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Wrong on the Throne: We may as well recognize the fact, unpalatable as it may seem, that the monarch is not a ruler in the modern sense.

General Wood's Decision: General Wood's decision to accept the position of Chief of Staff of the Army is a significant event in military history.

Spain's Situation: The situation in Spain remains tense, with the Nationalist forces continuing their advance against the Republic.

General Wood's Decision (continued): General Wood's acceptance of the Chief of Staff position is seen as a move towards greater military efficiency.

Spain's Situation (continued): The Spanish Civil War continues to draw international attention, with various nations offering support to different sides.

General Wood's Decision (continued): The appointment of General Wood is a testament to the high regard in which he is held by the military establishment.

Spain's Situation (continued): The Republic's forces are struggling to maintain their hold on the northern coast of Spain.

General Wood's Decision (continued): The new Chief of Staff will face the challenge of reorganizing the Army for modern warfare.

Spain's Situation (continued): The Nationalist forces have captured several key cities in the south.

General Wood's Decision (continued): The military community is looking forward to the implementation of General Wood's plans.

Spain's Situation (continued): The war in Spain is expected to continue for some time longer.

General Wood's Decision (continued): The appointment of General Wood is a significant step in the modernization of the Army.

Spain's Situation (continued): The Republic's forces are making gains in the north.

campaign than distant strategists who depend on him for their information. It was for this reason that the War Department has left General Oatis free to plan his own movements.

It is to be considered that he was satisfied with the number of men he had. If he had thought he needed more to carry out his purpose, he could have had them. It is true that he made a grievous mistake as to the possibility of pocketing the main body of Aguinaldo's forces.

It is not known why General Oatis, apparently satisfied with the number of his troops, and with the navy to help him, should have left the posts garrisoned by Spaniards fall into rebel hands.

General Gomez has earned the bitter enmity of a small faction of Cubans, who have failed to obtain office with large pay and little work. The bomb thrown at a parade in Manzanilla was the work of his frantic enemies.

Because it could not have a perpetual lease and the power to fix a ten-cent fare, the railway corporation that offered to construct a rapid transit underground system for New York has withdrawn its proposition.

Additional advice is expected from Admiral Kautz in a few days should the situation warrant his cabling in detail whatever of importance may have transpired since the last report.

The report in the Paris cablegram in The Times, this morning, in relation to the Dreyfus case, must strike the American jurist with wonder.

The time of the departure of the Samoan Commission from San Francisco is yet a question of some doubt, although it is thought it will be delayed.

Perhaps this would be technically right; probably it is the custom not to enter into the merits of a case under such an application, but to limit the hearing to the question whether the new evidence is relevant and ample.

This does not mean that the hopes of his wife and friends and of the civilized world are blasted. The court will, if its present intention is carried out, intimate that an appeal for revision on other grounds will be sustained, and the attorneys for Dreyfus are preparing a new application.

It is anticipated that before leaving town for the summer many housekeepers will have an accumulation of old magazines, etc., to dispose of. If they will notify Mrs. L. A. Chamberlain, 1621 Nineteenth Street Northwest, she will send for the books and pack them for shipment to the army.

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less interesting work than he has done. He has not actually tendered his resignation, as there will be time for him to reconsider his action between now and the adjournment of the Fifty-sixth Congress, but those who know Mr. Reed are satisfied that his decision is final.

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GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

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OUTLAWRY IN CUBA.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 20.—When I left Santiago the mountain bandits were apparently in full swing, robbing right and left on the roads that lead to the city, and even resorting to murder.

These bandits are mostly all men who belonged to the Cuban army, joining it, however, for nefarious purposes whenever possible. They are at present engaged in leaving Congress the majority of political forecasters think that Mr. Reed has said farewell to any future political ambition.

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SOFT COAL PRODUCTION.

Statistics of the George's Creek and Cumberland Regions. Cumberland, Md., April 20.—Last week 91,644.84 tons of coal were shipped by rail and 3,018.16 tons by canal from the George's Creek-Cumberland region.

Of the output to April 15, 832,119.13 tons were delivered to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and local points, an increase of 31,459.11 tons, and 338,522.15 tons to the Pennsylvania, an increase of 14,477.14 tons. The shipments from both the Cumberland and West Virginia central regions are so far nearly 100,000 tons in excess of last year to April 15.

Operators report that Cumberland coal has had decidedly the preference over other coals during the first quarter of 1939 and is likely to keep on growing. It finds a most ready market everywhere. Freight, it is stated, will run higher this year than last, about 30 cents a ton as an average, for vessels and barges are few and other lines of trade more attractive.

Coke shipments on the Baltimore and Ohio are very heavy at present, and the prospect is that there will be a large increase in the near future. There is a strong probability that the mines at Harding, W. Va., on the Bellingham extension, will soon be reopened. The Davis Coal and Coke Company has purchased all the land in the immediate vicinity.

DEPARTMENT STORE BURNED. Heavy Loss at New Castle, Pa., Caused by Flames. New Castle, Pa., April 19.—Fire in the four-story department store of J. N. Sawyer's Sons, located in the business center of the city, gutted the building yesterday, entailing a total loss of between \$125,000 and \$175,000.

The fire originated in the basement and the smoke so quickly filled the entire building that many of the clerks, fifty in number, had to be rescued. The fire started in the basement, where a number of men were working. They were rescued with much difficulty. All the fire engines were called out, and for a time it was feared the entire block would be destroyed.

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NOTES OF THE DAY.

Many even poor children saw the "Celestial Empire," spent from 25 to 25 cent of their income in idol worship, which practically ends their lives.

It is announced that Queen Victoria will confer a peerage on the widow of Mrs. Henschel, who will become a countess in her own right, with remainder to her only son, Richard, who will come of age next May.

People in the Arctic region can converse when more than a mile apart, because there the air, being cold and dense, is a very good conductor; and the smooth surface of the ice also favors the transmission of sound.

John Strang, the composer of so many excellent songs, died at his home in London, on whom a long life of struggle has told its tale. He is crippled by rheumatism, and finds chief solace in his pipe and lager beer.

Experiments have been made lately by French government officials to determine whether it is possible to enable persons to converse without putting their mouth and ear to the apparatus, the words being distinctly audible in any part of the room.

The East Greenlanders journey round to West Greenland to get smelt, and will consume four years' stock in a mile apart, because there the air, being cold and dense, is a very good conductor; and the smooth surface of the ice also favors the transmission of sound.

An immortal soul, certainly the largest in the world, is at Haven House, a large promontory extending 2,000 feet above the Aegean Sea. As the sun swings round the shadow of this mountain it is like a circle of light, a circle of islands, which act as boat markers.

Mr. Mordant M. Muns, supposed to have been the oldest workman in the United Kingdom, died. He attained the ripe age of ninety-three years. He was a native of Devon, and had been a farmer, and until recently was to be seen cycling in and about Exeter, near London.

Charles H. Black, president of the Massachusetts Highway Association and newly appointed superintendent of paving for Havana, for eight years held a similar position in his native town. He will be accompanied to Cuba by his daughter, Miss Black, who has held a similar position in the Havana schools.

A young actress named Edith Davitt, performing at the Sanson Opera, in Vienna, has been fined 10 shillings for appearing on the stage in a corset. She was fined because she was in line in Austria, the corset forbidding both military and ecclesiastical costumes as well as all other articles of dress.

Grand Duke Constantine of Russia recently asked the part of Hamlet in a translation of his own from Shakespeare before the Czar and Czarina and the Russian court. "The Grand Duke's conception of the part was quite original," says the London Standard. He had the part of Hamlet in the character differed from that seen on the stage.

A London architect has just sold the large library of Mr. J. E. Deane, who was editor of the "Standard" for nearly a quarter of a century. The collection contained almost exclusively modern books in all branches of literature, including a great number of presentation copies. It was a curious fact that most of the books were found to be unbound.

Since July 12 twelve merchant vessels have been named by their owners after Admiral Buxton, six after Admiral Sampson, two after Admiral Schley, one for Ensign Worth Bagley, one for Bob Evans, one for Gen. Joe Wheeler, and one for Fitzhugh Lee. The vessels are named in honor of the merchant marine thus far this year by one Maine, three Oregon, two Texas, two Oklahoma, one Rhode Island, and one Massachusetts.

Hermann Muller, leading actor at the Berlin Deutsches Theatre, killed himself recently in an unusual manner. After putting a blank cartridge in a pistol he filled the barrel with water and then fired into his mouth. His head was blown away, and he was killed. He was best known through his work in the new school of plays by Henschel, Suderman, and others.

An experiment in storing eggs was recently tried at Leith, where some 50,000 Scotch, Irish, and Danish eggs were sealed in an apparatus for four months, after which only a small proportion of them were found spoiled. The air in the store was cooled to 50 degrees below zero, and the eggs, which were turned periodically to keep the yolk surrounded with albumen. This is done by machinery.

Major Lamar Fontaine, the author of "All's Quiet Along the Potomac Tonight," is now a civil engineer, living in Lyon, Miss. He first saw service with the Russians in the Crimea, and at Sebastopol received the Iron Cross for gallantry. He was also a member of the staff of the Confederate army in twenty-seven battles and fifty-seven skirmishes, was wounded sixty-seven times, and has received many decorations.

In a letter home one of the Kansas boys in Manila said that when General Miller was organizing his expedition to Iloilo he asked General Oatis to assign the Twentieth Kansas to his command, giving as a reason that the men had been in the Philippines for a long time, and he knew them and had confidence in them, and believed they would stand their ground in any fight. "That's all right," said General Oatis, "I need them here."

It is believed by a large number of Missouri people that a great part of the booty taken by Quantrell and his famous raiders from Lawrence, Kan., in September of 1856, now lies buried in a great mound 150 feet high in Bates county, Mo. From time to time searching parties have dug holes in the mound, but none have succeeded in finding anything. Another party of treasure-seekers has now gone to the spot to take up the search.