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**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

There are five candidates in the field for the Governorship of California, among them the famous Dr. O'Donnell. The four to be left may come down here and compete for the gubernatorial roost on Ocean Island.

The Paris press is exciting the populace by boasting that France now possesses the most powerful army in Europe. Wonder if Honolulu would become excited over the reiteration of the fact that Hawaii has the most powerful army in Polynesia!

The latest news received by the Mariposa on Saturday is that the occupation of Bulgaria by Russia is a certainty. A plot to provoke a rebellion in the chief centres of Bulgaria on October 15th, as a prelude to a Russian occupation on November 9th, had been discovered. An article from a New Zealand paper elsewhere gives a comprehensive summary of the situation.

**FOREIGN NEWS**

**Bulgaria Stands Firm Against Russian Aggression.**

The following summary of the latest European news is from the Auckland, N. Z., Herald of October 12th:—

The Bulgarian Regency having declined the ultimatum of the Russian agent requiring the release of the prisoners implicated in Prince Alexander's deposition and the postponement of the elections, and having also issued a diplomatic note to the Great Powers protesting against General Kaulbars' action in his tour of the provinces, has assumed yet higher ground. A circular has been addressed by it to the foreign consuls in Bulgaria threatening the expulsion of foreigners if they continue to meddle with the elections for the National Assembly now proceeding. There can be no doubt as to the significance of this action. It is made to have a general bearing, but it at the same time has a special aim, as it is well known that the agents of Russia are the only parties against whom it is directed. This is made very evident, even if there were no other grounds for the conclusion, by the fact that the Russian consul is the only one who has taken offense at the Regency's action. This arrogant official has, it is said, returned the circular suspended relations with the Regency, and awaits instruction from General Kaulbars as to his future course. What the orders of his coarse superior will be, may be inferred from previous occurrences. A recommendation of any other than an impertinent and offensive policy could not be looked for from a man of General Kaulbars' character. His advice to the consul will doubtless be to interfere still with the elections as much as he possibly can. What else could be expected from one who has been endeavoring to excite treason in the Bulgarian army, and to bribe its officers in command. And this advice he will be all the more disposed to give that he will interpret the threat of expulsion as being specially directed against himself. For it is not alone the consuls that are referred to in the circular but any foreigner who may interfere with the people in the exercise of their elective rights. And, of all who may have erred in this way, General Kaulbars is himself the greatest sinner. On him, therefore, the effect of the circular will be to compel him either to desist from his seditious practices, or to assume a more defiant attitude. And judging from the past the latter is the course he is almost certain to elect. True, his attempts to excite treason in the Bulgarian army or people have failed; but this will only dispose him to resort to conduct more outrageous, as his mission is by some means or other to create a pretext for Russia's armed intervention in Bulgaria. Looked at from this point of view, the bold front put on by the Regency may to some appear to be impolitic. More closely examined, however, it is suggestive of

the fact that its members feel more sure of their ground. And there can be no doubt that they do so feel. For, the speech of M. Tisza and Lord Randolph Churchill and the unmistakable signs of an Anglo-Austrian alliance must have assured them that Russia will not be allowed to trample roughshod over the rights of the Bulgarian people and that despite the German alliance, she will be made to understand that it will be at her peril if she dare flagrantly to violate the provisions of the Berlin treaty, which prohibit the interference of a foreign Power in the internal government of the Balkan Principalities. Of this much the Bulgarian Government must have satisfied themselves before venturing to tell the officials of the Czar, that their further intermeddling with the elections will be attended with certain penalties. The Court of St. Petersburg will therefore have either to moderate its pretensions and observe the abstinence the Regency demands, or by increasing these, force an appeal to the sword. And this morning's cables show that the latter is the alternative to which, as we have always said, Russia's antecedents have committed her. The plot for effecting an insurrection at the various centres of Bulgaria, on the 15th instant, preliminary to a Russian occupation of that country on the 9th November, is quite in keeping with the whole of General Kaulbars' procedure, and the massing of forces at Odessa is obviously in anticipation of the intended hostile movement. Among military authorities in Austria and Roumania, there seems no longer any doubt of a Balkan invasion by Russia, and the reported nervous excitement of the Czar is a sure portent that the plunge into war is at length about to be taken.

**Funeral of Mr. Brown.**

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Brown, Registrar of Conveyances, took place from St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. There was a large gathering, many people being unable to gain admission to the building.

Among others were present Hon. A. F. Judd, Chief Justice and Chancellor; Hon. E. Preston, Second Associate Justice; Hon. J. L. Kaulkou, Marshal of the Kingdom; Hons. J. S. Walker, A. S. Cleghorn, S. G. Wilder, J. E. Bush, S. Parker, W. F. Allen, W. C. Parke, Paul Neumann, and S. B. Dole; Rev. W. C. Merritt, besides the officiating clergymen; Major J. H. Wodehouse, H. B. M. Commissioner, Capt. Luce, Prof. Alexander, Mr. F. A. Schaefer, Italian Consul; Mr. H. Macfarlane, Acting Danish Consul; Mr. H. F. Glade, Austro-Hungarian Consul; Mr. A. de S. Canavaro, Portuguese Consul, and Mr. J. A. Hassinger, First Clerk of the Interior, together with the chief mourners, sons of the deceased and Rev. A. Mackintosh.

The coffin was of handsome design, with silver mountings, and there was a beautiful display of floral offerings in crosses and other symbolic designs. Rev. Geo. Wallace conducted the services, assisted by Rev. W. H. Barnes. There was a very large procession to the cemetery. Government offices were closed and official flags flying at half-mast during the day, out of respect to the memory of the aged and esteemed citizen and faithful public servant.

**Rather Rough.**

A member of Engine Company No. 2 absorbed more stimulant than was good for him after the fire. On arriving at the engine house he lay down and fell into a heavy sleep. Some of his comrades knocked together a rude coffin, into which they laid the slumbering form, placing lighted candles and a cross in position about it. Then they asked loiterers in the wake, and among others a Chinaman, who was very much frightened when the supposed corpse gave a loud snore. When the fireman woke up he was horrified at the situation, and would have taken vengeance on the practical jesters, but none of them could be found to own up to the ghastly and irreverent prank.

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