

Threatening weather with probably snow flurries; continued cold northerly winds.

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PLANNING THE PARTITION

Russia and Germany Have a Thorough Understanding.

ENGLAND'S HANDS ARE TIED

Opera Bouffe Performances of the Kaiser Excite Ridicule, But Apprehension as Well—German Papers Look at the Commercial Side.

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London, Dec. 18.—It is now an indisputable fact that Germany has an understanding with Russia as regards the partition of China. As is also known St. Petersburg is displeased with the Kaiser's theatrical send-off of his brother, Prince Henry. The czar would have preferred something more in keeping with Russian official etiquette. But Russia's displeasure will not hamper the carrying out of their scheme.

Today's Vienna dispatch, reporting that the Russians have looked at Port Arthur and taken possession of it, is not confirmed, and is not likely to be for the Russian policy contemplated a pacific diplomatic and unopposed procedure, giving the sick man of Asia the same treatment that has been found effective in dealing with the sick man of Europe. The only possible explanation of the reported action at Port Arthur would be that it was not Russia's intention that Germany should actually initiate the partition.

A Russian diplomat thus describes the situation: "Nobody could help foreseeing a possible outbreak over China and therefore it was necessary to clearly define spheres of influence and our possession and influence in Germany. Thus we gave carte blanche to Germany for the development of her commerce in China while we remain the friends and defenders of China. Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, well knows that 'friend and defender' is another form."

After the Chinese war the people of Berlin waited for some sign of German attitude. For instance during La Heng-Chang's visit to that city, but it never came. Their disappointed hopes are now to be realized in another form.

The English papers show the German undertaking in China with the same unfriendliness as it showed to the German colonial acquisitions in Africa. The English long ago grew accustomed to competing in distant lands with the Russians and Frenchmen, but the new rival in the east is a more powerful and more aggressive power. The chief German national paper of Vienna, the Deutsche Zeitung, is gleeful over England's plight and critic.

"Pale fare will penetrate John Bull's marrow. The falxity that Britannia rules the waves is now gone forever, and the hour of the German world policy has struck. It is a historical moment. The scenes at Kiel mark a new era of glory and prosperity for the Kaiser. Prince Henry, who is to be crowned in the south of Europe, played with the war party until it got beyond his control. The czar then warned King George that the Turks would occupy Athens, and that his dynasty would be overthrown. King George finally entered into an agreement with Russia, the latter promising the Turks should not go beyond the Taurus, provided no real stand was made against them; that the Greek forces in Epirus would not seriously oppose against them; and that the Greek fleet would remain inactive. All these agreements were carried out, the crown prince, Prince George and Col. Vassos all having secret orders from the King."

The Daily Chronicle, which continues to champion the cause of the Greek royal family, professes to know that the story is untrue.

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INTERMEDIATE STRIKE.

The betrayal was formally consummated at the recent annual caucus of the Liberal federation without a protest.

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IS KING GEORGE A TRAITOR.

Sensational Charge by Mr. Labouchere in Truth.

London, Dec. 18.—Truth, Henry Labouchere's paper, prints a sensational article in which it lays at the door of King George of Greece the responsibility for the Turkish successes. The article virtually accuses them of treason, and asserts that they were acting under the direction of the czar. The text of the article is as follows:

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It is sensationally stated in St. Petersburg that Russia has no idea of occupying the place of any of the powers in the Far East.

ENGLAND IS AMUSED.

But John Bull May Find That He Who Laughs Last Laughs Best.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Evening Post's special correspondent in London sees a serious side to the German Emperor's theatrical gaudiness at Kiel. He says: "The harbor of Kiel, which had been destroyed by the Japanese, was being reconstructed by the Germans. The harbor was being reconstructed by the Germans. The harbor was being reconstructed by the Germans."

The average Englishman, who is laughing loudly today, probably will be puzzling his brains next week as to whether the German craze for naval power is not a thing to be reckoned with. It may have been

SEVEN COACHES WRECKED

Smashed to Kindling Wood on the Northwestern Road.

NONE KILLED, BUT MANY HURT

Train Running at the Rate of Seventy-five Miles an Hour—Two Hundred and Forty Passengers in the Cars—Jumped in Their Nightclothes into the Snow.

Vail, Iowa, Dec. 18.—The overland limited on the Northwestern Railroad was wrecked here this morning in a most extraordinary manner. A dangle look on the rear of the mail car caught in a switch and the train was running at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour. The switch was thrown, and three Pullmans, two tourist and two ordinary coaches were dashed to pieces. Though 240 passengers were aboard, not a single death ensued, but twenty-six were more or less hurt.

Every car behind the mail car, which caused the wreck, was thrown from the rails, turned over a number of times and all reduced to splinters. The engine and two mail cars remained on the track. The scope of the wreck is the bottom of a long steep grade. Down this the limited train rushed with increasing speed every moment. It had reached the highest possible momentum when the crash came. When the switch was unlocked by the broken rod the rear of the train was swayed to and fro, and the mail car, which was the last car, was thrown from the rails and ran nearly a mile before it stopped. Here a terrible scene was presented. Several dozen passengers in their nightclothes had already crawled from the splintered coaches, and huddled and groans from the pile of debris indicated that many were hurt. Fire broke out in the baggage car and as the flames lit up the scene, the victims within the wrecked cars renewed their screams.

The weather was intensely cold. People in the village hurried to the wreck, and the passengers were taken out of the wreckage and taken to the hospital. Not a death occurred. All the passengers were with fright for some time, but the intense cold striking them as they rushed from the cars into the snow, had brought them rapidly to their senses. The sleeper in his naked feet suffered from frostbite. In the case of the woman and children his was very severe and the injured from this source alone will be over one hundred.

In the wrecked train of passengers had arrived from Omaha and the wounded were dispatched to the Omaha hospital. Not one is in such condition as to cause apprehension.

ZANOLI CEASES TO WEEP.

Warned That Tears Would Lose Him Public Sympathy.

New York, Dec. 18.—Charles Zanoli stopped crying long enough this morning to allow his arraignment in the center street police court upon a charge of murder. He quit weeping at the request of the judge, Stephen O'Hare, who drew him aside when he entered the courtroom and warned him that unless he stopped his tears he would lose the sympathy of the public.

THIRTEEN DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

Helen Coppage Living on Nothing But Water.

New York, Dec. 18.—Helen Coppage, the young woman who is living on water only at a museum here, entered today upon the thirteenth day of her fast. She has lost seventeen pounds since she quit eating food. Her mother, who is constantly watching the faster, said she has taken an affidavit that Miss Coppage has taken no food of any description since she began her fast.

Dr. M. Terleth, who is in attendance upon Miss Coppage, stated today that her weight was 185 pounds, and her weight is now 168 pounds. She drank twenty-seven ounces of water yesterday, about her usual allowance. Miss Coppage was very restless last night, and was reported to be feeling badly today.

BELOW ZERO IN CHICAGO.

Much Suffering Among the Poor of the Great City.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The cold wave still hovers over Chicago. The lowest temperature registered this winter was reached today—1 degree below zero. Much suffering is being done by the poor. The Commercial Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, reported to Mayor Harrison today that the army had provided thirty-four shelter places for the destitute and could accommodate 5,000 persons nightly. Intense cold is reported from the north. Battle Ford, Minn., with 34 degrees below zero being the coldest. At St. Paul and Huron it was 10 degrees below.

Kentucky Distiller Fails.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 18.—Richard Monarch, one of the largest distillers in Kentucky, failed today. His liabilities will run up close to a million dollars. He met with his nominal assets of three-fourths of that amount. He operated the Monarch distillery in his own name, and it was a big concern. He was president of two others and controlled their stock. Among them was the Eagle, the finest distillery in western Kentucky. Owensboro banks are the creditors chiefly.

VICTIM OF COWARDICE.

Terriss' Life Might Have Been Saved by Prompt Interference.

MR. BRYAN WILL NOT TALK

He Is Cheerful and Dines With Secretary Gage.

Senator Teller Gives His Reasons for Opposing the Chicago Map for the Chinese Mission.

London, Dec. 18.—One of the ugliest sides of the story of the murder of William Terriss, the actor, is the abject cowardice of several of the bystanders. The commissionaire who eventually seized the assassin says that a crowd was near when Terriss, seeing the knife in the hand of Prince or Archer, cried for help. It seems certain that a blow from a fist or a trip of the heel would have saved Terriss' life, but the stage door boys shrunk back when they saw the steel.

The United States Senate may decide to keep Mr. Charles Page Bryan away from the Orient, but it can't keep him from enjoying life in the Occident.

Last evening he dined at the home of his personal friend, Secretary Gage, and when seen by a Times reporter gave an outward sign that the adverse criticism of the past day or two had ruffled his temper or blunted his appetite.

Mr. Bryan was not in the mood to be devoured, but it is hardly to be expected that he would be so. He is sufficient to defeat him if the President should insist upon having his appointee go through. The name of Mr. Bryan was sent to the Senate by the President on the 12th of December. He had not yet been confirmed by the Senate. The President requested that the protest that received him caused him to take the nomination again under advisement.

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STOLE MONEY RIGHT AND LEFT.

Leaves Louisville With a Shortage Amounting to \$50,000.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—Joseph Clarke, a local agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, has left the city with a big shortage in his accounts and with debts that amount to \$50,000. He had the reputation of being the best life insurance solicitor in the city, and had written many big policies.

MIS. BOOTH'S ILLNESS.

Overexertion Caused the Rupture of a Blood Vessel.

New York, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Billington Booth has been in a room of the Presbyterian Hospital since last Monday, and it is thought she will be obliged to remain there for some time yet. She is not critically ill, but she requires rest and careful attention. Her condition was brought on, it is said, by over-exertion, and at first cause both Commander Booth and herself were apprehensive. She feared that she had ruptured a blood vessel.

THE BARKER MYSTERY.

No Tidings Yet From the Missing Norfolk Councilman.

TWO FALOUS SKELETONS.

Voltaire's and Rousseau's Found in Excellent Condition.

GEORGIA MERCHANTS PROTEST.

They Want No Colored Collector or Postmaster in Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 18.—A joint meeting of the Cotton Exchange and the Board of Trade was called today to be held on the Cotton Exchange floor, on Monday, December 29, at 1 p. m. To consider matters of importance to this port.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Washington Herald, one of Chicago's best known German American citizens, proprietor and editor of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, the city's leading German daily newspaper, postmaster of the city under President Cleveland's last administration and a candidate for the mayoralty at last spring's election on an independent ticket, died suddenly this evening.

Mr. Hesing had gone to the Maison de la Paix, an aristocratic boarding house at 235 Michigan avenue, where he had his wife and child for some time. Early in the afternoon he was feeling bad and lay down on a couch in his own apartment. About 5 o'clock his wife went to call him and found him dead.

Mr. Hesing was president of the Free Club. He was born May 4, 1849, at Cincinnati. His parents came to Chicago in 1854, and he was educated in the local grammar and high schools. His father, Anton C. Hesing, founded the Staats-Zeitung and had his son take a classical course at Yale, and later on he was sent to the German universities, where he studied political economy, international law, science of government, and German literature.

BISMARCK RAPIDLY DECLINING.

Since the Emperor's Visit He Has Relapsed into Weakness.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Hamburg today, says: Prince Bismarck, who has relapsed into his former weakness, despondency and insomnia. Mentally and physically, Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining.

SAMUEL GOMPERS RE-ELECTED.

Federation of Labor Chooses a Full Roster of Officers.

Nashville, Dec. 18.—Samuel Gompers was today re-elected president of the Federation of Labor, defeating Ernest Kroft, of Philadelphia. The convention re-elected J. McGuire of Philadelphia, first vice president; James B. Duggan of Baltimore, second vice president; James O'Connell of Chicago, third vice president; M. G. Davis of Pittsburgh, fourth vice president; J. R. Lennon of Birmingham, Ill., treasurer; and Frank Morrison of Chicago, secretary.

The fraternal delegates to England are James Duggan, of Baltimore, and Henry Lloyd of Boston. Andrew Furuseth was elected to fill a new office, that of member of the legislative committee, whose duty it will be to look after labor legislation. He will be stationed at Washington.

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Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—Councilman James W. Barker, who left home some days ago for the purpose of making a business-trip to Washington, has not yet failed to notify his family of his whereabouts, and no trace of him can be found. His wife, Arthur H. Barker, visited New York on Friday and called at the various steamship offices to ascertain whether or not his father had secured passage at any of the outgoing steamers for Europe. No one answering Mr. Barker's description had purchased a ticket on any of the lines.

IV BUSINESS COLLEGE—8th and K.

None better, \$25 a year, day or night.

CUBANS HOLD THEIR OWN

Pando and Segura Unable to Dislodge Calixto Garcia.

HAVE OVERWHELMING FORCE

With Forty Thousand Men and Fourteen Ships They Fail to Drive the Insurgents From the Cauto River—General Arolas Severely Wounded and His Life Endangered.

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Havana, Dec. 18.—The effort made in Santiago de Cuba by Gen. Pando to dislodge the forces of Gen. Calixto Garcia from the neighborhood of the Cauto River, is really amazing. Gen. Pando and Segura have now under their orders in that province twenty-two regular troops, and also fourteen ships, including a large steamer, the Jose Antonio. Two others of regular size, the Tancos and Eulalia, have been sailing around by land, and the general advantage in the Spanish navy in Cuban waters.

The war is still carried on every inch as furiously as it was six months ago. Pizarro and Regio Alfonso, the two last insurgent leaders reported killed in battle by the Spaniards, were assassinated. Pizarro by a traitor, who joined the insurgents especially for the purpose. Alfonso fell in the following manner.

A Cuban courier from Gen. Betancourt was killed by the Spanish column of Gen. Molina and a letter from Alfonso was found on him giving an appointment to Gen. Betancourt for an interview. Alfonso went to the place to find Betancourt and fell into an ambush prepared by Molina. He was murdered with bullets.

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It would be most regrettable that after having made so many efforts to remove all reasons for the United States to intervene in Cuba the existing conditions in affairs in the east should furnish that nation with a pretext for her interference.

GAVE THE SPANIARDS THE SLIP.

Bonito Marti Got Safely Away on Board the Olivette.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 18.—Bonito Marti, the Cuban hero, who was captured by the Spanish in the east, has been seen in Tampa. He is an American and his father has been in Cuba nearly all his life. Cubans made a big demonstration over his arrival.

ORDER "HOLLAND" BEER FOR XMAS.

No other will please your guests as much. Write or phone 1077 for case. Prompt delivery. Abner S. Casey, Brewers, Twenty-fifth and P.