

UNITED STATES TO JOIN IN EXPLORATION OF SEA

Permanent International Council to Take Up Unusual Work in the Ocean Bottom.

To acquire a thorough knowledge of the commercial fishes of the Atlantic Ocean, to apply that knowledge in the interest of fishing and fishermen, and to advise the co-operating governments in all matters pertaining to the preservation of the fish supply, the development of the fisheries, and the regulation of the fisheries, such are the objects of the permanent international council for the exploration of the sea, which, through the State Department, has officially invited the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce and Labor, to become a member as the representative of the United States government.

In this connection Dr. Hugh M. Smith, acting as deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries, states that the important fishery problems that are demanding attention in Europe are almost identical with those which have arisen or are destined to arise on the western shores of the Atlantic, and it will be of great advantage to the United States to be able to participate in and profit directly by the studies conducted by the leading fishery authorities and experts of Western Europe.

The preservation of the American salmon, the solution of the mystery enveloping the disappearance of the mackerel, and the question of trawl fishing are considered by American fishery experts ripe subjects for international co-operation.

There are now ten countries represented in the council by official delegates with full powers—Great Britain, Germany, Russia, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Finland. It owes its origin to an invitation some years ago by the Swedish government to the other states interested in the fisheries of the Northern European coast to a conference in Stockholm, at which plans should be drawn for the exploration and investigation of the sea in behalf of the fishing industry.

Later a conference was held in Christiania, on the invitation of the Norwegian government, and finally the States represented at these two conferences decided, by the formal votes of their respective parliaments, to enter into the proposed work, and upon the solicitation of the Danish government the delegates assembled in Copenhagen in 1902, with full power to constitute themselves an international council.

For the elucidation of vital fishery problems that are common to the two sides of the Atlantic, the governments of the United States and Canada have now been officially requested to join the council.

Each nation participating in this work contributes a certain fixed sum for the administrative and other expenses of the council. The amount which the United States will be required to contribute is \$100,000, which equals the contributions of Great Britain, Russia, Germany, France, and Holland. The minor powers, Belgium, Sweden, and Denmark, etc., are assessed for smaller sums.

Dr. Smith states that the council has never indulged in altruistic scientific investigations with no practical object in view, but has always addressed its inquiries to definite economic questions of

vital importance to the fishing industry. He detailed some very interesting examples of the work that has already been done in connection with the development of fisheries on the Western European coast.

The fishery problems of Western Europe are the fishery problems of Eastern America. All of the great commercial fishes are identical on the two sides of the ocean—the cod, the haddock, the salmon, and the herring. All the economic questions affecting fishery resources that have arisen in Europe during the past 100 years of active fishing will sooner or later arise in America, and some of them are already demanding attention.

The knowledge gained from the council by the Bureau of Fisheries with regard to the fisheries of the North Atlantic coast will be very useful in the consideration of the welfare of the fisheries of the entire country, and will be especially valuable in the administration of the fisheries of Alaska. The physical and vital conditions of the waters of the northwest coast of the United States are so similar to those of the northwest coast of Europe that the knowledge and experience of the world's greatest fishery experts is offered at a nominal cost.

DIES AS NEW YEAR DAWNS.
Girl Commits Suicide in Baltimore Just at Midnight.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 1.—An reveler made the wistful ring with their welcome of the new year, Mary Vincent, twenty years old, a domestic employed by Mrs. Annie Russell 612 Eastern avenue, drank carbolic acid last midnight and died a short time afterward. What prompted the girl to take her life is a mystery. It was stated this morning by Mrs. Russell that a friend who left the city about a week ago had been very attentive to the girl, and after his departure she became despondent.

New State's Attorney in Charge.
Rockville, Md., Jan. 1.—W. Outerbridge Spawts subscribed to the oath of office before Judge Edward C. Peter here today and took charge of the office of State's attorney for Montgomery County, to which position he was elected in November. He succeeds Bowie F. Waters. The law-changing system of compensation from fees to a salary becomes effective to-day, so Mr. Spawts will receive an annual salary of \$2,000 during the four years of his term.

Charged with Murder.
Newhope, Ala., Jan. 1.—Clark Adams of Newhope, was arrested to-day charged with the murder of William Spears, a well-to-do farmer, who was shot to death yesterday. Spears' head was blown off with a shotgun.

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CHINA'S BOY EMPEROR

Nearly six years have come and gone since the birth of that tiny morsel of humanity, "Pu Yi," whose name was issued recently on one of the most momentous edicts ever proclaimed by a "Son of Heaven." While his baby-majesty at this writing still occupies the throne of his Manchu ancestors, he seems to have emerged in the new and-to that dynasty—strange capacity of a constitutional monarch, with a responsible minister to advise him and a parliament to make his laws. All efforts to expel the "divine" ruler have been foiled by Yuan Shih Kai, the man of the hour. It is further from the intentions of that statesman to permit the deposition of the little boy who localizes in his chubby person a dynasty that can be traced back distinctly to the days of Confucius.

Yuan Shih Kai it was who foiled the plan of the present Empress Dowager to fly to one of the ancient Chinese capitals with the boy Emperor as a hostage. The child still leads within the precincts of the Forbidden City that life of pomp and ceremonial which tends more and more to undermine his somewhat precarious health. Any day may, to be sure, bring news of the flight of the dynasty, provided always that the masterful Princess Yehonala can evade the vigilance of little Pu Yi's mother. The long and bitter struggle between these women for possession of the person of Pu Yi affords a clue to many recent mysteries of Peking.

Grief in the most poignant form has set its seal upon the Chinese Emperor's countenance when he was but three years old. Tragedy came into his life when he was first separated from his mother. That separation was decreed by the masterful Princess Yehonala, who succeeded to the power within the Forbidden City which for so long a time had made the late Empress Dowager a veritable Jester of China.

The princess attaches the utmost importance to a way over the mind of the "Son of Heaven." She fears the influence of the child's mother as the one conspicuous obstacle to the supreme power at which she aims. For some reason the baby Pu Yi has conceived a dislike for the lady who heads the powerful Yehonala clan. She has striven in every way to wean him from his parents. Many an hour has she spent in fondling him, to sing to him in a voice which is the admiration of the whole court. These blandishments proving vain, the child was one day carried bodily from his tiny crib to the Princess Yehonala's suite. Not once has he ever returned to his mother's care. Even the hideous etiquette of the Chinese court had to give way, however, to the imperial baby's grief at being torn from the arms of his mother. He refused all food and visibly pined away. At last the imperial physicians refused to assume responsibility

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TO STOP SNORERS.
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LIVE STOCK MARKET.
New York, Jan. 1.—In the live stock market to-day there was no lack of buyers and the market was well supplied. The market was well supplied. The market was well supplied.

Getting Off Easy.
From the Christmas Post.
Adam in the Garden of Eden had just named the animals.
"A pretty big job," he announced, "but just think of the fellow who will have to name all the diseases!"
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