in the East, but it is bad enough even in our own section." Some of the paper money in circulation is positively filthy. Bacteriological tests are not needed to prove the danger to the public health. There seems to be no means of preventing the circulation of the filthy money, and the only remedy is to reduce the volume of unclean paper money to a minimum by prohibiting its issue. To do this would no doubt involve some expense and extra labor in the Treasury Department, for the amount of such paper money in circulation is enormous. But what of the cost to the people of making them use the unsanitary money? If the (CANTON) comes as the representative of a country with whom we have intimate relations his position will be embarrassing. If he comes as an individual he ought evidently to be asked to resign from a branch paper.

LOST IN AUSTRALIAN BUSH. Miner's Experience in Attempting to Cross the Interior in the Dry Season. Emily Donner in the London Field. To be lost in the vast Australian bush during the summer months may safely be regarded as one of the most terrible experiences which can befall a man, and the list of explorers, prospectors and others who have perished by the cruel death of thirst is unfortunately a long one. I had come down from Brisbane, on the 17th inst., to Adelaide with a friend for a holiday after a rather lengthy spell of monotonous station life, and hearing that things were booming in the great silver mines of Broken Hill, in New South Wales, we decided to try our luck there.

My experiences of the Australian bush were at that time rather limited, but my mate, a native of South Australia, was an excellent bushman, as he had often proved. We set out on our journey on the 20th inst., together on the station. We had also come across a miner who having accomplished the journey on foot himself gave us full directions as to certain landmarks, such as blazed trees, and carefully instructed us as to the proper use of our water. With rather heavy packs but light hearts, we started merrily off, little dreaming of the trouble in store for us. For the first week or ten days we managed very well, coming across farms and stations where we were able to get a little rest and refreshment, but as we reached the less populated country, but still we trudged hopefully onward in spite of the heat and the scarcity of water.

One night as we were going through an outlying cattle station we struck a lonely hut where we were kindly welcomed by an old Scotch shepherd, who was genuinely glad to see fresh faces in his isolated little dwelling. We told the old man of our plans, and he shook his head very doubtfully and started us back to the bush. He said that the few creeks and lagoons were all empty, while the dams had been dried up for some considerable time. But Charlie, who had made up his mind to push on, if hungry, able to do so, and I was naturally relying on his thorough bush knowledge. The old shepherd on hearing our decision gave us full directions as far as he was able, explaining to us the exact position of certain dams, and the direction of the creeks. Early the following morning we started off, again rested and refreshed, with our water bags and bladders full, having taken leave of the old shepherd, and went on our way. We had not gone far when we were met by a man who had been sent to look for us. He told us that the water was all gone, and that we were in a very bad way. We were then taken to a dam, and our water bags were refilled. We then went on our way, but the burning sand, filling our boots, made walking simple agony. By the evening we were all so exhausted that we could not stir a step, and I was unable to get up. I was then taken to a dam, and our water bags were refilled. We then went on our way, but the burning sand, filling our boots, made walking simple agony. By the evening we were all so exhausted that we could not stir a step, and I was unable to get up. I was then taken to a dam, and our water bags were refilled. We then went on our way, but the burning sand, filling our boots, made walking simple agony. By the evening we were all so exhausted that we could not stir a step, and I was unable to get up. I was then taken to a dam, and our water bags were refilled. 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